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LITTLETON.

News Items.

The following members of the United Workers of the Congregational church attended the meeting of the Woman's Board in Lunenburg on Thursday and report very enthusiastically of the program and the hospitality of Lunenburg women: Miss Elizabeth Thacher, Mrs. F. S. Kimball, Mrs. A. F. Conant, Mrs. M. Parker, Mrs. C. A. Kimball and Miss Julia S. Conant. Mrs. F. S. Kimball gave the report of the Littleton society and Miss J. S. Conant was re-elected treasurer of this branch. Mrs. Parker will likely be the delegate to the Philadelphia convention from November 11 to 13, representing this branch of the Woman's Board.

C. J. Libby, the well-known painter, has moved into the apartments at the Barker house recently vacated by the Philbrick family.

Samuel Reed, Jr., spent the week-end with his brother in Boston.

Clifton Flagg, formerly of Littleton, was the week-end guest of his brother, E. H. Flagg.

Twenty-three bold fishermen from Littleton enjoyed a fishing trip to the deep sea fishing grounds last Saturday. The water was calm and there was not the least suggestion of physical discomfort. The best catch and honors for the largest fish divided, are, in brief, the principal stories they tell.

The Grange held a large meeting on Wednesday evening. Guests were present from Westford and Chelmsford. The following program was received with appreciation: Piano duet, Mrs. Showe and Miss McEllan; reading, Mrs. G. H. Cash; trio, Misses Hunt and Alward, violinists, Mrs. Alward, pianist, vocal solo with encore, Stella Connell, accompanied by Mrs. Prouty; reading, Ivo Russell; trio, Misses Hunt and Alward and Mrs. Alward; vocal duet, Mrs. Prouty and Mrs. Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Prouty; piano solo, Mrs. Prouty.

October 21 will be observed as neighbors' night, when Shirley and Ayer Granges will be invited to come and give the entertainment. Supper will be served.

The Camp-fire Girls, with their leader, Miss Dorothy Priest, are in camp at one of the Cox cabins, Bonnie Brae, enjoying an outing from Friday until Monday afternoon.

Rev. W. C. Brown is expected home from the hospital the last of this week.

No school on Monday, as that is Columbus day, a legal holiday.

Two of the adult classes in the Unitarian Sunday school are studying with interest two recent books, "What men live by" by Richard C. Cabot, and "A new philosophy of life" by Frederick Elliot. The latter is a special subject tomorrow morning will take the title of Dr. Cabot's book, "What men live by," but the sermon is not intended as a review of the book or an exposition of Dr. Cabot's views. The evening service at seven o'clock will be a recitation talk with some beautiful pictures of Lake Como and the Italian Alps.

The Unitarian conference meets next Thursday in Milford, N. H., with a program that should draw the usual good attendance from the Littleton society. Among the speakers are Rev. H. C. McDougall of Franklin, N. H., and Rev. William L. Lawrence and Frederick Elliot of Boston. A special table will be reserved for the young people who are urged to attend as far as school duties will permit.

The service at the Unitarian Sunday school last Sunday was made memorable by the fact that the members of Mrs. M. J. Priest's class met for the last time as members of her class, and during the opening service read a verse or selection in her memory. Some of the members had been in the same class for thirty-five years, and during that time became greatly attached to so capable and lovable a teacher.

Miss Eleanor Hill, who has acceptably held the position of clerk in the Word End postoffice for over three years, will conclude her services there this week Saturday night. Postmaster McDonald, Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, assistant postmaster, and Miss Margaret McDonald, clerk, will divide the post-office responsibilities in the future.

Miss Katherine Kimball returned the middle of the week from Groton hospital, where she went three weeks previous for an appendicitis operation.

Mrs. Charles K. Houghton and Miss Marion Flagg were guests of the West Acton Woman's club on Monday and listened to an interesting lecture by Mrs. Emma Kimball Lemley, of Boston.

A. R. Paul, of Pepperell, who preached in the Congregational church so acceptably two weeks ago, will again occupy the pulpit on Sunday.

A. H. Gilmore and family left their trotting park home for West Acton last week.

Many Littleton people attended the Brockton fair last week.

E. A. Strout commenced on his milk route to Concord Junction on October 1. He has introduced an elaborate equipment for sterilizing the milk.

Mrs. William Handley, who is making her home at present with her son, William Handley, Jr., in Pingreeville, will be glad to do domestic nursing.

The men's annual supper at the Congregational vestry is slated for Wednesday evening. Popular price. All are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of Chaucery, N. Y., have recently spent ten days with their Littleton relatives and friends.

Miss Florence Whitcomb has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Kimball several days this week.

Samuel H. Whitcomb went to Lynn on Friday to visit friends for a few days.

Mrs. Clyde M. Stetson, of the common, has been ill for a week past, but is much better.

Roy Bartheaux is greatly improved, and barring a possible setback, will be around very soon.

Mrs. William McEllan, of the common, is on a two-weeks' outing with friends in Easthampton.

Five delegates from the Baptist church attended the meetings of the Wachusett Baptist association in Leominster on Tuesday.

The ladies of the Baptist church met in the vestry on Wednesday for an all-day meeting in preparation for the fair and entertainment to be given on October 22.

Mrs. Elmer Flagg was pleasantly surprised on Wednesday evening on returning from a visit to find her home in the possession of her fine class of boys tumultuously celebrating Mrs. Flagg's birthday. Whitney Caulkins, on behalf of the class, presented their teacher with a finely bound Holman reference bible. The class consists of the following members: Lester Whitney, Allan Stiles, Elliott Piper, Foster and Allan Kimball, Oral Higgins, Irving and Webster Flagg, Whitney Caulkins and Ralph Bonnell.

Rev. H. L. Caulkins will preach in Bolton on Sunday in exchange with Rev. John H. Barrows.

Fire.

The fire alarm was given early Wednesday evening for what threatened to be a serious conflagration in the woods near the sand bank back of the John A. Kimball buildings. John H. Kimball, who lives in the next house, discovered the blaze in its early stages and promptly gave the alarm and then rushed to the woods with a hoe and got to work in earnest. Fortunately, there was no wind. He nearly surrounded the fire area by a trench which was completed upon their arrival by members of the fire department. With plenty of sand handy and rapid workers to make application of it to the task of extinguishing the fire was completed in less than an hour from the time it was discovered. A sufficient amount of water was applied to make the place safe and the firemen and other helpers returned home.

In regard to the origin there is a mystery. The only plausible explanation is that some one was going over the wood road from King street to the Estate road or vice versa, and unintentionally but carelessly threw down a match. However this may have been, since the property endangered was saved, no body is seriously disturbed. But a word of advice may not be out of place. The woods and the fields are exceedingly dry and a fire, unless seen at the very beginning, as in this case, would spread very rapidly and cause no end of trouble. Let everybody, old and young alike, exercise the greatest precaution. Be careful about using matches. Don't take any chances.

United Workers.

The United Workers opened the new season very auspiciously at the home of Mrs. C. K. Houghton Wednesday afternoon. About forty of the ladies were present. The devotional exercises were led by Miss Fannie Sanderson. Few matters of business received attention. Miss Elizabeth Thacher reported the improvements on the parsonage in wiring for electric lights, repairs in plumbing, etc., and the United Workers voted \$200 towards meeting the expenses for the same.

A Victrola selection was rendered and this was followed by a very interesting address by Miss Anne Buckley, assistant secretary of the Woman's Board, who discussed briefly the text book to be used for mission study work this year by the United Workers. The girls in the midst, and also told much of the author who

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has been city missionary in New Britain, Conn., and teacher in the Hartford school of missions. She spoke encouragingly of the children's bureau recently instituted in Washington, D. C., of the work by missionaries now being done for the instruction of ignorant foreign mothers in the care and nurture of children. She also gave much information regarding children in foreign countries, their care and training and the missionary's efforts in their behalf.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Miss Irene Eastman, daughter of the famous Dr. Charles Eastman, will give "An Indian song recital" on Wednesday, October 21, at the Baptist church, West Acton, at eight o'clock. Tickets may be procured from the Camp-fire Girls or from Miss Armstrong.

Mrs. Phillip Cunningham and daughter Bernice are spending the week at Kearsage, N. H.

At the sociable at the church vestry on Thursday evening Mrs. F. H. Viets gave a very interesting account of her recent visit to Montreal and Quebec.

Daniel Wetherbee is at home from Worcester for two weeks.

The schools were given a holiday on Wednesday to give the teachers and children an opportunity to attend the pure food fair in Boston.

Leo Cunningham has the cellar dug for his new house. It is located opposite the home place, facing the stage road.

Mrs. Charles Libbie was one of the speakers at the meeting of the Pomona Grange in Stow last Thursday.

Liber Marble, of Worcester, came down in his auto on Tuesday and took C. T. Wetherbee and sons Daniel and Leon to see the ball game at Fenway park, Boston.

Mrs. Albert Walker is entertaining her husband's sister, Mrs. Fisher, of Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, of Kennebunk, Me., and Joseph Robinson, of Clinton, were week-end guests at the Hager homestead.

Born in Fitchburg, September 15, a son, Calvin William, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hager.

Miss Mary Hager is visiting in Fitchburg.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Circle will be at Mrs. Lewis Richardson's on Wednesday afternoon, October 14, at three o'clock.

The date of the annual fair held by the ladies of the church has been set for December 4, afternoon and evening.

The following were guests at Walnut farm last Sunday: Mr. Smith, Mrs. Waldron, Miss Waldron of Winter Hill, Miss Alice Rogers of Milwaukee, Miss Elizabeth Smith of Adamsville, Can. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown of Groton, Winny Goodnow of Portland, Me., Mrs. L. E. Reed and son of South Acton.

Mrs. Emma Kimball Lemley was the guest of her cousin, Albert Hart, well last Monday. In the evening she addressed the West Acton Woman's club.

HARVARD.

Still River.

Miss Laura A. Brown, of West Acton, is visiting with Mrs. Josephine M. Whitney.

Mrs. Austin, of Boston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hunter.

Miss Moffatt, of Oak Hill, is visiting Mrs. Abbie Dammun.

Miss Edna Robinson is visiting in Leominster, where she was the maid of honor at the wedding of her cousin, Laura Cook, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hutcherson, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse, Florence Dammun, Miss Moffatt, Mrs. John L. Keyes, Edna Robinson, Mrs. Alice Haskell and Mrs. Josephine Whitney went to Leominster on Tuesday in Mr. Hutcherson's auto to attend the Wachusett Baptist convention at the Leominster Baptist church.

Miss Olive Robbins, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Haskell.

Miss Mabel Cook, of Mattapan, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Anna Flanders, last week.

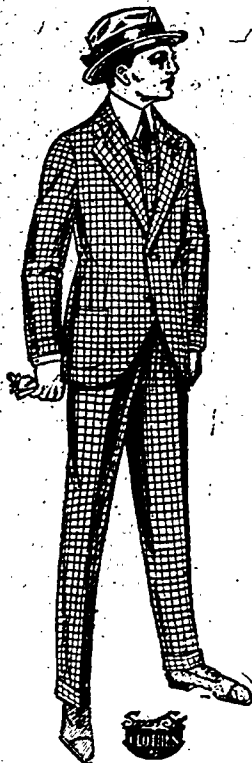
Fred W. Bateman and sister Eliza expect to go to East Jaffrey on Friday for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Harbourn, of Newton, were calling on Still River friends on Thursday.

Apples are beginning to be shipped to England, two carloads from Still River going out the past week. Apples are unusually fine this year, but the prices are very low.

Notice has been posted at the postoffice calling for bids for carrying the mails between the postoffice and the railroad station, the bids to be in October 8. There are several after the job, but who will be the successful bidder will not be known for some time.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Two more cases of scarlet fever have been reported to the board of health—Ada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ziegler, pupil in the second grade, and Mabel, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Parmenter.

Stanley F. White has returned for his senior year at Yale college.

Miss Ora Brooks, of Boston, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Whitaker and daughter Ruth in their auto to Ipswich, remaining Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman are spending a vacation at Reed's Ferry, N. H.

Ayer lodge will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, notwithstanding the fact that it is a holiday.

Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, pastor of the Universalist church, will reside in Shirley this winter and will board at the home of Mrs. John E. L. Hazen.

There was a goodly number attending the social and entertainment at the Congregational church on Wednesday evening. The entertainment features were a piano solo by Miss May Stebbins and reading by Rev. C. E. Woodman.

Miss Arline Wilbur is taking the school census.

Thomas D. Morin, jeweler and household furniture dealer, of this town, wishes to announce to his customers and friends that he is retiring from business and will sell his entire stock at cost. The store will be open from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m., until the entire stock is sold.

The Matrons' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Charles Dyke on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Dyke attended the funeral of her twelve-year-old nephew, Gerald Harrington, of Leominster, on Friday of this week.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. Grace E. Winslow at the Center on next, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Dyke was summoned from her work at the factory of the Edgerton Company on Wednesday morning by a telephone message informing her of the serious injuries to her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Rockwood, of Lunenburg, the result of an accident on Tuesday night. It appears that Mr. and Mrs. Rockwood were out riding at the Center and in some way collided with another team, throwing Mr. and Mrs. Rockwood head first in the roadway and seriously injuring Mrs. Rockwood.

The Camp-fire Girls were entertained Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Edward M. Davis. Miss Clara Morse, of Stockbridge, accompanied the girls on an eight-mile tramp to Harvard.

Miss Ruth Carter, of Winchendon, commercial teacher at the high school, who was unable to take up her work here at the opening of the school term on account of illness, resumed her duties on Monday. Miss Helen Yale, of Danvers, who substituted for her, has returned to her home.

The Altrurian club calendars for the club year are in the hands of the members. The calendars were prepared under the direction of Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, Mrs. Florence M. Ballou and Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook.

William F. Lougee moved last Saturday to the Jacob Beach house on Porter street. Mr. Beach, with his family, has moved to Nantasket.

Eugene Livmore, Lester James, Rodney H. Brown and Henry W. Brown of this town, and Mrs. Charlotte H. Knox, a former resident, now of Ayer, were among the passengers on the Hoosac tunnel and Wilmington excursion train that was wrecked last Saturday. Two cars jumped the track and were overturned on the brink of a fifty-foot drop to the Deerfield river.

A broken telegraph pole held the cars further down the track. We are glad to report that none of the above-named were injured.

Rev. William M. Ford, vicar of St. Andrew's parish, removed to Ayer last Monday.

Thomas D. Morin has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the E. S. Eldridge Co., jewelry manufacturers, Providence, R. I., and is selling out his entire stock of jewelry and household furniture at cost.

Eshon A. Mills has rented the house now occupied by the Anderson family, which will be vacated owing to the death of Mr. Anderson. Mrs. Anderson will make her home with her sons.

All those who can sing and are fifteen years of age and over, are invited to meet at the Altrurian club rooms on next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, when plans will be made for a choral society will be devised.

Death.

