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Suits cases and bags -he'll appreciate one of these

Mittens

-in leather or wool

Mackinaws

-nothing more useful

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egular patrons

News Items.

The Ladies' Missionary society the Baptist church held an interest-ing meeting at the home of Mrs. William H. Tenney on Wednesday after-noon with Mrs. Frank Dodge in charge. The subject under discussion charge. The support under among the was missionary activities among the Latin Americana Mrs. Emily S. atin Americant Mrs. Emily S.

LITTLETON

leven ladies present. The Littleton patients of Dr. Bar-ter of Concord lament his death, which took place in New York this

The lecture given before the lyceum Tuesday night was generally considered nothing short of wonderful. The review of conditions leading up to the war, the outlook, and very many tine time.

facts relative to the subject, were
given from a denth of knowledge and Hugh McDonald's blacksmith shop at wisdom of a real student of affairs. The speaker met the recommenda-tions and expectations of the most ex-

Misses Marion and Kathleen Drew are at home from Bates college for the vacation season.

Mrs. E. Brooks Edwards has re-turned from a visit with Mr. Edwards parents in Topshild and with her hus-

Mrs. Charles K. Houghton has Letter from France.

street Thursday afternoon.

Miss Woodbind, one of our former teachers and always a welcome guest in town, is with Mrs. Walter T. Speirs for a little while

in health this week. His young son had adenoids removed recently.

Thomas H. Stephens, the barber, as been laid up with a heavy cold all the week. He is much missed by his

Nathan Hartwell of Waltham was he over Sunday guest of hi N. H. Whitcomb, and family. Sunday guest of his uncle, There was a big crowd out at the

auction sale at John A. Wright's on Thursday. The H. S. junior dance with Brod-rick's orchestra brought out a large

company of dancers last week Friday night and the young people report of ine time.

the station last Sunday just in time to save the property from destruction Carlton Needham and Miss Nonic Mac Goff of Munroe, La., were married at Camp Devens by a camp chap alin Wednesday evening, December 11.

Norman Bonnell has accepted a poturned from a vigit with Mr. Edwards dye near Brockton and over which parents in Topsisia and with her husband will spend a few days at her came home to spend sunday with his parents, the Osman Needham's, on parents on King street.

A letter from a former pupil in charge of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown during their supervision at the indus-Flagg were heard in a recital at the trial school in Chauncey, N. Y., shows home of their feacher on Shattuck some merits in a boy redeemed some merits in a boy redeemed through reform school training and the responsibilities imposed by the war. The following letter is

Eugene Esten and Stanley Conant are among the boys home from training camp.

Frank Hibbard has improved much

from one of your old barn boys. I whipped them off. This was at the Argonne Sector. Then we had another two now since the war is over. There are only two boys in the regiment of prisoners.

ment who were in your cottage, Cot. C. and they are C. Godfrey and my-

were taken. I was light machine gunment who were in your cottage, Cot. were taken. I was light machine gunself. Godfrey was in the machine gunner then and I did all I could to pop self. Godfrey was in the machine gunner then and I did all I could to pop company, but was transferred to the regimental supply. I am in Company the top and Uncle Sam and Old Glory Mand have been in the regiment. I have been in the regiment. I have been a glorious victory. The boys were badly wounded and a great numerate highly supplied to the part of M. and have been in it ever since I've been in the regiment. I have been catching the dickens, too, in the attacks.

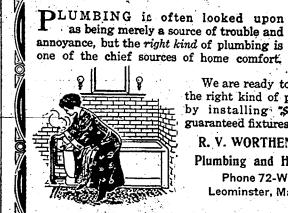
Our regiment, the 369th R. L. S. has been over here ever since the third of December of last year. It was formerly the 15th N. Y. N. G. I en-listed there are some and I was day I wished I was driving those two listed there are no listed there are no listed there are not some are listed that the supplies could not get to us. Many a day I wished I was driving those two

formerly the 15th N. Y. N. G. I enlisted just as soon as I went away
from Children's Village.

In April we—the regiment—went
in the first line of trenches and had a
tough time with the Huns, but we

and Justine I was griving those two
little mules.

Well, it is over, and I thank you
and Mrs. Brown for teaching me
obedience, and I appreciate all you
and your wife ever did for me.



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gray \$1.35 Women's Felt Slippers, in a variety of colors, with comfy soft cushion soles and ribbon Misses' and Children's Felt Slippers, with figured vamp or fur trimmed, all sizes, 5 to 11 and 11½ to 2...... 98¢ Misses' and Children's Felt Slippers, with felt or comfy soles, in red or gray...... 75¢ Misses' and Children's Warm Jersey Leggins-All sizes:

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Saturday, December 21, 1918

WESTFORD

Center. A merry Christmas and a happy new year to the readers of the column. Mrs. George E. Jenkins, of Marblebeen spending a few days with Mrs. Alma M. Richardson.

John P. Wright, of Cambridge, was in town Tuesday evening at the home guard drill, remaining over night at the home of his cousin, Harwood L. Wright. He reports his family well and enjoying his new home in Cambridge. Mrs, J. E. Bright is also living in Cambridge with her daughter and Red Cross drive, which has been

Mrs. O. V. Wells' little daughter, Elizabeth, who has been so seriously sick with an attack of appendicitis, complicated with an attack of chicken-pov, is resting much more comfor-

Westford friends of William L. Woods are sorry to hear that he is confined to his home in Somerville We quote the following from the Universe with Universe with the same with illness.

George F. White has completed the installation of a milking machine run by electric motor power for his thoroughbred herd of Ayrshire cows. Mr.

Beginning Monday of this week the new schedule on the branch line electrics is as follows: Leaves Westford at 6.40, 7.40, 8.40, 11.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.45 sharp, and then every forty min-utes past the hour until 5.40 p. m.

Lowell for the past seven years and is well-known in the Greek colony. He has purchased for himself and bride a new, modern bungalow in Dracut, where they have set up housekeeping. favorably known in Westford; also, in Littleton and Groton, where she had conducted a successful fruit route.

Mrs, Annie Barnard, who is spending the winter with Mrs. Willis Hiling the winter with Mrs. Willis Hildreth, goes to Brookline to spend the holidays with her daughter, Miss Florence Barnard. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Goode go to Chelsea to spend Christmas with Mrs. Goode's sister. Miss Grace Litchfield. Mrs. Lillian Lumbert goes to Wellesley to be with Lumbert goes to Wellesley to be with her home people over the Christmas

Mrs. Frank R. Comstock is reported sick with influenza at her home.

The Misses Atwood and Mrs. C. D. Cushing have arrived safely in Jack-sonville. Fla., although three days

Christmas holiday.

Dr. C. A. Blaney has bought the so-called Hrank Fletcher house on Boston road, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Knight are to move to the house next the postoffice, recently occupied by Miss Loker and Miss Bince. This will make a pleasant central location for the control of the characteristic of the control occupied by Miss Loker and Miss Bince. This will make a pleasant central location for Mr. and Mrs. Knight and their female. and Mrs. Knight and their Com.)

of school teachers. The regular meeting of the local Cross took place on Wednesday after noon at Library hall. The tree next week will be held on Friday of the neon and after that there will ever larmers' Institute, sewing meetings a week for a with this his the quota of sewing for the hearth Wil william needlew () please take notice and help on the relief garners will so very miles.

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friends of our boys operations and the properties of the moon hour was devoted various news of them since the great ner, which was abundant and happening of November 11. Harold it and Leon Hildreth write if expecting. After the dinner had been to the home soon. Edward Cement of Edward F. Dickinson as since the home soon. Edward Cement of Edward F. Dickinson as since the home and Mrs. Henry M. Wright, of Quincy, received word of their son Livingston that as an ambulance man in the army of occupation and we understand in German territory, will not be home at present. Mrs. Helena M. Bartlett has had word from her son Perley in France, just recovering from a seige of pneumonia. It's pretty nice for the parents and tane in farming.

This wonderful peace Christmas of 1918 is to be celebrated in many places with special music, Christmas carolis and community sings. Westford is not behind and next Tuesday evening at about eight o'clock, or as soon as the children's Christmases at the two vestries are over, there will be special outdoor singing if the weather at all allows. A special rehearsal will be held this week Friday evening at the Congregational vestry at 7.45, and anyone who can sing much or little and one who can sing much or little and one who is at all interested come and rehearse. This is in charge of Mrs. C. A. Blaney and Mrs. William R. Taylor.

The second meeting of the Taylor.

The second many other M. C. A.

The James D. C

The second meeting of the Tadmuck inb for December was held Tuesday atternoon at Library hall. A relief work meeting with the program in charge of Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth. Hildreth gave a clever review of Archibald Marshall's well known story of modern English life, "The squire's Marshall's well known story English life, "The squire's Mrs. Hildreth also read war poem, "Carry on." by a splendid war poem, "Carry on," by Robert Service. A group of academy girls contributed a group of songs and Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Blaney also sang some beautiful Christmas songs. y well Business of importance was trans-cam- acted at the business session.

Full reports of the every member faithfully carried out in this town, will be given in next week's issue.

An all-day Ladies' Aid meeting was

tine Life of Mrs. Ellen H. Richards" for occupancy. The houses are being built by the Abbot Worsted Co.

Leo Cushing son of Mrs. and Mrs. and Mrs. Son of Mrs. and Mr White has just recently added a high ploneer service in home economics. pedigreed imported Ayrshire cow to In 1885 she wrote. We are trying to save the resources of the country by showing how cheap food may be good food." Through her influence and somewhat by her personal efforts courses in domestic economy, were established and dieticians trained. This fresh edition of Caroline Hunt's biography. utes past the hour until 5.40 p. m. Cars leave Brookside on the hour at 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 11.00 a. m., and in the afternoon at 1.00, 2.00, 3.00 and 5.00, the two latter cars waiting and connecting for the trains leaving at 5.20 and 6.20 p. m. The first car on Sunday leaves the village at 7.40. This present schedule makes a ten-hour day for the men.

A recent marriage reported to us is that of Miss Helen Socrells, to James Pappas, of Lowell. The latter has been in the wholesale fruit business in Lowell for the nast seven was a solution of Dunstable and graduated from Westford academy. Previous to her death a few years ago Mrs. Richards spoke before the Tadmuck club seven was a solution of the nast seven was a solution of the nature of the nas

About Town.

The Grange held an open meeting last week Thursday evening for the benefit of the public and the Grange. where they have set up housekeeping, where they have set up housekeeping. Following their marriage the young couple enjoyed a ten-days' wedding couple enjoyed a ten-days' wedding trip to Boston, Worcester. Springfield trip to Boston, The bride is well and and New York. The bride is well and and New York. The bride is well and worthy of a larger hall with more folks. in it. Readings by Mrs. Belle H. Hall, of Lowell, were much enjoyed, songs were given by the Glee club and solos by Mrs. Cyril Blaney and Master Carpenter, and were of the encore quality. Tableaux were given by Miss Crocker. Miss Ranney, Mrs. Banlster, Mrs. M. Wall, Mrs. H. L. Nesmith, Mrs. J. W. Fletcher, Mrs. John Feeney, Mrs. Jennie Hartford and Mrs. Edna Day. These tableaux were the real curtain lifters of the evening.

The Pickup family, living in the John H. Decatur cottage on the Lowell

John McMaster has sold his farm on Chamberlin road to George H. Barton, of Chelmsford Center.

this firm was hard appreciated by O'Brien took place from in money seas and man Westford friends. Westford fruit- South Westford last week Thursday full member. Westford friends, westford from the First Parish church conducted the nice apples, generously a narioutal by services. The bearers were Arthur H. Miss Harright H. G. Osgood, they added much to the attractiveness of the dinner tables.

Nesnath, Edson Blaisdell, Bural was vet John O'Brien (Period). Miss Harriet H. G. Osgood, they added much to the attractiveness of the dinner tables.

Word has been sent to its of the recent birth of a little so, to Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Wetmore, of Haston, which has been named Charles Inglis Wetmore, after his late uncle of Westford, whose sad death from pneumonia, a victim of the influenza epidemic, took place earlier in the autumn. The little namesake is to be called Inglis as his late uncle was and thereby do the parents perpetuate it, loving memory the name of Charles Inglis Wetmore.

The weekly drill of the hame guard

Westford William of Seat-line and was seen grandchildren.

The weekly drill of the hame guard

Miss Harriet L. Nesnith, Edson Blaisdeil, Burial was ceived a letter vate John O'N bartiment. 21st alion, France.

She was the mother of seven children, Sw follows:

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The weekly drill of the home guard will take place on Med day evening instead of the usual Taesday evening the change heing on account of the Christmas holiday.

The usual and unusual Sunday school Christmas festival of the Unitarian church will be held on Tuesday evening. Children's entertainment from four to six o'clock; supper at s.X.

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Robert and Moreland Wetmore and Richard Savage have been recent visitors in town.

We have often thought of that our-

the east, took his place. His personal appearance and presentation of his subject has started a desire to visit his place and a trip may be planned for

the coming season.

The high school scholars attended the afternoon see

the efficiency of the dinner, the janitor on the efficiency of heat and the farmers and others in town and towns for the light of their countenances.

The next institute will be held in Lowell in early January, the speaker

and place of meeting to be announced. Force Village.

Rev. Endicott Peabody, headmaster Groton School, occupied the pulpit An all-day Ladies' Aid meeting was held at the hospitable home of Mrs. Arthur E. Day on Thursday. Results of the annual business meeting will be of the annual business meeting will be to be held on Tuesday evening at St. Andrew's mission.

we quote the following from a recent book review concerning Miss Ellen H. Richards: "A new printing of the Life of Mrs. Ellen H. Richards" (Whitcomb and Barrows) is brought The new and very attractive looking

Omer Cushing, who enlisted in the omer cusning, who emisted in the navy at the outbreak of the was has left for France. His ship, the New Jersey, left early Sunday morning, probably to bring home troops.

The Russian cemetery was dedicated last Tuesday afternoon and the bodies of the three men and two-year-old child who died here during the epi-demic of influenza were taken from the vault at Fairview cemetery and buried in the Russian cemetery. The buried in the Russian cemetery. bodies were placed in the receiving tomb at Westford until the newly-purchased ground was cleared.

The committee in charge of the Red Cross campaign are making a house-to-house canvass and oblige them by to-nouse canvass and conge them by having your dollar ready. It is the very least you can do for your country and the soldier boy. This is not charity—it is for humanity. If the charity—it is for humanity is not considered to the charity—it is for humanity. If the charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity. If the charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity. If the charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity. If the charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity. If the charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity. If the charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity. If the charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is for humanity is not charity—it is not char your boy did not have to go across, Arthur F. Blanchard. thank God for your luck and give twice. Those in charge of the funds here are Miles Collins, John McNiff, Misses Emily and Annie McNiff, Harriet O'Neil, Annie Cavanagh and Rose Molloy.

he initiated at the next meeting. ollowing officers were chosen for the following others were chosen for the ensuing year: Fred Davis, n. g.; Francis Lowther, v. g.; Arthur Beaver, elect, sec.; George Weaver, per. sec.; William Burnett, treas; John Edwards, lect. mas.; Charles Benson, g.; John H. Decatur cottage on the Lowell m.; Frank Gregory, delegate to district meeting; John Spinner, alternate. Lowell.

At the conclusion of the meeting Frank Lowther presented the treasurer. cis Lowther presented the treasurer. William, Burnett, with forty-five dollars as a gift from the Odd Fellows later than they expected to.

At the farmers' institute dinner last week Fiddy a fine box of oranges were farmished by Winn. Ricker & Co., of Boston, the well-known produce merchants. These were given for the dinner and the generosity of this firm was natch appreciated by Westford from the Westford from her home in the westford from the generosity of this firm was natch appreciated by Westford from her home in the constraint of the same of the late Henry O. Keyes.

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the sun was shining bright and we with other teachers were pleasantly could not see who it was until he hap entertained by Mrs. William H. Davis pened to make a turn against the sun and then we saw it was a Fritzle, so the boys just let him have it with their rifles and finally they got him. My, what a crash! I guess he had got hit a fight above and was trying to its troubles and get away. If he the annual Back-Log club banquet is troubles and get away. If he the annual Back-Log club banquet was held in the Unitarian vestry and but when he kept circling over the Fack-Log was lighted for the entire chances are he would have suitar year. Owing to traveling conditions out with his machine gun e chances are he would have suing year, and I us out with his machine gun hous and s o had got his machine fixed

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whing you all a happy Christmas and bept to be with you soon after, so cond-bye, with love to all; and God herison responded for the clerky.

