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### PEPPERELL.

#### News Items.

Notwithstanding the weather of Friday evening of last week, which kept most people at home, seventeen young people gathered at the Methodist parsonage to participate in the Epworth League social. Of the committee appointed Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Hill had illness in their homes which prevented their attending to their duties. Mr. Rust substituted in preparing a program, leaving the other member of the committee, Mrs. Carroll Robbins, to attend to the refreshments. The program was opened by a musical story on Pilgrim's Progress, followed by a game to try the nimbleness of the wits, called "Bird, beast or fish." The company next tried their wits by relating what is on a penny, the test proving how differently two people may view the same object. "Magic writing" finished the program before refreshments. All voted it an enjoyable evening in spite of the storm.

Mrs. J. A. Donnelly was quite ill with the epidemic last week, and this week Miss Marguerite is also sick, having complications of stomach trouble and a high temperature on Monday.

Mrs. Mary Coffey returned last week from Townsend, where she had been caring for her sister, Mrs. Arlin, during an illness.

Mercede Burke, who had been assisting at the Richardson homestead during the winter, died suddenly on Monday, aged twenty years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Burke, of Townsend Harbor, and besides her parents leaves three sisters and two brothers, one of whom is in New Orleans in the navy. Miss Burke was a member of the Methodist church in Townsend, and was also a member of the Townsend Grange and of the Order of Rebekahs. Services were held at her home at Townsend Harbor on Thursday afternoon, attended by the pastor of her home church, Rev. J. O. Long.

Mrs. Richard Coffey was in town on last Saturday, arranging her home at Prospect street for renting, furnished, to a family by the name of Hunt, who are coming here for a short time from Manchester, N. H. The man is to be employed by the construction company at work on the power plant for the mill, under Supt. Hoyer. Mrs. Coffey, who was Miss Cora Cushman, has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Cushman, in Forge Village.

On Sunday morning, at 10.45, the pastor will preach at the Methodist church on the theme "Personal service." At 7.30 in the evening the theme will be "Two ways of praying." Sunday school at noon and the usual services for boys and girls at 8.45. On Tuesday evening, at 7.30, regular meeting; devotional topic, "God's care for us"; subject for mission study, "The vitalizing power of Christian education."

A letter received here by friends from Mrs. Dora Reed on Tuesday announces that Walter Reed, whom she went to care for when he was threatened with pneumonia, was improving and out of danger from the disease. Mrs. M. E. Reed will remain in Dorchester for awhile.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wisnosky, Cross street, Monday.



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YOUNG MEN'S WAIST-LINE \$30.00 to \$40.00  
BOYS' and YOUTHS'—New Styles \$5.00 to \$18.00



Little Miss Virginia Webb celebrated her sixth birthday at her home, Woodside cottage, Monday, by entertaining her little friends and a few older people. The time was pleasantly spent in games and refreshments of sandwiches, fancy cakes, cocoa and the addition of a fine birthday cake with its lighted candles delighted the children. The little hostess received many gifts, the older guests enjoying in making the occasion a pleasant one for the sprightly, capable little miss, who is so willing to do errands when the weather is forbidding for her elders.

The East Village club is to hold no more meetings while there is so much sickness from the influenza and the walking is so hard.

Miss Elizabeth Piper, of Cambridge, who has been the guest of Mrs. Anna Bancroft and Mrs. Robert Gay, returned to her home on Wednesday. Miss Piper has some thoughts of a bungalow residence here in town in the near future, and came up to see what winter was like in the country. As she was here during the big snow storm of last week and was snow-bound for a time, it is safe to assert that she has gained a very good idea of the real article.

Andrew Pillsbury, employed in the Nashua River Paper Company yard, has been off duty several days this week with a painful hand and arm, the result of a splinter of steel in one finger.

Mrs. C. F. Bird was quite ill last week from neuritis, but now her daughter, Mrs. Maynard, but is reported as gaining slowly.

The Olsen family, in the extreme western part of the town, have been sick with mild cases of the influenza, and the son, Harold, had symptoms of pneumonia, but is reported better at present.

Charles Fuller, clerk at Rowell's grain store, was laid off from work a part of this week with a touch of influenza, his parents having been ill for a week or more with the distemper.

Frank Wright, of Cross street, returned home on last Saturday from his five-weeks' stay in New York.

Encouraging reports come from Miss Anna Boynton from Troy, N. Y., who was taken with pneumonia last week. A letter was received from the nurse and a few lines from Miss Anna to that effect. Mrs. Boynton started for Troy on Monday, however, but finding good news awaiting her at Pittsfield, which had been received by telephone, she waited over there one day and went to Troy on Wednesday.

Mary Pickford is waiting to show you "Polyanna" at the Strand, Ayer, this Sunday and Monday, February 15th and 16th. Sunday matinee, 3.30.

### New Advertisements

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### WINTER UNDERWEAR

Every kind of Winter Underwear that is needed by Men or Boys. Heavy Derby Ribbed and Heavy Wool in both Union Suits or Two Piece.

Heavy Cotton and Wool \$1.50  
Heavy Fleece-lined \$1.39  
Heavy Wool \$2.00 to \$3.50  
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Heavy Derby Ribbed \$1.89 to \$2.50  
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### SHEEP-LINED COATS AND ULSTERS

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Army Style \$3.50 to \$8.50  
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WESTFORD Center. Former Westford friends have been interested in the announcement of the birth of a daughter to Capt. and Mrs. William D. Ryan at their home in New York. Mrs. Ryan was formerly Miss Laura Roper, second daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Roper, formerly of Westford. The child is named Janet Louise, after its maternal grandmother.

Cards are out announcing the engagement of Miss Marjorie Mitchell Seavey and Paul Campbell Locklin. Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence are entertaining the latter's brother, George W. Stebbins, of Littleton, Me. The seniors of Westford academy are preparing a play to be staged a little later in the season.

Another pleasant social was held for the young people last Saturday evening in the annual vespertory. A good time and a good attendance is reported. Mrs. H. M. Gumb and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland were in charge, with Miss Lillian Sutherland at the piano. Games, music and refreshments were the order of the evening.

There will be a meeting of the Alliance of the Unitarian society at the home of Miss Emily F. Fletcher on Saturday afternoon, Miss Eva E. Fletcher is in charge of the program. Both Mrs. John P. Wright and her daughter, Miss Alice Wright, of Cambridge, have been on the sick list and under the care of H. L. Wright in Lowell. Miss Wright came up to attend the "welcome home" dance and was taken sick with influenza, and her mother, who came up to care for her, was later ill herself.

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Arthur E. Day is still confined to his home with illness. Pleasant letters come from the Misses Atwood spending the winter in Jacksonville, Fla., with accounts of being well, having good weather and enjoying various good lectures and concerts.

Tadmuck Club. The meeting of the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon in Library hall. It was a small gathering owing to weather and traveling, but an interesting one. Owing to a wood sled blocking the electric road and making a delay in Lowell, the speaker of the afternoon was delayed in arriving, but the time was profitably spent in readings from the club bulletin and in an informal discussion on some phases of present high prices and budget system of time and money and its desirability. In connection with the thrift campaign Mrs. Herbert A. Guernsey of the club on March 9, is expected to address the club.

Mrs. Mary E. Wiggin, secretary of the Consumers' league, gave a sensible address in connection with her work from the women's viewpoint concerning many aspects of the safety, health and well being of women in industry. The next meeting, February 24, will

be in charge of the public health committee, and Dr. Alice H. Roble will address the club on "Mothers and their daughters."

About Town. Henry F. Dupee died last Sunday at the home of his brother William in South Chelmsford after a long illness, aged 66 years, 6 months, 23 days. He was the son of Edmund E. and Martha (Read) Dupee, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Zachus Read, on whose wide-known and prosperous farm his boyhood days were spent. He attended the old Stony Brook school and is pleasantly remembered by the older scholars of the school as a genial schoolmate and student scholar. After having finished his studies at the Stony Brook school he attended Westford academy. After leaving the academy he engaged in business in Springfield and later in Boston. Besides his brother William he leaves two sisters, Miss Emma Dupee, of Concord, N. H., and Miss Kate E. Dupee, of South Chelmsford.

The last meeting of the Grange did not appear as substitute. It was to have been Valentine night. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, February 19. Owing to storms and other obstacles we are unable to announce the program, but as the lecturer is one of efficiency the evening will be well cared for.

The Stony Brook road is still closed to every thing except snow, and it must soon close for that as there is but a very shallow unoccupied space left. Daniel H. Sheehan's auto truck is still clogged, stall-bound and snow-bound, that ought to prevent any attempt to steal it.

A flock of pheasants are enjoying popcorn at the Old Oaken Bucket farm. They skated up on the unbroken crust of the Stony Brook road. Edward Clement was a recent explorer of the Stony Brook road with his auto truck before the last storm. He went it one better than his predecessor for he managed to back around about and not be a permanent fixture there.

We are not looking for motorcycles these perilous and drift times, yet we saw one without looking for it as it plunged from the road into a snow-drift in the yard of the writer.

The Curran property at Westford Corner has been sold to A. H. Hale. This property consists of a one-story house and land of about one story. It is a cozy place nestling in the bank on the Brookside road.

John S. Greig, having sold his milk route in Lowell, is in town again, helping on the large and prosperous farm of his father, and assisting Percy E. Wright in auto trucking to Boston.

The next farmers' institute will be held in North Andover on Wednesday, February 18, with morning and afternoon sessions. We have not received the program, but the noon session will be devoted to wit, wisdom, oration, singing and visuals.

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town did, and prices went up as per the law of reduction ascending. Art. 34. To go if the town will appropriate \$300 for military purposes for the maintenance of Co. H, 11th infantry, M. S. G., located in town; the town voted favorably.

Art. 35. To see if the town will appropriate \$200 for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, and elect a director as per request of the farm bureau, it was voted, \$100 of this amount to be used to provide supervision for boys and girls club work. W. Otis Day was elected director.

Art. 37. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for a public health nurse; voted \$1500. Art. 38. To see if the town will authorize the employment of a police officer, to take charge of the police department of the town. After the department of cross examination had all been argued, the town decided in the interest of "safety first" and to subscribe \$2000 towards a permanent patrol. Of course the beat will be a fairly large one for one man, as the town covers 18,000 acres.

Art. 39. Asking more light in Graniteville was granted, as everybody was willing and thought it was needed.

Forge Village. On last week Friday evening the Westford Branch post, A. L., held its second ball in Abbot hall. The committee in charge were, Frank Johnson, John Spinner, Joseph Costello, Robert Orr, Harold Hillside, Thomas Costello, and Leon Hillside. The Colonial singing orchestra, of Waltham, furnished excellent music for dancing. In spite of the storm and cold weather a good sized crowd was present to make the occasion a joyous one.

On last Saturday evening Abbot hall was again filled for the semi-weekly movie show. Besides the regular program the audience was treated to a band concert furnished by the Abbot Worsted Company band, which lasted half an hour. Several fine selections were rendered. On Tuesday the attraction was Douglas Fairbanks in "When the clouds roll by."

A theatre party from here attended the opera Robin Hood in Lowell on Tuesday evening at the Lowell Opera House. Mrs. C. Smith spent the week-end in Boston with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hale. Mrs. George Sanborn has returned after a recent visit to East Hempstead, N. H.

Mrs. W. H. Cushman, formerly Violet Collins, of Providence, R. I., is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins. Grantville. Automobiles and trucks will have to be hung up for a few days owing to the large amount of snow on the roads.

Cameron circle, C. of F. of A., held a largely attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Tuesday evening. Business of importance was transacted and several applications for membership were received. Graniteville people extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Stiles, of Littleton Common, in the loss of their son Allen, a promising young man, who died after a brief illness of influenza while attending his studies at Amherst college.

Many from here attended the firemen's ball that was held in the town hall, Westford, on Thursday night. Both masses in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning were celebrated by the pastor, Rev. C. P. Heaney. At the first mass the members of the Holy Name society received holy communion in a body. Besides the masses the blessing of the candles took place and after both masses came the ceremony of the blessing of the throats.

Robert P. Trask and Miss Stocking, of the farm extension bureau, gave talks to the school girls on home economics in the Abbot clubhouse on Wednesday afternoon. This meeting was very well attended and the talks proved to be very interesting.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Henry Blodgett on last Thursday afternoon. The members of Court Westford, M. C. O. P., held their regular meeting on Thursday evening when plans were perfected for the installation of officers that will take place in the Abbot clubhouse on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

SHIRLEY News Items. No cases of influenza as yet have been reported to the board of health. Shirley Post, A. L., will hold a dance in Odd Fellows hall on Saturday evening. Collins' singing orchestra, of Marlboro, will furnish music. Mr. Ellstrom, of Worcester, will play a cello solo with Coleman's orchestra at the Memorial exercises of Shirley Post, A. L., to be held in Odd Fellows hall on the afternoon of February 22. A cordial invitation to all is extended to the people of Shirley.

