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All \$8.50 Shoes, Men's and Ladies', now	\$6.80	\$6.50 and \$7.00 Hats, now	\$5.00
All \$8.00 Shoes, Men's and Ladies', now	\$6.40	\$10.00 Hats, now	\$7.00
All \$6.50 Shoes, Men's and Ladies', now	\$5.20	\$1.75 Caps, now	\$1.00
SPECIAL SALES—Bargains on few odd lots of Ladies' Shoes		\$2.00 Caps, now	\$1.50
		\$3.00 Caps, now	\$2.45

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MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS		UNDERWEAR—Two-Piece		FLANNEL NIGHT GOWNS	
\$2.50 Shirts, now	\$1.90	\$1.50 Derby-Ribbed, now	\$1.00	\$2.50 and \$3.00 value, now	\$1.95
\$3.00 Shirts, now	\$2.25	Fleece-lined, now	\$1.25		
\$3.50 Shirts, now	\$2.75	\$2.75 Kable Knit 70% wool,	\$1.95		
\$4.00 and \$4.50 Shirts, now	\$3.25	Union Suits			
\$6.75 Silk Shirts, now	\$5.00	\$2.50 Cooper's Klosed Krotch,	\$2.25		
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		\$6.00 Wool Woolens, now	\$5.00		
MEN'S WORK SHIRTS		PAJAMAS		Special Sales on Men's Woolen Socks, Mittens and Neckwear	
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- \$3.49 PAIR—Heavy Slumbermores of wool finish and twilled. In white, gray and tan. Size 64x76. Regular \$5.00 values.
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PEPPERELL

News Items.
Mrs. George W. Pierce spent last week in Somerville, with Mrs. George Herrig and family, returning on Friday.

Mrs. A. S. McNay's injuries received at the time of her accident recorded last week, proved more serious than thought for at the time. The pains in her back and one limb increased, instead of yielding to remedies used, and she was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, the latter part of the week. The X-ray was spoken of, and would probably have been used on Saturday, if on that day she had not shown a slight change for the better in her condition. There was a slight variation, as on Wednesday she did not seem as well. It is probable that the treatment at the hospital may have to be continued for some time, before she is able to come home.

Annual Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Community church will be held on Thursday, January 20. The meeting will open at 2.30 with a business session. Supper will be served at six o'clock by the Community Church workers to all church members and friends. The program in the evening will commence at 7.30 with music by the choir, followed by invocation by the pastor, Rev. Robert W. Dearbridge. At 7.55 there will be an address by Rev. Francis E. Webster of Christ church, Waltham.
At eight, music by the choir. From 8.10 to 8.50 there will be four, 10-minute addresses given by the retiring moderator, Dr. Lester R. Qua, by the superintendent of the church school, Charles A. McGraw, by Mrs. George H. Shattuck, representing the Community Church workers, and by the pastor. At 8.50 music by the choir. At 8.55, an address by Ernest G. Adams of Boston, chairman of the Unitarian League Forward movement. At 9.35, closing hymn by choir and congregation.

Funeral Services.
The funeral services of Francis Hamilton, who passed away on Tuesday of last week, were held at the Homestead, Thursday afternoon, at two o'clock. The Rev. Francis E. Webster, rector of Christ church, Waltham, read the Episcopal prayer and service. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Hamilton, who was prostrated by the death of her husband, also, the large number of ex-service men at the Homestead, the services were private. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers, showing a large circle of friends, conspicuous among which was a standing cross and roses, palms and carnations, given by the Convalescent men at the Homestead, also a spray of orchids and palms from the family; a standing wreath from the assistants at the Homestead; and a wreath from neighbors, with numerous sprays and net pieces from relatives and friends, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held.
The bearers were Dr. Frank Minitor, Leroy Nutting, Clason Curtice,

and Frank Milan. An automobile cortege carried the relatives and friends, including twenty of the ex-service men, to the family lot in Woodlawn cemetery, where committal was read by Rev. Mr. Webster. Among the relatives present were Mrs. S. J. Dauphinee, of Amesbury; Mrs. F. W. Dickerson, of Nashua; Mrs. E. R. B. Allardice and Mrs. Lillian McGarry, of Clinton; and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Curtice, of Malden.

Accident.
Little Hurton Wilson, the thirteen-months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wilson, who have been living on the Duan farm until their bungalow should be ready for occupancy, is recovering from a singular accident. He had a fall from his high-chair last week, sustaining some big bruises on the head, but it was not thought to be of serious nature until he began to show symptoms of trouble with his head. A physician was called, and as internal injuries was feared, it was decided to perform an immediate operation, and Dr. Moran from Nashua was called in consultation. A successful operation was performed on Sunday evening, at the home of A. A. Gilson and sister, where Mr. and Mrs. Wilson went with the child, to secure greater comforts and be in touch with the physician by telephone. Although the operation was a severe one for so young a child, it is thought he will recover.

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MEN'S SUITS		MEN'S OVERCOATS	
\$25.00 Suits, now	\$18.75	\$25.00 Overcoats, now	\$18.75
\$34.50 Suits, now	\$25.90	\$35.00 Overcoats, now	\$26.25
\$40.00 Suits, now	\$30.00	\$40.00 Overcoats, now	\$30.00
\$45.00 Suits, now	\$33.80	\$45.00 Overcoats, now	\$33.80
\$55.00 Suits, now	\$41.25	\$50.00 Overcoats, now	\$37.50

TROUSERS AT REDUCED PRICES		MACKINAW REDUCED	
\$ 4.50 Trousers, now	\$3.47	\$ 9.00 Mackinaws, now	\$ 6.75
\$ 5.50 Trousers, now	\$4.47	\$11.00 Mackinaws, now	\$ 8.25
\$ 7.00 Trousers, now	\$5.50	\$16.00 Mackinaws, now	\$12.00
\$10.00 Trousers, now	\$7.50	\$20.00 Mackinaws, now	\$15.00

MEN'S UNDERWEAR—Two-Piece		MEN'S FANCY SHIRTS	
\$1.50 Derby-Ribbed, now	\$1.00	Percales and Madras—Soft Cuffs	
\$1.50 Wool and Cotton, Natural	\$1.00	\$2.00 Shirts, now	\$1.35
High-Rock Fleece, now	\$1.25	\$2.50 and \$3.00 Shirts, now	\$1.95
		\$4.50 and \$5.00 Shirts, now	\$3.00
Union Suits		MEN'S WORK SHIRTS	
\$2.50 Derby-Ribbed, now	\$1.75	\$1.50 Khaki	98¢
\$3.00 Derby-Ribbed, now	\$2.25	\$1.50 Blue Chambray	98¢
\$3.50 Wool Unions, now	\$2.85	\$1.50 Domet Flannel	98¢
\$5.00 Wool Unions, now	\$4.00	\$3.50 Wool Flannel in Navy Blue or Gray, now	\$2.50

DOMET FLANNEL PAJAMAS		MEN'S WORK SHOES		MEN'S DRESS SHOES	
\$2.50 values, now	\$1.85	\$5.00 values for	\$4.00	\$12.00 Brown Shoes, now	\$9.00
\$3.00 values, now	\$2.35	\$6.50 values for	\$5.00	\$10.00 Brown Shoes, now	\$8.00
\$3.50 values, now	\$2.75	\$7.50 values for	\$6.50	\$8.50 Brown Shoes, now	\$7.50
				\$7.50 Brown Shoes, now	\$6.50
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\$3.00 values, now	\$2.50				

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WESTFORD

Center.
 Perley E. Wright had a chimney fire Sunday morning, which he was able to control without calling for aid from the fire department.

The Ladies' Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold an all-day sewing meeting at the home of Miss Eva E. Fletcher, Thursday, January 20, to which all the members are cordially invited.

Miss Alice M. Howard and Miss A. Mabel Drew enjoyed the hospitality of the Middlesex Woman's club at its new year's reception January 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert V. Hildreth are at Atlantic city during this week on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Hartford attended a dinner at the Colonial inn, Lowell, Tuesday evening of insurance men and their wives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence spent Sunday in Worcester.

"Susie," Gordon Seavey's trained prize pig, has been an interesting sight in our village street this week with her rope harness and drawing her young master on a sled.

Miss Lillian Sutherland, who recently underwent a throat operation, has been obliged to remain at home over another week, but expects to return to her teaching in Tewksbury the first of the week.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be held at the lower town hall, Monday evening, January 17, at eight p. m., for the election of officers and transaction of other business.

Wedding.
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edward Day announce the marriage of their daughter, Edna Mae, to Frederick Smith. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride last Saturday afternoon at half-past two. Owing to Mr. Day's illness it was a very quiet wedding, the ceremony taking place in the presence of the immediate families of the bride and groom. Rev. David Wallace of Sterling and a former pastor of the Union Congregational church, performed the ceremony. Norman Day, the bride's brother, played the wedding march and the groom's brother and sister, Orris Smith and Miss Doris Smith, were the attendants of the bridal couple. The bride's wedding gown was of white satin and her traveling dress was of blue with hat to match. Refreshments were served after the ceremony and later the young people departed for a wedding trip to New York.

After their return they will make their home for the present with the bride's parents. Mr. Smith holds a responsible position at the C. G. Sargent's Sons in Grotonville. The sincere good wishes of their many friends are extended to the young people for happiness and prosperity.

Miss Julia H. Fletcher as accompanist for Mrs. Nettie Roberts of Lowell, assisted in an entertainment for the prisoners at the state prison at Charlestown last Sunday afternoon. These entertainments are given every week and the arrests give their services for the entertainment.

It is only fair to have it plainly understood that the recent local report for funds for Mr. Hoover's relief fund started in the Groton. Mr. Hanscom brought the matter before the members and a committee of three from the Groton, consisting of Mr. Hanscom, chairman, William R. Taylor and Fred E. Bidwell, did much faithful work that brought about a fine result. Their work is appreciated and they in turn are appreciative of the response to their efforts that made the good total as given in this column last week.

The annual men's supper of the Congregational church takes place later in the month. A good committee is organized and planning a roast beef supper with all the fixings and a good entertainment.

The names of Mrs. Fabian Parkard and Mrs. John Beecher were added to the committee who furnished such an attractive luncheon at the close of the program at the Tadmuck club Tuesday afternoon.

Annual Church Meeting.
 The annual business meeting preceded by the church members' dinner and roll call, took place Monday at the Congregational church. The dinner was in charge of Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, Mrs. Harry M. Ansell and Mrs. John K. Pugh. The roll call after dinner was the usual pleasant occasion and at two o'clock the gathering assembled in the vestry for the business meeting. Reports showed all bills paid and a balance in the treasury. After prayer by the pastor, J. W. Rafter was chosen moderator and L. W. Wheeler, clerk. Reports of the deacons, pastor, auditor, collector, treasurer, supply committee, supt. of Sunday school, secretaries of Ladies' Aid and Missionary societies and of the Young People's league were read and accepted. F. A. Hanscom was chairman of a committee to see about fire escapes and to choose his own assistants.

It was voted to renew any insurance policies that may expire during the year. J. W. Rafter was requested to send a letter of sympathy, greeting and fellowship to Arthur E. Day, who is ill. Mr. Boudenshush was chosen moderator of benevolent contributions. Officers elected were: F. A. Hanscom, deacon for two years; A. E. Day, reflected as deacon; Miss L. B. Atwood, treasurer; Mr. Roudenbush, asst.; H. G. Osgood, col.; Fred A. Meyer, asst.; J. W. Rafter, aud.; H. G. Osgood, A. E. Day, C. Roudenbush, L. W. Wheeler and F. E. Meyer, trus.; Miss L. B. Atwood, Miss S. E. Loker, William C. Roudenbush and H. G. Osgood, supply com.; H. G. Osgood, supt. of S. S., and Mrs. O. L. Brownsey,

asst.; Miss Anna Symmes sec. and trus. of S. S.

Tadmuck Club.
 The Tadmuck club held a most valuable as well as enjoyable meeting Tuesday afternoon at the vestry of the Congregational church. There was a good attendance and the vice president, Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth, presided. The secretary, Mrs. Sutherland, read reports of three previous meetings. Notice was given of the mid-winter meeting of the State Federation at Melrose Highlands, February 3, and of a meeting of the Ayer club, January 19. The club voted unanimously to continue the support of the French orphan that it has supplied the sum of \$25 yearly for the past two years.

New members welcomed into the club were Miss Grace Ranney, Mrs. Robert Prescott, Mrs. Carl Swenson and Mrs. John Perkins. The speaker of the afternoon was Miss Bertha M. Wood of Boston, a trained dietitian, who gave a very practical and helpful talk on proper food for children and also correct eating habits for adults. Miss Wood's talk proved one of the most valuable that the members have enjoyed this year and the public health committee should feel gratified at the success of their afternoon. At the close of the program attractive refreshments of salad, wafers, cakes and coffee were served with Mrs. A. R. Wall and Mrs. Henry Harrington as hostesses. Miss Eva M. Lord, Mrs. Winthrop Sargent and Mrs. Alice M. Wells, public health committee of the club, were in charge of the afternoon. The next meeting, January 25, will be the annual musical and will be at the Congregational church and will be in charge of Mrs. Fred H. Meyer, Mrs. Charles H. Wright and Mrs. Arthur M. Whately, music committee of the club.

About Town.
 First Parish church (Unitarian) Sunday service at four p. m. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Grandall. Subject, "The first and typical miracle."

Mr. and Mrs. Oden B. Pyle of Baltimore are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. Mrs. Pyle will be remembered as Miss Hazel Fletcher of Oak Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher are happy grandparents again.

A special town meeting has been called for next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, non-labor saving time, when the following articles will be considered: To see if the town will appropriate a sufficient sum of money to meet the deficiencies in the running expenses of the town; to see what action the town will take to employ a competent person to supervise finances of the several departments of the town and act as purchasing agent therefor, or act in relation to the same.