Samuel Anderson passed away at his home on Center road Tuesday night at ten o'clock from the effects of a complication of diseases at the age of sixty-nine years. Mr. Anderson is well-known to the older residents of Shirley, as he was a resident here when the young Mr. and Mrs. Anderson came to Shirley to live in retirement about two years ago, buying the residence and outer building of the late Henry E. Edgerton, and resided in one of the apartments recently remodelled.

Samuel Anderson came to Shirley from Peterboro, N. H., about two years ago and was well-known as a builder, not only in Hillsboro county, but throughout New England states. He was born in Ireland on March 14, 1845. His parents, William and Sarah (Anderson) Anderson, were both born in Scotland. His father, who was a shoemaker by trade, died at the age of thirty-five years, and his mother, long surviving her husband, lived to be seventy-three years of age, the latter part of her life being spent in Peterboro, N. H.

The subject of this sketch went to school in New York city and then worked in a cotton mill in Massachusetts and afterwards learned the carpenter trade at Shirley, where he resided until 1875. Going to Clinton in that year he then worked at a trade, being employed by the Lancaster Mills Corporation up to the year 1881.

While doing this he was also for two years managing contract and building outside the mill, also devoting some time to architectural woodwork. In 1892 he went to Peterboro, N. H., and opened a shop and began taking contract work. He has built many public buildings as well as private residences, among them being the asylum and other buildings of prominence in different parts of the New England states.

In 1866 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Annie J. Cunningham, of Lowell. Four children were born to them, two of whom are living, Archibald M. and Harry C., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

In politics Mr. Anderson was a democrat and was always much interested in the public and social life in the

towns in which he has lived. While in Clinton he was engineer of the fire department for two years and road commissioner for three years, and while at the Lancaster mills he was man of the construction department of all the buildings. He is a member of Altemont lodge of Masons of Peterboro and a member of Lancaster lodge, I. O. O. F., and is a past grand. He is also a member of the encampment in Peterboro, N. H.

Through his own industry and perseverance Mr. Anderson has attained business prosperity and as a man of unimpeachable integrity he has always enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a large circle of acquaintance.

During his illness of the past few months Mr. Anderson has been nursed night and day by Henry W. Elmer.

The immediate survivors are a wife and two sons who are Archibald M. and Harry C., of Brooklyn, N. Y., and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held from his late home on Friday afternoon this week at two o'clock. Rev. C. E. Woodman, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. The ritual burial service was held at 2 o'clock. Mr. O. F. was also observed. Burial was in the family lot at the Village cemetery.

Wanted for Stealing.

Marcell Landry, about twenty years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landry, is wanted by the police for stealing a horse and saddle from Mr. Harris, of Lunenburg. The horse was taken from the pasture some time last Sunday and the saddle was taken from the barn, both the property of Mr. Harris. Young Landry has been working for G. M. Ballou and on Monday morning obtained a few dollars from him, saying that he wanted to go to Worcester to visit his uncle. A few hours later it was discovered that a horse blanket and a pair of reins had been taken from the barn of Mr. Ballou. Landry's pocket knife, which had been used to cut the reins, was found and identified.

The police working on the case tracked Landry's journey with the horse through different parts of Lunenburg and finally found the animal on the Barnes estate in Still River and the saddle was found by the roadside. It is conjectured by the police that the horse had been tied some where in the woods during Sunday night and that Landry got the money from Mr. Ballou to assist him in a getaway in the event of being pursued by the police.

Landry has only been released from the Concord reformatory about a month and evidently his confinement in that place has had no moral effect and many think that the boy is mentally affected, as within the past two weeks he has endeavored to purchase a revolver from different individuals in the town and has openly avowed that if he ever got into another mixup he would should to kill rather than be taken to a reformatory. His parents are hard working people who feel deeply the disgrace the boy is forcing upon them.

The police of this and neighboring towns have thus far failed to locate him. His parents and others are anxious to have the boy apprehended, fearing that if he remains at large he will be brought to face a more serious charge than theft. Young Landry has been under the direction of Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, Mrs. Florence M. Ballou and Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware and family have closed their summer home on Hazen road and returned to their home in Brookline for the winter.

James Mackaye of Cambridge spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Steele Mackaye, who is spending a few weeks at her cottage on Parker road.

Mrs. A. L. Bumpus and little daughter Theodora, who have been staying at W. E. Barnes, have returned to their home in Brookline, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton closed their summer home on Center road last week and have returned to Brookline for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Adams and Miss Hazel Cummings attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange at Ashby last Thursday.

Mrs. Alice Bill of New York has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Groat.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will meet on Saturday afternoon, October 10, at the home of Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Walenta.

Mrs. Sara Longley and S. LeRoy Longley have been spending the past week at their cottage at Whalom.

Miss Mary Groat of Medford was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Groat last Sunday.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, who has been staying at his home in Brookline for the past two weeks, spent the week-end in town.

Ralph I. Evans moved his portable saw-lack to Framentown, N. H. Several from about town went with him to work at the mill, among them being Thomas Evans, Henry Crowe, Arthur Crowe, Harry Bodah and Wilfred Devarney.

Miss Margaret Longley spent Sunday with friends in Lynn.

Rev. Sherrard Billings of Groton School conducted the service at Trinity chapel last Sunday and preached an excellent sermon appropriate for Peace Sunday. Mr. Parson of Groton School will conduct the service Sunday, October 11, at 3:15 p. m.

The tarring of the state road has been completed and after having ten days to harden will be opened to the public.

A Serious Condition.

The water question in the Center has become decidedly serious, more so in fact than it has been for several years. There are at present about the Center about half a dozen wells that still have a supply of water and these are doing service for the whole town for drinking water. Water for other purposes has to be teamed from considerable distances. Combine with this scarcity of water the fact that several of the most lasting wells about the town, including the town well, were condemned last year by the state as being unfit for use and the question is indeed serious. It is plain to be seen that some source of public water supply is necessary for this part of the town and it seems as if it were time to investigate the matter. A united effort by the residents of this section of the town might lead to good results and certainly nothing would be lost by it.

An adequate water supply would at first, of course, be costly, but in the end would be cheap in that it would furnish fire protection and would materially increase the value of all property about the Center. A drinking water supply is necessary at the Center school and the lack of this is probably one of the causes for the suggested closing of the school. It is obvious that something must be done.

Why not have a meeting of the residents of the Center and appoint a committee to look into the matter and take it up at the next town meeting?

TOWNSEND.

West.

Charles Hodgman has completed his term of service as chauffeur for F. W. Wood at the Center.

A party of eight from here in two automobiles attended the Wachusett Baptist association, in Leominster on Tuesday afternoon. Those who went were Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean, Mrs. Samuel Wares, Mrs. Herman Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle, Mrs. George Upton, Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence and Mrs. Fred A. Patch.

Mrs. Maria Willard entertained an auto party of friends from Newton on Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Willard of Brookline. Mrs. Willard remaining for a week's visit.

Dr. Clara A. Warren entertained a pleasant party at her home on Wednesday afternoon, when the weather did not permit of being served out doors, was enjoyed by all the guests. Those present were Mrs. and Miss Colburn from Pepperell, Mrs. Delano, Mrs. Clara Kirby and Mr. Brigham from Boston, Mrs. Ellis and son George, Mrs. Maude Lawrence, Mrs. Emma J. Lees and Mrs. Fred G. Smith.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance, about ten being present. Plans for the coming fair were discussed, but no definite conclusion could be reached until it was found out whether the hall could be used or not.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant an order of administration on the estate of said deceased to EARL C. BOHANNON of Cleveland in the State of Ohio without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of October A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause why you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on one day, at least, before said Court.

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EDWARD A. CRAIG, Adm.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant an order of administration on the estate of said deceased to EARL C. BOHANNON of Cleveland in the State of Ohio without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of October A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause why you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on one day, at least, before said Court.

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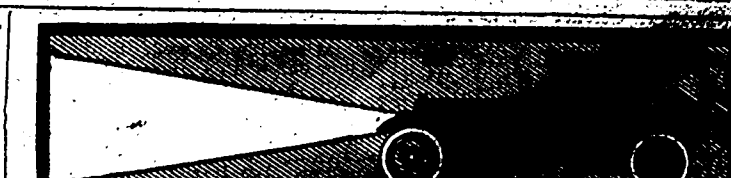
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GROTON.

News Items.

Ruth T. Bennett and Bernice Southworth were prize winners in the nine and eight-year class of the school for excellence of work exhibited at the Groton fair. The names of other prize winners will be given as soon as they are obtained. These prizes are given by Mrs. John Lawrence, president of the sewing school.

Peace day, and sermon and other services, was observed at the Unitarian and Congregational churches last Sunday. It was their regular communion season at the Baptist church, but fervent prayers for peace were offered and allusion to the day in other ways was made.

Twelve from the Baptist church attended the Wachusett Association of Baptist Churches held at Leominster on Tuesday and all report a profitable and enjoyable occasion.

Charles H. Torrey went home from the hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

There was a W. R. C. meeting Tuesday afternoon, the members preparing for inspection.

The annual fall meeting of the Association of Unitarian Churches will be held at Milford, N. H., on October 15.

The Misses Lottie and Isabel Floyd have been visiting for the past two weeks in Dorchester and Beverly and will continue their visit another week. While away they went out to Waltham and attended the interesting graduating exercises when Miss Hazel Thompson, of West Groton, received her diploma as a graduate nurse.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex Union Association of Congregational Churches will be held in Acton on Wednesday, October 21. Rev. G. M. Howe, of the Groton church, will speak on "What has evangelism done for New England."

Mrs. George L. Boynton spent a few days this week with Mrs. J. Warren Wetherbee and others at their bungalow in Peppercorn.

Misses Stone, Burr and Hendrickson are to be week-end visitors at Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams, of Chicopee row. Miss Stone was a teacher at one time in the Chicopee row school and is now principal of the kindergarten school at Waltham. The other ladies are her assistants.

Mrs. Henry R. Gilson, of Baden, Pa., is here for a several weeks, visit to her husband's mother, Mrs. Mosely Gilson, and other relatives.

Mr. Gilbert of Ware, Lieut. and Mrs. Timmins, William Prescott and Miss Edith Prescott will be next Sunday guests of Mrs. Eliza C. Prescott, of Leonard. The engagement of William Prescott, who is a nephew of Mrs. Leonard, to Miss Marjory Fickens, of New York city, has just been announced.

Mrs. Abbie A. Bennett, accompanied by Miss Alice Huntington, left Tuesday for the south where she goes to make a visit of considerable length to her daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Mapp, and husband, Dr. Mapp, at their home in Buena Vista, Va. Her son, James T. Bennett, made the journey with his mother, but will remain at Buena Vista for only a few days.

The apple trees are bending with their heavy load of fruit and the harvesting has begun. The prospect of a ready market is poor, as the usual foreign demand has fallen off.

The village improvement section of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Frank A. Torrey on Monday afternoon, October 12, at 3.30 o'clock.

Fred Bywater is home on a visit. The current events department of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Charles R. Earle on Friday afternoon, October 16, at three o'clock.

In the game last Saturday afternoon played here on Shumway field Lawrence academy won over Worcester North high by the score of 33 to 0.

Groton School won last Saturday afternoon in a game played against English high. The score was 27 to 0.

You are informed that a cider concern in Lowell is going to start in loading cider apples at several stations near Ayer soon.

Red Pepper, Justice and Little Bert are among local horses entered in the races in Nashua for Columbus day.

The Neighborhood club met on Wednesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. Marion Sargent. The roll call was followed by a business meeting, after which those who had been away on vacations gave account of the same. Refreshments were followed by the club song at the close.

A week ago Sunday Norman Smith and wife, of Roxbury, were in town calling on old friends and driving around in their auto over different roads here. It was perhaps a birthday drive as Mrs. Smith remarked that it was forty-six years ago to-morrow since Mr. Smith was born in what is now Mrs. W. B. Warren's home. That would make his birth on September 28, 1868, the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Norman Smith.

Fred C. Tuttle, who was drawn as jurymen at Cambridge, went down last Monday but returned that night. His request to be excused was granted.

The ball game this Saturday afternoon at Groton School is with Lowell Textile.

Marshall Swallow was chosen delegate to attend the Council of Churches at the installation of Rev. J. B. Lewis over the church at Peppercorn on October 14. All members of the association are invited to attend.

The Boy Scouts made another hunt for a short time last Saturday afternoon for these elusive wild hounds of the Lawrence farm but failed to locate them.

Mrs. Charles Lucy returned home Monday leaving her husband recovered from his recent illness so that he has resumed work again.

The Alliance met with Mrs. F. F. Waters Thursday afternoon. There was matters of business attended to and Mrs. George H. Woods read a paper on "Ruth," whose story is given in the Bible.

Eugene O. Collier sold ten acres of his land adjoining the Moses P. Palmer farm to Mosely Hale, the purchaser of Capt. Palmer's place.

Deacon Amel Shattuck and Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Whiting are chosen as delegates to attend the Congregational conference of churches at Acton on October 21.

The Italian murder case is so well covered in the Ayer column that there is hardly need to insert much about it in the Groton items, although as a matter of fact the body was found in Groton territory near the boundary lines of the three towns—Groton, Shirley and Ayer, and close to the boundary line of the Groton town farm. Officers Dowling and Fletcher of this town were active in the case. The state has taken charge of the body. This is the first murder committed in Groton since that of

Mrs. Prescott on the Boston road years ago.

Chief machinist's mate, Herbert W. Mason, of the U. S. S. Maine, arrived on Wednesday afternoon from the Brooklyn navy yard on a short furlough home.

Miss Emma Burnham of Holyoke is visiting Mrs. W. A. Moore and daughter, Miss Helen B. Moore.

The annual meeting of the Groton Bird club for election of officers will be held in lower town hall on Monday evening, October 19, at eight o'clock. The newly chosen board of directors will organize immediately after adjournment of the Bird club meeting. A full attendance is requested.

Mrs. Frank Mansur of Nashua, N. H., is helping in the care of her grandmother, Mrs. Charles H. Berry, and will remain until next week on Tuesday, Mrs. Barron, the housekeeper, having need of her assistance.

Clifford Kaufmann of Chicago is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wheelock of Chicopee row.

Miss Eleanor Dodge of Allston has been the guest this week of Mrs. Frances Forbes and Miss Helen Forbes.

The next meeting of the Book and Thimble club will be on Friday afternoon, October 16, with Mrs. George H. Woods of Common street.

Mrs. John Riley of Jamaica Plain visited relatives in town recently.

Major M. P. Palmer has sold his home farm on the Boston road to Mosely Hale of Greenfield. Mr. Hale is a son of J. H. Hale, the Connecticut beach king. The transfer papers have all been passed in this deal and the new owner will soon take possession of his property.

Mrs. William Souther has been on the sick list and is not yet fully recovered from the effect of her illness.

Mrs. Charles Berry, who seemed to be getting better of her illness of last week had another serious turn this week Tuesday. The doctor has been making frequent calls on her and at this time, Thursday morning, Mrs. Berry is resting comfortably.

A. S. Farwell of Ashburnham has been a guest in town for the past week visiting his relatives, Myron and Marshall Swallow.

