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PEPPERELL

News Items.

A telegram was received on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. John Frossard from her husband in Kalamazoo, Mich., saying that he was ill and for her to come at once. She made hasty preparations and left that afternoon by auto for Worcester, in order to catch the night train through to the west. She expected to reach there late Friday afternoon. Mr. Frossard left here on January 28, on a business trip, intending to remain over in New York for a day or two, and then go to Kalamazoo. He has been heard from since arriving there, and it is thought that his illness must have been sudden, as letters were received from him as late as last week Thursday morning, with no mention of being sick. His friends in town will hope for good reports as soon as Mrs. Frossard has reached him, and that his illness is not so critical as at first feared.

The first meeting of the Community Church Workers since their organization, was held at the ladies' rooms on Thursday afternoon, the president, Mrs. G. H. Shattuck, presiding. It was one of the largest attended and pleasantest meetings. Considerable business was transacted, arranging some of the minor details and making future plans. Committee were also appointed to have charge of affairs of the organization of a social nature, in March. The newly-elected officers have been given, with the exception of the directresses, who are as follows: Mrs. C. H. Miller, Mrs. Mary Maitman, Mrs. H. F. Hobart, Mrs. H. N. Tower, Mrs. E. D. Walker, 2 years; Mrs. Amy Shattuck, Mrs. A. P. Wright, Mrs. Leon Richardson, Mrs. W. F. Dennen, Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh, 1 year. With as many workers planning harmoniously large results are sure to follow. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27.

No further intelligence has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey, last heard from through the American consul at Messina, following their rescue from the ship that was sunk by a mine in the Mediterranean. Neither the friends here or the relatives in Maine or in Fitchburg have any direct message from them.

Rev. D. R. Child was in town, from Hudson, for a few hours on Thursday.

The installation of the officers-elect of Acoma Rebekah lodge has been set for Tuesday evening, February 25, at Odd Fellows' hall.

Mrs. W. T. Lunt is improving from her recent attack of influenza, so that she is able to go out of doors on pleasant days, but her convalescence has been very slow.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaulbeck, of Boston, are expected here next week to spend the holiday of February 22 and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Mr. Kaulbeck recently received his discharge from service in the naval reserves and returned to his old position in Boston with the Municipal Printing establishment.

The entertainment committee of Acoma Rebekah lodge are to hold a social dance in Saunders' banquet hall on Friday evening, February 21.

Miss Mildred Lunt resumed her school duties in Topsfield on Monday, as the ban caused by the influenza has been lifted in that town.

Miss Althea Sartelle, from Simmons college, Boston, spent a few days of last week at her home in town, to take a short rest from her studies on account of her eyes.

The town of Pepperell has organized to do its share in the nation-wide drive which is now on for the relief of the stricken peoples of the near East. These people have been among the greatest sufferers during the entire war and have undergone unspeakable tortures at the hands of the Turks. The quota for Pepperell is $500. A citizens' committee has been organized with Charles A. McGraw as chairman; B. W. Rust, sec.; Mrs. A. F. Parker, treas. The plan as outlined provides for two mass meetings next week, one to be held at the Center and the other in East Pepperell. There will be no house to house canvass, but a letter will be sent to each family, asking for gifts, and stating where they may be paid.

Thomas Sullivan spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Sullivan, from Harvard radio school. He expects to be sent back to the Great Lakes this week to be mustered out of service, as the State of Illinois is next to be discharged.

Mrs. Forrest Andrews and little son came Wednesday to spend the rest of the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Andrews, River street.

There was a full house at the Opera House on Tuesday evening to witness the fancy dancing of the professional from Lowell, and afterward to enjoy dancing, a Jazz orchestra furnishing music. There were numerous auto parties from Lowell, Nashua and Ayer present.

The condition of the aged gentleman, Calvin Pierce, whose illness was spoken of last week, is reported improved from last week, and on Tuesday he rallied to quite a degree. They now have Mrs. Leslie Reed as nurse.

A free lecture by Major Arland of the British army is to be given under the auspices of the students of Groton School at the South road schoolhouse, this Saturday evening, to which all are invited.

The Nashua River Paper Company started some of their machines on Monday, on eight-hour shifts. The finishing-room was run a part of last week.

New Service Flag.

After many months of watchful waiting and vain requests for a new service flag to our Pepperell boys in service, which should have the proper number of stars and gold stars, the Special Aid society has come to the front with a new service flag and unfurled it to the breeze in Railroad square. As the most conspicuous place to anyone entering the town and the part of the town from which many of our boys started, it seems the fitting place to display the flag. Since the war began, anyone coming into the town would not know by any public symbol that there was a boy from Pepperell in the service. Only by the deserted street was this apparent and a faded service flag at the Center.

As a matter of fact, there have been 148 Pepperell boys in the service of Uncle Sam and six of them have made the supreme sacrifice, and the placing of six gold stars seems but a trifle in recognition of their true patriotism.

People outside the family circles that have been broken by results of war cannot comprehend the sadness of the loss of husband or son.

It is hoped that a more substantial tribute to our Pepperell heroes may be erected in the future.

Town Affairs.

At the town caucus held at the town hall on Tuesday evening, February 1, there was an attendance of about seventy-five, although there was no contest or previous agitation concerning any of the nominations. The meeting opened at eight o'clock, and Thomas Drummey was chosen chairman, and P. J. Kemp, clerk. Nominations for town officers resulted as follows: Charles H. Miller, selectman for three years; P. J. Kemp, town clerk; Addison Woodward, treasurer; Arthur P. Wright, assessor for three years; Walter L. Shattuck, school committee for three years; P. F. Sullivan, overseer of poor for three years; Elbert G. Chapman, cemetery commissioner for three years; Elizabeth B. Heald and Julia B. Johnson, trustees of the Lawrence library for three years; Charles H. Miller, water commissioner for three years; Arthur P. Wright, tax collector; John F. Tune, tree warden; Warren M. Blood, highway surveyor; Charles F. Spaulding and Arthur M. Bannon, auditors; Albert A. Lawrence and George G. Tarbell, constables.

The election of officers will be held on Monday, February 24, the polls being open at 6.30 a. m., and may be closed at three o'clock.

The business meeting of the town will be held at the town hall next Monday evening at 7.30 when the following articles in the town warrant will be voted on:

Articles one to seven relate to the regular routine of town business, including reports of officers and appropriations to defray town charges.

Art. 7. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Art. 8. Relates to raising and appropriating the sum of $200, the same to be applied in part payment of the salary of the district nurse.

Art. 9. To raise and appropriate the sum of $700 for the graveling of River street, from the point ended in 1918, provided the state will appropriate a like amount.

Art. 10. Relates to securing compensation insurance covering all town employees.

Art. 11. To see if the town will take any action toward repairing Main street.

Articles 12, 13 and 14 relate to the acceptance by the town of the sum of $100 in each case, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the respective lots of William Chapman in Woodlawn cemetery, the Henry Hovey lot in Woodlawn cemetery and the Elijah Reed lot in Walton cemetery.

Art. 15. Relates to the acceptance by the town of $150, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Dow and Blood lot in Walton cemetery.

Articles 16, 17 and 18 relate to the acceptance by the town of the sum of $100 each, the incomes to be used for the perpetual care of the respective lots of Elizabeth M. Letender, W. W. Gillespie and Mrs. Jane Goodwin.

Art. 19. To take action in regard to purchasing an auto truck for the use of the moth department.

Art. 20. Relates to increasing the pay of the assessors.

Art. 21. Relates to repairing the sidewalk from the long iron bridge toward railroad square.

Art. 22. Relates to raising and appropriating money to provide for the improvement and repairs of highways.

Articles 23, 24 and 25 relate to the acceptance by the town of the sum of $100 from Mrs. Etta Pelton for care of the Newton Elliott lot in Woodlawn cemetery, and the sums of $50 each, the incomes to be used for the perpetual care of the Jonas Shattuck lot in Walton cemetery and the Simon Shattuck lot in Walton cemetery.

Art. 26. To see what action will be taken in regard to accepting from Elijah A. Miller, trustee, a sum of money given in trust by Edmund P. Farrar for the maintenance of a flagpole on the square in front of the Farrar estate, North Pepperell.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money will be appropriated for a town memorial in honor of the town's roll of honor in the recent war.

Art. 28. To see if the town will make a small appropriation and choose a director for the work of the bureau under the provisions of chap. 273, general acts of 1918.

Branch Alliance Meeting.

The meeting of the Branch Alliance held at the home of Mrs. E. D. Walker on Thursday of last week, was not only one of the largest, but the pleasantest of gatherings, about thirty being present at lunch. The whole day was devoted to sewing for the refugees on the Red Cross garments. There was a short business session in the forenoon and in the afternoon the workers were entertained by solos by Miss Ruth Walker, the daughter of the hostess, and a fine descriptive sketch, written by Russell Davey Greene from France, of a stay of a few days in Rheims, which was read by Mrs. Elizabeth Heald. A letter was also read from Mrs. Lucy Page, from her winter home in Pawtucket, R. I., telling of her grandson's safe arrival from overseas. Some of the exploits and daring of Charles Greenhalgh, which caused him to be cited for bravery long ago, have already been related. As soon as he receives his discharge from the service, he is to reenter Yale, to finish his course. Several shorter articles on current events were also read by Mrs. Addison Woodward.

Several guests were present and Mrs. Levi Sartelle, who is not always able to attend these meetings, was present, as she was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bancroft, near by.

TOWNSEND

Harbor.

Mrs. Charles Smith has received word from her daughter, Mrs. Paul Butler, of the birth of a son.

Upon former Private Carl Liddell has been conferred the military title of corporal.

In accord with the eight-hour schedule relative to railroad employees that went into effect in this village this week, no freight or express for shipping will be received at the station after 4:10 p. m., nor will any railroad tickets be sold after this time. During the arrival and departure of the evening trains the station is in charge of Fred Ross. Those desiring passage will pay their fare on the train.

Last Monday as Lew Crouch, accompanied by his mother and Mrs. Worden, of Pepperell, was entering this village from its eastern approach the horse took fright at a freight train and became unmanageable. Swerving sharply from the highway near the leatherboard mill, the horse overturned the carriage and threw the occupants violently to the ground. Mrs. Crouch received injuries in the leg which made it impossible for her to rise from her fall. She was carried into a nearby house, from which a little later she was taken home, where she has been confined to the bed for most of the time. Other than a severe shaking-up the other members of the party sustained slight injuries. The horse was unhurt.

Club Meeting.

Mrs. Frank Conant entertained the As You Like It club on Tuesday at her home, Westview. The occasion was cleverly arranged to note both Lincoln and valentine day. The following program was given under the direction of the hostess: Reading, "Lincoln's life," Mrs. Noyes; "A humorous incident of Lincoln," Mrs. Foss; "Old Slack's bridge," a story of Lincoln, Miss Burdett; "Recollections of a visit to Lincoln museum," Mrs. Proctor; Lincoln's favorite poem, Mrs. Adams; "Incidents of Lincoln's life," Miss Mary Adams; "Pictures of Lincoln," Mrs. Jones. Two very interesting additions to the program were a recitation, Stevenson's "River," by Jane Worcester, and the reading of a letter from Mrs. Laura Smith.

The dining-room was prettily decorated with green. Lincoln place cards were used and a valentine lunch was served. The hostess was assisted by her daughter, Miss Addie Conant.

The club guests were Miss Jane Worcester, Mrs. Charles Richards and little son Frank. The next meeting will be held at Seven Pines with Mrs. George Jones.

West.

Mrs. William W. Webster is at present at the Center, where she is caring for a patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard, of Stoneham, are spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Susan Morgan.

The Eclipse Veteran Firemen's association will meet in the engine hall on Monday evening, and any members of the former Eclipse engine company who desire to become members of this organization are requested to be present.

A change has taken place in arrangements at the Boston and Maine railroad station, the force being put on the eight-hour schedule and no express business can be carried on after four o'clock in the afternoon, and the ticket office closes at that hour. Baggage and mail for the remaining trains are cared for by Charles E. Patch.

Social and Supper.

The Lincoln birthday supper and social held at the Baptist vestries on Wednesday evening proved very successful, socially and financially, about 100 being present, and nearly $15 presented the society at the social. A bountiful supper of baked beans, scalloped potatoes, hot rolls, coffee, pies and puddings was well served and much enjoyed and the program of the evening consisted of a song, "The battle hymn of the republic," by the congregation; reading, an anecdote of Lincoln, "Our kitchen," Mrs. Fred A. Patch; poem, "How I earned my dollar," Mrs. Charles Hodgman; reading, "Lincoln's favorite hymn," Mrs. Joseph McKean; an amusing rhyme on how she earned her dollar, Mrs. Henry Hathaway, followed by a humorous poem by Rev. Joseph McKean, relating the strenuous manner in which he earned a dollar outside the usual way. A large number of other members presented their dollar and the remainder of the evening was enjoyed by the young folks in games and a social time. About $25.00 was cleared for the treasury as a result of the evening's activities.

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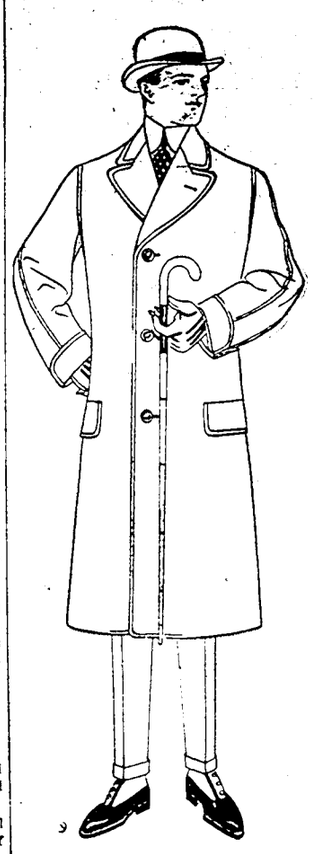

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WESTFORD

Center.

Bertram Sutherland has recently been a patient at the Somerville hospital, where he had an operation on his nose. The injury was caused by a blow while playing ball a season or two ago.

Edmund Baker, who is a patient at a sanitarium in Lawrence, has been in town this week, being present at the town meeting on Monday. He has been attending to disposing of some of his household goods by private sale.

Rev. O. L. Brownsey attended the funeral of one of the members of his former parish in Northbridge Center, last Saturday.

Miss Elizabeth Wells returned from the hospital last week and is gaining strength each day from her recent operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. H. G. Osgood, who has been a patient at the Lowell General hospital for a number of weeks, undergoing a serious stomach operation, continues to gain and is expected home this week.

Good reports come from Mrs. William L. Woods at her home in Somerville. Although still very weak from her serious illness from pneumonia she is gaining each day.

The reading circle of the Tadmuck club met with Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth on Tuesday evening. There was a good number present who enjoyed reading Shakespeare's famous five-act drama, "Merchant of Venice."

Members and friends of the Tadmuck club are again reminded of the sale and entertainment next Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational vestry at 2.30. Mrs. Mary Baillie Bartlett, author-reader, will give the entertainment. Sales tables for food and fancy articles and social tea will be served.

Little William W. Sargent, who met with such serious injury while coasting some weeks ago, and who is a patient at a Boston hospital, is reported seriously sick this week.

Mrs. William Pollock is sick at her home at Cold Spring farm and the youngest child of William E. Green, which she has so faithfully cared for since its mother's tragic death last October, has been returned to its home with the other children.

It is not the most pleasant reading recounting the sick ones, but among those reported sick this week are Mrs. Harry B. Prescott, Mrs. Louis H. Buckshorn, Alexander MacDougall, Miss Mabel Prescott, Edna Hamlin and two of the Blaney children.

The home guard ball next week Wednesday evening at the town hall with Poole's orchestra, will be the social event of the month. Concert from eight until nine, and dancing from nine until one, with refreshments at intermission. Owing to this event and the Tadmuck club sale and entertainment, Tuesday, and the relief work of the Red Cross still going on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, it makes a full week and the social for February at the Congregational church will be postponed until the following week.

A pleasant evening was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Knight on Tuesday evening, when a surprise birthday party was arranged for one of their group of teachers, Mrs. Martha Grant Whiting. A pleasant social evening, two tables for bridge whist, refreshments and a happy surprise for Mrs. Whitney made up the evening's enjoyment.

The Westford faimly and friends of Charles Robey have been glad to welcome him home from duty overseas.

Word has been received of the death of Cyrus Hosmer, an aged resident of Wakefield. He will be remembered as a frequent visitor in town while his daughter, the late Mrs. W. M. Wright, was living.

The Red Cross workers gathered again Wednesday for an all-day meeting at Library hall to work on the consignment of relief garments. The six sewing machines were kept busy, one of which was fitted with buttonhole attachments, which helps out in getting the buttonholes made for the garments. Mrs. Hildreth and Mrs. Goode are in charge of the work. Anyone who can plan for time either on Wednesday or again on Friday afternoon is earnestly requested to do so and thus finish up this last consignment of work. An appetizing luncheon is served for the workers Wednesday at noon.

Rev. O. L. Brownsey's morning subject, Sunday, will be "Greatened by our tasks." At the evening service "Our country's mission and destiny." Last Sunday morning the Roosevelt memorial service was much appreciated. A good picture, draped with a large flag, stood in front of the pulpit, appropriate music was sung and some eloquent tributes to the late Mr. Roosevelt was given. Eighty were present at the morning service and about fifty at the evening for the song service and address by the pastor.

About Town.

As alluded to last week, the next farmers' institute will be held on Wednesday, February 19, at the Pilgrim street church, Lowell. No excuse for not going, planting has not arrived in large quantities to stay. Dr. Charles M. Twitchell, of Maine, will speak in the morning on "Our new society and economic conditions as it is related to rural life." In the afternoon Dr. Miller will speak on "Some health suggestions for farm life."

At the last meeting of the Grange was neighbors' night, without being listed, as fifty-four visitors were present from West Chelmsford Grange and a few from elsewhere. Next week Thursday evening Walter Fletcher will have charge of the entertainment, as "Brothers' night."

At the apple meeting at the town hall last week Friday evening, Prof. Cole, Jenks and Chenuny of Amherst Agricultural college, gave a timely, helpful and appreciative talk on "Fruit problems." Several were present from Littleton. They advised dormant spraying for the scale, and if he isn't around to catch it something else will be overtaken to surrender.