At the last meeting of the Grange the lecturer was obliged to hastily substitute a program in place of installation of officers, which was postponed until Thursday evening, Jan. 20. But for all this the lecturer provided a real wake-up time. The Grange orchestra, Gordon Seavey, cornet; Carl Anderson, trombone; George Anderson, drums; and Elinor Colburn, piano, led off in regular quickest time to the delight of all, and others also led off for the old-fashioned and stirring singing of ye old familiar songs. Besides this there was double quartet singing by the younger members of the Grange, which contrasted with the previous combinations of the evening. The young were anxious to dance and the elders were anxious to look on and this feature followed all other features to the tunes sounded out by the well-timed tuned Grange orchestra. At the business meeting to elect a lecturer in place of Mrs. J. William Fletcher resigned, Miss Ruth Sargent was elected over all scatterings.

Next week Thursday evening Willard G. White of Shirley, past master of Ayer Grange, will, with his assistants, install the officers of Westford Grange. This will be followed by installation supper and speech remarks generally. Frederick A. Hanscom, Fred E. Bidwell and Mr. R. Taylor will hand out the supper for which they have given the usual bond.

Ducks are still reported flying north and summering in open waters of Lake Winnepesaukee. This looks too warm to believe, but a black snipe 4 1/2 feet long was reported killed last week on the Nashua and Ayer railroad, near the Ayer-Littleton line. The snipe-picking up a most vicious summer game, which makes the weather seem warmer than ducks flying north in January.

The H. E. Fletcher Co. on Oak Hill, while having closed down most of the sherry for the winter, are still running the stone crusher at full capacity. A large quantity is daily sent to Lowell on auto trucks over the Groton road, many of which are shipped over the Stony Brook railroad.

Representative Alfred W. Hartford has been appointed on the committee on insurance and has been chosen clerk of the committee.

The Jenness family, who have been working on the Road-Drew farm for two years, have moved to Jordan, N. J.

At a meeting of the W. O. T. P. last week at the home of Mrs. Wagoner on Main street Mrs. Hamilton of Boston was county president, gave the address. Mrs. H. E. Fletcher of Groton was planning with the local organization for work for the coming year. Statistics were given as to the moral and financial work the unions have accomplished in the past and brighter hopes may personally be looked for in the future. An effort will be made to increase the membership of the local union. At the close of the meeting lunch was served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher of Oak Hill, Brookside precinct, and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth of the Center are at Atlantic city for a short stay.

W. J. Bennett at the depot is improving the lay-off time from other work parting cord wood for Mr. Jordan on the Providence road.

Last week Guy R. Deaver had an aggravating attack of the rheumatism. All his responsibilities failed to relieve his racking pains. Dr. C. W. Burn was telephoned for and made an attack on the rheumatism and was counted out on the first round.

to the housing problem and other problems. "We have used up our quota without growing new ones. The United States contains 126 million acres of cutover or denuded forests, containing no sun timber. Eighty-one million acres of this amount have been completely devastated by forest fires and methods of cutting which destroy or prevent new timber growth. The area of idle or largely idle land is being increased by from three to four million acres annually. Of the forests that remain we are taking about twenty-six billion feet of wood from forests each year and growing only six billion."

Graniteville.
 The Ayer bowling team visited here last week and defeated the Graniteville live in a special match. The local team was not quite satisfied with the result and the Ayer boys returned here again this week. Following are the scores for the match last week:

AYER		GRANITEVILLE	
Hodgett	89	80	103-278
Harvard	92	79	253
Merrill	101	84	90-285
Downing	84	76	96-285
Hallen	84	84	87-249
Total	1368		
GRANITEVILLE		AYER	
Hall	86	91-259	
Hanson	91	79-253	
Healy	87	73	88-245
Richard	85	94	93-277
Total	1255		

Much interest is being shown in the bowling game here. Beside the big three-string roll-off that is held every Thursday night, special matches are held with teams from out of town, and the ladies have the alleys reserved every Thursday forenoon for special contests.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Healy, 2d, here on Tuesday, January 11.

Many people from here attended the meeting of the Tadmuck club that was held in the Congregational church at Westford Center on Tuesday afternoon.

The members of Cameron circle, C. of P. A., held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening with a good attendance. Much business of importance was transacted, and final preparations were made for the dance to be held in Forge Village on Friday night. At that time a piano will be given to the holder of the lucky ticket.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. L. A. Blood on Thursday evening, January 13, at seven o'clock. At that time plans were formed for the annual sale and entertainment to be held in the church vestry on next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, January 19 and 20.

The weather has been such that there has been little need of sleighs here so far this winter, but it is hard to tell what the next few days will bring forth.

Joseph Wall, Westford fish and game warden, attended a conference, held at the state house in Boston last week that was attended by all the game wardens and deputies in Massachusetts. Mr. Wall found the conference very interesting. He also wishes to state that anyone wishing to secure pheasants' eggs for hatching purposes, kindly make application to him and he will see that they are supplied.

GROTON

To the Editor:
 It is with profound regret that in last week's editorial I find R. M. Shaw has made the statement that he will not be a candidate for the office of selectman. In voicing this regret I am not only expressing my own feelings but also the sentiments of a large number of Groton's electorate, who feel sure that he would be elected this year. His further statement, though made in a laudable way, that he would serve if any people elected him is, in my opinion, a disservice to the town. It shows that we may consider him as a possible selectman. There is no doubt as to his fitness and qualifications for the office, the unimpeachable, fearless, and absolutely fair stand he has taken on town affairs is not worthy when we stop to consider that he is the only Groton voter who ever has own signature have made public his aims, principles and convictions on town affairs.

It is to be regretted that we have had a few more of R. M. Shaw's editorials. His letters are not only a source of pleasure to read but I am sure they are awaited for eagerly by the readers of this paper. The small opinion that he has given in the last column that if he is elected a selectman in Groton, all of his writings would be carried out by his actions. What Groton needs is a man of Shaw's caliber and I sincerely trust that the voters of Groton will get out a nomination paper for Mr. Shaw and secure enough signatures to put him on the ballot. If there is a demand for his candidacy. If he runs, he can be assured of the vote of the undersigned.

John H. Traynor.

To the Editor:
 I would like to ask the citizens of Groton if they are blindly paying the high taxes of the past few years without realizing the loss on nearly every dollar they pay. I am sure they are. We believe they do not know they are not making good, when they tell us at every town meeting they are shy at every town meeting they have more money and are still shirking the tax.

We raise money for certain things and at last become a creditor for them, enough to over and tell us it could not be helped. But it can be helped if the voters will insist on electing men who will work for the interest of the town and taxpayer. Do the voters know there is also a great waste in many ways at the town farm? Lumber has been cut, disposed of the best and leaving the rot in the ground. It is thereby reducing the value of the farm.

Do the voters know that it is sheds, wagons and tools are lost or strayed from the farm to return no more? It is also said that potatoes have been let out to be dug on shares and the town's share allowed to freeze for lack of time or disposition. Shall we allow such things to go on, or shall we elect men who will work for the interest of the town?

A Taxpayer.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.
 By R. M. Shaw

The long-expected report of the town investigation committee is now in the hands of the voters, and while it contains no sensational disclosures, it does furnish much material for sober thought and reflection on our civic affairs.

It is significant that the only unfavorable criticisms that the committee are of reports made publicly under the control of the board of selectmen. All other departments are given a clean bill of health. It is also gratifying to find that nothing criminal is charged against any town official whatsoever. This may prove a little disappointing to some of our town gossyp-mongers, who have been smacking their lips in anticipation of some juicy morsel of evidence which would bolster up one of the many rumors which they have been circulating.

If anything, the committee has erred on the side of leniency in their comments and criticisms. Though any excess is fully offset, however, by the common-sense recommendations which they make for our future town administration.

One of the outstanding features of the report is the paragraph on the police department, though the comparison with the town of Littleton is perhaps not a fair one of the past and personal valuations of the two towns are taken into consideration. As a matter of fact, a greater portion of our town is absolutely without police protection at all, except such as is given by telephone communication. With only one police officer on duty, it is practically a physical impossibility for him to give personal protection outside of a radius of half a mile from the police station. This does not necessarily mean that we can do without an officer on duty, all the time, as the moral effect is a weighty factor as a crime deterrent, but the question of greater efficiency and economy for this department is a timely one.

The report of the auditors employed by the committee shows a very lax and careless method of handling town accounts and some of the items listed in the report are very interesting. One of these items are worthy of comment, but lack of space will not permit of comment on more than one or two of the most striking. Under exhibit A we find that Road Superintendent Pierce received \$502.63, and under exhibit C, \$2,777.19, making a total of \$3,580.82 presumably as salary for his services in the year 1919.

Since I have been out of a job, in moments of depression my thoughts have gone what gloomily turned to the poor farm, as a possible future home, but that tobacco farm is a ray of sunshine through the gloom. If all the other fixtures are in keeping with the possibilities of the future with continuing.

I question very seriously the economy of \$5 cent silk stockings; if you drop a stitch in the \$5 kind, they are ruined, but never mind, the quality, the burning question is, who wears them? And do the overseers furnish skirts of the proper length to go with the stockings? The more one goes into the matter the more one is convinced that there are decided advantages to pauperism in Groton.

The recommendation that the board of selectmen consist of five members, at a salary of a dollar each per year, is a good one. The electric light commissioners serve without pay and do not receive a cent.

On top of the facts and figures made public by this committee, we must remember that we have added to them, the record of another year, by the same administration, and deplorably indeed will be our civic condition if the year 1920 shows the same progression of handling town affairs as the year 1919.

I am informed that William P. Wharton has consented to be a candidate for selectman at the next town meeting. As a step in the movement for better government in Groton, this is the best piece of news in our politics, which we have had for a number of years. It represents the highest type of responsibility and I feel quite sure that his candidacy is the result solely of his sense of public duty. It is a genuine case of the office seeking the man. From a close association and intimate knowledge of his character, I have no hesitation in saying that his selection means a safe and sane government, and an able and efficient selectman. I am sure that selectmen who serve enjoy the good will and respect of their fellow-townsmen, and the risk of being re-elected would be a better thing to justify that respect and goodwill, than by public opinion, assuming that he will not consent to William P. Wharton's election.

Clipping.
 The Boston Post of December 28 gave an interesting interview with Prof. Leo Wiener at his home in Cambridge, in which the professor expressed his opinions on training a child's mind and developing any unique ability he may possess. He claimed that in Europe, as a rule, parents attend to the special talents of the children, while in America schools attend to the average to the exclusion of the specialist, and that both methods are in part wrong. About a year ago Prof. Wiener bought the Breckenridge place on Cheapside now for a summer home. His plans on an education of special talents are in line with those of the man who is at the head of the State language department of Harvard university and who is probably the most brilliant philologist in the country. His career in this country began in humble circumstances when about 25 years ago he was a street peddler in Kansas with a capital of 2 cents. He was a porter in Kansas City, and sold peanuts in a fruit store that he might be near the public library. He was not, however, undisciplined, at that time, for at the age of 15 he could speak five languages, and before emigrating to America had studied at the University of Warsaw and at the Polytechnic Institute in Berlin.

After being teacher in a private school, he went to the Kansas City high school and then to the University of Missouri. It is said to be known chiefly to the average American as the father of Norbert Wiener, the youth who has often been called "the physicist's grad." He studied at Cornell the boy of 14, then studied at Cornell, specializing in philosophy and mathematics, and at the age of 18 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Harvard. When he was 18 months old he knew his alphabet, and at three could read and write. At six he had mastered arithmetic, algebra, plane and solid geometry; at eight he read books in Latin, German, French

and Russian; at nine he was solving problems in trigonometry and calculus; at 16 he was an expert in chemistry.

Prof. Wiener's opinions as to how the exceptional child may be saved from the doom of mediocrity are given in brief in the following extracts:
 "First, find the particular bent of the child. Take the child at the right bent at the right moment and see that he develops what his bent leads. Then endeavor to awaken his interest in the subject. Do not teach him to be interested, but hook out the matter in such a way that he is interested. Hold out to him the lure of new fields of conquest and his mind will leap to them like lightning. Do not teach—educate, draw out, stimulate, suggest, make the granting as favorable as possible, but do not teach. Teaching today has become such a craze that we trojan the heads of pupils and pour the knowledge in. When you teach, you do not educate. One, for example, cannot teach music. How to write, one can, however, put a pupil in a most favorable condition for drawing out what is in him, his musical ability, or his ability to write.

"Secondly, coordinate his knowledge. Correlate his special bent with other bent. Show him the relation between his special study and other studies. The man who is educated in one pursuit only is not educated. Out of his specialty he is lost. Therefore, give the child a general background. For example, suppose his tendency inclines to literature. Show him the relation of literature to philosophy, to history, to art, and so on. Have him branch out of his own pursuit, work outwards until he coordinates his various studies. The highly cultured man is the man who coordinates all his knowledge. Ninety percent of college men are graduated without the need of this coordination ever dawning upon them.

"Now, then, the third point: In training the child, be careful not to mingle subjects that require maturity with subjects that require intellect. For instance, political economy requires maturity. Mathematics requires intellect. A boy may be an adept at transcendental mathematics at the age of 14, and yet be unable to grasp economics at all. A great mathematics genius may be the converse of a boy of 15. His lack of maturity would not interfere with his mathematical genius. Even in teaching ordinary mathematics the grave blunder is made of confusing matter that requires maturity with matter that requires intellect. The immature child may not be able to comprehend interest on loans or deferred payments at all and yet may be extremely alert in solving quadratic equations. A child's intellect can be powerfully driven, but maturity comes only with time. It cannot be driven.

"Fourthly," he says, "leave the child a chance to blunder. Let him blunder and blunder, and out of his blunders he will discover the truth. So let the child alone. Do not be eternally hanging over his head and threatening his struggling existence with marks. As a rule, the child is terrorized with marks. Would Edison ever discover anything worth while if on every test he made he had to get a B, say. No, he lets his mistakes teach him. He might fail in a hundred tests, but in the one hundred and first he might get an A. That one hundred and first would mean something. It is a peculiar fact that the best college students usually go through the worst schools. Often they come from some country institution where they have been left to their own resources. They are not made victims of pigeon-hole knowledge. The best preparatory schools produce the men who pass the best examinations; but they do not produce the best men. Examinations put the mediocrity at an advantage. They form a prominent part in the educational system that stimulates and holds back the noble and dimming the diamond.