Mr. Harrington, telegraph operator and assistant station agent at Groton, is away on a vacation. J. I. Seriat, who formerly held the position, is taking Mr. Harrington's place.

In the Baptist church on Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. Wm. Breckenridge, will preach, at 10.30 o'clock. Subject, "The grace of God that bringeth salvation." At seven p. m. "Hands that won't wash." An inspiring praise service precedes the preaching in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sheedy, from Falmouth, are in town visiting their relatives.

Governor Walsh was in town on Wednesday and visited the schools. This is said to be the first of our governor's visits to the schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Brown (née Miss Iola Clark) have disposed of their home at Northbridge and with their family and household goods have gone to California to locate near Los Angeles. Sometime during the winter, Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Clark, plan to go out to them in California.

The members of Groton Grange are rehearsing a play, "Plain people," to be staged in the town hall on October 27. Dancing will follow the play.

The first of the season's sociables held on Thursday evening with a harvest supper, followed by an entertainment.

A large elm tree felled last week on the Prescott farm measured across at the stump 5 1/2 feet.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

The following have been elected officers of the Gamma Beta society of Holyoke, pres.; Ethan Allen Beer of Hingham, Minn., vice-pres.; Edwin S. Jordan of Winthrop, sec.; Miss Catherine Bancroft Beasley, teacher of English, John Dalrymple of Millbury and Royston S. Crosby of Derby Line, Vt., ex. com.

The first football game of the season was played on Shumway field last Saturday with Worcester North High. Score, Lawrence 38, Worcester 0.

Saturday, October 10, the team plays Powder Point at Duxbury and Sunday, October 12, Lowell High at Lowell.

J. B. Hobbs, a member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been added to the faculty.

The enrollment now numbers 42. It represents six states and two foreign countries.

West Groton.

Mrs. Eaton, of Boston, was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Harrington.

Webster Harrington spent the week-end with Frank Gray, of Worcester, returning on Monday.

Going on Friday, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dudley will spend the week-end with relatives in Danvers.

Mrs. Webber, of Ayer, is visiting her son, G. S. Webber.

Mrs. J. L. Nutting left town on Sunday for a stay with her daughter, Mrs. George Irish, of Graniteville.

A cottage house is in process of building on the Groton road, the owner being Mr. Faraday, the son-in-law of Mr. A. B. Balcom. The foundation of cement blocks is laid and the carpenter work was begun on Friday in charge of Mr. Spaulding.

Roscoe Ferdin, of Walpole, visited friends here on Tuesday.

A young couple arrived in town on Tuesday, having that morning been joined in marriage, and were introduced as Mr. and Mrs. Young. The bride was recognized as Miss Marion Donovan, of Gardner, eldest granddaughter of Mrs. M. E. Williams, and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Martha Tarbell. Mr. and Mrs. Young left on Wednesday, taking with them the sincere wishes of relatives and friends for happiness and prosperity in their married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Delwin Shepley, of Sheldon, Vt., are visiting at the home of their father, J. T. Shepley, and will remain in this vicinity for several weeks.

Mrs. A. L. Harrington has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Fuller, of Bellows Falls.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Matthew Robinson.

The Gun club hunt is scheduled for Monday, October 12.

Dorothy Thompson was able to sit in the parlor downstairs for awhile on Wednesday.

A large load of West Groton people, James Hill, driver, attended a church supper in Groton on Thursday evening.

The West Groton Boy Scouts are being coached in football by the students of Groton School, Mr. Burrill and Mr. Lucas, who volunteered their services to the delight of the boys. They meet for practice on Friday afternoons. At their regular meetings on Saturday afternoon the scouts engage in the strenuous work of building a log house near their tent for occupancy when the snowy, blowy days shall come. They will tell the tale of the work of the building, directed and assisted by their scoutmaster, Dr. Kilbourn.

An excellent report of the assassination which occurred here on last Sunday has been sent in by our West Groton correspondent, but owing to the fact that the columns this week are crowded and that the story in detail is given in the Ayer column, the report for this column will have to be omitted.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Walter Dickson is at Pomfret, Conn., superintending the packing of a lot of apples which his father, W. F. Dickson, recently purchased in that section.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brooks, who have been for the past month at Emory Mills, Me., returned to their rooms here last Wednesday.

Mrs. Carl Streissman, of Ware, with her baby boy, is spending this week-end with her uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Barry. Mrs. Streissman was before her marriage Miss Susie Marsh.

Mrs. Gustaf Gabrielson, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, is slowly improving and able to move about a little with assistance.

The Ladies' Benevolent society have decided to hold a church fair and entertainment early in December. The entertainment will be in charge of Mrs. H. B. Royal, Miss F. J. Amundsen and Arthur T. West.

This community was surprised and shocked to learn of the sudden death of Miss Ida C. C. on Thursday morning, October 8. Mrs. Tooker had just returned from the hospital, where she has been under treatment for appendicitis and was thought to be getting along very well.

Mrs. Tooker was a woman of executive ability, possessing a very pleasing personality and one that will be remembered for her genial spirit and neighborly kindness. She leaves four children, Misses Mildred and Abbie and George and Harold, to whom the sympathy of the people here is extended in their bereavement. Funeral services are to be held at the home on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

Miss Amelia Gardner, leading woman in "Drugged," now playing at the Hollis street theatre in Boston, Frank Thomas of the same company and Mr. Taney of Boston, spent last Sunday with Miss Ruth Whitney at the bungalow on Whitney's Island, Bare Hill pond.

Miss Harriet Farwell attended the funeral services on Thursday of her aunt, Abbie Fisher, for many years a resident of this town, at her late residence in Wino Hill.

Peppercorn Harvard will be pleased to learn that the tea shop which has been temporarily closed is to be reopened for the winter under the management of Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney. Hot lunches for parties will be served, also, ice cream and refreshments. The shop will be opened on this week Saturday.

Last Saturday Mrs. Harriet Emma Whitney engaged W. G. Hapgood's auto and with Mrs. A. T. West and Miss Mary D. Bull, of Worcester, guests, took a trip to Worcester, visiting Mrs. Quincy Bull and daughter, Ruth Bull. The party then went out to North Grafton and made a call on Mr. and Mrs. Minot Bull, taking supper at this house, returning by moonlight and enjoying a delightful afternoon and evening.

Miss Blanche Daddum, with Mrs. Leon Daddum, Mrs. Mary Waters and Henry Waters, took an auto trip on Wednesday to Northbridge Center, visiting Miss Kathryn Waters, who is engaged to be married to a teacher in the public schools there.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Thorndike closed their summer residence, "High Hills," on Wednesday and removed to their winter home on Marlborough street, Boston.

While playing at school Miss Carrie Hazzard was thrown to the ground, breaking her left shoulder bone, which will keep her in plaster cast for about three weeks.

Eben Corey, who has bought the Daniel Lucie place on Oak hill, was in town on Wednesday. He is to occupy this winter.

Alpha F. Leonard and family have moved to Needham.

Francis Marx, the young chauffeur for Tahanto, who has been trucking to Boston the past month or more, is laid up with a light case of rupture.

William Lincoln Crosby has removed to Boston for the winter months.

Winthrop Patten, of Arlington, who has occupied Mrs. Crosby's Groton farm residence for the summer, will continue to live there this winter, and his sister, Mrs. Pond, of Brookline, has rented Mr. Crosby's Sweet Briar farm residence for the winter. Mrs. Pond's family consist of the most charming daughters and a son.

Grange.

Neighbors' night at the Grange on Tuesday evening was certainly a very successful affair socially, visitors coming from Ayer, Shirley, Groton, Littleton and Peppercorn Granges. The first of the evening was devoted to degree work by the local Grange, Mrs. Etta Ripley, master of the third degree team, doing this part with her ladies' degree team in a very creditable manner. At 9.30 the harvest supper was served in the banquet hall and consisted of rolls, roast beef, potato salad, celery, coffee, cakes and pies in abundance.

At ten o'clock the entertainment given by members of Ayer Grange in charge of Mrs. William Leahy, lecturer, was put on as follows: Soprano solo, Miss Alice Leahy, accompanied by Miss Leahy; violin solo, Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy; piano solo, Mark Twain, George Barrows; a one-act farce entitled "Two of a kind" was very well given, in fact the entire program was well received, all seeming to have the best of a time. Upwards of 120 sat down to supper.

The next regular meeting is to be devoted to a fruit and poultry show and will be open afternoon and evening to all Harvard residents. Circulars will be given out later.

Auto Accident.

What might have been a serious accident but for the cool headedness of our mail and express messenger, Gordon McCleery, occurred at Jas. Madigan's corner, Peppercorn, last Tuesday forenoon. Mr. McCleery had been upon a tree used at the Woman's club entertainment and was returning

with the janitor of the hall, Mr. Gabrielson.

The corner is a blind one and McCleery, who was driving his auto truck, was coasting very slowly with his brake set. Just as he turned the corner the laundry truck from Ayer, owned by J. H. Farley, came dashing up to the foot of the hill at a fast clip. McCleery promptly put his truck in the ditch, but the driver of the laundry car instead of pulling by to the right, he apparently had room to come head on and rammed McCleery just back of the steering wheel, taking the step and the extra tire and iron of the car, his own car getting a pair of broken lights and a broken radiator.

Had McCleery kept the half of the road to which he was entitled a head-on collision for both trucks must have followed. As it was he saved his engine and headlights by taking the ditch.

It is sincerely hoped by residents of Harvard, at least, that this accident may be a warning to this and other drivers to use a little caution and moderation at some of our crossings, especially on the common where children and ladies are so often in danger.

H. W. C.

The Harvard Woman's club opened their series of meetings for the club year with an entertainment and afternoon tea at the town hall on Monday, October 5. The entertainment included as artists, Miss Nancy Barbee, dialect reader and Miss Harriet A. Shaw, harpist. Miss Barbee, whose life has been spent on a plantation in the South, rendered in a most charming and realistic manner Southern dialect stories full of pathos and humor, famed from everyday conversations with her plantation associates.

Miss Shaw with the skilled touch as necessary to a harpist gave to her listeners soul music through the medium of her magnificent harp. Among numbers, rendered by Miss Shaw, including Chanson de Pecheur and Chanson de Mal, both by Zabel and mazurka, prelude and Valse de Concert by Hasselmann, none seemed to quite surpass the romance composed by herself and which she alone could interpret to the fullest degree. The music of the program closed very fittingly with an improvisation of "Fair Harvard."

Such an afternoon as this could hardly have been realized had it not been for the kindness and public spiritedness of our club members, Miss Clara Endicott Sears, who with the aid of Mrs. Austin Peters, president of the club, took the part of hostess during the affair and to whom the club is greatly indebted for an afternoon not soon to be forgotten.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Harvard Historical society was held at the Memorial rooms on Tuesday evening, October 6, and the following officers were elected:

Mr. Herbert E. Royal, pres.; Fred W. Balem and Elizabeth Ford, vice-pres.; Susan A. Davis, sec.; Albert H. Bluelow, treas.; Emily E. Hersey, cur.; Kate Lawrence, librarian; Eliza Batesman, Ellen C. Gardner, Alma F. Royal, A. H. Turner, Emogene Gale, directors; Alice Haskell, Della Clough, Alice Blawie, Grace W. Hildreth, Miss Turner, membership committee; Ruth Whitney, Emily E. Hildreth, John C. L. Clarke, Eliza Batesman, Mrs. B. B. Giddens, Mrs. H. Turner, Mrs. H. F. Whitney, Mrs. Anna Flanders, Mrs. M. G. Hildreth, Mrs. H. Emma Whitney, Miss Carrie Priest, relics com.

Church Notes.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning the pastor will take charge of the service for the first time since his vacation. The subject of his discourse will be "The man who made good." Music by the chorus choir.

The Bible school will meet in the vestry after the preaching service. The passage to be studied is the story of the last supper and the lesson teaching is "Remember Jesus Christ." There is a strong appeal here for men and women in every walk of life, who are lured from loyalty to truth by the exactions of business and society. These teachings of Jesus offer the only solutions to the great problems of humanity.

The C. E. meeting will be held in the church parlors at seven o'clock. A question of practical importance is suggested by the subject, "Next steps for our society." Miss S. A. Davis has charge of this meeting. The C. E. chorus will sing.

At the morning service last Sunday an offering of more than sixteen dollars was received for the work of the International Red Cross society and has been forwarded to the treasury of that body. If anyone not present at the service desires to add a contribution to the fund, the pastor will be glad to furnish the treasurer's address.

An institution known as the Monday class will have a beginning at the Congregational parsonage on Monday, October 12. There will be no bothersome organization; no president, secretary, treasurer or other officers; no initiation fee, dues or similar expense; no obligation to undertake a definite amount of study. The object is intellectual improvement, the method will be somewhat socratic, the details will be left to the discretion of those who care to come. An invitation is extended to anyone who may be interested.

The Woman's Benevolent society will hold a regular meeting in the parlor of the church on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30.

At the morning service on Sunday action will be taken concerning the election of a delegate to the council called by the Congregational church of Peppercorn for the purpose of installing its newly-elected pastor.

There will be the regular service in the Unitarian church Sunday morning at 10.45 with the pastor in charge. The music, under the directing of Mr. Thayer, will be rendered by a mixed chorus. They will sing "Consider and hear me," by Hegner.

The season of the Sunday school will be at twelve o'clock with the colored crayons on the outline drawings made for the purpose. Miss Blanche Davis, a teacher with normal school training, will give the class lessons in the Beacon series as used for the classes above that and the men are in a special course on present day public questions by Ansel S. Richards, principal of the Bromfield school. All men welcome to the privilege offered by this class.

At seven Sunday evening will be an informal gathering of men in the lower town hall. Luncheon will be served and afterward Rev. S. B. Nobbs, a national officer of the league of Unitarian laymen, will give his notable address made by Mr. Nobbs in the big meeting in Tremont Temple during anniversary week was rated in the official organ of the denomination as one of the six best addresses of the week.

The annual harvest supper for all of the people of the Unitarian parish will be held Friday evening, October 16, in the town hall. Be present at this happy family gathering.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The ladies of the Universalist church will hold its annual harvest sale and supper in the church vestry on Wednesday, October 14. Sale commences at three o'clock in the afternoon. Vegetables, fruit, jellies, candy, aprons, etc., will be on sale at low prices. The usual excellent supper will be served at 6.30.

Miss Mabel Miner, of Keene, N. H., is at her home for a vacation of two weeks.

Miss Rena Churchill, of Boston, will arrive today at the home

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AYER.

News Items.
Jennens W. Brown is having a building erected to be used for a lunch business on the site of his former lunch cart on Pleasant street. The building will be 25 feet long, 12 feet wide and 8 feet high. There will be two entrances, the front on Pleasant street and the other in the rear of the building. A kitchen will form a part of the interior arrangements where choice viands can be prepared quickly and conveniently. Fred W. Hosmer has charge of the building arrangements.

Michael J. Carey and Thomas McManis ended the trial of the superior court at Cambridge last week Friday.

Philip R. Andrew and Percy N. Lawrence began their duties as jurors in the civil session of the superior court at Lowell last Monday.