The last meeting of the Pomona Grange was the largest for years. The discussion, "Should government continue merging war-time control and price fixing?" precipitated a hot discussion that generated summer heat to a boiling point. The afternoon listened to a continuation of summer heat on the question of "A league of nations, to enforce peace." Rev. E. Ambrose Jenkins, of North Chelmsford, was orator and expressed his ideas in equally as warm a manner as the forenoon debates and applauded with a show of hands and some feet.

The telephone folks are busy setting back telephone poles on the line of the Stony Brook railroad to allow for the double tracking of the road.

Several farmers from town attended the corn show and other shows at Horticultural hall, Boston, this week, and report farming in the hall.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Snow are stopping at Hotel McAlpin, New York city, for a week. Mr. Snow will attend the stone cutters' convention. They have also been out to Bound Brook, N. J., to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Howard.

Hon. and Mrs. H. E. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fletcher and Miss Hazel Fletcher are in New York city this week. Mr. Fletcher and son will be in attendance at the stone cutters' convention.

Annual Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting on Monday was the most unanimous and smallest during the remembrance of the oldest inhabitants. Everything was unanimous that was asked for except rum; that was denied by a vote of 62 to 8. This, with 770 assessed polls, showed what a small town we were Monday.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was chosen moderator, who, with Joe Wall, John M. Fletcher and Alonzo H. Sutherland, served as election inspectors.

The result of the balloting showed that the following had got some votes and not many either, averaging about seventy-five, but as non-competitiveness was the spirit of the day they needed no more votes: Three year terms, selectman, Sherman H. Fletcher; assessor, James W. Rafter; overseer of poor, Samuel H. Balch; school committee, Charles O. Prescott, Frank L. Furbush; trustee of library, Charles O. Prescott; cemetery commissioner, David L. Greig; the following were elected as yearlings: Treasurer, Harwood L. Wright; collector, Leonard W. Wheeler; tree warden, Larry L. Nesmith; constable, Charles S. Ripley.

Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, relating to hearing reports, were all accepted as printed in the town report.

Art. 11. Relating to fixing the compensation, was on motion of John C. Abbot, fixed at 1¼ percent on actual collections.

Art. 18. Relating to hearing the report of a committee to inquire in regard to purchasing a chemical motor driven fire engine, Edward M. Abbot, chief engineer, reported, asking more time, which was granted.

Art. 19. Relating to appropriating the unexpended balance to complete the firehouse at Westford Center; voted yes.

Art. 20. Relating to selling the cottage house on firehouse land, Edward M. Abbot moved to dismiss, and it would have gone through, but he was implored to withdraw, which he did, in favor of a motion of investigation, left in the hands of the selectmen, to report later.

Art. 21 also related to selling out, this being land on the north side of Cold Spring road. It was voted to appoint the selectmen selling agents.

Art. 22. Relating to changing the name of the town farm, almshouse, poor farm to something not so suggestive of unfortunate poverty; was, by suggestion of the overseers, to be known henceforth as Westford town home.

Art. 23. To see if the town will adopt the monthly system of rendering bills, monthly cash won.

Art. 24. We quote in full: "To see if the town will vote to erect or establish a monument or other memorial to commemorate the patriotism and valor of the young men of Westford who have entered the service of the United States or the Allies in the recent war, appropriate money therefor and act in relation to the same." On this article the finance committee reported: "We recommend that a committee be chosen to make an investigation as to the most suitable form of memorial, and that a sum not exceeding $300 be appropriated for the use of the committee in making the investigation." This recommendation was in substance embodied in a motion made by Robert J. McCarthy, with the following committee named in the motion: Edward M. Abbot, Oscar R. Spalding, Mrs. Julian A. Cameron, Miss Alice Howard, Edward T. Hanley, Goldsmith H. Conant, P. Henry Harrington, Axel G. Lundberg, William R. Taylor.

Art. 25. Relating to purchasing of fire extinguishers, attention was called to the report on the burning of the Wetmore farm buildings, when the temperature was below zero, which froze the nozzles of the extinguishers. Inquiry was made at this point if it would not be advisable to purchase some dry chemical extinguishers. The fire was that the Wetmore fire was so hot that you couldn't get near enough to use dry chemical extinguishers. It would seem that in this great heat that froze up the liquid fire extinguishers and over heat the dry extinguishers that one was as useful as the other, and that dry chemicals in the incipient stages of a fire could be used efficiently in zero weather when the liquid chemicals are badly frost bitten, also in forest fires, where water is scarce and snow not available in large quantities.

Art. 26. Voted to appropriate $50 as salary for the fish and game warden. The query was raised whether Knopp's pond, in Groton, was large enough to hold 500,000 fish as against 5000 in Forge pond. This was satisfactorily explained by Joe Wall, the warden, and any alarm at overflowing the banks of Knopp's pond by so sudden a deposit of fish was cleared of all worry.

Art. 29. Which wanted to do the kind act for the branch line of the electric road, from Westford to Brookside, the attitude of the Lowell & Fitchburg railroad, the town and the public service commission were explained by Hon. Edward Fisher, counsel for the town. A motion offered was amended by W. R. Taylor, which in effect was to follow the recommendation of the finance committee and appropriate an unexpended balance and $1500 in aid of the running expenses of the road. The amendment passed.

Art. 33 called for $50 to be expended in demonstration work in agricultural and home economics and elect a director. The money was raised right on the spot everybody present contributing and those absent contribute in the same way. The director was not elected on the spot, but will be elected at some other spot by the selectmen.

Art. 34. Voted $300 for military purposes by Company L, M. S. G., located in Westford.

Art. 37. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the employment of public health nurse. After explanatory remarks by Major Dr. Sprague of Camp Devens, showing the health efficiency of this movement, the meeting went into a committe of whole and unanimously endorsed Dr. Sprague and the recommendation of the finance committee and appropriated $1500 for a health nurse, to be selected by the board of health.

In money appropriations the town followed closely the recommendations of the finance committee and raised and appropriated about $69,830, less $30,968 income from the state and $1400 poll taxes, leaving $37,462 to be raised by direct tax. The following are the larger appropriations: Library $1300, roads $10,000, town debts $10,000, support of poor $3000, schools $20,000, tree warden $1100, fire department $600, public health nurse $1500, electric lights $3800, hydrants $2080, notes and interest $4500, county and state tax $10,000, repairs on state highway $1000.

The rate is figured by the finance committee to be $16 per $1000 against $15 last year.

The auditors' report shows $14,438.98 available assets due the town January 1, 1919, as against $11,853.47, January 1, 1918. The report also shows all taxes assessed for 1917, collected, and only $833.05 uncollected for 1918, and a special excise tax as per assessors' warrant of $562.07. It is questionable whether there are many towns in the state that can show such a record of close collecting.

Herbert V. Hildreth was elected a member of the park commission in place of Hon. Edward Fisher, removed to Lowell. The town voted to continue the present finance committee, Herbert V. Hildreth, Julian A. Cameron, Elbert H. Flagg, Louis H. Buckshorn, William R. Taylor.

Graniteville.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning were celebrated by the pastor, Rev. C. P. Heaney. At the first mass the members of the Holy Name society received holy communion in a body. Sunday being within the octave of St. Blase, the ceremony of the blessing of the throats took place after each mass.

The members of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. L. B. Blood on last Thursday afternoon.

The mills of the Abbot Worsted Company were closed here on Monday to enable the voters to attend the annual town meeting. As the mill is now running on a four days a week schedule the help all worked Friday in order to get in the four days.

A letter recently received here from Private Frank H. Sullivan of the 305th F. A., A. E. F., fully verifies the facts concerning Private Norbert Brule's death that took place in France on November 9, 1918. Private Brule was a Graniteville boy and both he and Private Sullivan had been together from the time they entered the service, leaving Westford on the same date. Private Brule was gassed and later contracted pneumonia, and being in a weakened condition after having returned from a hard drive, had not the strength to combat the disease. Of the three Graniteville boys who have made the supreme sacrifice, this is the only personal story that has been received of their deaths.

Private Emile J. Milot, who was wounded in France, is now on a furlough from a hospital in New Jersey, and is spending a few days at his home here.

T. Alfred Hughes, a former Graniteville boy, who has seen foreign service as a member of a submarine chaser in the U. S. navy, has recently received his honorable discharge from the service and has been visiting his father, Thomas Hughes, and other relatives here this week.

J. A. Healy, with his sister, Miss Mary A. Healy, are visiting with relatives in Canada for a short time.

The members of Cameron circle, C. F. of A., held a largely attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Tuesday evening. Much business of importance was transacted. During the session the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Mrs. Maria Wall, c. c.; Miss Laura McCarthy, s. c.; Miss Martha Doucette, r. c.; Mrs. W. J. Robinson, l. g.; Miss Rachel Wall, rec. sec. The circle also voted to hold a whist party and dance in the near future.

The local Red Cross held their regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon and much work was accomplished by the members. It is hoped that all members will attend faithfully for the next few weeks, as it is expected that their full quota of work will be finished by that time.

Forge Village.

The mills closed on Monday for the annual town meeting in Westford, reopening on Friday instead.

At St. Andrew's mission last Sunday afternoon election was taken for the wardens of the Episcopal church.

Mrs. Willey Johnson, of Knopp's pond, entertained Mrs. Rita Burrington, of Boswell, over the week-end.

Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of the Forge, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William A. King, of Fitchburg, the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford LeGuere, of Virginia, who came last fall with the intention of remaining east, have decided to return to the land of sunshine and started last Monday for their former home in Oakland, Cal.

Mrs. John Merrick suffered a painful injury to her right arm last week Wednesday while at her work in the mill. She slipped on the floor and her arm struck the rail of a roving frame and one of the pegs punctured her arm.

Miss Mary Merrick, who has been suffering for several weeks with rheumatism, is still unable to resume work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaddick entertained Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duffy, of Everett, over the week-end.

Mrs. Michael Molloy has suffered a severe shock and is in a critical condition at her home here.

Exercises for the late Theodore Roosevelt were observed at Westford academy last week Thursday. Those who spoke were Miss Mary Sullivan, freshman; Francis Daley, sophomore; Forrest White, junior, and Miss Ruth Sargent, senior.

Rev. Angus Dun will preach at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

Miss Sarah J. Precious has been suffering this week with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins and baby daughter, Frances, of Southbridge, spent Sunday at the home of his brother, Miles Collins.

The Misses Margaret and Annie Orr are confined to their home with severe colds.

Miss Maude Briggs, of Ayer, spent Sunday as the guest of Miss Gladys Baker. Miss Lillian Baker spent the week-end as the guest of Miss I. Mildred Parrott, of Lowell.

Miss Edith P. Precious spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hindle, of Chelmsford Center.

Many from here attended the town meeting at the town hall, Westford, Monday. The freshmen and sophomore classes attended the meeting, as this is an interesting addition to those taking civics.

LITTLETON

News Items.

From the Springfield Union of recent issue we quote the following of interest to Littleton people concerning the pure-bred livestock sale at Brattleboro, Vt., last week: The highest bid was made by E. A. Baker, of Boston, who paid $925 for a cow three years old consigned by J. H. D. Whitcomb, of Littleton, Mass. T. W. McNiff, of Littleton, Mass., paid $790 for a four-year-old cow consigned by George F. Smith, of Barre, Mass.

The Back-Log club will hold the annual sunset party in the town hall on Saturday, February 22. Dancing for the children from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon; supper from 6 to 7.30, and dancing for adults from 7.30 to 11.30.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb and Mrs. Clayton Hartwell attended the funeral of Clarence Nixon at his late home in Ayer on Monday. Mrs. Nixon has the sympathy of her many Littleton relatives and friends in her recent bereavement.

The Odd Fellows held a special meeting last Saturday night, when the degree team initiated fourteen candidates, the largest number since the lodge was instituted. After the meeting the members adjourned to the dining-room where the ladies had an oyster supper and all the fixings that go with it, awaiting them, including candy for the ladies and cigars for the men at the close of the supper. Provincial treasurer Rockett of Boston gave an inspiring address on Odd Fellowship and was listened to with close attention, after which the rest of the evening was spent in dancing. The Odd Ladies deserve credit for the manner in which they served the supper.

Annual Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting of Monday, February 10, was characterized by nothing unusual or alarming. There was an average number of voters present and a good audience in the women's corner.

Ballot clerks were James Neagle, John H. Hardy, Frank Healy, Frank H. Hill and Herbert Whitney, and B. Frank Jacobs was officer at the rail. Rev. O. J. Fairfield, town clerk, read the warrant. Rev. F. W. Lambertson offered the prayer, and Hon. C. A. Kimball officiated as moderator.

Town officers were elected as follows: Town clerk, Rev. O. J. Fairfield; selectmen, 1 year, Frank W. Moore, 3 years, Fred O. Stiles; assessor and overseer of poor 3 years, N. B. Conant; treasurer and collector of taxes, Langdon Prouty; highway surveyor, M. W. Leahy; auditors, E. H. Priest, F. A. Hosmer; constables, F. C. Reed, F. G. Reed, L. A. Gilbert; school committee, 3 years, Mrs. Ellen M. Hartwell; water and electric light commissioner, 3 years, Harry W. Knights; library trustee, 3 years, Miss Fannie A. Sanderson; cemetery commissioner, N. B. Conant; tree warden, A. E. Hopkins; minor town officers—field drivers, John L. Pingry, Langdon Prouty, Carleton Needham; pound-keeper, Herbert C. Bradlee; fence viewers, George W. Whitcomb, F. S. Pingry; measurers of grain, weighers of hay, grain, coal, etc., same as last year, John G. Smith being followed by R. H. Wood, and Wallace Robinson by C. F. Flagg.

The vote on license was No 66, Yes 11; last year, No 94, Yes 4.

Appropriations were made as follows: High school, $2600 and interest on Lydia Johnson fund and dog tax money; common schools, interest on Goldsmith fund and $4500; school supplies, $550; school superintendent, $250; transportation of scholars, $2300; repairs of highways, $1000; railing highways, $400; Memorial day, $100; salaries of town officers, $850; miscellaneous expenses, $3000; maintenance of library and library building, $700; sureties of town officers and employees, $100; suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths, $537; repairs and new furniture in school buildings, $500; school physician, $70; repairs and maintenance of sidewalks, $100 and unexpended balance; treasurer's salary, $100; collector's salary, one percent of amount collected; oiling roads, $200; police protection, $200; reappropriated for cement walk front of catholic church on condition, $50; draining park at Center, $100; for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, $75; municipal lighting, department, $2186.97; municipal water department, $4800; repair of road from Center to common, $500; employment of public health nurse, $100—a total of $28,018.97.

The town voted to pass over the following articles: Art. 21, to appropriate $150 for spraying and protecting shade trees; Art. 25, to appropriate money for tree warden; Art. 35, to extend water system on New Estate road from James A. Wood's to Frank McGovern's; Art. 36, to appropriate $1000 to pay cemetery note; Art. 43, to increase salary of selectmen; Art. 46, to purchase a stone drag; Art. 47, to change name of New Estate road.

A vote of thanks was unanimously given to Mr. and Mrs. George M. Lovejoy for the memorial tablet erected on the library lawn.

Article 26, to see what action the town will take in regard to renting of town farm, was left in the hands of the overseers of the poor.

In regard to Article 28, it was voted that the moderator appoint a committee to look into the matter of installing an electric lighting system in the Union school building, and report at a town meeting to be held within sixty days. The moderator was also authorized to appoint a committee to have charge of the painting or decorating of interior of town hall.

In regard to removing the ledge in front of M. Healey place the town voted the same as last year.

Art. 34. Voted to prescribe terms of office for park commissioners, and F. B. Priest was given 1 year, W. H. Titcomb 2 years and C. A. Kimball 3 years terms.

The moderator was authorized to appoint a committee to improve the sanitary conditions in lower town hall.

Article 39, calling for $75 and a director for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, was carried, and J. W. Ames was chosen director.

Article 42. Voted to chose a moderator for a term of one year or until his successor qualifies, etc.

Art. 49. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the town hall. Voted to authorize the moderator to choose a committee to attend to the matter.

The surprise of the day came when the town voted to employ a public health nurse, and raised and appropriated $1000 for the same.

The ladies of the Baptist society maintained their brilliant reputation for serving a fine dinner, and the good appetites did justice to the food provided.

The moderator of the town meeting has appointed the following: Under Article 32 of the town warrant, in regard to decorating and painting the interior of the town hall, Frank W. Moore, Hugh E. Foley, George L. Priest, Gertrude F. Sanderson, Mrs. Annie C. Smith; under Article 38, in regard to ascertaining the cost of making more sanitary the lower town hall, B. Frank Jacobs, D. H. Woodbury, G. A. Cook, William J. Healy, Edgar H. Woodbury; under Article 49, in regard to letting the town hall and purchasing the motion picture equipment, chairman of the board of selectmen, Frank H. Hill, O. J. Fairfield, Harold W. Conant, James W. Neagle, Henry Couper, William Dodds.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell all the personal property of the estate of L. D. Batchelder, of North Reading, on Monday morning, February 17, at 9.30 o'clock; also, on Friday morning, February 21, at 9.30, all the real estate and personal property to settle the estate of Spofford Robbins, late of North Acton.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of PETER B. MURPHY late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.
Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JULIA A. MURPHY of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-sixth day of February A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.
3t23 F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate not already administered of MARY E. FOSTER late of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.
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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN SPRAGUE late of Shirley in said County, deceased.
Whereas, certain instruments purporting to be the last will and testament—and one codicil—of said deceased have been presented to said Court, for Probate, by SILAS B. HAYNES who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the seventeenth day of February A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Shirley Oracle, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, fourteen days at least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-eighth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.
3t22 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of DORA L. CHANDLER late of Townsend in said County, deceased.
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by CLARENCE L. CHANDLER who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him without giving a surety on his bond, or to some other suitable person, no executor being named in said will.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of February A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Townsend Tocsin, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.
3t23 F. M. ESTY, Register.

TOWNSEND

Center.

Cards have been received in town announcing the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Wood and Clarke Farwell at "Carolinden," Baltimore, Md., the winter home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Wood. Mr. Wood and family are pleasantly remembered as having been summer residents in Townsend for a number of years at the attractive Wood homestead on the Fitchburg road.

Private Richard Johnson of the Canadian army, who recently returned from overseas with his young English bride, were recent guests of Miss Alberta D. Barber at her home on Townsend hill. Private Johnson was a former pupil of Miss Barber when she was teaching in Mason, N. H.

The sum of ten dollars was realized from the food sale held in the high school room last week Friday, under the direction of the literary committee of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gates spent the week-end and over Sunday with their son, C. Gates, and family, in Waltham. This week they leave for Pawtucket, R. I., where they are to spend several weeks at the home of their daughter, Mrs. George Page.