"A great deal, of course, depends on the teacher. If we sent for a plumber and he sent instead a street digger, we would be justly late. Yet we sit back complacently and allow one who is by nature and gifts a butcher to teach our young ones. Harvard graduates don't even know when he said, 'I don't care what my child is studying, but I do want to know who her teacher is.'" When asked what books a child should read the professor replied, "The best. Nothing provided the language is intelligible, is good for the child. We underestimate his ability. A child can begin at any high stage, and it takes a great deal to tax his mind."

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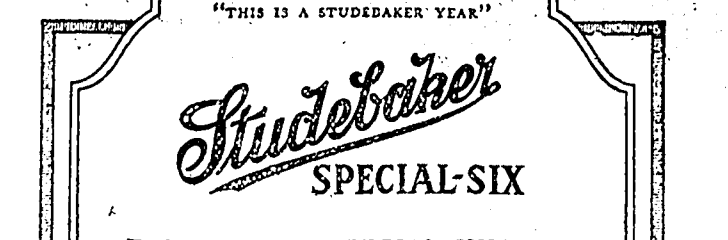
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law and all other persons interested in the estate of BENJAMIN HOLCK late of Harvard in said County, deceased.
 Whereas ARTHUR H. TURNER, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for leave to sell at private sale in accordance with the order named in said petition or upon such terms as may be adjudged by the Court, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition, and he is hereby cited to appear at a public sale to be held at Worcester in said County, on the first day of February A. D. 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any, why he should not be allowed to do as he is asked to do in said petition, and to receive the citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate, fourteen days at least before said Court or by publishing the same in one or more issues of three successive weeks in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on one day at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Justice of the Peace, this eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one. GEORGE H. STEVENS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of THOMAS HURN late of Ayer, in said County, deceased, intestate.
 Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to WILLIAM M. BURNS of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond, and he is hereby cited to appear at a public sale to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the first day of February A. D. 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted as requested in said petition, and the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation in each week for three successive weeks in each issue of the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on one day at least before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one. F. M. ESTY, Register.

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MRS. HIGGINSON ASKS FOR ECONOMY

With the prediction by high officials in Washington that before the high cost of living becomes lower in this country the people must cease spending their money for luxuries, Mrs. Francis L. Higginson, director of savings for the First Federal Reserve District has issued a statement urging the people of New England to be more thrifty, invest their savings in safe securities such as Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps, Treasury Saving Certificates and other government securities.

Spending Recklessly. Mrs. Higginson's statement reads as follows: "The investigation of the high cost of living at Washington has brought to light the fact that one of the reasons for the present high prices is because the people are spending money lavishly for luxuries.

"It has also been pointed out by prominent officials at Washington that no relief from high prices can be expected until the people refrain from demanding the highest quality of everything and paying any price to get it.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. William Hardy attended the musical ceremony at Concord last week Thursday.

Holla A. A. boat the Towns American Legion 45 to 14 at the harbor of Concord in the afternoon of last week Thursday evening.

There will be a special school meeting Saturday afternoon at two o'clock in the lower town hall to look over plans and decide what is best to do to build a new high school building or remodel the old one.

Miss Minnie A. Colburn returned to New York last Saturday. Her sister, Miss Bernice Colburn, has been quite ill with a severe cold and was unable to come on from New York last week.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. John Lover, who has been at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, has returned to his home.

Stephan Barnaby, who has been several months at Nova Scotia, has returned to his home in South Brookline.

Miss Florence Corliss spent the week-end at her home in Mont Vernon.

Misses Ethel and Velma Taylor have been recent visitors in Nashua. Edwin Taylor went to Manchester, where he has been drawn on the jury.

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SOUTH BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. Mrs. Elsie Shattuck spent a few days in Nashua last week visiting relatives and friends and attending the banquet and installation of the officers of Echo Rebekah Lodge of Hudson.

LUNENBURG

A wedding, in which everyone in Lunenburg and in many other towns felt great interest, was quietly solemnized in Westford Thursday, December 30.

BOLSHEVISM A FAILURE IF PEOPLE BUY W. S. S.

If the American people want to inoculate this country against the germs of Bolshevism, they should invest their money in Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps, Treasury Savings Certificates and other government securities, according to Mrs. Francis L. Higginson, director of savings for the First Federal Reserve District.

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Known to Fame. "Speaking of fame," said the Observer of Events and Things, "I believe it was Cindrella who first put her foot in it."—Yonkers Statesman.
Accomplices Little. "A joint debate," said Jud Tunkins, "can't last long enough even to settle which side has the most endurance."

Don't throw away or destroy any material that has Salvage value. Keep nothing in your house that isn't beautiful or useful. Don't burn paper. Save your paper and spare a tree.
Literary Hint. John Augustine Scribble wearily opened the envelope that brought back from its twentieth journey his "Ode on a Crushed Caterpillar." There dropped upon the floor this letter from the regretful editor: Hint 1—Borrow half a dollar's worth of stamps. Hint 2—Don't begin to write till you feel you must. Such an attack is heralded by dizziness, listlessness and pains in the back. Hint 3—Then write down just enough words to relieve your pent-up emotions. Hint 4—Erase every second word. Hint 5—Carefully erase all the remaining words. Hint 6—Sell the stamps.—Pittsburgh Sun.

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Saturday, January 15, 1921

GROTON

The Groton Men's forum will meet on Tuesday evening, January 18, at seven o'clock in the Congregational church vestry...

The meeting of the Book and Thrift club on Friday afternoon, January 7, with Mrs. George McKee, was well attended...

The Army and Navy Community club of Boston entertained the ex-service men at Dr. Ayres' hospital and a few of their friends on Thursday evening last week...

On Saturday, January 5, the work of blowing up the dam near the mill of the Nashua River Paper corporation on the Peppercorn road was begun about noon...

On Thursday evening, December 30, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Mason of Elmira, N. Y., with Mr. and Mrs. Black and Miss Ruth Black of Buffalo and several of their friends, occupied one of the eighty-eight boxes in Elmwood music hall, Buffalo...

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The World Wide guild of the Baptist church will hold a social in the church vestry on Thursday evening, January 20, at 7:30 o'clock.

Erva Tolles, who was operated upon recently at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, returned home on Monday, having made a satisfactory recovery.

Mrs. Amy Roblee returned Monday from a short trip, much refreshed in health. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jordan returned at the same time to their own home on Elm street.

The local committee for the Hoover fund for European children has received to date \$1424.60. It has been reported to the committee that subscriptions to the amount of \$882.27 have also been sent to this fund through other agencies...

ceive contributions of any amount. Mrs. Clarence E. Ebert, chairman.

A vesper service will be held at the Unitarian church next Sunday at 4:30 p. m. The music program will be under the direction of W. B. Robinson, organist, assisted by Mrs. C. B. Ames, soprano; Miss Susan Hill, contralto; and E. B. Gerrish, bass.

Harold Sargent is suffering from sore throat and complications. Stella Sargent returned home from Dr. Kilbourn's hospital on last week Tuesday.

Memorials for Mrs. Lawrence. Memorial services, commemorating the work done in this country and in France by the late Mrs. James Lawrence, chairman of the New England Division of the American Committee of Devastated France, will be held Sunday afternoon, January 23, in the Dexter Street theater, Boston.

J. C. Shattuck has started on his duties as inspector of animals and buildings for the state department of agriculture.

The Community club held one of its delightful, social gatherings at the home of Mrs. John Bradley on Wednesday afternoon. Quite a number of members were present and two guests of honor.

Miss Harriet S. Hazleton has been ill with pneumonia at her home on Pleasant street for the past week. Although she is resting comfortably at the date of this writing her illness is considered quite serious.

Miss Jessie Fielding of Peterboro, N. H., the daughter of Clarence Fielding, formerly of Groton, has been visiting Mrs. R. W. Smith for the past two weeks and returned to her home last Tuesday.

There will be special music during the evening service at the Congregational church next Sunday night, consisting of a young men's chorus and an instrumental combination of organ, saxophone and violin.

Frank McPartlan, who was operated upon at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital three weeks ago and again a week ago, is making a good recovery and is expected home soon.

The Grange held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. Mrs. George Woods gave a very interesting account of the sessions of the State Grange at Pittsfield. The following officers were elected to fill vacancies caused by sickness and removal from town: C. H. Eldredge, overseer; Elizabeth Gibson, lecturer; Christine Carlin, lady assistant; and Howard J. Wright, secretary.

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The Farmers' and Mechanics' club had their annual meeting and election of officers on Tuesday evening, January 10, in Tower hall. Practically an all-day session was held and the club kept one house until late in the evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. G. Carpenter, pres.; C. A. P. Lawrence, vice pres.; H. B. Taylor, sec.; M. J. Bradley, asst. sec.; A. L. Call, treas.; J. J. Wright, C. M. Raddin, J. H. Cleary, J. H. Raddin, H. R. Roblee, ex. com.; E. B. Gerrish, F. M. Blood, ad. com.

A new feature of the annual meeting was the staging of two lectures on agricultural topics. In the afternoon Prof. Beecher of Framingham gave an interesting address on "Cooperation" and in the evening a large and appreciative audience listened to an instructive and entertaining lecture by Capt. Mann of the Seaside estate, Methuen, who illustrated his talk with some remarkably fine stereoscopic views of scenes on the estate.

The Groton Men's Forum is to have its next meeting in the vestry of the Congregational church on January 18. A supper, free to all men, will be served at seven o'clock.

At 7:45 the meeting will be addressed by the Atterton I. Atterton, president of the National Shawmut Club of Boston. His subject will be "How to save money." He will tell of the great money swindles of recent times, such as the plan of Ponzi.

The Groton men are welcome whether they formally belong to the Forum or not. The Forum hopes to become a meeting place for all men of the town who are interested in public questions and want to listen to the discussion of them.

The watchword at the Butler high school for the beginning of the New Year was "Launch out into the deep." The rhetorical at the Butler high school were given during the closing hour of the session on Wednesday of this week. They were given by the members of the freshmen and sophomore classes.

Miss Woods, the superintendent, attended a conference of the Merrimack Valley District Superintendents' association at Pagot's restaurant in Lowell on Saturday. The subject under discussion was proposed legislation, presented by Burr Jones, state agent. Representative Victor Jewett, who was expected to be present, was called away from the city suddenly that morning.

Harold Sargent is suffering from sore throat and complications. Stella Sargent returned home from Dr. Kilbourn's hospital on last week Tuesday.

Catherine Sawell has had her tonsils removed.

Memorials for Mrs. Lawrence. Memorial services, commemorating the work done in this country and in France by the late Mrs. James Lawrence, chairman of the New England Division of the American Committee of Devastated France, will be held Sunday afternoon, January 23, in the Dexter Street theater, Boston.

Admission will be free, and, with the exception of a few seats for members of the committees, no seats will be reserved.

Simultaneously with these exercises a special commemorative mass will be celebrated in Laon cathedral by the archbishop of Laon, in which city Mrs. Lawrence was hostess for two years at the headquarters of the American committee.

Mention of her death has also been made at the American church of the Holy Trinity, according to a cablegram reaching the New England headquarters of the committee this week.

Moving pictures, showing the devastated sections of France and showing the work accomplished by the American committee will be exhibited. Col. Edward L. Logan, former commander of the 101st Infantry, will make the explanatory address, and commemorative addresses will be made by Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late Pierpont Morgan, head of the committee, and other prominent society women, active in the movement.

Mrs. Lawrence, who died suddenly last week Tuesday, was one of Boston's foremost society women, active in philanthropic work.

To the Citizens of Groton:

At this time I wish to state that I am a candidate for reelection to the office of selectman. When the vacancy on the board of selectmen, caused by the death of Mr. McKee occurred, on my own initiative I sought the office.

Having always been a resident of the town and interested in all matters pertaining to its welfare; also, serving as a member of the school board for six years and thereby obtaining some knowledge of town affairs could see no reason why I should not be a candidate and as a result being given a strong and appreciative endorsement by my election.

After carefully considering the situation from all its viewpoints I can see no reason why I should not be a candidate again at this time.

There is a sentiment that there should be a change in some of the methods which are now in use for the administration of the town business, which is no doubt apparent. We are following the same methods today which at one time were adequate to meet conditions as they then existed, but not at present. I would approve and endorse such changes as would make the administration of town affairs efficient as possible.

In the matter of accounts I would say that the state has prepared a system which no doubt will be adopted by all towns. It may be an advantage over the old system used by the majority of towns at present.

In regard to the care of the poor, which is one of the most important and difficult problems, I am of the opinion, that this matter should be submitted to the citizens at a meeting when the situation can be clearly looked into and efficient and adequate methods be adopted for this care of these people to whom we are in duty bound to assist.

I have made the statements that the citizens may know clearly my attitude in regard to the situation and if elected will endeavor to perform the duties of the office in an efficient and faithful manner. George T. Stevens.

Annual Meeting.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' club had their annual meeting and election of officers on Tuesday evening, January 10, in Tower hall. Practically an all-day session was held and the club kept one house until late in the evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. G. Carpenter, pres.; C. A. P. Lawrence, vice pres.; H. B. Taylor, sec.; M. J. Bradley, asst. sec.; A. L. Call, treas.; J. J. Wright, C. M. Raddin, J. H. Cleary, J. H. Raddin, H. R. Roblee, ex. com.; E. B. Gerrish, F. M. Blood, ad. com.

A new feature of the annual meeting was the staging of two lectures on agricultural topics. In the afternoon Prof. Beecher of Framingham gave an interesting address on "Cooperation" and in the evening a large and appreciative audience listened to an instructive and entertaining lecture by Capt. Mann of the Seaside estate, Methuen, who illustrated his talk with some remarkably fine stereoscopic views of scenes on the estate.

