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WESTFORD

About Town.
A daughter, Mildred Louise, was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitten. Mrs. Whitten will be remembered formerly as Mrs. Eva Mountain, of Forge Village. Mr. and Mrs. Whitten are living on the Charles Whitney farm on the Lowell road.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Thursday evening, April 1, when the first and second degrees will be conferred on a large class of candidates.

The new Victrola mentioned last

week from the Abbot Worsted Company at Brookside was for the village church in West Chelmsford and not for the mill as reported.

Hugo Page met with an accident last week at the stone quarry of the H. E. Fletcher Company on Oak hill. While operating the stone crusher, while attempting to pick it out, the crusher picked it up and threw it with great force, striking Mr. Page a glancing blow on the side of his head and face, breaking his nose, loosening up his teeth, arranging and scattering and battering the face and side of the head generally.

Death.
Mrs. Emma M. Day died at her home here early Sunday morning, aged 77 years, 4 months, 8 days. She had been ill several weeks with the prevailing influenza and other complications, and was apparently improving slightly when she suffered a shock, from which she was unable to rally. She was the widow of John Warren Day and daughter of Otis and Lydia (Vose) Sprague, and was born in Westford at the home on Cold Spring road, and has been a resident of the town nearly all of her life. She had a dependable personality for every-

thing for moral and social improvement and loyal to the tasks of duty that she considered as her personal call. As a member of the Union Congregational church, she was always especially enthusiastic for its welfare and consistently true in her loyalty by her personal attendance and support. She was a zealous and constant student of the bible and might be properly classed an old-fashioned bible christian, with a broad and tolerant spirit in her attitude towards those who might differ.

The deceased is survived by two sons, Quincy W. and Arthur E. Day; seven grandchildren, Otis, May, Albert, Addie, Norman, Viola, and Marion Day, and two great-grandchildren, Robert Lester Day and Marion Arline Day, a daughter, Ada. Aged several years ago.

The funeral was from the home on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. O. L. Brownsey conducting the service. As part of the service he read, by request, a poem found in her bible. Two selections were made from Mrs. Charles Wright and Mrs. Cyril Blaney. The bearers were Quincy, Otis and Albert Day and Sydney B. Wright. Burial was in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery. The floral tributes were exceptional in profusion and beauty, the contributions of friends and organizations.

Thus is laid to rest one who besides her other activities was a member of the W. C. T. U., and its secretary for several years, and one of the first to contribute money for the White Ribbon Home in Ayer for the aged women, and also a member of the Missionary society and of the Ladies Aid of the Congregational church. The sympathy of a host of friends goes to Arthur E. Day, the youngest son, who was not present on account of illness.

Steel Traps Law.

We read with much interest and entire agreement the article in last week's issue by Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, setting forth the story of the dangers and cruelties of the steel trap, closing with these words: "In these days of liberation for men, when will the civilization of Massachusetts enact a righteous law for the protection of innocent and wild animals as well from the devilish brutality of the steel trap."

Here is another case of more cruelty than any relative to the valuable dogs were caught in steel traps in Ayer in frigid zero weather a few years ago. They remained in those traps for over a week, freezing and starving to death, enduring the torturous pains from the traps besides. As the result of such extreme cruelty, "gentleman" Ayer, whose name we do not now recall, got the representative from that district to introduce a bill to the Massachusetts legislature in 1913 "regulating the setting of steel traps." The bill was passed and from memory we quote the provisions: "No person shall set a trap on land of another person without permission. No person shall set a trap without having the name of the owner plainly marked on it. Every person setting traps must visit them at least once in ten days." The bill was passed. We do not recall, we only know that in the bill as first reported they were so extremely drastic that the bill was re-committed with instruction to modify the penalties.

Like many other humane bills the difficulty is in its enforcement. It would not be surprising if most sportsmen were unaware of this law, as well as the humane societies who are looking after cruelty to animals for we have not heard of any arrests or convictions under this law.

SHIRLEY

News Items.
At the close of her address on the American International college at the Hotel Lenox, before the Worcester Daughters of Maine, by motion of the president, Mrs. Elmer H. Allen was unanimously elected to membership with dues paid for a year.

Margaret Daley reached the seventh anniversary of her birth on Monday, and in view of that fact her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daley, gave a party in her honor at their home on Chapel street, thirty-five of Margaret's young friends assembled at the home to celebrate the occasion. Games, music and the serving of refreshments were the features that were immensely enjoyed. Margaret was the recipient of many dainty gifts from her guests and the afternoon as a whole proved one of real pleasure for all concerned.

The Alliance will meet on April first with Mrs. Abbie Long as H. P. Prillyak will talk on Philippines.

Mrs. Walter Knowles is spending a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Johnson, in Boston.

Mrs. S. F. Goodheart, with daughter Esther, spent a few days this week with relatives in Walpole.

The Middlesex County Farm Bureau will hold a dairy barn meeting at the farm of Norman R. Graves, Shirley center, Thursday, April 1, at two o'clock. C. B. Tilton, the county agricultural agent, will be present and will discuss the dairying and field crops. Do not miss this opportunity to obtain the latest information and to have your own problems cleared up.

William Jubb, Mrs. Alice Cummings and Miss Hazel Cummings attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange in Townsend on Thursday.

The initiatory degree will be worked at the meeting of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., on next Thursday evening.

Hearing.
A hearing was held at the state house on Thursday morning before the department of public utilities on the petition of the Boston and Maine railroad to remove its flagmen and gates from Center, Main and Phoenix street crossings, and to substitute automatic electrical signals in their place. Atty. Alexander applied for the railroad as it also the superintendent of the Fletcherburg division. They stated that they had voluntarily put on flagmen at these crossings for twenty-four hour service on account of the extra traffic caused by Camp Devens. Now that that they could not afford the extra expense and desired to remove them all and replace them with the automatic signals.

The proposed signals consist of a large song which rings at the approach of a train, and an arrangement of lights which flash at the approach of a train. The lights are arranged on

an arm which extends from a post located at the side of the crossing and are sixteen or more feet above the road. These signals cost about \$2000 apiece to install.

Selectman and Town Counsel Robert H. J. Holden appeared for the town and objected to these signals on the grounds of safety to the public, and especially the school children, and also upon the grounds that the noise of the bells would be a nuisance. Mr. Holden described the nature of the crossings and showed that the proposed signal system would not be an adequate protection. He also suggested the advisability of doing away with the grade crossings at Center and Main streets, and the establishment of an under-pass or overhead bridge at a point between these two crossings, where the locality is especially adapted to such a plan. This plan met the approval of the commission, and the railroad may later look into the matter.

Edwin C. Conant appeared and spoke against the petition of the railroad, as did also David C. Lash of the President Suspender Company, who objected to the installation of gongs near the company's new boarding house. Senator Frank H. Putnam, of Lowell, and Representative Howard B. White, of Ayer, were also present in opposition to the railroad's petition.

At the close of the hearing the commissioners suggested that the present system of gates and flagmen be maintained, and that there be a flagman on duty for twenty-four hours at the Main street crossing. At Center and

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45 inch, piece price 69¢; remnants 55¢

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WESTFORD

Center. The wonderful display of northern lights on Monday evening attracted much attention. It was generally conceded the most spectacular manifestation of this sort ever seen.

William E. Wright has purchased a new Buick automobile. Miss Mary P. Bunce came home last week Friday from the Vincent Memorial hospital in Boston, where she has been a patient for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn move this week to Lynn, where Mr. Dunn is to work for a lumber company. The Parker family will occupy the house as soon as vacated.

Miss Lillian Sutherland has been spending this week of vacation with her friend, Mrs. Emma Collins, in Hyde Park, N. H.

The Harold W. Hildreths are enjoying new electric lighting at their home on Hildreth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wright are having steam heat installed at their home.

Edward Clement is reported quite sick with influenza. The Whitton family, living on Cold Spring road, had a telephone installed this week.

The infant son of the Conley family, living next to Wright & Fletcher's store, is sick with bronchitis.

Mrs. William L. Woods is spending a few weeks at her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ferguson, while Mr. Woods is absent on a combined business and pleasure trip, going as far as Los Angeles, Cal.

Miss Mary Morin, the ever busy nurse, was called to Providence on a case early in the week.

After many Sundays of bad weather and traveling, last Sunday was more nearly normal in point of attendance at the Congregational church, although the snowstorm of Saturday had its effect.

At the evening service J. W. Rafter gave an excellent paper on "Belief in Immortality." Reports were also given by those who had attended the Stephens meetings in Lowell.

Rev. O. L. Browsey will preach Sunday morning on "Welcome the king," and in the evening the subject will be "Interpreting the christian life," an address will be music appropriate to Palm Sunday.

The roads are clearing up as fast as can be expected considering the great bulk of snow that there has been. The improvement is a great satisfaction, particularly to those whose business necessitates every-day travel.

Fred Robinson is home from Amherst Agricultural college, where he has finished the winter course.

There will be a social for the young people this Saturday evening at the Congregational vestry with music, refreshments and a cobweb party among the special games.

Members of Company H, M. S. G., held a most enjoyable gathering at the town hall last Saturday afternoon, commencing at four o'clock and continuing through the evening.

Word has been received from the Misses Atwood that they expect to get home from Florida about the first of April.

Tadmuck Club. Presidents' day at the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational church. Rev. Alfred H. Hussey of Lowell was the speaker of the day, giving a most enjoyable lecture on "George Eliot." Mr. Hussey is a thorough student of literature and his delineation of this noted writer of the Victorian period was drawn with entertaining discrimination.

The singing of the Littleton ladies, with Mrs. Marlon Christie at the piano, was much enjoyed. Mrs. William L. Woods and Mrs. C. A. Blaney were also heard in solos. The solo sung by Mrs. Blaney was composed by the chairman of the music committee of the home club.

Notice was given by the president that at the next meeting the matter of joining the General Federation would be brought up and acted upon. Notice was also given that for the club luncheon members could bring guests by paying the usual guest fee of twenty-five cents in addition to the price of the luncheon. Notice was given of the coming sewing school conducted by Mrs. Ruth Stevens Reed, commencing April 9, and continuing through the remaining Fridays in the month.

"At the close of the program club tea and a social hour was enjoyed, with Mrs. A. W. Hartford as hostess, assisted by Mrs. White, Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Wheeler.

The next meeting, April 6, will be children's day, and will be in charge of Miss Edith A. Wright.

Grantville. Antonietta Laura Guella, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pietro Guella, died last Saturday after a brief illness. She was an unusually pretty and bright little girl and much sympathy is expressed to the bereaved parents, who have had much

sickness in the family of late. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery.

The members of Court Grantville, F. of A., held a well attended and interesting meeting in their room on Thursday evening of last week, with J. W. Shackleton, chief ranger, in the chair. This being the quarterly meeting night much business of importance was transacted. During the session the following delegates were elected for the grand court convention in May: Joseph Wall and J. W. Shackleton; alternates, John Spinner and Henry F. Charlton.

Two representatives from the executive office in Lowell were here last Sunday to interest people in the Irish bond drive. A meeting will be held here shortly when a committee will be formed and speakers will be present to fully explain the issues of the campaign.

Death. Mrs. Annie Frances Gilson, wife of Sidney L. Gilson, died at her home on Monday afternoon after a brief illness, aged 67 years, 2 days.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Alfred Provoost and a sister, Mrs. Sarah Jane Hapgood.

Mrs. Gilson had resided in Grantville practically all of her life, having come here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ingalls, when but five years of age.

She was a woman who was greatly devoted to her home life, although she always found time to assist a friend in need, and was ever ready and willing to assist in any charitable work, be it for the church with which she was connected, or the community at large.

Although of a quiet disposition she was always pleasant and cheerful, and in that happy home circle where she was the guiding hand, surrounded by the tender care of a loving husband and the devoted love of daughter and son, she will be sadly missed. The deepest sympathy is expressed to the bereaved family.

The funeral took place from her late home on Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended, many being present from out of town. The services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Anderson, pastor of the Methodist church. The singing was by Mrs. F. L. Roberts, of Lowell, who sang very feelingly "Sometimes we'll understand," "The homeland" and "In the garden." There was a profusion of floral offerings. The bearers were George Q. Williams, Augustus and Edward Gilson.

Burial was in the Fairview cemetery, Westford, where the committal service was read by Rev. W. E. Anderson.

Forge Village. A daughter, Mildred Louise, was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitton, of Westford. Mrs. Whitton was formerly Miss Eva Mountain, of this village.

Roland Pendlebury, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pendlebury, celebrated his fourth anniversary on last Saturday, when twelve of his playmates gathered to make it a joyous occasion. Music and games were in order for the afternoon, after which a birthday supper was served.

A daughter, recently born to Mr. and Mrs. John Gray, of Westford, was formerly Miss Eva Mountain, of this village.

Miss Dorothy Mountain, who was taken to the Lowell General hospital on last Saturday to be operated on for appendicitis, is reported to be resting comfortably.

Loyal Mattawanoke lodge, I. O. L. M. U., held a well attended meeting in Abbot hall on Monday evening at which a great deal of important business was transacted. The lodge is planning a dance party to be held soon after Easter.

The Abbot Worsted Company, under whose management the motion picture received a second machine to be used in connection with the first. When two machines are in use there is no delay between the reels.

Mrs. Katherine O'Hara received word last week of the death of her husband, Patrick O'Hara, who was in Ottawa, Canada, at the time of his death. The body was brought here for burial. The funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon at the home of his son, James O'Hara, Rev. Fr. Dupont officiating. Mr. O'Hara was a veteran of the Boer war and was with the Canadian troops in the late war. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Katherine O'Hara, of this village; a grandson, James O'Hara, and two grandchildren.

A Lenten service was held on Wednesday evening at St. Andrew's. There will be a Lenten service on Sunday at the mission house, the first at 8.30 in the morning, at which holy communion will be celebrated, and a children's service at seven o'clock in the evening.

The members of Westford post, A. L., are at work on a play to be given in the near future.

SHIRLEY

News Items. At the meeting of the board of selectmen on last week Friday evening the following appointments were made: Fred E. Abbey, special police; James F. Sawin, regular officer; Charles J. Lester, G. H. Holden, inspector of animals; Guy R. Cook, Chas. J. Stobbins, Joseph Murphy, fire engineers.

Henry Wolf, who has been spending a few days with his wife and baby daughter at the home of Mrs. Mary O. Barnard, returned on Wednesday to his studies at the Massachusetts Agricultural college.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Willard Knowles, of Leominster, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.

Mrs. Katherine Fernald, who has been very ill for the past two weeks, is much better, and after a month's rest plans to start for the home of her son, Dr. Carol Wagner, of Los Angeles, Cal.

The Samson Cordage Works has posted a notice in their plant that night work will be discontinued after April first.

Mary Badstuber is spending a ten-days' vacation with friends in Washington, D. C.

Miss Dorothy Newton, of Peppercell, spent the week-end at the home of Miss Dolly Knowles.

Miss Beaula Dadman is confined to her bed with sciatic rheumatism. W. Dadman is at home with the gripe.

Chester Hooper, senior at Wentworth Institute, Boston, is enjoying a week's vacation.

The woman's bible class of the Congregational church met last Tuesday evening with Mrs. Herbert McCoy.

Mrs. Edwin Gray, of Leominster, is visiting at the home of Postmaster and Mrs. Harkins.

Mrs. G. M. Ballou, who has been quite ill for some time, remains about the same.

Frank W. Snell and J. Edwin Pomfret have been drafted to serve on the jury at the superior court in Lowell. The Congregational church will hold special holy week services on last, next week, Saturday excepted. Interesting and profitable subjects have been prepared by the pastor, Rev. S. F. Goodheart, and all are invited to attend. The following is the program of services: Sunday morning, "A royal welcome"; evening, "The irresistible force"; Monday evening, "Discusses and their cure"; Tuesday evening, "False Christs"; Wednesday evening, "A visit with your soul"; Thursday evening, "The divinest quality in man"; Friday evening, "Love which passeth knowledge"; Saturday morning, "The brotherhood of the burning heart"; evening, "The unknown future."

On Sunday afternoon the men of the Congregational church will make a canvass for financial pledges to meet the yearly expenses of the church. During the past year all the surplus money in the church treasury has been used in making necessary repairs to its property. This, coupled with the high cost of material, labor and the usual incidentals, has made the current expenses of the church higher this year than ever before.

Consequently it is absolutely essential that the society have a certain amount of the basis of its resources before commencing its fiscal year. A live church must have money to work with and meet its obligations promptly if it is going to grasp its opportunities and fully cope with the conditions of present day issues.

The Legion of Honor rooms are open at three o'clock on Monday, and service men in town are invited to pay them a visit.

The Legion of Honor is planning to form a ladies' auxiliary here.

Hadron's orchestra of Fitchburg will play for the dance this Saturday evening. There will be no dance on Saturday evening, April 3.

Center. Miss Mae Bradford of Wheaton college arrived during the stormy parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford, this week for a ten days' vacation.

Miss Eleanor Longley of Bryant & Stratton's business college spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Abbie Longley.

A special meeting of Shirley Grange was held on Monday evening at which the name of a new candidate was proposed. A rehearsal of the second degree was held. On next Monday evening another rehearsal of the first and second degrees will be held in preparation for the meeting of April 5, when these degrees will be worked.