The inquest into the death of Fred Healy, who was accidentally killed in Westford last week Wednesday by being run over by an automobile truck, was held at Westford last night. Warren H. Atwood presided. Seniors Edward Fisher, of Westford, was present as counsel for Arthur E. Wilson, of Westford, who was the owner and driver of the truck when the accident happened. The court withheld its decision.

You are informed that a elder concern in Lowell is going to start in loading elder apples at several stations near Ayer soon.

James H. Bulger, formerly of Ayer and later of Harvard, was driving near the overhead bridge last Saturday night collided with an automobile, which did slight damage to the carriage in which he was riding. After a short delay both proceeded on their way.

Mrs. Donald Smith, nee Miss Nina Phillips, of Nashua, visited at the home of her father, H. H. Phillips, Grove street, this week.

The telephone employees are putting in new poles on Washington and Pleasant streets this week. The building activities now going on with J. J. Barry & Company's new block gradually soaring and a new lunch building being erected by J. W. Brown Depot square and vicinity presents a very animated appearance at present.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Mrs. F. W. Lowell were delegates to the annual meeting of the Wachusett Association of Baptist Ministers held at the Leominster Baptist church last week. Mr. Thomas attended the meeting also as well as many others from Ayer and Groton. The meeting was a very interesting and profitable one.

Work was started on Tuesday on Charles L. Farrar's garage and the cement foundation is being put in. It will be built of Littleton unit bricks.

Miss Virginia Nickerson, of New York city, who has been visiting Miss Helen Savage for the past two weeks, left for her home last Saturday.

George H. Brown has purchased a Studebaker six.

T. Henry Donahue, who was seriously injured in the elevator accident at Fitchburg last week, is reported as doing as well as can be expected for one in his condition. In addition to several broken ribs he sustained a broken shoulder and internal injuries.

Died in Ayer on Sunday, October 4, Mrs. Ida May Fletcher, of chronic febrile phthisis, at the age of 50 yrs. 8 mos. and 27 days. Her father was born in Maine and her mother, who was Margaret McCarthy, before her marriage, was born in Ireland. Mrs. Fletcher is survived by her husband, Calvin Fletcher, and three sons—Charles, Walter and Norman. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery on Tuesday. The deceased has been a resident of this town for the past thirty years.

The ladies of the Unitarian Alliance are to give an elaborate entertainment in town hall on November 19 and 20, in charge of Mrs. W. Edward Murphy. The program will include nine parts entitled "Faithful even unto the end," under the personal direction of Miss Alice E. Murphy, of Boston, who is well-known in this section for her spectacular shows. Over 125 men, women and children will take part, which includes some of the best talent in the city. The program of amusement well worth seeing more than once. Good dances, squadrons of pretty girls and elaborate costumes, a novel, ingenious and amusing entertainment. Tickets will soon be on sale.

The Ayer military band will hold a social dance in town hall, Ayer, Friday evening, October 23. Music by Kittredge's orchestra, eight pieces.

There will be a celebration of the holy communion at St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Sunday school will follow at twelve and duplex envelopes will be given out to the children.

Raymond B. Carter, D. M. D., associate assistant with F. Earland Gilson, has been offered to be a demonstrator of operative dentistry at the Harvard dental school by the dean of the college. Dr. Carter is one of the best operators in this part of the country.

The Unitarian Social Gathering will meet with Mrs. Marie Clark on Tuesday afternoon, October 13, at three o'clock.

The annual sale and supper of the M. E. church will be held in the vestry of the church Thursday, October 15. Sale opens at 2.30. There will be special articles, home-made candy, baked beans and salad. Supper at 6.30. A short entertainment after the supper.

Miss Geraldine Clark of Odenburg, N. Y., on her way to Tufts college, stopped here Wednesday evening with Mrs. E. B. Butterfield.

Red Pepper, Justice and Little Bert are among local horses entered in the races in Nashua for Columbus day.

Some person or persons evidently looking for lodging gained entrance to E. A. Richardson's home on Central avenue on Tuesday night by moving a staple in the barn door. Nothing was taken.

"One wonderful night," a great photoplay in four parts, will be the leader at the moving picture show this Saturday evening. Harry W. Bushman, the noted actor and the winner of the Ladies' World hero contest, will sustain the leading part. Two shows will be given, the matinee at three and the evening exhibition at eight o'clock. There will be special shows on Columbus day, October 12—matinee at three, evening at eight. Good music and good singing.

George H. Hill returned from a few days' trip to the White Mountains last Saturday.

While Forest Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hall, was driving an automobile at Mitchellville, coming toward Ayer, last Saturday evening, one of the tires blew out which caused

ed the machine to turn sharply to one side of the road and turn completely over. Young Hall was pinned beneath the automobile for a short time, but was extricated without any injury. In the automobile with him were Alfred Smith and Joseph Robbins, who also were uninjured. The trio abandoned the wreck and completed the journey to Ayer by trolley. Dr. C. Smith went to the scene of the accident and towed the machine to Ayer.

Miss Nora McGuane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin McGuane, completed a four-years' course in the Waltham training school for nurses last week. Miss McGuane is a graduate of the Ayer high school, class of 1909.

A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge will be held on Monday evening, October 12. Work—Master. A special communication will be held on Monday evening, October 12. This will be the official visitation of Henry G. Pollard, of Lowell, district deputy master of the twelfth Masonic district, and suite. Work—Master Mason degree. A banquet will be served.

E. A. Richardson, Fred Russo, Ellis B. Harlow, Holden Harlow, J. G. Dwinell, Dr. Hopkins and E. M. Gleason of Ayer, and Charles F. Johnson and Charles A. Kimball of Littleton, members of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons, visited Corinthian lodge of Concord on Wednesday evening, going in automobiles. It was the occasion of the official visitation of Harry G. Pollard, of Lowell, district deputy grand master, and they listened to a lecture in kind by Master Mason degree. Dr. Hopkins and Mr. Dwinell were also members of it from here.

Sunday school will be held at ten o'clock at the Methodist church on Sunday morning, with preaching at eleven o'clock. The cry of the disappointed man will be the subject of the evening service. Prayer meeting Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. A. E. Kernahan, pastor of the M. E. church at Ayer, will be here to speak to us. He has proven himself an efficient pastor and his address is quite helpful. On Sunday, October 18, will be rally day in the Sunday school. Rev. Guy Carpenter, of Brazil, Indiana, will spend the entire day here and will preach twice.

Among the former pupils present at the recent Sandy pond school reunion was Annie Gale, who used to live close by the school and who was well beloved by all who knew her. She is married now and has two children and resides in Manchester, N. H.

Mrs. W. E. Brooks. On Saturday, Mrs. W. E. Brooks, of Ayer, who are present visitors in the city, took Mrs. Landry in their auto for a delightful ride through the suburbs of Boston and finally left her with her sister, Mrs. Nellie Smith, in Everett. Mrs. Smith is much improved since her return from the hospital and can go about quite well. Mrs. Landry spent a day with her nephew, George Pierce Smith, in Wollaston, and returned home to the Willows in time to assist with the supper at the Sandy pond schoolhouse on last week Thursday evening.

A hearing will be given by the public service commission in Boston on Wednesday, October 13, to those interested in the proposed advance in mileage book rates, and the discontinuance of trip tickets by the Boston and Maine railroad. The proposed changes will take place on November 1 unless the public service commission opposes the plan.

James W. Nixon, of the Sandy pond district, was taken to the Groton hospital on last Saturday for an operation on appendicitis. He is reported as doing well.

Forty members of Ayer Grange attended neighbors' night at Harvard Grange on Tuesday evening and furnished the entertainment of the evening. The third and fourth degrees were conferred by Harvard Grange the same evening in an excellent manner.

The barber shops will close at ten o'clock on Monday morning, October 12, in honor of Columbus day.

The unusual sight of a large squirrel leaping on the top of the large railroad crossing attracted the eye of interest on Thursday. The animal was there all day and was evidently afraid to come down from his perch. It is said that the squirrel was chased by a dog early in the morning and took refuge on top of the pole.

P. Donlon & Company sold eight tickets to New York this week by the way of the Colonial line for which they are agents.

Forrest Bush, of Ayer, gave himself up to the Clinton police this week on a charge of larceny, the complaint arising from the theft of a horse belonging to Dr. Sherman, of Lowell, which was stolen in Harvard two weeks ago. The other person implicated in the robbery has not been found.

Chief Beatty searched for two escaped inmates of the Worcester insane asylum early Friday morning at the request of the local authorities. It was thought that they might come this way.

The laundry automobile truck of Holden C. Harlow, of Ayer, came in collision with a truck driven by Gordon McCleery, of Harvard, in that town on Tuesday forenoon. Both trucks were somewhat damaged.

John C. Martell, of Ayer, and Miss Cecelia Chasson, of Boston, were married in that city last Saturday. They came to Ayer the first of the week and will make their home in what is known as the Saboli place on Central avenue. They received many beautiful presents.

George H. Brown delivered a lecture on Parma before the Woman's club in Hollis, N. H., Wednesday.

Dr. Charles Fleischer will lecture on "The civic woman" Thursday evening, October 15, at the town hall. The Ayer Woman's club cordially invites the public to be present. There will be no admission.

One of the most interesting dramas ever presented by local talent will be given under the auspices of the Ayer Gun club at Page hall on Tuesday evening, November 3. The title is "Neighbor Jackwood," and it is full of action from start to finish.

Object to Change.

A warm meeting was held in A. O. H. hall on Thursday evening to discuss the matter of having the Shirley street primary school restored. Since the pupils of this school were removed to the Washington street building a week ago there has been a great deal of feeling expressed by the people in the section of the town where the school was located, regarding the change. F. H. Hooley was chosen chairman.

George H. Brown, chairman of the school committee, and Edward A. Richardson of the committee and Frank C. Johnson, superintendent of schools were present to present their side of the matter. Over an hundred persons were present, many of whom expressed their dissatisfaction with the change. The school authorities claimed that the change was but a temporary one and would result in benefits to the both schools. The chief reason given by the school board, as fully announced by the school board, was the overcrowded condition of the Washington street school. The idea of the committee was to unite the Shirley street school, which has a small attendance with the larger one on Washington street making the two schools of average size and thereby enabling the teachers to do better work.

A motion was unanimously passed that it be the sense of the meeting that the school be restored at once to its former place.

Sons of Veterans.

A rousing union meeting of the Sons of Veterans of district 12 was held in Grand Army hall on Thursday evening under the auspices of Capt. George V. Barrett camp. The speakers were Frank J. Conahue, of Boston, division commander, who was also secretary of state; Senator Charles F. McCarthy, of Marlboro, patriotic instructor, and Rep. A. N. Townsend, of Townsend, the latter being also a prominent member of the Sons of Veterans. The three speakers gave rousing addresses on patriotism and loyalty to the order which was greeted by great applause. After the meeting luncheon was served and a general good time was enjoyed.

Edward E. Sawyer, past commander of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, presided in his usual happy way. Members of all camps present from Townsend, Shirley, Leominster and other places. Several members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., were present as guests.

Mysteriously Murdered.

One of the most mysterious murders that has ever come to the notice of the state and local police occurred last Sunday afternoon about six o'clock, the victim being Pulella Salvatore, of Ayer. The scene of the murder was near the Greenville Branch track a short distance beyond what is known as the Townsend bridge which spans the Nashua river, about a mile from Ayer.

The first knowledge that came to the local police was obtained by Chief Beatty from a young man named Thomas Noonan, of Lawrence, who had been visiting in Ayer, where he was walking on the track to Ayer, when he intended to get an electric car for Lawrence. Chief Beatty at once notified the local officers and Chief Dowling responded to the call, who promptly called officers J. H. O'Connell, John Wallace and Thomas Noonan above noted, went to the scene and made an investigation.

On the sight of the dead man showed that it was a plain case of deliberate murder. The body was found near the Groton end of the bridge with both ankles securely tied with a rope and the head was covered with blood and the shirt pulled over the head. On the way to the scene of the murder the officers met Lawrence Berquist, son of Emanuel Berquist, who lives on the Cuts place a short distance from the bridge. Young Berquist said he was on the way to Ayer to report the case to the police.

The body was found in company with Delbert Waterman, a well known hunter through the woods when they heard two shots. Berquist went up the track to investigate. On the Ayer side of the bridge he met a strange man. They both stopped and Berquist started to cross the bridge. When near the Groton end of the bridge he was startled to see the body of the murdered man.

He immediately called to the stranger whom he had met coming toward him. Berquist thinking that the man intended to do him harm ran through the woods along the bank of the river and reaching himself of all his surplus clothes swam across the river and then went to his home. He then started for Ayer to notify the police and had gone part of the distance when he met Chief Beatty coming to the scene of the tragedy. Having been notified of the tragedy in the meantime by Thomas Noonan.

Frank S. Bulkeley, medical examiner of this town, was informed of the case and made an investigation. Officer Thomas F. Mullin also joined the party. The body was afterward removed to the undertaking rooms of W. Wright & Son, where every effort was made to identify the remains. There was absolutely nothing on the clothing of the dead man that would lead to his identity. The articles found in the coat pockets consisted of a small photograph of a woman, a small pocket watch, a watch of evidently French manufacture was found at the scene of the murder. It was still running.

Monday the remains were identified as Pulella Salvatore, of Ayer, the identification being made by James and John Parella, of this town.

An autopsy was performed on the body by the medical examiner, assisted by Dr. H. B. Priest after the body was brought to the undertaking rooms. An examination of the remains showed that Salvatore was shot twice in the back of the neck, the bullet coming out near the eyes. The face, upper arm and hand were badly bruised as though the body were dragged some distance after the fatal wounds were given. Chief Beatty immediately started a thorough investigation of the case.

The dead man was dressed in a light plaid cap, suit of dark material and dark congress shoes. When the body was found the coat, vest and cap were missing but were found later. The coat had been folded carefully and laid on the ground with the cap on top some distance away from where the body lay. Further investigation by the police tends to show that the murder was cunningly planned and carried out. According to the marks on the ground the body had evidently been dragged so as to cover the footprints of the person doing it. There were several distinct footprints found, however, which according to the police tell an important story.

The police have been busy this week in trying to find further evidence of the crime, with particular reference to the revolver used which has not yet been found. The vicinity of the crime has been thoroughly searched and the river dragged in so far as to attempt to get this bit of evidence.

Near the scene of the murder some rubber bedding, such as is used in West Groton paper mill, was found Monday wrapped in paper which had blood stains upon it. The cord which bound the murdered man's feet was also said to be of the same variety as used in the paper mill in the above place.

An all night search in the vicinity of the murder was made by Chief Beatty and Officer Thomas F. Mullin, of Ayer, and Chief Dowling, of Groton, without result. State Officer Fred Flynn, of Lawrence, and Chief Dowling of Pepperell joined the searching force Monday morning. As a result of a conference it was decided that a room mate of the dead man named Alfonso Collura might know something about the case.