The Groton Men's Forum is to have its next meeting in the vestry of the Congregational church on January 18. A supper, free to all men, will be served at seven o'clock.

At 7:45 the meeting will be addressed by the Atterton I. Atterton, president of the National Shawmut Club of Boston. His subject will be "How to save money." He will tell of the great money swindles of recent times, such as the plan of Ponzi.

The Groton men are welcome whether they formally belong to the Forum or not. The Forum hopes to become a meeting place for all men of the town who are interested in public questions and want to listen to the discussion of them.

The watchword at the Butler high school for the beginning of the New Year was "Launch out into the deep." The rhetorical at the Butler high school were given during the closing hour of the session on Wednesday of this week. They were given by the members of the freshmen and sophomore classes.

discussed for years to come, because the employed men were allowed a living wage, contrary to the wishes of many people.

I would like to hear some discussion on the electric light department, which has its annual increase for maintenance. Why don't R. M. Shaw, as well as other voters, ask why not, on new construction, instead of the town doing the work, let it to a contractor outside of Groton; then it would be "perfectly all right."

In regard to the motor department, in regard to the spraying out to some reliable contractor. In previous years, when every tree on the town highway needed a man to climb it for cleaning off brown-tail moths, it was at that time very important and necessary. Now, with no trees to climb, the appropriation is fully as large. In the past it was that the motor department had the same notoriety as the road department is receiving today, when in my opinion and that of any other fair-minded voter, a man was in charge who proved he was capable of doing his work, which the town has not had since.

The school department has its annual increase, but never a word said for it goes to modern education. In my opinion it is certainly worth the increase, for the children are requested to recite what they read in the daily papers, which consists of murders, suicides and robberies. Such things attract a child's mind much more than the story of the Pilgrims.

Attention is called to every other voter is: but why talk roads all the time? Why not discuss and request the heads of different departments to give clear, itemized reports? If the other department can give a lump sum for "janitor service," "labor," "incidentals," "depreciation," "supplies," I surely don't see why the voters are not satisfied with the road method of paying "A" and "B."

In conclusion, I would say that by letting all town work to outside contractors it would do away with all this graft that some people think different ones are getting. It would stop millions of dollars out of the pockets of men who are not doing any work, and all other included in town affairs. When a man, woman or child becomes a public servant, or she assumes the role of a public door "mat"; knock and thump, and they are watched as closely as a prize at a state fair. If you work on the roads, you are considered a "town charge."

The days of slavery have come and gone. If the people spend their time watching others working, they surely cannot be giving satisfaction to the ones who employ them.

Jerry L. Denahy.

West Groton.

At Squannacook hall Saturday evening, January 13, with Frank Mayo, Next Wednesday evening, "Caled Northern Lights," special, Virginia Fair and Chapin and Burkley.

Mrs. C. R. Walte of Canton, Me., is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Ludden.

At a meeting of the Home Economics club on Wednesday, January 5, Mary O'Sullivan was elected president, Dorothy Supernant, secretary, and Margaret O'Sullivan, press corresponding secretary. Mrs. James Hill has charge of the Home Economics club, which is one of the departments of the Woman's club.

She explained the need of the club and allowed the children to choose between sewing and bread-making. Dorothy Supernant, Evelyn Hallet, Ruth Ludden and Margaret O'Sullivan chose the former course. Dorothy Supernant, Dorothy Hixby and Evelyn Parker the latter. The children are very enthusiastic about their work. A very pleasant and successful year is planned. The meetings are to be held once in two weeks on Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs. N. A. Nutt attended the Sunday school efficiency conference, which was held in Worcester on Thursday and Friday of this week. This conference is held for the state and district officers. Mrs. Nutt is secretary and treasurer of the Ayer district.

Mrs. M. E. Williams went to Fitchburg on Wednesday to spend the remainder of the winter with her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Worcester.

After 40 years' connection with the local store, that of the firm of G. H. Bixby, has retired. During many years of his career he was postmaster and recently was elected postmaster.

Mrs. Aldred Wood gave a birthday party for her son, Ralph, on last Saturday afternoon.

Birthday Party. The following has been handed to the correspondent for publication: Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malley, a surprise birthday party was given in honor of Miss Rosalind Triest, teacher of the primary grades at Tardiff school. Miss Triest was presented with a bar pin and a large box of chocolates and the many friends and admirers present wished her the happy returns of the day.

Games of all kinds were enjoyed and last but not least came the refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake, cookies and punch. The party was considerably enhanced by the presence of Victor and William Steele, two promising young men who are in the employ of H. & V. Co. Mr. Victor starred as a pianist and Mr. Steele with his voice, not to say anything about the continuous string of jokes that they pulled off.

Robert Bates, "little Bobby," gave a series of becoming a famous poet when in paying a forfeit he recited a little rhyme of his own making, he said.

The party was a success and everyone enjoyed a good time, thanks to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Malley and her friends.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Ladies' Aid society was held at the home of Mrs. Edward Hallet on Thursday of last week. The following officers were elected: Mrs. N. A. Nutt, pres.; Mrs. G. H. Thompson, sec.; Mrs. Howard Jewett, treas.; Mrs. Phineas Parker, Mrs. Joseph Woodson and Mrs. C. E. Bixby, direct.; Mrs. Albert Bunn and Mrs. G. H. Bixby, social com.; Mrs. Daniel Ludden for voice district, Mrs. G. G. Harrington and Mrs. W. V. Bixby for the village, outlook com. Letters were read by the secretary from Miss Mary Bixby, Seabury, New Mexico; Mrs. C. T. Spaulding, Wellsburg, W. Va.; and Mrs. Jeannette Bixby, Wellesley Hills; each sending greetings and best wishes for a successful year.

All those who had been members while living in West Groton, sent mon-

ey to renew their membership. The year 1920 was the most prosperous since the society was formed. Several new members joined at the annual meeting. The next meeting will be with Mrs. William Gately at the parsonage on Thursday afternoon, January 20.

SHIRLEY

News Items. Miss Ruth Hooper entertained her Sunday school class of boys at her home Friday evening, January 7. Mr. and Mrs. Goodheart were also present. Games were played and refreshments were served by the hostess.

The dental clinic was opened Monday afternoon in the band-room of the Shirley Inn. The children are very interested.

Miss Grace Kilburn and Mrs. Minna A. Drake were in Boston Wednesday to meet Miss L. Adah Drake, who came from Colorado and is at present visiting her mother.

The Ladies' circle met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Goodheart. Owing to the absence of Miss Alice Howe the program planned was postponed until next meeting, which will be in two weeks at the home of Mrs. Martha Conant.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hathaway are at the home of Mrs. Lavonne J. Edgerton.

There was a meeting of the hospital board Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. C. J. Petree. It was voted to make a gift of money to the hospital in addition to the hundred dollars placed.

The Alliance will meet Thursday afternoon, January 20, at the home of Mrs. George S. Wells. Anyone having items of interest of president-elect Harding or his family, please bring them to read.

Thursday evening, January 20, in I. O. O. F. hall will be the installation of the officers of the Fredonian lodge of Oddfellows and the 75th anniversary of the lodge in Shirley. The officers of the grand lodge are expected to be present.

Mrs. Blanche Wolf and son are visiting her mother, Mrs. Harry Barnard. Mrs. Charles R. White leaves next Monday for Los Angeles, Cal., by the southern route on the California limited. She will be the guest of Frank White and wife, and will visit other relatives and friends before her return.

There will be a meeting of the Shirley water board Monday evening, January 17, at 7:30 o'clock in the Municipal building.

Mrs. Charles McNally of Granville, N. Y., is spending a few weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Harkins.

Harris Johnson, father of Max Johnson, died suddenly at his home in Beachmont from the effect of a shock. Burial took place on Sunday.

Bert Gately, son of Thomas Gately, has bought a farm in Winchester, N. H., which lies between Keene, N. H., and Brattleboro, Vt. The farm contains 25 acres, has a cottage house built about ten years ago. The house has hard-wood floors and one fireplace. There is a good sugar orchard with well-equipped sugar house. Mr. and Mrs. Gately will get settled in their new home before the maple sugar season opens.

Daed C. Lash, manager of the President Suspender Co., is in Chicago on business this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and two children of Swampscott were weekend guests at the home of David C. Lash.

The box party of the A. L. and the A. L. A. Thursday evening was a most enjoyable social affair. There was something doing from start to finish.

Miss Katherine Murnane has tendered her resignation to the board of health to take effect February 1st.

Chaplain Charles O. Purdy will occupy the pulpit at the Universalist church Sunday morning.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold their regular supper next Tuesday evening. Mr. Farnum of the Industrial school for boys will speak on "The Philippines."

Rev. S. F. Goodheart will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday morning and there will be the regular meetings through the week.

The family of Cassius Lemoir left town last Monday, leaving an empty tenement on South street.

The suspender shop band has practiced the Thursday night band.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Broekelman and two children spent Wednesday at the home farm in Lancaster.

The American Legion at their business meeting Tuesday evening voted to run a progressive wheel party before Lent Thursday evenings, January 26 and 27, and February 3. First and second prizes will be given each night and a prize for highest total score. Be sure and come each night to enjoy the game and take home the prizes.

A hearing was held on Thursday before the department of public utilities at the State House on the petition of the Shirley Electric Co. to sell all of its property to the Tungsboro Electric Co. Solicitor Robert H. J. Holden attended the hearing, as did one or two others from this town. No decision was given by the commission at that time as they required further data to be submitted by the company in regard to the matter.

Deaths. Mrs. Helen F. Hammond, widow of Charles Hammond, passed away Monday at the home of her son, Edward, in Bedford of a general breaking down. Mrs. Hammond was born in Shirley, the daughter of Albert and Lydia (Ralcom) Kemp, 78 years ago and had lived the greater part of her life in Shirley. She worked in the Fredonian mill until it burned and later worked in the Samson Cordage Mill. She lived with her mother on Main street several years and sold the place to move to New Hampshire, but she has returned to Shirley for varying periods since Mrs. Hammond united with the Congregational church in July, 1870, and was a member at the time of her death.

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Born on Monday a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Quincy of Fitchburg. Mrs. Quincy was formerly Miss Margaret Sargent of this town.

The opening of the new Center Intermediate school has again been postponed because of the inability of the new teacher, Miss Healy, to be here next Monday on account of the serious illness of her sister with pneumonia.

Miss Mae Bradford has returned to Wheaton college after spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford.

T. J. E. Pulling of Groton School will conduct the service at Trinity chapel Sunday afternoon. Service at 3:15.

The Camp Fire girls met last Saturday afternoon with Margaret Dodge. After the business meeting there was a pie guessing contest and other games were played. The meeting on Saturday afternoon, January 15, will be held with Marian Bridgman and the program for the afternoon will be in the charge of Marian Bridgman and Gertrude Thompson.

The next meeting of Shirley Grange occurs on Tuesday evening, January 18, and after a short business meeting will be open to the public about 8:30. Dr. Mary A. Lakeman, assistant director of the division of hygiene of the state department of public health will give a talk on "Health." There will also be a piano solo by Miss Hazel Cummings and a guitar and piano duet by Charles E. Bradford and Mrs. Gertrude Parsworth. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance at this meeting. The lecturer, Mrs. Ella Blenkhorn, expects to have the programs for the year ready for distribution at this meeting.

It is planned to have an article in the town warrant this year asking for a small appropriation to renovate and repair the town hall. The condition of the walls in the hall itself, and the battered condition of the window blinds are two of the worst features about the hall at present, and anyone who has seen them will realize how necessary these repairs are.

The body of Mrs. Helen Hammond of East Pepperell was brought to the Center cemetery on Wednesday for burial. Mrs. Hammond, who was 78 years of age, was born in Shirley.

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Saturday, January 15, 1921

AYER

News Items

The records of the Middlesex Superior court at Cambridge show that a divorce was granted by that court to Isabelle B. and Fred H. Gathercole on October 27, 1920.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended a meeting of the Guild of Parish Workers in Boston Thursday.

The Hule club met at the home of Dr. H. B. Pines Tuesday afternoon. Houghton Priest was the host.

The Beacon club met Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock with Mrs. S. M. Barker.

At a meeting of the permanent trustees of the library Thursday evening Dr. H. B. Pines was elected to take the place of Judge George A. Sanderson, who resigned his position when he took up his residence in Littleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hardy and their daughter, Miss Helen Hardy, went to South Bend, Indiana, last Monday where Miss Helen was to marry Dr. Fred Eldredge, an ex-service man, formerly of Camp Devens. It was expected the wedding would take place at once on her arrival.

Thomas F. Ryan of Highland avenue, who met with an accident in the C. P. P. store five weeks ago, is getting along nicely. He is still in bed, but is gaining rapidly. He made a misstep entering the store and fell, but went home without help, and the physician advised perfect quiet and rest for a time. Mr. Ryan is a very genial citizen, and people will be glad to see him on the street again.

Three Spring Brook ice Co. have cut 500 tons of ice this week, 11 inches thick, and finished this Friday.

The electricity which was shut off a part of Friday forenoon was caused by an auto truck running into one of the poles on the Ayer-Harvard road, breaking the line down.

Ayer Grange will hold a military whist party in Hardy's hall Thursday evening, January 21, at eight o'clock.

The next regular meeting of the Catholic Girls' club will be held in K. of C. hall on Monday evening, January 17, at eight o'clock.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held Tuesday evening, January 18. Work—Royal Arch degree. A lunch will be served after the work.

The sixth district will hold a legislative conference on Wednesday, January 19, at 1.45 in the Unitarian church, by invitation of the Woman's club. Mrs. Charles Leslie May, chairman, State Legislative committee, will address the conference, and will provide speakers for the afternoon. Hot coffee will be served before the meeting by the hostess club. The literature classes met Wednesday afternoon at the home of the chairman, Miss Mary B. Johnson.

Mrs. Harry C. Peavey and family, who have occupied the Sanderson house on East Main street, will in the near future occupy quarters in camp. There will be a special communication of Caleb Butler lodge, A. F. and A. M., Friday evening, January 14, at seven o'clock sharp. The work will be the Entered Apprentice degree. Another special will take place Monday evening, January 17, at seven o'clock sharp. The work will be the Fellow Craft degree.