Arthur R. Holden, who has been staying at the Camp Devens quarters during the stormy weather, has returned home to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Bradford, who have been living in Ayer for several weeks on account of poor traveling conditions, have returned to their home.

Center road was scraped Tuesday by A. A. Adams with the road scraper, reducing the snow drifts sufficiently to make the road passable for automobiles. It is decided to refer to the Center to once more have this road open to traffic.

Death. Stillman P. Holden, a native of Shirley, came to the close of his long and useful life on March 17, at his home in Montclair, N. H. He was born in this town in 1846 and was the son of Jonas and Eliza Holden. In 1874 he married Maria Chandler, daughter of Henry P. Chandler of Lawrence. Fifty-six years of his life were spent in Shirley, where he held the office of selectman for seven years and was honored with other responsible positions.

In 1896 he removed with his family to Waltham and for ten years followed the trade of cabinet making, which he learned as a boy in Leominster.

Mr. Holden retired from active service in 1912 and since that time has lived in York, Me., and Montclair, N. J.

The deceased is survived by his widow, now a resident of Montclair, N. J.; a son, Leon C., and a daughter, Cora L. Thomas, both of Montclair, and three grandchildren.

HARVARD

News Items. All members of the Woman's club interested are invited to an all-day conference to be held by the public health department at the Fitchburg Woman's club on Wednesday, March 31. The speakers are to be Eustace L. Fiske, chairman of the Fitchburg board of health, Mrs. Mollie Cross Ewing, Dr. Lily Owen Burbank and Dr. Joel E. Goldthwaite. There will be a box luncheon.

A quiet wedding was observed at the parsonage of the Federated church in Ayer on Monday, when Rev. John R. Chaffee united in marriage Miss Elsie Lena Binkley, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Hasckell, and Raymond E. Carruth, both of this town. The couple left following the ceremony for Buffalo, N. Y., where they will enjoy a short wedding trip. On their return they will make their home in Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Carruth have the best wishes of their many friends here in town.

Mrs. Harold Bigelow is quite ill at her home on the little common. She is, however, reported as on the gain.

Mr. and Mrs. Converse Place close their engagement as farm managers at Questend farm March 31. Mr. and Mrs. Place will be missed in their circle of friends they have made in their stay among us the past year.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Alliance will be held in the Unitarian church vestry on April first at three o'clock. A good attendance is asked for.

Church Notes. Sunday will be observed at the churches with exercises appropriate to Palm Sunday.

Rev. H. C. Merrill will preach at the Unitarian church; music in charge of Herbert A. Thayer. At the Congregational church Rev. F. C. Kattner will preach. This will be his last service with his Harvard friends for the present, as on April first he takes up his new work in Ohio, where he will have supervision over five churches as a Sunday school worker in the inter-church world movement. He is with Mr. Hanna this week-end attending to the forwarding of his house furnishings, which have been in storage here. Mr. Kattner has many

friends here who are proud of his success in his new field of work.

The annual parish supper and business meeting of the Congregational church was held on last week Friday evening. The supper, served at seven o'clock, was the best ever, consisting of cold ham, cold corned beef, hot rolls, coffee and pastries. Reuben A. Reed was chairman of this committee and was ably assisted by an all young people's committee who showed their ability in a very efficient way.

The business meeting was called to order at eight o'clock by L. W. Dyar, clerk, and the following officers were elected: H. A. Thayer, moderator; L. W. Dyar, clerk; F. A. Pollard, treasurer; F. O. Ryan, F. O'Brien, A. T. West, presidential committee; S. F. Lawrence, A. T. West, music committee; Clarence Davis, Raymond Kinsman, ushers.

The finances of the church were reported in splendid condition. The raising of the church budget for 1920-21 was left to the care of the Men's club which means that the Men's club will make calls in the near future on every parish member.

LUNENBURG

News Items. The Missionary society of the Methodist church held a social and mite box opening on Tuesday evening, which, although the bad roads proved a great success, financially and socially. There was a good attendance and the proceeds from the extra good supper, the sale table and the mite boxes netted a very satisfactory sum for the treasury. May there be many more such successes.

A fine little daughter, who will bear the name of Charlotte, made glad the hearts and home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Gilchrist upon her arrival there on last week Friday morning. She seemed well pleased with the appearance and surroundings of her new home, and admitted her intention of remaining with them indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lewis are safe at home again after spending a very pleasant winter in Florida.

Unbound. "Rejoice with them that do rejoice," for Lunenburg is again on the map and can once more connect with the outside world. After more than forty days of the worst "shut-outs" since the war, the trucks are running on schedule time.

Last Sunday morning, at nine o'clock, from 90 to 100 men and boys, well equipped with picks and shovels, gathered in the common and along the Fitchburg and Leominster streets and worked their way through the snow drifts until the entire line from the Center through Whalom Grove was clear of ice and snow, which had so effectively bound it up since the early morning of February 5.

The first car came into town at 3:28 Sunday afternoon and all were glad to see it once more. Since then they have been running very regularly. On Monday morning the first car took very nearly its regular quota of six o'clock passengers. To those who have been going to their work in the city with "filers," jitneys, pangs, sleds and every old way, it is a most welcome change, and all began to feel as though they were "living again."

On Monday morning Myron E. Harvey, who had also been one of the workers on Sunday, gathered eight or ten of his neighbors and together they worked their way to the track to the end of the line, and at four in the afternoon the work was finished, so that the car went through, completing the trip for the first time since the afternoon of February 4.

All are very glad to see and hear the old cars, and hope there will be no more "hold-ups" or "tie-ups" of that kind.

The ladies along the line made a bountiful supply of hot coffee, sandwiches, cocoa, doughnuts, etc., which were served by the treaters of the village, and distributed by pupils and others under the direction and leadership of Principal J. A. Harwood and C. A. Woodward, about noon, to the men on the line, thus stopping the work only a few moments, and yet giving the men a good, substantial, warm lunch, for which they were grateful.

PEPPERELL

News Items. Miss Helen Farris, of Bangor, Me., has been the guest of Mrs. C. B. Blake, Franklin street, during the past week.

Mrs. John Barrett, of Roxbury, visited her niece, the Misses Sullivan, at the home of M. H. Sullivan, Groton street, the latter part of last week.

The many friends of Mrs. Mabel (Tucker) Badger, a former resident of Brookline, N. H., and a frequent visitor here as a relative of the late Mrs. Henry Blake, learned with sorrow of her affliction to the death of her husband, George Badger, at his home in Quincy, recently, of pneumonia.

Roger S. Robbins spent the latter part of last week at his home in town, returning to Boston on Monday, where he is at present connected with a bonding company.

Mrs. Lucy D. Cushing is expected here this week from Wellesley college, where she is at present matron at Wilder hall. Miss Harriet Dow, from New York, is somewhat expected for Easter, and Miss Ruth Cushing may plan to spend the Easter vacation here from Wellesley college.

Wisner Park, who came here from Concord a short time ago to accept a position in the mills, is contemplating taking a house here and settling here with his family.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Roger S. Robbins and Miss Lydia Wait, both of this town. Mr. Robbins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robbins, Elliott street, and the rank of lieutenant during the war. Miss Wait has held positions in Worcester and at present in Boston. Miss Wait has made many friends during her residence in town of over ten years with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wait. She is past noble grand of Acoma Rebekah lodge and active in the affairs of the same.

Following the sale at her home on Head street, Saturday, of such goods as she will not need, also the mason, farming and carpenter tools of her late husband, Mr. Letender is planning to go to Leominster to rest for a

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few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Nye, and family, before settling through you such a friendly note the acknowledgement and appreciation of any little thing that I may have done in the past for members of your post—the Frank West post, No. 213, of Peppercell men in service.

Although no conscientious person works for laurels still, I am particularly welcomed a word of appreciation as a reward to his efforts, and this certainly comes forcibly to me in your letter. As it was not my lot to go overseas and do active service, when the opportunity came I considered it my duty to do so in any way within my limited way for my many friends who were called to the colors, and I did this according to my time and ability.

During my work for the Peppercell boys in the service I have received over a hundred letters from the men who went from here to do their bit across. There is hardly a Peppercell boy who did anything of account in the war who has not sent me some message while away from the U. S. A. Conspicuous among these are several letters from your "buddie," Frank who your post is named. Only a brief period before he made the supreme sacrifice he sent me a most friendly letter which I shall always keep in fond remembrance of him. I was glad to know the post bears his name. Although others gave as well as I, I am sure of their own. Frank was the only one who made the final sacrifice on the battlefield at the Argonne, and he has indeed earned through this what honors there may be for him.

It was a great disappointment to me not to welcome him home with you fellows, but my personal remembrances of him are of the best. He was a friend to those he reported to be, and a friend to the finish. I am positive he left this world with a clear conscience that he never did his fellowmen an injustice. I trust that the spirit of unswerving friendship will be instilled through the working of the local Legion post, and may serve to make it a society of true brotherhood and strong fraternity, which will reach out to the community. While his soul has gone from our midst I feel sure that those who were his friends will never forget his staunch loyalty and regard of his friends.

I do not take too much credit to myself for the work done for the fellows in service. Great credit should be given to the Special Aid society for their untiring efforts in looking after the needs of our men while at Devens and in outfitting you for service across. As this society seemed to be so zealously interested in looking after the wants of our local men, and their comforts I feel inclined to work with them, as I knew most of the men called in the colors and naturally felt a keen interest in whatever capacity I was placed in calling on the public for support I was never refused; neither was the Special Aid society.

I was most substantially supported in my work by the local clergy, all of whom gave their time and talent freely when called upon. I want to call particular attention to the loyalty

of Rev. William Barry, who gave freely of his time, money and helpfulness at the time the first delegation of boys were given his "God-speed" until the present time. His work for the boys was untiring and his prayers for their safe return were endless. He was a friend to every service man, regardless of creed or nationality. Naturally, in work of this kind, one has to come in contact with petty jealousies, unjust criticism, from the envious type of people, but as they were very much in the minority all one had to do was to close their ears and push the work along, being assured from results that the majority were supporting our efforts.

I can sincerely say that out of the 150 or more who went from Peppercell there was no partiality shown. Every man was served alike as far as I was personally concerned, and property was overlooked or passed by, unless in one or two cases the individuals themselves were directly responsible in volunteering the information that he did not care to receive any assistance at my hands. Personally I feel quite gratified that the percentage of this type was so small.

It will be a pleasure in years to come to read over my many letters of friendly nature and think of the several social gatherings and functions in which so many of the citizens assisted me in making for you fellows' welfare.

I thank you for your kindly greetings of the season to myself and the men convalescing at my home, and I assure you they were much appreciated by us all. We reciprocate, wishing you all health and prosperity. For these successive weeks, I have been able to do something substantial for the Frank West post, and trusting that everything will work out to its enlargement, greater possibilities and advantages to the community in which it exists, I remain, Very truly yours,

Chester B. Hamilton.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction for Edward H. Blise, Park street, Peppercell, seven registered Holstein heifers, 84 pullets, farming tools and household furniture. Sale to take place at Peppercell on Saturday morning, April 9, at ten o'clock.

Japanese sweaters are the latest additions to little children's outfits.

New Advertisement NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the estate of JOHN MCCARTHY, late of Middlesex, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby directed to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to HORATIO N. TOWER, Executor.

3127 East Peppercell, Mass., March 1, 1920.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. In and for the County of Middlesex, I, the undersigned, clerk of said court, do hereby certify that JOHN MCCARTHY, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said court by the executor of said deceased to MARY MCCARTHY of Shirley in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held in Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the sixth day of April, A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, first Judge of said court, this twelfth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

The circulation of our ten papers is ten times larger than that of any other paper circulating in the town.

LITTLETON

News Items. At the annual meeting of the Teachers' club, held in Carter hall, Chelsea, last week Wednesday, the feature of the afternoon was Miss Maud Mitchell's address on "Professional ethics" which on account of public interest in the Chelsea schools and teachers, was printed in full in the Chelsea Evening Record. Frank B. Phelps, of Bellows Falls, was last week the guest of his niece, Mrs. A. P. Gardner. H. S. Brown, of King street, has installed a telephone—7-7. The spectacular beauty of the Aurora borealis was seen with wonder and admiration on Monday evening by many of the Littleton people, who say that the heavens on that evening were magnificent beyond description. Mr. Webster, of the J. P. Thacher clerking force, has accepted a position with the C. A. Cross Company, Fitchburg, operating one of their trucks. James Tobin began working for J. P. Thacher on Monday. Robert and George A. Sanderson, Jr., are at home from Groton School for the spring vacation. Miss Lucy Adams, of the Waltham teaching staff, spent Saturday and Sunday with the N. H. Whitcomb. Ralph Hill, of Portsmouth, N. H., joined the family circle on the weekend. Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson, of Winthrop, was a recent guest at Charles L. Smith's. The name of Roger William has been given to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Prouty's young son. The settlement room was the scene of bustling millinery business on last week Friday and this week Wednesday. There was a large class of women who asked questions and received much information on the subject. Everybody present was thoroughly interested and very enthusiastic. Each member trimmed a hat and carried it home with the keenest joy and perfect satisfaction. Mrs. Clyde Crane has been the guest of the William Crane family in Athol this last week. Charles V. Flagg has bought the E. F. Jeffrey place in Nashobah district. Hon. C. A. Kimball attended the funeral of the late A. A. Filibrown in Ayer on Saturday. Steadman Stewart is one of the latest patients reported battling with the "flu" and at last reports he was nearing a conquest. One of the chimneys in J. H. Kimball's house was discovered on fire last week Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball were both away, but John H. Kimball, Jr., lost no time in making conditions for containing them. He was generous response to the call for help. The fire was brought under subjection by the free use of chemical extinguishers. There was no damage that resulted to the house or any of the buildings in the vicinity. The efforts of all who so kindly came to the rescue were gratefully appreciated by Mr. Kimball and his family. Dr. Edward A. Adams and family moved Monday into the upper tenement in the Emery house at the Common. Dr. Adams' office will continue to be in the parsonage on the Great road. He has installed telephones at his office and residence. Mrs. Mary A. Millard passed away suddenly at the home of her daughter in Lowell, Mrs. Robert E. Roberts, Saturday morning, March 20, aged seventy-one years. Mrs. Millard was a woman of excellent qualities, active especially in the work of the churches of which she was a member in Cambridge and Malden, and since 1900 in Littleton, where a large circle of friends will hold her in kindly remembrance. Services were held at the home in Lowell on Monday afternoon, attended by near relatives, Rev. H. L. Caulkins of this city officiating. Mrs. Millard is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Roberts, of Lowell, and Mrs. Mabel (Parker) Henry, of East Brewster; also, by a brother, Charles Christopher, and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Hussey and Mrs. J. P. Stone, all of Beverly. All the services will be held as usual on Sunday in the Baptist church. The theme of the morning service will be "The true christian objectives." The C. E. topic at 6.30 will be "Our country's need of Christ." The young people are preparing an Easter concert to be given on Sunday afternoon, April 4, at 4.30, under the direction of Miss Evelyn Kimball and Mrs. L. E. Hager. The attendance and receipts at the lyceum's motion picture entertainment on Tuesday evening shows a gratifying increase. With improvement in weather conditions and in the quality of the pictures the prospect of a prosperous spring season seems assured. The feature for next Tuesday will be "Temptation," Geraldine Farrar. On Sunday there will be a special Palm Sunday service and communion at the Congregational church. The Woman's club and others interested are reminded of the art collection of the State Federation of Women's club to be held at the art museum in Boston on Wednesday morning, March 31, at 10.30 o'clock. A stimulating art program has been arranged by the state art committee, and those who can attend will feel repaid for their efforts. Some of the leading speakers are Philip L. Hale, Mrs. Anna Coleman Ladd and Prof. Arthur Fairbanks, director of the art museum. Miss Elizabeth Robinson, of New York, is spending two weeks at home. Miss Lillian Robinson is at home from Medford over the week-end. Miss Jessie Smith, bookkeeper at J. P. Thacher's store, is taking a vacation. The next meeting of the Woman's Alliance will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred A. Hosmer, Friday afternoon, April 2. The committee were unable to carry out the program planned for that date, and Rev. Carl G. Horst has kindly consented to address the meeting. It is hoped that all ladies connected with the church will try to be present. Union Service. All the people in attendance at the union church service last Sunday—and there was a large congregation—had a genuine trust that ought to put a man or a woman on a higher plane of thinking and living for a long time. Besides the reading of the scriptures, the prayer of the benediction there were three impressive addresses by Revs. H. L. Caulkins, C. G. Horst, and Gail Cleland. Mr. Caulkins spoke of "The soldier's relation to the inter-church movement"; Mr. Horst on "The interests of the church," and Mr. Cleland on "Some of the impor-