Collura was found by Chief Beatty at North Littleton where he was working as a section hand under Daniel Neylan, foreman, of Ayer. He was brought to the Ayer police station and held for further investigation. As a result of further investigation obtained during the day the officers on Monday evening felt sure that they had at last got the right man. He was brought to court on Tuesday morning to answer to a charge of murder in the first degree. The court room was filled to overflowing.

Collura's counsel, Frank M. Zattul, of Boston, was one of the attorneys of the complaint and asked for continuance until Tuesday morning, October 13, in order to have more time to prepare a defense. State Officer Flynn, speaking for the government, said that the government was ready for trial, but was perfectly willing to agree to the continuance asked for by defendant's counsel. Judge Atwood granted the continuance.

The state officer also asked the court to hold six of the witnesses for the government in sufficient sureties to warrant their appearance at the trial. The court said that the request was a very unreasonable one and would not grant, but in view of the magnitude of the case the request was granted. The witnesses were unable to furnish the \$200 bail required of each, and all were committed to the East Cambridge jail to be held for trial. The other witnesses were held on their personal recognizance of \$100 each. Collura was taken to the East Cambridge jail to await trial.

As soon as possible after hearing of the case Chief Beatty got in touch with the officers of the surrounding towns with a view to apprehend the murderer if possible. Chiefs Burrill of Shirley, and Dowling of Groton, with Constable Fletcher of the latter town, and Officers J. H. O'Connell, John M. Wallace and James I. Mills systematically searched for Salvatore, the murdered man, and Collura, who is held as responsible for his death, were employed as section hands under Daniel Neylan, section foreman, at the Groton end of the house of Joseph Innello on Forest street and boarded themselves.

A cousin of Salvatore came to town on Wednesday afternoon and viewed the place at which the murder was committed. He stated that both men came here from Aragona, Italy. Salvatore coming to America on September 7, 1913, and Collura a year later. He stated that both worked in Quincy before coming to Ayer. Salvatore, according to his cousin, was thirty-two years of age and leaves a wife and two children in Italy. He was described as a temperate, hard working man of sturdy habits and frequently sent money to his family. Collura has a wife living in Italy. The motive for the murder, according to this theory is supposed to be the fact that the pockets of the dead man were found inside out, and that there was not a single cent found on his person, although he always carried more than less money. The place where the body was found is a lonely spot and well located for the commission of a crime of this sort.

For a time it was uncertain which town the body was found in as the town lines of Ayer, Shirley and Groton meet at this point. It was finally decided that the location of the crime was in Groton. The body of the murdered man was evidently dragged 200 feet or more from the place where the crime evidently took place to the place where it was found. From the time that young Berquist saw the body he had been turned over by some one.

When Collura was searched at the police station there was found on his person about \$350. The burial place this Friday afternoon in St. Mary's cemetery. John W. Dempsey, photographer, took photographs of the place for the government on Thursday, which will be used in the trial.

Runaway.

A horse attached to a large wagon, the outfit belonging to John Connor, of West Boylston, caused considerable excitement Monday forenoon by giving a meriting exhibition of a cross country run. Mr. Connor had come to Ayer for a load of apple barrels at the cooper shop on East Main street formerly conducted by Augustus Loveloy and best known to the public by that name. While preparing to load the wagon the horse started on a marathon run up East Main street, breaking all records for speed. The animal turned into Church street, and then to Grove as far as Oak street, and for the second time ran through Main street and Church street, where he left the back of the wagon near the vestry of the Baptist church.

Coming to Grove street again the horse swerved to the right and ran through Forest and Bligh streets to the tannery where it freed itself from the forward part of the wagon. The animal was finally caught and the parts of the wagon were put together again. Mr. Connor made a heroic endeavor to stop the runaway soon after the horse started and in his fruitless efforts he fell out of the rear of the team near the library building. He was uninjured. As the horse and wagon circulated through the above streets the horse ran over the milk wagon twice, the first time on Main street and the second further east on the same street. Strange to say there had comparatively little damage done to the outfit.

Wedding.

St. Mark's School chapel, Southboro, was the scene of the marriage last Saturday noon of Miss Violet Thayer to John Stanley Parker. Miss Thayer is the older daughter of Rev. William Greenough Thayer, D. D., head of St. Mark's school, and Mrs. Thayer, who was before her marriage Miss Otis. The bride is the granddaughter of (Mr. Margaret Sigourney) of Boston, who long resided at cottagers at Nahant. Herbert F.

Otis and Harrison Gray Otis are her uncles, and Mrs. Smith of Washington and Ipswich, wife of Rev. Roland Cotton, D. D., is an aunt. Miss Thayer has a cousin sister, Margaret, and four brothers, William G. Thayer, Jr., Sigourney Thayer, Appleton Thayer and Robert Thayer. The bride made her debut three seasons ago. Mr. Parker, the bridegroom, is the son of Mr. Francis Stanley Parker (Harriet Anderson), of Commonwealth avenue, Boston, who have a country estate in Bedford. He was graduated from Harvard with the class of 1911. He is interested in rowing and is a member of the Union Boat club.

Dr. Thayer, the bride's father, was the officiating clergyman, and gave his daughter in marriage. The bride was dressed in a beautiful gown of white satin and tulle, made with a pointed neck and long, full train. It was trimmed with fine old lace, and her veil, also of lace, was the one which had been worn by her mother, and still earlier by her grandmother. Mrs. Otis, on the occasion of their wedding, it was held in place with strange fascinos. The bridal bouquet was a lilac of the valley, white orchids and delicate ferns.

The younger sister, Miss Margaret Thayer, was flower girl and wore a high-waisted dress of white net with embroidered ruffles, with which was worn a small hat of pink satin trimmed with lace and pink rosebuds. The bridesmaids were Miss Elizabeth Parker of Boston, cousin of the bridegroom; Miss Anna, Appleton Fletcher of South Orange, N. J., and Miss Mary Appleton Wood of New York.

Frederic Parker of Boston, Harvard '13, a cousin of the bridegroom, was the best man.

Following the ceremony at the chapel a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and the bridal couple later started on a wedding journey. They are to live at 52 Hereford street, Boston.

Judge and Mrs. Sanderson and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Turner attended from here.

Real Estate Transactions.

The following real estate transactions have been negotiated by Fred A. Smith:

Henry W. Farrar has sold his eleven acre place in the north part of Shirley, near West Groton. Mrs. Katherine Tracy was the purchaser. She bought for a home and has made some improvements on the buildings.

Miss Julia B. Clifford has sold her berry farm on Littleton road, one mile from Westford Center, to A. E. Burland of Boston. This place comprises five acres, part of which is in berries and part in grass. Mr. Burland has taken possession.

Mrs. Olivia B. Craig has sold her twenty acre farm in Shirley, on Garrison road to John M. Hough of Cambridge. Mr. Hough is an experienced carpenter and intends to put the buildings in first class shape and make the place an attractive home.

The latest and one of the largest transactions for a long time is the sale of Capt. Moses P. Palmer's farm on the Boston road in Groton to Mosley Hale of Groton. Mr. Hale is the son of J. H. Hale, who has 2300 acres of fruit. Mr. Hale was in the clothing business for several years, but decided to buy a farm and raise fruit. Since April he has made a very thorough canvass of this part of New England for an ideal spot to raise apples and other fruit on a large and extensive plan. He finally decided on this farm as being superior in many ways to any he had seen. The farm comprises over 200 acres, 60 acres in valuable lumber, 40 in apple orchard, balance in pasture and grass land. Mr. Hale has taken possession and will commence at once to prepare the land for extensive orchards. Mr. Hale bought stock, crops, and tools. Some years ago Capt. Palmer was paid \$25 in cash. His son was considered the best one in Middlesex county and won first prize. The prize was given by a fruit association. Captain and Frank Palmer are undecided just where they will live. It is hard to leave the farm and old home of about fifty years.

Run Over.

Joseph Duto was run over by an automobile owned by C. V. Earle, of Westminster, near the town hall shortly after midnight Wednesday morning. The heavy machine containing five passengers ran completely over the man, but remarkable to relate he escaped without any serious injuries. Duto was taken to the police station where Dr. Sullivan made an examination. One thumb was crushed and his back was somewhat injured and one side of the face was somewhat bruised. Having no home he was taken to the town farm where he spent the night, and on Wednesday he was brought to the Tewksbury state hospital for further treatment.

Mr. Earle, the owner of the automobile, was not driving at the time. He had been in the town farm where until the victim of the accident was properly cared for and after giving his name and address proceeded on his way to his home.

An investigation of the case by the police shows that the driver was in no wise to blame for the accident. The automobile is said to have been moving at a moderate rate of speed. He happened to cross the street and had cleared the on coming car when for some unaccountable reason, probably due to being confused, he stepped back directly in front of the automobile.

W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. picnic held in the grove at the town park last week Friday was very successfully carried out. The weather was all that could be desired, the attendance good and the surroundings pleasant.

The morning was spent in social chat and amusements. Several ladies engaged in an acorn race, causing much merriment. The winner was Mrs. Mary E. Cark, who was awarded a year's subscription to "Our Message." The judges were Mrs. L. S. Richardson and Mrs. Annie C. Learned. The guessing contest was won by Mrs. Josephine Hatch, who guessed the exact number of acorns on a plate, there being just 200.

Basket lunch was served at noon, followed by the annual meeting and election of officers, which resulted in reelection of Mrs. Jessie M. Crawford as president; Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. H. D. Evans, Mrs. Annie E. Clark, Mrs. Elmira Kennison, vice pres. for the churches; Mrs. L. S. Richardson, rec. sec.; Mrs. Josephine Hatch, cor. sec.; Mrs. Annie C. Learned, treas.; Mrs. Otis Kittredge, supt. of graduating class L. Y. L.; Mrs. Hattie Robbins, of young class; Mrs. Archer, supt. of railroad men's work; Mrs. Annie Clark, soldier and sailors; Mrs. Julia Craig, charities; Mrs. Mary E. Carkin, flower mission.

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It was voted to hold the meetings in the Baptist church on the first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.

Mrs. Ralph Herrick was in Winchester, Mass., during the week to attend a wedding.

The Blue Birds, with their chaplain, Mrs. Flora C. Hardy, went on a tramp to Van Dyke's spring on Saturday afternoon. They had a jolly time playing games and eating their lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Turner and children, and Mr. Turner's sister, of Ayer, autoed to Hollis last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Lund and Arthur W. Lund, of Nashua, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Beatrice Stimson is making a two-weeks' visit in Maine with Mr. L. Richards' family.

Miss Mary Hardy has been spending the week with Miss Bancroft.

There was about forty ladies present at the sewing circle on Friday afternoon of last week, which was held at Miss Emma Van Dyke's, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Fred G. Muzzey has purchased the horse recently owned by T. A. Greenleaf.

Miss Olive Clement is at home for the present, but expects to go south later.

The Odd Fellows had a very pleasant gathering in Grange hall last week Thursday evening. It being set apart as ladies' night, a very pleasant reader was secured for the evening, together with other numbers on the program. A very bountiful and delicious supper was served entirely by the gentlemen, this being one of the occasions when the ladies were allowed to be guests of honor. The menu consisted of hot coffee, rolls, cold chicken, peach sauce, cranberry sauce, Washington pie, fruit, cake and ice cream. After-dinner speeches were given by some of the visiting members and George Keyes, noble grand, was toastmaster. Quite a few guests were present from out-of-town and all pronounced it a most successful evening in every way.

Nashua Grange on Tuesday evening, October 12. It is expected that there will be a large attendance. The evening's entertainment will be given by Nashua Grange. All members of Hollis Grange are requested to donate food as generously as possible for the supper so as to make the supper one of the evening's features. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilshire have charge of the supper.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril May on Tuesday morning. Both were doing nicely at last reports.

Franklin Worcester was called to Cambridge, Mass., on Monday, on account of the sudden illness of his brother Frederick.

Word was recently received that Raymond Gamache, the seventeen-year-old cavalryman, who was supposed to be fatally wounded while at Vera Cruz, Mexico, on guard duty, and who was in the army hospital there, was fast improving and is soon to be granted a furlough and is coming to visit his relatives who live on the Nashua road. He was shot through the body and a leg and arm broken in an attack from the rear while he was on horseback. His life was despaired of by the officers and word was wired to his relatives that he could live but a short time. He recently wrote home to his brother Leo "that he had fooled them and would soon be at home again."

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wetmore have moved into their new house recently purchased of T. A. Greenleaf, on the North Pepperell road.

A. F. Hildreth, Fred Holden and Leo McEnnis attended the Brockton fair on last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Clarke were in Winchester, Mass., during the past week.

Mr. Woodbury, principal in the high school, spent the week-end at his home in Nashua.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell were guests at Somerville last week. Mrs. Sarah Colburn returned home with them.

The entertainment at the last Grange meeting consisted of music and readings, among which was a piano selection by Miss Frances Farnsworth and a reading by George Cady. Mrs. Hattie Stiles, Miss Josephine Seaver, Mrs. Walter Parker and many others have been suffering with the prevailing distemper.

Prof. Josef Yarrick closed his summer cottage on last Monday and left town for Boston, where he immediately started on a tour of the western states in the interest of the Chautauque association. Returning, he will entertain in several cities in Maine. He has new curtains and decorations which are very handsome and will add much to the entertainment.

Mrs. Thompson, who has been boarding with Mrs. Augusta Gould, returned to Boston on Monday, where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. Gould has completed her harvesting. Her vegetable garden has been one to the broun and she has planted and hired the land plowed. She planted and took all the care of it, each morning by sunrise the needs of the day before if there were any missing. Besides supplying her own table she has given freely showing for winter, especially sugar beets which are of the finest. The flower garden has also flourished and she has kept her lawn looking fine.

Peace day was observed at the church last Sunday according to President Wilson's proclamation.

Fred Willoby and daughter were guests from Hollis of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Willoby recently.

Mr. Nichols, of Hollis, was a guest in town on Monday.

Mrs. H. F. Pierce attended ladies' night at Aurora lodge, I. O. O. F., in Hollis last week. Mr. Jameson was also present.

Wallace Jenness reports to Brookline friends his safe arrival at South Ohio, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bean, of Reed's Ferry, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Shattuck this week.

Edwin Shattuck, of Nashua, has been assisting on the carpenter work at the home of William Shattuck.

George Bettler and family expect to spend the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell, as they are too feeble to live alone. Mr. Russell is able to be out at present.

The neat cottage on the hill is nearing completion and is owned by William Hobart.

Out of courtesy to Mrs. Wright the Grange fall have taken place on October 6, was postponed. The members met on Tuesday evening to arrange the date and entertainment.

Pleasantly Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Bailey celebrated the fourth anniversary of their marriage on Saturday evening, October 3. About thirty were present. At seven o'clock a delicious supper was served in the dining-room, which was very attractive with its bright lights, the fireplaces were banked with autumn leaves and the tables with center-pieces of pink and roses and pretty favors presented a charming appearance. After supper the guests adjourned to the large old-fashioned kitchen, where dancing was enjoyed with music furnished by Frank Austin and Walter Fessenden. At a late hour the party broke up and with many good wishes for the host and hostess, a pleasant evening was ended. Many useful articles and pretty pieces of china were left as a remembrance of the occasion. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Simmons, East Pepperell; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman, Gardner, Mass.; Jean Parkey, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockwood, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Elita Rockwood, Mrs. David Fessenden, Mrs. O. D. Fessenden, Blanche Fessenden, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fessenden and family, Clarence Morse, Louise Bailey, William Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard and William Randall, all of Brookline.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Miss Susie Robbins spent the week-end with Miss Cora Warren in Boston.