John D. Johnson of Pennacook, N. H., Headquarters Co., 15th Infantry, and Miss Clara E. Henry of Sudbury were united in marriage Monday by Rev. Frank B. Crandall at his residence on Nashua street.

The engagement of Ralph W. Nixon to Miss Madeline Gertrude Parsons of Billerica has been announced.

The following real estate transfers in this vicinity have been recorded recently: Peppers, Laura E. Swallow to E. & A. D. Fessenden Co., Townsend—George W. Hartwood to M. Leppanen; Charles W. Hildreth to B. & A. D. Fessenden Co.; Joseph A. Morse to B. & A. D. Fessenden Co.; Westford—Sarah McGuigan to James Edgar et ux, Harvard—Edna E. Maguire to Rella S. Lamson et al., Lunenburg—Eileen B. Hood to Matt Hill, land on old road to Grotton, Fidelity Co-operative bank to Mirrie L. Rome, land on state road to Fitchburg; Minnie L. Rome to Ferdinand L. Gaudreau et ux, land on state road to Fitchburg; John Smith to Harvey D. Paine, land on Northfield road.

Albert Irwin of Littleton, N. H., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Irwin.

Howard M. Beverly attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, John H. Manderfeld of Leominster, in Nashua last Wednesday, remaining till Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown and daughter Phyllis are planning a trip to Santa Barbara, Cal., and will leave January 22 to visit their daughter, Mrs. Edna McCarthy, for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Peter McGilnehy of West Chelmsford has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John H. Craig.

Mrs. Harry S. Allen attended the installation of Corps 1, Fitchburg, last Saturday. Two former members of Ayer corps were also present, Mrs. Clifton J. Bartlett and Mrs. Clayton Richardson.

Arthur G. Wentworth had his foot injured last week at the Boston and Maine engine-house by an iron grate falling on one of his toes and breaking it. Mr. Wentworth is about on crutches, but expects to be unable to work for a month.

Louis H. Cushing has been ill at his home for several days.

Harold Feich of Akron, O., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Feich.

Wilford G. White installed the officers of Fitchburg Grange last week Thursday evening. Mrs. Grace Bradshaw assisted him. Mrs. Daniel W. Mason acted as chaplain. Miss Esther O. Washburn and Miss Daisy M. Pills-

man as emblem bearers and Miss Alice E. Rand as flower girl. Several attended the ceremony from Ayer beside those participating.

There will be a box lunch social at the Federated church Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock. All kinds of games will be played.

The Strand this Saturday presents Tom Moore in "Star Top thief." Hazel Daly of Brown of Harvard fame plays with him. Don't miss the zippiest, funniest, funniest farce-comedy. Tom Moore ever played in "Fatty Arbuckle in 'The Cook.'" Sunday, another big feature bill. As part of the program there is Anita Stewart in "Clov-er's Rebellion." A clever comedy with a melo-dramatic twist. Matinee, 3.30 p. m.

Mrs. H. E. Sanderson of Columbia street left Wednesday for Holyoke to spend a week with her daughter, Mrs. Eunice Bosworth.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold a food sale Friday afternoon, January 21, from 2.30 to five p. m. at Mrs. Byron Murphy's on Grove street.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church held their annual meeting at Mrs. H. H. Pillsman's on East Main street last Tuesday. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Isabel Thomas, pres.; Mrs. George E. Feich, vice pres.; Mrs. W. L. Preble, sec.; Mrs. O. Hartwell Kidder, treas.; Mrs. H. H. Pillsman, Mrs. Howard Blanchard, Mrs. Byron Murphy and Mrs. Fred Lowell, work com.; Mrs. Walter Kobbins, visiting com. It was voted to put electric lights in the parsonage.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank held on Monday the following board of directors was re-elected: Howard B. White, Oliver K. Pierce, Daniel W. Fletcher, Charles A. Normand, Waldo Spaulding of Pepperell, Carl A. P. Lawrence of Groton, Robert E. Mead of Acton, Thomas L. Hazen and Robert H. J. Holden of Shirley. Howard B. White was re-elected president and Oliver K. Pierce, vice president.

St. Andrew's guild will hold a supper at the vicarage Saturday evening, January 15, at 6.30 o'clock. Menu: baked beans, cold meats, mashed potato, cabbage salad, rolls, coffee and pies.

The meeting of the W. C. C. T. U. held at the White Ribon home Friday afternoon of last week was of unusual interest, having Mrs. Clara A. Weber, president of the Leominster union, and superintendent of lumbermen's work, as speaker. She gave a very interesting account of her visits to the lumber camps in Canada and other places. There was a good attendance of members and guests present. Three new members were admitted to the union.

The following soldiers have qualified at the Camp Devens school for examination for West Point, which will take place in March. Their names are: Privates Raymond W. Toms, Co. D, 14th Infantry; William C. McGrath, Co. I, 16th Infantry; Raymond M. Barton, Co. A, 4th Co., Royal En. Falls, Co. A, 7th Co., John F. Holland, ordnance department; Herman H. Nadler, Co. L, 36th Infantry; Forrest G. Budd, Troop E, 3d Cavalry; John S. Clement, Co. L, 36th Infantry; and James S. Hickey, medical department.

The following Scottish Rite Masons from Ayer and vicinity attended a meeting of Mt. Calvary chapter of Rose Croix, at Lowell Friday evening: Frederick W. Burrill, Dr. E. B. Butterfield, Major Dundas R. Campbell, Milan P. Cole, Francis U. Cotter, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, Lieut. Harry Curry, Fred B. Egan, Col. George M. Ekwurzel, Lucius C. Fairchild, George B. Hatt, Lieut. George H. Herbert, Leon M. Huntress, Charles W. James, Sergt. Littlejohns, Walter A. Moore, Maj. Harry C. Peavey, F. Vern Pillsman, William H. Randall, Willard Sparrow, George H. B. Turner, Henry G. Turner, Lieut. Thomas H. Veale and Benjamin H. Walker.

Alfred Yates left Tuesday night for the New York auto show, expecting to return this Friday.

High School News.

A senior class meeting was held Tuesday afternoon at the close of school. The annual senior dance is to be held Friday, January 28. Music will be furnished by the Peerless orchestra of Lowell.

Miss Ruth Coddington, a member of the junior class, since the beginning of the fall term, has moved to Watertown.

Miss May Donahue of the junior class is suffering from a severely sprained ankle. She is expected to return to her classes next week.

The report cards for the second term were sent out on Monday. The honors are as follows:

Highest honors—Ruth Lynch, Beryl Proctor and Helen Whitney.

High honor—A. Andrew, D. Carman, W. Carman, E. Cleary, B. Cleary, E. Dickerman, H. Graydon, E. Johnson, R. Johnson, L. Kennison, M. Larrabee, A. Mead, M. McGovern, M. Murphy, M. Noddin, G. Pillsman, C. Prescott, M. Prescott, G. Proctor, M. Ryan, M. Wood, D. Donaldson.

Honor—L. Guthrie, M. Whitney, E. Connors. It should be distinctly understood that department as well as scholarship is considered in the awarding of these honors.

F. C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, has been notified by the secretary of the Groton Farmers' club that the organization has unanimously voted to eliminate all gambling hereafter from the Groton fair "as far as possible." This is very pleasing news to those parents whose children are in the public schools. The conditions at the fair last fall were such that Mr. Johnson notified the organization that the superintendent of schools in this vicinity would be compelled to refuse official participation of their respective schools unless assured of the elimination of these objectionable conditions.

The superintendent of schools has been notified of the approval of the state added agricultural work carried on during the summer under the direction of Principal E. M. Gleason. The town will be reimbursed by the state for Mr. Gleason's work to the extent of \$361.09.

The children of grade five contributed a sum of money last week to send flowers to their teacher, Miss Dowd, who has been quite ill with pneumonia at her home in Pennacook, N. H. She is reported as somewhat better.

Baptist Notes.

Preaching at 10.45 a. m.; subject, "A study in the Revelation." Sunday school at twelve m. Young People's service at 6.15 p. m. Preaching at seven p. m.; subject, "Playing the

same." This will be especially for young people. We expect Fred Earle and J. M. Kimball to furnish special music at the evening service. Mr. Kimball is a saxophone player of many years' standing. All are welcome.

Men's Brotherhood.

The next regular meeting of the Men's brotherhood of the Federated church will be held at the church on Wednesday evening, January 13, at 7.45. Final action will be taken on the constitution and plans for the remaining winter months will be discussed. Following the business meeting Rev. A. V. Dimock of Groton will speak on "The man for 1921."

There will also be a musical program under the direction of B. H. Tyrrell consisting of selections by the male quartet comprised of Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Ellis B. Harlow, B. H. Tyrrell and Holden Harlow. James M. Kimball of Saint Marys, Pa., will render selections on the saxophone and C. W. Stearns will play the Swiss lute.

Lunch will be served by Fred A. Smith. Forty-two members of the parish have joined the Brotherhood to date and it is hoped that the number will be at least seventy-five before the next meeting.

The members of the executive committee will meet at the Army Y on Sunday afternoon next at five o'clock to prepare the plans to be presented at the meeting on January 19.

District Court.

On last Saturday morning Walter Beebe of Westford was found guilty of assault and battery on Joseph Proc. of that town and was fined fifteen dollars. Attorney John M. Maloney appeared for the government.

Augustus Crawford, colored, of Pepperell, who was charged with assault and battery on Paul Switzer at West Groton, and also with carrying a revolver without a permit was found guilty of both. The defendant and Switzer, who work at the papermill in West Groton, became involved in an argument as to the defendant's method of doing his work and was charged that the defendant started to draw a revolver. On the following day several of the employees at the mill took a revolver from the defendant's person. The defendant stated that on the day of the argument he had no revolver on him. He said that the defendant used an empty tea bottle to make his point on him and that the revolver found on him was wrapped up in a long sack, and that he carried it to protect himself in going alone between his home and his work. The court fined him one hundred dollars for carrying the revolver, and placed the case on file. Attorney John D. Carney represented the defendant.

Ralph Carrington of Camp Devens, who was tried the preceding day and found guilty of carrying a loaded revolver without a permit to do so, paid a fine of one hundred dollars on Saturday.

A quantity of liquor in bottles and barrels seized in the recent raid at the home of Peter Karonis was ordered forfeited by the court, as nobody appeared to claim it.

A motion by Attorney John D. Carney for an order in the civil action of Cochrane vs Slattery because of failure to file answers to interrogatories, ordered by the court at a recent hearing, was refused. Attorney George L. Wilson filing the answers at that time.

On Wednesday morning Marshall Flagg and Daniel Cameron, charged with vagrancy, were found guilty and their cases placed on file. Cameron was fined ten dollars and placed in the B. and O. railroad in West Virginia, but was laid off with 150 others. He was beating his way to Bangor, Me., where he claimed his home was, and had been accompanied by Flagg from Williamstown, Conn. Flagg said he had been employed by the Western Union telegraph company, but had also been laid off recently and was beating his way home to Maine.

George Guyot of Westford was before the court charged with a statutory offense, the complainant being Charles Detrick of Westford. The court did not find probable cause to hold him, and he was discharged. Attorney George L. Wilson appeared for the defendant.

Grange Installation.

Ayer Grange held a public installation last Wednesday evening in Hardy's hall. Deputy Rev. C. H. Smith of Granby installed the new officers as follows: Clarence M. Chase, m. Frank C. Harmon, of Mrs. Daniel W. Mason, L. Russell B. Chase, s. Robert L. Tibbetts, m. Mrs. Henry W. Waterman, c. Mrs. Arthur M. Winslow, treas.; Miss Daisy M. Pillsman, sec.; Edward E. Sawyer, r. s. k. Miss Alice E. Rand, C. W. Crawford, C. Miss Alice E. Rand, P. s. o. Miss Esther O. Washburn, a. s. Harris L. Badger, ex. com. The retiring master, Harris L. Badger, was presented with a past master's jewel by Willard G. White in his usual dignified manner. The Grange was the recipient of handsome altar cloth, the donors being Mrs. Daniel W. Mason and Harris L. Badger. Remarks were made by the deputy who showed his appreciation of visiting Ayer Grange.

The clergy of the town were represented by Rev. William J. Kelley, Rev. Leslie B. Walker and Rev. Frank B. Crandall. The church members to the Grange. These were: Rev. Kelley, Mr. Walter B. Sargent were enjoyed. Miss Leona St. Louis, a violin solo. Refreshments were served by the East committee. Grangers were present to the number of one hundred and thirty as a hundred visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the order.

Deaths.

John H. Manderfeld, husband of Minnie M. (Bevers) Manderfeld, died in Leominster last Monday as the result of injuries received last Saturday from being kicked by a horse. The best medical skill available was procured, but little hope was given from the first.

The deceased was born in Newark, N. J., fifty-five years ago. He was married to Minnie M. Beverly in this town Aug. 15, 1915. Mr. Manderfeld had here for some years before his removal to Leominster. The funeral services were held in Leominster Wednesday and the interment was in the Beverly family lot in Nashua.

Ayer A. A.

Thursday evening the Ayer A. A. played basketball with the Q. M. corps team from Camp Devens. It was rather a slow game, the result being a tie.

Tom, Tom, the paper's son." Elizabeth Coombes. Although of the nature of a musical diversion, these numbers, particularly those by Carpenter, afforded Mrs. Gilbert's voice no small vocal opportunity. In both groups Mrs. Gilbert's work brought great credit to her audience. Miss Fletcher accompanied her in her first group gave: "Adagio," Schubert-Herrmann; "Andante cantabile," Tchaikowsky.

his long reach was not able to outdo the "Star" of the A. A., namely Frank Donahue. Mr. Edwards is 76 inches tall, and it must have been the A. A.'s intention to run their score up that high, but they lacked nine points, the final score being, Ayer 67, Q. M. corps 10.