LITTLETON

nual vacation of one week during the Christmas season. The next term will open on Monday, December 30.

In all the elementary schools an entertainment fitting to the Xmas festischool and academy val was given on the last day of the term.

Fred Cook has been honorably discharged and came home Monday Mrs. Henry S. Brown and sister, Mis-

Augusta Roberts, spent the first of this week with the Charles Gordon family in Newton.

Ralph Hill, of Portland, Me., come nome Sunday for Xmas vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Burtt and

baby, from Brooklyn, N. Y., and Laurice Flags, from Brown annex, arive topight at E. A. Flagg's for the Ymas season. The weekly prayer meeting of the Baptist society met last week with the Goddard family at the common, an

week with the Robert Woods

family. The musical program to be given in the Congregational church on Sunday morning is as follows: From the cantata by Dudley Buck, organ prelude, "Noël": soprano solo, "O. Jerusalem. "Noël"; soprano 8010, .U. Jerusaiten, look about thee toward, the east"; quartet, "Awake, put on thy strength. O Zion"; anthem, "The hush of night," Spence; offertory, "Angels from the realms of glory," Neidlinger. Rev. F. W. Lambertson's theme will be "Blessed are the pure in heart."

Roland Houghton came home last Saturday. Mrs. A. W. Knowlton was at home

two days through last week and is now in Somerville again. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cash

joyed a complete surprise at their home last Saturday evening when a company of neighbors came in spend a social evening and wish the host and hostess God speed on their journey south for the winter.

Miss Katherine Kimball gave violin solos, accompanied at the piano by Miss Fannie Sanderson, at the Concord urday afternoon at the home of Mrs

Blanchard & Gould have their porwoodlot in the North End.

Officers Elected.

The members of Loyal Self Help lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., held a very interesting macting and also the law. interesting meeting and also the last Sunday service, and bowing our heads one of the year in Abbot hall on Mon-day evening. The business affairs were God's crowning mercles through the found to be in a very satisfactory con-dition and three new members are to than ever before to the Christmas The spirit?

mas season will be celebrated Sunday morning at 10.45 with special music the children and the annual Christmas ginning of a new era of Christmas liv-

who had so thoughtfully compenhered him. Mr. Burnett has been treasurer of the organization for twenty-six years and has been a loyal and faithy to games, to be followed by we rive with picks and and it to games at loyal and and it faithy years and has been a loyal and faithy to games, to be followed by we rive with picks and and it to games at loyal and faithy to games, to be followed by we rive so and and if and other persons intergeted in the Sunday and the least of Littleton in said County of all other persons intergeted in the Sunday and the least of health and loyal and the least of the loyal and other persons intergeted in the Sunday and the least of least faithy f

as few minutes a machine came down ing in Bethlehem, Penn., and com-slowly, flying in circles. He came pleted their duties here on Friday slowly, flying in circles. He came pleted their duties here on Friday down about as low as the housetops. Tuesday afternoon and evening the

> Mrs George Gardner has spent part othe week in Boston.

Annual Banquet

as usual, but those present enthusiastic and a delightful It was he did not get the chance. The right some of his pals came level g was spent.

God and your prayers that is the cover. I heard them complete over. I heard them complete over. I heard them complete over. Defere the speakers were introduced

were V Cook spoke in behalf of the Hed cross membership camad presented some phases work that were not wholk · some.

lowing speakers were then by the toastmaster: Mr toastmaster: Mr responded for the schools everyone food for thought is constion regarding the build-memorial schoolhouse in honwho entered service town; Miss Elizabeth Brown the Wellesley the holes they made, and those the work of the Wellesley been more wash water for us, so buried from my waist down, but and clever manner, and Miss Faith was mightly lucky at that. I saw hole he made, and it was just built as far as our first apple tree told how he door from me. d the door from me. Well, dear sister, I guess I'll close, collection of old china and gave some

district. He congratulated the same house you.

The postmen in Portugal save them loyalty to wheatless, marriess. The postmen in Portugal save them loyalty to wheatless, sugarless, success selves much walking on Sunday by deheatless, sugarless, success selves much walking on Sunday by deheatless, but he wondered how some forks livering letters at churching.

LOST BOOK — In accordance with Chap. 590, Sec. 40 of the Acts of 1905 and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 14999 has been lost and application has been made for the payment of the amount of deposit represented by said book.

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blessed season than by coming togeth
er Sunday morning for the Christmas

Sunday service, and bowing our heads

and hearts in solemn gratitude for

God's crowning mercies through the

centurles, and conspinting more deeply

than ever before to the Christmas

spirit?

At the Unitarian bhurch the Christ
mas season will be celebrated Sunday

morning at 10.45 with specfal music

and an appropriate sermon, and at

the noon Sunday school hour there will

be Christmas carols and exercises by

the children and the annual Christmas

story. The children are especially in
vited to the morning service, as their

elders to the later service, that the

day may be a day together and the be
ginning of a new era of Christmas liv
ing.

The Christmas frolic of the Unitari
an Sunday school will be held in the

vestry next Tuesday afternoon from

2.09 to 5 o'clock. The first hour will

be given to games, to be followed by

exercises about the tree with pieces

Ralph L. Hastings, Treasurer.

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 5, 1918.

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To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middleack:

Respectfully libels and represents LEMPI LINDFORS of Collinsville in said County, that she was lawfully married to FELIX LINDFORS, formerly of Lowell, but now of parts unknown, at Maynard, said County, on the fifth day of June A. D. 1907, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Felix Lindfors lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, at said Maynard and Collinsville; that your inbellant has always been faithful to her marriage vowe and obligations, but the said Felix Lindfors being wholly exardless of the same, at said Collinsville, has contracted a gross and continued habit of intoxication, caused by the voluntary and excessive use of informering liquor, opium or other drugs; that said libellee, being of sundicential and the contracted and medicent dependent of the same.

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herefore your libellant prays that a
re from the bonds of matrimony
he decreed between your libellant
he said Felix Lindfors; that she
keyiven the custody of their minor
Lauri, six years of age; that she
given alimony for her support,
the support of said minor child if
helven the custody of him,
ind this second day of December A.

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LEMPI LINDFORS. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Not seen, 88.

Signifor Court, December 3, A. D. 1918.

From the foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libeliant notify the libelice to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said Court, at Cambridge, in said Court, at Cambridge, in said Court, of the first Monday of February next, by causing an attegted copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer in the Courty of Middlesex, once 'a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the last known residence of the libelice, that he may then and their show causs, if any he have, why the prayer in said fibel set forth should not be granted.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel, and of the order thereon. Attest.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk. mior Court, December 3, A. D. 1918

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Henry Verow, machine tender at the Nashua River Paper Mill, finished his work there last week and out of three places offered him has gone to work at the milis at Berlin Falls, N. H., leaving on Saturday. The family, who have been occupying the lower tenement in the house of Mrs. Jordan, Cross street, will probably stay here

Mrs. Percy O'Neal and two children went to Townsend on Tuesday to spend the holidays with her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. C. Koch, 'Her husband, who camp, just out of London, and is uncertain when the regiment may be

Lawrence Smith and family moved Pike house on Main street, recently vacated by the Oulton family.

Miss Georgianna Maynard and Miss Helen Hartwell, teachers at Bradford, N. H., are expected home this week for the Christmas vacation at their

At the meeting of Prescott Grange on Friday evening of last week, there was a rather small attendance; owing to the rainy weather and bad walking. Many of the entertainers were also prevented from coming, causing some disappointment to those who had the program in charge. The part of the program presented was a reading by Miss Katherine Blood; a piano solo by Miss Lillian Stewart and amusing monologues, some in dialect, by Geo. H. Stewart. There was a treat of pop rn balls and apples and a social hour at the close.

Miss Clara Caldwell, who is taking a secretarial course at the Pierce on Oak hill school, Boston, will spend the holidays ice, overseas. t Fairview farm, with Mr. and Mrs Lawrence Morgan.

Dana Merrill, who returned home from Camp Lee the last of November, went to Washington, D. C., on Saturday to assume his duties as assistant in the bureau of markets, under the in the evening. department of agriculture.

turn of some of the young men from the various camps, the labor problem s already beginning to be easier for

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Flynn,

Earl Parker arrived home from been stationed in the supply depart-

ease is past, and the patient is on the Westford, went across last July in the ticeable. The Yankees shouted, road to recovery, although still very 75th Division in the ammunition corps.

Mrs. A. J. Woodward went to Bos- Oak Hill Entertainment. ton this week to visit her relatives in The entertainment scheduled for Somerville and elsewhere, during the Monday evening at Oak Hill hall, ow-

Patch, this week.

Relatives of Lloyd Bancroft are gratifying to those Relatives of Lloyd Bancroft are gratifying to those who have the somewhat expecting him back from France at no very late day. He has been cook in the 307th Quartermaster's been cook in the 307th Quartermaster's Lt. was also a pleasantly, social afCorps, sailing from Portland, Me., on January 5. He now writes that there in charge of the program, as well as is not as much need of all the men and those in charge of the cuisine. he "hopes to be home to shovel snow" table was filled to partake of ably have no time to give them very long notice that he is on his way.

Mrs. Flora Wheeler, from Nashua, recently visited her brother. Americus Q. Lawrence, who is in poor health.

was at home from New London

sons having bills against the town are

Edward Harney has returned home from Camp Lee, Va., having received his discharge from the service.

Mrs. C. A. Mills is entertaining her sister, Miss Elizabeth Bent, of Cam-

At the meeting of the Men's club on Monday evening an effort should have been made to secure a full report of the speech of the evening in the interests of town betterment, and the eduspeaker, Charles F. Gettemy, director of the Bureau of Statistics, Boston, offered many valuable suggestions and presented the work of the bureau in a forceful manner. He gave an account of the work that is being done in assisting towns and cities in reforming their system of accounting, and gave examples of the study of the suggestions and gave examples of the study of the suggestions and suggestions and suggestions and forceful manner. He gave an account of the work that is being done in assisting towns and cities in reforming their system of accounting, and gave examples of the study of the suggestions and suggestions and suggestions and suggestions and suggestions and suggestions and forceful manner. He gave an account of the suggestions and suggestions and suggestions and suggestions and favorite. "It's a long, long way to Tipperary." The little sketch, "Where she had been an inmate from a form of epilepsy for several years, She was on of the most on this town on March 20, 1901, one of seven children. Her brothers, Leo, Erving, Harold and Russell, are living, and two sisters, was on of the most interesting. The program being in the committee, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Tarbell, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Gertrude and Ella, all of this town, which Mistress Phoche Blood in suitable attire enacted the part of the committee, Mrs. Her death was due to pneumonia. She children was due to pneumonia attended school here for a short time. examples of the study of the systems of different towns in the course of his years of experience. His talk was practical and would prove of value before a much larger audience, including all

the men interested in town finance. An accident happened at the works of the construction company on the urday morning, the first of any consequence since the work began. A work-man by the name of Santerre, coming

clings to the building which formerly division. stood at the south of the express of it was recently moved by Mr. Grenache to the Lawrence lot, where his garage stands, and is being used by the signing of the armistice. In the him as an office, and later will be fit-him as an off

Grange, attended, the three-days' ses- lively affair. The town does not seem ovation, and sion of the State Grange in Springfield like the same place as before the signoid wines. last week Tuesday to Thursday, in-clusive. A fine report of the same was enlisted in a Canadian regiment, is clusive. A fine report of the same was still doing guard duty at Kinmel Park given by her at the last regular meet-

week into the tenement of the of the Red Cross in the Opera House well be imagined that the relief was ens will furnish music.

Rev. J. B. Lewis took a well-earned rest during the first of this week with relatives at his former home in Read-

Mrs. Kate Blake returned home last week from Erie, Pa., where she was called by illness of her daughter, Mrs. Ford Crane, and family, of the in-

and will spend the winter with her back to the states before next spring.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, on Oak hill. Mr. Allen is in the sery-building up the roads. He speaks of In case of fire the operators at the

Miss Emily Whitney has returned from a week's visit with relatives in and later of trying to secure a good Nashua, N. H.

Several men who have been employed at the Hollingsworth & Vose paper mills at West Groton, were thrown out of employment by the closing of the mill last Saturday and are finding places to work in town. With the repast eight months. Her health the past eight months. Her health the closing of the sound saturday and the first since they had been in France. past eight months. Her health re- From France. mains about the same.

is very similar in color. In a letter from Northern France fighting during the weeks preceding received by Mrs. Edward Clement from the armistice. He writes they had her husband, he states that it is midbeen in action since September. The ment at the naval station. He intends to take up his work in Boston almost sign of their release soon, and he does not expect to be home before spring, tising solicitor on the Boston Transcript.

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Their quarters are not as comfortable as when they were farther south and they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties they have their breakfasts and supties the properties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties they have their breakfasts and supties the properties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties the properties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties the properties that he witnessed many they have their breakfasts and supties the properties that he witnessed here. Boston on Monday by the news that pere by moonlight as a regular thing.

her daughter, Miss Margaret, was very His letter was dated November 21 and the peace celebration and the differill with pneumonia. Word has since received here December 12, Mr. Clemence with which the news was accepted

Miss Fannie Peabody, of Lunenburg, the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Sarah for which it was given, a Christmas for the children, drew a good-sized crowd, and the proceeds were very ing to the fine evening and the cause

in charge of the program, as well as an illness of one week from pneuthose in charge of the cuisine. Every monia. Mr. Greene was a native of table was filled to partake of a fine New York state and a veteran of the before winter is gone, but will probably have no time to give them very pudding testified that there were still company and serving one and a half precepts are getting to be more len-

Fancy dishes and pastries were Mrs. Joseph Davis visited at the home of her parents, Beachmont, Saturday last. Her brother, Edward Tully was at home from New Lord by the parents received quick, of time they have resided in the Haw been faming in meeting and set forth clearly the adventure of his wife, about two vantages of federation, and the necessary steps to take. Dr. L. R. Qua.

An amusing entertainment followed Blood, consisting of readinges by Maud and Edith Stewart, Katherine Blood, and a one-verse recitation by Master Georgic Allen, seven years of age, won applause. Solos were rendered by Mrs.

Carrie Parker, nicluding some of her light of the Method of the Method is church and the remains beside on Franklin street at 7.45.

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Con Thursday Solos was at the Unitarian church on Sunday school on Franklin street at 7.45. requested to present them on or before at eight o'clock, in charge of Miss Lucy ever-popular Irish melodies. Master Charlie Allen, whose return from New York gives his friends here another chance to enjoy his singing, gave the Pillsbury of this town, were brought popular song, "When they eat the watermelon on the Rhine." His young-she died at the state sanatorium, watermelon on the Rhine." His young-er sister Dorothy sang sweetly, "Bring where she had been an inmate from a back my Daddy to me," which was form of epilepsy for several years, She

> ble attire enacted the part of the milkmaid to perfection, and Charlie Lawrence made a modish dude, was well received. Mrs. Ivan Parker acted as afternoon at St. Joseph's church and planist, and also played for the danc-burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery. ing, which finished the evening, accompanied by Carl Lawrence with traps. This lasted until midnight, many of the young people from the village going up to participate, and four soldier dancers in their uniforms adding variety.

man by the name of Santere, coming here from Suncook, N. H., slipped on day before. He turned a somerasult and fell into the pit, a distance of about thirty feet. He had lately move of his family here on to Tarbell street, and was a tone, carried to his home, and a second to his home, and a heavy hammer in his jumper when he fell, and the wonder is how he escaped without fractured ribs or worse injury. He had been suffering from lameness, which is thought to be made on the count of the best titled at the corner of the sante with the secaped without fractured ribs or worse injury. He had been suffering from lameness, which is thought to be made on the count of the best titled and the corner of the sante with the secaped without fractured ribs or worse injury. He had been suffering from lameness, which is thought to be made on the count of the province of the province of the province of the best province of the pro

Earl Newhall writes November 12 concerning the day of the celebrati

ing of the armistice."

of sufficient protection

Inst week by the parents of Sydney
Tower, dated November 17, from a rest
camp near Cherbours. France. It was
evidently the second letter he had
written since the armistice, as he had
always numbered his letters, and two
were missing. He went over about two
months, ago, as a member of the tank with the late. Charles Creatly Ford Crane, and family, of the influenza.

William Tierney of this town recently received his discharge from the naval station at Newport, R. I., and returned home. He has now gone to Worcester to resume his former occupation.

Mrs. Charles Allen and three childern recently came from New York and will spend the winter with her back to the states before next spring.