Miss Virginia Sanderson, of West Acton, was a recent visitor at C. K. Houghton's.

Mrs. M. E. Somes has gone to New Bedford, where she will visit relatives and friends during the coming month.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Conant were Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Packard in Shelburne Falls.

Miss Dorothy Blodgett spent Saturday at Wellesley and was one of the alumnae to welcome home a Wellesley professor who has been in Europe studying and travelling for a year or two.

A. Benjamin Conant took Rep. C. A. Kimball, E. H. Woodbury and J. H. Hutchinson in his automobile to Worcester last week Friday to meet leading republicans of this state at a reception in Hotel Bancroft, where an excellent musical treat and some brilliant oratory constituted the entertainment of the evening. Mr. Conant and Mr. Kimball were guests of the Massachusetts club. The four above-named gentlemen remained over night in Worcester and attended the republican state convention the following day and Mr. Conant saw a football game at Worcester academy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turner, of Milford, N. H., were auto guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Proctor on Sunday.

The little Barber girl has had another misfortune. She fell Sunday night and broke her arm. Dr. Christie informs us that the fracture is quite serious.

Charles Remick, of Rye, N. H., visited his son, J. H. Remick, Monday, on his way from Nova Scotia, where he had spent several days with his daughter, Mrs. Watson, of Halifax.

Mrs. Philip Prescott, of West Rindge, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rice, of Watertown, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tenney will be at home on Tuesday evening, October 20, and will be happy to receive friends from seven to ten o'clock.

Miss Alice Howard returned Monday evening from a very pleasant visit in Rockland. She was a guest of the Rockland Woman's club at its opening meeting and heard a most interesting travel talk on "The Pagoda Land" by Mr. Vincent.

The Littleton Woman's club will open the new club year on Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The program will include prayer by the club and the president's address, reports of the biennial and state federation meetings, vacation notes by Miss Emma E. Tenney, Mrs. Alice Whitcomb, Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor and Mrs. Gertrude Houghton, and music.

It is hoped that all members who have not already paid their dues will attend to that matter on Monday, and also that the names of applicants for membership will be presented at the first meeting.

James Nixon, Jr., was taken last Saturday to the Groton hospital, where he submitted to an operation for appendicitis. Conditions are favorable and there is every reason to expect complete recovery in a reasonably short time.

Misses Lucy and Emily Adams joined the geological excursionists conducted by Prof. Barton to the Hoosac Mountain region for the week-end.

A letter received from pastor-elect of the Congregational church, Rev. James C. Alvord, informs his people that he and Mrs. Alvord will sail from Italy for America today and that he hopes to be ready to assume his new duties here the last of October or the first of November at the latest.

The revenue from papers and magazines contributed by the ladies of the Congregational society will be spent this time for new dishes much needed in the vestry kitchen and not for missionary purposes as previously reported.

W. H. Davis' school barge and H. W. Knights' Pierce-Arrow car collided at the intersection of Great road and the Durkee road near Lake Nagog on Monday, causing some injuries to auto, but none to passengers or drivers.

On account of Monday being a legal holiday the Odd Fellows will hold their meeting on Tuesday, October 13.

Robert Harwood, who is a member of Concord high, won the annual fall interscholastic track meet for the school for the senior class Monday on the Concord playgrounds, the class of 1915, winning by an overwhelming 51-point total, the juniors finishing second with 19 1/2 points, the sophomores third with 1 1/2 points, and the freshmen last with but 1 point. Harwood was easily the individual star, scoring 26 of his class points, taking four first places and two second places. He won first in the 100-yd. dash and the 220-yd. run, second in the running high jumps, first in the pole vault, first in the 440-yd. run and second in running broad jump.

William L. Mitchell and Miss Mitchell visited friends in Wilton, N. H., last Sunday, going with A. E. Robbins by automobile.

Mrs. Chambers, who has spent the summer in Ohio, has again come east and will spend at least part of the winter with her nieces, Priscilla and Junia Fairfield, in Cambridge.

The Forget-not-circle meeting on Tuesday was well attended and the usual interest manifested itself. Among the matters of business presented were the reports of the various committees that will have charge of the annual Easter sale.

Rep. Charles A. Kimball attended a meeting of fellow Masons at Concord on Wednesday night.

J. A. Wright, Daniel Brown, Hugh McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cook were among the out-of-town visitors at Harvard Grange on Tuesday evening, when the third and fourth of the series of lectures on excellent entertainment was given by Ayer Grange, and Harvard Grange furnished a delicious harvest supper. Mr. Wright conveyed a large delegation from Ayer.

Sunday, October 11, from eight to twelve o'clock the afternoon, the electric current will be turned off to accommodate the men who have to work at that time on the line between Littleton and Lowell.

Mrs. E. P. Wilcox and her father, Mr. Bowman, went yesterday to Saratoga Springs, N. Y., where they will stay by train, but will return by automobile.

Dr. and Mrs. Christie entertained as their guest this week Mrs. Werthebe, of Greater Boston.

If the town meeting on Saturday evening is as animated as the discussion of the voters who expect to express themselves in little groups during this week there will be no opportunity for napping.

Friends of the groom, who was a former citizen of Littleton and lived on the Marshall Bruce place, will be pleased in the following list of names from Boston papers of last Wednesday: "Miss Pearl Leone Aughe, one of the most popular of the young society people of Brookline, stole a march on her friends yesterday noon when she was secretly married to Conrad A. Smith, of Boston. The bride is a graduate of Notre Dame academy on Berkeley street, and has been engaged to Mr. Smith since last August, although no public announcement has been made. They have been acquainted for more than a year. After the wedding they left on an automobile tour of New York state."

Alarms were given for fire in the woods near the track in North Littleton on Sunday afternoon, but in spite of the exceeding dryness the fire was soon mastered.

A social dance will be held under the auspices of Loyal Nashobah lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U. in town hall on Saturday evening, October 17.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

In accordance with the president's proclamation a special service and prayers for peace were held in both churches here on Sunday morning at both of which there was a large attendance. Special music had been arranged and was finely rendered. At the Congregational church "Oh my country ever be the land of liberty" was given by the full choir, and a quintet of ladies sang "O God, protector of the nations," the solo being given by Miss Belle Cohen. The hymns were all specially selected and very appropriate. The pastors also had prepared their sermons in connection with this line of thought. Mrs. Alice Bigelow was the leader of the C. E. meeting in the evening and her subject was "Trust." It was also a consecration meeting and nearly everyone in the large audience took some part "aside from singing."

After holding "neighborhood meetings" through the summer the Methodist society will resume their regular mid-week meetings at the chapel this week.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. Arthur C. Gardner on Wednesday and the Ladies Sewing Circle of the Congregational church in the vestry on the same afternoon.

Mrs. Ellen S. Parker and Miss Nellie Jewett and others attended the Sunday school convention of Worcester county at Gardner on Friday of last week.

Rain is sadly needed throughout the town. Many wells are already dry and others nearly so. Cisterns are also falling short in their supply. Some families are using water from the brook, which they never use for culinary purposes except in a very dry season.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon D. Paige returned from their wedding trip on last Saturday and Mr. Paige is again at his post of duty in the store of W. Lewis & Co.

Mrs. E. S. Parker and Miss Fannie C. Graves, with other stockholders on the Boston and Maine excursion day, took a trip to Boston on last Wednesday.

Miss Lizzie Gower visited Boston on Saturday, returning on Monday evening.

Joseph Peabody and his sister, Miss Alice Peabody, accompanied by their brother, W. R. Peabody, his wife and two children, took an automobile trip to Westwood on last Saturday and visited their sister, Mrs. Pierce Lithgow, near Ellie Peabody's. They returned on Sunday afternoon.

Orville Martin has taken rooms at the Eagle house to be nearer his work and for greater convenience in carrying on his daily occupation.

George A. Paige lost a valuable young dog, a Scotch collie, last Sunday, after being taken to the mill by the effects of which were so serious it was necessary to kill it.

Miss Elizabeth Bryant entertained her Sunday school class of young ladies, ten in number, at the Congregational parsonage last week Friday, and giving them a very pleasant day to be known as the Camp-fire Girls.

In the report of the funeral of Mrs. Richard Gilchrist last week the name of one of the daughters, that of Mrs. Charles Harvey was erroneously given as Mrs. Charles. Also, in the names of the three sons, which were given, but by accident that of one son-in-law, Myron E. Harvey, was omitted.

Woman's Club.

After the summer vacation the Woman's club resumed its regular semi-monthly meetings on Friday of last week, and hereafter will meet on the first and third Friday of each month. The meeting last week Friday was at the home of Mrs. F. C. Cross. Mrs. Fred Francis read the report of the Woman's club committee on children's gardens. Thirty-four children entered the contest in the spring and twenty-eight of them persevered and went through to the end of the season, many of them in a most creditable manner. Cash prizes were offered by the Woman's club and the committee awarded two firsts and two seconds—the first to Gordon Brown and George Wakefield, and the winners of the second prizes were Stanley Brown and Ellsworth Wakefield, both for vegetable gardens. Of the flower gardens John G. Gilchrist won first prize and Dorothy Francis second. In addition to the prizes by the Woman's club the State Agricultural college sent gold pins and buttons to other contestants who did creditable work.

After the report the club was entertained by original stories, "The Weston family" read by Mrs. O. W. Scott, "Saturday morning" by Mrs. Loren H. Brown, and "When wishes come true" by Mrs. Arthur O. Scott. Mrs. Cross read "Some parables on old songs" by Miss Julia Cushing, as she was unable to be present. Refreshments of hot coffee and cakes were served. The attendance numbered forty-five.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Loren H. Brown on October 16, when members of the club will present the play of "Nance Oldfield" under the direction of Miss Ethel Emerson.

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TOWNSEND.**Special Town Meeting.**

The following warrant for a special town meeting to be held at Memorial hall on Saturday afternoon, October 10, at two o'clock is now posted:

Article 2. To hear the report of the joint committee to which was referred the matter of a new school building.

Art. 3. To appropriate a sum not exceeding \$13,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new schoolhouse and requiring land therefor and to authorize the treasurer to borrow said sum in case the town votes to purchase land and erect a school building.

Art. 4. To choose a committee to have charge of the same.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to borrow money sufficient to install a fire escape at Seminary hall school building as ordered by the state inspector of buildings.

Art. 6. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to make such contracts as they may deem best for street and public lighting, such contracts to be entered into with any party or corporation now or hereafter having authority to distribute electricity by means of wires strung on poles in the streets of the town.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to request the tax collector of all years prior to the year 1914 to render a report at this meeting concerning all uncollected taxes.

Art. 8. To accept \$100 each from Mrs. Flora A. Graham of Greenville, N. H., and Mrs. M. S. B. Leadbetter and Mrs. Catherine C. Noyes for perpetual care of cemetery lots.

Baseball Summary.

The banquet on last week Tuesday concluded the final chapter in baseball activities for 1914, with the exception of those who are planning to take in the world series at Fenway park.

The year's summary sheet for Manager Fessenden's aggregation shows another successful year, and while the record of eight wins in thirteen games does not compare as favorably as the previous season's record, still it reflects great credit when a comparison of the opposing clubs are taken into consideration and it is seen that the semi-pro clubs like Westford, Clinton and Derry occupy more than half of the stiffest schedule played by a local club, and the result while not all that is desired, augurs well for the town team of local boys as will be noted from the appended summary sheet of the season's work.

Playing these stronger clubs seriously affected the batting this year, but at the same time developed players with marked rapidity. Green improved his previous year's mark by substantial gains both in batting and fielding. Parker had a brilliant season, increasing his batting record for previous years by a 55-point gain, while Eastman forged to the front in rapid strides and his great work at the receiving end easily places him as the leading batsman in any of the surrounding towns. One of his specialties was in stopping ambitious base-stealers, getting fifteen at the club, and while charged with the same number of stolen bases, ten were recorded in three games, when the team was minus their regular second baseman. He suffered a slight setback in hitting this season, but maintained his usual high rank in the comparison sheet. Keefe again repeated his supremacy as the team's leading batter. Clarence Morse's return to the game and infield brought cause for great rejoicing, as he easily made good Lacey's retirement, giving the club the necessary kick for the final hard contests.

Knigh opened the season in great form and pitched great ball, but after a string of victories developed typhoid symptoms, keeping him out of several games and compelled Manager Fessenden to import Fullerton, whose grand work for the locals will linger long with the home fans. Knight's best achievements was when holding Westford with Chic McLaughlin pitching and the Clinton clubs in check after allowing them a five-run lead, while his team mates rode in on the "garrison" finish.

BATTING AND FIELDING AVERAGES—SEASON 1914

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Lancey, 2b. 6. 21. 13. 11. 12. 0. 0. 1. 333. 1. 2. 1. 1. 1. 11. 14. 3. 893.

Parker, 1b. 12. 43. 10. 14. 27. 0. 0. 0. 333. 1. 2. 1. 1. 1. 11. 14. 3. 893.

Green, 3b. 12. 49. 13. 15. 29. 3. 0. 0. 306. 1. 2. 1. 1. 1. 10. 11. 3. 952.

Eastman, c. 13. 49. 15. 14. 31. 2. 1. 2. 286. 0. 4. 4. 5. 1. 11. 24. 4. 971.

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C. Morse, 2b. 4. 15. 1. 2. 4. 0. 0. 0. 133. 0. 0. 0. 0. 2. 14. 4. 1. 947.

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Whitcomb, uttl. 3. 3. 0. 0. 2. 0. 0. 0. 100. 0. 0. 0. 0. 1. 3. 1. 0. 1,000.

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Team.....441 89 117 23 15 9 1. 265 14 20 33 16 81 348 147 52. 905.

Opponents.....460 54 99 160 11 5 1. 215 19 15 22 4108 220 150 58. 898.

*Number of times reached first base.

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Center.

Mrs. Mary Hinde, of Webster, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Al Richards.

Mrs. H. B. Hildreth has been visiting in Lynn and Waltham.

West.

St. Leroy Shapleigh, of Cambridge, has been enjoying a several days' visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tenney, who have been with relatives here for a brief visit, returned to their home in Idaho the last of the week.

The Ladies' Study club met at the reading-room on Monday evening for the first meeting of the season with an enrollment of sixteen members, thirteen of whom were present. The meeting was in charge of Miss Emma H. Adams and the topic was "The geography of Mexico," concerning which Miss Adams read a most interesting paper which was followed by a general discussion. The next meeting will take up the study of the discovery and conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards, in charge of Mrs. Mary Heath, who gave out the question for study. Miss Alice Seaver, Mrs. Chas. B. Stickney, Mrs. George Adams, Mrs. Charles Patch, Mrs. G. A. Seaver and Mrs. Emma J. Lees responded to their names by current events, and Mrs. Fred G. Smith and Miss M. Ellinor Fowler by quotations.