Between periods St. Mary's A. C. held its hands at Fitchburg Normal 2d team with the score of 33-8. Tuesday, January 18, the Ayer A. A. will play Co. I, 104th Infantry from Fitchburg. Between periods Ayer Grange will play Fitchburg Normal 2d team.

Unitarian Church.

Sunday service, 10.45—Regular offices and sermon. Music: "Crossing the bar," Dudley Buck; "Thou who art love," Arno, Mrs. Sargent, preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The wedding feast at Cana." Church school at twelve.

An inventory recently made by the minister shows that the number of folding chairs in good condition belonging to the parish is 131. Other chairs and settees provide 62 additional seats. In addition there are 10 children's chairs. At present, therefore, for the total number of seats available for use is 203. The number of chairs needing repairs is as follows: folding chairs, 20; straight chairs, 12; children's chairs, 2; total, 34.

On Sunday the preacher, taking the story of the wedding feast at Cana as a basis, will deal with the question of marriage from the constructive point of view of modern theological scholarship.

"Bubbles."

The play, "Bubbles," will be given next Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Ayer town hall under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Fairchild, for Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F.

No pains has been spared to make this one of the best productions Ayer ever had. To begin with the play is one that has never been ranked with the best of modern comedies and can only be secured for production by payment of royalty or personal consent of the author. Much thought and consideration has been given to the selection of the players, each part being assigned according to the type and personality of the one portraying it, assuring one of the best casts that has appeared in local productions.

Special music will be furnished by an orchestra under the direction of E. B. Shultz of Everett, this together with special stage settings for the three acts, the action of the play taking place at Newport, gives a splendid opportunity for dressing of parts. The program is as follows: The players, in order of their appearance: Willy Jenkins, a glided youth; Leon M. Huntress; Margery Whipple, otherwise "Flurry"; Ruthie, of Mrs. H. S. Sanderson; Lt. Com. Whipple, U. S. navy.

George H. Leavitt, a soldier of fortune; Lucius C. Fairchild, Mrs. Jodeler Jenkins, of the Non-Parade; Edwin N. Fairchild, Lord Sapanu, an English importation; Richard E. Craft, make soap; Edward C. Page, Mrs. Jenkins, an adopted daughter.

Reserved seats go on sale Saturday, January 15, at ten a. m. at the child shop, Ayer. The general admission is fifty cents, war tax five cents. Reserved seats twenty cents extra, war tax included.

The advance sale of general admission tickets in Ayer and vicinity, which said to be exchanged for reserved seats, already assures a good attendance for both evenings; for this reason have your seats reserved early.

Federated Church.

Morning worship and sermon at 10.45. Bible school at twelve. C. E. meeting at six. Stereopticon picture at seven.

Monthly meeting and social of the Pines circle this Saturday evening with Mrs. William J. Kelley, Fletcher street.

Wednesday evening, January 13, monthly meeting of the Brotherhood at the church. Address by Rev. A. V. Dimock of Groton.

Thursday evening at 7.30 the mid-week service.

Calumets Win Close Game.

The Calumet bowling team journeyed to Lowell Tuesday evening and defeated the Orientals Lowell A. L. team by the close margin of two points. The game was closely contested from start to finish, each string being in doubt until the last man had finished his string.

The Legion team will visit Ayer on Tuesday evening, January 25, for a return game with the Calumets. The summary:

Table with columns: CALUMETS, ORIENTS, Sullivan, Downing, McGuane, Hart, Auld

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

About twenty from here attended the old folks' dance held at South Acton last week Thursday evening.

C. T. Wetherbee carried fourteen on his truck. Mr. Wetherbee was one of the directors and he and his wife led the grand march.

Mr. and Mrs. Towne, who have been living with Mrs. Towne's father, John (Cobbish), and assisting with the farm work, have gone to Nashua.

The rural mail carrier, Mr. Benere, is taking his annual mid-winter vacation and George Richardson is taking his place.

Mrs. W. F. Furber gave another card and dance party at Library hall last Saturday evening. A pleasant time was reported.

Joseph Coffey, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Massachusetts General hospital, is now gaining rapidly and expected home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barston celebrated the 15th anniversary of their marriage last Monday evening by giving a card party.

Royal and Lucy Wetherbee visited relatives in Worcester the last of the week and returned to their school at Northampton on Sunday. Miss Ina Wetherbee of Worcester was at home for the week-end.

Prescott Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Furber, Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee, Mrs. Ada Durkee and Mrs. C. B. Robbins attended the meeting of the Borough Pomona Grange at Marlboro on Wednesday. The installation of officers took place at the morning session. Prescott Burroughs is serving his second year as master.

Ayer; "Negro chant," Clarence White; "From the canebroke," Samuel Gardner. In her second group she gave: "Viennese song," Kreisler; "Serenade Espagnole," Chaminade-Kreisler; "Liebesfreud," Kreisler. So surpassing was the excellence of her work in both groups that local music lovers were divided in opinion as to which made the deepest impression. The "Adagio" and the "Andante cantabile" and the Kreisler compositions each had their devotees.

Miss Fletcher's playing was a revelation to all who heard her for the first time and to all remains a joyous memory. Miss Edith Eklund of Worcester, who was Miss Turner's accompanist, gave great satisfaction by her playing. The concluding numbers were: "Where blooms the rose," Clayton Johns; "An Indian love song," Thurlow Luceance, Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Fletcher and Miss Eklund.

The general committee of arrangements included Mrs. Daniel W. Fletcher, Mrs. Frank B. Crandall, aunt and cousin of the artists, and Mrs. Theodore W. Barry, president of the Ayer Branch Alliance, under whose auspices the event was given. The committee were assisted by Mrs. Albert Perkins and Mrs. Charles E. Sherwin, who had charge of tickets, and by the following: Mrs. Mary B. Johnson, Pointe, W. Edward Murphy and Herbert B. Priest.

The grand piano used was secured from M. Steiner Sons & Co. of Fitchburg, who had it tuned to symphony pitch especially for the occasion and delivered by motor truck.

Oddfellows' Installation.

The annual installation of the officers of Robert Burns lodge took place Tuesday evening at their rooms in the Federal building. The installing officer was Arthur G. Dunn of Shirley, district deputy grand master, assisted by the following suite: Harry H. Lynch, d. g. w.; Frederick H. Fowler, d. g. s. a.; Alvah B. Watton, d. d. g. t.; George F. Buxton, d. d. g. m.; Dr. Chas. P. Peirce, d. d. g. c.; Asa A. Adams, d. d. g. s. Mor-ton E. Lawrence, d. d. g. h. The following were installed:

James A. McDonald, n. p.; Arthur G. Wentworth, v. g.; Charles I. Washburn, fin. sec.; Dr. C. A. Fox, treas.; Alfred Yates, w.; Winford A. Bean, cond.; William E. Wheeler, chaplain; Paul R. Mason, r. s. s.; Ernest M. Noddin, l. s. s.; Robert H. Irwin, f. s. s.; Harry Hardy, l. s. g.; Thomas H. Miller, r. s. v. g.; Clarence D. Young, l. s. g.; Edward C. Page, l. g.; Joseph Kyle, o. g.

Following the ceremonies Mr. Dunn on behalf of the lodge presented Geo. E. Millson, who was retiring from office as noble grand, with a past noble grand's collar. Mr. Millson replied, thanking the lodge, and expressing his appreciation of the support given him by his brother officers.

The lodge received the gift from Mrs. Mary L. Brooks, noble grand, and Mrs. Gertrude Millson, vice grand, of Vesta Rebekah lodge of two gavel marks from wood from the old First Church in Concord and from the original north bridge in that place.

A supper was served after the installation in the banquet hall. The menu included cold meats, mashed potato, salads, pickles, rolls, fancy plates and coffee. The supper was followed by informal remarks by members of the suite and other members of the order.

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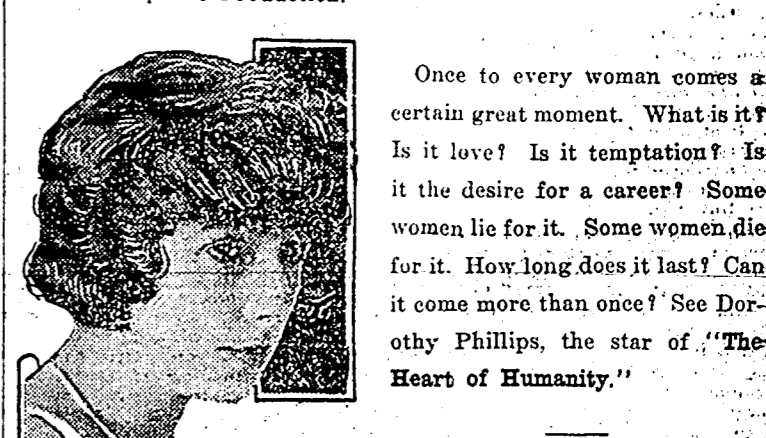
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Center.
The members of the Dorcas class of the M. E. church were pleasantly entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Margaret Wilson.

The recent sale of anti-tuberculosis stamps which was conducted by the local Red Cross auxiliary, amounted to \$74.

William T. MacMaster, Gilbert Estes and Leslie Hurley of the North Star Lodge are among the charter members of the recent Amion encampment instituted at Leonminster.

A new telephone has been installed for Aaron J. Hinds on Townsend hill, 315.

The monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher association was held Tuesday evening at the public library room in Memorial hall with the president, Albert S. Howard, presiding. During the evening Miss E. Louise Jones, state agent of the library commission, gave a practical talk on the relation which might be sustained by the high-grade schools and the public library. Miss Jones also spoke commendably of the finely equipped Townsend library and of its efficient service in cooperating with the schools along educational and practical lines. An appreciative audience was present.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church met this week Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the parsonage with Mrs. A. L. Struthers as hostess.

The recently formed bread-making club among the little folks met Friday afternoon in the high school room where they received instruction from their superintendent, Miss Rachel Knight. A nicely made and baked loaf of bread by Marie MacMaster was exhibited for inspection. Jane Worcester is president of the club, Marie MacMaster is vice president and Florence Higgins, secretary.

The Boy Scouts met Wednesday afternoon at the Congregational parsonage with their scoutmaster, Rev. A. L. Struthers. During the business meeting Howard Harvey and Carey Swinington were elected patrol leaders and Irving Becker and Ross Wheeler, assistant leaders. The basketball team was also organized at this meeting with Howard Harvey as captain and Ellis Gray as general manager. In the evening a meeting of the Scout commissioners, T. E. Flarity, T. J. Harvey and W. Swinington, was held and plans made for a men's and boys' supper to be held in the Congregational vestry Washington's birthday and an out-of-town scout speaker is expected to be present.

Members and guests of the Country club were pleasantly entertained Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Irving Seaver. At one o'clock an enjoyable afternoon was spent socially with readings by Mrs. Annie Greenleaf and singing by the club.

Grange Installation.
There was a good attendance at the Grange meeting held Monday evening in Oddfellows hall, when the officers elect were installed by T. E. Flarity, past master, assisted by Mrs. Flarity, past mistress and Mrs. Hattie Mienier. The installation work was performed by this trio of officers in a very efficient manner. Visitors were present from the Lunenburg and New Ipswich Granges. The new officers are: Willey Swinington, m.; Lyman Cook, o.; Mrs. Stephen Keefe, l.; Master Carey Swinington, s.; Frank A. Woods, r.; Mrs. Lina Swinington, c.; Mrs. Flora I. Atwood, sec.; George L. Whitcomb, treas.; Sanford Johnson, a.s.; Mrs. Johnson, l.a.s.; Miss Essie Stewart, Ceres; Miss Flora Adams; Pomona; Mrs. Elsie Parker, Flora; com. T. E. Flarity, Mrs. Edna Bray and Galen Proctor.

Following the installation an oyster supper was served in the banquet hall in charge of Mrs. Galen Proctor and after returning to the main hall pleasing remarks were made by Mrs. Rockwood of the Lunenburg Grange and by Mr. and Mrs. Jaquith of New Ipswich.

The postponed parish meeting of the Congregational church was held this week Wednesday evening in the vestry at eight o'clock.

Friends are sorry to learn of the illness from pneumonia of Master Howard Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Knight of upper Main street.

Mrs. Stephen Gilson has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. McNeal in Worcester.

Mildred Kippen, who has been employed in the rubber factory at Malden this winter, has returned to his home on Townsend hill for the present and will assist his father at log-cutting in the woods.

Melvin Hinds of Malden is visiting with his brother, Aaron Hinds, on Townsend hill. Friends are glad to learn that Aaron Hinds has practically recovered from his long illness in the fall.

Basketball.
Before the largest number of spectators which ever attended a basketball game in this town, Townsend high lost to Fitchburg Normal Friday evening, Jan. 11. The Townsend high school second team defeated Ashley high school the same evening, 17 to 11.

The beginning of the main contest with Fitchburg Normal was marked by rough play. Most of the high school being forced by injuries to retire from the game at the end of the first five minutes. He was replaced by Dominica, who, although young for a contest of this kind, filled his position well. The score for the first period was Fitchburg 12, Townsend 6. Early in the second period Keating was put out of the game on personal fouls. After his departure his team-mates played a faster brand of basketball, causing seven baskets from the floor and three on fouls. At the same time the high school players were unable to get through the three-man defence of the Normal school.

For the Normal school Kivlin and Hennessy played a fast basket-ball game. For the high school Keefe and Barnes played a spirited game, unwilling to concede defeat until the final whistle blew. The score:

Fitchburg, N. S.—Hennessy r.f., Grant I. Kivlin c., F.G. Keating r.g., Dawson c., Clark I.G. Townsend H. S.—Marchall l.g., Wilson r.f., Barnes c., Keefe I.G. Dominica r.f., Smith r.f. Goals from 10 ft.—Grant S., Hennessy 2, Kivlin 2, Keating 5, Clark 1, Dawson 1, Barnes 1. Goals from free tries, Keefe 9 out of 25 tries, Clark 3 out of 6 tries. Referee, Bachelder. Timer, Morse. Score—Morse, Scorer, O'Brien. Time, 20-minute periods.