Mrs. Lillian Peterson, of New York, is convalescing from the second attack of influenza at the home of her cousin, W. Birch.

Little Miss Leona Gilbert, who has been spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Annie Gilbert, at D. W. Farrar's, has returned to the home of her grandmother in Leominster.

Miss Helen Miller, of Quincy, spent the week-end and over Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. A. D. Fessenden.

The many friends of George Kendall are pleased to know that he is now gaining from his recent illness. Mrs. Kendall's sister, Mrs. Lucretia Martin, of Pepperell, has been assisting in the home.

Private Ralph Bush, of Camp Devens, was the week-end and over Sunday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bush.

At the progressive whist party held at the home of Mrs. Irving A. Seaver, last week Friday afternoon, twenty-four were present and participated in the game. Mrs. Whitney, of Bayberry hill, and Mrs. Spencer, of the Center, won the highest score. No prizes were awarded or refreshments served. An admission fee was charged the proceeds of which were to be used for the furnishing of beds for the hospital about to be etsablished at Loraine, France, for afflicted children, under the direction of the American Fund for French Wounded.

It was Poets' night at the Grange on Monday evening and the following program was presented: Poems were read by Miss Hester Burdett, Mrs. L. Seaver, Mrs. E. Bray, Mrs. E. Seaver, Mrs. E. Spencer, Mrs. H. Misner, Mrs. V. Swicker, Mrs. C. Clement, Albert G. Seaver and T. E. Flarity. Songs were rendered by Miss Sadie Moulton and piano selos by A. G. Seaver; readings were also given by Mrs. A. Gray, Mrs. Swinnington, Mrs. W. Farrar and Mr. Swinnington; quotations were given from the different poets by other members of the Grange and the evening's program intersperced with music from the Victrola in charge of Mrs. Lilila Seaver. Mrs. Seaver also served pop corn during the social hour.

Members of the Country club were pleasantly entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Julia H. Altmiller on Townsend hill. A delightful luncheon was served by the hostess, the tables and home being decorated in the national colors in honor of Lincoln day, each receiving a souvenir of the occasion. Following the luncheon the literary program of the afternoon was given. Mrs. L. Haywood, Mrs. E. Spencer and Mrs. Altmiller gave papers on the life of Lincoln, current events by Mrs. L. Seaver and musical selections from the Victrola in charge of the hostess.

Word has been received by friends in town announcing the marriage of Mrs. Abbie Bush Shattuck and George F. Lawton at the Methodist parsonage in Hudson, Tuesday evening, February 4. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Williamson. Mr. and Mrs. Lawton formerly lived in Townsend, and their many friends here extend congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. Small, of Ashburnham, has been spending a few days at his bungalow home on Townsend hill.

Mrs. John Felch and young son Howard, of Townsend hill, are spending this week with relatives in Westford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Swinnington, with Miss May Parker as auto guest, motored to Groton on Tuesday evening to attend the Groton Grange installation.

Mrs. D. McKenzie is assisting in the care of L. U. Clement, who has been ill for some time at his home.

Mrs. Samuel Woods, who is convalescing from influenza, has returned to Providence with her mother, Mrs. Brown, for a several weeks' visit.

Private Clarence Sherwin, of Camp Devens, and his bride, visited relatives in town over Sunday.

The evening train from Boston and Ayer ran into a half open switch, Monday evening, below the station, opposite the house of J. Swicker. The engine and passenger car ran into the switch, the other remaining on the main track. Although the cars were derailed they remained upright. The passengers were somewhat shaken up and badly frightened, but no serious injuries resulted. The wrecking train was sent to the rescue and worked all night in putting the cars back on the rails and repairing damages.

Cards have been received by friends in town announcing the marriage of Miss Myrtle Beatrice Elliott and Charles Cyrus Whitney, in Detroit, Mich., Saturday, February 1. At home after March 10, 785 McClellan avenue. Mr. Whitney is a native of Townsend and is pleasantly remembered as the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitney, formerly of this town, now of New Bedford. The groom has been employed as a machinist for the past two years in Detroit, Mich. Townsend friends express the most cordial hopes and best wishes for a long and prosperous life together.

Church Services.

Very impressive services were held at the churches last Sunday in memory of Lincoln and Roosevelt. At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers in his sermon brought out many lessons to be learned from the life of Roosevelt, the man with the great heart, in closing reading Kipling's poem portraying the character of Roosevelt as "Greatheart."

At the union service at the Methodist church the pastor, Rev. John O. Long, who is from the state of Illinois, gave personal glimpses of impressions received from the life and home of Lincoln, the man who loved humanity. Lincoln's Gettysburg speech was given by Private George H. Upham; a vocal solo, "Ring out peace bells," was rendered by Mrs. Florence Guinn and the Misses W. Marshall and Agnes Waitt sang, "America, the beautiful."

At the Congregational church this coming Sunday Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon topic is "Is God hungry." Sermon to the children, "Being foxy."

At the Methodist church the pastor will continue his sermons on "Christian stewardship"; preaching the third of the series, "The stewardship of possession." At 2.30 in the afternoon a Methodist mass centennial meeting is to be held. An address is to be given by Dr. Richardson of Fitchburg and it is also expected that other speakers will be present. Following the meeting the quarterly conference is to be held.

Club Meeting.

At the meeting of the Monday club held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Bruce, the afternoon program in charge of Mrs. A. L. Struthers was of unusual interest, the subject being "America's place in the war." The following members gave excellent papers on "Financing the war," Miss Ellen N. Haynes; "What the home gave," Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hartford; "Hoover's part with the co-operation of the people," Mrs. Ellen Howard; "Organized war work," written by Mrs. A. D. Fessenden and read by Mrs. Annie Bliss; "Red Cross work," Miss Alberta D. Barber; the appropriate poems, "In Flander's field" and "In Flander's field now," were read by Mrs. W. L. Bruce. Current events along the line of the subjects were given by Mrs. J. R. Smith, Mrs. Abbie Barber and Mrs. Struthers. In view of the coming drive for the suffering Armenians Mrs. Abbie Barber spoke on the "Armenian relief."

Extracts from the Wilbraham academy magazine on the life work of a former student, the late Joseph H. Heffion, who died in Y. M. C. A. service overseas and who was formerly a Townsend High school principal, was read at this meeting. "America" was sung in closing, after which during the social hour refreshments were served by the hostess.

West.

A Girls' Home Economic club was formed here under the direction of Miss Dorothy Stockin of the Home Economic and County Farm Bureau, and held their first meeting on January 17 at the schoolhouse, and the following officers were elected: Persis Ormsby, pres.; Janet Clark, v. p.; Harriet Shepherd, sec. and treas., and at the last meeting, at the home of Miss Persis Ormsby, January 24, the club adopted the name of Busy Bees, and voted to take up sewing and household tasks.

Word has been received here that John Eldredge is recovering from an attack of pneumonia at a camp in South Carolina, where he had been transferred.

Steven Shepherd has been on the sick list, suffering from an abscess.

Miss Myllykangas, teacher of the grammar school, was obliged to give up work on Wednesday of last week on account of an attack of influenza in a mild form, and was confined to her room at Mrs. Alexander Reed's for a few days. Miss Alberta Barber, of Townsend hill, substituted during her absence.

The Ladies' Whist club commenced their regular meetings last week, meeting on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Upton.

A trained nurse from Fitchburg has been in attendance on the Bennett family and the patients are recovering from the influenza in fairly good shape.

Mrs. W. C. Winchester and Miss Evelyn Newton, of the Center, are sick and under the doctor's care at the Squannicook Inn.

William Lawrence has returned from a week's visit with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. George Wright has been visiting in Boston and vicinity.

Harold Petts is rapidly recovering from an attack of influenza, which confined him to the house for several days.

The Busy Bees held their business meeting at the schoolhouse on last week Friday afternoon, under the direction of the president, Miss Persis Ormsby, and arranged their work for the coming weeks, and in the evening a social meeting was enjoyed at the home of the Misses Mary and Agnes Coffey, and games and music passed the evening very pleasantly.

The Live Wire class of boys of the Baptist Sunday school held their fortnightly meeting last Saturday evening at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Charles Hodgman, with most of the members in attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was passed in a social manner, and plans were discussed for a social meeting in the vestry in the near future.

Mrs. Carrie Kaddy has returned to her home from a ten-days' stay in Ashby.

Miss Janet Clark has been on the sick list for a few days at her home.

Mrs. Bessie Seabon, a former resident of this village, now living in Ayer, visited friends in town on Monday.

Miss Agnes Thompson entertained a friends from Fitchburg at her home for the week-end.

Miss Emma Lees, who has been in Portland, Me., for the winter, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. J. Lees.

Francis Flynn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., one of our West Townsend boys during the summers, has entered Holy Cross college, Worcester, at the early age of 15½ years, and is the youngest boy in the college. His brother Homer, who returned from overseas a few weeks ago, is now in Washington and expects to be mustered out this week. He was in all the sectors from Dijon to Sedan, went over the top at Argonne, was slightly gassed and also wounded in the hand, but is now in fine condition.

The evening mail on Monday evening was very late, owing to the train accident at the Center, and was brought from the derailed train to this village by auto, as were the passengers, and the train did not pass through here until seven o'clock next morning, making the return trip about eight o'clock.

Rev. Joseph McKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday as usual, and the Y. P. S. C. E. will meet in the vestry at the usual hour, the subject being "Trust in God."

The Ladies' Mission circle will meet at the home of Lucy A. Lawrence at the usual hour on Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday morning it was found that an attempt had been made to break into the brick store some time during the night, an automobile spring having been found wedged in one of the doors in an attempt to force the lock, and indications were found that other doors had been tried. All the evidence on hand points to the work of boys, who probably were frightened away by someone passing.

George M. Streeter will finish his work for Damon & Richardson this week and commences work at the Belgrade rug factory on Monday.

The Ladies' Study club met on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George A. Seaver for their first regular meeting since December 16, the meetings having been postponed on account of the prevailing sickness. Eight members and one guest, Mrs. Frank Hamilton, were present, and the meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Mabelle Wilson. The vacant place on the program committee, caused by the resignation of Mrs. Frank Boutelle, was filled by Mrs. E. J. Lees, and the committee announced that the program will be carried on in sequence of topics, instead of dates, and at the next meeting, in charge of Mrs. Mabelle Wilson, the topic will be "New Russia and its parts." The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. A. Seaver on Monday afternoon, February 24. Roll call responses and interesting papers were given by the different members, which were most interesting and heartily enjoyed.

Ervin Edwards, of Troy, N. H., is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Stevens' hill.

Miss Evelyn Newton, who has been stopping at the Squannicook Inn, has returned to her home at the Center.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Miss Bertha Livermore was unable to return to her work in Boston this week on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wetherbee, of Worcester, were week-end guests at Walnut farm.

Mrs. B. C. Steele spent Thursday with her relatives in Clinton.

Word has been received of the death of Ernest K. Davidson. He died in a tuberculosis hospital in New York.

Mrs. C. B. Robbins visited the Turner family in Waltham two days this week.

The next meeting of the Red Cross will be the annual business meeting, February 25. All members are requested to be present and all the work and yarn; also, any unused material, should be returned at that time. The meeting will be held with Mrs. C. B. Robbins at two o'clock.

Private Luther Furbush, from Camp Devens, spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. P. B. Litchfield.

Friends of Richard Downes will be pleased to hear that their daughter Ruth is gaining from a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson entertained their brother, Roger Moore, last week.

Mrs. Graves and daughter, Miss Elsie, spent the week-end with friends in Lunenburg.

News has been recently received from Private Flint Furbush, saying he had been transferred to Washington, D. C., from Camp Eustis, Va.

Last Sunday the preacher at the church here was Rev. Mr. Nickerson, who also taught the adult class in the Sunday school.

The Woman's Missionary meeting was held with Mrs. Simon B. Hager, last Wednesday afternoon. The lesson was from the third chapter of the book, "Women workers of the Orient."

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Col. Albert L. Rhoades, U. S. A., with Mrs. Rhoades and their three children, spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. Warren A. Colburn last week. Col. Rhoades has just returned from France, where he has been with Gen. Pershing since August, 1917, and has occupied a most responsible position as inspector of artillery on the front lines. He has the honor of being the highest military officer in service in France from New Hampshire. He is spending a week in Nashua, the home of his wife, and will then return to Washington for orders, but expects to remain in the United States for the present. Col. Rhoades spent his boyhood days here and in Nashua, entering the army soon after leaving high school, and it is by his own efforts alone that he has reached his present high position. When in Nashua he spoke before the Y. M. C. A. and the Country club. This is said to have one of the finest libraries in the country.

At the D. A. R. meeting with Mrs. Flora C. Hardy last Saturday, the following program was given, in charge of Miss Eaton: Roll call, answered by Indian legends; Mrs. Charlotte French read a most interesting paper on "The Indian in art"; the meeting closing with the salute to the flag. Lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held in April with Mrs Mary Powers, the program to be in charge of Mrs. Nellie L. Hardy.

Rev. Robert M. French attended the congress for a league of nations in Boston on last Wednesday as a delegate.

Dr. George S. Hazard is driving a new Buick.

Mrs. George W. Hardy was in Milford a number of days last week, called there by the illness of her cousin, Mrs. William Gangloff.

Mrs. Anna Bell and Miss Bell visited in Fitchburg last Saturday.

Fred C. Hardy was a Hollis visitor on Sunday.

Miss Viola Arnold, Worcester, Mass., is spending a few days with her friend, Miss Florence Muzzey.

Mrs. Nellie Nichols is in Nashua for a few weeks.

Mrs. Mary B. Cleasby, who has been a Red Cross nurse in Panama, has been visiting her father, George B. Cleasby.

Recent letters from Luther A. Tarbell report him as billeted in France and moved about every two weeks.

Two teams have been formed in the Grange to see who can get the most members out to the meetings the coming year. Harold E. Hardy is captain of the Blues and William B. Simonds, captain of the Reds.

Lieut. Stanley Dalton, U. S. A., who has been discharged from the service, is teaching in the Wilton high school.

Louis Brown, who was in the Signal Corps, is still in the hospital in Philadelphia, as the result of a serious accident some months ago, caused by being run into by an automobile run by a man who was under the influence of liquor.

A letter just received from Miss Van Dyke says her broken collar bone has knit all right and all casts and bandages have been removed, and the doctor says her shoulder will come right in time.

Mrs. F. A. Greenleaf has tested some peach twigs and they blossomed finely and unless the mercury drops low this month peaches should be plenty this year.

Ensign Harry M. Powers received orders on Monday to report at Anacostia naval air station, Washington, D. C., and left immediately.

Miss Agnes Tenney has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wellington Hardy, in Arlington, Mass.

A good number were present at the church supper, seventeen dollars being cleared.

The high school pupils gave a supper on Thursday for the benefit of the senior class. Mrs. William B. Simonds and Mrs. Mary Worcester assisted them with the supper.

The Study club meets on Saturday afternoon.

Rodney T. and Charles Hardy, of Arlington, spent a few days in town recently.

The Woman's club will meet at the ladies' parlor on Monday afternoon.

Boys' and Girls' Club Meeting.

The following program was carried out at the boys' and girls' club recently, Charles J. Bell presiding: Piano solo, Clara Wright; "Star Spangled Banner," audience; song, club; address on "Achievement," Mr. Carlisle, who is in charge of the club work of the state. Andrea Gagnon was presented an "all star pin," being one of three in the state to receive one. Demonstration, cutting and making a garment, Margaret Rule; demonstration, selecting, preparing, planting and harvesting potatoes, Raymond Flanders; stereopticon pictures of club work and workers, Miss Hazard.

The prize winners in the club were Andrea Gagnon, Adeline Gagnon and two others of the Gagnon family, Lawrence Reed, Woodbury Bell, Francis Goodwin, Roy Snow, Alice and Hannah Burton, Bernice Lovejoy, Raymond Flanders, Thelma Locke, Clara Wright, Marion Sanders, William and Norman Howe, Margaret and Mary Cassidy, Theodore Jambard, Alice Ord, Catherine and Robert Baker, Franklin Worcester, Teddy Marvel, Irene Farley, Evelyn Hills. This was followed by a short address by Supt. Smith.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

All the schools in town have closed for the winter vacation. The North primary closed on January 31, and Miss Parsons returned to her home in Gloucester, Mass. The village primary closed last week Thursday and the grammar school closed Friday. Misses Dodge and Gardner returned to their homes Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Wilkins is on the sick list.

Timothy Lorden and family, of Pepperell, have moved into the upstairs tenement at the Cox residence. Mr. Lorden is employed at A. D. Fessenden's mill.

Mrs. Myra Stanley, George Stanley, Mrs. Nellie LaBoute and Miss Eva Elliott were Nashua visitors on Tuesday.

Mrs. Bertha Brown and son Harold spent the week-end at the home of her sister in Pepperell.

Mrs. Walter Fessenden underwent a successful operation at the Memorial hospital, Nashua, Tuesday.

Chester Elliott is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Elliott, in Mason.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the parsonage on Tuesday afternoon.

The mid-week prayer meeting will be held at the parsonage on Thursday evening.

The South Brookline Social club met at the home of Mrs. Annie Rockwood last Thursday afternoon. A literary program was given and refreshments of tea and fancy crackers were served. A very pleasant time was enjoyed. There have been three meetings of the club this season. Three weeks ago, January 23, they met with Mrs. E. C. Shattuck, and on January 30 with Mrs. Brooks Rockwood. The club organized for a social time and sewing. It was voted to have a fifteen-minute literary program at each meeting.

Mrs. Robert Sherwood, Miss Elva Sherwood and Charles R. Hardy, of Pepperell, have been recent visitors at the home of Arthur Brown.

The South Brookline Social club will meet with Mrs. Lucian Farrar on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Lizzie Maynard has returned to her home after spending a very pleasant winter at the home of Mr. Stearns in Townsend.

George Hobart, of Nashua, has been a visitor at the home of Mrs. Mary Hobart.

David Barnaby is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Barnaby. He has recently returned home from overseas.

Mrs. Harry Hall and little son Sherman are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. E. Whitcomb.

LITTLETON

News Items.

The drive for the Near East campaign, in answer to the crying needs of the people of Armenia and Syria, is being taken this week and next through all the churches of the town. The war is not over until the people are returned to their homes; and while our government is doing heroic work in caring for these distressed people, an additional contribution of $30,000,000 is asked from the homes of America.