Benjamin Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ball, and Miss Harriet Mae Burlington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Errington, was united in marriage on Tuesday afternoon, February 11, at three o'clock by Rev. S. E. Goodheart. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride, Mrs. C. M. Ball, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties, the single ring service being used. The groom saw service in the Canadian army, returning from overseas several months ago, and is now employed at the President Suspendier factory.

The Altruistic club, who were to meet jointly with the Alliance on last Thursday with Mrs. Frank H. Wiggin as postmaster, the meeting for two weeks, owing to the heavy fall of snow and bad walking. Mrs. Gilbert M. Ballou and Mrs. Henry Wolff underwent operations on last Monday at the Clinton hospital, the former for gallstones, and the latter for appendicitis. Both operations were performed by Drs. Goodwin and Chase. Dr. T. E. Lilly was also present at the operations. Both are doing well.

Mrs. Catherine Fernald, of Wellesley, was in town this week to complete the sale of her house on Front street to Mr. Kelly, the Boston and Maine station agent. Mr. Kelly buys for a home, and with his wife will occupy the upper flat. Mr. Kelly will make extensive repairs, making it up-to-date in every way.

Stanley F. White arrived home last Saturday, having given up his position as chemist at the American Alliline Products Co., at Lock Haven, Pa.

Mrs. Charles R. White, her daughter, Miss Doris E., and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Stanley F. White, are all confined at home with a severe attack of the grippe.

Thomas E. Whitaker has been quite ill with bronchitis. Her niece, Miss Ora Brooks, of Boston, a trained nurse, who has been caring for her, left for home last Monday.

Mrs. Charles O. Purdy and daughter Peggy have gone to her home in Des Moines, Ia., for a visit of several weeks with her parents.

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden is visiting with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary O. Barnard.

W. O. Oliver has been home for a few days, suffering from an attack of the grippe. He is now recovering.

On February 4, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joachim Jean.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church met last Wednesday with Mrs. Catherine Hooper.

The schools of the town reopened on last Monday, having been closed last week Thursday and Friday, owing to the severe snowstorm.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman, cottage master and matron of No. 2 cottage at the Industrial School for Boys, concluded their duties last week and have returned to their home in Springfield. The cottage is to be closed for a time, owing to the small number of boys now at the school.

George H. Bryant, of Leminster, has accepted a position as detail officer at the Industrial school.

Austin M. Elish has recently returned from France and is now stationed in Philadelphia.

A son, Melvin Proctor, was born last week Friday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Longley.

Mrs. John A. Reynolds, who has been in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Oliver since the death of her husband, January 19, has gone to live with relatives in Lynn.

Morris G. Cutler, who is taking treatment at a private sanitarium, is rapidly improving and expects to return to his home shortly.

Hyman Gass, who sold his house at North Shirley recently, has purchased a place in Pepperell, and moved into the same.

Owing to the continued illness of Mrs. C. R. White there will be no singing classes held this Saturday. Notice of the next class will be given due notice.

Clayton Robinson is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gendron returned home last Wednesday from their honeymoon and will be at home to their friends at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael.

Mrs. Gertrude F. Sanderson. All interested are invited to be present. Howard Pope, who recently moved into the W. L. Pickard house on Goldsmith street, is celebrating the event by having an attack of mumps.

Mrs. Ralph McNiff has been among the shut-ins, due to influenza. Sherman Hardy, of Amherst Agricultural college, and Allen Kimball, of Worcester academy, were at home the middle of this week.

At the home of Allen Smith February 1, the birthday anniversary of Miss Augusta W. and Irving E. Smith was very pleasantly observed. They were the recipients of a large birthday cake bearing the name and the year 1920, and numerous other gifts. Besides the immediate family friends were present from Cambridge and Littleton. A dainty lunch was served.

Mrs. Florence W. Slocomb, niece of Miss P. L. White, has been invited to serve on the republican state committee with the men, as the woman representative of the second senatorial district.

William W. Seaver, head librarian of the Wolburn public library, was the Sunday guest of his aunt, Miss White, walking from Ayer to Littleton.

In compliance with her request Miss Hazel Murray, who has influenza, was brought home from Jackson college. Her condition is reported as favorable. Mrs. Murray contracted the disease and has been very sick, but not on the danger list.

About twenty women attended the Alliance all-day meeting with Mrs. G. E. Prouty last week Friday in spite of poor traveling. The business was taken up in the forenoon and a delicious lunch was served at noon. The afternoon program consisted of a travel talk, "From Atlantic to Pacific by automobile," by Mrs. Emma K. Lemley, of Boston, who in her pleasing manner gave many interesting details and incidents of the 3872 miles covered in transit and descriptions of stopping places in the itinerary. Mrs. Lemley was the mid-week guest of the hostess, Mrs. Arthur and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Kimball. Two vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Alice Prouty, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Langdon Prouty.

The Valentine party, scheduled for Saturday night in the Unitarian vestry, for many reasons, has been called off.

The Unitarian church was closed last Sunday because of the severe and unpromising weather.

George Johnson, who has been in the employ of Mr. H. Whitcomb, has accepted a position at the webbing factory and expects to occupy one of the new corporation houses.

N. H. Whitcomb recently visited his son Harold, who has been sick at the State Agricultural college in Amherst.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant have given up their trip south for the present, owing to railroad blockades and for other reasons.

Last week-end was a busy time for the road-breaking force and all other work had to be made. For the first time out-door sports it furnished all that could be desired. Snow-shoes and skis were brought into service and a party of more than twenty took keenest delight in climbing up Oak Hill.

Any mail lost last week may have been in the pouch that was ground up on the road at a Littleton station last week Friday morning.

The supper and entertainment announced for Wednesday evening in the Baptist vestry was postponed until Tuesday evening, February 24, when the supper will be followed by an address by Rev. William F. Wilson, of Boston, who will come to the vestry by special invitation. The change is made in order to carry out their plans for a "Valentine social," and guests are expected to add to the pleasure of the occasion.

Miss Clara Trisden is making her home for the present with the Misses Cutler on Goldsmith street.

Mary Pickford is waiting to show you "Pollyanna" at the Strand, Ayer, this Sunday and Monday, February 15th and 16th. Sunday matinee, 3.30.

A SANE SYSTEM. In these days of tinkering with the social machinery, it is refreshing to learn of one plan for the betterment of our daily lives that demands neither revolution nor evolution for the attainment of its objective. Community Service is helping America do for itself in peace what, as War Camp Community Service, it aided a warring America to do. Just as in war the organization enabled communities to get the greatest value for the men in uniform from their recreational resources, so now it aims to stimulate communities to obtain for all the people the best results from leisure time opportunities. But, there is one great difference between the war work and the peace work—in the great struggle we were building for war and destruction; we are building now for peace and construction. Community Service is getting together the finest elements in the nation's life—regard for our neighbors, affection for our homes, interest in the place where we dwell—and blending them into a force working, not for our soldiers at war, but for our soldiers come back from war, for the men and women at home, for everybody in each community. Mothers and fathers, sisters, sweethearts, brothers, can all unite in Community Service with the satisfying knowledge that their endeavors are going to be reflected in better, sweeter, brighter local conditions. This, we take it, will meet with the approval of every American. During the war a new spirit of comradeship was born in city, town and hamlet; a spirit particularly conspicuous in those places uniting through War Camp Community Service to extend hospitality to the men in olive drab and blue. All who shared this spirit or came in contact with it hoped it might not be permitted to lapse with the coming of peace. In Community Service this fine product of war's tumultuous days finds its perpetuation.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY W. SHATTUCK late of Groton in said County, deceased. Whereas ETTA A. ARMSTRONG executrix of the will of said deceased has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County on the first day of March A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court. Witness: George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty. F. M. ESTY, Register.

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LITTLETON News Items. Ernest Robinson is recovering from a severe attack of influenza. Fred Reed, Sr., has been sick with influenza, and his son Fred conducted his duties. Mr. Reed is now on duty again. The Merry Go Round club will discontinue its meetings until further notice is given. The usual Washington holiday meeting of the Littleton Historical society will be held in the reading room of the public library on Monday afternoon, February 23, beginning at 2.30 o'clock. The program will consist of biographical sketches of John Goldsmith, Barnabas Dodge and Nahum Harwood by Miss Julia S. Conant, Mrs. S. B. Hubbard and Joseph A. Harwood, and a brief report of the recent meeting of the Bay State Historical league by

HARVARD

News Items. The Grange will hold their next meeting on Tuesday evening next week. The subject for the literary hour will be "Economics"...

Mr. Bedders is quite sick at his home with acute tonsillitis. A little daughter was born the past week to Mr. and Mrs. DeRoach in Townsend. Mrs. DeRoach was formerly Ella Butler.



VALENTINE VERSES.

By Mary Humphrey.

To a Girl He Left Behind.

Dear Girl of My Dreams, I am coming. Back from war I am coming to you; And I wonder what fate will be waiting for me...

No chance for me—I know it, I'm such a roughneck guy—

But if I thought you'd look at me, Oh, Boy! I'd make the try. Believe me, you're some fairy, You're better'n I deserve; I'd send a Valentine—but gee, I just ain't got the nerve!

A Substitute.

A Valentine I've tried to find That's nice enough for you; But there is none—so here's my heart; I hope that it will do.

To His Mother.

Today an old sweetheart of mine Is my most precious Valentine; My best and oldest sweetheart you Are, mother dear. So loyal, true And tender always. And your love I cherish over and above Earth's fairest gifts. You've made of me All that I am and hope to be, Mother mine, My Valentine.

To His Fairy.

If I just dared to say it, You sure can bet I would Right up and tell you what I feel— Gee, but I wish I could! Oh, kiddo, you're so classy; With those big eyes of blue, You've got the others beat a mile— There sure ain't none like you.

DAY SACRED TO LOVE MISSIVES

IT WAS an enterprising young girl who first captured the Valentine trade for America. Her name was Esther Howland. After graduating from Mount Holyoke seminary she resided with her father, who was a stationer in Worcester, Mass. In 1840 she received from England a manufactured valentine, the first she had ever seen. It interested her so much that she decided to see whether she could make some of them.

was so great, too, that she died of grief for him after a year of widowhood. Sentiment and Business. Samuel Pepys has something to say in his famous diary about most of joys and disturbances, great and small, with which human nature is acquainted.

On February 14, 1837, the following entry is made in the diary: "This morning came up to my wife's bedside (I being up dressing myself) little Will Mercer to be her valentine, and brought her name written upon blue paper in gold letters, done by himself, very pretty; and we were both well pleased with it. But I am also this year my wife's valentine, and it will cost me five pounds; but that I must have laid it out if we had not been valentines."

America's Noted Valentine. America's most noted valentine was General Winfield Scott Hancock, born February 14, 1824. The witching influence of the saint's festival hovering about him manifested itself in the culmination of his romance. In her "Reminiscences" written in old age, Mrs. Hancock (who was Miss Almira Russell) tells of her strange wedding and proves that, after all, the American girl has determination to rise above superstitions.

To start with, her wedding day was one of the stormiest of the winter. It hailed violently, thundered and blew a perfect gale. During the ceremony, which was held at her father's home in St. Louis, the lights went out three times and repeated the performance at the wedding reception. The guests were filled with terror for the young bride who was beginning life under such suggestively evil omens. And by way of enhancing the evil influences that appeared to be abroad the crowd outside the house got the word that the bride was wearing a spun glass dress, and their curiosity reached the point of mob violence before the police could beat them back to make room for the passage of guests.

But the bride laughed in the face of these witches' pranks and lived to share the honors that her husband's career brought him.

St. Valentine's Mission.

When winter's at his oldest And coldest And coldest, Then cometh good St. Valentine, To show that love is burning And shining and yearning, And breathe upon the wintry earth His tenderness divine.

When life is at its bleakest And weakest And weakest, Then cometh good St. Valentine, To show that love is rosy And wistful eyed and cozy, And breathe on every torpid heart His tenderness divine.

Milton's Neat Record. It was in 1600, in the fifty-second year of his age, that Milton was visited in prison by Charles II, the restored Stuart king. "You see," said the monarch to the prisoner, "what a pass God has brought you to for your blindness and brought you to this loathsome dungeon." Replied Milton, "God thinks far more of me than he did of your father, for while he made me blind, he cut off your father's head."

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The unprecedented amount of snow has effectively upset all social affairs. The nature, a reading by Edwin M. Whitney, which was to have been given this week, has been indefinitely postponed.