The second team contest was a close game. Townsend took the lead at the start and maintained it throughout, although nearly losing it at times. Ash-

by high did not show at its best on account of injuries received in a game last week. Close guarding by both teams prevented a large score, the first period ending Townsend 19, Ashley 10. The second period was even, each team scoring seldom getting an opportunity to try for a goal. Lacey attempted to drop two long shots, while K. Miller dropped one in for Ashley. The final score Townsend 21, Ashley 11.

K. Miller was Ashley's leading scorer, while L. Miller and Stone led Townsend from getting many baskets. For Townsend no one player appeared enough better than his team-mates to deserve especial mention. The score:

Townsend H. S.—Dominga I.G. Brown r.f., Lacey I.G., Stearns c., Dean r.g., Shepherd L.G., Adams r.f., Ashley H. S.—L. Miller l.g., Stone r.f., W. Davis c., K. Miller l.f., F. Davis r.f. Goals from floor—K. Miller 3, Dominga 2, Lacey 2. Goals from fouls—Dominga 6 out of 12 tries, Brown 3 out of four tries, K. Miller 2 out of 8 tries, Stone 2 out of 8 tries, F. Davis 1 out of 1 try. Referee—Bachelder. Timer—Morse. Scorer, O'Brien. Time, 20-minute periods.

Townsend high school will play Maynard high school at Maynard next Friday evening. The team has no more home games until January 28, when Maynard high will come to town. That evening a portion of the game will have the opportunity to witness another double-header as the Mayford high school girls will come down for a return game with the Townsend girls.

West.
The Ladies' Whist club was entertained last week by Mrs. Edgar Wilson as hostess at the home of Mrs. E. J. Lees, instead of at the reading-room as formerly reported, and the next meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin of lower Main street.

The meeting of the Ladies' Literary and Social club, which was to be held with Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman on Friday afternoon, has been postponed until further notice.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Study club was held on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Heath, and one guest, Mrs. Ella Farley, was present. The vice president, Mrs. E. J. Lees, presided. Mrs. Heath gave a well-written and most interesting paper on the topic of the afternoon, "Pomona," and at the close of the meeting she exhibited a sampler made by her handmother in 1801, at the age of three years. The next meeting will be held on Monday afternoon under the leadership of Mrs. Joseph McLean on the topic and place of meeting to be announced.

Mrs. Caswell of Taunton last week visited her sister, Mrs. Edith Winchester, who has been quite ill for several weeks, and is still confined to her room, though reported as somewhat improved.

F. H. Ormsby has recently purchased a Ford sedan car.

Miss Jewell Hickey from Fitchburg is spending a few weeks at the home of Mrs. Young.

Miss Mary Coffey from Boston is enjoying a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coffey.

Mrs. Mary Tucker from West Groton is assisting in caring for Mrs. Wilbur Z. Sherwin, who is again quite ill at her home.

The public library books were distributed from the reading-room last Sunday afternoon as usual. Miss Seaver, custodian, was in charge after a four weeks' vacation.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society held their regular monthly meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Ellen Pratt, Wednesday afternoon with an unusually large attendance. The regular routine of business followed the scripture service and plans were completed for a public supper next week.

A goodly delegation from this village went to the Center on Monday evening to attend the installation of officers at the Townsend Grange, and on Tuesday evening the meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association in the public library.

Mrs. Joseph Gowen has been quite ill, suffering from a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed closed their home last week and it is reported that they are now well on their way toward the sunny south, where they will spend the remainder of the winter at Wachuella, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shaw and child have moved into the Charles Hodgman tenement vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson last summer.

Word was received in town of the death recently of Dorman P. Warren, the last of the Warren family, well-known in the early history of the town. He passed away at his home in New York at the age of 95 years.

The Warren brothers were very prominent in the history of the Baptist church and of the Female seminary, for which the village was at one time noted and the town and community were the recipient of many benefits from the family during their years of residence.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Webster of West Groton vacated at their home in town last week.

The special meeting of the trustees of the Squannock Steam mill, which was held at the mill last week Tuesday evening with Chief Engineer George Richardson presiding and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Henry B. Hathaway, foreman; Merwin Wares, Foster Hamilton, assistants; George M. Streeter, clerk; Fred A. Patch, treasurer; Charles Hodgman, steward; Warren E. Elliott, George Richardson and Merwin Ware, standing committee; Merwin Wares, connector; Fred A. Patch, George M. Streeter, chemicals; Amos Jodery and George Wyman, auctioneers; Howard Terrell, Frank Parsons, Roy Brown, Arthur Koykka, George Streeter and Fred A. Patch, pipe-men.

Gilbert and Curtis Richards have been recent victims of the epidemic of chicken-pox, which has been in town for a number of months.

Edward E. Seaver of Queen's Village, L. I. made a brief visit to his home here last week, while on a business trip to Boston.

Death.
Abram White, formerly of Rindge, N. H., and at one time a resident of this village, and brother of Mrs. J. C. Hodgman of Bridges street, passed away last Friday at the home of his son, Eugene White, of Acton, death being due to a complication of troubles caused by extreme age.

Mr. White was over 86 years of age.

and was born in Acton in 1834. He moved to this town in 1850, when his father, A. M. White, who was for years the owner of the tub and mill industry, moved to Rindge, N. H. to establish a similar business, and passed away at the home of his son, Eugene White, in 1920. He had a family of five children, three sons and two daughters. He was a member of the Baptist church and a very prominent church worker in his social life, and was a member of his friends and neighbors here during the years of his absence.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home of his son and daughter in the family lot in Acton. Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, Charles and Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, who made the trip by auto Sunday.

HARVARD
News Items.
Friday evening, January 21, the Warner lecture committee will present Nathan Howard Gist, whose subject for the evening will be "The Wise and Otherwise."

The Grange will hold a box party after its regular business session on Tuesday evening next. An explanation of this party will be necessary, as the boxes without comment in the Grange that these parties are always snappy. Luncheon sold at your own price.

The Grange literary committee met on Sunday evening last and arranged the calendar for the year. They have arranged for early degree work in 1921, some evenings for the discussion of vital home problems, a single tax evening and some social evenings for the younger set. Farm questions are to be freely aired, arguments by our best herdsmen on the merits of the different breeds and a big field day, to be held with some live Pomona or some Grange meeting. Every man desirous of entering a live men's degree and with a desire to put some real effort into something worthy is to report at the meeting on Tuesday evening.

The annual concert and ball given by the Complimentary club was held on Friday evening of last week. Newell's orchestra furnished music. Support was given by the Grange. About 150 were present. The grand march was started at 9:15. Henry H. Dickson and Miss Elizabeth Truheart leading. Guests from all the surrounding towns followed and later all enjoyed an order of new and old dances.

The Congregational Men's club held their supper and entertainment at the town hall this week Friday evening. Supper at six and seven o'clock. Entertainment at eight, given by Messrs. Stetson and Conlon, assisted by a saxophone soloist. Candy will be served.

On Sunday evening the Men's club will hold their regular meeting. All future meetings will be held at the lower town hall. Supper will be served the men at seven o'clock. At eight o'clock Dr. Roland B. Dixon will give his address, "The American Indian." Friends of the club are invited to enjoy this part of the evening.

On Thursday evening, January 20, the Herbert club is to give a social dance party at the town hall.

Two young ladies, aged respectively 12 and 15 years, decided that the environment at the Lancaster Industrial school was not to their taste and started out in search of new fields on Sunday evening. Being scantily clad they went to put up for the night in the shop of the Misses Bagster. Officer Hanna found them about 11:30 p. m., trying to keep warm with a grain bag. He took them to the home of Mrs. H. Emma Whitney, who warmed and fed them to their hearts' content. Later they were taken back to Lancaster. Whatever their motive was in leaving, they certainly did not select ideal weather conditions for their trip.

Mrs. George Kavanagh and Mrs. Willard Bagster, with baby Bessie, have all been on the serious sick list.

Regular church services will be held Sunday morning at both the Unitarian and Congregational churches at the usual hour.

Irving Jones of Boston, formerly of our town, is with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Haskell, taking a week of rest and recreation.

New edition just received at the Harvard public library, Reskine Dale, prepared by John Rex, Jr. Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton; The Barretts of Wimpole Street by Jeffrey Farwell; Cloudy Jewel by Lutz Rose Dawn by S. E. Whitte; Wilderness: Mass by H. Randolph; Lovers by Ruth Sawyer; Mysterious Rider by Zan Gray; Lone peaks and ledges by R. M. Bowers; Adventures by J. C. Smith; and The Great Desire by Alexander Black.

Still River.
The funeral of Mrs. Esther Willard was held from her home last week Saturday afternoon. Rev. William Gossman, her pastor, officiated. Mrs. Knight of Boston sang two selections.

In spite of the rain Sunday, January 2, over 100 were at church in the evening. A missionary meeting was held, and a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Merrill C. Deaky, who were here last fall, with an account of their constant missionary paper, that they sent was read. Mr. and Mrs. Derby are attending a language school, preparatory to their work as missionaries.


It was voted at the Baptist church last week Sunday to discontinue regular Sunday evening services through the winter months.

Mrs. Helen Morse of Worcester and Miss Laura Brown of West Acton were guests of Mrs. Joanne Willard over the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, the latter the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Higgs, have gone to New York for a winter.

Mrs. Mabel Hudson and Mrs. Charlotte Goddu, who have been with sister, Mrs. Eleanor Mansfield, since the death of their mother, returned to their homes to Winchester last week Wednesday.

WEST ACTON
News Items.
The Woman's club met Monday afternoon at the usual hour, 2:30. Mrs. Trueworthy White, civic director of the Massachusetts League of Women Voters, gave an interesting and instructive talk. Her subject, "A book may be greater than a battle." There was also delightful music by a trio of instruments, violin, cello and piano. A social and tea followed.



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Surely the most universal of all cars. Serving, satisfying, and money-making, day after day, year after year, everywhere throughout the world of civilization. It stands in a class by itself—the one universal car. A source of pleasure and a bearer of burdens, on the farm and in the city. Anywhere, and everywhere, the Ford Touring Car stands supreme in its service-giving, satisfying, money-making qualities.

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Authorized to Sell Fords and Fordsons to anybody anywhere.
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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE
Townsend National Bank at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business on December 29, 1920.

Resources
Loans and discounts, including advances... \$171,223.21
Overdrafts, unsecured... 65.72
U. S. Government securities...
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)... \$100,000.00
Owned and unpledged... 4,399.06
104,399.96
Other bonds, securities, etc. Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks), owned and unpledged... 229,554.06
Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock... 11,350.38
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)... 3,600.00
Bank owned and unencumbered... 1,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank... 16,960.77
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks and other cash items... 917.54
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer... 5,900.00
Total... \$561,039.79

Liabilities
Capital stock paid in... \$100,000.00
Surplus fund... 20,000.00
Individual deposits... \$1,092.52
Less current expenses, interest and dividends... 25,168.95
Circulating notes outstanding... 100,000.00
Certificate of deposit... 519.20
Individual deposits subject to check... 204,653.02
Individual deposits subject to check (two of two preceding items)... 30.00
Certificates of deposit (other than for money)... 13,597.58
Other time deposits... 97,032.84
Total... \$561,039.79

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.
I, C. B. Willard, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
C. B. WILLARD, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1921.
T. James Harvey, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
Walter F. Rockwood,
Henry A. Hild,
Chas. B. Stuckey,
Directors.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of **ABBY ARABELL SAWYER**, late of Littleton in said County, deceased.
Whereas, **LIZZIE L. COX**, the executrix of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance the account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased;
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge on said day of January, 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
And said executrix is ordered to serve a copy of all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, at least before said court or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks in the Towns Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and to file with me, at least seven days at least before said court, a list of all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, and to file with me, at least seven days at least before said court, a list of all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, and to file with me, at least seven days at least before said court, a list of all persons interested in the estate of said deceased.
Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, first day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty, at Cambridge.
F. M. ESTY, Register.

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INCORPORATED JUNE 29, 1824

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JOHN H. MAYNARD,
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JAMES L. WHITNEY,
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Harvard, January 12, 1921.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE
First National Bank of Ayer at Ayer in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business on December 31, 1920.

Resources
Loans and discounts, including advances... \$191,192.41
Overdrafts, unsecured... 179.50
U. S. Government securities owned:
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)... \$20,000.00
Pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)... 20,000.00
Owned and unpledged... 428,750.00
428,750.00
Other bonds, securities, etc. Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks), owned and unpledged... 92,130.50
Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock... 1,900.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)... 3,750.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank... 67,000.99
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks... 35,012.77
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items... 622.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from national banks... 1,600.00
Interest earned but not collected—approximately on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due... 4,200.00
Total... \$1,152,489.97

Liabilities
Capital stock paid in... \$25,000.00
Surplus fund... 50,000.00
Individual deposits... \$7,700.00
Less current expenses, interest, and discount... 19,214.07
Interest and discount collected or credited in advance of maturity (approximately)... 4,258.12
Circulating notes outstanding... 20,000.00
Net amounts due to National banks and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries... 18,915.72
Certified checks outstanding... 1,155.23
Individual deposits subject to check... 865,947.50
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)... 2,640.85
Notes and Bills Receivable... 2,069.53
Postal savings deposits... 1,152,489.97
Total... \$1,152,489.97

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I, Charles A. Normand, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE
TOWN OF HARVARD
CITIZEN CAUCUS

All persons qualified to vote in town affairs are requested to meet in the Lower Town Hall on Saturday Evening, January 22, at 8 o'clock. To nominate town officers. This meeting will be called to order by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

JOHN H. MAYNARD,
PERLEY BEARD,
EDEN F. COREY,
Selectmen of Harvard,
Harvard, January 12, 1921.