The lyceum will meet Tuesday evening for its home talent night and annual meeting for election of officers. The United States official war film, "America's answer," will be shown—this gives a pictorial history of America's achievement in making possible the early ending of the great war. As all had some small part in this preparation it seemed fitting to give these stirring pictures as a part of our local talent work, though the film was not taken in Littleton, but everywhere in America and "over there." This is the last meeting of the lyceum for the season.

Mrs. Ruth Thacher Brown, of Ayer, has been substitute clerk for her father this week.

Mrs. Clarence Crosby has suffered much from abscess in the throat.

Mrs. Hollis Robbins has visited at her father's this week.

Clarence Crosby has recently installed a telephone—23-11.

Richard Dodge, instructor in aviation, is at home, having been honorably discharged from service.

Mrs. Edwards was entertained over Monday night by the Misses Sanderson.

The Pomona Grange will hold its next meeting in Littleton town hall on Thursday, February 20. The forenoon will be devoted to business. In the afternoon the meeting will be open to the public and the following program will be presented: Address of welcome, Clarence Brown, master of Littleton Grange; response; piano solo, Miss Olive Flagg; address, Rev. L. A. Whiston, of Lunenburg; vocal solo, Miss Florence Hunt; address, Charles M. Gardner, high priest demeter; vocal solo, Rev. F. W. Lambertson; reading, Mrs. Mabel Graves, of Shirley; vocal trio, Misses Elizabeth, Rosa and Frances Hill; farce, members of Littleton Grange.

Members of Littleton Grange are reminded each to carry a pound of something good to eat to the regular meeting next Wednesday evening, when a pound party will be held.

Mrs. George Newcombe and her children have returned to their home at the Center, and Mrs. Newcombe opened her store the first of the week.

Through the Boston Post, announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Marion S. Hill, Wellesley '11, daughter of Mrs. W. L. Hill, of Massachusetts avenue, Arlington, to Ensign Vernon Gregory Sloan, U. S. N. Ensign Sloan is a graduate of Technology, class of 1912.

Obituary.

The many friends of Miss Margaret E. McDonald have met with a distinct loss in her untimely and much lamented death which occurred last Saturday evening, as she peacefully fell asleep, surrounded by members of the family who had given her every attention and gratified her every desire. Miss McDonald had not been enjoying the best of health for some time, and several weeks ago was taken sick with the influenza, which doubtless hastened her death.

Funeral services were held from St. Anne's church at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, when mass was celebrated at a very impressive service by Rev. Fr. Readon, and Miss Lothrop sang. The funeral was very largely attended and the floral offerings were profuse and beautiful, bearing their silent testimony of the affection and esteem in which the deceased was held.

Margaret Esther McDonald, oldest of three children, and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDonald, was born in Littleton forty years ago last November. Here she received her education, graduating from the high school, and afterwards pursuing a course at Burdett's Business college in Boston. Upon the completion of her studies she secured a good position with a publishing firm in Boston, which she was forced to relinquish through sickness. From that time she remained at home, where she was most tenderly and affectionately watched over by her ever indulgent parents.

Many interests claimed her attention. She joined the embroidery class and wrought many beautiful pieces. Through membership in the Arts and Crafts society she gained skill in basketry, weaving, etc. Since the French relief and Red Cross work was taken up she devoted herself untiringly to efficient service in those organizations. Seldom was she absent from the circle that met weekly in her neighborhood for Red Cross work and between times she knit and sewed habitually for the soldiers and the refugees. Many of our boys have enjoyed the warmth of her sweaters, and many of the destitute in Belgium and France have been blessed by her handiwork.

Miss McDonald was a loyal supporter of St. Anne's church, which she attended constantly, and through which she accomplished much good. She assisted her brother, Postmaster McDonald, as clerk a part of each week day, and enjoyed popularity among all the patrons of the office, where she rendered a faithful, able, prompt and always agreeable service.

The deceased is survived by her parents; two brothers, A. H. McDonald, of Littleton, and Charles E. McDonald, of Winthrop, a nephew and other near relatives, who have the sympathy of this entire community in their unspeakable loss.

Miss McDonald was a woman of unusual modesty and reserve, who belonged to the substantial type always to be depended upon, efficient, always courteous, unselfish and very kindly towards everyone. She will be greatly missed and deeply mourned, but her memory will be cherished by the host of friends who have known her and realized the beauty and worth of her character.

L. W. C.

Approximately eighty ladies attended the meeting of the Woman's club at Mrs. Ethel B. Prouty's on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Alice F. Hartwell presided. The club voted to endorse certain bills to come before the state legislature soon and Mrs. Emma Yapp was voted into membership of the club. Mrs. Hartwell very pleasantly introduced the visiting artists of the afternoon, Mrs. Carrie Gilman Edwards, of Auburndale and Littleton, and Mrs. Reed, of Weston, who gave a most delightful entertainment. Mrs. Reed, who possesses a pleasing contralto voice, gave a variety of her specialty selections, which were enthusiastically received. Miss [illegible] A. Sanderson, one of our most [illegible] accompanists, ably supported [illegible]

Mrs. Edwards [illegible] a pre-recital, occupying [illegible] minutes, and throughout [illegible] by way of explanation [illegible] selections more intelligible and [illegible] appreciated by her [illegible] and throughout her playing [illegible] other manuscript no[illegible] her program was indeed [illegible] she held her audience [illegible] Again and again we [illegible] her wonderful touch, technique [illegible] exquisite interpretation of [illegible] composer. Only the consummate skill of a born artist can put soul into music, and Mrs. Edwards does [illegible] every time.

A social followed the musical entertainment when the hostess, assisted by the younger members of the club, served delicious refreshments.

News from France.

The following letter, dated St. Mihiel, France, written by Roger A. Priest to the members of Littleton Grange, was read at the last meeting of that organization:

I have intended to write the Grange before this but time has been pretty well taken up with thoughts of winding up the war and driving back the Hun.

Nevertheless I have been with the Grange in spirit if not in body. I have often wondered how you all were and wished that I might look in upon you all. We all hope that we will be able to say goodbye to France and turn our faces toward the [illegible] U. S. A. and home.

We heard about the mud of Flanders before we came over here and I have traversed through it and know now what it is. There is no mud in the United States like it.

France, as we found it, was a country that had given all she had to the war. At the docks where we landed there were a lot of German prisoners unloading coal. The first thing that I noticed was that the people unloading the coal were either Germans or else the very old men of France, and in a good many cases little boys, ten to twelve years old, were doing the shoveling. They were half starved looking.

Just a few words to let you know what part of France we have seen. We landed in the northern part of France, at Brest. We stayed there for four days, when we were loaded into freight cars about half the size of our cars and on the outside they were marked 40 hommes or 8 cheval, meaning 40 men or 8 horses. It surely seemed funny to ride in freight cars.

Well, we started on a five-days' ride across France and landed about forty miles behind what was then the front line trenches. We landed in a quaint little village of 500 people. Here we had a chance to see something of French life and customs. We saw some very large farms in our travels, but one thing that I noticed in particular was the lack of modern machinery. In our entire trip across France I saw only three modern mowing machines and two reapers, most all the work being done by the old-fashioned cradle mower and the women tying the grain by hand.

It is almost six months since we put foot on French soil and during those six months we have surely seen a lot and been through a lot. We went under shell fire for our first taste of war in the drive on St. Mihiel. I am sure we will never forget September 12, 1918, when about 12.30 that morning we were deafened by the roar of our artillery and just before daybreak came the words, "Over the top and at them." It wasn't long before the Boche began to come in as prisoners. We had a hard time to keep the telephone lines up with the infantry, they went so fast. We stayed in this region about a week, when we were ordered further north, and went up on the Argonne front. Here we stayed until the armistice was signed, November 11. We were fortunate to take part in both the Argonne and Meuse-Argonne drive. We are all thankful that it is over and we are looking forward to getting back.

Would enjoy getting back to take in Brother and Sister Barrow's night. I am sorry I can't be at installation of officers but will be thinking of the Grange the first Wednesday in 1919. Wishing you all a happy new year and best wishes to the new officers and all members of the Grange.

New Advertisements

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends who softened our grief by spiritual bouquets, beautiful flowers and words of comfort; also, for their many acts of kindness during our late bereavement.

MR. and MRS. HUGH McDONALD and Family.

Littleton, Mass., February 12, 1919.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of ALICE M. PALMER late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

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

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the sixth day of March A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing post-paid a copy of this citation to the widow and next of kin of said deceased fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

3t23 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of WALLACE E. CUNNINGHAM late of Boxborough in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to PHILIP W. CUNNINGHAM of Boxborough in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of February A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing post-paid a copy of this citation to the widow and next of kin of said deceased fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

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Groton, Mass., January, 1919.

To the Middlesex County Commissioners, Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen—The undersigned respectfully represent that the Great Road, so called, in Littleton and Groton, is in need of alterations and specific repairs, from the end of the state road at Littleton Common, thence in Littleton to the Groton line, and in Groton from the Littleton line to a point in Groton Centre, where said Great Road is joined by the Lowell Road, so called.

Wherefore, we pray that you will alter said highway and direct specific repairs thereon.

MOSELEY HALE and sixteen others.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, to wit: [illegible] said Cambridge [illegible] February, A. D. 1919.

On the foregoing petition ordered that the Sheriff [illegible] Deputy give notice to [illegible] corporations interested, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at Groton Town Hall, on Thursday, the twentieth day of March, A. D. 1919, at 10.15 A. M., by serving the Clerks of the Towns of Groton and Littleton, with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said towns of Groton and Littleton, fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

Copy of petition and order thereon. Attest,

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon. Attest:

ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

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Saturday, February 15, 1919

GROTON

News Items.

John Condon is a patient at Dr. Ayres' hospital.

Dr. A. G. Kilbourn and John Lawrence started Thursday night for a trip to the West Indies on a vacation, expecting to be away about a month. Dr. Harding and Dr. Ford, who have recently returned from France, will take charge of Dr. Kilbourn's practice during his absence.

A musical entertainment of the Luther Blood lecture course will be held in the town hall Thursday evening, February 20, and will consist of a noted pianist, a baritone soloist and one of the leading first violinists of the Boston Symphony orchestra. This promises to be one of the finest musical entertainments of the season.

William Cleary while riding home Thursday night on his bicycle collided with an auto and had his leg broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and little son Sherman came to town last Saturday night and are stopping at the home of Miss Edna Keyes.

Envelopes for the annual offering for the work of the American Board were distributed at the Congregational church last Sunday morning. The American Board was organized in 1810. It's twenty fields of work are distributed in sixteen lands, and only the missions in Spain and Mexico are not under the flag of a nation at war. It marshals 6437 American and native workers. It's 716 churches have 88,000 emmbers; it's 1545 Sunday schools, 99,000 members; it's 1844 seminaries, colleges and schools, 91,000 under instruction. The receipts of the board for the year ending August 31, 1918, were the largest in its history, $1,351,944.96. Now the war is ended the demands upon the resources of the board have been greatly increased.

George H. McKee, of Court street, underwent a successful operation for an intestinal trouble at the Cambridge hospital on Monday. A message was received, stating that he was coming out of the ether but was a very sick man.

Rev. G. M. Howe will speak Sunday evening on some phases of the life and character of Lincoln.

Mrs. Ruth Montgomery, of Worcester, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McKee.

Frank F. Woods is sick at his home with a bronchial affection, which has reduced his strength.

Eugene R. Dilbert and wife, of Portland, Me., spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dilbert.

Corp. J. F. Dilbert, of the Motor Transport Corps, Arizona, has been honorably discharged and came home Sunday evening after an absence of fourteen months.

Lawrence Dilbert, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dilbert, is still in France. He is in the Infantry, 76th Division.

Willard Smith, who has had one experience this winter with a grippe cold, was unable to drive on the milk route Tuesday morning.

Harvey Woods, who has just returned from France, gave an exceedingly interesting talk at the Congregational church vestry on Sunday evening. His trip home was a most hazardous one. At one time the ship came within two degrees of floundering. Fortunately for all on board a refluent wave broke against the side of the vessel with such force as to right it. He experienced only two days of pleasant weather out of fourteen required for the trip home.

Mrs. Maynes entertained Miss Ordway and Mrs. Mack, of Cambridge, recently.

Little Charles Pollard McKean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McKean, who was badly burned about the neck and chest last week by pulling a cup of hot coffee on himself, is improving.

Miss Lillian Crocker has been the guest of her brother's family in Leominster the past week.

Charles Weed, of the Rocky hill district, who moved to Lowell and was employed in the ammunition factory there, has returned to Groton.

Miss Helen Dodge has returned from Germantown, Pa., where she has been enjoying a visit with her friend, Mrs. Edith Waters Brown.

Milo Harrington is back on the mail route again, having recovered from a second attack of the grippe. The other members of the family who have been ill, have also greatly improved.

Mrs. Gammon, who has been helping in their home, left Tuesday morning.

Mark Blood, with the assistance of Kennie Fletcher, is harvesting ice for the coming season. It is reported as being nine inches thick and exceptionally clear.

It is reported that on Tuesday Corp. Frank J. Toomey, Co. B, 102nd U. S. Infantry, was honorably discharged at Camp Devens.

On Thursday of last week Mrs. Frank A. Torrey attended the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the State Federation of Woman's clubs in Boston.

At a big memorial service in Bradford, Pa., last Sunday for Theodore Roosevelt, Hon. Rufus B. Stone, a former resident of this town, gave a splendid eulogy of the departed statesman as the concluding speaker of the service.

George Shattuck and Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Hayes wish to thank most heartily the Groton fire company, who responded so promptly and efficiently at the time of their fire last week Tuesday.

The friends of Mrs. Herbert Taylor are glad to learn that she is rapidly improving and expects to be out of doors soon.

William N. Souther was operated on for hernia at the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, February 1. Mrs. Souther accompanied him and remained with relatives in Cambridge. She also made a short visit to her son, who is superintendent of schools in Wilmington.

The annual Washington's birthday party, given by the Unitarian Alliance will take place in town hall on Friday evening, February 21. Music by Newell's orchestra, Marlboro. Dancing from eight to one.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange will meet at Littleton Thursday, February 20. Charles M. Gardner of Westfield, high priest of demeter, will be the principle speaker. Littleton people will meet all Grange visitors at the station.

Lincoln's day was observed at the Community club on Wednesday afternoon, February 12. Mrs. Rose Davis was the hostess. Decorations appropriate to the day, consisting of log cabins, flags, etc., were used. There were a large number present and the amount of sewing accomplished during the afternoon was gratifying to all. Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Robbins, Wednesday, February 26.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. H. M. Chase on Thursday afternoon, February 20, at 2.30 o'clock. Mrs. James Bailey of Arlington will be the present.

The first lecture of the Luther Blood lecture course will take place in the town hall Saturday evening, February 15, when Ng. Poon-Chew, a noted Chinese statesman and journalist, will speak. Thursday evening, February 20, the second entertainment in the course will be given, which will be a musicale.

The services at the Baptist church Sunday, February 16, are as follows: Morning service at 10.30; subject, "The temptation of Jesus." Evening service at seven; "Christianity in contact with the greed of wealth and gain." Rev. Sumner Bangs will be the preacher.

The current events department of the Woman's club will meet on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Earle.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Odber Folkins is suffering a relapse of influenza and was taken to Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, Thursday morning. She was reported as more comfortable at last reports.

We have had several grass fires recently, the last one Wednesday afternoon, back of the residence of H. H. Gay.

Mr. Souther has sufficiently recovered from the operation to be able to return Saturday by automobile.

About Town.

Miss Doris Peabody has been at home sick, but is improving.

Mrs. George H. Cook, of Nashua, N. H., was in town a few hours this week.

Frank Dilbert has been discharged and is at home. He has been on the Mexican border, but not overseas.

Frank Toomey has been wounded and is in the base hospital at Camp Devens to recuperate.

Harvey A. Woods is at Dr. Ayres' hospital.

Paul Wilson is back in Groton, staying for the present with Miss Edna Keyes.

Mrs. Woolley returned from Nashua this week, where she has been with her daughter for three weeks.

There was a mass meeting held in the town hall on Tuesday evening to appoint a committee and talk over a greeting to the boys coming home from overseas.

The music section of the Woman's club met with Mrs. Charles B. Ames on Wednesday afternoon.

The first social of the season was held in the Congregational vestry on last week Thursday evening. An excellent supper was served at 6.30 under the direction of Mrs. Blanche M. Brown and assistants. The program was in charge of Mrs. Earle, assisted by Miss Fannie Woods.

Mrs. Lewis Woods, of Buxton, Me., was a visitor over the week-end with Allen Woods and family.

Grange.

Groton Grange held their installation of officers on Tuesday evening, the ban on public gatherings owing to the influenza epidemic making it necessary to postpone this event until this late date. There was a good number present and the following officers were installed: Elmer Sawyer, m.; Eber Keirstead, o.; Mrs. Arline Bishop, lect.; Kennie P. Fletcher, stew.; Fred Lancey, chap.; Wallace A. Brown, treas.; Mrs. Effie Souther, sec.; Russell Woods, asst. stew.; Mrs. Maria Keirstead, Ceres; Mrs. Mary Bixby, Pomona; Mrs. Addie Woods, Flora; Miss Edith Wright, l. a. s.; William Bixby, ex. com. 3 years; Mrs. Blanche Brown 1 year.

The installing officer was Willard White, of Shirley, assisted by Mrs. Grace Rymes, of Ayer. The work was done in a most satisfactory and dignified manner, and at the close of the exercises Mrs. Blanche Brown, past master, was escorted to the altar, where Eber Keirstead, in behalf of the Grange, presented her with a past master's pin and a gold piece. She has been a most faithful and efficient master for two years and her efforts have been appreciated.

Light refreshments were served in the lower hall, where speeches were in order for a few minutes. The new programs were given out and a year of good entertainment is expected. The lecturer gave a report of the State Grange meeting held in Springfield in December.

Visitors were present from Ayer, Shirley and Centre Harbor. The next meeting will be held on February 25.

Relief of Turkish Victims.

From February 9 to 24 there is a country-wide campaign to raise $20,000,000 for relief of 3,950,000 victims of Turkish oppression in Palestine, Armenia and Asia Minor, of this number 400,000 are orphans. These people are in desperate need and in immediate danger of starvation or of death from the diseases of war and hunger. Catholics, Protestants and Jews alike have suffered and even with the cessation of war are homeless and exiled in winter. They can survive only with the help that shall send them food and clothing to supply them until they shall again be able to reëstablish themselves and raise their own food crops.