tant things the soldier learned in his war-time experience." Another strong feature of the service was the reading of the "Soldier's Prayer," by Mrs. L. A. Hager, and an anthem, "Onward christian soldiers," by a double quartet, were beautifully rendered and skillfully accompanied by the Congregational church organist. A collection of \$17.35 was taken for the people of the Near East, but as it was not generally understood that this collection was to be taken there will be an opportunity for further contributions by those who wish to help in the worthy cause. L. W. C. The Woman's club accepted the hospitality of Mrs. S. E. Abbott, Monday afternoon, when an unusually good program was given. Mrs. Hartwell, president, turned the literary section of the meeting over to Miss Alice Howard, who announced the reading of the "Bright little play," "Workhouse ward," by Lady Gregory and admirably read by Mrs. Hattie Robinson, Mrs. Lillian Priest and Miss Marion Flagg. Mrs. Abbott gave a Victrola selection, "On the wings of song." Mrs. Winnifred King Rugg, of Arlington, was then present, but as it received a cordial welcome from her many friends in the club. She spoke very enthusiastically of the benefit that clubs derive from the literature department in the State Federation of Women's clubs. Then from her extensive knowledge and profound love of her subject she gave a most interesting and illuminating address on current literature which won the hearty applause of her earnest and eager audience. She covered a large range of subjects and quoted freely from the best classes of literature. The business period followed, when Miss Ruth Willard was voted into membership and a candidate was proposed. The resignation of Mrs. Ethel Prouty as treasurer was accepted and Mrs. A. M. Parker was elected to fill out the unexpired term of office. The club voted to send ten dollars to the aid of the Near East destitute people. An invitation from the Tadnuck club was announced for next Tuesday afternoon, when on president and Mrs. A. M. Parker was elected to fill out the unexpired term of office. The club voted to send ten dollars to the aid of the Near East destitute people. The next meeting will be held in the Unitarian vestry on April 5, when Mrs. Harriet Upham Goode, of Sharon, will give her lecture, "Personal experiences in Birdland." A Political Puzzle. The managers of the two great political parties have several very pretty problems confronting them that will require some heavy thinking before the conventions meeting and the building of political platforms is not, this year, going to be the simple piece of carpentry it sometimes is. How to control the female vote is one question that is going to be a hard nut for the professional politician to crack. The methods of the old-time ward heeler in dealing with male voters are familiar, but it is not entirely certain that those methods will appeal to the female mind so effectively. So whether all the women have the right to vote in November or only a part of them, it is going to be a situation important enough to require some thinking on the part of our political patriots. Another pretty little problem that requires prayerful attention is the dry amendment. Shall a plank be inserted advocating the repeal of the amendment, or simply call for the repeal of the Volstead enforcement act and the passage of a more-liberal measure permitting the free sale of beer and light wine so effectively. So whether the women have the right to vote in November or only a part of them, it is going to be a situation important enough to require some thinking on the part of our political patriots. Still another nice political mess is the result of the final action of the senate on the Beer and League amendment. If the senate set out to make such a muddle of the matter that nobody could understand it they surely made a howling success of it. The job of the platform carpenters in straightening out matters and getting things in the bag and in the ordinary man's eye what he is voting for will be no sinure. However, as clearness is not always the aim of the platform workers they doubtless will muddle through somehow and we will have two party platforms that will read something or nothing, depending on one's point of view and the time of consideration—whether before or after the election. One of the most baffling puzzles of the bunch is furnished in the person of Herbert C. Hoover. Editorial writers all balled up about this gentleman thus early in the season. There seems to be an unmistakable yearning in some quarters for a chance to vote for Mr. Hoover, but alas the sad fact at once crops out that he is neither a hide-bound democrat or the moss-back reactionist in which case it would be very irregular for either party to nominate him. While he says he is not anxious for the job and will not campaign for the nomination he does not say he will not run if there is a spontaneous demand that he should do so. There is no such spontaneous demand from the politicians of either party, for they all are afraid of him—he is so irregular. This in itself is a fairly good point in his favor. Though Mr. Hoover will not subscribe to any platform until he knows what it is, seems to be rather frank, not to say blunt, in giving his opinion on the live issues of the day. We have had lawyers, military men and professors in the White House and it might not be amiss for once to try an engineer. If there was any way by which the people could really name a candidate for the presidency, we rather think Mr. Hoover would stand a good show. As things are time only will tell. The campaign is sure to be interesting anyway. V. T. E. Very new is the decollette whose points are at the sides, under each arm.

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MCGOWAN to North Middlesex Savings Bank, dated August 5th, 1914, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 3116, page 268, for breach of the condition therein contained, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described on Tuesday, the Twentieth day of April, 1920, at one o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage deed, namely: A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in the Western part of Groton, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the road leading from West Groton to Townsend; thence SOUTH 82 degrees East by land now or formerly of Freeman Hopkins. One Hundred Ninety-two and One-half (192 1/2) feet to a stone post; thence SOUTH 70 degrees fifty five minutes West by land now or formerly of George H. Bixby One Hundred Seventy-three (173) feet to a stone post at a proposed street; thence WESTERLY by said proposed street One Hundred Eighty (180) feet to the Townsend road; thence NORTHERLY by said road One Hundred sixty-three (163) feet to the point first mentioned. Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and municipal assessments, if any there are. Terms made known at the time and place of sale. 3130. NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee. By Ralph L. Hastings, Treasurer. MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by ANNIE I. MCGOWAN to North Middlesex Savings Bank, dated August 5th, 1914, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 3116, page 271, for breach of the condition therein contained, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described on Tuesday, the Twentieth day of April, 1920, at ten minutes after one o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises hereinafter described in said mortgage deed, namely: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in the Western part of Groton, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the Easterly side of the road leading from West Groton to Townsend, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone post at the Southwest corner of said granted premises and at Townsend road; thence running Easterly by land now or formerly of Michael McGowan One Hundred Forty-three (143) feet to a stone post at land now or formerly of Freeman Hopkins; thence NORTHERLY by said Hopkins land Eighty-five (85) feet to a stone post; thence WESTERLY by said Hopkins land Two Hundred (200) feet to a stone post at said Townsend road; thence SOUTHERLY by said road One Hundred Ten (110) feet to the point of beginning. Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and municipal assessments if any there are. Terms made known at time and place of sale. 3130. NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee. By Ralph L. Hastings, Treasurer. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of LARRY A. FITZGERALD, late of Ayer in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by the undersigned, and it is shown that said letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twelfth day of April, 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 hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on the last day before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, George W. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, on the twenty-second day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty. C. E. ESTY, Registrar.

SACRIFICES OF "Y" MEN INSPIRATION American Army Officers Saw Them Under Fire. "Their Deeds Will Never Be Forgotten," Says Maj. L. D. Turner, 90th Div., U. S. R. Paris—"During the many months which my division has been on overseas service, much of this time has been spent in the trenches in the front line, and we have had an excellent opportunity to know and appreciate the value of the work that Y. M. C. A. is doing, said Maj. L. D. Turner, Infantry, 90th Division, U. S. R., in a recent statement made here. "I have personally witnessed the Y. M. C. A. delivering cigarettes, chocolates and newspapers to our men while in the front lines under almost continuous artillery and machine gun fire. "The highest compliment you can pay a soldier is to say that he did his duty. Can I say more when I say that the Y. M. C. A. workers have not only done their duty, but have gone often times far beyond that and made personal sacrifices which have been an inspiration to all who saw them. "The Y. M. C. A. workers have taught the soldiers of the United States army many lessons in self-sacrifice and have left a memory of deeds well done which will never be forgotten by those who saw them. Capt. Dudley T. Dawson, 357th Field Hospital, A. E. F., supplements Maj. Turner's statement with this opinion of the "Y." "While the general tendency to criticize the Y. M. C. A. service with the army exists, let me pay my respects to the loyalty and devotion which was characteristic of the vast majority of their workers, in the attempt to do one of the hardest jobs of the entire war program. They had received no preliminary training for this work and it is only fair and reasonable to assume that a perfectly working system was absolutely impossible under the circumstances." Capt. Dawson calls attention to the problem of securing, transporting and delivering canteen supplies for an army of 1,500,000 men, especially when troops were being rushed from one point to another under secret orders and Y. M. C. A. department heads were not informed by military authorities where to send their supplies. That the Y. M. C. A., in the amount of stationery alone that it distributed to the soldier, deserves great credit, is the statement made by the officer. "If the average critics will only take the time to compute the enormous amount of work done by the Y. M. C. A. for the good of the American soldier and his family, he will be greatly surprised by the volume of things actually accomplished," states Dawson. "During three weeks in which I was located at Baccarat I had the pleasure of meeting the majority of the Y. M. C. A. men who were with our Division, and as a whole I found them to be patriotic and sincere in their efforts to accommodate and serve the American officers and soldiers. One of my duties was to go to the forward areas for the purpose of familiarizing myself with the roads and terrain, and in all these trips I made it a custom to look up the Y. M. C. A. but in every little village where our troops were quartered, meet the secretary and investigate the character and size of the stock in his canteen, and his general capacity to meet the needs of the soldiers. The last two weeks of our occupancy of this sector I was stationed at Merrillville, a little village some four kilometers toward the front line from Baccarat, and my company had charge of the ambulance service of the whole sector. This gave me a splendid opportunity to observe the work of the Y. M. C. A. in this sector and I would say that on the whole it was highly satisfactory. "After a total stay of five weeks in this sector the Division was taken by convoy into the Argonne-Meuse sector. Realizing with what difficulty we as an army made this move, I can easily see that it was quite a difficult task for our Y. M. C. A. unit to follow us, for there was always such a shortage of transportation in our Division that we could scarcely move ourselves and maintain our supply department, so we were usually unable to offer assistance to the Y. M. C. A. in the transportation of their canteen supplies. "Yet, I recall quite vividly my complete surprise to find on the next day after our arrival in the Bois de Hesse that the Y. M. C. A. had opened a large stock room and canteen only two kilometers to our rear in the village of Roccourt. I immediately went to the canteen and purchased a goodly supply of cigars, cigarettes, cakes and chocolate for the members of my command. Common Sense. Common sense is science exactly so far as it fulfills the ideals of common sense; that is, sees facts as they are, or, at any rate, without the distortion of prejudice, and reasons from them in accordance with the dictates of sound judgment.—Huxley. Almost Forgotten. The bride and bridesmaid were just about to say "I will" when the bride's mother dashed madly from the room, and returned, running up the aisle to the bride, and pushed the bridal bouquet into the bride's hands. In the excitement of the occasion the flowers had been forgotten. Littleless Cast Aids. A man in pursuit of greatness feels no little wants.—Emerson. An Original Camouflage. The spider crab docks itself with seaweed in the hope of escaping the notice of its enemies.

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Saturday, March 27, 1920

GROTON

News Items.

Rev. Charles B. Ames was host on Monday at the parsonage on Powder House road to the ministers of the North Middlesex Ministerial association for their monthly meeting.

Edward H. James, Harvard '97, a nephew of the late Prof. William James of Harvard college, spoke on "Religion and the army." Mr. James, who is an author and traveler, was for three years a political prisoner in Berlin and is now an enlisted man in Company A, 36th Infantry, at Camp Devens.

The Alliance will give a party for the children of the Unitarian Sunday school on Tuesday, March 30. All the children of the Sunday school are invited to be present at 2:30 in the vestry.

Middlesex Rebekah lodge will hold a public supper and entertainment in Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday evening, March 31. The supper will be at 6:30, followed by an entertainment consisting of a farce entitled "Hiram Jones' bet" and a short sketch called "The holy bonds of padlock," given by twelve members. There will also be musical selections and a monologue.

Mrs. Odber Folkins and Mrs. W. A. Brown attended the meeting of the Alpha East Noble Grands association at Leominster on Tuesday afternoon.

Roy Blood and his mother expect to move into the tenement in Daniel Whalen's house on Hollis street, now occupied by the Whalens, as soon as they go to the town farm on Mr. Whalen becoming the superintendent there.

The Grange will present the four-act drama, "The noble outcast," in the town hall on Monday evening, April 5, with the same cast as the new play in Ayer recently. It is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Fairchild, of Ayer, who will take part in the drama.

Daniel Downey died last Sunday night at the age of ninety-three years of age, his last birthday being on March 9. He was born on the island of Nantucket. He had suffered from stomach trouble and had been ailing for about six months, being quite ill last Christmas. He lived at one time on the Sunny Shade farm on Chicopee row. His wife died some years ago, and his only surviving near relative is a sister who lives in Cambridge. Funeral mass was solemnized for him at the Sacred Heart church on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, Rev. W. J. Riordan officiating.

Following the business meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening there was a minstrel show given by members of Ayer Grange. This entertainment was followed by refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee. There were twenty-six members of Ayer Grange present.

Now that the sale of the farm and stock of the late Herbert Parmenter in Wayland has been completed, George T. Stevens has been in Wayland arranging for the removal of the household goods belonging to his sister-in-law, Miss Parmenter, to the house on Court street formerly owned by the late Miss Carrie Wood and purchased some time ago by Miss Parmenter. The goods arrived in town on Wednesday.

Frank Curtis moved on Wednesday from West Groton to the house on the Fred Sherwin place formerly occupied by his son, Daniel Sherwin, on Common street.

Quite a number of persons heard a flock of wild geese flying north on Tuesday night, and on Wednesday the spring birds—robins, bluebirds, song sparrows and crackles—were much in evidence to those who had ears to hear.

Hon. Peter MacQueen gave a most entertaining and instructive lecture in the town hall, Wednesday evening, on "Peace and reconstruction in Europe." There was a good attendance. The illustrations showed many beautiful views, together with others, which indicated the ruins and destruction of life in the great war. In the same way the lecturer mingled flashes of wit and pathos in his descriptions. The first picture thrown upon the screen was a portrait of Luther Blood, the donor of the fund first given for a free lecture course in this town. The chairman of the trustees, F. L. Blood, stated before the lecture that since these courses were begun, February 18, 1896, with a fund of \$4000, \$5000 had been expended on the lectures and entertainments of these courses from the income of the fund and the Bigelow fund combined. This was the last lecture of this season's course.

Mrs. Mary B. Blood, son of Arthur P. Blood, Lowell road, who left in July, 1919, to enlist in the marine corps, has just received his warrant as sergeant at Parris Island, S. C., where he is a drill instructor. He has also a diploma from the Newell station and qualified as operator and instructor of their guns.

On Sunday morning, March 28, at the Baptist church the pastor will take as his subject, "The great commandment and the summary of all the commandments."

Mrs. Mary B. Flanders is caring for her daughter, Mrs. Albert P. Warren, who is ill with the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Barteaux will move to the Hunkins place in West Groton on the Newell station on the first of next month. Mrs. Lizzie Davis, who is now in feeble health and confined to her bed, will go with them and make her home there.

The committee on supplying the pulpit at the Congregational church have been so fortunate as to make arrangements for the Rev. Arthur V. Dimock to supply the pulpit for the next three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Denahy are both sick with influenza.

W. M. Tyrrell was sick with a grippe for the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Worrall and little daughter, spent the weekend in town with Mrs. Worrall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hodgman. Mrs. Worrall was called to this locality by business interests.

The little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice O'Connor was taken sick with convulsions on Monday night and Miss McGowan is with them as nurse.

Arthur G. Fairbanks, of Templeton, is the deputy assigned to the Groton Grange for the year 1920.

Rev. Arthur S. Burrows, who supplied the pulpit of the Baptist church for nine months before the beginning of Mr. Bangs' pastorate, has been very ill for the past nine weeks, and now, though still very weak, is gaining slowly.

The annual meeting of the proprietors of the Groton cemetery will be held in the town hall building on Tuesday evening, April 6, at 7:30, to act upon the following articles: To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year; to hear and act upon the report of the treasurer; to hear and act upon the report of any committee heretofore chosen; to transact any other business which may legally be legally brought before them.

The display of northern lights on Monday evening was viewed with pleasure by many of the citizens of this town, being of such unusual brilliancy.

Miss Carrie Davis spent last week with her sister, Mrs. John Noyce, in Springfield.

The illness of Mrs. Herbert Folkins prevented her from entertaining the Community club this week.

The Neighborhood club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Marion Sargent. The members gave quotations and readings. The ladies occupied themselves with their own needlework and knitting. Refreshments were served by the hostess. A guest was present. The afternoon was one of the many pleasant occasions in the history of the club. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon, April 7, with Mrs. Freeman.

William Lury is to move about the first of April to the tenement in the house of John Fitzgerald.

It is reported that Horace H. Rockwood is to occupy Mrs. Warner's house.

The public library will be closed on March 29 and 30 while the books are being dusted.

Miss Mary Lewis, who has been recuperating from an attack of the grippe at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Charles Hill, returned home on Wednesday.

There were eight tables at the military whist party in Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening. First prizes, two grapefruit to each winner, were won by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wood, Mrs. George L. Boynton and C. A. Harrington.

Mrs. Arthur Tuttle returned to her home here on last week Friday. She stood the journey from Florida well and is as comfortable as can be expected.

Mr. Ralph E. Sargent came home on Tuesday, March 16. He bore the journey well and is glad to be at home. He is able to sit up a little and the doctor has hopes of his recovery.

Mr. Crobie and Mr. Huebner attended the Boston orchid show in Horticultural hall on Thursday.

Mrs. G. H. Rockwood returned to her home in Hancock, N. H., Tuesday.

Miss Helen F. Gay was at home last week with her friend, Miss Davis of Quincy, who was visiting her. Alfred Gay was at home for the week-end.