Were missing. He went over about two months ago, as a member of the tank corps. He has written previously that the late Charles Crosby, as a stather frail little boy, his experiences in France proves that he had the soldier spirit and endurance, and his safe over to France and one home. In the last letter he says, "War is over, and it is probable the corps will be given interned uty, somewhere in Germany." He does not expect to get and will spend the winter with her back to the states before next spring.

The New Fire Alarm System.

According to all tests, including the recently corps day celebration, our fire back to the states before next spring. dinner at one of the best looking

Edward McCord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shattuck arrived home on E. P. McCord, of this town, writes from Is aiready beginning to be easier for those who need to hire.

Miss Jessie Flynn, teacher at the West Bridgewater schools, is expected home this week, for the holidays, at is very similar in color.

Howard Snattuck arrived home on E. P. McCord, of this town, writes from a rest camp in France, where he with the is a student at Norwich university. He is still wearing the uniform of the fantry, Co. M., were taken when the war ceased, as they were completely have reased. exhausted by the continuous terrific winter where his division, the 41st, are letter was dated November 22 and reamusing incidents in connection with ence with which the news was accepted by the various nationalities was no-French chattered and empraced and a performance that a group of Chinese went through, very solemnly, was the funniest of all. They formed a cir-cle and went around many times, chanting in quiet monotone, the only word which could be distinguished being "Democracy."

Deaths.

The death of William W. Greene a the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Newton, occurred on Sunday, December 15, from heart failure, caused by some of the good, old-time cooking to years. He became an engineer later be served, now that Hoover and his although for the past twenty-five precepts are getting to be more leninster he has been failing in health. Since the death of his wife, about two ly, was at home from New London, Conn., where he is a member of the medical corps of the navy.

The selectmen will be in session at their room at the town house on Monday evening, December 30. Any persons having bills against the town are There are also two grandchildren to

survive him.

The remains of Marion E. Pillsbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pillsbury of this town, were brought although she has been subject to attacks of the disease since early child-

Lieut, Walter Avery Alive.

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Several weeks ago we mentioned in parts were taken these columns that Walter L. Avery, Santa Claus: Mrby a fellow aviator from France, as missing since October 2. The supposi-

The reputation for lunches still November 13. The writer is in the division.

November 13. The writer is in the division of San Gabriel, near Los Angeles civillan coats in which to escape from the town. They reached Soignies and the town. They reached Soignies and Mrs. Lewis gave the story of the mission of San Gabriel, near Los Angeles civillan coats in which to escape from the town. They reached Soignies and Mrs. Lewis gave the story of the mission of San Gabriel, near Los Angeles civillan coats in which to escape from the town.

him as an office, and later will be ntitled up, with auto accessofies. Yet about an hour the anti-amerial fired there is hardly a day passes but that he has a demand for "hot dogs" or sandament). Bells rung, whisties blew, sandwiches, which he has to turn down sandwiches, which he has to turn down as full of boats, which blew their they were hidden evacuated the town as full of boats, which blew their they were hidden evacuated the town aroved an easy speaker, making interwhistles and fired guns. Altogether a lively affair. The town does not seem ovation, and drank to peace in rare esting her trips at different times into Two cays later Lieut.

Lieut. Avery is but twenty-five years on the evening of January 3. It is expected that the orchestra of the 212th had to be protected by sand bags, as enlisted in the air service when the sign of the Red Cross did not prove United States entered the war, being of sufficient protection. United States entered the war, being at that time in Chicago on business for the firm of Sloane, Huddle, Feuste A letter was received Wednesday of & Freeman, consulting engineers. He

building up the roads. He speaks of going into one of the larger places and seeing Pershing go by in his auto, and later of trying to, secure a good dinner of trying to, secure a good dinner of one of the heat locking the Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. E. S. Grenache spent last Saturday with the family of Dr. Wentzell in Lowell, attending the theatre there in the evening.

In the evening.

Miner at one of the best looking hotels, without any meat, and no bread unless he had a "bread ticket." Lastly she brought him a signal. The boxes at present are as by two blows at 12.15. Special signals are 5 blasts for a forest fire; 7 for a follows:

24 Nissittissit square Hayward's corner. Railroad square.

St. Joseph's church. Groton street.

Main, opposite Foster street.

Main and Cross streets Chase hill.
Town house, and for Burkinshaw

village. Mt. Lebanon street

Hovey's corner and for Oak hill. North Pepperell.

Church Notes. Christmas music and a Christmas ermon are on the program Sunday morning at the Congregational church At seven o'clock the Sunday school will give a concert in the auditorium. the service of the king" is the title of the carol service used, and with its world outlook it cannot fall to be entertaining and instructive. There will be the customary "gift manger" for an offering will be taken for the starv-ing children in bible lands. There are pwards of 400,000 this year and all must help. There are many calls, but the call of a hungry child seems loud-

The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school will be held in the ves try on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. While it is planned especially for the children, all are invited. Mrs. H. N. Tower's Sunday school class have charge of the program.

On Tuesday evening representatives of the Congregational and Unitarian churches held a joint meeting to consider federation. Rev. E. Talmadge Root, of Boston, secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches. nd Rev. Mr. Hussey, pastor, of the All Souls' church, Lowell, gave addresses. It was a most harmonious meeting and set forth clearly the ad-vantages of federation, and the neces-

pastor will preach in the morning on "The opportune Christ." At 7.30 Church Notes, there will be a Christmas concert by Rev. Howar

will meet with Mrs. Newman Prescott on Franklin street at 7.45.

On Thurs-lay evening, at eight sold of the sequence of the second of the seco

The meeting of the Woman's club Howe and Mrs. Durant. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Hurchinson, and two church will be at 10 41 and will be a Christmas carols by the club chorus. union service of the a and Sonday school. There will be serviced the club chorus.

heightened by a well becorated Christ. tree and ever ses mas free and by the little Christmas the schol with play, "The might before Christmas," the paster winder the direct of Mrs. Howe. The child will be set illustrated by the 'living pictures stage setting bethe children was the children was Addison Woodward W. H. Is a a former Pepperell hav, was reported as the father, of I Miss Ruth Walker by a fellow aviator from France, as the mother Most Doris Durant the missing since October 2. The supposi-mald; Charlotte Nawell and Mildred

sleur Gerard, at the risk of his own life. Remained there until the news came of signing of the armistics. No-tended the complex pictures and cards illustrating her talk and the influence of Spanish architectures. came of signing of the armistice No-vember 11. All civilians, and some-times some of the Germans, were some-ing Marselliaise, and throwing discontinuous and atmosphere of consecration

Maine and to Lebanon, N. H., where last week Tuesday to Thursday, inclusive. A fine report of the same was given by her at the last regular meeting.

As it is well-known that the people squadron at Toul, where his companion had mourned him as lost. He expected by sand bags to sleep, it can and old men going to the protected by sand bags to sleep, it can and starvation.

In this city, Boulogne, have lived in the content of the people squadron at Toul, where his companion had mourned him as lost. He expects to return here shortly for a point of the mention of other trips in the country, which would no doubt have been of equal interest. terest.

HARVARD

News Items.

The last meeting of the year for our local Grange was held on Tuesday evening. Frank Ryan, who with Mrs. Ryan were delegates to the State Grange, gave a very complete and in-teresting report of this meeting. The nembers enjoyed a social hour with sweet cider for refreshments.

The next lecture in the Warner course is to be given on Friday even-ing, December 27, by William B. Baich, who is war correspondent for the Transcript.

The Congregational Men's club meeting for this month has been omitted and the next meeting will be as usual, the third Sunday in January.

The Canning and Evaporating club closed a very successful three-days' sale of canned products which was held at the store of Barnard & Sum ner, Worcester. Their entire stock was sold out. Mr. Benson, of Wash ington, D. C., called on the girls and congratulated them on their work, which he said had come to stay and would be as permanent an institution as the public schools. With this club as the public schools. With this club as the pioneers in their line Harvard may well be proud of their girls and those who have made their success

The Red Cross announce that they have on sale at their rooms a splendid nests line of Christmas cards.

Reuben Reed is back in the store gain, although not doing any heavy ork as yet. Schools closed this week Friday for

week's recess. The new station master's goods

have arrived and he is expected this week to take the place of Mr. Noon, who left last week Friday. In the meantime Mr. McCleery has been attending to the express and tickets.

The next Junior R. C. meeting will December 27.

is being actively carried on by five teams—Village, Mrs. A. H. Turner, capt., Mrs. George Maynard, A. W. Bryant; Still River, Charles Haskell which request is made for contribu-tions of toys, clothing, food, fruits and vegetables, to be distributed among needy children here in Pepperell. Also, an offering will be taken for the starv-capt, Mrs. Austin Peters, Miss Blanche capt, Mrs. Austin Peters, Miss Blanche capt, Mrs. John Cleaves, Elsie Knight; Bare hill, F. P. Abbot, capt., John Lee, William Westcott. At present writing with the town nearly canvassed 350 have joined. Wanted—350 more mem bers to make the quota of 700.

There will be no Red Cross meetings until after Christmas, when Harvard's which it is not desirable to cut should quota in sewing will be tripled. Therefore, three times as many workers will This is important. The present and fore, three times as many workers will be wanted.

At the motion picture show this Saturday evening William Russell will feature in "The midnight trail." Dreams don't make a detective; a a tight finish in a two-car race; the ber of neglected trees, romance of an amateur sleuth—this. The nests of the br is some picture. There will be special motion picture show in the collected town half on Christmas afternoon at furnace. 2.36, featuring Mary Pickford in her

ubscripti chairman of the joint committee, pressubscription of fitty dollars to the Forester, from 1998, a Beacon Street, Sided, and Mrs. Minnie Greene, the secretary, reported what steps had already been taken here.

At the Methodist church Sunday will be observed as Christmas Sunday. The the W. W. W. campaign.

The form the list previously published. Work done by contractors should Harvard's Victory Boys and Girls be inspected and approved by the lave so far pledged thirteen dollars to Local Superintendent before payment the W. W. W. campaign.

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The first day we took some of a total of a specified as is provided in the assessed when the control of a same said lands at the section, she had be assessed upon the said lands at the section of this section, she he assessed upon the addition as so if he required shall be apportioned to went the city or town and the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of section four of this act. The amounts to be assessed upon private estate as herein provided shall be a lien on said estates, in the same offer the same of the

Amos D. Mahony

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FUNERAL DIRECTOR

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TOWN OF HARVARD

The Board of Selectmen reques that all bills against the Town of Har-vard be in their hands not later than Fuesday, December 31, 1918. CHARLES H. HASKELL,

SPURGEON M. FARNSWORTH, PERLEY BEARD, Selectmen of Harvard

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Notice to Property Owners

You are hereby required on or be fore January 1, 1919, to destroy the gypsy and brown tail moths on your property in this town.

This notifiation is in accordance with Chapter 381, Acts of 1905, as amended by Chapter 268, Acts of 1906, which requires cities and towns to de stroy the eggs, caterpillars, pupze and nests of the gypsy and brown tall moths under heavy penalty for failure to comply with the provisions of the law.

If a property owner fails to destroy such eggs, caterpillars, pupæ and nests, then the city or town is required o destroy the same, and the cost of the work, in whole or in part, accord-

ants to co-operate with the town The next Junior R. C. meeting will its work on highways and other pub-e held at the town hall on Saturday, lic grounds by doing effective work on their premises. Citizens who have The Red Cross Christmas roll call cleaned their premises of the moths. but find their trees endangered by the neglect of owners of adjoining estates should make complaint to the select-men. The infestation of a residentia men. The infestation of a residential neighborhood by the neglect of a fer will not be tolerated,

The eggs of the gypsy moth should they should never be scraped off the object on which they are laid. Care ful search should be made for gypsy moth egg clusters, not only on tree but also on house walls, stone walls fences and in rubbish heaps, etc. Trees in which cavities occur and future cost of combating this insect burning worthless brush, hollow trees feature in "The midnight trail." etc. A few trees well cared for are more valuable to the property, owner and the community than a large num-

> The nests of the brown tall moth a should be cut from the trees, carefully collected and burned in a stove or

2.50, featuring Mary Pickford in her sense amusing play "Amarilly of clothesline Alley."

Owing to an error Dr. S. A. Ellis George C. Maynard, or from the State and obtain spices. Forester Ro

CHARLES H. HASKELL SPURGEON M. FARNSW FARNSWORTH. PERLEY BEARD

*Chapter 381, Acts of 1995, as amended by Chapter 388 Acts of 1996.)

Loave Orders by telephonia Popporell 51-3, or telephone Lowell 5385-M An Act to Provide for Suppressing the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths

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will be a Christmas espen service at seven in the evening Chapidin J. W. B. Day of Chap levens conducting the service. Music will be in charge of H. A. Thayer, M.s. iiden Stone organist. Christmas can is will be a sextet. All are cordially nivib.

The Unitarian levis Christmas party will be held the winhall on Monday evening its on clock. Entertainment by the clidden with carols and a time.

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C. B. WILLARD Cashier.

Townsend, Mass. Dec. 2, 1918, 4115

NOTICE—You are hereby warned not to trust Mrs. Liza Sideleau at any store or market in Shirley, or anywhere.

GEORGE SIDELEAU, Shirley, December 3, 1918.

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Change of Address Subscribers wishing the postomics address of the paper changed, must send us both the old and new address and also the name of the paper they receive.

Saturday, December 21, 1918

GROTON

News Items.

The meeting of the Woman's club scheduled for Friday. December 27, has been postponed on account of the sickness in town at this time.

Mrs. Emma Blood, of Willow Dale, has received word from her son, Pri-The chaplain of the company writes, when it was thought advisable to Ed. To not worry. Your son Leroy will soon be O. K." Previous to this wound, in August, Private Blood was gassed, and he has also been awarded a medal for service. He has been overseas since April.

Abraham Frank, of Burlington, Vt., a former student of Lawrence acad-

a former student of Lawrence acada former student of Lawrence acua-emy, has been commissioned lieuten-int at Camp Lee, Va., where he has been attending the officers' training school. Lieut. Frank spent last weekend in town, visiting friends.

Mrs. Stella LaRose, of Leominster made an official visit and witnessed some of the work at the W. R. C. meeting held on Tuesday afternoon. The entertainment following the meeting consisted of a reading by Mrs. Effic Souther and vocal and instrumental music by Miss Robblee and Miss Glea-Refreshments were served by the executive committee.

Mrs. Charles J. Lucy had the pleas ure of having with her the past week her nephew, William Garcia, of East Boston. He is also the nephew of Mrs. Sidney Whitney, with whom he made his home some time ago.

Nomination of officers will take place Monday evening at the meeting of the Odd Fellows. A full attendance is desired.

The senior class of the high school were to hold their annual dance in the town hall on Friday evenign, December 20, but on account of the prevailber 20, but on account of the postponed until further notice. Those who have purchased tickets are requested to hold them until further notice.

Mrs. Frances Forbes was in town on Wednesday to attend the funeral of her neighbor, Mrs. Georgianna Dodge, who has lived beside her since coming there a bride, many years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson, formerly of Groton, have received word from their son, Lieut. Wyman Gibson, that he has been discharged from service in the army and plans to reach home by Christmas or New Year's, returning by the way of St. Louis and Day-ton, Ohio, where he will call on

George Swallow, brother of Myron and Marshall Swallow of this town, passed away at his home in Gardner on Wednesday of heart trouble. The funeral took place Friday. He was He was a former student of Lawrence acad-

Mrs. Henry Chamberlain and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Leroy, of Worcester, attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Dodge, Wednesday.

The Sewing school Christmas party which was to have been held on Saturday next is postponed owing to the action of the board of health in closured action of the board of health in closured with the city hospital. Mrs. Richards has while this is distinctly a member of the city hospital. Mrs. Richards has while this is distinctly a member of the city hospital. ing the town hall.

many triends who wish for her speedy recovery.

There will be no rehearsal of the Christmas carols on Sunday owing to the prevailing influenza. No community Christmas tree on Tuesday, not very well patronized, but was very munity care to the control of the cont

Christmas eve.

A Christmas offering will be presented on Sunday for the children's Christmas festival. Solicitors will call upon the members of the congregation for food for the usual Christmas supper. The members of the North End Sunday school will be the guests of the constant of the Christmas supper. Webste Harmaton has a cepted a problem of the consing.

A very pretty President Wilson no office absolutely free with each purchase L. A. S. Sale, amounting to a dollar or over a fee.

The Ladies' the jeweler, Ayer, store

No. 3, opposite the depot. Other Groton matter on page six.

Farwell Made Ensign.