The local collection for this relief is put under the charge of the churches. Next week there will be a canvass of the Unitarian parish. Everyone may gladly give some amount; for even a small sum means a day's food ration and larger sums mean the care of children through the months until they can be permanently cared for. All expense of the nation wide campaign is met privately, so that every dollar contributed goes to the work of relief.

M. S. G.

The regular drill of Co. K was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening with a good attendance. Following drill in company close order work the squads were given special drill in squad movements, facings and the manual of arms by the squad leaders, under direction of the officers. A detail was given practice on the rifle range under direction of Sergt. Shaw.

After the drill a lunch was served in the lower town hall by mess sergeant Blood. Ham sandwiches, doughnuts, cheese, coffee and cigars were enjoyed. Sergt. Shaw announced that the bottle-top shoot, which has been postponed from new years, would be held on the indoor range on February 22.

West Groton.

One day last week Leon Barteaux took in the largest load of logs ever drawn into Thompson's mill yard—1141 feet.

The Scouts are to have an entertainment on Friday, February 28, at eight o'clock. There will be a debate; subject, "Who is the greatest man, Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt? Slides will be shown. There will also be vocal and instrumental music rendered.

It is hoped everyone will be ready to give to the Armenian Relief fund. A very worthy object. The Scouts are going to do their bit to raise the $15 before February 21, by canvassing the town.

Mrs. Edward Mellish and Miss Angeline Farnsworth motored with friends to Watertown on Friday last, returning in the evening.

Miss May Hood of Lowell spent Friday and Saturday of last week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Burgess.

Rev. C. W. Loomis of Leominster will preach at the Christian Union church next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb left on Monday for East Walpole.

Mr. Liacos has been employed at the shipyards in Quincy for the last month and intends moving his family there in the near future.

Mrs. R. H. Burgess spent Friday in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes were in town this week visiting Mrs. Maria Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Blood spent the week-end in Chelsea with Mrs. Blood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smalley.

A new choir has been formed at the Christian Union church with Mrs. F. L. Blood, leader.

J. A. Lamb of Fitchburg has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. L. Blood.

Mrs. John Robinson was ill two days this week. Mrs. Lee Bixby substituted for her during her absence.

A very pleasing gathering was held at the home of George H. Bixby on Tuesday evening, the occasion being a surprise kitchen shower for Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bixby, who are planning to keep house in the near future. While Mr. and Mrs. Bixby were being entertained in the parlor, their friends were gathering in the living room and when all was ready the guests of honor were escorted to a couch and the groom was presented with scissors, to cut the twine from the gifts, and as each one had a verse attached there was a deal of fun. A clothes basket, pair of pillows, broom, folding table, kettles, cups, mixing spoons, toasters and many useful articles of tin and aluminum, also silver spoons were among the many good things showered upon the happy couple. After all of the gifts had been opened, the guests were entertained for a time by chorus singing by a group of the guests. Delicious refreshments of cake and ice cream were served.

Rev. William Ganley plans to visit his son Arnold at Bates college on Saturday.

Mrs. Martha Tarbell met with a very serious accident last Sunday when she tripped over a rug and fell against a chair taking it with her to the floor. Dr. Kilbourn is doing all he can to make her comfortable and Miss Kathleen McGowan, nurse at Groton hospital, is assisting the family in caring for her.

Miss Laura Taylor came home from the hospital on Tuesday.

F. L. Blood received a letter this week from Dr. H. B. Priest, who is stationed in Siberia.

The pines, which have stood so many years near Newell station, have been cut this winter. The logs are to be carried to A. H. Thompson's sawmill.

Cards have been received from Palm Beach, Fla., also from San Antonio, Tex., saying that it is cold and rainy this winter. Very different from last winter.

A. H. Thompson plans to visit relatives in Lantana and Palm Beach, Fla.

To the Editor:

I would like to correct a statement in last week's Landmark giving me undue credit for my part in the fire at the Shattuck farm, as I only notified Foreman Lawrence when I heard the alarm, and feel that the reporter must have been misinformed. The chemical engine arrived at the fire, a distance of more than three miles, in about fifteen minutes after the first alarm was given. But for the quick work of the men and the chemical it would probably have been a serious fire. In looking over the town report I notice that of the eight fires attended in the last year, there was practically no damage, which shows the great value of the chemical engine to the town, as in former years many fires were a total loss.

Fred L. Blood.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman and Mrs. Hannah Simpson spent Thursday with Miss Elizabeth Brockelman in Lancaster.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge held their regular meeting this week Friday evening.

The Altrurians met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Walter Knowles. The president, Mrs. Amy C. Wheeler, presided. The records and letters of interest were read. The meeting was a patriotic one, the program being as follows: Salute to the flag; singing by all present; reading the proclamation, Miss Altie Howe; selective readings, Mrs. Martha Conant; flag drill, ten pupils from the grammar school; several photographs, 9x24 inches, showing towns and harbors of France, received Wednesday by Mrs. Abbie J. Wells from her son Stanley, who is a mess sergeant, proved most interesting, one showing a large warehouse where he and 200 other New England boys are billeted. "The Star Spangled Banner" and club songs were sung, Mrs. Emma S. Horton and Miss Kathleen Miner accompanying on the piano. The meeting adjourned to meet on February 27 with Mrs. Charles H. Weare, Jr.

AYER

News Items.

At Proctor's Strand, Saturday, February 15, Catherine Calvert in "Out of the night." The greatest expression across in the movies today. A Sherry production; one of the best pictures we have ever shown; news; two-reel comedy. Sunday, Mae Marsh in "Face in the dark"; Miss Marsh as a Sherlock Holmes; news; two-reel comedy. Monday, Geraldine Farrar in "Shadows"; the latest and best of Miss Farrar's, from a dance hall girl in the Klondike to a society leader in New York, is only a part of her role; one of the strongest plays ever given; Miss Farrar's dresses and jewels alone are worth seeing; you wonder how it will finish till the very end; News and Billy. West comedy.

Miss Laura Smart of East Main street will spend the week-end and over Sunday with friends in Burlington, Vt.

The regular meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held on Wednesday evening, February 19, at the home of Miss Lillian Wright. Miss Wright and Miss Maude Whitcomb, hostesses.

The annual dinner on Washington's birthday, served by the Unitarian parish, will be held Saturday, February 22, in the Unitarian vestry. Dinner served at 12.30, followed by a military whist from two to five p. m. Tickets for the whist may be obtained from Mrs. Charles A. Normand, chairman.

Mrs. Jones of Lancaster will be at Hardy's hall, Friday, February 21, at four o'clock to arrange an afternoon dancing class. Parents with interested children are asked to come. Information may be obtained from the patronesses: Mrs. Ralph Wylie, Mrs. Theodore Barry, Mrs. John Traquair, Mrs. Eugene Barry and Mrs. Charles A. Normand.

Miss Hilda Osgood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Osgood, will spend the week-end with relatives in Everett.

J. A. Shaw is constructing a garage which will hold several cars on his Park street premises.

The work of the Boston and Maine railroad in replacing the planks on the overhead bridge, East Main street, is nearly completed.

The committee in charge of the concert and ball given by the colored people in the town hall last week was disappointed by the talent they secured for the entertainment from the camp. They promise that at the next ball they will have a full program.

HARVARD

News Items.

The Congregational Men's club will observe their regular meeting on Sunday evening, February 16. Supper will be served at seven o'clock. At eight o'clock Mr. O'Brion, president of the club, will present H. K. Wingate, of Turkey, who will speak on the war conditions in that country. A wonderfully interesting man with a like subject. The public is cordially invited to attend and hear this lecture.

Our popular grocer and order man, Reuben Reed, starts this week Friday for a trip to Florida. Since his attack of influenza Mr. Reed has not regained his health and strength, and his doctor has ordered him to take a complete rest for a few weeks.

J. Gardner Hapgood celebrated his birthday on Sunday. A pleasant surprise of the day was the coming of his son and daughter with their families, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hapgood, of Waltham, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Axtell, of Somerville, who came up to help him celebrate.

Joseph Spooner, who had his preliminary hearing last Saturday in the Clinton court, was found probably guilty of the murder of Thomas Colbert and is held for the grand jury in May.

Miss Beryl Bigelow, with three of her Simmons college classmates, was home for over last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bigelow.

Milk eighteen cents per quart in Boston and about 150 cans in Harvard daily going to waste or nearly so. A man wanted with a solution of this problem.

Mrs. George Kavanagh is able to be out again after being confined to the house for several weeks with a severe attack of influenza.

Willard Bagster has gone on a trip west, to be gone two weeks or more.

The music study class will furnish the entertainment for the Woman's club on Monday.

Still River.

Commencing this week Saturday the railroad ticket and freight offices will be closed at this place at 4.15 p. m., and no tickets will be sold, baggage checked or freight delivered after that time. This is done on order of the railroad officials to enforce the eight-hour system. A caretaker will be in charge to keep the waiting-room warm and lighted, and look after incoming baggage from evening trains, but that will be all. Until further notice the express office will be open as in the past, but no railroad business done after the above hour.

The Harvard fuel committee have resigned, and there are no restrictions on the fuel situation from now on.

Little Dorothy Gorham had an operation on her eye at the Clinton hospital Thursday.

Mrs. Bigelow is recovering from the influenza, and her nurse has been dispensed with.

Mrs. Thomas Higgs is visiting in Boston.

Mrs. W. B. Haskell visited relatives in Worcester on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown attended the funeral of his brother-in-law in Sterling on Wednesday.

Mrs. Annie Haskell and her sister, Mrs. Martin, visited in Worcester and Westboro on Thursday.

Eliza Bateman attended the Current Events club of Lancaster on Tuesday afternoon, being the guest of her cousin, Blanche Willard.

Polished tables may be kept in good condition if regularly, say once a week, they are rubbed with a mixture of equal parts of turpentine and olive oil. Apply with a piece of flannel, afterward polishing with a dry cloth.

KEEP CHILDREN IN SCHOOL.

It has been found that high wages paid for labor, and the high cost of living have served to take many children from the schools. An organized effort is being made by the national children's bureau of the department of labor to correct the evil. Evil is what it is, and a very serious one. There has not been a time in the history of the nation when the need of trained minds has been greater than it will be in the years following the close of the war. There is to be a period of reconstruction and readjustment that will call for the best thought of the nation. The boys and girls of today will soon be the men and women of the country, and the future welfare of the nation will be committed to their care, says Knoxville Journal and Tribune. What is to be done must not be left to political demagogues who care much more for themselves than they do for their country. There must be men and women who can see through such demagogues and put them to silence. While we are engaged in the training and preparation of millions of men for military service, the boys and the girls should be trained for opportunities and demands for services of skilled men and women as well.

For some time the Americans have taken but a mild interest in whatever activities of Count von Bernstorff have appeared on the surface of the news in the German papers, but they will have but a scornful smile for the Frankfurter Zeitung's announcement that the ex-plotter at Washington has been recalled from Constantinople because Berlin needs someone with "an adequate knowledge of America" just now. Bernstorff's "knowledge of America" has never amounted to more than insolent ignorance or malicious misjudgment. His advice to the kaiser, framed to suit the kaiser's ear, helped much to bring disaster upon Germany, says Philadelphia Record. That disaster is at hand, and of all men that might mitigate the blow Bernstorff is the least competent to aid.

The exciting stories told by the returning wounded men will keep the home firesides bright for many a long year. In some of our perambulators no doubt we have historians who will see what the smoke of battle and nearness to events has kept from us. "When I get home I'll have a two-legged time," said one hero minus a leg. If he doesn't continue to have it we are falling short of our responsibilities.

Bavaria has broken away from Berlin and now Baden is following suit. There is evidently a disposition to make Berlin bear the brunt of punishment, if possible, but all the German states were in it too deep to escape their due share of responsibility and reparation. Pleading the baby act, "it wasn't my fault," will avail none of them.

Fred W. Hohenzollern says he knew the German army was defeated after the battle of the Marne, and wanted to make peace at that time, but was told to mind his own business, thus indicating that as far back as four years ago his own friends had about as much respect for his judgment as the rest of us have now.

The automobile speeders are apparently yielding to the crusade of the law against them. It is time this particular class of violators should realize that others have rights besides themselves and that one of these rights is the protection by law of life and limb in the public streets.

The Germans call their returning troops "vanquished victors," and declare they are unbeaten, but the citizens of German towns are humbly taking off their hats when the British or Belgians pass or when the national allied anthems are played.

Don't the Poles, Ruthenians, Czechs, Slovenes, Croats, Magyars and Bulgars know that if they grab off territory that belongs to their neighbors they are grabbing off trouble for themselves? Why don't they study the life history of one Bill Hohenzollern?

People who jeer at the early inefficiency of airplane post transportation seem to forget that there was a time when the pony express was more reliable than the steam-propelled train.

In its natural state the alligator eats nothing from September to May. The only way to beat the high cost of living is to be an alligator.

No doubt Wilhelm is right in saying that he has friends in America; but most of them are now where their friendship cannot do him much good.

Germany's war debt is fifty billion dollars, and that doesn't count indemnities. Now if she could make an assignment!

The American army may have had to get some of its ordnance and airplanes from the allies but it had its own adequate supply of morale.

Treat the Newcomer Kindly.

Office employees familiar with the daily routine and customs of the business should show special courtesy to new employees. When a new worker appears in an office older employees should introduce themselves and offer to give assistance, if possible. It is kindness and good manners to help them identify names with persons, to inform them of office customs, etc. Don't wait to be asked for help—give it.—Biddy Bye.

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News Items.

The union meeting of the leading Massachusetts Agricultural organizations, co-operating with the state department of agriculture, has attracted many of the Littleton farmers on one or more of the four days this week. Among those present at the meetings in Horticultural hall, Boston, were John H. Hardy, N. H. Whitcomb, Roland G. Houghton, F. S. Kimball, W. H. Titcomb, Harry S. Barker, C. H. Yapp and E. H. Priest. The programs were most inviting and the speakers were people of distinction in their profession. Our former townsman, Willard A. Munson, was one of the executive committee and helped make his Littleton friends in attendance comfortable.

The bean carnival held in the Congregational vestry last week Friday evening was, literally speaking, "a howling success." About eighty persons, mostly children, were present. Various games and refreshments of ice cream and cake constituted the chief source of enjoyment. The vestry was artistically decorated with evergreens, and no feature that could help produce happiness for the young folk was omitted. All expressed emphatic satisfaction with the entertainment, which was planned for fun, and those in charge of the affair certainly attained their object.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Conant left town this week Wednesday for a trip to Florida. Miss Margaret Conant came home from Mt. Holyoke college for the mid-year recess in time to visit her parents before they left for the south.

A. F. Conant is having his annual colds and relapses that keep him at home much of the time.

Miss Ella Wright is suffering from a severe cold.

J. P. Thacher has been on the sick list and was obliged to stay at home for a while this week.

L. W. Chase and Mrs. Chase entertained his sister, Mrs. Fisk, and husband; also, their son and his wife, from South Chelmsford, last Sunday.

L. W. Chase has been in Lincoln for a week, working on the ice, and using his engine to haul the ice.

Allan Kimball has returned from New Jersey, where he spent nearly a week. While there he visited his sisters—Gladys at Camp Dix, and Mary at Newark.

The ladies of the Baptist society held an all-day sewing circle at the parsonage on Wednesday.

The Thursday evening meeting of the Baptist society was held with Everett Kimball this week.

This has been a busy week with the ice harvesters. Butchers, farmers, milkmen and merchants have filled their icehouses with a good quality of ice varying in thickness from ten to thirteen inches.

Miss Hazel Wright has returned from a visit in Providence.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson are spending the week in New York, and during their absence Mr. and Mrs. John Wright are assuming responsibility of the place.

Jesse Dodge recently visited his home people on Russell street.

Miss Marjorie Proctor entertained her college classmate, Miss Katherine Willis, of Brunswick, Me., over the week-end.

Robert Scott, lately returned from the war, visited his mother, Mrs. John Tarbox, Thursday.

The Historical society will hold an interesting meeting in the library reading-room on Saturday afternoon, February 22, at 2.30 o'clock. A good program is expected. All members of the society are urged to be present, and every interested person, whether a member or not, will be cordially welcome.

The Merry Go Rounds will meet next time with Mrs. Emily Sauler Phelps.

Miss Vera Smith is assisting A. H. McDonald, postmaster, at the West End postoffice.

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NOTICE—As successor to A. & E. LAWTON'S SONS & CO., Real Estate Agents, I have some 20 Farms in Groton, Mass., for sale, and other property and business propositions. F. E. GILSON, Groton and Ayer, Mass.

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Awake my soul to industry;
Who can observe the careful Ant,
And not provide for future want?"

Saturday, February 15, 1919

AYER

News Items.

The infant daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Boisseau, December 29, died of bronchitis last Monday. Interment was made Tuesday afternoon in St. Mary's cemetery.

About fifty were present last Wednesday evening at the Board of Trade rooms to hear an interesting lecture on the life of Abraham Lincoln by Hon. George J. Burns.

Medical Examiner Frank S. Bulkeley was called to Camp Devens to report on the case of Corp. Maynard J. Padgett, Company A, 36th Infantry, who shot himself Wednesday night while at camp. It is thought that the young man was despondent over a love affair. The casket containing the body, draped in an American flag, was shipped to the home of the father, David Padgett, Peru, Va. Corp. Padgett was twenty-five years of age.

The speaker at the special evening service, Sunday, at the Unitarian church, in the interest of the near East campaign, will be Rev. Prof. John K. Birge, of the International college in Smyrna, a graduate of Yale and Hartford (Conn.) Theological seminary, and has worked in the near east since 1914. No subscriptions will be solicited at the service, as the contributions are to be raised by parishes. The people of the other churches are especially urged to be present at this service.

Mrs. Norah Cullinan, of West Main street, died last Sunday at her home after a short illness with double pneumonia. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at her home, with requiem high mass at St. Mary's church, with Rev. Fr. Brennen being the officiating clergyman. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery. Mrs. Cullinan was seventy years old at the time of her death. She was born in Ireland and came to this country at an early age. She has lived in Ayer for many years, and was well known in this community. She leaves two daughters, Norah C. Cullinan and Mrs. Frank Willis, both of Ayer; four sons, Frank, Michael and Joseph A., of Ayer, and John H., of Worcester, and six grandchildren, Marion, Edna and Martha Willis, and John, Norine and Robert Cullinan; also, two sisters, Mrs. M. F. Rynn of Ayer and Mrs. T. F. Donahue of Groton.