The homes of Henry Knights on Prospect Hill and C. Wrangham and John Madigan on the depot road have been wired for electric lights.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reed were guests at the wedding of Miss Gladys Higgins at Worcester last Saturday evening.

Our R. F. D. carrier, Mr. Hynes, found the roads more than he could master and was obliged to cut a part of his route on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Miss Genevieve Mead observed her tenth birthday on Thursday, February 5. Her parents presented her with a pony and cart. Owing to the storm her party planned for the day had to be given up.

Among the list of birthdays noted in the Boston Traveler for February 11 is the name of Edward H. Atherton, educator, born in Harvard, 1856.

The next meeting of Woman's club on Monday, February 16, will be a musicale. The club's chairman of thrift, Mrs. F. W. Calkins, makes the following announcements: New thrift books in the public library are: "The efficient kitchen," G. B. Child; "Housewifery," L. Ray; "Boswellton. Other thrift books as previously mentioned are: "How to get ahead," A. W. Atwood; "Checking the waste," M. H. Gregory; "The book of thrift," T. D. MacGregor; "Feeding the family," M. S. Rose; "How boys and girls earn money," C. C. Bowfield; "Robinson Crusoe," Daniel Defoe; "Safety first for the little folks," L. M. Waldo.

The following monthly report has been given by the public health nurse: Beside calls 68, school visits 18, child welfare 24, prenatal 6. One child was taken to Clinton hospital and operated on for nasal obstruction by Dr. Monahan with successful results.

Mary Pickford is waiting to show you "Follies" at the Strand, Ayer, this Sunday and Monday, February 15th and 16th. Sunday matinee, 3.30.

Church Notes. At the Unitarian church on Sunday Rev. H. C. Merrill will preach the final sermon in the series, "The quest for reality—man's place in the creative order."

At the Congregational church Rev. F. C. Kattner will preach the morning sermon. At the suggestion of several in the parish the service will be held in the vestry during the severe weather.

The Woman's Alliance will meet on Thursday, February 19, for an all-day sewing meeting at the home of Mrs. W. F. Dickson.

The Congregational Men's club will hold their regular monthly meeting on Sunday evening. Supper will be served at seven o'clock. The speaker will be announced, following the business meeting, at eight o'clock.

To the Editor: At this time when everybody seems to be tumbling over his neighbor to be the first to do something in the way of a memorial to the boys who took a part in the world war, perhaps a suggestion might not be out of place at this time. The boys seem to be unanimous in their desire for a club room and not alone for those who wore the uniform of their country, but to the young men of the town as well. Follow the youth of our town through their evening hours and you will realize the need of a clean place for their recreation.

We have two large and expensive buildings on the common open one day each week and where religious services are held for perhaps thirty or forty people. The youth of the town are conspicuous by their absence. Consolidate these churches, make one real live body of men, women and children working for the moral uplift of the town. Forget old differences so old in fact that no one living today knows what they ever were and then convert one of these church buildings into a good big clubroom with pool tables, bowling alley and general recreation room and give the combined church society some "real" work to do by keeping a live manager of such a place on the job all the time.

Call it the Y. M. C. A. Young Men's Community Association and Harvard would be leading the rest of the towns in New England in real up-to-date work. Arthur T. West.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. On account of the bad weather and the traveling the past week, the R. F. D. carriers did not go on their trip Thursday and the public library was closed on Saturday.

The ice company completed harvesting their ice on last Sunday, the big ice barns being full. Last year the harvested ice was not much thicker than was wanted for storage, 12 to 13 inches. This season the cold has made ice twenty inches thick, and such quantities of chips are shaved off and washed down the sluice into the river.

Albert Pierce fell on the ice last week on Mason street and was unable to work for a few days.

A son was born last Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cour, Mason street. The little one, still named Raymond Gordon, Mrs. Cour was formerly Lillian Worden.

Miss Marion Holcomb is visiting friends in Leominster, Mass.

On account of the storm the South Brookline Social club meeting has been postponed until next Thursday.

Wendell Taylor was a recent visitor in Pepperell.

William Rioridan was in Ayer on Monday.

A little daughter was born on February 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Key, of Bellows Falls. Mrs. Key was formerly Arline Flemming, a former teacher in town.

Will Hobart, from Nashua, has been a recent visitor in town.

Mrs. Morton Klein, of Fitchburg, is at Battle Creek, Mich., for her health.

Miss Lily Woods, from Fitchburg, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nettie Woods.

Mrs. Key has gone to Bellows Falls, Vt., to visit her son, Reuben Key.

Death. The sad news reached town last week Friday that Miss Flora Farrar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Farrar, of South Brookline, had passed away at the Peter Bent Brigham hospital in Boston, Thursday night, February 5, of double pneumonia, following a case of influenza. She and her sister Florence had been doing office work in the city. Miss Florence had been quite sick with the influenza, but was slowly gaining when her sister was stricken. The mother, Mrs. Lucien Farrar, was sent for on Tuesday and went at once to her daughter.

Miss Flora was born in Leominster on May 18, 1894, and has always spent her summers and vacations with her parents here in town since they moved here several years ago. She had a very pleasant manner and was very jovial, which won her a host of friends, who will deeply mourn her death.

Mrs. Farrar and her daughter Florence arrived home on Saturday morning, the body arriving on Saturday night. A private funeral was held at her home on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Edward Kelley officiating. The bearers were George Rockwood, Eldour Fessenden, Fred Rockwood and O. D. Fessenden. The interment was in the south yard.

The deceased is survived by her parents, two sisters, Florence and Myrtle, and a brother Roswell. The entire family have the sympathy of all.

Clipping. The following, taken from a Northampton paper, will prove to be of interest to the many friends in town of John F. Bailey:

"John F. Bailey, of Gothic street, has opened a novel and altogether pleasant delicatessen shop in a store on Masonic street. Mr. Bailey, who served three years in the army and who saw a year's service in France, is making his watchword pure food prepared under sanitary conditions, and the neat and spotlessly clean appearance of the shop bears him out. Mr. Bailey boils and cooks meats, and on Wednesday and Saturday he makes a specialty of baked beans. A most delectable specialty will be home-made doughnuts.

"Mr. Bailey appears to have embarked upon a successful enterprise, as he has a central location, large, roomy quarters, and a most attractive shop. The food on display in the windows and in the showcases is very tempting. Mr. Bailey will cater to those who are experiencing difficulties because of the servant problem. He will prepare luncheons for any occasions, for meetings of clubs or lodges or anything of the kind."

Mr. Bailey is a town boy and his many friends here wish him the best success possible, and their only regret is that they are not near enough to sample his delicious cooking.

Grange Program. The following is an outline of the program for the Grange during the year, the meetings being held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month:

February 25—Mock town meeting. Clarence Russell, moderator; John Gilmore, selection; Fred Hall, clerk.

March 10—In charge of Starr Barnaby.

March 24—In charge of Eva Corey and Hazel Goss.

April 7—"Patriots' night." In charge of Blanche W. Hall.

April 28—Ladies' night. In charge of Mrs. Della Hall and Mrs. Edna Hall. Discussion, "Should we accept federal highway aid?"

May 12—Gentlemen's night. In charge of Forace Hall and Chester Barnaby.

May 26—Neighbors' night. In charge of teachers, Lillian Parson, chairman.

June 9—Children's night. In charge of teachers, Lillian Parson, chairman.

July 14—In charge of the three Grays.

July 28—Humane night. In charge of Mrs. Ella Rockwood.

August 11—In charge of Mrs. Maude Greeley and Taylor family.

August 25—Old home night and health night. In charge of Dr. H. Holcomb and Mrs. Minnie Holcomb.

September 8—In charge of Mrs. Louie Parkey and Mrs. Belle Fessenden. Question, "What changes, if any, in our constitution and laws affecting the present method of taxation would be advantageous to the interests of the state?"

September 22—Neighbors' night. In charge of Mrs. Clara Russell.

October 13—In charge of Mrs. Katherine Cady.

October 27—Halloween night. In charge of Mrs. Clara Russell.

November 10—Election of officers. November 24—In charge of Mrs. Jennie Fessenden.

December 8—In charge of Deibert Post.

December 22—To be arranged.

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Saturday, February 14, 1920

**GROTON**

**News Items.**  
 Fred Davis has purchased a farm  
 in Littleton for a home and will move  
 there the first of April.

The current events and literature  
 section of the Woman's club, which  
 was to have held a meeting with Mrs.  
 Earle on Wednesday, postponed the  
 meeting on account of the stormy  
 weather.

The Community club met on Wed-  
 nesday afternoon with Mrs. Davis with  
 seven members present. Misses Car-  
 rie Davis, Margaret McDonald and  
 Ethel Patterson entertained the club.  
 Delicious refreshments were served  
 and a pleasant social time was en-  
 joyed. The next meeting will be two  
 weeks later, Wednesday, February 25,  
 with Mrs. Peterson.

Since Alfred C. Woods' departure  
 for the south word has been received  
 of his arrival in Savannah.

The Groton Rifle club has arranged  
 for a civilian inter-club match begin-  
 ning February 14. There will be  
 practice and competition shooting on  
 Friday and Saturday evenings at seven  
 o'clock. Mrs. Ogilvie has arranged to  
 practice at other times also, but to come  
 Friday and Saturday without fail.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bruce have  
 been entertaining Dr. and Mrs. Powell,  
 of Hudson, N. H., the past week.

Word has been received that Mrs.  
 Lella Nutting, who is staying with  
 relatives in Virginia, is recovering  
 from a recent serious illness.

Mrs. James Lawrence, jr., recently  
 gave a dinner in honor of John Drink-  
 water, the author of the play, "Abraham  
 Lincoln."

Rev. Mr. Roddy from the Gordon  
 Bible school preached on Sunday  
 February 8, at the Congregational  
 church.

Miss Clara E. Sears, formerly of  
 Groton, is one of the patronesses for  
 the reading to be given by Mrs. Mar-  
 garet Doland and Judge Grant in Bos-  
 ton at the home of Miss Grace Nichols  
 on February 13, for the benefit of the  
 Ruth Holden memorial.

The Book and Thimble club, which  
 was to have held a meeting at the  
 home of Mrs. Ogilvie on February 6,  
 postponed the meeting till a later date  
 on account of the bad weather and the  
 condition of the roads after the  
 heavy snowfall.

Mrs. H. B. Robinson and her son  
 Burton observed a robin on Sunday,  
 February 8, near their home in Gro-  
 ton. A peabody bird has been in their  
 caller since January 30 at a feed box  
 on Pleasant street.

Mrs. Harriet B. Robinson played the  
 accompaniments at Proctor's Strand  
 in Ayer during the first week in Feb-  
 ruary.

The Rowell family, who have been  
 quite sick with severe colds, are im-  
 proving.

Nearly every available man in town  
 was out shoveling snow last week.

Margaret Mina, the infant daughter  
 of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice O'Connor of  
 Elm Street, died Friday, February 6.

The Groton School Dramatic As-  
 sociation will present "Charley's Aunt,"  
 a farcical comedy in three acts, by  
 Brandon Thomas, in the town hall on  
 Wednesday evening, February 25, at  
 7.30 o'clock. There will be music by  
 the Groton School band.

Mary Pickford is waiting to show  
 you "Pollyanna" at the Strand, Ayer,  
 this Sunday and Monday, February 15  
 and 16th. Sunday matinee, 3.30.

On Sunday, February 15, at the Epis-  
 tical church the pastor will speak on  
 the fifth in the series on the "com-  
 mandments." The right beginning in  
 life."

P. A. Weber has received word that  
 his daughter, Mrs. Marion Dendall of  
 Dorchester, has an attack of influenza,  
 which it is hoped will prove to be a  
 mild one.

Unclaimed letters at the Groton  
 postoffice are: February 2, Mrs. Eva  
 Honnessey, Mrs. W. W. Webster, Feb-  
 ruary 4, Mrs. W. Denyon, Mrs.  
 William Webster, Mrs. Wm. Welsh.

The members of the music section  
 of the Woman's club are preparing to  
 give a play on the 17th of March.

Miss Elsie Shattuck went last Tues-  
 day to Amherst Agricultural college  
 to assist in the treasury department.

The E. S. Clark W. R. C. will hold  
 a food sale in Odd Fellows' hall on  
 February 27.

On Thursday, February 19, there  
 will be a supper at the Baptist church  
 at 6.30 p. m. in charge of Team 4.  
 There will also be an entertainment,  
 consisting of patriotic songs and  
 speeches in memory of Washington  
 and Lincoln.

The Neighborhood club held an all-  
 day sewing meeting on Wednesday  
 with Mrs. Clough, working for the  
 district nurse's outfit and will hold a  
 similar meeting next Wednesday at  
 the same place for the same purpose.