Persistent efforts in his determination to advance in the service of Un-Ardrew Blood, Mrs. L. G. Strand, M. on to advance in the service of the Article Holou, are to the Sam has brought a just reward to Rose Jarvis and Miss Hazel. Sam has brought a just reward to Rose Jarvis and Miss Hazel. cle Sam has brought a just reward to Hose. Jarvis and Miss Haze, Claude Chapman Farwell, who was graduated Tuesday with the rank of ensign from the officer material schools of the U. S. navy at Harvard in a class of 173 men with exercises at Saunders theatre.

dressed the young men on their splendid effort in completing the required intensive course in four months and in passing the right tests. He also told of the importance of their duties as officers of the navy and of the splendid history and traditions of the splendid history and traditions of the service, which they would be called upon to maintain and gloroously add to. He feelingly condoned with the several members of the cass who passed the study tests with flying colors, but failed in the final rigid physical examinations and thus could not be commissioned. President A, Lawrence Lowell of Harvard, Rear Admiral Rodgers, retired, naval tactical officer, and Capt. Patrick W, Hourigan, commanding the school, also spoke.

Claude Farwell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Farwell of this town, in which he was born January 11, 1897. He was graduated from Lawrence academy in 1916, as valedictorian of his class and entered Darts. Lawrence academy in 1916, as valedictorian of his class and entered Dartmouth college that fall. He enlisted in the service in the naval reserve and was called to Hingham June 25, 1918.

From there he was sent to the Wake-

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS field rifle range, then to Bumkin Island. He passed the examinations to enter the Harvard Cadet school and was ordered to Cambridge to complete his studies. Upon receiving his new honors Ensign Farwell will undoubtedly be granted a leave of absence.

To the Editor:

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Some one in Greton or vicinity may have a boy at Walter Reed hospital. D. C., unable to get away for Christmas or have his relatives visit him. My nephew, so far as I know, is still in France, in service with light artillery. If there is some soldier from Groton whom I can entertain Christmas day as a substitute, kindly write me word. Tuesdays and Thursdays have been visiting days when the hoshave been visiting days when the hospital was not quarantined. This army hospital covers acres of ground and is located about four miles from town well equipped and well organized Groton, one of the most beautiful towns in the old bay state, is where I went to school, so I can talk with pleasure to anyone from the old home

Thanking you for your cooperation in this request, I remain, sincerely Waldo W. Stevens. 1814 Jackson St., Brookland, D. C

Mrs. Georgianna P. Dodge, wife of the late Charles Dodge, passed away at her home on Hollis street, Monday, December 16, at 1.30 o'clock, She had has received word from her son, Private Leroy Blood, who is overseas with the 306th Infantry, that he was wounded in the left shoulder by a machine gun builet about Kovember 3, and at the time of writing was convalescing in an American Red Cross hospital. The chaplain of the company writes, "Do not worry. Your son Leroy will to Dr. Ayres' hospital for treatment."

> 1847, but lived most of het life in Graton, coming here when quite young. She leaves two children quite Fred of Attleboro and Alice, a mos devoted daughter for whom much sympathy has been expressed by her leaves three brothers and one sister— J. Frank Gleason of Framingham, Herbert Gleason of Webster and William F. Gleason of Groton

llam F. Gleason of Groton, and Mis-Henry Chamberlain of Worcester.

The funeral took place at two
o'clock Wednesday afternoon from
her late home, Rev. George M. Howe her late nome. Kev. George M. Howe officiating. The bearers were James Harrington, Edward Roache, Roy Cunningham and Winthrop Chase. The flowers were many and beautiful. The interment was in the family lot in the Groton cemetery.

West Groton.

Donald Bixby has gone to Irvington, N. J., to visit his cousin, Mrs. Fred Eberhart, and his sister Isabell, who is living with Mrs. Eberhart and atending the high school in that town. Mrs. Abby Wyman, of Ayer, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Luther

Homer Harrington accompanied his father to Ayer on Monday, spending the day and night with him at the Soldiers' clubhouse, enjoying the fine entertainment in the evening. On Tuesday he went to Stony Brook to visit Mr. and Mrs. Kimball, former residents of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lindall, of Roslindale, spent the week-end at C. E. E Blood's.

Edward Hallett has been unable to attend to his duties at Bixby-Webber's store a part of this week on account of a severe cold.

West Groton is certainly having a severe epidemic of the influenza, about sixty cases being reported, in some cases nearly every member of the famcases nearly every memoer of the lamily being stricken at the same time. The district nurse has been kept quite busy during the past week. Among the families afflicted are E. K. Hardente Long Long Andrew Hardente Long Long Co. the families attituded at the families attit Thompson and the entire Barteaux

> The church, schools, library and hall are closed.

many friends who wish for her speedy

enjoyed by all who had the

The Ladies' Aid Christmas s surper, held in Squanacook last week Thursday afternoon and ping was very well patronized. Suppor was served by Mrs. G. G. rangton, ably assisted by Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Edward Hallet,

Rear Admiral Spencer S. Wood addressed the young men on their splen- was presided over by Mrs. G. ii

RED CROSS DRIVE IS AT ITS HEIGHT

Wonderful Support Everywhere Be ing Accorded to Membership Campaign.

The Christmas Roll Call of the American Red Cross, as the annual membership campaign has been officially termed is now at its height, not only in our own community but in every city and town of the New England Division with which the local Red Cross interests are identified, but also throughout the length and breadth of the land.

This campaign for members for 1919-and because a man or woman joined and paid his dollar a year ago does not mean that he will not be canvassed this time, dollar members retaining their membership but single year—is expected to result in at least a doubling of last year's mem-bership of twenty two millions. Universal Membership" has been made the slogan of this campaign by the national leaders and while it is, of course, out of the question to enroll everybody it is hoped, and even expected, that when the books close on next Monday night, the total will foot up close to 60,000,000 for the country

at large. Those who have had the active management of the plans for this campaign were at first a bit fearful that with the war virtually over many would think that the work of the Red Cross had ended, that the Red Cross was primarily and almost exclusively a nursing organization. Happily, the results to date in this and other communities show conclusively that the fears of the leaders were ill-founded and that the general public is even more keenly alive to the future needs for the Red Cross than the most en-thusiastic had dared to hope. Solicitors everywhere report that there is a very general desire to become rolled in the Red Cross for 1919 and that those who, through some error have not been personally solicited feel really insulted. If this spirit which so very generously exists in New England is to be found in other sections of the country then it is reasonably certain that there will be a very close approximation to the "Universal Membership" slogan of those in charge.

Under the system of organization that is being followed in most of the New England chapters and branches, the first portion of this week was devoted to more or less of a house-tohouse, a store-to-store campaign in order that none might escape being asked to join, and to pay his dollar. Just as soon as it had been felt that the personal canvass was completed the bars were thrown down so that today and for the rest of the campaign, which ends on Monday night, there is promiscuous and very general solicitation for membership. There is however, one and one very certain way to prevent a person from being repeatedly asked, in his tours about town, to "Join the Red Cross. And that means is by exposing his or her button conspicuously upon the outer garment. The slogan of today, here and everywhere, is "Show your Red Cross button." The fellow who has it on will receive a smile, but nothing more urgent, from the canvassers. Those who do not show their button will be taken as still being without the Red Cross fold and will, accord-

ingly, be solicited to join. This is the last "war campaign" of a year that has been crowded with drives of various sorts, all of them important, all, of them essential to the winning of the war. The importand a most enjoyable jolly time was spent in making the little people happers, Lawrence Strand's Mr. Malley's, py. Tuesday, December 21, is scheduled for the next meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Herbert Folkins.

monia but is improving, George Webs ance of the present membership can paign of the Red Cross is twofold. It Phineas Parker's, six or seven ill. Fred the organization is to continue, if it is to keep up its grand work among be held at the home of Mrs. Herbert Children, Mrs. Alfred Bunn Dorothy Bixby, Amelia Lamb, Myra our boys, and their families, and among the Allied soldiers and their MATT TRADO is to keep up its grand work among among the Allied soldiers and their Bath Robes ... Allies it must have the support of the American people. The response to the call for 1919 membership will be the answer to the question as to whether the United States people while this is distinctly a membership, and in no sense a money campaign, the fact remains that the dollar membership fee from each is to be the only revenue that will be received in the future for Red Cross purposes. Chairman Davison of the Red Cross War Council has authoritatively stated that there will be no more money campaigns conducted by the Red Cross. The revenue from membership, nominal as is the individual fee. Webste Harrington has a cepted a ship, nominal as is the individual fee, position with Grant Dwinel in Aver is expected to furnish sufficient funds will begin his duties there in the in the future to defray all of the opcrating expenses of the great organi-

The New England Division has of relatives, as her sickness, pneumonia fered, as a stimulus for its workers, was of only a day's duration. The two elegant flags. One will be given funeral was held on Friday of last to that city or town under 10,000 week population which, in the present campaign, most closely reaches the Uni- About Town. versal Membership standards. The other flag will be for cities and towns above 10,000 population showing the highest membership to population redd and was unable to play in church in Do your part to land a flag for Surday. Her place: was supplied by this community.

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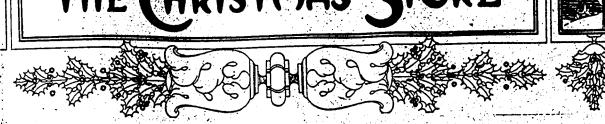
Fr its Christmas Roll Call, the American Red Cross aims to and the entire available population in the ranks of the organization in for to make American 100% Red ress. so that the world may know has country stands solidly and neempromisingly for the principles bonor, mercy and good faith among the nations.

Aim High. If you hit the mark you must aim a little above it; every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth.-Long-

Well Called Devil's Belt. Long Island sound, in New York, was known before the revolution, and perhaps later, as the Devil's Belt, as may he seen on Sauthler's map of New York in the Revolution. It had Hell gate at one end and the nearly as tumultuous Race at the of



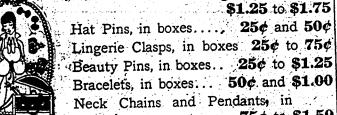
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GROTON

Mrs. Albert B. Farwell spent Mon-lay in Boston and Winchester.

All the churches in town will be

The neighbors and friends of Mrs. Fred Porter deeply sympathize with her in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Perkins, of New Bedford. The news of her death was a great shock to her

Misses Doris and Irene Peabody

Miss Lowe is suffering with a bad

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maynard motored to town Sunday from Somerville oringing Mrs. Alice J. Moors, who had

ilemember Mrs. Woolley's sale to

Saturday, December 21, from two to

Mrs Rose E. Waters left town or

Mrs Harold H. Woods is on the sick

The Alliance branch were to have held a piceting Thursday afternoon, but

t was called off on account of the in-

Miss Mildred Brown is home from her school in Springvale, Me., to spend the Christmas vacation here. Her school closed soones than expected on

The body of Luther Warren, who

pital for several years. He was buried

Monday to spend the winter in Boston.

held at her home on Court street.

were home over the week-end.

been their guest for a few days.

and is back home.

News Items.

GLOVES MAKE EXCELLENT GIFTS Washable Cape Gloves; heavy embroidered backs, in tan, gray, black and cream \$2.25 Fur-lined Gloves.... \$5.00 Wool Gloves \$1.00 to \$1.75

GIFTS FOR THE HOUSE WIFE

paign of the Red Cross is twofold. If Blankets and Comfortables..... TowelsTable Linen

of the order was well attended and a pleasant evening was passed. It is hoped they will have rom e

The friends of Robin Sampson will the pleased to hear he has been pro-moted from ensign to lieutenant. The schools and all public places are closed on account of so much influenza in West Groton. closed until further notice by order of the board of health.

Miss Alice Cleary is home sick from her school in Templeton.

Chester Willard lost one of his best roan horses from an attack of black water Thursday. It was one of the splendid pair that he bought of Mr. Hutcherson a few years ago and they were a perfectly matched pair and it will be next to impossible to replace him to match the one left.

There will be a Christmas Sunday chool concert in the church at seve o'clock Sunday evening and on Tues-day evening there will be a Christmas ree in the vestry.

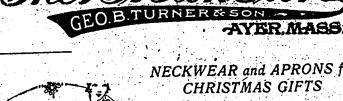
Mrs. Morse and Eliza Bateman attended a woman's club meeting in Worcester Wednesday.

his son, Wendell B. Willard, during

Merrill Sprague is at home unti-January 2 from his studies at Dart

Mrs. Julia Keyes has gone to Prov idence, R. I., to spend the winter with her son, Lester B. Keyes.

will be remembered by many here, was brought from Worcester Tuesday morning, where he had been in a hos-The military whist held in Odd-E. Homer's, the jeweler, Ayer, store follows' hall last week for the benefit



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Ladies' Linen Initial Hand-

kerchiefs 25¢ 29¢ to \$2.00

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EVERY EVENING

HARVARD

Sull River.

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nouth college.

Because of lack of a quorum there was no regular meeting of the Wom an's club as scheduled for Monday account of the influenza which is rag- December 16. The eleven member present gave the items of news each had brought in and discussed inform ally matters of general interest.

A very pretty President Wilson souvenir spoon is being given away absolutely free with each purchase amounting to a dollar or over at Geo.



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News Items The total receipts from the union fair was \$1278. The share of each church is as follows: Episcopal \$365.28, Federated \$298.11, Baptist \$249.13 Unitarion \$214.88 \$249.13, Unitarian \$214.88.

At the annual meeting of Ida Mc-Kinley chapter, O. E. S., Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: Miss Lucy Wyman, matron; Henry Appleby, of Philadelphia, Pa., E. H. Longley, patron; Mrs. Annie E. Fillebrown, asso. matroh; Mrs. Annie Mrs. Grace Rymes, asso. conductress; Mrs. Viola Cole, conductress; Mrs. Viola Cole, conductress; Mrs. Grace Rymes, asso. conductress; Mrs. Grace Rymes, asso. conductress; Mrs. Eileen Sawyer, trustee 3 years of the afternoon, Mrs. Herbert J. The officers will be installed on Jandary 22.

Harold W. Cushing returned from Phillips-Andover academy, Thursday, The three principal dines proposed are for a three-weeks' Christmas vacation.

war stamps, which is the best record he has had for many weeks. The schools are taking an unusual inter-diers' club Christmas afternoon and clear across the road and totally de

Major Bennett Sanderson arrived home on Wednesday evening from the Artillery School of Fire, Fort Sill, Okla., where he has been stationed

treas.; Charles A. Cole, f. s.; John Sherlock, trustee 3 years; John Sherman, i. g.: John Fallon, o. g.: Dr. L. D. Sullivan, physician. The installa-tion will take place on January 9.

The following is the motion picture duction in "The Hun within"; Tues- district captain. day, "The Callloux case," with William Farnum; Wednesday, William S. Hart in "The Riddle Gawne"; Thursday, Marguerite Clark in "Out of a clear sky"; Friday, Constance Talmadge in "Up to the road with Sully"; Saturday, Gladys Brockwell in "Bonds of prey."

Edward Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lynch, of Springfield, formerly of Ayer, is reported in the army casual-ty list as being severely wounded in action. The elder Mr. Lynch has been a member of the Springfield police

brief the new arrangemnets provide for a straight ten-hour day for one man on each crossing, and three relief shifts of four hours each distributed on the various crossings so as to make up the remainder of the twentyto crossing, where they are called for in India of missionary parents, and relief work, each man on the relief who spent nine years of his life there. force working four hours on two cross-The new arrangement is rather it is expected that everything will work out all right in time. The crossing men cording to current reports.

Chester P. Tarrant, & former well- Hydrant Broken Off. navy, visited friends here over the week-end.

Edward R. Dwyer, son of Mr. and with the broken hydrant. college to enter the naval service dur-ing the past summer. He was soon the next morning there was consider-selected as a student in the training school, from which he has just gradu-ated. He expects to return to his

erly of Ayer, is apending a week in from Camp Devens to Worcester, having a camp license and a license from

Mrs. Harriett Gutterson, of Pleasan

street, is assisting Miss Patterson in her marioneli shop.

Amos D. Mahony, who has an undertaking business in Pepperell, has fine was that he had been convicted taken the rooms formerly occupied by dertaking business in Pepperell, has H. M. Foster & Son, East Main street, and can be called by telephone-116-2. Mr. Mahony has been in the under-taking business in Papperell for the past twelve years or more.

A very pretty President Wilson not guilty and discharged. Fred souvenir spoon is being given away Wisent was found guilty and fined absolutely free with each purchase \$10. Julius Washington, whose case

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Malcolm M. Madden has been hon-orably discharged from the U. S. army training detachment at the Wentworth

Okla., where he has been stationed for the past year, having received his discharge from the service. He will resume his studies at the Harvard law school.