Mrs. S. W. Sturges is one of the patronesses at the costume ball given for the benefit of the free hospital for women in Brookline, at the Copley Plaza, Boston, April 15.

Mrs. Anna Peterson's aunt, whose recent illness summoned her to Somerville, died at the age of 82. Her funeral services were held on Monday.

At the Congregational church last Sunday Rev. Arthur V. Dimock preached an earnest, forcible sermon on "The divine triumph or the only path to peace." He spoke in the evening on "The spiritual significance of the winter."

The rooms of the Devastated France committee, on Boylston street, Boston, were thronged on March 18 and 19 for the bazaar, where many useful and fancy articles were cleverly and artfully arranged in the Paris street market, making it as gay and lively a scene as if set in its natural atmosphere. The executive committee and others in charge of the arrangements received many congratulations upon the attractive setting and the great success of the sale. One of its attractions was the selling of shares in an automobile and a large doll, which was in charge of Mrs. Nathaniel F. Emmons. The bundle table was presided over by a young lady in a French costume with a becoming lace head-dress. Mrs. James Lawrence, Jr., was one of the many visitors on the opening day of the sale.

Mrs. James Lawrence is one of the patronesses of the costume ball given for the benefit of the Brookline free hospital for women at the Copley Plaza on April 15.

A party of Groton people went to Nashua on last week Friday, among them being Mrs. George H. Woods, Mrs. E. P. Woolley and Mrs. J. E. Adams, who went to attend the meeting of the Hillsboro County Pomona Grange. Charles Berry went on the same day visit his daughter, Mrs. Campbell, who is seriously ill. Mrs. Nesbit L. Woods went to spend the day with her mother, Mrs. Sloane.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Peabody, youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Endicott Peabody, and Frederick Trubee Davison of New York will be solemnized on April 1 in the Groton School chapel. Miss Peabody will be given in marriage by her brother, and the ceremony will be performed by her father. The engagement was announced last November. Mr. Davison was graduated from Groton School as senior prefect in 1913, and was a member of the Yale class of 1917. He left college the year before the United States entered the war and organized the first naval aviation unit.

Middlesex County Bureau. There will be a dairy barn meeting on Monday morning, March 29, at 9:30 at the gray barn opposite John Lawrence's house. C. B. Tillson, succeeding J. B. Abbott as agricultural agent of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics, will be the speaker. These barn meetings are perfectly informal, and

for that reason any person having agricultural problems to solve. Questions to ask will find this a good opportunity to get in touch with Mr. Tillson.

The pruning demonstration held on March 17 at Pinecrest Orchards was attended by twenty-five citizens of Groton and several neighbors of town. Prof. Van Meter of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, demonstrated the most approved method of pruning young apple trees of different varieties and also the principles of pruning old trees. Owing to poor traveling Mr. Jenks was obliged to forsake coming to Groton as he had a demonstration to attend in Shirley in the afternoon.

On last week, Wednesday Mr. Erickson of the bureau visited as many of the people as the poor traveling would permit. He hopes to give the number of subscribers.

School Notes. The Clover club met on last week Friday at Mrs. Mrs. Blood's home. Mrs. Stocking, who has recently become Mrs. Waterhouse, was present. The club had a contest on distinguishing between silk, woolen and cotton cloths. Rosie Majenaki reported 224 hours of work done and also darning stockings and completing her two garments. After the business meeting the club played games and sang songs. Mrs. Waterhouse played the piano for the club. The next regular meeting will be held at Miss Vickery's home on April 2. There will also be a special meeting at Miss Vickery's home on March 29.

Miss Jessie Flynn was able to return to her work at the Tarbell school this week.

The news from Miss Dorothy Kline is favorable, though she was not able to return to her duties at the Boutwell school this week, and Mrs. Hill has continued to substitute for her.

Miss Audrey Burkinshaw is ill at her home in Fepperville with tonsillitis and Mrs. Kathleen Dunphy Toomey has substituted for her.

Miss Hill was unable to return to her work at the high school this week and Miss Woods took her classes.

All the public schools closed this week Friday for a week's vacation.

The superintendent of schools is attending a conference on secondary schools at Harvard university this week Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

It is with regret that the school committee have accepted the resignation of Miss Isabel H. Murray as principal of the Tarbell school. Miss Murray closes her work there on Friday of this week. She is a teacher of unusual ability, whose services we have appreciated. She is accepting a position at the State Normal school in Worcester.

We wish her great success and happiness in her new position.

On last week Friday the superintendent attended a conference on rural education at the State Normal school, Worcester.

The question "How shall we meet it?" The deputy commissioner reports from a survey he has just made in Massachusetts six schools closed. The answer to the question is higher requirements for the preparation of the teachers and higher salaries—in other words, better work, better pay. The superintendent's questionnaire sent out the last of January, and the first number after the name of each state, gives the number of schools closed, and the second the number of children with no school advantages; where the word none occurs it means the children from the closed schools are transported to other schools.

Vermont, 35, none; New Hampshire, 75, none; Maine, 81, none; Maryland, 50, 1000; Virginia, 1800, 5000; West Virginia, 30, 2000; North Carolina, 2000, 4000; Florida, 150, 750; Mississippi, 250, 10,000; Alabama, 450, 1,600; Michigan, 75, 15; Minnesota, 150, none; Illinois, 100, 1500; Ohio, 25, 50; 300-600; Tennessee, 2050, 5000; Iowa, 600, few; Wyoming, 50, 300; Idaho, 85; Oregon, 150, 2250; New Mexico, 112, none; Louisiana, 275; Texas, 2000, 9000, 7000.

To the Editor: The death of Daniel H. Felch of Cheney, Waitsfield, under the circumstances to our life and age that cannot be made good immediately. His gifts and faculties as a student and scholar to assimilate knowledge and just righteousness of government and society was a testimony to his age and "Manday politics" that is worthy of example and emulation. His constant touch with his native town, Groton, and its institutions, with the best wishes for their best good and growth. His accomplishments of being able to correspond with persons in shorthand and some of the languages was the executive committee, but to use his knowledge with those who wished to keep up their own too little used studies.

His anxious solicitude for the Groton, namely Lawrence academy, never slackened. He could never approve of the attitude of the dominating management of the academy; the disenfranchising of Groton young ladies; and the discrimination against the boys without their consent and hearing; to make a success of the political vocational high school at the loss of the Massachusetts Trinitarian academy. The trustees were put in the leave of anti-evangelical members are not guiltless of disloyalty to their trust, and its present reproach and everybody's loss, sorrow and disappointment.

This is a part of one of his commitments on the state and the connection with the academy and the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Ellal Shumway and others of evangelical Trinitarian christian faith: "I was greatly interested in the aggressive campaign you waged in behalf of Groton, namely Lawrence academy. I trust it will bear substantial fruit. Your cause had my and others' endorsement and best wishes for its success. It was simply a matter of justice that money donated for a specific purpose should be used as the stipulator intended it should be and that the school be controlled by members of the evangelical Trinitarian faith. Had the case been that the donor was a Unitarian insistent on keeping its control within that denomination, there it should be kept. I consider it a matter of abstract justice that the donors' wishes and intention be honored; not a sectarian matter at all. Hope your just and righteous principles win out."

His pronounced evangelical Trinitarian christian faith and principles would never permit him to prostitute his legal training and sell his briefs in order to become a famous lawyer and politician. F. E. Gilson.

A stanza of a poem may be in order for so worthy a man: I know it is over, over, I know it is over at last! Down sail! the sheathed anchor uncoiled.

For the stress of the voyage has passed. Like a remnant of ocean waves, there's but a faint sobbing sea-ward. While the calm of the tide deepens leeward. And behold! like the welcoming quiver of heart-pulses throbbing thro' the veins. Those hills in the harbor at last! The heavenly harbor at last!

NOTICE—Any persons desiring to submit bids for the furnishing of 110 chestnut poles, delivered, will send their applications for the specifications to the Groton Electric Light Commission, or their superintendent, not later than Tuesday evening, March 30, 1920.

About Town. Mr. and Mrs. William L. Jewett, of Fepperville, visited Mrs. Jewett's mother, Mrs. Mary Fletcher, Pleasant street, last Sunday. She is able to sit up at last, reports.

Mrs. Adelle M. Woods, Mrs. E. P. Woolley, Mrs. Lura Adams and Miss Woods, attended the Hillsboro county Pomona Grange meeting in Nashua, N. H., last week Friday and report a fine time and excellent dinner. The fifth degree was conferred and a profitable day was passed.

Charles Roderick Woolley spent the week-end with his mother on Court street, coming from Worcester, where he is employed.

Miss Ellen Priest, who has been spending the winter with Mrs. Oscar Northrup in Somerville, came to Mrs. Sampson's last week and her friends are pleased to welcome her back to Groton.

Mrs. Opp, who has been boarding with Mrs. Brown for several weeks, returned to her home in New York City, taking her grandson, who had been in the hospital with diphtheria.

Miss Ryan, who has been caring for Mrs. G. F. Sampson, returned to her home in Ayer this week, leaving Mrs. Sampson and Joyce very well.

Alfred Gay is home from Amherst college for the spring vacation.

Remember the supper and entertainment to be given by the Middlesex Rebekah lodge, Wednesday evening, March 31.

Several from Groton attended the Pomona Grange meeting held in Townsville, Thursday.

AYER

News Items. On Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, April 7, a concert will be given in Hardy's hall under the auspices of the Women's club. The concert is free to club members. Tickets can be secured by others from club members. The concert will be furnished by the Norris quartet of Boston, composed of three young men and one woman. The company is highly recommended.

Under the charge of its service committee the Women's club will serve refreshments at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon, March 28.

Miss Lucile Hollis came home on Thursday night to spend the Easter vacation of ten days with her mother, Mrs. Alta H. Hollis.

The local banks are now ready to make exchanges of temporary third liberty loan coupon bonds for permanent bonds of the same issue.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist society are to hold an Easter sale and supper in the vestry Wednesday afternoon, March 31, at three o'clock. Supper at six o'clock.

Edward Latelle has left the employ of Joseph Donovan and gone on the road as agent for the O-Cedar Co.

Howard Billings of Boston was in town last week Friday to attend the vestry party at the home of Mrs. Louise Nagle, Ayer's popular milliner.

Ralph L. Bosworth of Holyoke spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sanderson. Mrs. Bosworth is staying with her parents for sometime.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended a conference of the education department of the State Federation of Women's clubs which was held in Boston last Monday in the lecture hall of the Boston public library. The program included addresses on "The place of Latin in modern education" by Prof. Alexander W. Rice of Boston University; "Thrill in education" by Mrs. Irving O. Palmer, state chairman of the national "Open phases of international relations," by Walter Young, superintendent of schools in Worcester.

The education department of the Women's club and the topic of the day class held a meeting Thursday afternoon with Mrs. B. H. Hopkins and organized a class for the study of "The Open Phases of International Relations," by Walter Young, superintendent of schools in Worcester.

Mrs. Francis Lovejoy, who has been very ill with pleurisy, is recovering slowly and is able to be about the house.

Mrs. George Chauvin is confined to her home on Park street with illness. She was discharged Thursday but her condition was improved Friday. Dr. Hopkins is the attending physician.

Among those who attended the automobile show in Boston last week were Henry H. Watson, Nelson Howes, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Smith, George and Edward Barrett.

Warren L. Probie has been appointed one of the Baptist ministers of the state.

The whist party held at Henry W. Waterman's home last Saturday evening was well attended. The ladies first prizes, a boudoir cap and a tea apron, were won by Mrs. Frank E. Crawford and Mrs. Philip A. Groves.

Henry W. Waterman captured the male first prize at the President's suspenders and the best honors went to Miss Emmogene E. Boutwell, who received an aluminum tray with salt and pepper set. Mrs. David H. Young and Alfred Yates were consoled with boxes of candy.

The last rhetorical of the season will take place this Friday afternoon with the following program: "The going of the white swan," Helen Whitney; "A Welsh classic," William Cornwell; "The old bachelor's tale," Evelyn Harmon; "The honor of the family," Josephine Fallon; "Uncle Podger hangs a picture," Mary Ryan; "In England," Robert Ross; "Playing sufferer," Mae Donahue; "A man without a name," Paul Mullin; "Bobby unwell," Alice Donahue.

piano solo, Christina Maloney; "Forget It," Hyman Kozlov; "Trials of a school mistress," Ruth Huntington; "The will and the way," Margaret Ryan; "A song and the man," Edward Halloran; "Trials of school life," Janet Larrabee; selection from "The little minister," Elizabeth Cleary; "An abandoned eloquent," Marion Webb.

Diener at Y. M. C. A. At the invitation of the local Y. M. C. A. the ministers of the Baptist, Methodist and Unitarian churches attended a dinner given at the Y. M. C. A. building on West Main street, Thursday evening, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow was the caterer.

Among the dinner Rev. A. V. Dimock, director of religious work at the building, as chairman, called those present to order. The purpose of the meeting was explained as the launching in this community of the preparatory work of the interchurch world movement.

Among the speakers were Frank C. Johnson, Chaplain Webster, 13th Infantry, Camp Devens, Rev. James T. Rider, Jr., Lucius C. Fairchild, Rev. John R. Chaffee and Rev. Frank B. Crandall. From these speakers it was evident that the interest of those present at the dinner was for the interchurch world movement and closer cooperation of all of the local churches.

The representatives of the Baptist church were Rev. James T. Rider, Jr., W. L. Preble, H. H. Pillman, H. L. Fillman and H. G. Downing. The representatives of the Congregational and Methodist groups of the federated church included Rev. John R. Chaffee, S. J. Andrew, G. W. Burgess, C. J. Burrill, C. H. Hardy, H. C. Harlow, F. C. Johnson, Francis Lovejoy, A. W. Nutting, H. A. Pollard, C. W. Stetson, H. G. Turner, B. H. Tyrrell, W. A. Winslow and H. J. Webb. The representatives of the First Unitarian Parish church were Rev. Frank B. Crandall, L. C. Fairchild, H. L. Farnsworth, George H. Hill, R. F. Murphy, H. H. Proctor and Dr. R. H. Wylie.

After there had been general discussion Rev. Frank B. Crandall proposed the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting, whose worth we wish to preserve, that the pastors of the Protestant churches of Ayer, the chaplains and three lay members from each church should constitute a council to plan for the general religious welfare of the town.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the churches should appoint their lay delegates and that the initial meeting of the council be held within thirty days on the call of the secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

The meeting helped to bring about something long desired in this community—the cooperation of the churches. The churches will soon possess the necessary machinery for such cooperation. Common interests may be discussed and certain kinds of work undertaken in common, and in case of necessity concerted action may be taken. The Y. M. C. A. is to be congratulated that they have helped in this notable achievement.

Church Notes. Federated church—Next Sunday at 10:45 a. m. morning worship; subject of sermon, "Palm Sunday." Boys' choir will sing. At twelve, Sunday school. S. J. Andrew will teach the men's class; women's class; decision service in the school. At 6:30 p. m., young people's meeting; leader, C. W. Stetson. Subject, "Our country's need of Christ." At 7:30 p. m., evening worship; subject of sermon, "Decision." Young ladies' choir will sing.

Tuesday at three p. m., women's meeting for worship at the church. Tuesday at 6:30 p. m., Boy Scout meeting. Wednesday at 6:30 p. m., supper for men of the parish at the Y. M. C. Thursday at 7:30 p. m., communion service; singing by boys' choir and young ladies' choir. Welcome to all.

Easter, reception of members at the morning service. Concert at night. The Ladies' Benevolent society met on Tuesday and were very enthusiastic over their plans for the year.

Baptist—Preaching at 10:45 a. m., subject, "The triumphal entry." Sunday school at 12 m. Preaching at 7:00 p. m., "The greatest fool in history." We will observe Passion week with special services on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p. m. These services will be of a devotional and evangelistic nature.

Chaplain Webster of Camp Devens gave us a very excellent sermon last Sunday evening. All who were there were profited by his practical message.

The first local meeting of the interchurch world movement was held at the local Y. M. C. A. last Wednesday evening. A representative group of men of the churches gathered together to plan for intensive cooperation in the work of the kingdom. Much credit is due the local "W" men for their kindness in entertaining this group of delegates.

Unitarian—Sunday service at 10:45, regular offices and sermon, Music, "The palms," Faure, (sung in French), "Jerusalem," Parker, Mrs. Sargent. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The palm, the token of victory." Church school at twelve.

On Wednesday evening, March 31, at eight o'clock, there will be a meeting of the men of the First Unitarian Parish church in the vestry to form a chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League. The committee have been fortunate in securing as speaker, William L. Barnard, manager of Unity House, Boston, formerly the Georgian, and now the clubhouse for members of the league chapters. Refreshments will be served. Printed notices will be mailed to men of the parish early next week. Copies of the March 4 issue of the Christian Register will also be mailed to them. In this issue there are views, exterior and interior, of the clubhouse and an account of the remarkable success of the club since its opening. The parish committee, Dr. H. B. Priest, T. W. Barry and Dr. R. H. Wylie, are acting as the temporary committee for arranging the first meeting.