Mrs. Arthur E. Sargent, whose son  
 Ralph's illness called her to North-  
 field last week, returned to North-  
 field on Monday last Tuesday, though  
 he is thought to be a little better. His  
 father has remained in Northfield with  
 him.

In spite of the large force of men  
 employed in clearing away the snow,  
 the roads are in bad condition still,  
 owing to the unusually heavy snow-  
 fall of the past few weeks.

The executive board of the Groton  
 branch, A. R. C. met in the lower  
 town hall on Monday afternoon. It  
 was voted to hold a meeting on the  
 first Monday of every month at the  
 same place at three o'clock. Some  
 new members were added to the ex-  
 ecutive board to fill the vacancies of  
 those leaving town. The following  
 were elected: President, Patricia Smith  
 acted as president. Patricia Smith  
 attended the meeting and spoke to the  
 members about their bread-making.  
 Club songs were sung and games en-  
 joyed. The next meeting will be held  
 at the home of Dorothy Bixby, when  
 each member is to bring a loaf of her  
 bread. Elizabeth McCann and Claire  
 Duquette were appointed an entertain-  
 ment committee for the next meeting.  
 The clover club met at the home of  
 Mrs. Cross on Tuesday afternoon, ten

members being present. The girls re-  
 ported the things which they had done  
 and also the number of hours worked.  
 of which Rosa Majonick had the most  
 fifty-two hours. This was followed  
 by the singing of club songs with Mrs.  
 Blood at the piano. Games were played  
 until the arrival of Miss Stockin,  
 who came on the four o'clock train.  
 It being late, she was unable to give  
 the talk on cloth as was expected, but  
 instead she told the club about the  
 club pin and the meaning of it as a  
 heart hand. Refreshments of cocoa  
 and cookies were served by Rosamond  
 and Dorothea Cross. The next meet-  
 ing will be held at the home of Mrs.  
 Mark Blood on February 20.

The following letter, dated Norfolk,  
 Va., February 4, has been received  
 by the father of one of our former  
 high school boys.

Dear Dad—You ought to be here  
 today. It has rained steady for two  
 days and a half, and everything is  
 flooded. On all the streets the water  
 stands anywhere from a few inches  
 to four feet deep. Anyone who has a  
 team is reaping a fortune pulling water  
 and trucks onto high ground. You  
 and I, when they get into deep water it  
 stops right there. Right across from  
 where I am staying there is a long  
 garage, and the water is two feet deep  
 on their main floor, and there are  
 nearly a hundred big machines they  
 can't touch. A lot of the cellars flood-  
 ed clean out.

When it was coming down I noticed  
 there wasn't any snow in Philadelphia  
 and points south. Why, you take here  
 the grass is green and the mosquitoes  
 are thick as the devil. Some differ-  
 ence between New York city, for there it  
 was so cold I thought it worse than  
 at home.

The other night I went to a revival  
 at a Methodist church, and believe me  
 they sure were getting religion, jump-  
 ing up and praising the Lord. Say, if  
 you had been there you could have  
 had a prize by telling of that sort of  
 years of christian doing you were get-  
 ting at Ayer once you were get-  
 ting it. I heard the negroes ride in the  
 Jim Crow cars, and on the electric  
 they have the rear seats. When they  
 get off they use the rear doors and the  
 whites the front. When they speak  
 you they say, "Please, boss, sit at a table  
 to eat with a white person on their  
 life."

Now, dad, I have told you all I can  
 except that I will be home the first of  
 May, so you can see the wood while I  
 do the chores. I should have an-  
 swered your letters before, but please  
 excuse my lateness. My address for  
 mail is  
 Arthur M. Shattuck,  
 Naval Y. M. C. A., Norfolk, Va.

**Clipping.**  
 The following account of the mar-  
 riage of Miss Gertrude E. Forbes to  
 Claire E. Foss, of Worcester, appeared  
 in a Worcester paper of February 9:

The wedding of Claire Bradbury  
 Foss, of 185 Lincoln street, Worcester,  
 and Miss Gertrude Elizabeth Forbes,  
 of Groton, daughter of Mrs. Frances  
 M. Forbes, took place today at three  
 o'clock in the Old South Congrega-  
 tional church, using the single ring  
 pastor, officiating.

Miss Helen A. Forbes, of Groton,  
 a sister of the bride, was the maid  
 of honor, and John A. Dougan,  
 of Clinton, was the best man. Misses  
 Esther Samuelson, of Southbridge,  
 and Lella Farr, of Worcester, were  
 bridesmaids.

The bride wore a pale pink georgette  
 gown with pearl trimmings and a  
 black panne velvet hat trimmed with  
 gold and silver, and wore a corsage of  
 white sweet peas. The maid of honor  
 wore a pearl taffeta gown with a black  
 velvet hat, and wore a corsage of pink  
 sweet peas. Miss Farr was in a  
 yellow taffeta and Miss Samuelson in  
 light blue satin. They both carried  
 arm bouquets of light pink carnations.

The bridal party entered the church  
 to the strains of the wedding march  
 from Lohengrin, played by Parker Lee  
 of Groton. There was a special musical  
 program with chimes. An informal  
 reception followed the ceremony. The  
 church was attractively decorated  
 with ferns, palms and bright pink car-  
 nations, pink being the predominating  
 color.

Mr. and Mrs. Foss will make their  
 home in Groton. Mrs. Foss traveled  
 in a peacock blue suit of chiffon trimmed  
 with black and white, and a black  
 cloth with a seal collar and a black  
 velvet hat. The bride's gift was a  
 velvet hat. The bride's necklace, and  
 her gift to him was a pearl stickpin.  
 The bride's gift to the maid of honor  
 was an amethyst brooch. The groom's  
 gift to the best man was a stickpin of  
 pearls and sapphires. The ushers re-  
 ceived brooches set with pearls and  
 rubies.

Mr. and Mrs. Foss received many  
 beautiful gifts of cut glass, silver and  
 money.

**Middlesex County Bureau.**  
 The meeting of fruit growers, as  
 announced at the Extension School  
 held in Groton, took place in West  
 Acton on February 4. There were over  
 fifty growers present, representing 12  
 to 15 towns in the apple belt, and a  
 more enthusiastic and representative  
 gathering could not be asked for. Gro-  
 ton, Bolton, Harvard, Hudson, Glean-  
 donia, Boxborough, Stow, Westford,  
 Acton, Littleton, Concord were among  
 the towns represented.

Formation of officers and the formu-  
 lating of by-laws as tentatively  
 submitted by a committee chosen at the  
 West Acton Extension school, took up  
 most of the afternoon session. A rat-  
 ionally and unsuccessful discussion as  
 to what name the organization should  
 be known by, resulted in the postpone-  
 ment of any selection until a meeting  
 two weeks hence, at which time the  
 officers will be elected. Super was  
 Hardy, jr. of Littleton, related his ex-  
 periences at the recent fruit growers  
 meeting in Rochester, N. Y.

The object of this new apple grow-  
 ers organization is to get men inter-  
 ested together at five monthly meet-  
 ings during the winter, and to be ac-  
 quainted with one another. As  
 practically all members have the same  
 interests and problems, and as it is  
 difficult to further any progressive  
 undertaking among a crowd of strangers,  
 the object to start with is purely so-  
 cial. Later, whatever problems it may  
 deem wise to tackle, will have a united  
 body to push it along. Although this  
 body to push it along. Although this  
 association is entirely distinct from the  
 bureau, one of the by-laws urges that  
 all members belong to their county  
 bureau.

The new cards, "Cooperate with  
 Middlesex County Bureau of Agricul-  
 ture and Home Economics," are  
 posted in some of the stores, and  
 Mr. G. W. Jones, a new member in the  
 director, and ready for distribution  
 among subscribers for 1920.

Stephen W. Sabine, director.

**West Groton.**  
 Lawrence Strand, Jr., has been ill  
 for several days with influenza, but is  
 improving. Mrs. Strand has also been  
 ill with a severe cold and cough.

Clinton Boutelle was ill last week  
 and unable to attend to his work at  
 the papermill.

F. L. Blood is building a large hen-  
 house on the Shattuck farm, which  
 when completed will compete with  
 any in town. Charles Balcom is as-  
 sisting with the work.

The Ladies' Aid supper and enter-  
 tainment was quite a success, notwith-  
 standing the deep snow and the in-  
 convenience caused by means of the  
 plan. The supper was fine, as all  
 ladies' Aid suppers in West Groton  
 have proven to be. The entertainment  
 could not be carried out as planned,  
 as it was too stormy for little tots to  
 be present, but there were readings  
 by local talent and vocal solos by Miss  
 Hazel Storer of Southbridge, Mrs. M.  
 H. and Mrs. William Gannley's and  
 is employed as stenographer at  
 Hollingsworth & Vose mill.

Mrs. R. H. Burgess has been very  
 ill all this week, suffering with heart  
 trouble aside from shingles.

Billy Lacos is ill with a very severe  
 cold.

Mrs. Lettie Webster, who has been  
 caring for Mrs. John Robinson, has  
 been called to Townsend by the illness  
 of her son.

Little Ruth Strand of Lawrence is  
 staying with her grandparents, Mr.  
 and Mrs. G. G. Strand, as her mother  
 is very ill in a sanitarium at Arlington  
 Heights.

Delwin M. Shepley, well known in  
 this town, has passed several winters  
 at Palm Beach, Fla. He likes the  
 place so much that he has decided to  
 build at Royal Park this winter.

N. A. Nutt was called to New York  
 last week to attend the funeral of a  
 relative.

Miss Minnie Scott of Hyde Park  
 has been guest of Mrs. L. G. Strand  
 for several days.

Arthur W. Lamb was in town over  
 the week-end. He returned to New  
 Jersey Monday evening.

A letter received from Mrs. Cora  
 Spaulding, from Ethel, West Virginia,  
 dated February 2, says that on that  
 day the sun was shining brightly and  
 it was so warm that all the doors were  
 wide open. Quite a contrast to our  
 February 2.

**Obituary.**  
 With deep regret we chronicle the  
 death of Mrs. John Downs. She had  
 been in ill health for some time and  
 decided to visit her sister, Mrs. Daniel  
 Hickey, in Saco, Me., for a change of  
 climate. In spite of great care and  
 able medical attendance she died in  
 Saco on Friday, February 1, after  
 receiving the last rights of the church.

The deceased was born in Roscom-  
 mon County, Ireland, on June 24, 1830,  
 and lived in West Groton the greater  
 part of her life, where she was highly  
 esteemed by all who knew her.

The body was brought to Groton, Me.  
 on Tuesday, February 1, and was  
 the funeral took place on Tuesday  
 afternoon at one o'clock, and burial  
 took place in St. Mary's cemetery,  
 Ayer. Rev. Thomas P. McGinn officiat-  
 ing. There were many floral tributes  
 from husband, sister, family and  
 friends.

The survivors are John Downs, her  
 husband; a daughter Elizabeth, 19  
 months old; three brothers, Patrick,  
 John and Michael Regan, of Leom-  
 Inster, and a sister, Mrs. Daniel  
 Hickey, of Saco, Me. Chief mourners  
 were John Downs, John Patrick and  
 Michael Regan. John and Edward Regan,  
 nephews; Misses Mabel and Irene  
 Downs, of Boston, sisters of the de-  
 ceased's husband; Mrs. Thomas Heaps,  
 aunt, and her daughter, Miss Anna  
 Heaps, of North Adams. The pall-  
 bearers were Timothy Connolly, West-  
 Lydon, James O'Sullivan, Jeremiah  
 O'Leary and Edward and John Regan.

**AYER**

**News Items.**  
 The program for men at the Army  
 Y. M. C. A. next Sunday afternoon will  
 consist of special music and an ad-  
 dress by Arthur V. Dimock on Lincoln.

The Valentine social, which was to  
 be given at the Nonalcoholic Camp  
 "The Girls" has been indefinitely pos-  
 poned. The girls will meet on Mon-  
 day with Miss Amy Nixon for a slid-  
 ing party.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the  
 Federated church held a very  
 profitable afternoon last Tuesday to-  
 gether with members of other church-  
 es who gathered at the church. The  
 plan was to have a social to Miss  
 Sargent, who has been home demon-  
 stration agent for the County Farm  
 Bureau. She gave most useful in-  
 formation in remodeling old garments,  
 drafting patterns, dyeing, etc. Several  
 ladies brought material for the same  
 way to be used. She suggested lunch  
 many more skirts. Also, that one col-  
 lege girl decorated her room with  
 couch cover, draperies and sofa pil-  
 lows from grain sacks, colored. The  
 afternoon was in charge of the pro-  
 gram committee and tea was served.