The following officers were chosen by Ayer Junction Acrie, F. O. E., at the last meeting: Charles A. Lothrop, pres; Thomas McKay, v. p.; James Peavey, chap; Ernest L. Whitcomb, traas; Charles A. Cole, f. s.; John ception of the business section, which is being undertaken today. The cap-tains are Miss Markham, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. E. A. Richardson, Frank Mullin Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Pillman, Mrs. San-derson, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Leahy, Mrs. Traquair and Mrs. Theodore W. Barry program for the coming week at Page hall theatre: Monday, Dorothy Geish arrived and each subscriber is enin a special Paramount-Arteratt pro-

The Odd Fellows' team wrested firs place from the Knights of Columbus in the whist game on Thursday night by a small margin. The knights however, are a close second.

At the Christian Science service to be held in Turner's block at 10.30 Sun-Beginning this Saturday morning a new schedule of hours for crossing tenders will go into effect here. In brief the new arrangemnets provide meeting at 7.30. The reading and writing rooms are open daily. Other Ayer matter on page eight.

Baptist Church.

make up the remainder of the twentyfour hours. One hour's extra time is
allowed by the railroad company for
the relief men to walk from crossing Mr. Hamiin, a soldier, who was born

The Sunday school will hold its Christmas tree exercises on Tuesday deceased in Shirley, where the funeral

eevning in the vestry at seven o'clock. The pastor will preach a Christmas out all right in time. The crossing men are not at all pleased with the plan, especially the relief men, and efforts to have it changed will be made, according to current reports.

The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon Sunday morning at 10.45. Song service at 6.45 in the evening. It is expected that Mr. Parker, a soldier from Vermont, will sing a solo.

A heavy army auto truck from the A heavy army auto truck from the camp broke off a hydrant in front of the Page hose company's quarters on the Young daughter, who were suffering from influenza. While so do about 9.20 o'clock, releasing a volume of water that flooded the street as far as the railroad overhead bridge, quite as the railroad overhead bridge. man, com.; Ellis B. Harlow, s. v. c.; as the railroad overhead bridge, quite a distance west of the broken hydrant.
W. Wentworth, Holden C. Harlow, A volume of water rushed out of the man, com.; Ellis B. Harlow, S. v. c.; John W. Wentworth, Holden C. Harlow, Herbert H. Proctor, camp council.

Frank A. Fletcher, a brakeman in the local yard, received fatal injuries early last Saturday morning while at work. Just how the accident happened is not known. It is supposed that he fell and slipped between the cars and was dragged a considerable distance. After the rails probably saved him from instant death, as the car pushed the body over this smooth surface, whereas under other conditions the body would have been caught and crushed. Fletcher was rushed to the Memorial hospital in Nashua, where he died at one o'clock Tuesday morning.

As the railroad overhead bridge, quite a distance west of the broken hydrant, then colled Groton Junction, on May 20, 1868, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward and on the highway in the highway and on the highway

Mrs. Edward S. Dwyer, received his The turning off of the water left diploma at the graduating exercises of the houses in the western part of the the United States naval training school town without water for a time. None at Harvard college on Tucsday, receiv- who had occasion to use water knew at Harvard college on Tuesday, receiving a very high mark in his examination. Mr. Dwyer graduated with the cut off and supposed the water was rank of ensign. His success will be frozen in the pipes. Many got busy in very pleasing to his many friends. Mr. "thawing" out their service pipes. Dwyer left his studies at Dartmouth when in fact they were not frozen at college to enter the naval service dur- all. When the situation became known

studies at Dartmouth soon.

John M. Wallace moved Monday from the tenement in the Fletcher house on West street to the tenement in the Yeast house, so-called, on Pleas ant street, recently vacated by John B. Washburn. Wesley W. Brown is to move into the tenement vacated by Mr. Wallace.

Towell, form.

Towell, form. from Camp Devens to Worcester, having a camp license and a license from the city of Worcester, which he claimed would justify him in the transportation of passengers without violating the law. A member of the camp provided in a first that time, however, they will maintain an informal organization to assist employment bureaus in placing returning soldiers in industry.

Mrs. Harriett Gutterson, of Pleasant get fair treatment and imposed the above penalty. L. K. Rahal pleaded guilty and was fined \$15. The reason

of a similar offense.

absolutely free with each purchase amounting to a dollar or over at Geo.

E. Homer's, the jeweler, Ayer, store No. 3, opposite the depot.

The public schools closed this week Friday for the Christmas vacation and will reopen on Monday morning. December 30.

The public schools closed the week found not guilty and discharged, will reopen on Monday morning. December 30.

Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday and Friday evenings, December 23 and 27. Work—Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees on the former date, and Master Mason degree on the latter date, with lunch. Happy Jack is very happy this week has scored 132 thrift and 25 war stamps, which is the best record he has had for many weeks. The panions were not injured in the least, although the automobile was knocked

schools are taking an unusual interest in the thrift work.

Cards have been received announcing the birth of a son to Lieut, and
Mrs. Arthur W. Carley, of Dayton,
Ohio, December 15.

Malcolm M. Madden has been hon
Giera across the road and totally demolished.

Chief Beatty was notified of the acthe townspeople to be present at any
cident and hurried to render what astime during the day and enjoy the
sistance was passible. Later Officers
Donahue, Burrill, Young and T. J.

Pirone appeared, the latter covering the beat on which the accident hap pened. Galaepi lived but a few min

> the brakes refused to work. The car was in charge of Thomas F. Morrilly, motorman, and Richard Hanley, conductor, bith of Fitchburg.
> Some of the facts are withheld till

further investigations have been made much, however, is known. The auto mobile preceeding west toward Shirley met the electric car at the point men-tioned. The driver of the machine district captain.

John Toohey, a former salesman in Thayer, McNeil's local shoe store, who in the military service at swerved sharply to the right so that the store struck the auto on the make side in the rear of the machine. This action cleared the front of the ma chine, but the rear swung onto the track. This accounts for the fact that Mrs. Sideleau and John Mazurek, the driver, who were sitting on the front seat, escaped uninjured, while Galaepe, the dead man, sitting alone on the back seat, received the full force of

the blow.

Mazurek, the driver of the car stated that the electric headlight on the trolley car temporarily blinded him so that he could not see where he was going. The surviving occupants of the automobile were so dazed at the suddenness and the seriousness of the accident that they were unable to give a clear account as to how the unfortunate affair happened.

Dr. F. S. Bulkeley, medical examiner, was called and viewed the body of the dead man. Afterwards the remains were taken to the undertaking rooms of E. C. Page. Later the body was removed to the late home of the

Mrs. Juliette L. Kidder, wife of Oren N. Kidder, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry E. Dustin, in Townsend Harbor, Tuesday night, of pneumonia, Mrs. Kidder went to Townsend Harbor a week

also, two grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from th home of the deceased on Fletcher street Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. John R. Chaffee of the Federated church will officiate.

Passing of 76th.

The 76th Division, recruited and trained in New England, passed out of existence on Tuesday when the last units of the division were discharged at Camp Devens. The twenty-seven remaining officers were formally dis-charged on Wednesday. The records of the division fill eighteen boxes, which will be sent to the adjutant general in Washington. The division headquarters is disbanded and the skeleton organization of any other re maining units and regiments of the division become casual troops. These are the men who returned from France on the Transport Kroonland

Honorable discharges were given to 743 men on Tuesday, including members of the 76th Division, the 282nd dero Squadron and part of the aero service squadron which recently ar-rived on the Transport Canopic, negroes in the 48th company, two companies of the development batfallon and others from the Depo

Although thousands are being dis-charged from the camp almost equal numbers, including wounded soldiers from overseas and men transferred from other camps are constantly arriving, which makes the number at camp now about 35,000, nearly as much as were there at any one period of a similar offense.

Another group of violators of the town auto law made their appearance before Judge Atwood on Thursday morning. William McBain was found points. ACADEMIC FREEDOM.

Freedom as a privilege is not fundamental. The duty or obligation to be free is the essential thing. I take it that the community is so related to the college and the college so related to the professor that the community makes a demand upon the college, writes, Alexander Meikeljohn in Atlantic Monthly. It says: "I demand of you that for the sake of my welfare you may see to it that the study of my scholars and the learning of my children be free." And the duty, the obligation of the professor is to the college just as the obligation of the college is to the community. In order to do its service, he must be free; he is a trickster and a fraud if he is not free. When he speaks of freedom he is not playing with his own perquisites and possessions; he is facing his master and the commands of his duty are upon him.

President Wilson says our ideals of justice, humanity and liberty shall in the end prevail. The moral forces were never so strong in the world as they are today, and the old ideal of brute force can nevermore rule the world. The truth emphasizes the president's declaration. It is morally impossible that Germany should win this war.

The war has taught men who had egun to think of themselves as "getting on" that they need not be sidetracked. It is up to them. Men who have made good are being called to positions of influence and importance and years have nothing to do with their service or their value to the country in the places to which they have been assigned. Charles M. Schwab, who is to superintend the building of United States shipping, is fifty-six; General Mande, whose dying injunction to his men was to "carry on," not lose the goal they had won, was fifty-five. Sir Douglas Haig is fifty-seven. Each has passed more than two-thirds of the scriptural allotment of life. The same is true of thousands of others who in various capacities, in army, navy, business or civil life, are demonstrating that though this is the young man's age, the middle-aged and even the elderly, are not on the shelf as has-beens.

In proposing exchange of prisoners with the Russians, Germany wants the able-bodied and offers Russia the useless ones. In proposing rates of pay for prisoners Germany wants the United States to pay German prisoners equal rates with American soldiers, while American prisoners are to receive the smaller pay of German soldiers, says the Baltimore American. The Teuton seems incapable of the least idea of fair play, and never offers a bargain in which he does not seek to overreach his neighbor.

One observer says the great battle killing men. A bloody and terrible require and receive this great organpeace which will prevent for all time succor to be performed, in many such an attempt by tyrannical and sinister forces to reduce the best part of the civilized world to the slavery which it was thought had forever been abolished.

ting, making surgical dressings and country entered the war. contribution toward winning the war. ESTABLISH MODEL Wherever the need is, there is a noble American woman!

Get the size of the job in your head: To lick the Germans we must get into action about two men to their one and bet, for it has been found that farm about \$6 to their one. It requires work is one of the very best means that much more weight and money to of hastening the recovery of those

medical publication. That's not strange. After a man grows up, marries and lives to be a hundred, the chances are are entirely worn out.

the world to like Germans after the war or to deal with those it does not

The Baden chamber of commerce now wants to make a deal that there are to be no hostile air raids outside the zone of nellitary operations, thus showing once more that it makes a whole lot of difference whose ox is

England will include men up to It may be a young men's war, but it is knocking the props from under that old Osler theory.

\$5.25. But what will a boot for an ordinary man sell for? Yes, Why Is It? Said the facetious feller, "Why is it

when a man goes to a butcher shop and learns that the price of a chuck roast is 55 cents a pound he involuntarily allows his mind to revert to thoughts of the flesh and the devil?"-Indianapolis Star.

Unfortunate Fact. There is one guess that is pretty ac curate. Men who make speeches like to make them.—St. Louis Globe-Dem-

RED CROSS SERVICE FLAG MOST POPULAR

Of the many insignia of devotion, patriotism and support that have been prepared during the past year and displayed conspicuously in the homes, the stores and the offices, probably none has had a wider circulation or has been more carefully guarded than the Red Cross service flag. It was a full twelve month ago. during the membership drive of 1918, that these service flags were given out as indicating Red Cross membership in that particular home. This week the old service flags are being taken down and replaced ones in the windows, indicating that Red Cross membership is being con tinued-we trust unanimously-in that home.

Those who have travelled extensively during the past year say that practically every thoroughfare highway throughout the length and breadth of the country is an un broken lane of Red Cross service flags. They are to be seen in the windows of the rich on Fifth avenue; they are to be seen in the humble log cabins of the Southern negro.

The Red Cross is a wonderful organization. It is becoming more wonderful all the time. And the most wonderful thing of all about it-in the eyes and minds of our Allies abroad—is its tremendous membership. That 22,000,000 persons should have been members last year in any organization in this country, seemed incredible to English, to French, Italians, etc. What will our Allies say this year when they find the total membership instead of being 22,000. 000 is 40,000,000, 50,000,000 or possibly 60,000,000? They will know that the American people, to every last man, is behind the Red Cross in its

RED CROSS HELP IS EVER FOR ALLIES

In the coming Christmas Roll Call, when it is expected that every chapter in the New England Division will approximate universal membership. there are pretty sure to be a number of inquiries from present and prospective members as to the immediate intentions of the Red Cross in the matter of furnishing relief in Germany and Austria. It can be authoritatively stated that the Red Cross is not going into Germany and Austria excepting to care for our own troops there, if for no other reason than be cause the United States government has ruled that the American Red Cross cannot, at this time, extend relief to the residents of those countries.

To most people this announcement is hardly necessary, especially when it is borne in mind the tremendous amount of work already planned for the Red Cross. There are our own soldiers, first and foremost, both in has settled down to a grim race in this country and overseas, who will price is being paid for peace, but it ization's first thought and care. Then must from this very fact become a there is an almost limitless work of different ways, for our Allies, for their seldiers, and for their return-

ing prisoners, and for the refugees. The American Red Cross will, of course-for that is the wish of the American people-follow and Stripes. But it will follow that Some day, when peace is at hand, flag only to continue its work of allet us have a monument to the women leviating suffering and of making of America who are giving so much of comfortable those who have been service and self-sacrifice through knit- fighting for the causes for which this

FARMS IN FRANCE

A model farm has been established by the American Red Cross at Courovercome their superior efficiency, men suffering from shell shock. One practice and preparedness. in the department of Indre-et-Loire "Not one centenarian in a thousand that is planned and is to be managed can hear easily," says a writer in a after the methods pursued in our own Since these farms will be worked almost entirely by the convalescent soldlers and those made unfit for ac he has listened so much that his ears tive service, the expense of maintename will be very little.

But the saving of human life will Captain Persius, German naval ex- be enormous. And every farmer in pert, is beginning to see the truth when this country who enrolls in the he explains to his countrymen that no Christmas Red Cross Roll Call will amount of victory can force the rest of be helping indirectly to carry on this reconstruction work among the muthated soldiers in France

UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP.

The purpose of the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, expressed in the fewest possible words, is to see that every man and woman in every city and community throughout United States, and wherever Americans may be has the opportunity to join the Red Cross or to renew his or her membership. Nothing short fifty-five years old in her new draft. of universal membership is the goal A 1919 Red Cross membership button Is to be given each person enroll-Red Cross Service ing, as row for each member enciled. Every home of the To quote London, a good man's war-" ' every business office time boot as now standardized sells for should Haplay a Service before Christmas, " will take place. .

> Easy to Recognize. Helen, four years old, went to the movies and was much interested in the war pictures. When the statue of Liberty was projected on the screen, she Cheaper than Lard and gives better exclaimed: "I can allus tell the Goddess of Liberty, 'cause she has an ice cream cone in her hand."

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Pure Spices, 1/4 lb. packages
Mince Meat, Grandmother's or Nonesuch, 2 packages
Poultry Seasoning, Bell's, small package
Boiled Cider, medium bottle
Citron, per pound
Orange and Lemon Peel, per pound
Nuts, best mixed, all new, per pound.
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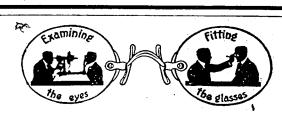
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Nows Itens.

On account of the prevailing epiof chicken-pox the sewing chool sessions will be omitted until further notice.

During the illness of Miss Ellen Denahy, who has been ever faithful in the home of the Misses Warren. en her place. A free concert and dance in appre

ciation of James Woolley's, interest in the town, through the band, will be given early in January. Mrs. Annie Gage, of Wilton, N. H., is in Groton for the winter. She

nakes her home with her sister, Mrs.

Mrs. Leila Nutting, who is in Virginia, visiting relatives, writes she is well and having a pleasant time.

Mrs! Irene Lakin, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Har-rington, has returned to Webster

Clinton.

Mrs. Nesbit Woods is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Sloan, of

Rev. Sumner Bangs will have for his subject on Sunday morning at the Baptist church, "The real spirit of Christmas." The subject at the evening service will be "Self service, substance, at Christmas."

in West Groton.

will be sung around the community Christmas tree, near the bandstand. It is hoped that there will be a large gathering of listeners as well as sing-ers. Everyone is cordially invited to take part. Two trumpheters have been asked to give their services. These carols will be sung at any home if the resident will give their name to Mrs. Frank Torrey.