New Advertisements. NOTICE. All inhabitants or persons having usual places of business in the Town of Groton, who use weights, measures or balances for the purpose of selling or buying goods, wares, merchandise or other commodities, or for public weighing, are hereby notified to bring such weights, measures or balances to be adjusted and sealed to my office at the town hall on April 3, 1920. I shall be in attendance to perform this duty from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

ROY CUNNINGHAM, Groton, Mass., March 25, 1920.

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Saturday, March 27, 1920

AYER

News Items.

Mrs. Laura Briggs and her daughter, Mrs. Jane Briggs, visited with Mrs. William G. Williams, in Stratford, Conn., for the week-end and Sunday, returning by motor as far as New Haven, Conn.

A special commemoration of Caleb Butler lodge will be held at seven o'clock Friday evening, March 26, at seven o'clock. Work—Master Mason degree, Louch.

A concert and ball will be given by the Ayer telephone operators in the town hall on Easter Monday evening, April 5. Messenger's orchestra from New Bedford will furnish a concert from 8 to 8.45, and for dancing until one o'clock.

The Ayer Branch Alliance will hold their next meeting in the vestry on Monday afternoon, April 5, at 2.30. It is to be an indoor picnic and there will be Red Cross sewing.

The big championship games at Camp Devens will start April 26, according to information given out by Major Vernon W. Hall, recreational and educational officer at army headquarters. The eight teams will come from coast defenses of Boston, Portland, Portsmouth, New Bedford and Narragansett Bay, Fort Ethan Allen, Camp Devens and army headquarters. The games will be baseball, basketball, boxing and wrestling. In basketball there will be five regular players and three substitutes. Boxing will be represented by each class from each command, and wrestling in the same manner. The rules will be A. A. U., Interscholastic and Y. M. C. A. certified rules.

Real Parent, twenty-three years of age, a musician attached to headquarters company, 13th infantry, Camp Devens, fell into the Charles river, Boston, last week Thursday night, when he attempted to walk across the drawbridge in the North station yard after a local train, which he was riding was derailed. Drawtenders who saw him fall fished him out with bathhooks and he was taken in an ambulance to the Relief hospital, Boston, where he was treated for immersion.

Maj.-Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, commanding the Northeastern department, will retain his present rank for the present, according to notice received Monday from the war department. Gen. Edwards, whose rank is temporary, is the senior brigadier-general in the army, and under the new ruling is one of 21 officers holding temporary rank to be retained in their present offices. The same order announced that Maj.-Gen. Harry P. McCain, in charge of Camp Devens, will retain his present rank. His permanent rank in the army is that of colonel.

Mrs. Leroy Smith, nee Amy Louger, who has been visiting relatives in town for some days, left Wednesday morning for her new home at Littleton, where her husband has taken up farming.

The United States Civil Service Commission will hold an initial competition examination at Ayer on April 10, for the positions of clerk and carrier in the postoffice at Ayer. As a result of this examination an initial clerk-carrier register will be established, from which it is expected two positions of carrier and one position of substitute carrier will be filled upon the establishment of city delivery at Ayer July 1, 1920. The entrance salary is \$1000 per annum with promotion of \$100 every year until a maximum of \$1500 is reached. For pamphlet of information and the required application blank address the local secretary at Ayer postoffice.

A surprise party was tendered Mrs. Alfred Yates in honor of her thirty-fourth birthday anniversary Thursday evening at her home by forty friends. The arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Arthur E. Dykes. George E. Millson, in behalf of those present, wished Mrs. Yates many happy returns of the day and presented her with a china tea set of fifty-five pieces with bluebird decorations. Music and what were enjoyed. A lunch, consisting of sandwiches, cake, coffee, pickles and cheese, was served.

George S. Boutwell W. R. C. will meet in Hardy's hall on Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The usual supper will be served at 8.30 p. m. The quarterly meeting of the auditing committee will be held at seven p. m. Delegates should be present at this time to secure their credentials for department convention.

The three graces' night at the Grange Wednesday evening was of unusual interest. Over fifty local and out-of-town members were present. The Grange orchestra furnished music. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Charles E. Stone, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Helen Stone. The farce, "The Jonesville Grange Initiation," was a great success, and many local artists were introduced. The officers were depicted by members as follows: Jas. M. Boutwell, master; Richard Craft, overseer; Carol Craft, steward; Alice A. Rand, recorder; Gertrude M. Rand, chaplain; Glenwood E. Ross, Reginald Bradshaw, Mrs. James M. Boutwell, Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks, and Misses. These bids fair to be an initiatory class of twenty-five for the spring session, several applications being received at this meeting. Ice cream and cake were served. Dancing was enjoyed till midnight.

The following Grangers attended Middlesex-Worcester Pomona, Thursday in Townsend: Mrs. Horatio C. Chase, Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks, Mrs. James M. Boutwell, Mrs. Henry W. Waterman, Mrs. Ella F. Hovey and Mrs. Fred A. Smith.

Miss Edna Charlton has returned from a visit with relatives in Chelmsford.

Notato hall, the Moses place, on upper Pleasant street, the residence of the girls employed by the telephone company, will be closed in the near future. The government is to take over the Camp Devens exchange. The out-of-town girls who work in the Ayer exchange must find rooming places elsewhere in town.

Edward H. James, Company A, 36th Infantry, and Rev. Frank B. Crandall were in Groton on Monday to attend

of the independence of Ireland will be discussed. Tickets of admission will be required. The meeting will be open to every man and woman in Ayer and the surrounding towns, regardless of race or creed.

This meeting will afford everyone an opportunity of learning something of the true story of the Irish nation, of her present conflict with England, and of her claims for self-determination, which was the fundamental principle for which our soldiers fought and died.

Everyone in the town is urged to attend. This is a vital question, and all should be interested as the issue is not a religious, but an economic and political one.

The meeting will be addressed by the following speakers of prominence: Rev. Arthur Pope, a Congregationalist minister of North Andover; E. McSweeney of Boston; Thomas M. Mahoney of Boston, and others.

These men are in a position to give you first hand information about the actual state of affairs in Ireland today, and about her outlook for the future. After the speakers have concluded, anyone in the hall who wishes to do so will have an opportunity of questioning the speakers, who will try to give all information desired.

Board of Trade.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade and Merchants League on Wednesday evening, the first issue of the new advertising bulletin was on hand for inspection by the members. Several matters of importance in regard to the sheet were discussed and there was also some discussion as to the proposed location of a new industry in Ayer.

J. O. Stutsman, manager of the Soldiers' club on West street, was then introduced and gave a very interesting talk on "Local service in the city government."

Mr. Stutsman was formerly connected with the board for public welfare in Kansas City, which was established a few years ago. He described how by the use of prisoner labor a municipal farm was built up which in a few years put the workhouse out of business. By means of the labor of the prisoners buildings were built which were worth many times their actual cost. He told of the vocational education at this municipal farm and gave instances of its good results in teaching men trades and helping them to make something of themselves.

He also described the work of the free legal aid bureau, woman's reformatory, loan department, and many other activities of the board of public welfare, as well as their work in the supervision of recreational activities which included dance hall and pool-room supervision.

The whole work of the board was carried on with a view to preventing vice and crime rather than merely punishing for it. The work of this board has been so successful that the various departments under it are self-supporting and are a credit to the city, having become tremendous.

Mr. Stutsman was given a rising vote of thanks by the Board of Trade at the conclusion of his address.

After the meeting a lunch of sandwiches, doughnuts, cheese and coffee was served.

Poverty Party.

The Unitarian Girls' club gave a dance or poverty party at the Soldiers' club, West street, last week Friday evening. The Camp Devens orchestra furnished excellent music for the dancing. Those who attended the party were able to contribute to the cause to appear in all the outward and visible signs of poverty. Prizes were offered for the most horrible and complete examples thereof. There were numerous persons present who were arrayed in cast-off finery which, however, in the days of economy, could hardly be described as the clothes of poverty. Several others were such consistent pictures of abject poverty that the judges found it difficult to make their decisions.

The prize for the most poverty-stricken lady, a broom, went to Miss Belle Murphy. She represented "Mickey" of movie fame. She was attired in trowsers of burlap, spats, felt hat, chemical curls and other unclassified articles of dress.

The prize for men, a shopping bag full of groceries was divided between Rev. Frank B. Crandall and Carl S. Proctor. Mr. Proctor represented a high-brow, although most of his brow was inside of an over-size derby. His artist's necktie betrayed his caste. Mr. Crandall represented a Bolshevik. Red hosiery and a red jersey glowing through an open shirt, completed him as a "Red." A camouflaged collar and tie, and low-bride derby were part of his costume. Mr. Proctor, being the more genteel looking, received from the supply of groceries a dainty package of assorted onions. Mr. Crandall received the rest of the groceries—a can of salmon, box of Uneda biscuits, box of macaroni, can of cocoa, sugar, jar of peanut butter, can of tomato soup and a cake of soap.

Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were served. Miss Evelyn Sanderson was in charge of the arrangements.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late Albert Augustus Fillebrown was held in the town hall last Saturday afternoon at 2.30. The casket, which was placed in front of the platform, was surrounded by wreaths and other beautiful floral pieces sent by relatives and friends of the deceased.

At a pulpit set on the platform Rev. John R. Chaffee read a scripture lesson, a brief account of the life of the deceased, and offered prayer. Following the prayer Warren L. Frobe, acting worshipful master, and Rev. Frank B. Crandall, chaplain of Caleb Butler lodge, Bancroft Royal Arch chapter and Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., attended in a body. About 100 Masons were in line. In addition there were present members of Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar, of Fillebrown, court officers with whom Mr. Fillebrown had been associated as deputy sheriff, and citizens of Ayer. During the service the stores in town were closed.

Automobiles took the relatives and Masons to Woodlawn cemetery, where the officers of Caleb Butler lodge conducted the Masonic committal service.

The bearers were Reuben L. Fillebrown, of Harvard, brother of the deceased, and the sons, Paul, George, Walter and Victor Fillebrown.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Boston Herald of March 14, under the caption "Mr. Finnigan's open-shop idea."

Charles A. Finnigan of Buffalo is conducting one of the most interesting—even though somewhat fantas-

tic—experiments on this continent today. He has a lot of money; is said to have made \$3,000,000 in one year in buying things at bargain prices and selling them at a profit, and making something out of them.

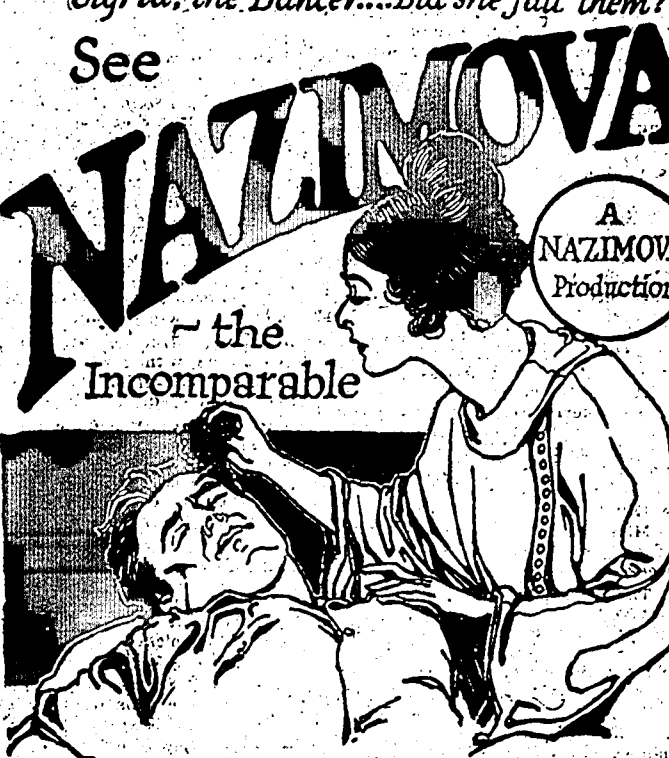
He has bought a newspaper, the Buffalo Commercial, and with it as an organ he is conducting an open-shop propaganda. He owns a paper mill which produces an open-shop pamphlet. The general news-stands would not sell his paper. He hunted up an old municipal statute which they had all been violating, and with it he drove them off the streets. The other newspapers are in league with the union cause, but largely as means of fighting him. They have raised their price to three cents and he dropped his to one. A merry fight is on.

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Wednesday, March 31—EUGENE O'BRIEN in "The Perfect Lover," a Selznick picture. Rainbow Comedy. Current Events.

Thursday, April 1—HARRY CAREY in "Marked Men." Big V Comedy.

Friday, April 2—ORA CAREW in "Under Suspicion." V Comedy. Last episode of "The Invisible Hand."

Saturday, April 3—"Vagabond Luck," with ALBERT RAY and ELEANOR FAIR. Comedy. News.

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Center.
Harold Swicker of Maine University is enjoying a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Swicker.
Miss Ora Watkins, teacher in Northbridge, is spending a week's vacation at the home of her father, Leon Z. Watkins.
Miss Helen Whitcomb, a student at the Girls' seminary, Northfield, is spending the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Whitcomb.
Howard Barkehouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Barkehouse, celebrated his ninth birthday last Saturday afternoon by entertaining several of his boy chums. A pleasant time was enjoyed with games and the serving of refreshments.
Word has been received by friends in town of the birth of an eight pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dow of Bradford, Vt. Mr. Dow formerly lived in Townsend.
W. A. Russell and George A. Wilder have been drawn on the jury.
At a recent meeting of the selectmen it was voted that an officer should be present at all entertainments whenever admission is charged.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Harvey of G. G. Clark's.
Ernest Davis is visiting this week in the home of Herbert Finnegan at Milton, N. H.
Miss Helen Tarbell, teacher at Ayer, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation at G. Tarbell's.
Miss Clara Sheldon, formerly of this town, now of Boston, in company with her mother, Mrs. Sheldon of Ashby, have been the guests of Mrs. Wilbur Bruce and Mrs. Elmer Wallace.

Special Town Meeting.
At the special town meeting on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock there was a fair attendance considering the weather. T. E. Flarity was elected moderator; George King was elected assessor for the year 1920; G. A. Proctor, who resigned; George H. Tracy, assessor for two years, in place of C. L. Webster, resigned; George A. Wilder, cemetery commissioner, in place of Frank B. Higgins, resigned.
The sum of \$90 was raised for additional pay for firemen on account of the increase in the cost of fuel. The sum of \$1110 additional was raised for the purpose of taking a new valuation of the town. To pay the expense of clearing the roads \$1500 was voted. It was voted to replace all guide posts in town and appropriate \$100 for the purpose. It was also voted to paint the school buildings and appropriate \$500 to be spent under the direction of the school board.
Article 9, relative to posting all bridges was left in the hands of the highway surveyors to report to the selectmen for their consideration and action, consisting of the auditors and selectmen, was appointed to decide what disposition will be made of the uncollected taxes of the years 1909, 1910, 1912 and report at the next town meeting. Twenty-five dollars was appropriated to make repairs on the bandstand. For the same purpose \$150 was raised, which will be placed in the hands of the selectmen, as the board of health with the Red Cross, which voted at its last meeting, to pay a portion of the expense.
G. A. Wilder reported for the committee on memorial for the Legion of Townsend boys. It was stated that it had been suggested that a clubhouse be built, but no definite plans had been made.

Sudden Death.
Friends in town were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Charles Robinson, aged 63 years, of South Boston, an engineer on the New Haven road, who was found beside his engine in the yards outside the South station. Examination indicated that he had dropped dead from heart disease. He was a veteran of the New Haven service and had returned to work the day before, after an illness of two weeks.
Wiley Swinington and John Dobson of North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., of which the deceased had been a member for forty years, attended the funeral services, which were held in the undertaking rooms at Upham's Corner, South Boston.
Charles Robinson was a native of Townsend, the son of the late Eben and Lydia (Smith) Robinson. He attended our public schools and from his youth up he aspired to be a railroad engineer. He is survived by his wife and one sister, Mrs. Maria Robinson Tuttle of New Ipswich.

Wedding.
A very pretty wedding took place on Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erving K. Marshall, when their eldest daughter, Hazel Agnes, and Earl D. Gooding, of Mansfield, were united in marriage by Rev. A. L. Struthers, pastor of the Congregational church.
As the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march was played by Albert G. Seaver, the bride party, consisting of the bride and groom, together with Miss Wilmer May Marshall, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, and Chester Gooding, brother of the groom, the best man, descended the stairs to the parlor, where they were met by the officiating clergyman, and standing under an arch of hemlock and white carnations, the ceremony was performed. The bride was given away by her father and the double ring service was used.
The bride was becomingly dressed in a blue traveling suit with hat to match and wore a corsage bouquet of white sweet peas. The maid of honor was dressed in brown with hat to match and wore pink sweet peas. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the double parlors which were also decorated with the winter green and the white carnations which created an atmosphere of simple beauty. Refreshments were served and guests presented with wedding cake. Music was furnished from the piano by Mr. Seaver during the reception.
The happy couple left by train amid a shower of confetti for Malden, where they have a furnished apartment. They were the recipients of many pleasing and useful gifts, including china, linens and a chest silver. Only relative and a few near friends were present and among those from out of town were: Mrs. George Lawrence, of Groton; Mrs. Mabel Lulworth, of Greenfield; Clarence Sherrin of Fitchburg; Alvin Gooding, of Portland, Me.; Chester and Charles Gooding, of Mansfield; and Miss Alice Seaver, of West Townsend.
The bride is a Townsend girl and a former high school student, and after studying telegraphy she was for a time employed in the Western Union office in Boston. Later she took up clerical work and had been employed in Melrose and Mansfield.
The groom is a native of Maine, a

former drugist clerk and now a traveling salesman.
Both Mr. and Mrs. Gooding are popular young people and the best wishes of their many friends will be with them in their new home.