A good sized audience listened to na instructive and interesting lecture on "Our flag" at the Federation House by Mr. Marble, of Boston, last Wednesday evening. The lecture took up the history of the flag of this country from the first one to the present day flag. Colored pictures thrown on the screen served to make the lecture interesting.

Mr. Nichols, superintendent of the Federation House, returned Wednesday from a mid-week visit to his home in North Andover. Mr. Nichols was formerly minister of the Unitarian parish there.

J. N. Book, of Westford, was brought before the district court on Tuesday, charged with using milk cans to contain gasolene. It was true that Mr. Book had been using a milk can for gasolene, but he had been using this can for that purpose for the last four years, and the inspector had failed to notice it. It proved that the can had been condemned and he had a right to use it for that purpose, and so was ordered discharged. John Psarian was charged, Tuesday, with having milk cans in his possession belonging to other people. He was fined one dollar for each can so held, and there proved to be seventeen of them.

The Misses Gertrude and Virginia and Master Hartwell Webb, of Whitefield, Me., are spending a short vacation at the home of their uncle, Herbert J. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Denio and little son Donald spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Smith. Mr. Denio is station agent at Henniker, N. H. Mr. Smith is Mrs. Denio's father.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church will hold a Red Cross meeting in the vestry of the church on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. The ladies are requested to bring Red Cross sewing and work will be furnished for anyone who have none.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Friday evening, February 21, at seven o'clock sharp. Work—Master Mason degree. Lunch.

Happy Jack's thrift club records 75 thrift stamps and 3 war stamps as the amount for the last week.

Rev. Frank B. Crandall and Mrs. Susan M. Barker represented the Unitarian church at the mass meeting in Lowell on Monday night, when there was inaugurated the movement for the collection of funds for the near East, where Armenians and Syrians are starving. The meeting was addressed by Madam Azgabetin, wife of a general in the army, and who has been among these people on a relief committee and has herself experienced many of the hardships. She made a strong appeal for these people. The audience was large and enthusiastic. The singing of patriotic songs was an inspiring part of the program.

Dr. Kilbourn, of Groton, who has been taking Dr. Hopkins' practice while he is in the service, left Thursday night for a month's trip to the West Indies. Dr. Harding and Dr. Ford, who have recently returned from France, have taken his practice in Groton and Ayer while he is away.

There will be a meeting of the standing committee of the Christian Federation of Ayer on Thursday afternoon, February 20, at 1.30 o'clock at the Federation House.

Miss Grace Butler, one of the base hospital librarians, is spending the week-end at her home in Worcester.

The Mohawk Camp Fire Girls held a "first aid" meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Frances Page. Their next meeting will be held on next Wednesday evening with Margaret Osgood.

The Peace and Unity club, a colored organization, held a concert and ball in the town hall on Wednesday night in honor of Lincoln's birthday. Dancing was enjoyed by the guests until early Friday morning.

Warning has been sent out by the United States treasury department against the sale of war savings stamps of the 1918 issue to unauthorized parties. While recommending all who can to do so to retain their stamps until maturity, and receive the interest thereon, it is plainly stated that if a sale must be made the stamps should be taken to a local postoffice, where the price paid will be refunded. No one should dispose of a 1918 war savings stamp for less than $4.23. To do otherwise is not only to be cheated, but is encouraging illegal buying for private gain.

Last year many people were misled and penalized severely for failure to file their income tax returns on or before the first of March. This result was due to the failure of the taxpayers to distinguish between the federal and the state income tax. When the federal government announced an extension of time for filing returns many taxpayers thought the extension applied also to the return which has to be made to the State of Massachusetts. Even though the federal government should extend the time for filing again this year taxpayers must remember that an extension of the time for filing state returns cannot and will not be made. The state return must be filed on or before March first, and five dollars per day is the penalty for failure to do so.

Born at Dr. Ayres' hospital, Groton, February 10, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sanderson, of this town.

The first of the high school rhetoricals will be held in the high school building next Friday afternoon.

Charles C. Fletcher, recently returned from France, and discharged from the army, has accepted a position with Proctor's Strand as motion picture operator.

Netatco Hall on Pleasant street, the telephone operators' home, is now accommodating only about thirty operators. When the camp was full of men and business at its height, there were at times over sixty telephone operators required for the camp and local business. Telephone traffic has dropped to about one-half, but the girls seem to be busy figuring out the new 'phone rates which have caused so much comment.

Miss Helen Savage, of Washington street, left Wednesday for a week's visit with Misses Gladys and Margaret Peach, of Marlboro.

The main attractions at Page hall theatre for the coming week are as follows: Sunday, three shows, at three, six and eight o'clock; Monday, Douglas Fairbanks in "Arizona"; Tuesday, Theda Bara in "The she devil"; Wednesday, May Allison in "Testing of Mildred Vane"; Thursday, Charles Ray in "String beans"; Friday, Marion Davies in "The burden of proof"; Saturday, George Walsh in "On the jump."

A very large gathering of soldiers and civilians attended the Roosevelt memorial service held at the Federation House, under the auspices of the War Camp Community Service, last Sunday night. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Murlin, president of Boston university. Lyman K. Clark presided at the meeting. Other numbers on the program included a vocal solo by Mrs. Ames, of Groton; violin solo, Private Shaw, from the base hospital, Camp Devens, and orchestral selections by a camp orchestra. Community singing was conducted by Mr. Grant, of Boston, who is well known in connection with the work of the War Camp Community Service.

W. A. Bean, proprietor of the Ayer Rendering Co., has recovered from a severe attack of the influenza. His two children are still confined to their home at the Rural Home with the same illness.

D. H. Dickinson, of Washington street, has returned from Keene, N. H., where he attended the funeral of his grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill, well known here, who died of influenza. They are survived by their young child, Richard Hill, who is recovering from the same illness.

The new house which H. J. Webb is building on Washington street, is expected to be ready for occupancy by about March first.

Miss Priscilla Mullin returned to Radcliffe college last Monday after spending a short mid-year recess at her home.

An attempted break was discovered at the store of Harding Uniform Co., West Main street, last Sunday night. Entrance was attempted at the rear entrance but not affected. There is no trace of those who made the attempt.

Rev. John R. Chaffee, pastor of the Federated church, conducted the funeral service of one of his former parishioners in Dorchester last Tuesday. From there he went to Lowell, where he conducted a quarterly conference. He is acting as district superintendent of the Methodist churches in this district in the absence of Dr. Spaulding, of Worcester.

Merrill L. Webb recently purchased a new Ford Sedan which was delivered on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sheldon, from Colorado, are visiting Mr. Sheldon's mother, Mrs. Ella Sheldon, at her home on Washington street. Mr. Sheldon is a civil engineer for a western mining company. He is well known here, having lived in Pingreyville for many years.

Philip Livingston, of B. U. school of business administration, was home during the early part of the week on a short vacation.

Mrs. Ella Sheldon, with her son and his wife, are spending a few weeks at Mrs. Sheldon's home in Ashby. Mrs. Sheldon's daughter, Clara, was with them last week-end.

Mrs. George Burgess, of East Main street, was called to Lowell this week by the illness of her brother, who has suffered a shock.

At the Christian Science services on Sunday morning at 10.30 in Turner's block the subject is "Soul." Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30. The reading and writing room is open daily in Carley's new block.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

Funeral.

The funeral service of Clarence A. Nixon was held at the Nixon home on East Main street, Monday afternoon, at two o'clock, Rev. John R. Chaffee, pastor of the Federated church, officiating. There was music by a quartet consisting of Capt. B. H. Hopkins, Harold L. Pillman, Holden C. Harlow and S. Bassett Dickerman, who rendered "Shall we meet" and "Nearer to thee." The bearers were Lyman Sprague, Raymond Miller, Harold Wentworth, Herman Allen, Malcolm Crockett and Ralph Richardson, all school friends of the deceased. There was a large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral offerings. Interment was made in Westlawn cemetery, Littleton.

Clarence Arthur Nixon was born in Littleton on September 30, 1901, to Mansfield M. and Allie N. (Wing) Nixon. In 1908 the family moved to Ayer, where Clarence entered the public schools. Shortly after moving to Ayer his father died. Clarence was a member of the Federated church, C. E. society, Boy Scouts, and, at the time of his death, was a senior in the high school. He took active part in the work of the organizations to which he belonged and in his school life. He had many friends, both young and old, and the respect of the entire community.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Ayer Board of Trade, February 6, 1919:

Whereas, in the death of Edward A. Richardson this corporation has lost a valued member, the Town of Ayer a public spirited citizen, and his family an honored father and dutiful husband, therefore be it

Resolved, that we extend to the members of his family our deep sympathy in their bereavement, trusting that the high estimation in which he was held will sweeten the sorrow which is their heritage.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, spread upon our records and published in the local press.

Ayer Board of Trade,
By John L. Kennison,
Clerk Pro Tem.

New Coffee House.

The Suffrage Coffee House has been given over to the joint management of the United Canteen committee of Boston and the War Camp Community Service. Parties are given every Tuesday and Friday for fifty convalescents from the base hospital, the entertainers and hostesses coming from Boston. Informal dances take place frequently for the medical detachment and entertainments are planned for the future. The committee is as follows: Mrs. Evelyn Peverly Coe, chairman; Miss Lucy Conant, sec.; Richard D. Coe, treas.; J. F. Ferguson, executive secretary W. C. C. S., Mrs. George R. Fearing, jr., Mrs. Wm. A. Gaston, Mrs. A. J. Kelly, Mrs. James Lawrence, Mrs. Jesse Koshland, Miss Julia Prendergast, Mrs. Barrett Wendall, Mrs. Theodore Burgess, Mrs. F. J. Hobbs, Mrs. R. M. Saltonstall, Mrs. Charles F. Adams, Mrs. Felix Vorenberg, Mrs. Harry Leibmann, Mrs. Robert S. Weeks and Mrs. A. Lawrence Rotch.

The house is open from twelve to two and five to 9.30, cafeteria service. It will hereafter be called the Coffee House with Miss Natalie B. Bigelow of Ayer as resident manager.

Unitarian Church.

Sunday services: 10.45, regular offices and sermon. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "Washington." Church school at twelve.

At 7.30, special evening service in the interest of the campaign for $30,000,000 for relief of the people in the near east made homeless and destitute by the war.

The Girls' club have arranged a social to be held this Friday evening in the vestry. No admission is charged. Those attending are to bring in a covered dish a contribution for the tables in whose bounty all will partake. The supper is served at 6.15. Those who cannot be present at the supper hour are urged to come for an entertainment following. A feature of the entertainment will be an exhibition on the radiopticon screen of juvenile pictures of those attending. All are asked to bring one or more pictures to be left at the door and to be returned later.

Young people of the parish will make a canvass of the people of this parish for contributions for the near east relief fund, beginning at the end of this week. According to the plans of the national committee the fund is to be raised by parishes. To raise the quota for this parish a minimum average contribution of one dollar will be necessary. It is to be hoped that there is no one in Ayer in whose breast there is not at least that much sympathy.

Boy Suicide.

The mysterious disappearance of Clarence A. Nixon on Tuesday of last week turned out to be one of the saddest cases of suicide that has occurred in this vicinity. The boy left home for school on Tuesday morning and no trace of him could be found until the body was discovered. Searching parties of high school boys, Boy Scouts and men of the town went over much of the territory around Ayer. It was not until Saturday morning, when a group of high school boys, accompanied by the missing boy's brother, discovered the terrible end to which the boy had come. The body was found hanging to a tree by a rope in the town park, which borders on Grove pond, not far from the Nixon home. Medical Examiner Bulkeley was called and he pronounced the death to be due to hanging. There is as yet no reason or clue as to why the young man should do this and it is thought that worry over some trivial thing had undermined his health and turned his mind to this gruesome way of ridding himself of this world. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon and the body was buried in Westlawn cemetery, Littleton.

Camp Notes.

The government is taking advantage of the location of this camp at the principal, freight transfer point in New England by selecting the camp as a receiving depot for army supplies and equipment to be sent back from France and England. A reason is that the freight yards here are the largest in New England and second on the Boston and Maine system to the big freight exchange at Schnectady, N. Y. It is a junction point for three railroad lines.

It is predicted that many million dollars' worth of clothing and equipment will be sent here for storage, classification, inspection, salvage, sale, condemnation, destruction or transfer to quartermaster depots in the south and west. This gives the camp an importance even greater than that of a disembarkment and demobilization camp. It is believed that the location of the remount depot here will be useful in trucking army supplies.

The camp laundry will be opened within a week and will be the largest plant of its kind in New England, with a capacity of 75,000 pieces daily. All the clothing worn by soldiers returning from overseas will be laundered at the plant. Articles of bedding will be laundered and packed away. The laundry will be very useful in connection with the salvage work. There are 17 electric motors, ranging from one-sixth up to 40-horse-power, to operate the laundry machines. The laundry can do the washing of a city of 40,000. It occupies 44,000 square feet on one floor. Capt. R. C. Jacobs of the salvage depot is in command of the unit and it will be operated by Superintendent C. H. Baillie of Washington. Hundreds of applications are being received from wives of soldiers for employment. The hours of work are forty-eight, with a half holiday Saturday.

Maj.-Gen. McCain will remain as camp comander, it is predicted, irrespective of whether the camp is placed under jurisdiction of the Northeastern department or not. Col. A. G. Lott, chief of staff of the late 12th division, succeeds Col. George L. Byroade as camp executive.

Lieut. Wallace A. Modjeska of Scranton, Pa., 74th infantry band leader, was appointed camp music director to succeed Modeste Alloo, representative of the committee on training camp activities, who returns to Boston, where he was a member of the Boston Symphony orchestra at the start of the war. Sergt. George A. Junb of Milwaukee, Wis., has been appointed camp boxing instructor.

Sails for France.

The four Massachusetts women selected by the State Federation for service in France in the army recreation centers, sailed from New York, Friday, January 31. Mrs. Claude U. Gilson, of Wellesley, a former first vice president of the Federation, and formerly located at the Federation House, Ayer, is to serve as one of the four supervisors of the General Federation unit, while Mrs. Wolcott W. Treadway of Cambridge and Lancaster, Miss Helen Hood of Danvers and Miss Katherine Gage, of Dorchester will represent Massachusetts as hostesses in the two furlough areas.

For a week previous to sailing the 104 members of the unit assembled in New York, where daily sessions were held at the Millbank building for examinations in French, hygiene, gymnastics, dancing and other matters essential for successful recreation work. It will be pleasing to the club women of this state, whose splendid work for the war victory fund made it possible for Massachusetts to send, not two workers, as did most of the states, but a supervisor and extra member as well, to learn that the Bay State women passed all tests with very high marks and are again in the lead. A last detail of the week was the uniforming of the unit in regulation Y. M. C. A. regalia, previous to sailing on the Coronia.

Ayer Boy Honored.

Private Leroy C. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith, of this town, has received special commendation from the headquarters of his division for his bravery. The report, as coming from headquarters, reads as follows:

Headquarters Blue and Gray Division
Private Leroy C. Smith, San. Det.
113th Infantry:

I have read with much pride the report of the Commanding Officer, San. Det. 113th Infantry, regarding your courage and devotion to duty October 13, 1918, at the Bois De La Reine, when you volunteered to penetrate a heavy enemy barrage in order to render medical assistance to an officer who had been seriously wounded, and have ordered your name and deed inscribed upon the record book kept at these headquarters for that purpose.

C. G. Moody, Major General,
Commanding 29th Division.

All-Day Meeting.

Twelve of the members of St. Andrew's Guild met at the guild rooms on Wednesday for an all-day meeting for the benefit of the Red Cross. Various garments for French and Belgian refugees were completed or got under way for home work. At noon a substantial lunch of baked beans, pickles, salads, maccaroni cake and coffee was enjoyed by the workers. A novel feature of the occasion was the auctioning off of various "white elephants," which had accumulated in the guild room, by Mrs. William Dudley, who proved herself a most discriminating auctioneer. The proceeds, with gifts from the members, amounting to seven dollars, were voted as the guild's contribution to the Armenian fund. There was also a report on the cost of the tablet to be placed in the church as a memorial to the young men and women of St. Andrew's parish who had given themselves to the service of their country.

Baptist Church Notes.

The pastor attended the Ministers' meeting of the Wachusett association last Monday, which was held in the Beth Eden church, at West Fitchburg. The speaker of the day was Rev. Mr. Dolan, state missionary. Rev. Mr. Beede of Maine was present and made some remarks emphasizing the idea of true evangelism. Rev. Mr. Ewald, the pastor, entertained the ministers at dinner as his guests.

Next Sunday the pastor will speak at 10.45 on "Faith and works." Sunday school at twelve. Ladies' Mission circle at 3.30; song service at 6.45; preaching at seven.

B. Y. P. U. Tuesday at 7.30. Midweek meeting Thursday at 7.30.

The Ladies' Aid will hold a food sale Friday, February 21, at Mrs. Herbert Pillman's, East Main street, from three to five.

The Federated Church.

Next Sunday at 10.30 a. m., the pastor will preach on "George Washington." Miss Alice Leahy will sing.

At twelve the Sunday school meets and George W. Burgess leads the Men's class. There is a class for women.

The pastor will give stereopticon pictures on Washington and Lincoln at six o'clock. The Young People's meeting follows this with Miss Lucy Smith as leader.

Federation House service at 7.30.

Special evangelistic meetings will be held the next two weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Next week Tuesday evening Chaplain Gaius J. Slosser will preach and Mrs. Slosser sing. Wednesday evening the pastor will preach. Special singing on Thursday night; Joseph Palmer of Y. M. C. A. Camp Devens, is to speak and Mrs. Hazard, Miss Hazard and Mrs. Roland will sing. All are cordially invited to these services. Hour, 7.30, each night.

The North Middlesex Local C. E. convention will be held in Federated church, Washington's birthday, forenoon and afternoon. Lunch at noon. The Young People's society will entertain the convention as hosts.

Federation House Notes.

On Saturday afternoon and evening the movie attraction will be Elsie Ferguson in her latest and greatest attraction, "Barbary sheep"; also, Pathé News.

On Sunday evening the usual religious service will be held at 7.30, with preaching and good music.

On Tuesday evening games will be played in the social room.

On Wednesday evening the movie attraction will be a Burton Holmes travel picture and Billie Burke in "The land of promise."

On Friday evening, at 7.30, there will be an entertainment and social for soldiers and their friends. Refreshments and entertainment will be furnished by ladies from Shirley.