Capt. George V. Barrett camp, 8, of  
 V. held its regular meeting Thursday  
 evening, February 12, at Hardy's hall,  
 Groton. The birthday was celebrated by  
 appropriate program. Judge A. M. Levy  
 from Fitchburg delivered the address  
 of the evening. Rev. John R. Chaffee  
 read the governor's proclamation and  
 Capt. L. C. DuBois of the medical  
 department at Camp Devens, accom-  
 panied by Mrs. Doris Dickerson, who  
 presented several vocal selec-  
 tions in a very pleasing manner.  
 After which Mrs. Boutwell, Mrs. Saw-  
 yer and Mrs. Waterman of the W. R.  
 C. served refreshments. Comrades  
 Leavitt, Lovejoy, Dickinson and Stone  
 were present as guests.

George Lindsey of Enfield held the  
 pastry cook at Larrabee's lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Milan P. Cole left Sat-  
 urday last on a weekend stay at  
 West Palm Beach, Florida.

**TOWNSEND**

**Harbor.**  
 Mrs. Galen A. Proctor attended the  
 wedding of a nephew, George Monroe,  
 in Beverly, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips and  
 their two children are occupying the  
 Lane cottage. Mr. Phillips is employ-  
 ed at Harbor farm. The place  
 was recently returned to  
 his home in Watsfield, Vt.

Otho Johnston is attending to the  
 Malden end of the milk supply fur-  
 nished by the Harbor farm.

**Death.**  
 On Monday afternoon the people of  
 this village were shocked to hear of  
 the sudden death of Miss Mercedes  
 Burke by accidental poisoning. Six  
 or seven years ago Miss Burke had  
 her tonsils removed, and the operation  
 was not an entire success inasmuch  
 as one of the tonsils began to grow,  
 thereby causing a sore throat when-  
 ever a cold was contracted. As a  
 remedy a gargle was used. On the day  
 of her death, Miss Burke, with the  
 exception of a cold, was in her usual  
 good health. All the attending cir-  
 cumstances indicate that in attempt-  
 ing to gargle her throat she by mis-  
 take used carbolic acid.

Miss Burke was in the employ of  
 Mr. and Mrs. Leon Richardson, of Pepp-  
 erell. After starting the dinner on  
 Monday Miss Burke went to her room  
 about 11.15, evidently by means of the  
 remedy to relieve her throat.  
 Here she was found before noon in an  
 unconscious condition. A physician  
 was quickly summoned and he stated  
 that without doubt death ensued in a  
 few minutes after swallowing some of  
 the poison.

Miss Mercedes Burke was the  
 youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
 John Burke, of this village, where she  
 was born on the third of September,  
 1899. She had a cheerful, happy dis-  
 position and life was full of interest to  
 her; by nature she was optimistic.  
 Last fall the family, through an auto-  
 mobile and being so eagerly looking  
 forward to the opening of spring,  
 when she was going to learn to run  
 the car.

Miss Burke joined the Methodist  
 church last summer and was president  
 of the Dorcas society. She was a  
 member of the Grange and also a  
 Rebekah.

The funeral, together with the  
 Grange service, was held at her late  
 home on Thursday afternoon, Rev.  
 John O. Long officiating. Three hymns  
 were sung by Mrs. Walter Farrar and  
 Mrs. Miller, "Face to Face" was a  
 solo by Mrs. Farrar, "Nearer My  
 God to Thee" by Mrs. Farrar, George  
 Goad to beater, "The Lord's Prayer" by  
 Gopham, Cornelius Keefe and W. Swin-  
 nington acted as bearers. The body  
 was placed in the receiving tomb in  
 the cemetery at the Center.

The many beautiful floral offerings  
 gave expression to the respect and af-  
 fection in the community in which she  
 had always lived—a pillow, from leather-  
 board mill; pillow, Grange; spray,  
 Sunday school class; spray of sweet  
 peas and pinks, M. E. church; spray  
 of pinks, Epworth league; spray of  
 pinks, Richardson family; spray of  
 sweet peas, E. A. Spaulding Rebekah  
 lodge; spray, Mrs. John Walsh and  
 family, Ayer; spray Mr. and Mrs. Law-  
 rence Morgan.

Miss Burke was a member of a  
 large family, all of whom are living:  
 Miss Rosie L. Burke, of Jamaica Plain;  
 Miss Nellie J. Burke, supervising nurse  
 in the Concord, N. H., state hospital;  
 Mrs. W. F. Walsh, of Ayer; Ernest  
 Burke, of the navy, in Cuba; Edward  
 Burke, recently discharged from the  
 navy, and Roger Burke.

**Geo. B. Turner & Son**  
**Woolens and Worsted**

For the Spring Season Worsted will be more popular than  
 ever with a strong preference for Blue Serges, both in Plain Twills  
 and in Fancy Weaves.

The conservative dresser will favor Plain Mixtures in Grays and  
 Browns, which are shown in various shades.

The new Paramount Suiting in a large variety of Patterns, with  
 their dash of bright coloring in the decoration, are very attractive,  
 and make up beautifully into smart looking suits.

A practical, new idea is to have the suit pattern finished by the  
 "Cravenette" Process which adds greatly to the durability of the  
 cloth, without any change in its appearance.

The "Cravenette" Finish can be applied to any fabric and has  
 the effect of preventing the destructive action of moisture, thereby  
 prolonging the life of the garment and conserving its appearance.

**MURRY, Tailor**

the extension of the work on the Hill  
 road.

Art. 18. Voted to pass over article,  
 relative to the election of one road  
 surveyor in place of four.

Art. 19. Voted to pass over article,  
 relating to purchasing a new road  
 scraper.

Art. 20. Voted to appoint a commit-  
 tee of five, composed of citizens with  
 children attending school, to bring  
 in plans for a union school building,  
 the citizens to meet and discuss the  
 plans and take action thereon at some  
 future date.

Art. 21. Voted to appropriate \$75  
 to be expended by and the director to  
 serve in co-operation with the County  
 Trustees for Aid to Agriculture of the  
 Middlesex County Bureau of Agricul-  
 ture and Home Economics, it being  
 understood that one-third of this  
 amount shall be used to provide local  
 paid supervision of boys' and girls'  
 club work.

The board of selectmen appointed  
 the following to serve on the commit-  
 tee to bring in plans for a union school  
 building: Mrs. Maude Richardson, S.  
 B. Hager, Leo Cunningham, Wallace  
 Robinson, John Coffey.

**HARVARD**

**News Items.**  
 Thursday morning Mrs. John H.  
 Cleaves passed away. She has been  
 for some time in feeble health incident  
 to her advanced age. Her husband  
 and four of her children were with  
 her at the last. Personal services will  
 be held from the home on Sunday.  
 She was eighty-three years of age.  
 Besides her husband she leaves four  
 sons—Ezra, John, Wilmont and Her-  
 bert, and a daughter Lilla. Mrs.  
 Cleaves was a woman of ability and  
 refinement, with a special talent for  
 music. She was at one time a mem-  
 ber of the Handel and Haydn society  
 of Boston. She was a native of North  
 Reading, but had lived for many years  
 on the farm home on Oak Hill. Her  
 many friends express their sympathy  
 for the bereaved family.

The school committee have adopted  
 a no-school signal, one long ring or  
 the telephone lines at seven in the  
 morning, or if a bad storm develops  
 during the day, the same signal will  
 be given at seven in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth left  
 on Thursday morning for a six-weeks'  
 trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlando C. Doe are  
 at home on their farm in Old Mill  
 district. They were married on Mon-  
 day.

As previously announced Rev. F. C.  
 Kattner will preach on Sunday at the  
 Congregational church, and on the  
 following Sunday, the pastor, Rev. A.  
 W. Dyer, will preach.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to extend our heartfelt  
 thanks to all those who by kind words  
 and deeds helped to sustain us through  
 our recent bereavement; also to the  
 Bixby-Webber Company for their beau-  
 tiful floral wreath.

JOHN DOWNS,  
 West Groton, Mass., Feb. 11, 1920.

**PURE DRUGS**

Purity in drugs is vastly  
 more important than even  
 purity in foods because  
 when sickness comes the  
 full effect of the medicine  
 must be had. We warrant  
 absolutely that our drugs  
 are thoroughly up to stand-  
 ard. No adulteration here.  
 In filling prescriptions we  
 use the utmost care to fol-  
 low the doctor's directions.  
 No guess work. No substi-  
 tution of other medicines  
 in place of those he order-  
 ers for his patients.

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And not provide for future want?"

Saturday, February 14, 1920

**AYER**

**News Items**

Edward O. Richardson has resigned as president and manager of the C. R. P. Co., to accept a more lucrative position with the H. N. Fish Chocolate Co., of Boston. His territory will be New York state and Pennsylvania. He will begin his new duties the first of April, his family remaining here for the present.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held on Monday afternoon. Work—Master Mason degree.

A great deal of credit is due the management of the Fitchburg and Lowell street railway company for the efficient way in which they have kept their lines open and have handled the snow situation, which has so seriously troubled transportation lines throughout the state. Through the snowstorms of the past month this line has given practically uninterrupted service, and during the storm of last week was one of the few lines in the state which was able to keep its cars running.

The Boston Ice Company have completed their work of filling their houses at Sandy pond, and have removed their gang of employees. When last week's storm came the houses were filled with the exception of one tier of about 500 cakes. It was decided to stop the work then rather than to bother with this small amount which was needed to complete the work.

The firemen held their annual concert and ball in the town hall on Monday evening with a very good number present. Music was furnished by Messinger's orchestra of eight, pieces from New Bedford, who not only furnished excellent dance music but gave a very pleasing concert of instrumental selections before the ball. One number which is worthy of special mention was a xylophone solo, "Medley of 1920," arranged and played by A. H. Messenger. Following the concert there was dancing until two o'clock, about 150 couples being present. The feature of the ball were the attractive gowns and costumes worn by many of the ladies, the gowns for this occasion being more elaborate than for the usual dancing parties in town. Among those who attended the ball were a large number from out of town. The floor committee consisted of John E. Ryan, chairman, assisted by O. Hartwell Kidder and Francis B. Sullivan.

Many inquiries have been heard as to the unpleasant odor, not unlike that of the polecat, which may be noticed at times on Main street since the series of snowstorms began. This smell is caused by a gas used by the railroad in burning out the switches which have become clogged with snow and ice. The gas is said to be a by-product of acetylene gas and is very useful in thawing out the switches.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening. Work—Entered Apprentice degree. On Friday evening, February 13, a special communication will be held at which the Entered Apprentice degree will be worked. The following week special communications will be held on Monday evening, February 23, to work the Fellow Craft degree and on Friday evening, February 27, to work the Master Mason degree.

The service in St. Andrew's church on Sunday will be holy communion at 8.30, and morning prayer and sermon at 10.45. At the latter service Warren S. Sturges, of Groton School, will make a five-minute address dealing with the nation-wide campaign of the Episcopal church. The Sunday school will meet at noon. On the evening of Ash Wednesday, February 18, there will be a service at 7.30, at which Rev. Byrle J. Osborn, curate in St. Paul's cathedral, Boston, will preach the sermon.

Arthur Markee, of Lynn, formerly connected with the Parola Company here, has accepted a position with the Linde Air Products Company of New York, and will represent them in New England. Mr. Markee is now in New York city, and has recently visited in Philadelphia and Washington.

Miss Nina Fletcher, of Spencer, this town, has had to postpone her concert here which was to be given March 2, in order to go on the concert tour with Mmes. Schumann-Heink, but expects to appear here later in the season.

Thomas A. Kittredge is the new representative in town for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York.

Dr. William Mansfield of Manchester, N. H., spent Monday with Dr. Fred H. Gathroche and attended the fireman's ball on Monday evening.

The George J. Burns house on Nashua street has been sold to Harry W. Winslow, the sale being made through the real estate office of Thomas F. Mullin.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded the past week from this vicinity: Ayer—Walter H. Dodge to C. A. Johnson; Thomas McCarthy to R. Rush; Reuben Reber to Thomas McCarthy at ux. Groton—William V. Bixby to W. W. Harrington; Frank L. Blood to Thomas Atken et ux.; A. Frank Cottrell, Jr., to F. H. Briggs; Pepperell—Jennie B. Drury to E. W. Cook; Frederic H. Parker to E. E. T. Wood; Westford—Manuel J. Avila to Charles H. Gosse, land on Boston and Weston roads. Lunenburg—John Smith to George W. Fielding, land on Townsend Harbor road.

White, treasurer; Bertin Williams, secretary; George H. Brown, Hupfley, S. Turner and Bertin Williams, grounds committee; George H. Brown, Frank J. Maloney and Dr. Herbert B. Priest, book committee; George A. Sanderson, William U. Sherwin and Lyman K. Clark, finance committee.

Dr. R. H. Wylie has been sick with an attack of the grippe, but is now able to be out again.