The Misses Sadie and Margrette Bell have returned from a trip to Boston.

Miss Mabel Simonds, of the Townsend tea room, with her assistant, Miss Evelyn, went Saturday to West Somerville to attend the wedding of a relative.

Miss Peris Ormsby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ormsby, of Josselynville, has been visiting relatives in Winthrop this week.

George Ellis has returned to his home on Bridge street after a visit to Boston.

Mrs. G. E. Walker and daughter Una, of Josselynville, have returned from Waltham, where they have been visiting relatives.

Summer Lawrence, of Concord, N. H., has been visiting relatives in town this week.

Mrs. M. C. Sherwin, of Nashua, N. H., is a guest of Mrs. D. Winship, of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Z. Sherwin.

Miss Mildred St. Armour is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilson and little daughter, from West Groton, are visiting friends and relatives in town.

Miss Moore, of Cambridge, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Elbridge Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burt, from Worcester, spent Tuesday with Mr. Burt's sister, Mrs. Quincy Adams.

Miss Ruth Hayden, of Greenville, N. H., spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. D. Winship.

Mrs. Warren Elliott has been on the sick list for the past week at her home on Bayberry hill.

Mrs. Mervin Hodgman is on the sick list, quite ill with bronchial cold.

Rev. Joseph McKean will preach on Sunday morning on the topic, "The greatest of christian graces," and in the evening it will be "Say so."

The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle held the first meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence with an attendance of eight. A very enjoyable meeting was held, discussing the plans for the coming year's work, followed by a social with dainty refreshments served by the hostess. The following officers were chosen for the coming year: Mrs. Charles Patch, pres.; Ellen Pratt, sec.; Mrs. Albert B. Wilson, treas. It was voted to take up the lives of the presidents for the topic of the next meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Josephine Boynton, Miss Mary A. Taft being the hostess.

An alarm was sounded from Stickney's mill at 9.30 Thursday morning for a brush fire on the land belonging to Duncan Rusk near the quarry and it was extinguished in a short time after burning a few acres and very little damage done.

Brotherhood Banquet.

The first Brotherhood banquet of the fall was held in the vestry of the Baptist church on Tuesday evening with an attendance of about eighty, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all. The president, Duncan Rusk, presided over the meeting, and at the close of the banquet introduced the speaker, Rev. Mr. Healy, of the Methodist church in Fitchburg, who delivered a stirring address on the subject "Standards," which was heartily appreciated and a vote of thanks given the speaker.

Special music was furnished by Madame Delano, from Boston, a guest of Mrs. Clara Kirby, of Camp Vincent, who most beautifully rendered several selections. Her music was greatly enjoyed and she responded to hearty encores, and was also given a rising vote of thanks. The other speakers were Rev. Joseph McKean, G. E. Seaver and Dr. R. S. Ely. After a few brief speeches the affair closed with the singing of "America."

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About Town.

Horace I. Whipple, who recently retired from business in town, has been visiting here part of last week. He has lately returned from a trip across the states, having visited Pasadena, Cal., and other western cities. The leisure seems to agree with him, as he seemed to be in the best of health.

Charles Greenhalge, the grandson of Mrs. Lucy Page, who has been in town much of the past summer, has entered Yale college.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman, of Gardner, were in town for a short time on Sunday. They had been visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Henry Bailey, at South Brookline, N. H., coming to attend the informal reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, the occasion being the fourth anniversary of their marriage. A fine supper followed by music and dancing was enjoyed by about thirty of their friends Saturday evening.

Supt. Walter H. Drury, of the Champion International card shop, took a short vacation from his duties the latter part of last week, returning Monday. Mrs. Drury accompanied him.

Little Luther Tarbell, who was operated upon for appendicitis at the Groton hospital a week ago last Sunday, is now convalescent, although his recovery has been somewhat retarded by an attack of malaria.

A party of young ladies, members of Prescott Grange, went to Harvard on Tuesday evening to attend the Grange meeting there. They were chaperoned by Mrs. P. J. McDonald, and the party was held in Bennett's auto. It was neighbors' night, the Ayer Grange being the invited one. The third and fourth degrees were worked on a class of candidates in a most satisfactory manner. The party returned at a fine social evening and an excellent Grange supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck went to South Brookline in their auto Saturday evening, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Simmons. The party was invited to attend the anniversary festivities at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey.

Miss Ada Whitney went to Nashua last week Friday to attend a Grange meeting and remained with her cousin over Sunday.

Clarence Simmons and family recently removed to Haverhill, from the house they were occupying on Franklin street.

Capt. M. P. Palmer is putting his double tenement house on Main street in repair after the recent damage from fire and water.

Fred Ross, who has been connected with D. E. Wooten for some time past, has severed his connection and is doing a plumbing business independently.

Miss H. Elizabeth Shattuck was at the home of her parents on Nashua street from Friday of last week until Tuesday, after which she went to the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, where she was given Monday for a holiday. Mrs. Georgianna Kimball, of Hollis, N. H., moved back to town on Monday. She will occupy the upper tenement in the double house now occupied by Spurgeon Cuthbertson on Pleasant street.

Miss Hattie Cheever, who has been staying at the home of her nephew, is visiting her brother at Greenfield, N. H.

The condition of the injured knee of Miss Marjorie Sherwood is somewhat more favorable, as she is not confined now to the couch, but is able to get about with the aid of crutches. The swelling has nearly subsided, making her much more comfortable.

Mrs. Catherine Lacatour, of South Lancaster, has been at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary O'Brien, the past week. Her husband is expected here on Sunday to return with her, as she is in poor health.

Mrs. P. R. Stratton attended the W. F. M. S. convention of the Fitchburg district, which met in Leominster on Tuesday. It was of interest to many of our readers to learn that she met there Rev. Charles H. Hanford, a former pastor here, and his wife, who are now living with their son in Lancaster. Mrs. Hanford, although aged by ill health, still keeps her interest in missionary matters, and in the absence of the presiding officer took charge of the convention at the morning session. Those present were also privileged to listen to a paper by this aged couple, and although the years have left their trace upon their faces their voices still retain the mellow clearness which made it such a delight to listen to them during their residence in town. The songs still linger in the memory of many who listened to them.

The tenement to be vacated by F. S. Haynes on Pleasant street is owned by William H. Annis and is advertised by him in another column.

The change of time which recently took place in the train service of the main line of the Boston and Maine only affects one train on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division. This is the evening train to Ayer which formerly left Pepperell at 7:52 and now leaves at 8:04 o'clock.

Calvin Lawrence, a well-known citizen, who resides at the south part of the town, has been in rather poor health for the past few weeks, being confined to his room at present.

The L. A. S. had a large, energetic gathering at their all-day meeting on Thursday of last week, much work being accomplished. The next meeting will be held in the evening at Wednesday afternoon, October 14, and will be a "remnant party." All ladies interested are requested to bring or send any material suitable for aprons, or fancy articles.

William Thorpe is moving back on Oak hill from the house on the South Brookline road. He is to occupy the Howard house recently vacated by the Brewer family.

Mrs. Elsie Copp closed her ice cream rooms in the Tarbell block on last week Thursday for the season.

Mrs. Helen M. Jay, of Revere, was a recent guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. P. J. McDonald, and Mrs. George Tucker, on Nashua street. Charles Jay is still a visitor at Mrs. Tucker's.

F. S. Haynes, of Pleasant street, will sell his household goods by auction on Saturday afternoon of this week, as the family are to move from town.

Mrs. Sarah Lawrence, who is ninety-four years of age, made a trip to Boston alone on Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis left Monday in company with Mrs. West and Mrs. Atkinson, cousins of Mrs. Lewis, who have been visiting from Providence, R. I., on a trip to the White Mountains. They made the trip by automobile, returning this week. Their daughters remained with Mrs. C. H. Miller during their absence.

Mrs. John Lund, of Mill street, is quite ill with a bronchial trouble.

Mrs. Anna Nutting has been visiting at her sister's in Clinton the past week, returning to the home of her son, Leroy Nutting, on Monday.

A communication just received from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thurston states that they arrived home at Yuma, Arizona, on September 25, being ten days from the date of sailing from New York. They had a pleasant return trip, although the heat was intense after taking the train at North Carolina, particularly in passing through the deserts as they neared Arizona.

In the recent picture contest of the Boston Traveler, in which so many in town were interested, the name of Mrs. John Martin, of this town, appears in the long list of winners. The prize awarded her was five dollars.

Mrs. Frank Bennett went into Boston on a shopping trip Monday, little Miss Doty remaining with her grandmother, Mrs. J. O. Bennett.

Mrs. Dewar, who resides with her son, Rainsford Dewar, is at present visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. G. Willett, in Lynn.

Mrs. Alfred Noon and Mrs. Philo Noon, accompanied by a friend, drove from Auburn on Monday. They were the guests of George Pierce and were calling on other friends in town.

Eleven members from Prescott Grange attended the Pomona Grange meeting at Ashby on Thursday of last week.

Glady's Williams is enjoying a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erbert Williams, on Park street. Mrs. Williams is also entertaining her sister, Mrs. Noyes, from Peak's Island, Me.

The Forward club met at the Congregational vestry on Friday evening of last week. A business meeting was held, followed by a social. The committee in charge were Olive Lewis, Flora Boynton and Gertrude Carter.

Miss Gretta Tierney returned from Bethlehem, N. H., on last Saturday. She had been at the hotel at the hotel there since July 1. Mary Dee remains a week longer.

Carpenters are at work putting the engine house on Cottage street in repair after the fire of a few weeks ago.

George W. Pierce passed his seventieth birthday on Tuesday very quietly at his home, Woodside. His brother, Percy Pierce, of Brookline, N. H., was a guest for the day. He also had other callers during the day, among them being Mrs. Ella Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goff, Mrs. Haywood, Mrs. Sellers and Fay Hayward, all of Concord.

Joseph H. Lawrence, who is visiting his cousins, Misses Eleanor and Josie Lawrence on Park street, is suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. James Woods, of Nashua, and Mrs. George Jones, of Lunenburg, have been in town for a few days this week.

Mrs. Upstone, of Tucker street, whose hand was injured by a fall on Friday of last week, is recovering from the effects of the fall.

William Davis, who has been in poor health for some time, is very feeble. He is being nursed by Miss Morand, at the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, in attendance. Mrs. Davis, who has been quite poorly, is now convalescent.

A package of dates, sent from Yuma, Arizona, by F. G. Nutting to his mother, Mrs. Anna Nutting, has recently received by her in fine condition. They were, of course, very different from dates to be purchased here, being freshly gathered fruit, some of them picked in Mr. Nutting's garden. They were very fine flavor and quite sweet.

Mrs. George Mahoney arrived here from Middleboro on Wednesday, summoned by the sudden death of her brother, Thomas Murray.

Columbus day races will occur at Babatasset driving park on Monday afternoon, the purse being \$250 in all. There are four entries in the 2.25 class and five entries in the 2.40 class. Races are to commence at one o'clock in the afternoon. There is also to be an exhibit of coils and stallions and a billiard exhibition of draft horses.

In the evening there is to be a social dance at Lawrence hall with music by Robbins' orchestra.

Frederic Belcher, of Winchester, was a guest at Brookside farm with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Shattuck over Sunday.

The members of the Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church who have been earning a dollar of "experience money," met at the home of Mrs. N. W. Appleton on last Saturday afternoon. A small sale of food was an incident of the afternoon to enable another to earn her dollar, and an exhibition of valuable antiques.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel W. Appleton entertained a friend, Mr. Cushing, of Weymouth, over the week-end, the occasion being his birthday which he preferred to celebrate among friends.

Mrs. Mary, who has recovered from the surprise given her on the occasion of her birthday on Wednesday of last week, feeling that under the circumstances she may have failed to acknowledge all the attentions bestowed upon her, she now wishes to thank those friends who so kindly remembered her by calling at her home or by sending cards, flowers, cake and other remembrances on that day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams have moved into the Miller house near the Fitchburg bridge.

Fourteen ladies of the E. V. S. club met at the home of Mrs. Julia Robbins on Wednesday afternoon. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Swasey, the vice-president, was in charge of the meeting. A social afternoon was passed with readings by Mrs. Charles Chapin, Mrs. Swasey and Mrs. Harmon.

By request, Mrs. Anna Nutting read "Brave Bill," the story of William Anthony, the man who told Capt. Sigbee, who was on shore at the time, that the "Maine" was blown up. Mr. Anthony being one of the survivors. At the conclusion of the meeting the hostess served refreshments.

Charles Taft received the intelligence early Thursday morning of the sudden death of his sister in Harvard as the result of an operation on Saturday.

Mrs. Lincoln Johnson visited Miss Swasey, a former nurse in this town, at Groton hospital on Sunday. She was so far recovered as to be able to be out of doors that day.

The L. S. C. of the Unitarian society are planning to hold their harvest supper on Thursday evening, October 22, in Central hall.

The Halloween party which is to take place at the I. O. O. F. banquet hall on the evening of October 30, is sure to be a success as it is in charge of the competent committee who arranged the entertainment on March 17 of this year and were since instrumental in the success of the pageant play in August at the Unitarian fair.

Miss Helen M. Robbins, bookkeeper at the store of P. J. Hayes, took a vacation of a day on Wednesday, spending it in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Charles Boynton is quite ill of

nervous troubles at her home on Head street. Mrs. Julia Lawrence, the nurse, is with her.

Miss H. L. Lawrence and Miss Abbie Lawrence went to Lowell Wednesday on a shopping trip.

John Jewett is still confined to his bed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Weston. Mrs. Charles Parker is assisting in caring for him.

Mrs. Fannie Lawrence has been in town from Nashua visiting friends this week. She was the guest of her brother, Americus Lawrence, at his home on High street.

Ten members of the Alliance branch of the Unitarian society of this town attended the all-day Alliance convention held in Nashua on Wednesday.

There is to be some good sport for those who enjoy a really good horse race at Nashua, N. H., on Columbus day, October 12. There are three good fields of horses, among the local favorites being West of G. Conant, which is owned by Mr. West of G. Conant, of Pepperell and Little Bert of Hollis.

Much Fire and Smoke.

On last Saturday afternoon one of the men engaged in constructing the state road on the South road discovered a small fire smoldering by the roadside. By the time he had gone to George Maynard's to give the alarm and returned to the scene of the fire it had gained perceptibly. A telephone alarm was sent from Mr. Maynard's to the engineer in the center of the town, which resulted in the alarm which was rung in from box 38 for a forest fire.

In the meantime the telephone had been put to work to summon help in the immediate vicinity of the fire. The fire companies could reach the scene several of the men from neighboring farms were putting in some very effective work. It is believed that but for their work the fire would have been out of control. The fire was closed about a week ago when the family went back to Plainfield, N. J., would have been in danger. A portion of the field very near the house was burned over.