SALESMEN WANTED—Get busy. Keep busy. Is your job gone? Is it permanent? You want a life-long business. You can get into business selling more than 187 Watkins Products to farmers if you own auto or have a car. Get out of your old job and work with personal sureties. We back you with big selling helps. 12 years in business. 20,000,000 users of our products. Write for information where you can get territory. J. R. WATKINS CO., Department C, Winona, Minnesota, 419

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

AMERICAN RATHSKELLER advertisement for Boston, Mass. featuring a picture of a man and text about social gatherings.

BUMPUS & SON West Groton Riggers and Painting Co. advertisement for house, sign and carriage painting.

ITCH! advertisement for a skin medicine, featuring a picture of a person and text about itching and skin diseases.

Autos for Hire advertisement for 5- and 7-passenger cars with prompt and efficient service.

E. A. Whitney AYER, MASS. advertisement for an office handy to the railroad station.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS advertisement for a medicine for various ailments, featuring a picture of a person.

Gardner W. Pearson ATTORNEY-AT-LAW advertisement, specializing in patents and trade-marks.

N. A. SPENGER & SON advertisement for gemetry memorials, wishing to call attention to their stock.

ECZEMA! advertisement for a skin treatment, featuring a picture of a person and text about itching and skin diseases.

FISH advertisement for fresh and frozen fish, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

E. D. STONE Fire Insurance Agent advertisement, available at Automobile and Cordwood Insurance.

Ralph H. Wylie DENTIST advertisement, Barry Building Ayer, Mass.

Piano Tuning WILMOT B. CLEAVES advertisement, phone 20 Harvard, Mass.

TIME TABLE advertisement for cars leaving Ayer for North Chelmsford.

PEPPERELL News Items. Ice cutting was commenced last week at the Burleighs pond by W. E. Chapman...

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Florence Coghlan of Boston...

On Sunday January 9, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shattuck...

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lillis are receiving congratulations on the arrival of their first grandchild...

Several who have been identified with the Farm Bureau movement here in town planned to attend the organization...

Miss Lillian Holmes from Nashua was in town over Sunday to look over the Holmes house on Prospect street...

The Miss Lizzie Tucker estate has not been sold, as purchaser and the owners or heirs failed to agree on terms...

Harold Lillis who is now a student at the Little Rock college in Kansas, was unable to spend his holidays at his home...

D. W. Hazen has taken up his work in the mill again, after his long siege of poor health...

Most agreeable tidings come from Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Richardson at Lakeland, Fla. The weather has been warm...

As a consequence of the increased flowage of the Nashua river back as far as the Groton mills of the Nashua River Paper Co. the river at that point was demolished by dynamite...

Mrs. M. Drummond visited in Lowell last week, calling on Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Haskell, former neighbors here.

Miss Mildred Lent spent the recent week-end at her home in town. On her return last week from Washington, D. C. where she passed the holiday vacation...

Dr. Arthur A. Tower has been at his home in town, as the United Fruit company's steamer on which he is physician, is now in port of New York from the trip in southern waters.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Lane returned from Cambridge, as the guest of Mrs. M. and Mrs. Harris Tarbell. The engagement of Miss Dorothy Demmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Demmon, to Edward Harney...

Myron Murphy and family from Worcester were in town over Sunday visiting relatives.

The joint installation of the officers elected of Beacon and Acroma lodge, named as possibly occurring on January 13, is now set for January 27. The officers of Beacon lodge are to be installed by Deputy Grand Master Arthur G. Dunn and suite of Shirley. A committee from Beacon lodge members, appointed to arrange a joint installation were Raymond Maxwell, Curtis D. Gilman and Charles Card. The committee appointed by Acroma lodge to act on the matter were Mrs. Gertrude Pittman-Davis, Mrs. Lottie W. Sylvester and Mrs. Mary Gibbons.

Mrs. and Mrs. Nell McWilliams were in town from Lawrence, over Sunday to see her brother, Chester Hill, who has been ill for some time.

Mrs. L. A. Johnson last week went to Townsend to see her aunt, Mrs. Diana Fletcher who has been in poor health of late, having received a severe shock at the time of the fire in Townsend Harbor, which was so near the home of Mrs. Johnson, where she resides.

Those from this town who participated last week in the organization of the Amherst Camp, I. O. O. F., No. 100, were Henry Wilson, Curtis D. Gilman, William H. Gardner, J. H. Tarbell, J. Gardner Wilby, George J. Du Paw and Grant Palmer.

Following the work of formation, luncheon was served and the officers elected for the year. Installation followed by Deputy Chief Patriarch E. F. Burns and suite of Fitchburg. During the afternoon and evening the first, second and third degrees were worked by the different lodges.

Robert Dewar is out with a new roadster, as traveling salesman for the Peppercorn Spring Water Co.

At the meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held with Miss Annetta Merrill last week, the program included the observance of the wedding anniversary of George Washington.

At the business session of the department, the home department, the primary department, the intermediate and senior department, the secretary and missionary committee, the secretary and the nominating committee.

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lives of the Red Cross. Mrs. Baker will tell of home nursing work, and will be prepared to organize a home-nursing class, which is the work she has been engaged in the past week, in Maine.

Every year the young and the old look forward to Mrs. Charles White's reception and ball given at the close of the children's day at the school and Monday night added some more to the list of memorable nights when the children gave exhibitions of ball-room and fancy dancing, which was a credit to them and to Mrs. White.

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Fitchburg's Big Market 1921 SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY 1921 advertisement listing prices for various meats like prime beef, yearling cuts, and steaks.

Brockelman Bros. advertisement for electrical supplies, listing prices for various items like puffed wheat, pancake flour, and canned goods.

John F. Ryan advertisement for real estate, listing properties for sale and mortgage services.

Advertisement for the G-E Cord Connector, featuring an illustration of the product and text explaining its benefits for electrical appliances.

Ayer Electric Light Co. Barry Building Ayer advertisement, featuring a picture of a light fixture and text about commonwealth of Massachusetts probate court proceedings.

Advertisement for the commonwealth of Massachusetts probate court, listing names of registrars and providing information about voter registration and legal notices.

Saturday, January 15, 1921

PEPPERELL

News Items.

Thomas Sullivan returned to Chicago on Monday, where he connected with a brokerage house.

O. B. Olson, local director for the County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics, attended the joint meeting of the trustees and directors of the same in Boston, on Tuesday.

M. E. Gaskill was called to Nashua this week, by the death of his brother, A. Alphonso Gaskill, at the hospital, on Monday evening.

Earl Dunton, from Portland, Me., of the birth of a daughter, on Sunday, January 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Wisner Park and two children removed to Concord the latter part of this week from the house of Miss Margaret Blood on Townsend street.

Mrs. Joseph Attridge and little daughter, Ariene, went to New York last week for a stay with her parents.

The Groton mill of the Nashua River Paper Company has been shut down since the dam was destroyed last week as the motors for power are not yet installed.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held with Mrs. Leroy Cook, High street, on Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock.

Frank Sibley and Mr. Peacock, a real estate agent, motored here from Pawtucket, R. I., arriving Wednesday afternoon.

Principal Whitmarsh will meet the group of people at the Lawrence Library on Monday afternoon, as usual, at four o'clock.

An attraction for the coming week is the Novelty party and dance to be held under the auspices of the ex-soldiers at the Homestead, under the chairmanship of James C. Barry.

The Girl Scouts met at the vestry of the Community church on Tuesday afternoon, and held a business meeting and drill, under the direction of Mrs. C. A. McGraw and Miss Deware.

The annual meeting of the First National bank of Pepperell was held on Tuesday afternoon, January 11.

C. H. Conley, one of the machine tenders at the paper mill, who has been in poor health for some time and out of work of late, went to St. Joseph's hospital this week for a professional operation for appendicitis.

Maurice Allen has returned from St. Joseph's hospital, and the anxiety of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Allen, is somewhat lessened.

It seems probable that townspeople may never again experience the pleasurable excitement of seeing the cavalry horses from Fort Ethen Allen pass this way, as an announcement has

been made by army officials that the route hereafter will be from West Point to Fort Myers, Va.

Mrs. Edmund S. Blood returned home on Monday from the St. Joseph hospital at Nashua, where she has been under treatment and operation, since the middle of December.

Other Pepperell matter on pages 1 and 7.

Deaths.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Cox) Morrill, widow of the late George H. Morrill, passed away Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Blake, Mill street, after an illness of but a few days, from pneumonia.

Mrs. Morrill was a native of Nashua, N. H., in that part now called Dunstable, and she was 75 years of age.

Mrs. Morrill spent two winters with her son and wife in Florida, and made a trip across the continent to California, spending one winter there.

At the services held on Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Blake, Rev. B. W. Rust officiated, reading the scriptures from which he drew a beautiful lesson, and reciting several stanzas of a comforting poem.

The bearers were H. C. Thurston, Edgar Blake, Harry Hobart and Arthur Wright, and the remains were laid to rest beside her husband in the Pepperell cemetery.

On Monday, January 10, the death of Mrs. Helen F. Hammond, widow of the late George Hammond of Shirley, occurred at the home of her son, Edward Hammond, Groton street.

Mrs. Hammond has made her home here in town with her son and family for about four years. Besides the son referred to, she also leaves six grandchildren, also seven great grandchildren, of Groton and Brookline, N. H.

On Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, services were held at St. Joseph's church for Samuel Lebeck, whose death occurred at a Nashua hospital on Monday, where he has been under treatment for the past six weeks.

The death of Charles P. Hill occurred on Wednesday afternoon, January 12, at the residence of Mrs. and Mrs. Nell McWilliams, Franklin street.

Clipping.

The following clipping will be of interest to the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge and daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge, who is visiting them in Brookline, N. Y.

Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge was the guest of honor at a party given by Mrs. J. H. King and Mrs. Frank Kennedy, 22 Berkeley Place, Brookline, on Monday evening.

In China a boy is allowed a birthday feast once in every ten years.

LITTLETON

News Items. "The weavers," will be the play under consideration at a meeting of the reading circle, Tuesday, January 18, at 2.30 at the home of Mrs. Hartwell.

E. Carlson of the "Wilderness farm force," has bought of the F. C. Hartwell estate, the barn and the tenement house near on King street, also the land on the same side of the street.

Daniel Healy slipped on a street in Boston and broke his ankle bone several days ago. He is now at home and doing the best possible.

W. L. Pickard and family and the C. K. Houghton's attended the funeral of Cyrus Pickard of Acton, Center Wednesday afternoon.

The public is reminded of the whist party next Wednesday evening. There will be a business meeting at 7.45, and shortly afterwards the public will be admitted on payment of the fee.

Mr. Inauros inquired his hand badly at the webbing factory Wednesday, requiring the services of the doctor.

The bridge club will meet with Mrs. Hartwell next Thursday.

Woman's Club Meeting.

One of the largest and most valuable meetings of the Woman's club was held at Mrs. Alice Prouty's home, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Margaret F. Flagg, of the conservation and health committee, introduced the speaker, Dr. Mabelle Cook of Fitchburg, member of the state federation health board and various other equally important health organizations.

On Tuesday afternoon thirteen of the members of the As You Like It club were delightfully entertained at Seven Pines, Mrs. G. H. Jones, hostess.

TOWNSEND Harbor.

On Wednesday B. C. Cummings attended the meeting of the Worcester North Poultry association held in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Rufus Howe of this village held its first meeting of the year on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Adney Gray.

Miss Alice LaFountain, who as a member of the potato and garden club, made such an excellent showing, will be awarded the two day trip to the Massachusetts agricultural college or home prize of equal value.

Mrs. A. D. Bagley recently entertained several of her lady friends at dinner.

On Tuesday G. A. Proctor attended a County Farm Bureau directors' meeting in Boston.

New Advertisements

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ALL OF A SUDDEN PEGGY" Marguerite Clarke. 1.63

Pepperell

S. P. M., Friday Evening, January 11

Children 5c Adults 25c

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed executrix of the estate of LUCY H. SMITH, late of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond and appointing ANNES DAVIS of 189 Worcester Ave., Cambridge, Mass., her agent as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the subscriber.

SALVY ANN ALGER, Adm'r

Care of Philip Aarssen, Att'y.

27 School St., Boston.

January 12, 1921.

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LEG and LOINS OF LAMBS 30c. lb. SMOKED SHOULDERS 25c lb. SMOKED PORK ROAST 25c lb. FRESH SHOULDERS 18c. lb. FRESH MADE BUTTER 35c lb. GOOD BACON 25c. lb. BEST CREAM CHEESE 55c. lb. CORNED BEEF, all solid meat, 30c. lb. GOOD ROAST BEEF 20c lb. CONDENSED MILK 18c. can PURE LARD 5 1/2 lbs. \$1.00 COMPOUND LARD 15c. lb. SNYDER'S LARGE TOMATO SOUP 12c can EXTRA GOOD COFFEE 25c lb. Ground to order.

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All \$1.95 Men's Blue Chambray Work Shirts, double elbows. \$1.39

All \$3.45 Men's Duo-rib Winter Weight Union Suits \$2.59

Genuine Brighton Pad Garters 27c

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All Blue, Gray and Brown Heavy Wool Socks 83c

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All \$4.00 Men's Wool Union Suits \$2.59

All \$13.50 Men's Heavy All Wool Sweaters \$8.49

Genuine \$3.00 Contocook A Wool Shirts and Drawers Each \$2.33

All \$2.15 Men's Heavy Black Work Shirts, double elbow \$1.63

All \$4.00 Men's Gray and Blue Flannel Shirts \$2.79

All \$3.50 Men's Peerless Union Suits \$1.98

All \$3.00 Men's Flannelette Night Robes \$1.69

All Men's \$1.00 Tripletop Cashmere Hose, Black and Gray 2 for \$1.25 63c

All 75c. Men's Fine Lisle Hose, Gray, Blue, Cordovan, Black and White 49c

OVERALLS AND JUMPERS

\$3 Whitefield Blue Overalls and Jumpers reduced to \$2.25
\$2.65 Whitefield Blue Stifel Overalls and Jumpers reduced to \$2.10
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\$1.15 Fleece Lined Horse Hide Gloves reduced to 69c
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\$1.75 National Wool Mittens reduced to \$1.15
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