A. W. C.

A regular meeting of the Woman's club to which the public is cordially invited will be held in Hardy's hall on Wednesday, February 19. This meeting is held under the auspices of the Topics of the Day committee and will be a Red Cross afternoon. Work will be ready for the ladies at two p. m. Business meeting at 2.30, followed by talks at three by Capt. B. H. Hopkins of Ayer, who will speak of the Red Cross work in connection with his hospital at Marseilles; also, a talk by Capt. Richards of Wales, an officer in the Canadian army, who will speak of some personal experiences at the front.

The mid-winter meeting of the late Federation of Women's clubs will be held in Bethel church, Meridan street, Boston, February 19. The morning session at ten a. m., afternoon session at two o'clock. Mlle. Clement will speak on "French men of the hour."

Orange tickets may be obtained by any club member from Mrs. F. C. Johnson.

S. of V.

Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., celebrated Lincoln's birthday at their meeting on Thursday evening in Hardy's hall. Invited guests were present, including the G. A. R. and W. R. C., with friends. A very enjoyable program was given as follows: "Star Spangled Banner"; selections on the piano, Miss Phelps, of Shirley; reading, Miss Amsden, of Shirley; reading, Sergt. Fred L. Watts, of Camp Devens, who was accompanied by Miss Caroline Brown on the piano; Lincoln's Gettysburg address, Miss Gladys Porter, followed by a reading on George Washington by Miss Marion Webb. Remarks were made by Rev. John R. Chaffee, patriotic instructor, after which he called upon Dr. B. H. Hopkins, who responded very pleasingly in appropriate words suitable to the occasion. Other speakers were Comrades Loveless and Craig and Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy who spoke in behalf of the W. R. C. A splendid lunch was served by the members of the W. R. C., and all present spent the evening spent in a most enjoyable manner.

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WEDNESDAY—MAY ALISON in her latest Metro production, "Testing of Mildred Vane." A two-reel Vitagraph Comedy and latest Pathé News.

THURSDAY—CHARLES RAY in his latest Paramount success, "String Beans." A two-reel L-Ko Comedy and a Pathé Scenic.

FRIDAY—MARION DAVIES in her latest select picture, "The Burden of Proof." Two-reel screaming comedy and latest Official War Review.

SATURDAY—GEORGE WALSH in his best Fox production, "On the Jump." A two-reel Tom Mix Comedy and latest Pathé News.

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Corn, Fancy, Maine style, per can		16¢
Beets, Grayco brand, small, whole, per can		22¢
Pineapple, Fancy, Hawaiian, sliced or grated, per can		28¢
Raisins, Fancy, Seeded, 15-ounce package		14¢
Prunes, Fancy, Santa Clara, 90-100, per pound		12¢
Honey, Pure, Weber's, 5-ounce tumbler		20¢
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Russian Workman Who Believed He Owned a Part of the Street Car Track.

While walking along the Nevsky Prospect in Petrograd one morning we saw a line of street cars that had evidently been blocked; in front of the foremost car was a crowd of people, says a writer in Russia. As we entered the crowd we saw a man standing on the track and arguing with the motorman. The motorman was pleading with him to get off the track so that he could proceed with his car, and the man was maintaining that Russia was a free country, that he had just as much right on the track as the car had, and that he did not intend to move until he was personally inclined to do so.

A number of soldiers looked on, but no one attempted to remove the man from the track, and neither the motorman nor the conductor attempted to move the car, but resorted solely to moral suasion. The argument that finally induced the man to move was to the effect that the motorman was a hard-working man and had to get to the car barn; the longer he was held there the longer it would take him to get through his work, and would not his brother workman please get off the track so that he could get the car to the barn? With that the "free citizen" politely bowed, folded his arms and moved off the track, the crowd dispersed and the cars went on their way.

SILLY TO HIDE ADMIRATION

Writer Makes Point When He Deplores What He Asserts Is Linguistic Camouflage.

"The only criticism I would make of you is that your heart is so big it sometimes overrules your judgment." This is a remark that is often heard. What does it mean? As a rule it is not intended as a criticism at all, but rather as a compliment. Why not, then, have done with linguistic camouflage? Why hide our admiration for a friend under a doubtful phrase that might leave a sting? Since at heart we are all sentimental, and since we consider a good heart of more real value than the head, both to its possessor and to his friends, why not say so plainly? How delicate we are, after all! Or is it that most of us have been dishonest so long that even in our happiest conversations we unconsciously resort to diplomatic expressions?—Los Angeles Times.

War's Influence on Music.

Have you noticed what a "speeding up" of music has come out of this war? There has been so much music in it. When the famous retreat from Mons was made, one set of soldiers was kept awake and moving one night by the music of a little toy fife and child's drum, which the commander of it bought in a kind of desperation in a shop shortly before. The music acted like a charm on the men, who began to move more quickly and more easily as soon as they heard it. A battalion marching without singing is unusual in this war, unless secrecy of movement is called for. "There's a Long, Long Trail" is a favorite song, but dear old "Tipperary" is not sung much now. Little French boys sing it well, though, and sing it a great deal. "Mother Machree" is sung still, because it has so much of the old home feeling in it. Whenever a wounded soldier in the hospital says he wants to hear a phonograph, it is taken to mean that he is getting better. And the very sick soldiers, when they hear sweet music played in their wards in hospitals, are soothed and calmed by it. —Exchange.

Apple Crop Is Larger.

The United States commercial apple crop for 1918 will exceed the 1917 production by approximately 9 per cent, according to the November forecast by the bureau of crop estimates, United States department of agriculture. Production for this year is now estimated at 25,008,000 barrels, with 22,519,000 barrels in 1917. Attention is called to the fact that the barreled and bulk apple production is estimated at a 31 per cent increase over last year, while the 1918 boxed apple crop will fall short of last year's production by 22 per cent. However, the latter deficiency is more than offset by the increase in the Eastern states.

Poor Widow Gives Mite.

They were only four sacks, washed and pieced together by patient fingers and then fashioned into undergarments. Around the neck of each was a crocheted edge made from the string with which the sacks had been sewed. A poorly dressed woman brought them into the department of refuge clothing of the Red Cross as her "widow's mite."

"It isn't much," she said, as she undid the bundle, "but it is all I had, and I hope it will be of use to some Belgian woman who may have less than I have."

Artificial Pearls.

Essence d'Orient, from which artificial pearls are made, is produced from the brilliant scales of the ablet, or blay, a small fish with a green back and a white belly. About four thousand are required to produce a pound of scales, which gives a quarter of a pound of the essence.

Bracelets for Lunatics.

Bracelets have been worn from time immemorial, but few wearers of the golden bands of the present day know that they were once used to distinguish the insane. Before lunatics were confined to asylums they wore an armlet for distinction.

Rare Visitors Recorded.

The appearance of snowy owls, a rare occurrence, is reported. These remarkably beautiful birds come from the Arctic regions. Only four previous visitations have been recorded in the ornithological history of the country.

FOULARD FOR VEST

Material to Be Favorite, Taking Place of Fur.

Dresses and Suits for Early Spring Wear Show Trimmings and Linings of the Fabric.

Like the well-loved perennials of the garden, tulips, hyacinths and jonquils, which come back each year to find a joyous welcome, writes an authority, our old friend foulard will again be a favorite when fur coats are laid aside. Many of the dresses and suits designed for early spring wear show trimmings and linings of foulard. A simple sport coat of blue gabardine is given quite a dashing touch by its vest of dotted foulard—white dots on a blue ground. This vest is, in reality, the front of one of the new long-skirted peplum blouses, which are designed for wear with cutaway coats of various lines. When the coat is removed a very attractive foulard blouse is displayed. The edges of the neck, sleeves and the peplum are bound with white foulard. A narrow belt of patent leather holds the fullness at the waistline. The coat belt is made of its own material, held by a silver buckle. A stole-like collar completes the neckline of the coat and extends in tabs below the belt. The hat, which is designed for wear with this suit and blouse, is made of the same material as the

The Foulard Vest.

blouse—that is, dotted foulard—and is faced with plain blue taffeta. It is bound with dark blue gros grain ribbon and a band of the same ribbon ties the crown.

COPY WAISTCOATS OF MEN

Garments Donned by Fastidious Beaux of Other Days Now Charming Fashion for Women.

Waistcoats and waistcoat blouses are among the newest fashions from Paris, and are one more of the many charming old-fashioned modes which have been adapted to present-day styles. This particular fashion was taken from the clothes worn, not by the women, but by the men of long ago, for waistcoats of varied and brilliant fabrics were the garments most delighted in by the fastidious beaux of other days.

No less varied and fanciful are the waistcoats of today. They are made in the most delicate of chiffons, as well as in such wool materials as these times offer. Some of them consist of a front section of metal brocade which shows only when the coat is open, and others are made like a blouse, with sleeves of chiffon or crepe de chine, and with back and front of brocade or satin.

Waistcoats of this kind are worn with a suit, and when the coat is open they look much more substantial and effective than the ordinary blouse. Without the coat they make a one-piece costume of the suit, and one is not aware of any lack of harmony such as usually results from the use of an ordinary blouse and the suit skirt.

Rounding the Square.

In making bits of fancy work, one often has use for the perfectly round piece of material, but a pattern isn't always at hand, and guesswork is rarely a success. But if you have a square to work with, or make a square of your material first of all, rounding it won't be so difficult according to the following method. Fold your square in halves first of all, then in quarters, then in eighths. Now, holding the material with the diagonal fold to the right, round off the lower right-hand corner from a point about one-quarter of the way along the diagonal to the lower opposite corner.

Americans Should Eat Fish.

Americans are deficient as fish eaters, compared with inhabitants of foreign countries. Less than two pounds per head is the yearly consumption of salt and smoked fish in this country. For the winter's supply, salt fish can be laid in and, pound for pound, furnish much more nutriment than fresh fish. This is because curing extracts a large part of the water, and what is left is nearly all solid food.—People's Home Journal.

ALADDIN'S LAMP OUTDONE

"New lamps for old! new lamps for old!"

That isn't exactly what the Longwood Unit for War Relief work in Brookline is calling, but it does take odds and ends of all manner of things, pass magic hands over them, and presently from these heaps of seemingly worthless materials emerge neat piles of most attractive garments, warm for winter, cool for summer, and a delight at all times to the eye.

Can you not see some tiny Marie skipping down the streets of a French village slowly rising from its ruins, wearing the cunningest of little dresses,—a full black skirt with pretty red flowers dotted over it, a red and black velveteen eton jacket and bonnet, red ribbons on her flaxen braids and a neatly hemmed handkerchief in her tiny pocket? Underneath are little petticoats, waists and drawers as neat and warm as your own child would wear.

You would never guess that this bright velveteen came from a shoe factory all glued for "Juliets" and then discarded; that it was reclaimed by the Unit, laundered to dispose of the glue, and then made into coats and bonnets; that some of the underwear was once the backing of that same velveteen, that some had done service for bigger folk and been cut down; that part were made from mill ends of woven underwear, and a part came from scraps from men's running drawers, obtained from a sporting goods house; that a certain pretty coat and bonnet was once a portiere and that the same portiere's interlining is now turned into half a dozen small coats and hoods; that this cunning little dress was once a shirt on the back of a Boston banker. An old bathing suit made into a dress is the joy of an Italian lass. Old bed ticks have been turned into bloomers, rompers and overalls for small boys. By the time this reaches your eye these same overalls may be actually doing service on a tiny French boy as he helps his parents clear away the debris of their former home that they may build a new one, for the garments are sent out as soon as made.

The service has grown until there are now eighty-five branches in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Moreover the work has been given official recognition by the War Savings Committee of New England as one of the finest examples of real thrift of which they know, and it has been made the basis for a salvage department of the committee with Mrs. H. Parker Whittington, the originator of the Longwood Unit, as director. Not only will the garment making be encouraged, but the department is putting into action a plan whereby junk men will give Thrift and War Savings Stamps in exchange for the waste material that accumulates or is thrown away in the majority of households.

THRIFT STAMPS AS VALENTINES.

That St. Valentine's Day is approaching is indicated by displays in the windows of the stationers of cards and various trifles bearing vivid crimson hearts and other appropriate emblems. The character of the day, however, has considerably changed, and an inquirer was surprised when told recently that the exchange of valentines is now oftener between women or persons who delight to send occasional friendly greetings, than between sweethearts or would-be lovers. The more sentimental sort are especially intended for children, and some charming things are shown. The hearts and arrows and Cupids still adorn them, but many are also of military character, with soldiers in khaki, sailors in blue, tiny Red Cross nurses, and even guns, tents and other paraphernalia of war.

Next to St. Nicholas, St. Valentine is a patron saint of children. The advent of the postman on the 14th of February is hailed with squeals of delight, and the secrecy which shrouds the personality of the senders of the valentines adds a fascinating touch of mystery.

Most of the pretty missives come from grown-ups, from the sisters and cousins and aunts who grasp every opportunity to contribute to the happines of their small relatives,—and anything original for the purpose is eagerly sought. Thrift is the watchword of the hour, and why should not the valentine be used to emphasize its importance? Why not utilize the new issue of Thrift and War Savings Stamps? Attached to a pretty valentine, especially one of patriotic character, a little green Thrift Stamp would be prized by the recipient for its intrinsic worth, and would also convey several important suggestions, such as economy, patriotism and helpfulness.

WISE SPENDING.

Are you a wise spender? Wise spending is regarded as a highly important preliminary to thrift by the U. S. Treasury. As part of its campaign for promoting popular savings through Thrift and War Savings Stamps during 1919, it has issued through its Savings Division the following definition of wise spending, which merits the thoughtful attention of every family and every individual who would get ahead in life:

"Wise spending implies the balancing of all needs and of all means of meeting these needs and, after balancing needs against means, spending in such a way as to meet the most urgent needs, even if lesser ones have to be left unsatisfied; in essence it means a sort of budget making. When a family, city or state makes a budget, what it does essentially is to take a comprehensive view of both needs and income.

"Perhaps the most important and difficult problem in connection with wise spending (or saving) is to realize the relative importance of future as compared with present needs."

Unhappiness in Power.

Power is detested, and miserable is the life of him who wishes rather to be feared than to be loved.—Nepos.

Worried.

Burroughs—"I know a man who looks so much like you one could hardly tell you apart." Lenders (anxiously)—"You haven't paid him that fiver I lent you three months ago, have you?"—Boston Evening Transcript.

A THRIFTY QUARTETTE

Eleven days of February, the 12th to the 22nd inclusive, offer unique opportunity for special appeals to the loyalty, consecration and zeal,—all the qualities inherent in the finest type of patriotism of the American people,—and also to the tenderer sentiments which give charm to everyday living. The mere mention of the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln carries an incentive to patriotic fervor and all of its component characteristics, and time-honored St. Valentine's Day arouses the more delicate emotions of the human heart. This is a wonderful galaxy of occasions for the display of sentiment; but these are practical days, and to omit a suggestion of the now all-important thrift would imply a deplorable lack of up-to-dateness.

Even in the domain of frugality, however, Washington and Lincoln serve as conspicuous examples to posterity, for each in his way was a shining exemplar of what economy of resources may stand for. The Father of his Country was one of the wealthiest men of his time, yet in a larger way there is no greater example of thrift than that of General Washington himself during the war for independence, and his thrift was of time and opportunity as well as of money. His care of his soldiers and conservation of his supplies brought victory from what at times seemed inevitable defeat.

Abraham Lincoln came from a home where the utmost thrift was necessary for bare existence. Thrift was ingrained in every incident of his early life. He would willingly endure any privation for the purchase of a book from which he could absorb the education he craved, which was thrift of the best sort. Saving in itself is never so wholly commendable as when it is practised for the purpose of making possible the best things in life.

This year good old St. Val., patron saint of lovers and children, seizes the novel opportunity for exploitation by attaching to his tender missives tiny Thrift Stamps or their more valuable big brothers, War Savings Stamps.

But when all is said, for an example of thrift combined with affection our thought reverts to the love story of Benjamin and Deborah Franklin. It is true they were not born within the mystic circle of dates included in the eleven days mentioned, but the arrival of the Father of Thrift was but a few days in advance. He saved that he might enjoy the real things of life, and when the infant American Republic needed his aid, he gave not only his own private fortune, won by thrift, but almost by his personal security alone obtained loan after loan for the new government.

In the celebration of the birthday festivals of the two great men whom all Americans revere, and the annual tribute to the legendary patron of lovers old and new, it is not unfitting to include a thought of Benjamin Franklin and—War Savings Stamps.

Don't save to support future idleness, but to live well now and in the future.

Miles and Knots.

The "three-mile limit" which limits the "freedom of the seas" is measured in admiralty knots, or geographical miles, and will recall the item in school long measure: "Sixty geographical miles or 69½ common miles one degree." The statute mile legalized in 1653 is 1,760 yards. The geographical mile is a more scientific measurement, being one minute of the equator or 2,026 2-3 yards. The ancient Roman mile of 1,000 paces was apparently 1,617 English yards.

ISABEL

By LOUISE A. ADDLESON.

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We knew as soon as we saw her that she was different. By the light of her eye, the sprightliness in her step, by her quick, defiant expression, Isabel made it clear to us that she was no ordinary cow.

"A Jersey," my father said. But I think he was mistaken. I don't know much about cows. She wanted a place in the sun. She had a hankering for caste, and she refused immediately to herd with the every-day, milk-giving cows in the neighborhood.

Old Mr. J—, who had taken the cows to the pasture for years, reported to father at the end of the first day that Isabel had taken one look at her placid, grass-munching companions—and bolted. He had chased her the entire day through forest and glade, and brought her home, after a spent day, rebellious and defiant.

"'Taint no use talking," said the old man, "if a cow don't act like a cow I can't be bothered. That critter's got too much sense for an animal, 'tain't natural. I know she jest did things today out of sheer spite, and I shan't chase after her no more."

And he didn't. So Isabel stayed home, while her companions went meekly to pasture every day. Still she was dissatisfied. It was evident that staying in a dreary barn all day irked her high-strung nerves. She had yearnings for a higher sphere of influence, so one day, the door being open, Isabel walked out in search of adventure and her place in the sun.

And it was on that same day that Evelyn, our pretty young city cousin, was packing her clothes to go home. Evelyn had been with us for three months, having been sent by her parents to recuperate after her illness. Evelyn was working very hard, lips compressed and eyes carefully turned away from the house next door, where lived Howard R—. She would return his ring by mail, for she was determined not to see him or speak to him before she left, or any time afterward.