Jerry Harrington, formerly of Groton, is telegraph operator in the sta-tion at North Weare, N. H. He has accepted this position for the winter. Miss Alice Woods, who has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woods, has returned to Boston

All the schools were closed Tuesday until after Christmas on account of the epidemic. There were twenty-three absent from the Butler school on Tuesday, most of this number being pupils from West Groton.

lace Brown recently attended a meet-ing of the Alpha Past Noble Grands ssociation in Fitchburg.

at 3.30 in Odd Fellows' hall.

Announcement is made of the mar riage on Thursday, December 12, of Miss Hertha Morton Fletcher, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fletcher, Salem street, Andover, to John Howe Field, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Howe Field, of Buffalo, N. Y. and Hewlett, Long Island, N. Y. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride by Rev. Pemberton H. Cressey. Mr. Fleld and his bride will make their home in Maybeury. W. Va., where Mr. Field is associated with a large coal company.

Pleasant Gathering.

One of the most enjoyable parties ever given by the Neighborhood club was held on the evening of December 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred
May. There were sixty-eight present,
including grown-ups, young people,
children and baldes. Several officers,
with their wives, boarding in the
neighborhood, together with other
guests, added much to fib pleasure of
the evening. This date was chosen
because it was the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred
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Mythate class the mythate was present.

ding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tuttle; also, the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Horatio Palmer.

In a humorous, poetical speech the master-of-ceremonies, Mr. May, extended the congratulations of the club till to Mrs. Tuttle and Mrs. Palmer. A gift of sliver was presented to the former, and Mrs. Palmer was the recipient of a birthday calle and flowers. A play, "The paper match," was capitally rendered amid much applause. The parts were exceedingly well taken by David and Licut Livingston.

After refreshments were served.

Austria finis, rumors of Germany's The neatmenting of the ciub will be held on Monday afternoon at the speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs.

With the grandmother, Mrs. Hearty B. Hathaway, and attends the high school at the ciub will the most match afternoon meeting of the ciub will the afternoon meeting of the ciub will the afternoon at the held on Monday aft

rey, president of the club, presided and presented the speakers in her

The first speaker was Mrs. Fer er.
Gurney, president of the State Velocity tion. Her subsect was Arier, 12 tion. I Miss choice a pressed for highest the conformal the subject to the component of the subject of the consistency of units. hand each and persons aftern all people of our country of the getter together at all runs or largeds. It services by must be see derstand on deas. They must be shown a feeling of sammen interest shown a fee, if a distribution of the marks and a willingmess of diese of to have them co-operate at each at a politics, business and pleasure. The meent (liberty loans and war liberty to said to have done more to bring the people together in a feeling of Growship than a sething of the said to have the said to have done more to bring the people together in a feeling of Growship than

anything else.

Rev. Endicott Peabody spoke most cloquently on "American chizenship" I can hardly believe it. To think in the showed that American chizenship I have been in the service five what democracy is simply synonymous with

country.

An orchestra, composed of Mrs Althat. I've also heard that the Androno Gauthier at the plane, Mrs.

Stephen Sabine and Miss Peabody, victorial Stephen Sabine and Miss Peabody victorial Stephen Sabine and Miss Peabody victorial Stephen Sabine Stephen Sabine and Miss Peabody victorial Stephen Sabine Sabine Stephen Sa linists, and Mrs. Violet Beers, cornetist, accompanied the singing of "The done with in four or five days. Star. Spangled Banner" and "My were betting on this. I really be

The had weather and prevalence of colds doubtless kept some away who had planned to be present



Mrs. Arthur A. Wood has been en-ertaining her mother, Mrs. Berry, of Born March 16, 1830—Died Dec. 5, 1918 Trustee Lawrence Academy 1866-1918

Trustees Adopt Memorial,

Christmas." The subject at the evening service will be "Self service, substance, at Christmas."

The Trustees of Lawrence Academy take the earliest opportunity since the stance, at Christmas."

Mrs. Samuel McKean, of Chicopee row, is ill with a grippe cold. Her daughter, Mac McKean, of Providence, R. I., has returned home to care for her.

Miss Kathleen McGowan, nurse at Dr. Klibourn's hospital, has enjoyed a two-weoks' vacation with her people

Mrs. Samuel McKean, of Providence, to place this memorial of him fit of Mr. Piper's health, he having the bene received in town of take the earliest opportunity since the the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Fred mented President, Dr. Samuel Abbott Green, to place this memorial of him fit of Mr. Piper's health, he having the of praise and appreciation have already done justice to his character pleasantly situated not far from the opposite the poor. He will be widely missed the poor that will gain rapidly in the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Turner of the bene-received in town of take the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Fred mented President, Dr. Samuel Abbott Green, to place this memorial of him fit of Mr. Piper's health, he having the poor her received in town of take the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Fred mented President, Dr. Samuel Abbott Green, to place this memorial of him fit of Mr. Piper's health, he having the stood the journey well. They are already done justice to his character pleasantly situated not far from the utes of praise and appreciation have already done justice to his character pleasantly situated not far from the utes of praise and appreciation have already done justice to his character pleasantly situated not far from the utes of praise and appreciation have already done justice to his character pleasantly situated not far from the utes of praise and appreciation have already done justice to his character pleasantly situated not far from the utes of praise and appreciation have already done justice to his character pleasantly situated not far from th vacation with her people the poor. He will be widely missed oton.

and long and happily remembered sunny south.

as a living embodiment of good will Mr. and M. Immediately following church Christians exercises, the Christians carols will be sung around the community w with which he was so long and in-timately connected. A pupil and graduate of it, nephew of the earlier benefactor who gave it his name, son and successor of an honored member and President of this Board, whose service with his own covers an un-broken period of eighty-eight years, in dying he has given the final proof of his fidelity to the ancient institu-tion whose welfare we have in charge, and of his confidence in its future, by bestowing upon it the largest of his benefactions. We hereby record our grateful appreciation of this munificent act and the life-long and un-swerving loyalty to the Academy which inspired it. We cannot take leave of him without expressing the personal affection which we had for him and our sense of personal bereavement in the loss of his companionship and counsel. It belongs to us to take up the filial trust which he Mrs. Odber Folkins and Mrs. Walhas cast upon us, to renew in his spirit our own fidelity to the interests which Everyone is invited to be present at the weekly chorus. Rehearsal of Christmas carols on Sunday afternoon for his abiding monument, a worthy were from boyhood so near to his memorial of its most generous and

After the adoption of the above the trustees unanimously elected Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury president of the

a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1876-77-78, senate in 1884-5-6, president of the sen-ate in 1885-6, attorney-general 1891-94, lecturer at Boston University Law School on constitutional law, member of Algonquin, Art and University clubs and has delivered many notable orations and addresses. He has been a member of the board of trustees since 1899, always manifesting great interest in the school and alding ma-

The following extracts are taken

by year. It helps everything along the shoots closed until the Monday good finish.

The public lies the time you get this learn the learn is again closed and, all public time the of the year with probe getting postponed.

There were only two boys present.

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When I think that November is be months. Yet it seems much no

than that.
Of all the news I have heard in the "the brotherhood of man." President Wilson's slogan, "We must make the world safe for democracy" must be upheld by all parties and beliefs in the upwelled to it. I we have unconditionally all parties and beliefs in the upwelled to it. Turkey and Austria, have unconditionally surrouted. I believe most Star Spangled Banner" and "My were betting on this. I really country 'tis of thee." Mrs. Beers gave the Americans will cinch matrix a very fine cornet solo with encore.

going fine and it looks better for a quick finish now than any time since landing at Brest. Am feeling fine, enjoying ourselves all the time.

TOWNSEND

Milo Porter, of Brookline, N. H. who is employed by the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co., at the mill, is boarding with George Kendall for the winter.

Miss Charlotte Struthers, a student t Mt. Holyoke, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers.

Lester and Harold Swicker have re ceived their discharge papers from the students army training course and are spending the Christmas season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Swicker, after which they expect to return to the school work at the University of Maine. ersity of Maine.

The Christmas meeting of the Coun try club, which was to have been held this week Wednesday, was postponed until new year's day.

Attention is again called for the rgent need of a larger attendance at the weekly meetings of the Red Cross branch. There is clothing to be made for the suffering refugees and hospital At a fully attended meeting of the trustees of Lawrence Academy held at Boston on Saturday, December 14, the following memorial was adopted:

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Word has been received in town of take the earliest opportunity since the title safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Ered.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Piper have

Word has been received that Private Valcourt has arrived from overseas and is at Camp Merritt, N. J.

Owing to the influenza epidemic in own the Red Cross Christmas roll call is progressing slowly, but as Towns-end has not known any such word as "slacker" in the other patriotic ap-peals, it is expected that she will continue to act the part of the good samaritan in aiding the Red Cross in relieving the suffering of the enormous number of destitute people in the de-vastated war region. The chairman of the roll call campaign will give a report of the success of the canvass later.

Unless further notice is given the services at the churches will be held as usual this coming Sunday. At the Congregational Church Rev. A. L. Struthers' morning sermon topic is "Making peace," At the Methodist church Rev. John O. Long will occupy At the Methodist the pulpit in the morning, taking for his sermon theme "The message of the Christmas tide." A union service is to be held in the evening at the Congre gational church, when Rev. Victor H Wachs, of Korea, will give a talk or "Korean religious festivals." If the church bells ring the public will know that services are to be held morning and eveinng.

Rev. and Mrs. Victor H. Wachs and their three children, El Rito The meeting then adjourned.

Mr. Pillsbury graduated from the Blaine, Miller Allen and Marie Evanacademy in 1867. He is one of the geline, are spending the Christmas leaders of the Massachusetts bar, was season with Mr. and Mrs. George Upham at Elm Lane farm.

Monday Club Meeting.

The Monday club met Monday af-ternoon with Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren and the following delightful entertaingram, especial mention being made of the selection. "The laddies who fought and won." The usual social hour with guest in town since his brother's lilthe serving of refreshments by the ness. hostess closed the afternoon meeting.

and neut Livingston.

After refreshments were served shown, dancing and games were entitled the tires I mentioned in my last letter since showing fluid and so were entitled to make the delivery of the mail services and the host and hosters for their genilable populary.

G. W. C.

The Weman's o'ld again welcomed the service of the second presented the systems that the present in the present time, as new cases are discussed upon another in the present time, as new cases are declared a butter since showing fluid large Synce by all the sets back the delivery of the mail services and the present time, as new cases are declared to the time I may be a presented to the sets the three I mentioned in my last letter to mention to member of the evening class fifty cents in thrift saccial above to me of the members association for the best bird house story and experience, and Beth Hay.

Story and experience, and Beth Hay were distant the prize of twenty-five cents in thrift story and there is so many of the children are sick at this Christinas which was made and the prize of twenty-five cents in thrift story and the members and my many different family.

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the Congregational Sunday school Sunday, John Mosher and Howey, the like record of attend-the history of the Sunday

has not been known, unless it the time of a winter blizzard. C. Alfred Parker family on

Joseph McKean will take for on Sunday morning at the church "The present signifi-the Prince of Peace," and the service of the Y. P. S. C. E.

in charge of the prayer meeting s expected to hold the communi-Bristmas tree at Seminary hall on We'nesday evenink of next week, un-sufficient number of influenza should develop to cause its being the cases reported in this village have

covered and but two or three new Mis George Roebuck has received a etter from her brother, John H. Willsomewhere in France, stating but he has again been promoted after cuthful work along special lines from orporal to 2nd lieutenant. He enlisted in the signal corps at the com-

It is quite possible that he may remain Miss Grace Thompson, of Attleboro

who has been quite ill with influenza, is spending her vacation at her home

The C. S. Homer Christmas tree for the C. S. Homer instance the the children of the public schools will be held at the reading-room on Tuesday afternoon, the public of the primary department being entertained from 1:30 to 2 o'clock; the intermediate ate grades from 2.15 to 2.45, and the grammar school from 2 to 3.30. Each child will receive a gift and some candy from the tree and ice cream and cake will be served.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' club, which was to have been held on Thursday afternoon, was postponed until after Christmas, when Mrs. F. H. Ormsby will entertain.

Roy Brown, Jr., is reported as suffering from an attack of influenza. Mrs. Clara Kirby, from Boston, is a guest of Mrs. E. J. Lees at her home

Mrs. Albert H. Wilson is spending a few days with relatives in Lowell. Mrs. William W. Webster is caring for a patient who is ill with influenza t Townsend Harbor.

Mrs. William C. Winchester, of the

Squannicook Inn, has been called to Newton by the illness of relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin an son Roger left the first of the week for Atlantic, where they will spend the winter, closing their home here for the

Mrs. Mary Tucker and Miss Faith Tucker, from Leominster, former residents, were in town last Saturday.

The public schools closed on Tues the Christmas, vacation, commencing the winter term on December 30. The teachers have returned to their homes, Miss Amy Hardy to Shelbourne, Miss Millykana to Fitchburg, and Miss Lewis to Berlin.

Stanley Hardy, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hardy, of Ashby, who is ill with rheumatic fever, is being cared for at the home of his gran-mother, Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway. Mr. and Mrs. David Ludwig, from the west have leased the home of Mrs. Mary Blood on the main road to the Center, and will make their home in this town for the present.

Mrs. Mary Forsythe, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. Mae is present employed in Ashby.

Mrs. Petts and Mrs. Donley, who lays with severe colds, are reported s much improved.

The public schools closed this Friday afternoon with Christmas exercises for program had to be omitted. Grange orchestra played several popular camp selections. Rogene Priest gave the work of John McCormack in the Christmas vacation of one week. Thomas Smith and his daughters aid of the war. Mrs. George Bur-roughs and Miss Mabel Wetherbee Misses Mary and Eva Smith, are among the victims of the influenza this Curci and Madame Shumann-Heink, telling how their wonderful voices had

Mrs. Mabel Wilson took charge at the library reading-room on Saturday afternon owing to the illness of Miss Seaver and the absence of Mrs. Alexander Reed, the custodian and assistant, and the reading-room closed for an indefinite period owing to the closing of the library at the Center on account of influenza.

Mrs. Bell and son James from Boston spent the week-end at their cottage

Miss Bradley from Fitchburg spent the week-end as a guest of Miss Gladys Rawson at the home of her mother,

Mrs. Herman L. Stickney. The many friends of Kenneth Reed of Boston, younger son of Mr. and and the following delightful entertainment program, given by G. Paul Smith, impersonator, from New York, was enjoyed: "Samuel Tucker's second wooing," "Brother Anderson," "Incident in the French camp," acts 1 and 2 from Joseph Jefferson's version of "Pip Van Winkle." Musical selections from the Victrola were rendered throughout the afternoon program of Mrs. Reed have been stopping with their daughter. Mrs. Fred Dwindered throughout the afternoon pro- with their daughter, Mrs. Fred Dwin-

> Miss Gladys Newell, who boards with her grandmother, Mrs. Henry B. Both he and his brother John have been overseas since early spring. The youngest boy, George, is in the navy.

ing for them, while Mr. Reynolds' mother from Mason, N. H., is also with them.

Mrs. George Upton has been quite at her home last week suffering

Mrs. Lucy Lawrence is spending a 3 w we see in Ashby, caring for Chester thurg road all the members in the exception of the old-cold his father. The mother, for, who has suffered a respected as being seriously iii the exception of the old-cold his father. The mother, for, who has suffered a respected as being seriously iii Edward Helleur, from New Hamp-like Mrs. Foley has left her home in the five org. Edward Helleur, from New Hamp-

hire, a former resident here, has been ulling upon friends in town the first ing camp in Toronto, of the week. Mr. Helleur will be officially discharged. pleasantly remembered as one of the

John Otis Chase, from Meredith, N. H. a recent employee of Damon & the Massachusetts hospitals and camps Richardson is boarding at the home of where the returning wounded soldiers Mrs. Mary Robbins, as are also Ashbel Streeter, and Clarence Streeter, who have been boarding at the home of their brother. George Streeter. their brother, George Streeter.

Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence is at the enter assisting at the home of Mrs. Abbie Bruce. Word has been received, that Ian

Rusk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Rusk, who is at the Harvard Radio school in Cambridge, is ill at a Boston hospital with the mumps,

BOXBOROUGH

The last meeting of the Grange was

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Ducks and Geese

hoped for, and several numbers on the

read interesting articles about Galli

ontest in connection with the songs in

the Grange song book was won by Mrs. George Burroughs and Miss Priscilla

Hager. The last number on the program was given by C. B. Robbins and C. T. Wetherbee, who appeared unex-

pectedly with hot coffee and dough-nuts. Although it was not a musical

number it seemed to be the favorite of

Miss E. May Hastings, of Reading was the week-end guest of Mrs. Anna

Private Wilbur Steele spent one

night at his home last week. He was

on his way from Fort Screvens, Ga.

to Camp Devens, where he went to

A lot of new books, mostly fiction

Sergt. Paul Hillery, of Camp Deven vas a week-end guest of Miss Heler

The Frank Davis family, of West

Acton, has moved into Wallace Cun-ningham's house. Mr. Davis, who has

een foreman on the Bailey farm, will

The name of Charles Wilson was on the casualty list this week as serious-ly wounded. He spent several sum-mers here at Bide-a-Wee pottage

Mrs. S. N. Wetherbee is still quite sick and confined to the bed, though somewhat improved.

LITTLETON

surprise party. Both young ladies made many friends in town who them happiness and success in

e date of the next Back-Log

dance has been changed to sday evening, December 26. An estra from base hospital, Camp

Harry Stevens of Hyde Park is at

Fred Cook is at home from train-

ng camp in Toronto, although not ye

The American Library association

has sent an urgent appeal to the public

library for new fiction to be placed in

the library war service and it will be delivered at once to the association.

All bills against the town should be

presented by December 30, as the town

books will be closed at the end of the year. Reports also should be submit-

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Have been working hard

The description of training at Camp Vall, N.Y.

Getting near pay day.

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BY MAJ, GEN. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS. Commander Department of Northeast U. S. A.

The Red Cross has a great work ahead of it, a very great work, a no-ble work. We don't yet realize how great this work is to be, right here in New England. But we shall know. better in a few weeks, when our wounded boys are here, and better

ione in France has been great and When we arrived there we useful. were in terrible need of tents and blankets. When we had done our usedess red tape, and found us the before he enlisted. tents and the blankets, and saw to it sand miles away from home, and cold and wet. The Red Cross will be busy in France and Belgium for a long time yet, with the people in the devastated our boys here and for their families, right in our midst.

Every day I get scores of letters from the relatives of our boys. Some of them are most pathetic—they take a hold on my heart. They come from the mothers of our boys, mothers who do not know where their boys are and who are sick with worry, mothers who know that their boys have been wounded but wish to learn more about them, to ease their terrible anxiety, mothers who wish to know when their dead boys will be sent

Letters come from widows whose only sons are in the army in France and who are dependent on these sons. There mothers are sometimes in great need of financial aid, and they are afraid that their government allotments will not arrive in time. They need money for food and for rent. Here is a letter from a widow whose son has been wounded and is now in the hospital in another state. He cannot yet be discharged, but he is her only support, and she writes to tell me her needs because unless help comes she is going to suffer.

Last year these mothers were sending boxes at Thanksgiving time to their boys. This year many of them are waiting, while they weep, for the terrible box that will bring the body of the dear son home to them. These mothers are the rightful care of the Red Cross, and what a work it can do for them.

On our boat coming home were 186 crippled men, coming back to make their way again. Another boat started the same day with as many more. Some of those boys have only one arm, some have only one leg, some not see their mother's face because they are blind. What is going to become of those boys who have given all that they could? Many of them cannot hold their old places of they are looked after until they are settled again. And they must not come back to homes that have been uprooted while they were away. The Red Cross can make them most keps.

"His last public utterance in Seat-

30,000 sweaters, 30,000 toothbrushes, 50,000 pairs of socks, 32,000 pounds of soap, 300,000 boxes of matches, 800 baseball outfits, 500 mouth organs, 144,000 packages of chewing gum, 5,000,000 cigarettes. For handling 5,000,000 cigarettes. For handling Miss Carrie Pelote, both of whom reside in Shirley. According to the story seven warehouses in England and six told by Mazurek, the party was rein Ireland. If necessary, 6,000 shipwrecked Americans could be outfitted Main street. Aver, at a point just in the from head to foot at one time from rear of the cathelic church when the these emergency depots. Advance arrangements have also been made for billeting, housing and feeding any number of men-who might unexpect? edly be landed at ports where there are no British military camps.

Goldfish Dýed to Order. Artificial coloring of goldfish by keeping them in water containing certain chemicals is extensively carried on in

Tempting. If an apple dumpling doesn't want to be eaten, why does it smear itself About Town. all over with that delicious sauce and

SHIRLEY

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Lieut, Allen Ralph Thompson of Fitchburg and Miss Virginia Allee MacEiroy of Shirley. The peremony Boston on Tuesday from France Control of Contr of the bride,

Miss Ruth Knowles, styrient at Northfield seminary, arrived home this Friday and will return to the school

The Congregational church Sunday

Mrs. Ida M. Warren, of Manchester V. H., a former well-known resident of Shirley, has left for Georgia, to be in assistant in a large hotel,

Henry Sawtelle, a G. A. R. veteran, is critically ill with bronchitis. wounded boys are here, and better wounded boys are here, and better wounded boys are here, and better wounded have heard their stories.

The work that the Red Cross has regard and works before entering the war. Word has been received that Corp Works before entering the war.

Priv. Walter Wheeler with the A. E. F. in France, son of Frank Wheeler blankets. When we had done our has been badly gassed, causing him to best there was still need. Then the lose is speech for a time. He was em-Red Cross stepped in, without any ployed by the Samson Cordage Works

At the meeting of Mary A. Liver that our New England boys were kept more Rebekah lodge last week Friday night the following officers were nominated to a boy when he is three thou grand; Beulah E. Brill, vice grand; Altie F. Howe, sec.; Morton E. Law rence, treas. Election will be Decemi ber 27 and installation January 26.

Trueman Nickerson went to Atho regions and with our own boys. But last Saturday and during his stay there the work that I can't help thinking of his wife's mother, Mrs. Moore, died most, the work dearest to me, is that from the effects of a shock, passing which will be absolutely necessary for away. Sunday morning about nine. our boys here and for their families, Mrs. Moore was eighty and was a frequent visitor in Shirley before the death of her daughter, Mrs. Nickerson.

The war department has notified the Gagnon family that Alfred Gagnon was killed in action October 5

not correct. Miss Martha Ellison, teacher at the grammar school, is confined at home with a severe cold.

Ernest J. Townsend of the head quarters detachment, U. S. A., arrived home from France last week Friday and was discharged from Camp Deven last Monday. He will resume his form er position at the Worcester North Savings Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Townsenand Mrs. Sidney S. Horton, of Lancaster road.

Thomas C. Burrill is substituting a

Word has been received announcing the death of Capt. Arthur W. Gough, who was well known in Shirley, having resided here with his wife for a period of ten months before going overseas. The following tribute to his memory was taken from the monthly bulletin of the Methodist church at Seattle, the home of Capt. Gough: "Capt., Arthur W. Gough, 317th

field signal battalion, whose death from pneumonia occurred in France September 29, was one of the best beloved and most consecrated and useful members of this church. When he left us fifteen months ago, we felt keenly his loss, even for so short a time, as we then supposed. His permanent loss from our earthly ranks seems irre-parable though we can trust him who calls His workers home, but lets his in Springueld with her daughter, Mrs. work go on. As a bible teacher in the Sunday school Brother Gough had few peers. He was formerly the president of our C. E. society, financial secretary of our board of stewards and for years assisted the pastor at the communion table. But to mention his official prominence among us is to say work. Where will they find new acter reflected christian holiness in cnes? No nobler work can be done the pew, in the home and in society, than for the Red Cross to see to it. The one longing of his heart, which that they are made comfortable, that was frequently gratified in his faithful

accident happened. In some miracular manner neither Miss Pelote nor last Satur-Mazurek were thrown from their seats ficers as: and they were not injured in any way, ett, pres. M. The machine was a Ford touring car W. H. H. and was badly damaged.

After the body of Galach was viewed by Medical Examiner Bulkeley it was Lane. Mrs.

Shirley.

The victim of the accident had been place. resident of Shirley for the last ten Works. He was married and is survived by a wife and two children in

the wir er with her son Francis.

Mrs. Eli Momson and daughter Marhome of Mrs. Lavonne J. Edgarton

Dana B. Somes, son of Mrs. D. L. church. MacEiroy of Shirley. The ceremony Boston on Tuesday from France, will take place January 1 at the home where he has been doing Y. M. C. A.

Alliance Meeting.

school will hold Christmes trees exercises in the church vestry next Tues-Mrs. Bessie Buxton. Mrs. Georgia H day evening at seven o'clock. Parents and friends are cordially invited.

Mrs. Ida M. Warren, of Manchester,

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Mrs. Ida M. Warren, of Manchester, phospital at heart, voted its usual amount contribution to that most worthy institution. In the enforced absence in Boston of Mrs. Minnie L. Allen, who had the entertainment in charge the state of the illness of both teachers. afternoon was given over to social enjoyment. Light refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her youngest daughter. Mrs. Sidney Horton served as organist.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, at the home of Mrs. Arthur G. Dunn. Members will take notice of change in the day of the week for this meeting only.

At the annual election of officers in the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange, Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings was elected master. Miss Eleanor Longley is the latest

homestead. Miss Christine G. Longley, who teaches at Thompson's Island, has also been ill with the same disease Lieut, Forrest B. Wing, a grandson of Albert Adams, who has been in camp in the south, has received his discharge and has returned to his home in Brookline. Lieut. Wing, who is a graduate of Harvard college, is

J. Edward Adams, who has been Mr. and Mrs. William Hills expect to go to Fitchburg this week to spend e out again.

Miss Carrie G. Bradford is substituring at the village grammar school during the illness of Miss Martha Ellison, who has been having the influenza.

Mrs. Amos Farrar, at the North, is onfined to her home with illness: The knitting circle met on Monday vening at the home of Mrs. G. L.

Ralph N. Graves spent the week nd in Boston with friends.

Miss Elsie Graves, of Boxhoro spereveral days last week at the home of ir. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

No service was held at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon, due to the early closing of Groton School on account of the influenza. The servthe Christmas vacation at the school. Friends in town have heard from Miss Elsie Kirby, a former resident, who is now living in Pasadena, Cal. Mrs. Ruth A. Graves, who has been staying with relatives in Lunenburg spending a few days at the home of

and Mrs. N. R. Graves. Horace C. Harris attended the State Grange session in Springfield last week. Lester G. Holden substituted n the local R. F. D. route during his. absence.

The Center primary and grammar schools closed this week for a Christmas vacation of one week.

llarence Clark, and attending the session of the State Grange. Mrs. Abbie Longley, Miss Edith Longley and Kenneth Lnogley are confin d to their home with the influenza, but are reported to be getting alon= well.

A new drama by Percy Mackage has apprared recently, entitled ng' in, the man who made us famous."

Grange Meeting.

they are looked after until they are settled again. And they must not come back to homes that have been uprooted while they were away. The Red Cross can make them most happy by having their homes safe for them, and their mothers and sisters well.

endeavors, was to win souls to Christ.

He used but one weapon, "the sword of God" and the spirit which is the word of God" and he wielded it with power.

"His last public utterance in Seattle was an appeal to boys and girls in the mission Sunday school of which he was the superintendent, to give their lives to Christ.

"User the decision that he enter the "Barbara's secret," Irene Rines; song, "Wheeler a d children, Mrs. Silas Weheeler a d children, Mrs. Silas Wheeler a d children where the most happy by having their homes safe for the used but one weapon, "the sword of God" and the wind public utterance in Seat-the was thrown open to the public when the public which is the word of God and the wind public where the children as follows: Seath was thrown open to the public when the public which is the word of the spirit which is the word of the spirit which is the word of God and the wind public which is the word of the spirit was th After a short business session the by by having their homes safe for them, and their mothers and sisters well.

One of the best thirps about the Red Cross is that it has no red tage, it goes straight to the heart of things at once, and wastes no time. It help is sure and quick, and that means everything. I hope that the Red Cross can see to it that no man shall be found, a year from now, with an empty sleeve or on crutches, who is wandering the streets looking for work. We don't yet know what it all means, but we are not to find out pretty soon when the boys are here again.

The Red Cross has a great and a very noble task ahead.

RED CROSS SUPPLIES

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The varied character of the supplies which the American Red Cross provides for American soldiers and sait ors it shown in the following list or sit shown in the following list or

to our fighting men in Great Britain; 30,000 sweaters, 30,000 toothbrushes, on the left side of the rear seat of the membranes of their marriage. The struck and thrown of the fighting men in Great Britain; and the electric car. Galach was sitting the electric car. Galach was sitting the rear seat of the membranes of their marriage. The more struck and thrown of the fighting men in Great Britain; and the left side of the rear seat of the remembranes of their marriage. The more struck and thrown of the fighting men in Great Britain; and the left side of the rear seat of the remembranes of their marriage. responded with a few las vo-

LUNENBURG

News Items. Hattie 's one tent, D. of V., held a meetira last Satar the lower town hall on evening and elected of-Miss Nellie M, Jew-Atthur W. Adams; Mrs. in vice pres; Mrs. I est chap; Mrs. Flora tat. inst.; Mrs. C. C. Philip G taken to the rooms of Undertaker T. A. Archibald, members of council, Page of Ayer and later to the home in It was not decided at this meeting when the installation would take

Rev. O L Munson, pastor of the years and was employed in the braidMethodist church, is quite severely iii, Room
ing room of the Samson Cordage with an attack of the real old-fashJanuar loned grippe. Although the grip on him had relaxed a little he was unable to occupy his pulpit last Sunday About Town.

and will probably be a shut-in for several days yet to come. It was expected that Rev. William W. McIn-To get results by advertising in our less papers. The circulation of the ten sit there smills' up at you with a papers. The circulation of the ten sit there smills' up at you with a look of paradise upon its cherulet weekly paper, atreals the through the post-sites in Northern. Blatteners in face?—Baltimore Sun.

About Town.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman has been at pected that Rev. William W. McInher home here this week preparing tosh would preach for him and conformed the starts for face?—Baltimore Sun.

Bear this in mind when you are in the sonage it was deemed unwise for him

to preach until the grippe had taken mrs, Ell Hollschijen described and its departure, so he was advised not on Saturday last and are living at the to go out last Sunday and there was no preaching service at the M. E.

The membership canvais in the France, Red Cross drive is in full swing this week and committee is having very good success. On Tuesday morning A pleasant meeting of the Alliance was held December 12 at the home of Mrs. Bessie Buxton. Mrs. Goods of home of memberships reported was 427, leaving only 388 to make up the quota for the town. A goodly number of memberships reported was 427, leaving only 388 to make up the quota for the town. A goodly number of memberships reported was 427, leaving only 388 to make up the quota for the town. A goodly number of memberships reported was 427, leaving only 388 to make up the quota for the town. been obtained in the schools-rooms, from the primary to the high school, the percentages being as follow

> both churches, on Tuesday evening. December 24. At the Methodist church there will be the usual Christ mas tree and program, followed by lunch, Last year the Congregational church had a gift tree for others less fortunate than themselves and will do the same this year. Tree be provided, gifts placed thereon, and the next day all the gifts will be pre-sented to the poor children of Fitchburg. An elaborate entertainment is being prepared and after that will come a lunch, to be served to everyone in the vestry.

Ralph W. Emerson, of Camp Devens, came home Sunday morning on a furlough of five days, which he spent with friends in town. William A. sufferer from influenza at Longley Warren, in the limited service since last August, has received his discharge and is now at home. George M. Stiles, one of the first men to enlist from Lunenburg, a member of the 471st Aero Squadron, who has been in England for nearly a year, came to New York on the first transport and is expected home this week. So one by one planning to return to Harvard for our boys are coming home. we'll all feel gay when Johnny comes marching home." graduate work for the remainder of

the remainder of the winter. John D. Moulton, an aged resident

of this town, is seriously ill at his home in the north part of the town with kidney trouble. His advanced age renders the case much more criti

Annual Sale and Social,

The Ladies' Sewing circle of the Congregational church held its an-nual fair, sale and social in the church vestry and ladies' parlor on Friday afternoon and evening of last week. 'Although the weather was very unfavorable there was a liberal patronage of the sale during the af-ternoon, which continued away into the evening, until supper was announced. Five long tables well filled with good things to tempt the appeices will probably be omitted during tite and supply the wants of the inner man presented a fine appearance and every seat was taken.