Church Notes.
At the Congregational church last Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers preached a sermon full of helpful suggestions as to "Living our religion" and to the children he gave a talk on "The power of little things." In the absence of the choir singers T. E. Flarity gave two very fine and impressive phuntum solos, "Bethlehem star" and "Nearer my God to thee," the latter played with a sweet and mysteriously mute effect, as a response after prayer.
During the service Mr. Struthers read the following, which should be of vital interest to every true American citizen of the town: "The week of March 22-27 has been set aside as Marné Memorial Week throughout the entire United States. During these six days people in every state in the union will join in giving something, however small, to enable America to present to the Republic of France, a colossal statue to be erected on the river Marné to commemorate for all time the gallant stand of the French armies under Joffre in September, 1914. Just as the people of France have the right to center in and frame to make possible the statue of liberty now guarding New York harbor, so school children, clubs, colleges and societies and individuals of America will give their contributions to erect a monument on one of the world's great battlefields." Contributions from the school children in town may be handed the principal, J. Bachelder, who is also assistant scout leader, and T. E. Flarity has been appointed to receive contributions from individuals and organizations.
At the closing of the Sunday school hour it is the plan this year for some one to give a brief talk on the Congregational Benevolent societies, in order that the youth of the church may become more familiar with the work of this denomination and Sunday Mrs. Fannie Meade explained the mission of the Congregational Economic League, which helps to secure and support students for the Congregational ministry, aids colleges and seeks to recruit christian leaders among high school boys and college students.
A school service was held in the evening at the Methodist church with the pastor, Rev. John C. Long and Rev. A. L. Struthers in charge. Mr. Struthers spoke on "Talents" and Mr. Long on "The power of sacred music." The community sing was under the leadership of T. E. Flarity and instrumental music was rendered during the service by a trio, Mrs. Walter Farrar, violin, John J. Piper, mellophone, and H. Wing, alto horn, with A. G. Seaver, organist.

Grange.
There was a good attendance at the open meeting of the Grange, held on Monday evening in Oddfellows hall, when Rev. Robert W. Drawbridge, pastor of the Congregational church, Mr. Sperrill, addressed the company on "Signs and counter signs." Mr. Drawbridge is a vigorous speaker and his address was one of the best ever given before the Grange. It was timely, straight-from-the-shoulder and to the point. He spoke of the unrest existing throughout the country since the war and its many serious problems confronting us and of America's duties as leader of nations. Mr. Drawbridge returned from overseas a year ago after serving in the U. S. C. A. secretary and he prefaced his remarks by describing in a most interesting manner some of his surroundings and experiences while there, and spoke very highly of the Red Triangle personnel and of the morale and religious faith of the doughboys of the A. E. F. The meeting consisted of vocal solos by Mrs. Mabel Brackett and Mrs. Mary Miller, piano solo by Albert G. Seaver and eulphonic selection by T. E. Flarity. A fine reading was also given by Dr. A. J. Atwood. In closing all sang the first and last verses of "America."

West.
The eighteen-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Hadley, of Mason road, was taken to the eye and ear infirmary in Boston this week, having pushed a bean into its ear, and very unfavorable reports as to the child's condition have been received, as danger of rupturing the ear drum is very imminent.
The Live Wire class of boys of the Baptist Sunday school are making preparations to entertain the Good Cheer class of girls at the vestry on Friday evening.
Roland Turner was taken ill in school on Tuesday afternoon, suffering from a fainting attack, but no serious effects are apprehended. He was taken to his home on the Fitchburg road by Dr. H. B. Boynton, who was called to attend him.
Owing to illness in her family Mrs. E. S. Ely will be unable to entertain the Study club on Monday afternoon and the program will be carried out at the reading-room, weather permitting.
As a result of the remarkable exhibition of the Aurora borealis, which was witnessed by most everyone in the village, spring seemed to arrive in a hurry on Monday evening, the sleighing vanishing in a night. The numerous drifts along the main street are rapidly disappearing and robins and bluebirds have been seen in abundance, over twenty-five robins being counted in one of the Main street gardens, Wednesday morning.
Jan Rusk, a student at Maine university, is spending a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Rusk.
Miss Alice Seaver attended the wedding on Monday afternoon of Miss Hazel Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin K. Marshall, to Earl Gooding, of Mansfield. The ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's parents at the Center. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and family are former residents here and most of Hazel's childhood was passed in this village, and her many friends here wish her all the happiness in her new life.
The Economics club met on Thursday afternoon and continued their work of making up under the direction of Miss Myllykangas.
Mrs. Hattie Blood, who has been boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway for a few weeks, has returned to her home on the Cross road.
Mrs. Horman W. Lawrence, who has been at her home for several weeks, has returned to New Ipswich, where she is employed.
Albert Seales has been on the sick list, quite ill with neuralgia at his home on the road to the Center, and Mrs. Wilbur Seales, of Greenfield, has been at the home.

Mrs. Chester Shaw, who is employed in Boston, has been a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley, at the Blair farm on the Fitchburg road.
Mrs. Sarah Winship, of Ayer, a former resident here, is stopping with friends in town.
Miss Alice Barnes, from Mason, N. H., spent the week-end as a guest of Miss Lucie Reynolds.
The Ladies' Mission Circle held their regular annual business meeting Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, the president. Mrs. Joseph McKean, presiding; Mrs. Joseph McKean, pres.; Mrs. Alice Seaver, vice pres.; Mrs. Fred A. Patch, sec.; Mrs. Samuel Wares, treas.
Wednesday afternoon a number of ladies of the village interested in the welfare of the schools and the children of the community held a meeting in Seminary hall to plan the formation of a Mothers' club. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Lilla Hayward of Bayberry hill and the following officers elected: Mrs. Lilla Hayward, pres.; Mrs. F. H. Ormsby, vice pres.; Mrs. Edgar Wilson, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Aldon A. Sherwin; Mrs. Litch and Miss Myllykangas, entertainment committee. After the transaction of business they were entertained by a most pleasing concert by the school children, under the direction of Miss Southwick. The next meeting will be held at Seminary hall the first Friday in April.
Abbott Hodgman, who has been for a number of years in the milk business here, has sold his live stock and gone out of business.
Howard Terrell and family, who have been living in the cottage on the Fitchburg road formerly occupied by the Tumber family, are moving into the Chester Shaw cottage, and Mr. and Mrs. Tumber and family, who have been in Boston for the winter, are to return to their home here the first of April.
Ralph and Walter, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis of the Ashby road, have been visiting for a few days at the home of their brother, Chester Davis, of Peterboro.
Miss Frances Horrocks and friend from Ashby are visiting Mrs. Mary Forsythe at the home of George M. Struthers.
Miss Emily Orr, who has been spending the winter out of town, is at her tenement in the Manning house for the present.
Mrs. Charles Morgan, who has been on the sick list for the past week, is now entirely recovered.
Miss Alice Seaver resumed her duties at the reading-room, Saturday.
Avis Wilson, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilson of Bayberry hill, has been quite ill with stomach trouble.
An auto truck made its way here from Boston Saturday, carrying the household goods of the Tumber family and succeeded in reaching the Tumber place, after being two days on the way.
Death.
Arthur Williams, aged sixteen years, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of his father, Walter E. Williams, of Bayberry hill, and owing to the terrible condition of the roads to his home no physician was in attendance, so the body was taken to the undertaking establishment of J. L. Farrar, at the Center, where an autopsy was performed by Medical Examiner Bulkeley from Ayer, and the cause of his death was found to be a ruptured appendix. The lad had been suffering for a week or more, but had kept about and was not supposed to be seriously ill.
Funeral services were held at the undertaking rooms on Thursday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. A. L. Struthers of the Congregational church officiating, and the burial was in the Townsend cemetery.
The deceased is survived by his father and an aunt, Mrs. Upham, of Townsend hill.
Although little known in the village he attended the public school here until about a year ago, since which time he has assisted his father on the farm.
Terrible Tragedy.
W. A. Boutwell, postmaster and proprietor of the grocery store in this village, was shocked to receive a telegram on Monday, notifying him of the death of his sister, Mrs. Effie Fenwick, of Barre, Vt., who was murdered early that morning by Hoyt Gallup, of Plainfield, a widower, with whom she had been friendly for a number of years, who returned to his home in Plainfield, a neighboring town, and succeeded.
It was thought that the man was angered because Mrs. Fenwick would not consent to an immediate marriage. Both Mrs. Fenwick, who had been a widow for ten years or more and was fifty-one years of age, and Gallup, whose age was sixty-five and whose wife had been dead over five years, bore excellent reputations and were respected members of the community, and the tragedy was a great shock to all who knew them.
Mr. Gallup leaves four children and Mrs. Fenwick three.
Her son, who lives in the house with her, stated that Mr. Gallup, who was an old friend of the family, had driven over on Sunday afternoon and had dinner with the family, and he heard them talking in their usual tone, and at midnight, when he and his wife who had a room above the kitchen arose to care for their baby. Soon after he heard his mother scream and a pistol shot, and going down stairs found her dead upon the floor and the man driving out of the yard. The police summoned upon the case followed at once to the man's home and found his son and wife working over his lifeless body, he having shot himself through the heart as he entered his home.
Mr. Boutwell has visited his old home nearly every year, and his sister has visited him in this village, and although unable to attend the funeral in his family to attend the funeral, he feels the shock of the tragedy keenly.

Harbor.
A representative group of republican women of New Hampshire, headed by Mrs. Mary H. Wood, of Portsmouth, recording secretary of the National Federation of Women's clubs, met at Concord, N. H., Wednesday and sent a petition to Huntley N. Spaulding, state food administrator during the war, urging him to become a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator George H. Moses. The petition was telegraphed to the Copley-Place, Boston, where Mr. Spaulding was in conference with Herbert Hoover, Mr. Spaulding, brother of former Gov. Roland H. Spaulding, has been frequently mentioned as a candidate for senatorial honors in opposition to Senator Moses. As yet he has made no statement of his intentions.

ENLISTING FOR THRIFT



You, beholding it, might think it was time to pull another more in keeping with the times. To Charles, Henry, Elise and Marion and some thirteen hundred other boys and girls there may be finer buildings in the world, but next to home there is none that is dearer. It is there that ideals, romance and adventures center. There they get their inspiration to go out and do, and there they return with the fruits of their labor.
To these boys and girls Picardy is across the street and Belgium around the corner. They think in terms of world interest, and realizing their own part in the trend of great events, put their small shoulders to the wheel with a resolute and unswerving devotion to duty that is a rebuke to us quibbling and hedging elders.
Woe to the mother who put wheat in her bread because there was plenty in Argentina! They knew why that wheat was not contributed to the general supply; why thousands of tons of sugar in Sumatra were not available to their own home markets. Geography, history, even arithmetic, pulsate to them with deep meanings of present moment.
When all the drives began these children were eager to do their share. They bought Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps to the value of thousands of dollars, mostly by the labor of their own hands, or savings from the penny candy store.
Now that the war is over the children are just as busy as they were before, saving materials, economizing on luxuries—all for the purchase of Thrift and War Savings Stamps, so that Uncle Sam may pay his bills and fulfill his obligations to the brave boys who offered up all they had to make Liberty possible on the earth.

RALPH'S STORY SERVICE

By Anna E. F. Anderson.
While the news-agent sorted the papers for delivery the newsboys discussed their plans for contributing a dollar each towards the twenty War Savings Stamps their Boys' Club planned to buy this year.
One voice shrilly announced, "My father printed some tickets, and I left them in the office of the Trade Building, and so I get errands to do."
Another boy said, "I deliver gas bills every month. I used to get a cent apiece, but now I get two cents."
"I help our janitor and get ten cents every Saturday, and sometimes I do errands for a lady in our house," small Peter insisted.
Ralph had little to add to the plan, since he had as yet no plan, but only a strong desire to serve his country by raising the dollar. His pay as a newsboy was small and it had to go to help his widowed mother meet the rent.
With his papers under his arm and his mind intent on his problem, he came upon a group of children dancing on the sidewalk to the music of a hand-organ, accompanied by a monkey who doffed his funny little cap when his master indicated that he must collect the pennies.
"Oh, wait a minute," said one little girl, "until I ask my mother for a cent." The child soon reappeared with five cents for the man and a monkey for the monkey.
Suddenly an idea occurred to Ralph. He had read that Eastern people were so fond of hearing stories that they would sit in some public place and listen to professional story-tellers for hours at a time. Why could he not tell stories, and so earn some money as the organ-grinder did?
When the organ and monkey disappeared, he said to the children, "Will you give me some pennies if I will tell you some nice stories?"
"What kind of stories?" demanded one.
"Oh, yes," said another: "will you tell us one now?"
"I must deliver my papers now," Ralph said, "but I will be here tomorrow afternoon. It is Saturday, so there is no school, and I will come early."
Ralph went on with his papers and soon overtook the organ-grinder surrounded by another group of boys and girls. Encouraged by his previous success he made the same proposition to these young folks, who accepted with joy his offer and his terms.
Early the next afternoon Ralph found five girls and two boys waiting for him. He chose the wide steps of a house somewhat sheltered from the wind and the sun, and told his stories so well that at the end of the time allotted he was besieged for more. But he had the other children to consider, so he promised to have more stories for them the next Saturday.
When Ralph met the other children he found eight boys and girls at the rendezvous. He related the same stories to them to their evident delight, and they readily promised to wait for him next Saturday if he would surely have more stories to tell them.
The following Saturday his audiences were increased in numbers, with a corresponding increase in contributions, and at the end of the second afternoon of story-telling he found that he had received more than he had set out to earn. The chil-

THRIFT STAMPS FOR JUNK

How the Work of Redeeming Usable Materials Once Considered Waste is Conducted.
From the making of garments for refugee children in a Brookline home, to a Government department, is the brief story of the evolution of the Salvage bureau of the Savings Division of New England, of which Mrs. F. L. Higginson is director.
Mrs. H. Parker Whittington is in charge of this department at the War Savings headquarters, 95 Mill Street, Boston, the salvage movement being largely the result of her realization of the tremendous waste of usable materials which has been the rule, and her indomitable energy.
Nearly 800 junk men in Greater Boston have been supplied with wagon signs reading "I give Thrift Stamps for Junk," and a salvage card is furnished householders to be used in similar manner to the familiar "Ice." Materials for which Thrift Stamps are paid are rags, tinfoil, lead, zinc, brass, copper, iron, steel, tin, zinc, pewter, aluminum, mixed bags, mixed papers, and folded newspapers. A list of prices is furnished to be renewed as prices change.
Householders are urged to save tinfoil for the Salvation Army, the proceeds to go for the purchase of War Savings Stamps to help in their work, and the jacks in the harbor have taken up the idea with enthusiasm and are also realizing substantial returns from their savings of tinfoil and leadfoil.
Coin and stamp collectors, owners of many books and booksellers generally have responded to the plan of giving Thrift and War Savings Stamps, and one of Boston's leading jewelers is giving stamps for old gold, silver and aluminum.
Housewives are doing their spring cleaning with new zest this year. One Cambridge woman, after declaring she positively had disposed of everything, rummaged her house and found sufficient material to bring her more than twenty-five dollars in Thrift and War Savings Stamps. At last accounts she was considering the jewelers' offer in connection with a dozen of discarded silver napkin rings.
The salvage idea has been adopted in several states in other Federal Reserve Districts. Wherever it has been presented in New England it meets an enthusiastic response.
Do you regret cutting the coupons from your Liberty Bonds, because they will earn no more? Why not reinvest them in War Savings Stamps?

Polite Dismissal.
Verona and Effie were playing house one day, when Bernice joined them. They were not particularly anxious to see her that day, and Verona said: "Well, Bernice, you can be the cook, and this is your day out."
Identified.
The alarming report from Scotland that a parrot had developed rabies has proved to be incorrect. The bird, it appears, was merely endeavoring to imitate the babbles.—Funch, London.
Robber River.
The discovery that there is a kind of struggle for existence among rivers is one of the interesting results of the modern study of physiography. A notable example of this contest is exhibited by England's two biggest rivers, the Thames and the Severn. Between their valleys lie the Cotswold hills, and exploration shows that the Severn, by eating backward among these hills where softer strata underlie them, has diverted to itself some of the headwaters that formerly flowed into the Thames.—New York Post.