The fire spread to the Wilson meadow, where there is some small growth pine and hardwood. There were also many old stumps to hold a smoldering fire for some time. Firemen from the fire companies gathered to the scene by these fires occasionally bursting out all Saturday and Sunday. Even after the men from the fire company had left, about six o'clock Sunday night, the flames burst out and several of the men nearly returned to put them out about eight o'clock.

The wind shifted at one time during the hottest of the night and there were rumors that the summer residence of J. Henderson of Boston, which is in danger, particularly since the hillside on the western approach to the house is covered with a growth of small cedars and pines, but the fire was checked by Mr. Conant, who is thought the fire originated from a carelessly thrown cigar stub or a half-burned match among the dried grass. In this exceedingly dry time either would be sufficient to start a blaze and the action should be exercised. The smoke was thick and offensive near the burned tract during Monday, but no outbreaks of fire were reported. Several acres were burned over.

Pleasing Innovation.

A very pleasant affair took place at the home of Deacon Otis Merrill on Oak Hill street Thursday evening of last week. The occasion was the gathering of adult pupils of the Second Parish Sunday school. These include Deacon Merrill's bible class, and the class of which Miss Clara M. Shattuck is leader.

The evening was all that could be desired. The guests were all in automobiles and carriages conveyed the forty people to the home of their host. If anything was needed to complete the welcome accorded them, the glowing open fires in each spacious room gave the guests a feeling of warmth and coziness.

An hour was spent in a social manner, after which the company were called to order by the president of the class, Deacon Merrill. Officers for the bible class were elected as follows: Mr. Merrill, pres.; Mrs. Lamb, treas.; Mr. Lane, sec. Then followed the serving of bountiful refreshments.

The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by speeches from Mr. Merrill, Rev. J. B. Lewis, E. F. Harmon and others. In conclusion all joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

Obituary.

Mrs. Charles F. Dane, of this town, passed away very suddenly, although easily, on Thursday evening, October 8, at her home, 25, where she had been for some time. The great shock to the members of her family as she had improved in health, apparently, during the last month and they were not prepared for the sudden end. They have the sympathy of a large circle of friends who will miss her, she was always so quiet and pleasant.

She leaves, besides her husband, a son, Charles A., of Lowell; two daughters, Gertrude, a teacher in the public schools of Lowell, and Mrs. Miss Greene, who has resided at home since the death of her husband; also, three grandchildren.

The deceased was born in Lowell and was sixty-one years of age. She came to Pepperell about twenty-five years ago, living in the west part of the town on the farm now owned by J. B. Henderson, of Boston, as a summer place. After the sale of this place she moved to her present home on Head street, formerly owned by Richard Pierce.

Funeral services were held from her late home on Monday. Burial was in Lowell in charge of R. H. Blood.

Concert.

A concert is being arranged by the music committee of the Methodist society for the benefit of the choir, which will be held on Friday evening, October 16, in that church. Marguerite Webster, the gifted young violinist, who will make her first appearance before an audience in this town, is sister of Carl Webster, the well known Boston cellist. Miss Webster has studied six years with Grant Egbert of Syracuse university and later with F. Kraits of the Boston Symphony orchestra. She will be assisted by Mrs. E. H. Bliss, as soprano soloist; Miss Ruth Harrington, contralto, and Oliver M. Nash, all of this town.

The concert will be a treat for all music lovers. Miss Webster comes to us endorsed by E. G. Hood of Nashua, whose musical opinion would be valued by many. Mrs. Bliss and Miss Harrington are newcomers among us and much is anticipated from the reports of those who have had the privilege of listening to them. Mr. Nash is well known and always enjoyed by his audience.

Ice cream and cake will be on sale in the evening at the church. At the conclusion of the recital, which will give all an opportunity to meet Miss Webster to confer with her on the subject of lessons, as she is planning to be in Pepperell each week.

Death.

Thomas Murray, a well-known resident of this town, died at his home on River street, on Tuesday evening, October 6, at nine o'clock. Mr. Murray has been in poor health since the first of this year, when he suffered a shock which confined him to his bed for many weeks. He had seemed to be improving of late and on Tuesday afternoon he rode up to the village alone. He started back home and when he turned into River street he was found by the police unconscious from the effect of a second shock. He was found there by Forest Andrews, who was on his way home. He assisted in the removal of Mr. Murray to his home, where he remained in an unconscious condition until he passed away.

Mr. Murray is a native of this town, having been born here sixty-one years ago on the same farm where he lived. The time of his death is a sad reminder of the death of his mother, who died in 1885 of Miss Margaret Carrigan of Groton. She survives him with four of their children. These are Catherine, who is employed in Auburndale; William, who is a farmer; Raymond, who is employed at Mahoney's market and Madeline, who resides at home. Soon after their marriage they built their home on a section of the old farm on River street and Mr. Murray carried on his farm in addition to some work for other farmers. Services were held on Friday morning, Oct. 9, at St. Joseph's church. Interment was in the family lot at St. Joseph's cemetery.

News Items.

The first meeting of the Woman's club was held at the Congregational vestry on Tuesday, October 6. There was a large audience present who were entertained by Miss Helen Peabody of Groton, who in a very interesting manner told of her trip through China. Mrs. S. W. Burgess, also of Groton, gave several dialect readings in a very pleasing manner. Ice cream and cake were served by the Hospitality committee.

If any of the members of the Woman's club are in Boston during the month of October, they would be interesting for them to visit the pure food fair which is held in Mechanics' building. The Federation of Women's clubs are demonstrating different foods.

Church Notes.

"Building up versus tearing down the church" will be the subject at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. At seven in the evening there will be a praise service and preaching. Subject, "He saw them toiling in rowing."

The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at six o'clock. Subject, "Christian stewardship." Leader, the pastor.

A service for prayer and worship will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday evening.

The meeting of the Knights of King Arthur will be held in the ladies' parlour on Friday evening at seven o'clock. The Epworth league will hold their annual harvest dinner in the large vestry on Thursday, October 15, at twelve o'clock.

Rally day will be observed at the Congregational church on Sunday and efforts are being made to increase the attendance at church and Sunday school. The pastor will preach a special sermon and at twelve o'clock a special service will be held. The church will be held with extra music and roll call of classes. Past and present members are urged to attend.

Letters have been sent out by the Congregational church calling a council to install Rev. J. E. Lewis as pastor on Wednesday, October 14. The council will meet at 10:30 and if their approval is obtained the installation service will be held at two in the afternoon. Rev. D. Augustine Newton, of Reading, Mr. Lewis' home, has been invited to preach the sermon and Rev. S. P. Cook, of Pittsfield, will offer the prayer. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, the former pastor, has been invited to have a part on the program. These services are open to all and should be of special interest to the people of Pepperell.

To the Editor.

I wish to call your attention to an item in the edition of your paper relating to the case of Charles McCloud, of Fitchburg, for the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Pepperell, as the writer of the item had a mistaken idea of the case. The McClouds are not in the circus, and I wish to right the wrong impression that the item conveys to the reader.

At the hearing given the case on Saturday, September 26, where the facts were fully investigated, it developed that McCloud took several orders for liquors in Pepperell, and at the time of his arrest twenty-eight witnesses were ready to testify that they had seen him sell and receive intoxicating liquors from the defendant.

After McCloud's arrest he admitted that he had done some business in Pepperell, and was also acquainted with the fact that every separate order had a specific offence. He then asked to plead guilty to one complaint, for which he was fined the minimum fine.

I wish to add that the offence he pleaded guilty to was a sale made in Pepperell and the liquor had been delivered and the sale complete in several other cases, and in imposing a fine Judge Worcester was fully within the law and there was no danger at any time of any miscarriage of justice.

High School Notes.

John Dee has resumed his studies in school. It is hoped that the girls will respond in good numbers to Miss Brown's invitation to form a glee club. An orchestra would also be a good thing for the school and there is an opportunity in town for those who wish to learn to play some instrument, especially violin and cornet.

A good beginning was made in current events last Friday. The studies which will come in the last period on every Friday.

It is expected that the report cards will be given out the first of the ninth week. Where do you stand now?

A good deal of home study is necessary in order to accomplish the requirements of a high school.

Your work in English should not be neglected. To express ideas in good English, spell correctly and write legibly is an accomplishment of which one may be proud. This is an asset in dollars and cents. Are you aware that a person who speaks good English, pronounces correctly and enunciates distinctly is conspicuous. It is not a characteristic of the rank and file of people.

New Advertisements.

DOMESTIC NURSING WANTED. Address: MRS. WILLIAM HANLEY, Pinkneyville, Littleton, Mass.

LOST—Prescribed Tank in vicinity of Groton or Pepperell. Reward. Notify 107 Warwick Street, Lowell, Mass.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.

Miss McKean, of Amherst, and a party of friends called in town last week while on an auto trip.

Mrs. Fred Muzzey was in Manchester on last Saturday.

At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening it was voted to hold neighbors' night on Tuesday, October 13, in the town hall and a large attendance is expected. A special meeting of the Grange will be held on Saturday evening, October 17, to receive applications and practice degree work. Several applications are out and it is hoped they will all be in at this meeting. Two applications were received at the last meeting.

Mrs. Emerson Plino returned from St. Joseph's hospital on Tuesday, where she had undergone an operation. She is stopping at the home of her mother, Mrs. Andrew H. Spaulding, until she gets stronger.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sargent and daughter Lulu, of Hudson, formerly of this town, met with an automobile accident while returning home from Manchester. Mr. Sargent has been in very poor health for some time and they had been away on account of this. For some reason the chauffeur which he had hired to drive them was obliged to leave them, and Mr. Sargent decided to finish the drive himself. Being very weak he was unable to do this however, and coming along came upon a large touring car which had stopped to let the occupants lunch by the roadside. Mr. Sargent's car came into collision with this car and threw his wife and daughter out. His car was badly demolished and Miss Lulu's back was hurt very badly. Their many friends were sorry to hear of the accident. Mr. Sargent is fast arriving for the new building which is to be built on the site of Cranford Inn and it is hoped and expected that Charles Miller and his men will soon start in work there.

Mrs. Sarah Baker, of Milford, and little grandson, Kenneth Jameson, were in town recently spending the day with friends and relatives.

At the next meeting of the W. R. C., which will be on Tuesday afternoon, October 13, it is requested that a full attendance be present as preparations are to be made for November meetings which comes at the inspection meeting.

Miss Hattie B. Hayden and little nephew, Robert Newton Hayden, returned on Monday after a very pleasant visit in Dover.

Apple growers who are preparing to market their winter fruit are finding some of the best orchards to be found in New England. Some orchard owners are getting big productions from their trees this fall while others are complaining of light crops. As a whole the production from this season is expected to be about normal. Many thousands of barrels of Baldwin have been shipped to Europe from this town in past years, but the war has knocked out the European market and producers are depressed. It is expected that an unusually large quantity of apples will be pressed into cider. Cider mills which have not done much business in the last few years are looking for a rush this year.

Red Pepper, Justice and Little Bert are among local horses entered in the races in Nashua for Columbus day.

SHIRLEY.

Center.

Mrs. Luther E. Holden has been confined to her home with illness, but is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, who have been working at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow, have given up their positions and it is rumored have gone to Alabama.

Rev. Williston M. Ford, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Ayer, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

About sixty-five attended the musical evening at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow on last Sunday evening. The program consisted of organ, violin and piano selections. Rev. E. B. Saunders, of Leominster, gave an excellent address on peace.

Mrs. H. B. Sweetser entertained the first part of the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Tarr, of Gloucester, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Tarr, of New York, widow of the late Prof. Tarr, the well-known geologist.

While Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rockwood, of Lunenburg, were driving through the center over Tuesday, they were overtaken by a team going at a good rate of speed ran into them and broke one wheel. Mrs. Rockwood was thrown from the seat and severely shaken up. They were rescued by a buggy of C. E. Braden and returned home. Both teams had lights and Mr. Rockwood gave a full share of the road to the other team. After striking Mr. Rockwood the team did not stop, but drove away as fast as it could.

The meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening was well attended. During the lecturer's hour an excellent program was given, consisting of songs by the Grange; reading, A. G. Dunn, clarinet and piano; duet, Mrs. A. J. Edwards; Adams' discussion, "Do you believe in consolidation of schools?" This discussion was quite interesting as all took part and all were in favor of keeping the district schools. The result of this discussion is important to a degree, as it shows the feeling of the people of this part of the town toward the proposed closing of the Center schools.

The evening ended with a donkey party, for which Arthur Holden got the prize for putting the donkey's tail nearest to its proper place, and A. R. Cummings the prize for going the farthest away.

Rev. Percy E. Lyndon will preach at the First Parish (Unitarian) church on Sunday morning at 11:15. Lyndon has now finished his studies at the Meadville Theological school. He supplied the pulpit of the Shirley church while he was a student in Meadville. The past summer he has been preaching at All Souls church, Windsor, Vt.

Mrs. Grace E. Winslow at the Center desires to extend a cordial welcome to anyone in town who would like to attend the musicals at her home which are held every Sunday afternoon from five to six until further notice.

At the Alliance meeting held last week Thursday afternoon at the attractive home of Mrs. C. E. Lyndon on the Meadville hill, there were two centers of interest. One was the hostess herself, who is universally loved, and the other was Rev. O. J. Fairfield, of Littleton, who gave his paper on James' sympathetic reading. This delightful sympathetic reading of many of the best known poems of

this poet of the common people, so-called, was a treat which the large audience present will long remember. Though some of the ladies had heard the same paper several times they assured Mr. Fairfield that it gained rather than lost by repetition.

A personal reminiscence of Mr. Riley was given by Miss Helen M. Winslow, which helped to make the personality of the man more clear to the mind's eye. At the conclusion of the program of entertainment an elaborate lunch was served by Miss Mary Hobbs and her assistants during the pleasant social hour which brought to a close one of the most enjoyable meetings of the season.

The next meeting will be on October 15 at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow. A speaker is expected.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Camp Antion D. Fessenden, S. of V., were entertained by the Ayer camp Thursday night, most of the parties going in automobiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dolson and daughters, Florence and Helen, and also Mr. Dolson's mother, who have been visiting at John Dolson's during the summer months, have returned this week to their home in Chicago.

Mrs. I. N. Clem has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. V. Noyes, at Arlington.

John Tyler has been taking a vacation this week.

Warren Seaver has been enjoying a visit at Harwich, where his daughter, Mrs. Lillian Cook, resides.

There will be a registrars' meeting Thursday, October 22, at the West village from 7:30 to nine and at the selectmen's room at the Center Saturday, October 24, from noon to ten p. m. This will be the last registration before the state election.

The members of the joint school committee who have had under consideration the subject of buying land and seeing about obtaining a new school house for West Townsend, recommend the following style of building and location: A three-room building, clay or cement, after the style of the tentative plans furnished by the Allen Construction Co. of Walpole. The building to be located on what is known as the William Adams lot at West Townsend. Total cost is estimated to be \$12,650 to \$13,000. The joint committee who submitted the report and recommendations, including are Albert S. Howard, Herman C. Knight, Duncan Rusk, Frank