After the supper came the enter tainment, which was much enjoyed by all. It was arranged by Mrs. L. Whiston and consisted of music. both vocal and instrumental—piano duets. Mrs. C. E. Woods and daughter Marguerita; cornet solo, F. E. Lancey; duet, cornet and piano, Miss Blanche Lancey and Mr. Lancey; piano duet, Miss Blanche Lancey and her little brother Carlton, which re-ceived hearty applause; Christmas play, junior girl scouts, and a reading by Mrs. Whiston of a little play por-traying the dream of a philanthropist at the battle of Solferino, Italy, in 1859, followed by a tableau showing the dream realized in the Red Cross. While this was being shown Miss Loraine Hayward sang a beautiful Red song, accompanied by Miss Thelma Drown as pianist,

was followed by an auction ale of parcel post packages, Rev. L. A. Whiston acting as auctioneer, and creating untold fun and merriment by his witty remarks, adding a neat little sum to the treasury.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

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NOTICE.

Meeting of the Sharest National Bank of Ver. Mass., on Monday, 1919, at one o'clock P. M., or of acting upon the

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

home on Saturday from Fredonia, N. Y., to spend her one week's Christmas vacation. She has the position of secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in Chautau-Charles Lawrence and wife, from

New York, who have been recuperat-

ing from the influenza at the Law-

ing from the innuenza at the law rence homestead on Nashua road, returned home on Wednesday. They came about ten days ago, being advised by their physician to get out of the city if possible, away from the sea air. Eugene Donnelly came from the St. John school in Manlius, N. Y., Monday, go, the peace declaration being just in

the 76th Division. Company E, have Meriam, instructors at the Mt. Ida been received by relatives in town, in school, cone to their respective homes which the boys express themselves freely that they "may be on their way home when this letter reaches you. which sounds encouraging.

The program for the entertummen to be given by the Community Service club on the evening of December 27 District Nurse association, is finely completed Besides the out following and many are not only completed Besides the out follow the and many are not only contained. He first the Christmas spirit has beryaded in drive and many are not only contained to the first the first delice entitling them to member soluist, of Boston there is to be a shap in this great organization, but as sketch by Mrs. Marche C. C. Parker and Mrs. Irene Affelder, solos, Miss giving with the thought that it is the first Marker, and readings, Miss the boys still on Freich and Gern self-the program current fail to be other ships. Prescott hall, for the benefit of the canvassers as progressing finely nel the program carn it fail to be obserwise than well worth attending. The 212th Field Signal Battalion orchestra will furnish music and dancing will

follow the entertainment. Guy E. Rouse is at home from Colby college in Waterville, Me, having re-cently been discharged from the S. A. T. C. of that college.

Mrs. Frank McGarry and Miss Janice Allardice, from Clinton, were guests of Mrs. Frank Hamilton at the Homestead over the week-end.

Fred and Carroll Milan, Amos Nalette and Cornelius Driscoll, written after the armistice, and saying they were carried forward under the favorable well and looking forward to coming circumstances of fine weather

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Munson had of- have performed their work con fidial notification on Wednesday that thously and well, but if Pepperel their son, Capt. F. H. Munson, Co. B. meet its quota the people must their son, Capt. F. H. Munson, Co. E. meet its quote the people mas 5th Field Battalion Signal Corps. 3rd them half way and let the Chr Division, regular army, was severely spirit predominate, wounded on November 11. He was The drive conti reported gassed the latter part of Oc- so let no one say it is too late

tober, but was able to return to action. He has been in the regular army about five years and was stationed in com-mand of the radio station at St. Michaels, Alaska, for the government before going to France.

At the meeting of the Special Aid society on Monday in the absence of the president and vice president the business was in charge of the secretary, Mrs. Simmons., Work was done on the aviation kits. By vote of the society the rooms are to be kept open for work each Monday afternoon, since Mrs. Butier expresses her willingness to heat the room free of expense, as first offered. By request of Chester Hamilton, who was asked to have charge of the fund for the returning wounded Pepperell soldiers, a committee of two ladies were appointed to act with him. At the meeting of the Special Aid ed to act with him.

Christmas carols are to be sung here in town Christmas eve by the oung folks, under the auspices of the Community Service club. A re hearsaf in charge of Miss Ruth Walk qua county, and has this week been in attendance at a three-days' convention in Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey left town early Thursday morning for New York and will sail from there on Friday for Europe. They have made plans to be gone some time, as Mr. They have made plans to be gone some time, as Mr. I see by your paper that most of the Bailey, is said to have been in the employ of the government and Mrs. Bailbey succeeded at the last moment in making her plans to accompany him. Their son Clifford is in the navy, last heard from at Nowney Vol. Mr. beight years and when he went a Control of the second of the paper of the second of the paper of the second of the period of the paper of the second of the period taken care of the per for the holidays at home. None of the students who were expecting to go to the camp at the west were obliged to with them has gone to Maine to stay Bailey's father, who has been living cord, with them has gone to Maine to stay a year with his granddaughter, Mrs. Harry

Miss Adole Boynton and Miss Mac m Satur by for the holidays. Other Deppered matter on page

Red Cross Memberships.

ships.

The call from the National Li-

ross for Pepperell was sixty perceof the population, which it is under stood to include men, women in children. In a neighboring town on family of six children agreed to forest the delights of new dolls and skate and asked to have the dollar for eagiven with their mother's for the Red Cross. Some of our towns are already reported "over the top." Large done tions from some public-spirited with vidual made this possible, checks for Letters from the other side have \$25 and \$50 being received to be applied for memberships for those who

could not join.

The work of the canvassers has good walking for the season

The drive continues until M

A letter from France, which was welcomed by all, was received by the parents of Charles H. Parker on Thursday morning. In fact two let-ters came on the same mail, one dated November 19 and the other November He has been in the thickest of a num-ber of the hardest engagements and some thrilling ex periences. They were sent from Lux emburg and he said his regiment, the 5th regt, marines, 2d division, one of hose that saved Paris, had their or ders for marching up the Rhine.

The following communication has been received from Mrs. H. E. Whitney, of Westford:

I see by your paper that most of the eight years ago, when he went to Concord. He left there last September a year ago, and joined the Canadian Kilties; sailed for France in February and was there until August 8, when h was wounded. He is Leon McCor-mack, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mc-Cormack, now of Westminster. En-closed you will find a few lines from n letter of his to his sister, dated Hunts, England, October 10, 1918;

I was sent back to camp today after Red Cross Memberships.

The dame for Red Cross members some difference here than in France, ships is a ported by the captains and I will tell you one thing, and that is is no child's play or old man's ork to go over the top. I found that twhen we started the big drive or

We road four to five hours auto tunnel and then six to sever marchings on a road. I had two hours' sleep, for six days our waist and in the morning We started them I tell you. W ist feeling fine and wanted t for the Huns with the bayonet the captain held us back and said

at we needed a little rest first. And th my hand, and although I wanted pay the Huns back I was shipped tek to England and arrived there on A cust 11.

I have been here ever since and by lake looks of things I don't think they will let me back very soon. I could tell you lots of things, but it would tell you lots of things, but it would

ot go through. It is raining here and as been for about a week. Eggs are lew here and butter is high and only et a little.

SHIRLEY

The Altrurian club met Thursday ifternoon at the home of the presifent, Mrs. Amy C. Wheeler. Several

entertainment with thristmas songs and refreshments

were served by the hostess. Miss Agnes Lynch arrived home or Friday morning from St. Lawrence university for the Christmas holidays The public schools of the town

losed this Friday for one week. Dr. Walter Desmond has arrived ome from the officers' training school it Camp Lee for the Christmas holi-

lay for Cincinnati, Ohio.

The public schools of the town held Christmas exercises Friday. A Christmas tree with the exchange of gifts were the paramount features.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Manning and family of Upper Montelair, N. J., have arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, parents of Mrs. Monting for the Christians kolidars. Miss Ruth Knowles arrived home mas concert, eday from Northfield seminary for The Christi

the Christmas holidays and will reurn to the seminary January A very pretty President Wilson souvenir spoon is being given away absolutely free with each purchase

mounting to a dollar or over at Geo. the jeweler, Ayer, store No. 3, opposite the depot.

AYER

Initarian Church.

Sunday services-10.45, regular offices, morning prayer and sermon; preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister: subject, "The tabernacle of God that is with men." Church school it twelve. At seven o'clock, evening prayer, Christmas mystery play, and sermon: preacher, the minister; subfect, "The quest of the ages —an in-terpretation,"

On Sunday morning the church will ormally open for regular services afer being closed for, a year less one week. In the evening a mystery play interspersed with Christmas cafols and ppropriate lighting effects, will be iven by people of the parish, assisted notable singer.

Program The Quest of the Ages stery play presented by childred adults, assisted by musicians

"Little children, wake and listen"
Chorus
The watchman and the traveler.
"Watchman, tell us of the night"
Chorus
The shepherds.
In the lonely midnight"

The angel.
It came upon the midnight clear

Chorus
The three kings of the Orient are "We three kings of the Orient are"
The first Nowell"
Chorus
The low twelve bell.
Silent night," solo
Mrs. Charles B, Ames. Groton
The holy birth—Joseph, Mary and
the babe.
"Mary credie nong." Mrs. Ames the babe.
"Mary's cradle sons," Mrs. Ames
Blessed is he who cometh,"
Quartet
Finale, "O come, all ye faithful"
Chorus

St. Andrew's Church. The services at St. Andrew's church on Sunday will be as follows: 10.30 morning prayer, and sermon; 7.30

Rev. Angus Dun will evening service preach at both services. On Monday evening, at seven clock, members of the parish, will meet to decorate the church for

The Christmas tree will be on Monday night. Mid-week meeting on Thursday ening at 7.30.

Rev. George K. Carter of Y hut 30, preached an inspiring sermon last Sunday on "Ambassadors for Christ." Mr. Atkinson spoke to the Boy Scouts last Monday.

Federation House Notes.

Saturday afternoon and evening, De mber 21, at 2.30 and 7.30, motion pictures—William Farnum in the grea Fox film, "Les miserables." Sunday evening, at 7.30, a religiou

ervice for soldiers and civilians, with address by the superintendent, and singing by Miss Ruth Mitchell. Tuesday evening, at 7.30, special thristmas eve entertainment, with re-

of Worcester and Lowell. On Christmas day special effort will e made to make the house attractive or the soldiers and their friends who cannot spend the day in their own

Friday evening, December 27, at 2.30. entertainment and social, with sung at the State Grange recently, refreshments, for the soldiers and their Mrs. R. T. Barrow was chosen ch

Red Cross Roll Call,

A most interesting meeting was held at the soldiers club on Thursday morning in the interest of the Red ross Christmas roll call. Richard orning of Bangor told of the success Richard of many of the towns and cities in New England in obtaining 100% memberships. The great aim of this roll call is to enlist every American citizen—man, woman and child—in this greatest organization, the Amer-Miss Lavinia Newell, chairman of

the work in the New England division, spoke of the urgent necessity of conspoke of the urgent necessity of con-tinuing the sewing and knitting. We have 1,200,000. American soldiers scattered over Europe (more than we had a year ago at this time). These soldlers are in France, Germany and Russia—some of the coldest regions. Our men need socks and sweaters.

The refugees are entirely dependent upon the Red Cross for clothing. Returning, in many cases to wrecked nomes, the least we can do for them is to send them clothing. Often times these clothes do not correspond with our ideas, but it is what they want; what they have had. For the next sixty days, following Lincoln, J. C.

singing their Christmas, and there will be a choir Christmas, there is to be a drive chearsal at eight o'clock. through the country for refugee gar-on Christmas eve, at 7.30, there will ments. All New England must sew

Christmas, and there will be a choir rehearsal at eight o'clock.

On Christmas eve, at 7.30, there will be a carol 'service to sing the old carols, such as 'The first Noël,' ''Good King Wenceslas,' ''Silent night' and carols, such as 'The first Noël,' ''Good King Wenceslas,' 'Silent night' and carols, such as 'The first Noël,' ''Good King Wenceslas,' 'Silent night' and carols, such as 'The first Noël,' ''Good King Wenceslas,' 'Silent night' and carols, such as 'The first Noël,' ''Good King Wenceslas,' 'Silent night' and carols, such as 'The first Noël,' ''Good King Wenceslas,' 'Silent night' and carols, such as 'The first Noël,' ''Good King Wenceslas,' 'Silent night' and carols, such as 'The first Noël,' ''Good King Wenceslas,' 'Silent night' and carols, such as 'The first Noël,' ''Good King Wenceslas,' 'Silent night' and carols, such as 'The first Noël,' ''Good King Wenceslas,' ''

News Items.

Houghton Priest of tonsilitis. The Red Cross campaign is pro

ressing well in Littleton. A very pretty President Wilson absolutely free with each purchase amounting to a dollar or over at Geo. E. Homer's, the jeweler, Ayer, store No. 3, opposite the depot.

Grange Meeting.

The Grange met Wednesday even ing. The program was in charge of Miss Nellie Callahan. A very pretty Christmas tree was placed on its standard and well loaded with pres ents, one for each person. A plan-solo was given by Mrs. Hazel Barker reading by Mrs. Colburn of West ford Grange and a vocal solo and en core by Mrs. Susie Smith. Miss Nel lie Callahan gave a faithful report of the State Grange meeting in Springeshments by the Lutheran churches field, Mrs. Crosby reported the state lecturer's conference in Springfield, which she attended, Miss Augusta Smith read a Christmas selection an "The ammunition train," written by Corp, Daniel Healy, a former member of Littleton Grange, and the company sang, "John Brown's body," as it was Mrs. R. T. Barrow was chosen char

lain.
The public installation of officer. will take place in January. No re-freshments will be served. John Tobin, returned from training amp at Syracuse, N. Y., was present Miss Elsie Ewing played for the march around the Christmas tree, when each granger was presented parcel containing a Christmas gift.

New Books. The following books have recently een added to the Reuben Hoar II brary:

Bower, B. M. Skyrider.
Brooks, A. Dorothy Dainty at Foam
Ridge.
Corelli, M. Young Diana.
Cox, P. Brownies and Prince Florimel.
Davis, A. N. Kaiser as I know him.
Dawson, W. J. War. Esgle.
Farnol, J. Our admirable Betty.
Farnon, R. S. Nation at bay.
Fisher, D. C. Home fires in France.
French, J. L. Great ghost, stories.
Gould, N. Rider in khaki.
Gibbons, H. A. Songs from the trenches.
Hills, N. D. Great books as life
teachers.
Johnston, A. F. Georgina's service
stars.
Kehoe, T. J. Fighting mascot.
knipe, E. B. Girls of 64.
Launder, H. Minstrel in France.
Lincoln, J. C. "Shavings."

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You're only young once. Wing, J. E. Sheep farming in America. New Advertisements

FOR SALE—Sleighs, single and double; Harnesses, single and double, heavy and light; some Extra Good Street Blankets. H. A. JOHNSON'S STABLE, Groton, Mass. 2116 NICE FAT CHICKENS—Large ones, ioc. ib., Fowl, 40c. ib.—for Christmas. F. CULVER. Telephone 14-11, Ayer.

LOST-A "Chase" Carriage Robe, De-cember 16: Suitable reward. G. FRED WILDE, Jr., Littleton, Mass. FURNISHED HEATED ROOM—For gentleman; centrally located. Apply to Public Spirit Office, Ayer.

GIRLS WANTED - VESPER PRE-SERVE CO., Ayer, Mass. BOSTON TERRIER PUPPIES FOR SALE—From registered stock. Makes a fine Christmas present. MAUD E. TRAYNE, Groton, Mass. 2t15

FOR SALE—Four good Cows, two 2-horse Sleds, two Covered Depot Sleighs and one Single Sleigh, or would ex-change Cow for a Horse, ADAMS STABLE, Groton, Mass. FOR SALE—A good Work Horsey would exchange for a cow. AD STABLE, Groton, Mass.

Union Cash Market Ayer, Mass.

NO. 1 TURKEYS 43c. and 50c. lb. BEST NORTHERN GEESE 40c. 1b. ONIONS , zoc. peck; 75c. bushel SMOKED SHOULDERS GOOD SIRLOIN STRAK BEST SIRLOIN STEAK 50c. lb. Barbour, R. H. Lost island.
Beard, L. Mother Nature's toy shop.
Blanchard, A. Girl Scout of Red Rose
troop.
Bower, B. M. Skyrlder.
Brooks, A. Dorothy Dainty at Foam ROAST PORK 28c. 1b. 30c. lb. GOOD ROAST BEEF 25c. lb.

FORES and LOINS, LAMB 20c. lb. GOOD OREAMERY BUTTER 60c. lb.

EXTRA GOOD COFFEE

SHREDDED WHEAT 18c. pkg.