Leroy Smith, who holds the position of principal of the grammar school at Nutley, N. J., resignation from position there, March 1st, and will take up farming at the farm of his aunt, Mrs. Brown, in Littleton.

Gen. John J. Pershing is expected to visit Camp Devens on February 26 for the purpose of inspecting the camp.

Mrs. John L. Kennison and son Laurence, who have been ill with severe colds, are reported to be much improved.

Elizabeth Draper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Draper is ill with the chicken pox. Elizabeth Draper is recovering from an attack of the same disease.

Mrs. Ralph Bosworth of Holyoke is spending a month at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Beverly left last week Saturday for Florida for a vacation of several weeks.

Since the severe snow storm of last week there have been no cars through on the Fitchburg and Leominster street railway, but it is expected that by the time of going to press that the cars will be through to the square. They were able to get their cars as far as Shirley on Tuesday, where a great deal of the track had to be opened up by pickaxe work. On Wednesday they reached Camp Devens and on Thursday a polecat Union street was reached. For the entire length of West Main street the tracks have been buried in snow and ice, and it has been a question of opening this all up by hand. A large gang of men has been employed in the work, but the difficulties have been so great that progress necessarily has had to be slow. Patrons of this line are wondering whether there will be another fare increase asked for to meet the expenses of this work.

Residents on the hill are no longer worrying for fear a home for aged and deserving polecats will be started in the neighborhood. Instead they are worrying because such a home seems to exist already, and are wondering what will happen next. The citizen whose exploits in trapping were recorded last week and whose difficulties in the use of chloroform were portrayed, has now become an expert. He now has a polecat in his credit, all of which are said to have taken the chloroform gracefully and passed on peacefully to the "happy hunting ground" of the polecats. Whether our friend's success in pursuing the elusive but fragrant polecat is due to hypnotism, mental telegraphy or other means, it has been suggested that he follow the example of the Pled Piper of Hamelin and rid the town of these unwelcome inhabitants.

The group of ladies from the Federated church, who were to meet on this Friday afternoon with Mrs. Rachel Barry on Washington street, have postponed their meeting until next Tuesday afternoon.

James Hastings, the popular night counterman at Brown's lunch room, gave up his position there this week.

Interesting mothers' meeting are to be held at the high school under the auspices of the Massachusetts Society for Social Hygiene, discussed by Mabel Craig Stillman, and will be held on Thursdays, February 19 and 26, and March 4, at four o'clock.

There will be a regular meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club on Wednesday evening in the vestry of the church. Misses Amelia Gould and Abbie Robinson will be hostesses.

The annual Washington Birthday dinner will be served jointly by the Ayer Branch Alliance and the Unitarian Girls' club at the vestry of the church on Monday, February 23.

After an absence of five weeks Mrs. Clarence H. Kinney returned Thursday from Pittsburgh, Pa., where a daughter, named Helen Isabella, was born on January 19 by her daughter, Mrs. John M. Nairn. Mrs. Kinney reports a temperature of 55° on Wednesday and no snow in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. George Rose, sister of Mrs. Arthur E. Dykes and William Tinker, died in Lynn on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Dykes and Mr. Tinker left for that city on Thursday afternoon to attend the funeral.

This Saturday the Strand presents Mabel Normand in "Pinto." This picture presents the vivacious little star in a role that is in direct contrast to the characters she has portrayed in the past. Pinto is a girl of the west who has grown up under the guardianship of five ranchmen in whose care her father left her when he died. Her daring exploits on her pony, Legs, nearly drive the cowboys on the ranch to distraction. Sunday and Monday, February 15 and 16, Mary Pickford in "Pollyanna." Sunday matinee at 3.30 p. m.

The reserve officers' training corps infantry camp at Camp Devens will open June 17 and continue for six weeks, according to information made public Tuesday at the Northeastern department. The announcement means that students attending the various classes of military training courses will have a period of summer instruction at Ayer, and the war department is confident that the majority of the 600 students taking those courses will attend. In addition to the infantry camp, there will be a camp of instruction at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt. This camp will take care of the cavalry and artillery cadets in the cavalry course.

The Mohawk Camp Fire Girls will present at the Soldiers' club on Thursday evening, February 26, three one-act plays, namely, "Johnny's new suit," "The mystic seven" and "An old-fashioned mother." The latter written by Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild. This will be the first presentation. The group of plays will be rehearsed and presented under their direction. By special arrangement the Soldiers' club will be opened for this occasion.

"The noble outcast." A play with plenty of good wholesome comedy and heart interest will be presented at the Soldiers' club on Friday evening, March 5, under the auspices of the Federated church. In conjunction with the play there will be conducted a sale at the food, candy and novelty tables. By special arrangement the Soldiers' club will be opened for this occasion.

Mrs. J. Harold Atwood of East Main street, who is ill with "flu," is slowly recovering and expects to be up in a few days.

Mrs. Murry, the tailor, is at the spring opening in Philadelphia. He will purchase his spring woolsens. Watch for his opening March 1, 2 and 3.

Louis H. Cushing, who has been confined to his home with illness, is able to be out again. Mrs. Cushing, who has also been ill, is also improving.

At the meeting of the Merchants' League of the Board of Trade at the Board of Trade rooms on Wednesday evening, the evening was given up to a discussion of problems arising in connection with the proposed advertising sheet which is to be published. J. Harold Atwood reported that the local merchants had responded practically unanimously and that practically all had subscribed to advertising space in the proposed sheet. It was the opinion of the meeting that the doctors and lawyers be not canvassed for advertising as professional ethics do not allow them to advertise. It is expected to have the preliminary work on the advertising sheet completed before the meeting next Wednesday evening, so that definite decisions can be made as to the printing, etc., at that time.

Mrs. Kenneth M. Wilson of East Main street was taken on Tuesday by Dr. Hopkins to St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua, where she underwent a serious abdominal operation. At last reports her condition, which is considered to be very serious, remains unchanged.

At the meeting of the board of selectmen on Monday evening, Douglas C. Smith was appointed superintendent of streets.

A well attended dance was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, under the management of several soldiers from the 13th infantry. Music was furnished by a jazz orchestra from the 13th infantry and several special entertainment numbers were introduced during the evening. A large number came down from Fitchburg for the dance, but as the 8.19 train on which they came was an hour and twenty minutes late, they were somewhat late in arriving. A marshall and confetti dance will be held by the same management in the town hall on next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Ellen (Keane) Hurley, wife of Daniel F. Hurley, of Shirley street, passed away on Sunday afternoon from the effects of dropsy. Mrs. Hurley was sixty-six years of age and was born in Bellefleur, Tipperary County, Ireland. Thirty years ago she came to this country and located in Lowell, where she was later married to Daniel F. Hurley. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley came to Ayer about eighteen years ago and have since made their home here. They were married, Mrs. Hurley leaves two sons, Richard B. and Thomas F., both of Ayer; a niece, Miss Margaret Callahan of this town, and a sister, Mrs. Nora Callahan of Bealragee, Ireland. Requiem high mass was held at St. Mary's church on Tuesday morning. Rev. Thomas Brennan officiating. The bereaved were: Frank Murphy, Thomas McGuane, J. Leo Organ, John F. Hurley and Jas. P. Meehan. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Lester Whitcomb, manager of the Ayer Electric Light Company, is confined to his home with an attack of the influenza. His wife is also ill with the same disease.

The C. R. P. Company, whose president and manager has resigned, will be managed by Frank S. Pierce, who will be assisted by his son, Kendall V. Pierce.

A local educational service committee has been appointed to have local control of the various features of the educational plan of the educational committee of the National War Work Council of the U. S. C. A. The committee are: Robert H. J. Holden of Shirley, Waldo G. Conant of Littleton, George Barrows, George L. Osgood and Frank C. Johnson of Ayer.

The management of the White Ribbon Home have arranged for an open house and donation day to be held on next Tuesday. The public are very cordially invited and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance, and a generous response to the needs of the home. Donations of anything which may be of use about the home will be greatly appreciated. A cafeteria lunch will be served at noon and a program which includes music and speaking has been arranged for the afternoon. There are now nine aged women making their home here, the oldest being ninety-one years of age. A special meeting of the corporation which manages the home will be held on the morning of the Donation day.

Mrs. William C. Jackson of Washington street underwent an operation on her eyes last Saturday. Dr. Kirtland of Nashua performed the operation. The operation was very successful and Mrs. Jackson is recovering nicely under the care of a nurse. The younger members of the family, who have been ill, are all much improved.

A handsomely mounted salmon is on exhibition in the window of George H. Hill's drug store, which was caught by Miss Caroline Hopkins, the twelve-year-old daughter of Dr. Bertram H. Hopkins, in Newfound lake, N. H., on August 27, 1919. It measures 28 1/2 inches in length, 15 inches in girth and weighs nine pounds.

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tions for membership were received. Mrs. David H. Young was installed as right supporter by Mrs. Nora Polkins of Groton, assisted by Miss Lois Wright of the same town as marshal. A full attendance is requested at the next meeting, February 18, as a rehearsal follows the transaction of routine business.

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  - MOLASSES, best New Orleans, No. 10 can..... \$1.20
  - TOMATO SOUP, Grayco Brand, per can..... 11¢
  - SOAP, Export Borax..... 6 bars for 29¢
  - PRUNES, Largest Grown, per pound..... 40¢
  - OLEOMARGARINE, Swift's Premium, per pound..... 41¢
  - CREAM CORNSTARCH, per package..... 13¢
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  - SPINACH, Fancy Southern, per can..... 20¢
  - ROLLED OATS..... 5 pounds for 33¢
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Royal Worcester \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50  
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**BRASSIERES**

Nemo, C. & H. and Drake in hamburger trimmed and plain models 59c. to \$1.50

We give Pony Votes; come in and let us explain how your boy or girl may win a fine pony and cart.

**H. H. Proctor**

Main Street Page's Block AYER, MASS.

on the subject, "Shall the world forgive the Kaiser?"

Wednesday evening of this week the annual roll call was held. The pastor and delegates from the other churches and Y. M. C. A. were in attendance. Rev. Mr. Leathers, a former pastor, brought the message of the evening. Many responded to their names either in personal word or by letter. The Ladies' Aid furnished a most bountiful supper, which was enjoyed by all.

Federated church—Sunday at 10.45; "Father and son." Boys' choir. At twelve, Sunday school; men's class; women's class. At 6.30, young people's meeting; Miss Edith Longley, leader. At 7.30, "Freedom." Young Ladies' choir.

Thursday at six, annual roll call supplied. All the members of the parish invited.

Last week Friday afternoon Mrs. Miller's group of the Ladies' Benevolent society gave a very successful food sale at the church.

Tuesday of this week the Ladies' Benevolent society met at the vestry when Miss Margaret Robinson of the County Farm Bureau talked and demonstrated on the reconstruction of garments. Refreshments were served.

This Saturday night a Valentine party will be given by Mrs. Wheeler's group of the Ladies' Benevolent society.

The patriotic orders in town are invited to worship February 22 at the Federated church at 10.45 o'clock. Subject, "Americanism." By request of the government.

Unitarian church—Sunday service at 10.45, regular offices and sermon. Offertory solo, Mrs. Sargent. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The great fast."

The pastoral committee of the church organized on Sunday for work. The parish has been divided into districts each of which is represented by a member of this committee. Three members of the committee are members at-large. This committee undertakes two duties, (1) keeping the minister in touch with the whole parish, reporting illness and any other important information, and (2) promoting the best possible attendance of the people at services and social functions of the parish.

In the annual report of the American Unitarian association just issued is contained, among the pictures of new church buildings, that of the First Unitarian Parish church of Ayer. Edward E. Sawyer took the photograph from which the cut was made.

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TOWNSEND

Center. Mrs. Agnes Woods entertained the members of her Sunday school class at a house party the first of the month...

Cards have been received by friends in town announcing the birth of a daughter, Edna Thelma, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cyrus Whitney...

There are no influenza cases reported in town, but many are ill with colds.

Rev. A. L. Struthers is suffering from a carbuncle on his neck.

W. F. Rockwood has returned from his business trip in the south.

The freight train has not been running on the Greenville branch since last week Thursday...

Obituary. The funeral services of Mrs. Abbie Elizabeth Bruce...

Mrs. Bruce was the eldest daughter of the late Benjamin Frank and Elizabeth (Lamborn) Lewis...

The public schools commenced again on Monday morning after two days of closing...

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Those who know her will always think of her as exemplifying the beautiful graces of a successful teacher...

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West. The most severe blizzard and snowfall of the winter was experienced here on last week Thursday...

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Glenna Hart is confined to her home with a severe cold, following an attack of measles.

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Nelson Hart spent a few days in Boston the past week. Mrs. Hart is on the sick list, suffering from the prevailing gripe cold.