WISE SAVING SPELLS SUCCESS

Carnegie Hero Fund.
On March 12, 1904, Andrew Carnegie turned over to the Carnegie Hero Fund commission \$5,000,000 in bonds of the United States Steel corporation. The provisions of the gift are too numerous to be given in detail here, but in general it is provided that where a person is injured in performing some act of bravery the commission may provide for him until he has recovered, or for his family, in case he dies as the result of his bravery. It also provides for medals to be given to commemorate an act of bravery.
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Real political issues cannot be manufactured by the leaders of political parties, and real ones cannot be evaded by political parties. The real issues of the day declare themselves and come out of the depths of that deep which we call public opinion.—Garfield.
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Failure is but a mile post along the trail of life, unless we call it the end of the journey.—Forbes Magazine.

Lining Up at the "Y" Canteen



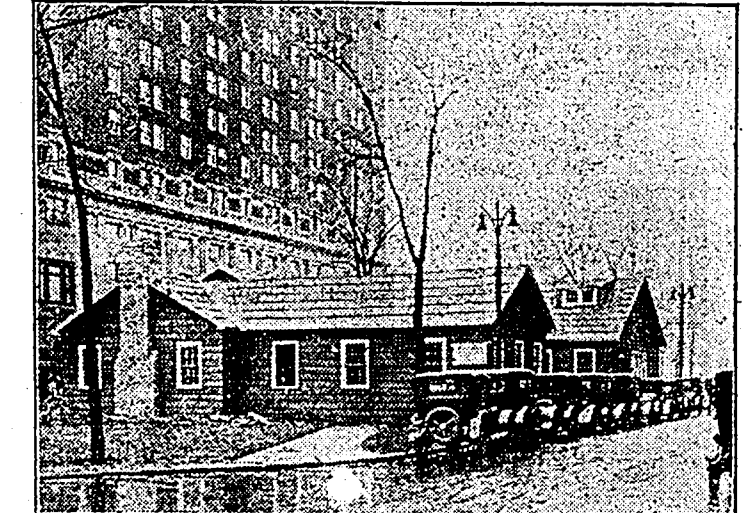
A hut at Tours operated by the Y. M. C. A. and popular at meal times.

NEW ENGLAND MEN IN WAR WORK

Latest Roster Shows Men From All Walks of Life Served "Y"

Boston.—Nearly 90 professions and vocations are represented in the latest roster of Y. M. C. A. men workers enlisted in New England, a total of 1226 having been examined and passed by the Northeastern Department of the National War Work Council since the beginning of the war; 765 being sent overseas and 460 doing service in home camps and naval stations.
And 1226 does not represent New England's entire contribution of men to "Y" service, inasmuch as a great many recruits passed through the New York office, whose records have not been finally completed.
There were 394 secretaries who described themselves merely as business men. Religious workers, being for the most part ministers, numbered 230; the Congregationalists leading with 97, the Baptists being second with 50 and the Methodists third with 32. 20 Unitarian ministers were enlisted in New England, 13 Episcopalians, 7 Universalists, and 3 Presbyterians, as well as other scattered denominations.
Among the 138 educators were college and university professors, City Superintendents of Schools and many school teachers. Many of the other secretaries were college graduates, a total of 494 stating their alma mater. From such statistics we find that Boston University led the colleges with 42 graduates in "Y" work; Harvard came second with 25; Yale and Brown being tied for third with 22 each. 40 other institutions were named.
A factory worker often drew exactly the same allowance as a banker and farmers, mechanics, shoe makers, plumbers, physicians and lawyers frequently worked side by side.
Roman Catholics, as well as Protestants and Jews are in the list, the records showing that the "Y" organization, like that of the Army itself, was thoroughly democratic.
It is interesting to note the distribution of "Y" secretaries among some of the largest New England cities. Boston naturally led, 138 men each; Concord, N. H., and New Haven comes second with 42 each; Hartford follows with 41; Springfield and Worcester, 26 each; Newport, R. I., 19; Portland, Me., and Brockton, Mass., 15 each; Melrose 13; Malden and Quincy 11 each; Holyoke and Lynn, 9 each; New Bedford, 7; Burlington, Vt., Pittsfield, Mass., Leominster, Mass., and Waterbury, Me., 6 each; Haverhill, Mass., Waltham, Mass., Concord, N. H., and New Britain, Conn., 5 each; Beverly, Mass., Gloucester, Mass., Woburn, Mass., Manchester, N. H.; 4; No. Adams, Mass., New London, Conn., Waterbury, Conn., Norwalk, Conn., Torrington, Conn., Taunton, Mass., Lowell, Mass., Augusta, Me., Rutland Vt., and

"Y" Hut at Detroit



Replica of an Army canteen Y hut erected in Grand Circus Park, Detroit. In connection with the fourth convention of the International Young Men's Christian Associations of North America, held there recently. The hut housed an exhibit of the war work of the American and Canadian Y. M. C. A.s at home and overseas conducted since 1914, and in addition showed its world-wide foreign work and plans for vast expansion in forty-two countries.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of LOUIS LAPOINTE the senior of that name late of Ayer in said County deceased.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by LOUIS LAPOINTE who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor thereof named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth 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 hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, GEORGE LAWTON, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

3123 F. M. ESTY, Registrar.

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Littleton, Mass., March 3, 1920.
To the Middlesex County, Commissioners:
Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Littleton, in said County, that the road from the Boxboro line through Newtowne, so-called, to Littleton Common is in need of relocation and specific repairs.

Wherefore we pray you will relocate and direct specific repairs on said road.

Said road is known as the West Acton road and leads by the houses of Cornelius Coughlin, Walter Kimball, George H. Kimball, Nahum H. Whitcomb and Daniel G. Houghton.

WALTER KIMBALL and four others
A true copy, attest,
BERNARD F. GATELY,
Deputy Sheriff.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge on the sixteenth day of March A. D. 1920.

On the foregoing petition, ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Selectmen's Room, Littleton Town Hall, or West-towne, on the twenty-first day of April, A. D. 1920, at 10.30 of the clock in the forenoon, by serving the Clerk of the town of Littleton, with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in view, and the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Littleton, fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.
Copy of petition and order thereon. Attest, 3129

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A true copy, attest,
BERNARD F. GATELY,
Deputy Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATRIX SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a license of the Probate Court for the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the following described parcel of real estate will be sold on the premises at public auction on Monday, the fifth day of April, 1920, at two o'clock P. M. to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate in Pepperell in said County of Middlesex and on the Southern side of South Street and bounded:

Beginning at land formerly of Carolina Whiting on said street; thence westerly by said street to an old road; thence southerly by said road to land formerly of Clark Balcom; thence in same direction to land of William Hinds; thence Easterly by said Hinds land to land of said Whiting; thence northerly by said Whiting land to point of beginning.

One hundred dollars will be required to be paid in cash at the time and place of sale and other terms will be announced at the sale.

MARIA W. BIRD, 3129
Administratrix Estate of Charles F. Bird, 1820.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
In Department of Public Utilities
Boston, March 10, 1920.

On the appeal of the Ayer Electric Light Company from the decision of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, passed by said board on the tenth day of August, 1919, consenting to the laying, erecting, maintaining and using of wires for the transmission of electricity over certain highways in said Town of Ayer by the Connecticut River Transmission Company (now New England Power Company), the Commission of the Department of Public Utilities will give a public hearing to all parties interested at its office, Room 167, State House, Boston, on Wednesday, the thirty-first day of March current, at ten-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

And the petitioner is required to give notice of said hearing by serving a copy hereof on the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer and the New England Power Company fourteen days at least prior to the time of said hearing and by publication hereof in the "Ayer News" and "Turner's Public Spirit," in each of said papers once each week for two successive weeks prior to the time of said hearing.

By order of the Commission,
(Signed) **HENRY C. ATTWILL,**
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Hatching of Fertilized Eggs.
A trout egg takes from thirty-five to sixty days to hatch, according to the temperature of the water.

The newspaper which makes a secret of its publication has a good reason for it—but the reason is never the one that is given to the advertiser.

BETWEEN REVOLUTIONS
MEXICANS FIND TIME TO INVEST IN W. S. S.

Laredo, Texas—Down in the land made famous by the roaring bull and revolutions, they are pulling a new one. The Mexicans are investing their money in War Savings Stamps.

Hundreds Buying Stamps. According to reports, the Mexicans are not purchasing these securities from Uncle Sam because of the beautiful pictures on the stamps, but because they know a good thing when they see it. This became known recently, when a Mexican came into the post office at Laredo, Texas, and purchased \$100 worth of War Savings Stamps. He stated that hundreds of Mexicans are purchasing War Savings Stamps as a means of safely investing their money.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society will meet at the ladies' parlor Thursday afternoon, April 1.

The Strattons write they are beginning to think of coming home and will probably be here before many weeks. Miss Stratton was ill with the flu this winter and in the hospital for a time.

Mrs. Clara Smith, Miss Doris Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Greenleaf, Mrs. Ella Farley and Mr. and Mrs. Phoenix Baker attended the Pomona meeting in Nashua last week Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Baker took the fifth degree.

Little Elliott Wilson is confined to the house with a severe cold.

John Coburn, who was reported ill last week, is more comfortable. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn are planning to break up their home here and move to Townsend in May, where they will hire a tenement. Mrs. Ella Farley, who has been with her for a number of years, will accompany them. Mr. Coburn, who is one of Hollis' old and respected citizens, will be missed by his many friends.

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Miss Juliette Blanchard, of Boston, has been visiting relatives here this week.

Freeman Blodgett, of Somerville, was a recent guest of Walter McClenathan.

C. S. Stearns and Harry Grimes, who have been very sick with pneumonia, are able to be out again.

The body of Mrs. Elmira Brown, widow of the late William Brown, of Littleton, was brought here last week for interment in the family lot at Mt. Hope cemetery.

Miss Eleanor Hall spent last week at the home of relatives in Fitchburg.

Miss Irma Durkee has recently composed a piece of music which has been accepted for publication by a music publishing house.

Schools resumed this week after a week's vacation.

"The winter of our discontent" and many inconveniences seems to be vanishing at last and signs of spring by the return of birds, pussy willows and children playing at their usual outdoor games are welcome harbingers.

Emery Whitcomb's condition does not seem to be greatly improved. A nurse is helping care for him now.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Hoar, of Boston, spent the week-end at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hoar.

The friends here of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson, of Boxboro, congratulate them on the birth of a baby daughter last week.

A number from here attended the play "Mo and Otis," given at the Universalist church, South Acton, last week Friday evening, most of the cast being West Acton talent, who recently gave the play in this village under the auspices of the Woman's club.

Mrs. George Y. Hutchins, of Stoneham, was a recent guest at the home of her father, G. B. Parker.

John Blanchard passed away on Saturday, March 20, at the home of his niece, Miss Annie M. Blanchard, where for a number of years he has made his home. Although not enjoying robust health for a long period he did not let life in the quiet of the home with occasional calls on his friends in and about the village. He was a great reader and possessed a very retentive memory and had committed many speeches of some of our greatest statesmen, which it gave him pleasure to quote to his friends.

His health began to fail in the fall, which has kept him from his daily trips to and from the office for his daily paper. He retained all his faculties to the end, and was tenderly cared for by Miss Blanchard, who was faithful and unremitting in her ministrations to the last days of his increasing weakness, and for which he expressed his appreciation and gratitude to a friend when he made his last call.

The deceased was the youngest son of the late Simon and Mary Keyes Blanchard, of Boxborough, and the last one of their family of nine children.

Funeral services were held at the home of Miss Blanchard on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. George L. Michelson, of the Baptist church, officiating. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hall sang "Abide with me" and "Nearer my God to thee." Many relatives and friends were present to pay a last tribute of respect to the aged man, the last one of his generation. Burial was in the family lot at Mt. Hope cemetery.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

William Hamollosky has been a recent visitor in Boston.

Mrs. Houle, from Nashua, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey.

Mrs. Julia Lawrence has gone to Groton to help care for Mrs. Virginia Farnsworth, of this town, who is sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Hammond. Mrs. Farnsworth is about the same.

Miss Marion Holcomb has been a recent visitor in Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powers have been recent visitors in Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss have been in New Haven, Conn., and attended the marriage of their daughter Hazel to George Davis in that place on Saturday, March 20.

Mrs. Ezilda Carey and little son, from Dorchester, Mass., has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Carey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ouellette.

Miss Blanche Hall was a visitor in Ayer recently.

Mrs. Emma Dunbar has returned from her visit with her daughter, Mrs. May Pingry, of Fitchburg.

Gustus Caleston was in Nashua the past week.

Joseph Ouellette, who is quite ill at his home here, we are sorry to report, is not as well.

Walter Rockwood and Miss Lizzie Whitcomb, from Townsend, had been recent visitors in town.

Mrs. Katherine Cady, Mrs. Hattie Pierce, Mrs. Edna Hall, Mrs. Della Hill and Miss E. Corey attended the Pomona meeting in Nashua on last week Friday. Mrs. Pierce rendered a very fine monologue during the literary program in the afternoon.

Miss Carrie Walker, of Townsend Hill, has been the guest of Miss Marion Holcomb.

Mrs. Julia Barnaby has returned from Littleton, where she has been staying during the sickness and death of her father.

Mrs. Louise Parkey has been spending a week in Lynn, Mass.

Wilfred Ouellette, from Lowell, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ouellette.

All the schools in town closed this week Friday for the spring vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. Annie Bailey, from Pepperell, has been spending the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fessenden in South Brookline.

The grammar school teacher, Miss Katherine Bryan, with her sister, will spend part of her vacation in New York city.

A large party attended the dance given by the baseball boys on last week Friday evening. There were young people present from Hollis and Pepperell. The boys will run another dance on Friday evening, April 2.

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Miss Hazel Storer, who is working in W. V. Groton, spent the week-end at her home in South Brookline.

Charles Wyman was arrested on last Saturday for the non-support of

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PEPPERELL

News Item.

Mrs. Robert Gay has been planning to revisit her native land, Scotland, the early part of this summer, for a stay of considerable length. On account of the difficulty in obtaining suitable passage it seemed at one time as though she might be obliged to wait until July unless she accepted a place in a steamer sailing the last of March. She has now been advised from the steamship office of a steamship from Portland, Me., to Glasgow, clearing on April 24, which will suit her much better than attempting to leave in such haste on a long voyage.

The fire on the Labine place on the road leading to East Groton, which destroyed the large house and some of the sheds, was plainly seen here, by many, on Monday.

Miss Muriel Robinson is expected home from her position at one of the halls connected with Wellesley college on Saturday to spend her week of Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Robinson, Nashua street.

It is understood that Pepperell may follow the example of Ayer and some other towns, where the selectmen have decided to reduce the police force, until further notice.

Mrs. Laura Herrig Kelley recently assisted, as violinist, at an entertainment given by the Outlook club at Lexington, the noted soloist, Mrs. Laura Littlefield, being the soprano singer, and Miss Katherine Yerrington, who has visited here with Mrs. Kelley, the accompanist. If possible plans will be made to secure for a Pepperell concert of this nature later, Mrs. Kelley being one of the prime movers and chief performers in an entertainment given at the Methodist church, as a benefit, last spring.

All who were able to attend the recent meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange held at North Leominster, speak highly of the same. State master, Leslie E. Green, was present, and announcements were made by him in regard to the National Grange meeting to convene in Boston, November 9 to 19, the details being given out for the first time. Mechanics' hall has been engaged for the first week. The entire lower floor of this hall is devoted to state exhibits. Another feature of the meeting will be the working of the seventh national degree upon 8000 candidates, 6000 of whom are expected to be from this state alone.

Plans for the entertainment of the thousands of visitors are being carefully arranged, every detail well thought out for the success of the event.

Mrs. Annie Bailey was the guest of Mrs. Louise Parkey and Mrs. Belle Fessenden at Brookline, N. H., last week.

Charles Boyce, now employed at Shrewsbury, was at his home with his family over Sunday. He somewhat contemptuously meeting there, and Mr. Boyce went there on Tuesday to look the rents over.

David Fessenden came from Brookline, N. H., to spend the week-end with his uncle, Henry Bailey and family, River street.

Mrs. Florence Willoughby is not in sufficiently good health to continue furnishing her boarders with meals and she has been present with her school teachers, taking his meals at Mrs. Maude Silker's.

The warmth of Tuesday and Wednesday brought many reports of bluebirds and robins seen in various parts of the town.

George Carter and son are commencing the alterations at the Jewett house on Main street to be occupied this spring by Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge with their daughter, Mrs. Crandall and family.

Asa Burgess was in Nashua, N. H., last week to visit his nephew, Franklin Burgess, who has been afflicted with rheumatism and confined to his home.

One of our Pepperell women, just returned from a short stay in Boston, last week, stated they were going without rubbers there—so were the rest of us, but we were wearing rubber boots.

A social dance will be held in Prescott hall on Friday evening, April 9, under the auspices of the Girls' club. Newell orchestra of Marlboro will furnish music.

A. G. Pike had a slight operation on the throat last week for the removal of tonsils.

A few more days like Tuesday and Main street will be in condition for the opinion of the expert who is expected from the state highway commission to determine what remedy can be had for its present condition, in time for the committee to report on it at the special town meeting in April, according to the vote at the regular town meeting in February.

Miss Esther Robbins went into Boston as usual on Tuesday, where she is pursuing her musical studies at the New England Conservatory of Music. She has not allowed the stormy weather nor late trains to interfere with her regular day for making the trip, all winter, although subjected sometimes to tiresome delays with the rest of the travelers.

The initiatory degree was conferred on two candidates at the meeting of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., on Thursday evening.

Mrs. E. B. Soule and two little daughters, Dorothy and Phyllis, are just recovering from a sickness from tonsillitis, the youngest child having badly swollen tonsils yet, which during her illness prevented her from articulating so as to be understood.

Miss Marguerite Leary has concluded her duties as clerk at the office of the American Express Company.

Amos Mahony and family are recovering from the influenza, the report that his illness was pneumonia, last week, proving incorrect.

Mrs. Dora Coleman, science teacher at the high school, was away from her usual post on Monday morning, being at her boarding place at Mrs. Sullivan's, Townsend street, because of the illness of her infant son, from indigestion.

Mrs. Charles Messer, Nashua street, intends to furnish her farm work and has let her farm helper, Ernest Clausen, who has been with her since her husband's death, go away. At present she is assisting Mr. Mignault at the town farm.

The talk on current events by Principal Whitmarsh, was interesting and instructive as our former attendees to those who gathered at the public library on Monday. His audience numbered about thirty, with several gentlemen present. The talk embodied all the more excellent things pertaining to public matters of the week past, with decided expressions on the advisability of the adoption of the metric system, which is already used by so many countries. In conclusion Mr. Whitmarsh spoke of the vote for women making its way, and also of the presidential convention.

Mrs. Elizabeth Deware is gaining her usual health, and is intending to leave for the influenza at her home with her son, Rainsford Deware and family. During the time she had a quiet celebration of her seventy-ninth birthday, receiving many remembrances and greetings from relatives and friends.

D. W. Hazen is among the invalids of the winter who is getting out and about again on pleasant days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Russell from Lawrence passed the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Boulla, Pleasant street.

A daughter was welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Parker, Brookline street, Thursday morning, March 25.

Miss Mildred Lunt is expected home on Saturday from Topsham to enjoy her vacation on one week.

Howard E. Shattuck, student at the Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., is expected home for a week's vacation next week as the school closes March 31.

P. J. McDonald, whose critical condition was not relieved by his treatment at the Massachusetts General hospital, was placed in a private ward on Saturday. It is reported that his wife might remain with him during the days. No operation was attempted following the result shown by the X-ray taken of seat of trouble, the stomach. He is able to retain very little food, causing much weakness, but so anxious to reach home that his wife, Leslie E. Jay, and Raymond Tucker went to Boston on Wednesday and brought him home in his own auto. They left the hospital at ten o'clock and making frequent stops, reached home about three in the afternoon. Mr. McDonald, although his appreciation was well merited. Even the absence of the "male quartet," caused by the illness of one of the number, was hardly missed among the other excellent substitutes.

Premo Borgatti left town on Thursday for New York, expecting to sail on Saturday for Italy after his delay of more than a week. He was accompanied by his little son Hugo.

Several local horsemen were in attendance at Lowell on Thursday, taking in the annual horse sale and show at the Hanson stable.

A clipping from the Alabama School Progress, dated March 1, gives the intelligence that Thomas E. Benner, formerly of this town as superintendent of schools, has recently been appointed statistician and editor of the department of education of this public school system. A resolution of a statistician having been recently authorized by legislature. Mr. Benner has the qualification for the position gained by an apprenticeship with the News in Lynn, and later, while engaged in graduate study at Harvard university, serving successfully as reporter, copy editor and night editor of the Boston Advertiser.

Other Pepperell matter on page two.

Deaths.

On Friday night of last week Miss Mary A. Connis died at her home at Fitchburg from the effects of a heavy shock, earlier in the day. She was a veteran teacher in the public schools at Fitchburg, where she had been employed since 1892, and was greatly beloved by associate teachers and pupils of the Boston street school. She was in her 56th year and was the last member of her family, who were old-time residents of the city. Miss Connis has been a frequent guest at the home of her life-long friend, Mrs. E. J. Darling, and impressed all who met her with her social qualities and pleasant personality, and Mrs. Darling has the sympathy of all in this loss of one who was almost like a sister. Miss Connis was a devoted member of the First Unitarian church of Fitchburg, a charter member of the Louise M. Alcott tent, D. of V., and past nurse of the E. Victoria Morse Rebekah lodge of the city.

Although she had been absent from her teaching duties it was thought merely a case of over-fatigue, even by her physician, and as nothing serious, until her complete prostration from the shock.

Mrs. Darling went to Fitchburg on Monday to attend her funeral services which were held in Sawyer's chapel at 2.30. The casket was covered with most beautiful flowers and a touching little ceremony was performed by her scholars at the grave in Forest Hill cemetery. The casket was silently being lowered from sight, her former pupils dropped flowers and sprays of pussy willows down on the casket, in memory of their kind friend and loved teacher.

The remains of Napoleon Obea were brought here on Tuesday from Worcester, where he has been an inmate for the past fifteen years at the asylum. He was a native of Canada and was about eighty years of age. He is survived by a widow, by two sons, George and Joseph Obea, of this town, and by two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Howard and Mrs. Mary Stoleker, both of Worcester. There are also many grandchildren and some great-grandchildren. Services were held at St. Joseph's church on Wednesday morning, solemn mass of requiem being celebrated by Rev. Thomas O'Toole of Haverhill, Rev. Fr. Connolly, the curate of St. Joseph's presiding at the organ. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The death of Ezra L. Goss occurred at his home on Hill street, on Tuesday, March 23, after two years of failing health. He was in his eightieth year and had been a resident of this town for nearly half that period. He was a civil war veteran and a member of the Thomas A. Parker post, G. A. R., and by request is to be buried in the post.

Mr. Goss was formerly a photographer, occupying a car which stood for several years on Main street, near the Leighton Bros. shoe factory. Since its burning down in 1903 he has never resumed the business, many valuable plates being destroyed at that time. He has since served for some time as janitor at the Methodist church, where he was a regular attendant and a member of the same. He took an active interest in the Epworth league and Sunday school, and was very punctual and faithful in the performance of the duties devolving upon him.

The deceased leaves many friends in this place, who remember his acts of kindness while he was in good health. He also leaves a son, Stever Goss, of Beverly, and a daughter, Miss Alice Goss, of Gardner.

Services will be held at his late home on Hill street Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, in charge of the Grand Army post, Rev. B. W. Rust officiating as clergyman.

American Legion Meeting.

A meeting of the members of the Frank West post, A. L., was held at their rooms in the Butler block on Monday evening with a very fair attendance. Plans for the dance to be held on April 19 were under discussion. The reading-room of the post is now fitted up creditably, and with the addition of but a few necessities serve the purpose admirably. The other room in the same building is to be further fitted up as a recreation room for pool and billiards.

At a recent meeting of the post the resignation of Roger Robbins as commander, and M. Joseph Sullivan as adjutant, were received and acted upon. An election of new officers was made as follows: Willard Gray, com.; John J. Haggerty, John McGrath, vice commanders; Harold Hayes, adj.; Fred A. Milan, fin. off.; Dana O. Merrill, chaplain and historian; the above-named officers and Sidney Tower and Walter O'Neil, ex. com.; Carroll Milan, athletic; Conrad Yeaton, chairman entertainment committee.

Successful Sale.

The ladies of the Methodist society had nearly everything that goes toward making a great success in their Easter sale on Wednesday. For the first essential, a fine day, spring-like and balmy, enough of itself to coax people out. For the next, the promise of a fine dinner at noon, under the direction of, an efficient chairman and committee, and the many patrons found the promise well fulfilled. Articles for sale, both at the apron table and in fancy articles suitable for Easter gifts, received attention from the diners, and during the afternoon.

Perhaps the committee believe in reserving the very best for the last, however, as every number on the program, commencing at eight o'clock, was applauded to the echo. It was not only an appreciation of the entertainment, but an appreciation was well merited. Even the absence of the "male quartet," caused by the illness of one of the number, was hardly missed among the other excellent substitutes.

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board charts in connection with the training of youth.

The opening service of the Sunday school at 12.10 will be in charge of the benevolent committee. Special Easter program will be arranged in the Sunday school Easter Sunday.

There was an increased attendance last Sunday and much interest in the awards of honors in the contests. Specially high awards are in the form of bird-nature study pictures.

"Church night" will be held on Tuesday evening, and the committee for the literary program are Misses Helen Pond, Adele Boynton, Doris Durant and Anna Boynton. The study class will be held under the direction of Mr. Drawbridge in the class room and the time heretofore taken up by current events will be filled with musical selections by the Misses Dunton and Deware, and Miss M. L. P. Shattuck will give a historical paper.

LITTLETON

Willard A. Munson, director division of markets, was one of the speakers at the farmers' meeting in Memorial hall this week Wednesday forenoon and afternoon.

The Webster family moved to Ayer Wednesday and the tenement in one of the Goldsmith houses thus made vacant will be occupied soon by Mr. and Mrs. Leland, who have occupied the house on Mill road, now owned by John Sibley. Mr. Sibley and family expect to move into their new home the first of April.

Mrs. Martin Holen and her two weeks old son are expected from Deaconess hospital, Concord, today, if weather permits.

A daughter was born March 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilcox of King street.

Allan Smith, who had an ill turn on Saturday night, is now on the convalescent list.

Mrs. Sadie Pierce is convalescing at Mrs. Frank Gregory's. The little Chalker girl is also making her home for the present with Mr. and Mrs. Gregory.

Misses Kathleen and Marlon Drew of Bates college are at home for a vacation of eight days.

Miss Hazel Murray of Jackson college is spending the week-end with the home people.

Whitney Caulkins has a position in Clinton, but continues his work with his Sunday school class in Medford each week.

Mr. Childs has moved into the Manning house at the Common.

Miss Mildred Elmer is at home from Northfield seminary for the Easter vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. F. H. Hill spent this week Friday in Marlboro.

Edward Wilkins, Jr., thinks of making his home in the state of California and will probably leave for the west next week.

Little Johnnie Eldredge has had a touch of grippe and required the care of a physician. He is now much better and on pleasant days is allowed to go out of doors.

Fourteen new Grange members received the first and second degrees on Tuesday evening. The ladies of the great staff with Mr. Catherine Brown as master worked the second degree and the regular officers worked the first. On the evening of April 7 this class will take the third and fourth degrees. Deputy Johnson of Leominster, inspecting officer, will be in charge. Lillian Grange is invited to neighbor with Chemofoord Grange on June 2 and provide half the entertainment. Westford Grange will be expected to provide the rest of the program. The Pomona Grange meeting, postponed some weeks ago on account of influenza, will be held in Littleton town hall June 3.

TOWNSEND

Harbor.

Dr. Dobbs of Malden visited his farm on Wednesday.

Jesse Knowlton, who has been spending several days at Knowlton farm went to Keene, N. H., on Wednesday.

George Bacheider and William Leonard have resumed work at the leatherboard mill.

Adney Gray and Fred Ross attended the auto show on last Saturday.

Much Discussed Problem.

The advantages of artificial lighting for poultry plants is a much discussed problem. B. C. Cummings of this village feels that he has solved the question. Mr. Cummings has three hundred white leghorn pullets in pens or houses containing one hundred birds each, carefully graded that the pens may be as nearly alike as possible. About the middle of last December Mr. Cummings installed in two of the pens a lighting system. In three days he began to see a difference; at the end of two weeks the hens in each of the lighted houses were laying one hundred percent more than those in the unlighted ones. Each pen also consumed fifteen pounds per week more feed. The lights were put on at three in the morning and burned till seven. Mr. Cummings states that the birds that were in the lighted pens are in better condition than those in the unlighted ones.

Mr. Cummings pullets were hatched the 7th of April and began to lay the 15th of August. Last Monday he collected 214 eggs.

Death.

The funeral of Byron Laws took place last week Friday afternoon at 2.30 from his late home. Rev. A. L. Struthers officiated. Interment was in the family lot at the Center.

Mr. Laws, aged 76 years, 1 mo. and 2 days, was a native of Brookline, N. H., but has lived the greater part of his life in Townsend. For thirty years he lived on Wallace hill, where he was a successful farmer.

Mr. Laws was twice married, his second wife dying about three years ago. Mr. Laws was the father of thirteen children, eight of whom survive him.

The newest Paris woolsens are full of bright color.

If your closet room is limited, put a pole lengthwise in the closet and use hooks hanging in that many more things in same space and can more readily see them; also much more accessible.

News Items.

The King's Daughters will hold an all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. Lillian Taylor on Thursday, April 1, from ten to four o'clock.

Adin Murchie has accepted a position as meat cutter in Brockton. He began his duties last Monday.

Still River.

Rev. and Mrs. William Guesman returned from their visit with their daughter's family in Connecticut on Monday, and services will be resumed at the Baptist church on Sunday.

The deed has passed between F. S. Savage, Still River, and Albert W. Brown, Harvard, transferring some seven acres of land, including the old Noah Warren farm in East Bare hill.

Miss Eliza Bateman attended a meeting of the Woman's club in Worcester on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Walker, of Marlboro, are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Walker.

Mrs. Hutchinson attended the orchid show in Boston on Wednesday.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Miss Cora Hartwell is the guest of her brother, Albert Hartwell.

Mrs. Earl Littlefield, of Hartford, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Everett Spinning, of West Acton. Mr. Littlefield stopped up from Hartford on Wednesday and will remain here for two weeks with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson are the proud parents of a baby daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Costello, of Sunnybrook farm, left on Tuesday for a month's trip to the Bermudas.

Arthur Brown spent the week-end with his mother in Belmont.

Schools closed on Friday for two weeks.

Arthur Nelson braved Tuesday's muddy roads and took the first truck load of apples into Boston.

AYER

News Items.

By the look on Bug's face, Thursday, you would have thought that he had lost a very good friend—but that anguished expression and tears in his eyes was caused by an application of some good old-fashioned mustard of unusual strength applied to those frankfurts he had partaken of.

"Joe" has bought an up-to-date alarm clock this week. He says he does not want to sleep over again while he has a hand to it, it is too difficult to explain to his friends.

Joseph Markham and Henry Donahue went to Boston to take in "The girl in the limousine" this week.

Our mistake, Henry. From that masterful, vehement speech of yours, and the way you attempted to make that "flying switch," we should have known better than to refer to you as a brakeman and should have referred to you as a conductor.

"Al" Fardella, the depot tonsorial artist, is slated to do a specialty act in the coming minstrel show.

MARCH 26-27 Fitchburg's Big Market FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 26-27 MARCH SPECIALS SATURDAY MORNING ONLY STEAK 25c. lb. RUMP ROUND SIRLOIN LIMITED SALE Friday—All Day RIB STEAK 22c lb. BOLLING BEEF 10c, 12c lb. Boneless Chunks 20c, 22c, 34c lb. Chunks 18c, 20c, 22c lb. Boneless Pot Roasts 15c lb. Rump Roasts 30c to 35c lb. Sirloin Roasts 28c to 40c lb. Boneless Rib Roasts 30c to 35c lb. NATIVE VEAL Stewing Pieces 15c, 18c lb. Roasts of Veal 22c, 24c, 26c, 28c lb. Loin Roasts 25c, 35c lb. Roasting Legs 30c, 35c lb. Roasts 32c, 35c lb. FRESH SHOULDERS 20c lb. SMOKED SHOULDERS 20c lb. PORK by the strip 29c lb. Small Roasts of Pork 29c, 35c lb. SPRING LAMB FORES 25c, 28c lb. HINDS 37c lb. LEGS 40c lb. YEARLING LAMB Stewing Pieces 12 1/2c lb. Fores 18c, 20c lb. Legs 30c, 35c lb. Hinds 28c lb. BUY FLOUR NOW—IT WILL COST MORE LATER—PRICE NOW ADVANCING SWEET LOAF FLOUR, 1-8 bbl. bag \$1.85 QUEEN OF ALL FLOUR, 1-8 bbl. bag \$1.80 OCCIDENT FLOUR 1/2 bbl. \$2.05 1/2 bbl. bag \$2.40 Barrel in wood \$17.25 SAUT HADDOCK and COD, old style 8c lb. Salt Mackerel 25c lb. Smelts 30c lb. Salt Mackerel 10-lb. kit \$1.00 FULL LINE FRESH FISH AT ALL TIMES BRILLANT OLIVE OIL 37c, \$1.07 bottle BAU Pure Virgin Olive Oil \$1.25 can Bag-Ni-No's Olive Oil 28c bottle WESSON COOKING OIL 45c, 85c can Fresh Cut Lettuce, Spinach, Cucumbers, Celery, Mushrooms, Sweet Potatoes, Ripe Tomatoes, Cauliflowers, Cranberries, Spanish Onions SPECIAL SALE OF CANNED GOODS for 12 1/2c Pork and Beans Red Kidney Beans Ripe Tomatoes Wax and Green Beans Fancy Oolong Tea 39c lb. Market Special Coffee 50c lb. N. B. C. Butter Thins 29c lb. N. B. C. Social Tea 15c pkg. BUDDER WALNUTS, Regular 45c lb; Special at 39c lb. Fancy Lemons 30c dozen Naval Oranges 40c dozen MILD CHEESE 39c lb. 70c CHOCOLATE CHIPS 43c lb. Laurel Lard 29c lb. EVAPORATED APRIOTS 35c, 38c lb.

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