The Live Wire class of boys of the Baptist Sunday school held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman on Monday evening...

Charles Hodgman is quite ill with a severe cold, and Augustus Bruce is assisting as janitor at the schoolhouse during his illness.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott and their oldest daughter, Ruby, are quite sick at their home on Bayberry hill.

Alfred Hussey has left the employ of Damon & Richardson and returned to Leominster.

Rev. Joseph McKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday, and the P. S. C. E. service in the evening will be conducted by Miss Frances Shepherd.

Mrs. E. J. Lees entertained the Ladies' Whist club at her home Thursday afternoon.

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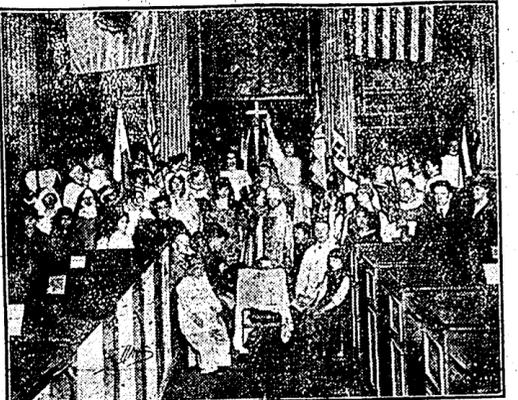
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CHILDREN OPEN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Will Give Parties to Get Clothing and Funds for 500,000 Needy Serbian Youngsters—Grown-ups Can Help.



Picked Up in December—Barefooted, Ragged, Cold and Sick.

St. Valentine's day, February 14, will give a new significance this year. To American children this time of celebration has always meant pretty cards, cheery faces, surprises.

This year it will mean all this and more if plans carry that are being fostered by the Serbian Child Welfare Association...

So because there are 500,000 homeless, tired, sick and forlorn little children in Serbia this year without clothes or nourishment...

This is what they ask you to do: Give a party, invite your friends to come and have a good time and to bring a gift—shoes, stockings, dresses, coats, boys' suits, caps, pajamas—just

anything to keep little boys and girls from freezing. The next thing to do is to get other folks to "give a thought to Serbia" so that many will send donations of money and clothes.

Since the war began Serbia has lost more than 1,000,000 of her 4,500,000 population. Overcome by the relentless onrush of the enemy, she is still staggering, dazed, blinded, crippled, diseased, without food and without clothes, unable to comprehend what has happened.

During the past week more than 15,000 Valentine cards requesting that each recipient give a Valentine party for plucky little Serbia have filtered through the mails going out from New York City and into the homes of many persons who have never given to this cause.

Clothes gathered through Valentine parties or through the personal efforts of those interested in helping should be sent to shipping headquarters, 70 Fifth avenue, New York City. A card saying that you will give a Valentine party to help the cause mailed to 237 Fourth avenue will be appreciated. Upon request suggestions for the party will be given by the committee.

REMEMBER THAT

- 1. Serbia lost over 1,000,000 lives or one-fourth of her population in the war; 2. There are more than 500,000 children in Serbia in need; 3. Serbia had a crop of wheat, but transportation facilities are so poor there is no way to get it to the children in the hills. Plain bread is not a good diet for the sick anyway; 4. There is no medicine in Serbia for the treatment of the ill but that which is supplied by the Committee or other welfare organizations; 5. Houses are gone; clothes have ceased to be manufactured; Serbia is cold—about as cold as Boston in winter, and death is imminent to thousands this year; 6. All you are asked to do is to give a Valentine party to which you will invite your friends to bring clothes, dresses, dollars or birthday pennies; 7. Shoes are almost unknown in Serbia now. More than 1,000,000 little feet will remain cold and bare this winter unless you help; 8. Twenty cents a day, six dollars a month, or \$72 a year will save a life in Serbia.

SERB WAR LOSS HEAVY.

Proportionately Greater Than That of Any Other Country. Much has been said of the losses from the war in Belgium. Serbia probably lost more in proportion to her size and population than any country in Europe.

The following will serve to give those who have not made a study of the conditions in Serbia some idea of what the world war might have meant to America had not such gallant little countries as Belgium and Serbia stood between this country and the enemy.

Losses expressed in dollars ran something like this: Manufactured goods, \$150,000,000; furniture and machinery, \$80,000,000; jewelry, \$5,000,000; Serbian silver coin, \$5,000,000; three harvests, \$320,000,000; requisitions and damage to private concerns, \$100,000,000.

Live stock losses were: Horses, 130,000; sheep and goats, 6,000,000; pigs, 2,000,000; cattle, 1,300,000. Besides these, there were the incalculable and inestimable losses in hospitals, schools, public buildings, railroads, wharves, boats, factories, and in human life half the taxpaying citizens.

Daily Thought. Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.—Shakespeare. Cause for Rejoicing. Leonard was walking with his nurse and met a friend of his mother, who proceeded to engage him in conversation in a most effusive and enlivened manner. On parting with her, Leonard was silent for a long time, and then said with a gentle sigh of thankfulness: "I am so glad, Sarah, that I've got a nice, gloomy mother."

PITIFUL PLIGHT OF SERBIAN ORPHANS

Commissioner William J. Doherty, who returned recently from Serbia, where he went to oversee the work of the Serbian Child Welfare Association...

Looking forward rather than backward, the Campaign is so shaping its programs as to take in "Americanization," the outstanding note of February 22d. Quoting Phillips Brooks, when he said that the Church of Christ must be a leader in the advancement of the relations of mankind and the building of the better society which is bound to come...

World's Largest Crater. Dr. E. F. Griggs, who has been exploring the volcano of Mt. Katmai, in Alaska, for the National Geographical society, announces that this is the greatest crater in the world, being no less than nine miles in circumference and 3,900 feet in depth.

Migration of the Rat. The rat was carried from India and Persia to England in 1727, by 1750 had made its way to France and thence spread throughout Europe.

Use of India Rubber. India rubber was used for the first time as an eraser in 1770, when a very small piece was sold for three marks. It was, however, many years later before it was put into general use. Prior to this the crumb of bread was used for erasing purposes.

True Economy. Economy consists not in going without needed things so much as in using all things, money included, to the best possible advantage.

Warren A. Winslow (Successor to Augustus Lovejoy) Fire Insurance Agent

When you are "wide awake as an owl" at night, and can't "keep your eyes open" in the daytime you certainly need

BEECHAM'S PILLS. Self-poisoning by imperfectly eliminated food-poisons is a very common ailment.

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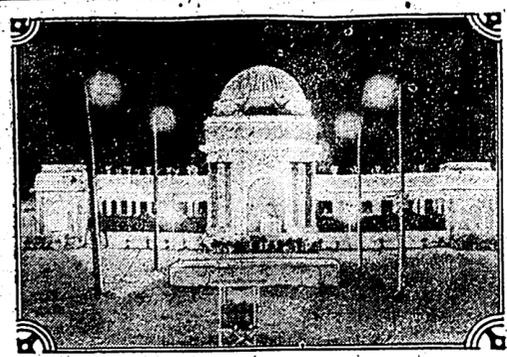
WINTER SCHEDULE. CHANGE OF TIME SEPTEMBER 15, 1919. Cars leave Ayer for North Chelmsford and Lowell once an hour at 6.00 A. M. to 9.00 P. M.

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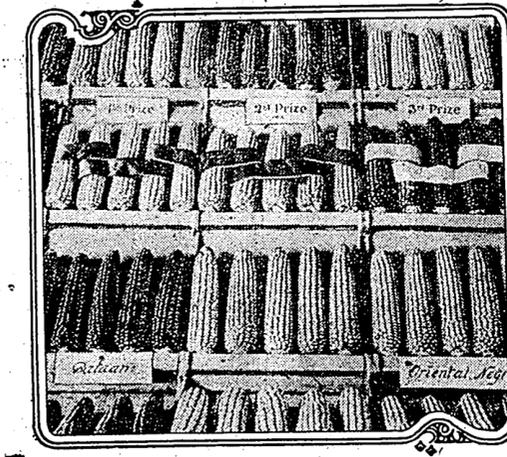
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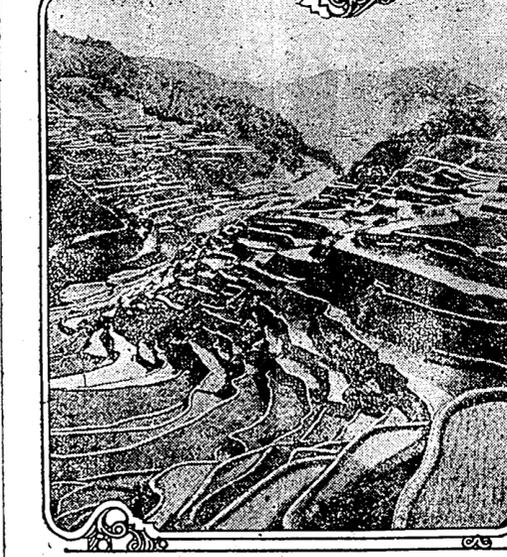
This is the season of the year when the Philippines become the playground for the entire orient. It is carnival season in Manila. In 1908 the first Philippine carnival was held on historic Wallace Field in Manila in February, when the climate of the islands is at its best, and each succeeding year there has been a larger and more elaborate celebration.

How Would You Like to Harvest Two Crops of Corn a Year as They Do in the Philippines?



No, reader, this corn was not grown by one of our local farmers! It wasn't grown in the United States, even. It was grown in the faroff Philippine Islands by Filipino schoolboys. Two fine crops of corn a year are produced in the Islands. The Philippines are doing some wonderful things in the agricultural line.

Rice Terraces Are World's Masterpieces



This is a photograph of the Ifugao Igorrot rice terraces, which are among the most remarkable of their kind in the world. They are one of the many marvelous sights for the tourist to see in the Philippine Islands and are to be found in the Ifugao district of the Mountain Province, Northern Luzon.

Depends on the Style. Parker—"Is your wife a woman to look forward to something to worry about?" Tucker—"Yes, yes, indeed, she is—if it is in style."—Judge.

GOV.-GENERAL OF PHILIPPINES FOR FREEDOM

Declares It Not Right That Freedom Should Longer Be Withheld.

By FRANCIS BURTON HARRISON, Governor-General of the Philippines. (First Article.)



My six years' experience as governor-general of the Philippine Islands have convinced me that the Filipino people are ready and fit to have their independence.

A MISREPRESENTED RACE.

The Filipino people are a much misrepresented race. The frequent publication of pictures of semi-naked Mindanao Moros and Igorots here caused a great many Americans to believe they are typical of the inhabitants of the Philippines.

Lines to Be Remembered.

Every wanton and causeless restraint of the will of the subject, whether practiced by a monarch, a nobility, or a popular assembly, is a degree of tyranny.—Blackstone.

That's Strange.

I met a friend who had been ill and inquired: "How are you now?" She replied: "Do you know, I nearly died! I said: 'I'm glad to hear it.' She's angry now.—Exchange.

HOLLIS, N. H.

Word was received in town last week of the death of Walter Dean Sawyer on Tuesday at his home in Arlington after several months' illness. Mr. Sawyer was the son of the late Jacob A. and Caroline (Worcester) Sawyer and a grandson of the late John Newton and Sarah (Holden) Worcester of this town.

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Rial Hills has been to Albany, N. Y., to visit a cousin who is ill.

George Hardy and family motored to California and write they are having a wonderful time. Mr. Hardy is the son of the late George I. Hardy.

Mrs. James Walsh has been called to Nashua by the illness of her father, Deacon James Swallow, who is critically ill with pneumonia, with little hope of his recovery.

Members of the W. R. C. met with Mrs. Clara Smith on Monday afternoon any took a quilt for Almon Adams, recently buried out.

Mrs. Bena Farley and her niece, Miss Young, have left West Palm Beach and come to Daytona Beach.

The family of Francis Lovejoy, who have been ill with the influenza, are all on the road to recovery.

The funeral of Stephen Smith was held at the home of his daughter, Miss Clara Smith, in Nashua, last week Thursday. The body was placed in the city and will be brought here for burial in the spring.

A Letter. The following is a letter received from Miss E. L. Van Dyke, who is at West Palm Beach, Florida:

The season is on, everything is in full swing, and fashion is disporting herself at Palm Beach, the world-famous resort of America. It is said that before the war Paris knew of only two places in the United States, New York and Palm Beach. Although the smaller hotels and the cottages here have been doing business for many weeks, yet the large hotel, the Poinciana, a building six stories high and over a thousand feet long and which has luxurious accommodations for more than 1500 guests, did not open its doors until the 15th of January and until that event occurs the season cannot be said to have really begun.

Life is very gay in this winter paradise. The smart set are here and can revel in dressing and dancing and in the pleasures of the city.

Some of the older ladies and even a few of the gentlemen who have become a little rusty in the art of dancing are taking private lessons. It is said, that they may astonish their acquaintances with their prowess a little later on in the season.

And then there is the dining room, the continental room, the ballroom, a man may pay a hundred dollars a day for a suite of rooms and board at the Poinciana, but that is not all; he entertains gay little parties at luncheon and teas and banquets at the Garden Grill, at the Beach club, at the Coconut grove, at the Country club, eating and drinking and dancing the most delectable foods served in the most elegant and fastidious fashion.

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PEPPERELL

Bungalow building may be carried out to quite an extent next summer, near the heights of the standpipe and other localities. Mason Stone, a relative of Mrs. Starr's was favorably impressed with a particular building...

About thirty people gathered in the reading-room at the Lawrence library on Monday afternoon at four o'clock to attend the talk on "Current events" by Principal Whitmarsh.

The household goods of Mrs. Alice Bliss were put on the cars for her new home in Springfield, Vt., Monday.

The shortage of soft coal is becoming serious at the mill coal in town. The first train over the Millford branch since last week's storm came in Tuesday, bringing three cars of coal for the paper mills.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., announced a post-nominee from February 15 to February 22. Invitations are given to all members of the G. A. R., Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to participate in the observance of the day.

Mrs. N. W. Appleton desires that all the blue and white flags of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., which have been in the process of making, may be handed in to her as soon as convenient.

Mrs. George Shaw has been in Worcester with her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Martin, for more than a fortnight, and both Mrs. Martin and child have had the influenza.

Mrs. M. E. Reed, who but recently came home from her son's in Dorchester, was called back there the latter part of last week by the news of the influenza.

Another item taken from the recently received Florida paper is of the prospect of the building of a state road from Jacksonville through Clay county, the southern terminus being Orlando.

This has been "good-turn week" in the organization of Boy Scouts, celebrating the tenth year of the movement. Two hundred thousand American boys are receiving training through the "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight program" of the Boy Scouts of America.

The blocking snowstorm of last week Thursday, when twelve or fourteen inches of snow was piled into drifts, and followed by the rain of Friday, made many of the country roads impassable for two or three days.

At the dancing party held by Arthur Karr, of Nashua, in Saunders' hall last week, Miss Dorothy Newton was awarded the prize offered for the contestants in the "beauty contest" which was a handsome silver loving cup.

Miss Audrey Burkinshaw is recovering from a slight operation for eye trouble. Mrs. Carrie Shattuck Gray substituted for her a part of last week in Groton as teacher of the second and third grades of the Boutwell school.

The marriage of Miss Hazel Stevenson and John Snyder occurred early on Monday morning at the Methodist parsonage, the pastor, Rev. B. W. Rust, performing the ceremony. The bride is a native of New Brunswick, and the groom came here a short time ago from New York state.

Chester Shattuck, who has had quite a hard stage of the epidemic, is out again, although not yet returned to work.

Reports from Roy Card, who is still at the Worcester hospital, are not encouraging, as it is now stated that he is found to have been suffering from diabetes probably for some time, which has affected his entire system and caused mental trouble.

An antique, in the form of a handsome embossed invitation issued in 1845, recently came into the possession of Postmaster Drummey. It reads as follows, and the names may be familiar to some of the older residents of the town.

The New England Fox Hunters' Club opened their annual drive in Milford on Monday with a chase that took the members from Milcoe hill to Coverdale. The recent severe storms had their effect on the attendance, which was slim.

Acts regarding mill from the East Pepperell to the Pepperell postoffice have recently come under our consideration, and in the benefit of those quick and had no experience in the quick transit of such mail we cite the following: No mail goes from the East Pepperell office after noon, direct.

The speaker at the Woman's club on Tuesday evening, February 17, in the Saunders' hall, will be Miss Margaret L. Robinson, from the County Bureau of Home Economics.

Notices to the game commissioners have been issued that grain will be furnished by the state to any individual who will feed the birds in the flocking season.

A meeting of the Woman's Missionary society will be held with Mrs. M. P. F. on Wednesday afternoon, February 18, at three o'clock. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

D. W. Hazen, of the repair force at the paper mill, who has been ill at his home on Pleasant street for some weeks, is suffering now from a bilious attack, causing great distress.

Rural mail carriers had an experience last week that hardly can be repeated. Roy Sylvester started on his route on the first day of the storm, Thursday, but was forced to abandon it.

Other Pepperell matter on pages one and two.

The unusual occurrence of a caucus and town meeting within three days will take place this year, the date of the town caucus being February 13, and the meeting of the citizens for action upon the articles of the warrant set for February 16.

Concerning the business to come before the citizens of the coming town meeting on Monday evening, February 16, at 7.30, at the town hall, following warrant does not promise

an over interesting affair, as but two or three articles are likely to cause discussion, the first article to choose a moderator, and up to Article 9, dealing with the usual town business.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 or some other amount and elect a director for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, the money to be expended by, and the director to serve in co-operation with the County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture of the Middlesex Board of Agriculture and Home Economics, under the provisions of Chapter 273, General Acts of 1918; it being understood that \$50 of this amount shall be used to provide local paid supervision of boys' and girls' club work.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 for the purpose of graveling River street from the point ended in 1919, provided that the state and county, under the small town act, will appropriate a like amount, or act relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Edwin R. Richardson lot, Walton cemetery.

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Article 16. To see what action will be taken in regard to cutting or removing brush along the highways, and appropriate money therefor.

Article 17. To see what action will be taken in regard to appropriating money to aid the Daughters of the American Revolution in the erection of a new flag pole on the Common, or act in any way regarding procuring and maintaining a flag pole.

Article 18. To see what action will be taken regarding repairing or rebuilding Main street, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Sunshine Club. A sunshine day and the Sunshine club were united on Monday for a pretty celebration of the birthday of Florence Walker, a member of the club.

A clipping from the Clay County, Fla. Times, under date of January 30, gives the following details concerning the recent death of a Pepperell boy.

"Starrville received an awful shock Monday morning, with the news that one of the rotors at the National Pulp and Turpentine Co., had blown up.

"Mr. Charles Sapp and wife and little daughter came up from Palatka, Tuesday afternoon, to attend the funeral of Mr. Harmon. Messrs. Earl and Henry Sapp were also here for the same purpose.

"Mr. J. S. Hall, another employee of the company, was the witness with great agony some timbers, and received several painful bruises, but his injuries were not serious.

Deaths. A message which brought much sadness to relatives and many friends at Doris McCord, was received on Tuesday, telling of her sudden death of bronchial pneumonia, at her home at Winthrop. She was taken ill with influenza the latter part of last week, but was placed at once under the care of a skilled nurse and physician and no fears were entertained until a few hours before she died.

Winthrop High school, and was reaching the age when she was becoming a real companion to her parents. She was always an older brother, Edward McCord, who was in the service; also, a younger sister Mary, and a small brother John, all of whom, with the parents, the grandmother and grandaunts, of this town, mourn her early death.

Private services were held at Winthrop on Thursday, and the remains will rest in the receiving tomb at Forest Hill until spring, when burial will be in the family lot in the Pepperell cemetery, beside her little sister. Much sympathy is felt for every member of the family, in this sudden affliction.

The death of Miss Isabella Frances Keyes, daughter of the late Henry and Emma Frances Keyes, occurred at her home at 88 Commonwealth avenue, Boston, Wednesday, February 4, of pneumonia.

The death of William H. Page, brother of Mrs. Daniel M. Lovejoy, was received by her on Saturday, the result of an accident. Mr. Page has been employed in Nashua, his native place, for forty-two years.

The funeral services were held from the home of Miss Godfrey, 393 Main street, on Tuesday afternoon, and were largely attended.

Helen Larane, the two-year-old daughter of Mrs. and Mr. William Hanna, died at the home on Tucker street on Monday night.

Mrs. Verna (Robbins) Fish, wife of Eph W. Fish, passed away at her home in Brockton on Monday, February 9, from pneumonia.

There will be a meeting of the Girl Scouts in the selectmen's room on next Tuesday afternoon at 2.15.

The congregational club committee, consisting of Principal W. P. Harris and other teachers, will hold a social and entertainment in the Congregational vestry on next Wednesday evening at 7.45.

Rev. Gall Cleland's theme for Sunday morning will be "The most desperate situation in the world."

James W. Nixon has been very sick with the grippe, but is decidedly on the gain at present.

We are asked to call the attention of those people getting their mail by either the rural or the star route carrier to the following: 1st. To be clear the approaches of their boxes by promptly removing obstructions which may render difficult or impossible the delivery of mail by the carriers.

Articles 11 to 21, inclusive, are taken care of under the list of appropriations.

Articles 22 and 23, relating to fixing the salaries of the treasurer and tax collector, voted the same as last year.

Articles 24, 25 and 26 concern the appropriation of money for oiling roads, tree warden and police protection, and will be found in the list of appropriations.

Articles 27, 28 and 29, regarding the school committee to transfer one appropriation to another.

Articles 30, 31 and 32, concerning the highways, will be found in the list of appropriations.

Supt. F. H. Hill continues to gain and is now able to get about a little in a wheel chair.

White chopping wood William E. Smalley's axe slipped and entered his head, cutting the tendons and the radial artery.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kimball have been sick with influenza. A child was born on Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Ruggieri.

Mrs. Hazel Barker has been on the sick list recently. Dr. J. D. Christie attended the Red Cross meeting at the state house in the interest of establishing a regular tuberculosis state fund.

Places of business at the Common were closed Wednesday during the funeral of Allen Stiles, and the high school had an abbreviated session so that pupils could leave in time to attend the funeral of their past schoolmate.

Mrs. Charles Gordon, of Newton, has spent several days this week with her home people, the H. S. Browns. The Pomona meeting of the Grange will be held in the town hall on February 19.

The annual town meeting of 1920 passed into history with little to make it notable in any way. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Gall Cleland.

The following appropriations were made: High school, interest on funds, dog tax money and \$2490; common school, \$1400; educational (\$1400); general school fund (\$521.50); unexpended balance on Goldsmith school and \$6315; school supplies \$2000; school superintendent \$420; transportation of scholars \$2500; school physician \$50; school buildings, repairs \$500; Memorial day \$125; salaries of town officers \$1250; miscellaneous expenses, corporation and national bank taxes and \$2000; maintenance of library and library building \$500; salaries of town officers and employees \$100; suppression of moths \$500; repairs and maintenance of sidewalks \$200; protection of shade trees \$100; oiling coats \$500; to be expended under direction of tree warden \$150; police protection \$150; repair of highways, to be expended in accordance with Chapter 155, \$3700; repair of King street from Common to Center \$500; repairs on road from Acton line to New town to Littleton Common (provisionally) \$1000; repairs on Taylor street (provisionally) \$1000; for expenditure under direction of County Farm Bureau trustees \$150; interest on town notes \$1000; outside of town \$2700; defraying expenses of town hall \$500; electric light department \$1500; water department \$2500; special valuation of the town and printed report of same \$200.

There was a good representation of the ladies present at the meeting as in former years. A sumptuous, appetizing dinner was served by the women of the Catholic society and it was generally patronized.

It was voted to refer to the electric light and water commissioners all electric light and town water extensions asked for, the commissioners to have a hearing as early in April as weather will permit and report at a special town meeting.

Under Articles 4 and 5 it was voted to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money for current expenses and to pay any notes and interest that may come due during the year.

Articles 6, 7, 8 and 9, regarding appropriations for the schools, will be found under the list of appropriations.

Article 10, relating to the disposal of the proceeds of the sale of the town farm, it was voted to leave the same on interest as at present, until further action is called for.

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News Item. John McCarthy, of Front street, well known in town, crossing-tender at the Phoenix crossing, passed away early this week Friday morning following an illness of only an hour. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Curley) McCarthy.

Center. A dance was held in the town hall on Thursday evening under the management of Ralph I. Evans, with a good number present. Music was by a local three piece orchestra. Clarence Clark of Springfield was a visitor this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves. The past masters of Shirley Grange, who have charge of the program for the meeting on next Tuesday evening, have decided on account of the poor weather to postpone their entertainment for the present. It is understood that Center and Parker roads are to be scraped again with the road scraper, as was done a short time ago. It is hoped that this will be done, as the result is surely worth the expense of doing it. A rehearsal of the initiatory degree will be held at the next meeting of Fredonian lodge, I. O. F., on next Thursday evening. A full attendance is desired.

News Advertisements. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all the students and fraternalists of Amherst Agricultural College, and all others who through their kind assistance and messages of sympathy, and beautiful floral tributes, have done so much for us in our bereavement. MR. and MRS. FRED O. STILES and Family. Littleton, Mass., February 12, 1920.