It was certainly a pity that there was nobody home that day. Mother had gone to the house of a neighbor, and I had been obliged to substitute at the school because Miss F— was sick, and it was deemed inadvisable to close up altogether. We expected to return in time to see Evelyn off, and of course, if we had known what was going to happen we would never, never have left her alone in the house. But then, we could hardly be expected to look so far ahead.

Evelyn was miserable, but she had lots of pride. She was going to leave the house and the village with a wonderful show of carelessness and sprightly gayety. No spying eye from across the way would discover even a trace of sadness. Certainly that spying eye would never discover a tear in hers. But she had reckoned without Isabel, who, on leaving the gloom of the barn for the freshness of the bright summer day, strolled slowly along until she came to the back of the house. There, through the screen door, she could distinctly see a basket of greens, intended for the day's dinner, a barrel of apples, of which she was extremely fond, and another barrel of potatoes. Without hesitation, the screen door being unfastened, Isabel stepped in and helped herself liberally.

In the meanwhile Evelyn, hearing a sound, came forward to see who the visitor might be, thinking, too, that if it were that Howard B—, she would let him see, by her icy demeanor, that his presence or absence made very little difference in her young life. Now, the ice-cold demeanor might have been put on for its effect on Howard B—, but real chills ran down Evelyn's back when she saw who the visitor was. She couldn't help it. She knew it was absurd, but all her life she had had an aversion for cows. So, after staring at Isabel in terrified fascination for a full minute, she beat a hasty retreat to the front of the house. And Isabel left her greens, and apples, and potatoes, and followed, in a calm, dignified, unruffled manner. Evelyn rushed for the front door. It was locked and she couldn't find the key. Mortal terror overtook her. Scream on scream rent the air.

Howard B—, in the house opposite, sullenly concocting schemes for making Evelyn sorry, jumped to his feet on hearing his name called in frenzied accents. For a moment he stood still, doubtful if he had heard right. Again it came, Evelyn's voice, loud, shrill, terror-stricken. Howard rushed madly, made his way into the front of the house, and took in the situation at a glance.

Isabel, not the least frightened of the two by this time, received, I am sorry to relate, a blow on her aristocratic body, and much to her surprise and indignation was forced back to her stall in the barn, while Evelyn, almost fainting, fell into her rescuer's arms without a word, on his return.

"You're—you're—not going away, are you?" asked Howard, after a minute or two.

She shook her head in the negative, and, smiling wanly, put the ring, which she had intended returning by mail, on her finger again.

Some Orchestra, That!

Life is a great orchestra; we cannot transform it into a drum and fife corps, nor insist that our children shall play the instrument which we have chosen for our playing.

Avenues of Honor.

The city of Cleveland has adopted a novel plan for honoring its soldier dead. For each Cleveland soldier that loses his life in this war a victory oak will be planted along one of the boulevards, and each of the oaks will be named for a soldier. This will constitute a beautiful and enduring memorial, with a practical as well as a sentimental value. Other cities may find it desirable to follow Cleveland's example.—Springfield (Mass.) Union.

EAR TICKS MAY BE CONTROLLED

Injection of Pine Tar and Cottonseed Oil Found to Be Effective With Stock.

DIPPING IS NOT EFFECTIVE

Animals in Infected Territory Should Be Examined at Frequent Intervals and Treatment Applied as Often as Needed.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Ear ticks, blood-sucking parasites, which infect the ears of cattle, horses, sheep, dogs and other animals and cause heavy losses among live stock in the semiarid sections of the southwestern states, cannot be eradicated by dipping, but may be controlled and losses may be prevented by injecting into the ears of infested animals a mixture of pine tar and cottonseed oil.

Dipping Not Effective.

Unlike the cattle fever tick, which attaches itself to the outside portions of cattle, the ear tick cannot be eradicated or controlled by the ordinary methods of dipping. The remedy thoroughly tested by the bureau of animal industry in field investigations consists of two parts by volume of ordinary commercial pine tar and one part by volume of cottonseed oil. This mixture is injected directly into the ears by means of a metal or hard rubber syringe.

In mixing the ingredients the cottonseed oil should be added to the pine tar and stirred until a uniformly smooth mixture is obtained. In cold weather the pine tar and cottonseed oil should be warmed so they will mix readily and flow freely, but they should not be heated more than is necessary.

This preparation when properly applied kills the ticks but does not injure the animals. Cottonseed oil is a fairly good solvent for ear wax, and the mixture penetrates ordinary loose masses of ear wax and ticks, but it will not penetrate the hard masses, to break up which the use of an ear probe made of baling wire is suggested. The preparation recommended not only kills all ear ticks with which it comes in contact, but being of a sticky consistency it remains in the ears and protects the animals against reinfestation for about 30 days.

Frequency of Treatment.

Animals in the infested area, the bulletin says, should be examined at frequent intervals and treatment applied as often as necessary to protect them against discomfort and losses caused by ear ticks. Herds grazing on infested ranges should be treated late in the fall or early in the winter to prevent winter and spring losses to poorly nourished range cattle. All animals in an infested herd should be treated whether or not they show infestation.

Steers of This Type Are Replacing Native Scrub Stock in the South.

When animals are grossly infested and the ear canals are packed full of ticks the parasites are easily visible, but when the infestation is light or moderate the ticks may be overlooked. The parasites usually attach themselves in the deep folds of the ear or crawl into the ear canal and follow it inward, sometimes as far as the ear drum. Animals badly infested usually shake their heads and repeatedly turn them from side to side, meanwhile inverting first one ear and then the other.

Restraining Animals for Treatment.

Most animals oppose the insertion of anything into their ears. The farmer who has only a few gentle farm animals to treat may tie them to a post or restrain them by other well-known methods, but in treating herds of wild range cattle or horses special equipment, such as dehorning chutes, branding chutes or other cattle chutes may be used.

Ear ticks are especially prevalent in the semiarid sections of the southwestern area of the United States. The infested areas, however, extend as far north as Nevada and Oregon. The climate in parts of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and California seems to favor their rapid multiplication. The ticks remain attached to the ears of the animals for several months, and shipments of live stock from the infested area to various points in the United States cause the parasites to become widely disseminated, but moisture is apparently detrimental to their development in certain stages, and they do not seem to be able to flourish in any part of the United States except the semiarid sections of the West.

Had No Occasion to Say It.

A little girl was invited to a friend's house for dinner and before leaving her mother warned her to say "please," "thank you," and "no, thank you." When the little girl returned she was asked if she said please and thank you and she said yes. Then her mother asked: "Did you say no, thank you, when they passed something you didn't want?"

"No, mother, I didn't, because they didn't pass anything I didn't want."

TWO EX-PREMIERS IN CABINET

Situation in British Politics That Has Never Before Occurred Is Among the Possibilities.

Herbert H. Asquith, former premier, is often mentioned as a possible addition to the present cabinet. The Manchester Guardian points out that if this happens Lloyd George will have two former prime ministers among his subordinates. There is no former instance of this state of things in modern history, and it is a long time now since an English government contained in a secondary place even one former premier.

The classical case occurred about the middle of last century, and is furnished by the game of see-saw which was played by Lord John Russell and Lord Palmerston. In the government of 1846-52 Lord John Russell was prime minister and Lord Palmerston foreign secretary, and in the government of 1859-65 their two positions were exactly reversed.

It was Lord John Russell's exceptional fate to be prime minster from the age of fifty-four till that of sixty, to be in and out of subordinate office, under Lord Aberdeen and then under Lord Palmerston, from sixty to seventy-three, and at that age to be prime minister again.

If Lloyd George gets Mr. Asquith as well as Mr. Balfour he will have all the living former premiers except one, the exception being Lord Rosebery, whose period of office—15 months—was so short as to compare with the meteoric premiership of the age of Canning.

FLASH LIGHTS IN UNISON

Fireflies Seem to Have an Understanding as to When to Begin an Illumination.

Various observers testify to the fact that myriads of glow worms very occasionally indulge in synchronous flashing with very beautiful effect. It is thought by some that this phenomenon is accidental, although in this light some cases would seem incredible.

John V. Purcell of Washington, D. C., records that in the town of Cotabato, island of Mindanao, P. I., a few years ago there were two trees about the size of apple trees and perhaps a hundred yards apart, and every evening these were filled with fireflies which flashed in unison, first one tree lighting up and then the other. There must have been several thousand insects in each tree, yet the synchronism was so perfect that rarely or never did a single firefly flash at the wrong time.

"To the best of my recollection the illumination period lasted about two or three seconds and the dark periods perhaps twice that long. I can positively vouch for the accuracy of the foregoing, for it seemed so strange and produced so beautiful an effect that I thought it one of the most remarkable things in the Philippines, and it made a deep impression on me."

War Brings Peace to New York.

All is peace in New York's toughest district since the war. A year or so ago any person who wandered through the "Gas House" district, on First avenue from Seventeenth to Twenty-second street, at night usually came away minus his watch and roll and with a battered countenance. Many were the actual and alleged breaches of the peace laid to the young manhood of this section of the city. It ran the gamut of everything from riot to murder. Today all this is changed. Since the "Gas House" gang has donned the khaki there is an air of refinement and culture in the district. Men neighbors meet on friendly terms and clothes-line fights and feuds between the women are only memories. Gone is the old order of things material. Fights have given way to celebrations in honor of the lads from the district now fighting in France. There are 171 of them from this section and the other night a service flag was unfurled. It showed five gold stars. Two thousand men, women and children, many of them mothers and fathers, lifted their voices in a pean of consecration.

Twice Cited for Bravery.

To have been cited by the French for bravery twice since his arrival in France in January is the record of Professor Stephen H. Bush of the University of Iowa. In the wake of the first official announcement came a lengthy cablegram with the details of his second citation. "Courage and tenacity in bringing in wounded over exposed places" were conspicuous on the part of Professor Bush, who is working for the Y. M. C. A. with the Moroccan divisions.

The cablegram further declares that the "French are devoted to Professor Bush and the other Y. M. C. A. workers in his division and are gaining a high opinion of Americans through contact with them." Professor Bush is head of the department of romance languages at the university.—Iowa University News Letter.

Point of Natural History.

Two small boys were awaiting their teacher on the sidewalk. One began to crawl on hands and knees, unmindful of clean white stockings, and was corrected by the other lad, but would not arise, as he said he was a lion. "Lions don't walk that way," said the second little fellow, "they walk on their foots."

The Guitar.

The guitar is an instrument of six strings, viz, E, A, D, G, B, E. The strings, if sounded together, would not make a chord according to the rules of modern harmony. It is not a difficult instrument to learn and its chief use is in accompanying another instrument or the voice in singing.

Old University.

Cracow has the oldest university, barring that of Prague, in central Europe. If once numbered among its students Copernicus, who originated and proved the remarkable theory that the earth revolved about the sun, and not contrariwise.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH A. MORSE late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

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

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the seventeenth day of February A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Townsend Toscin, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

3t22 F. M. PETTY, Register.

WHAT FIFTH LOAN BONDS WILL DO

They Will Provide Funds Needed to Finance Peace and Reconstruction Work.

The dollars of the United States supplied largely through four great Liberty Loans were of tremendous power in helping win the world war.

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The four loans from the American people, by the American people, and for the American people, brought final victory.

But there remains a great chapter to be brought out and finished.

To provide funds for this is the purpose and need of the Fifth Loan—the VICTORIOUS FIFTH.

It will furnish means to the Government of this country to do its part in the tremendous work of concluding peace, in restoration and reconstruction.

It is needed for the enormous demands created in the work of bringing our men home and in restoring them to their own places in the life of the nation.

It will insure effective provision for the call of prosperity and peace. It will guard the interests of the United States commercially at home and abroad, for the present and for the future.

The dollars of the Fifth Liberty Loan have a great duty to do, a great field in which to do it.

Get ready to join in it with the others.

THE FIFTH LOAN COMES IN SPRING

It Will Be Called the "Victorious Fifth" and Will Celebrate the War's End.

The next and last Liberty Loan will come in the Spring, probably in April. It has already been named the VICTORIUS FIFTH. This tells its purpose in three words.

It will provide funds for taking care of the American Army in Europe during occupation and in bringing the soldiers home.

It is a peace loan as well as a war loan. The men have done their share magnificently in securing peace for the whole world. The money that is to be provided for them is being spent now.

It must be spent if they are to go on properly with the great work they have accomplished; if they are to come back in good order and are to be demobilized as they deserve.

The billions raised in other loans and taxes have gone to the expense of actual fighting, guns and ships, munitions, transportation, clothes and food.

And with these funds the war has been won. The victory has destroyed the menace to civilization. It has brought the peace for which we have worked and for which our forces have fought gloriously.

The men have finished their work. It is for the nation to finish its provision for them generously. And the VICTORIOUS FIFTH will do this.

To do it in a way worthy of the men who fought will be a source of pride to every man and woman and child in the nation. It will be done best if the whole people begin now with the new year to prepare for the last loan.

DISABLED SOLDIERS TAUGHT NEW TRADES

The Victorious Fifth Liberty Loan will permit the Government to make crippled soldiers self-supporting and useful members of the community. Illustration copyrighted by Western Newspaper Union.

THE GILT EDGED FIFTH OF THE U.S.

Buyers of the New Liberty Loan Will Take It Not as Insurance But as a Great Investment.

The Fifth Liberty Loan, but three months away, will have a strong appeal to the 30,000,000 patriotic men and women who hold today the bonds of four other loans.

The patriotic support they gave in time of greatest stress to the Government and to its fighting forces will not fail now in financing the needs of peace and reconstruction.

The extent and urgency of the demands are not lessened. The debt of honor, which we owe to our soldiers to bring them home in comfort and to fit them anew to the tasks of peace, is one that can be met only with pride and joy.

There will be an added incentive in buying bonds of the Fifth Liberty Loan. If the bonds have lost the element of insurance they have gained even more in that of investment.

Those who have bought from feelings of patriotic duties may well buy now to secure investments of the highest grade. They will aid in placing the "Libertys" in their proper rank as gilt edged securities.

From a strictly commercial basis the bonds of the Fifth Loan will command the highest position.

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3. They are accepted at par in payment of all estate and inheritance taxes.

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5. They are exempt up to $75,000 from income and excess profit taxes.

The wise and patriotic investor will prepare in the next ninety days to buy largely of the Fifth Loan Bonds to keep.

Performers and Teachers.

The greatest performers have not been the best teachers. The two branches of music are quite distinct. It is a fact that few great performers have been successful teachers. It is one thing to learn, and quite another thing to impart to others what you have learned yourself. The gifted teacher is as rare as the gifted performer; both subjects may be acquired, but it is seldom that any one person becomes distinguished as a performer and also a teacher.

BONDS TO PAY DEBT OF HONOR

They Will Bring Home the Fighting Men Who Have Won the Victorious Peace.

The Fifth Liberty Loan will be used especially and emphatically in paying a debt of honor.

The debt is one owed by the nation to its fighting forces. Who could think for a moment that it would not be paid eagerly in the finest spirit and with pride in meeting the obligations?

This Loan — the VICTORIOUS FIFTH—which will be offered in about three months, will bring home the men who fought through France from Chateau-Thierry right to Sedan, thousands of whom are today on German soil.

The President says that a large proportion of them must remain during the period of occupation. Those who will be brought home will be transported and demobilized at a very heavy expense for months to come.

The Loan will pay these charges. To avoid them in any way, to try to cut down on them, to fail to provide money for them, would be an incredible act on the part of the people of the United States.

The men who went to France, ready to give their lives if need be for the nation, did not halt half way—did not stop when they thought the end seemed almost near. They went to the very limit. They saw the war to the very close, however bitter it might be.

To look after them in the period of the making of the peace, to bring them home in comfort and safety and honor, must be the one effort of all the war loans in which the nation will join to a man.

The realization of what the men have done is written across the history of the United States the past eighteen months. The opportunity to pay the debt of honor will be met in returning them to peace and prosperity.

The opportunity lies in the new Liberty Loan bond, that is the Fifth Loan.

Use the next three months in preparing to join in paying the country's debt of honor to her soldiers who have won the victory.

Little Things.

The most important and vital things of life are thought out in quiet, and it is often the apparently little things that are most vital. Tired, harassed mothers—stop to realize for a moment, that you will not forever be mending, toiling, ministering to your little ones; they soon outgrow the need, and then your hands and hearts are so empty! Do you quietly think enough to understand how fully you are "serving," in the biggest sense of the word, when you are fitting these little ones for life?

HARVARD

News Items.

The "M" Camp Fire Girls hold a meeting on this Friday evening at the home of Miss Frances O'Brion. The party will take the form of a reunion of the camping party, which enjoyed such a delightful two weeks at Miss O'Brion's camp at Gilead, Me., last August, and valentine party. The girls have successfully raised the money for their French orphan and have adopted Marie Chicon, a little girl aged eight years.

The following is a list of articles completed by Red Cross workers for December and January: 92 sweaters, 46 pairs of socks, 1 pair wristers, 25 dresses, 27 skirts, 8 layettes, 10 chemises, 8 jackets, 1 boy's suit, 40 baby kits, 50 army kits, 25 property bags, 20 pairs bed socks. Meetings are held Tuesday and Friday afternoons in the Congregational church parlor. At present there is plenty of work to be done in making refugee garments. New workers will be very welcome.

The annual meeting of the Harvard Temperance society is to be held on Sunday evening, February 23, in the town hall.

Mrs. Ellery Royal of Worcester spent a part of this week with her parents at their farm, "Fruit Acres."

At the motion picture show this Saturday evening George Walsh will be seen in "Brave and bold." With a billion dollar contract and the girl you love as the stake, don't you think this would make you go some? Would you jump from the roof of a house for a billion dollar war order and win? George Walsh does. Come and see this athletic thunderbolt. Pathé News and Mutt and Jeff cartoon.

The following extract is from a letter from an officer in the Quartermaster Department of the American Expeditionary Forces, now in Germany: "The following I gleaned off the bulletin board and shows what the inhabitants are rationed on, that is, the Germans are not anywhere nearly as badly off as they claim, and people who have been in the habit of eating seven meals a day find it somewhat inconvenient to change the habits of a life-time, that is, to four meals a day. The following articles can be bought only at the municipal markets on certain days as indicated: Tuesday, ground pepper; Wednesday, butter, 6 marks 60 pfgs. per pound; Thursday, 80% white flour, 50 grams per person; Friday, lard, 3 marks 3 pfgs. per pound; Saturday, sausage to holders of ration cards." A mark is about twenty-five cents.

Officers Elected.

The King's Daughters have elected these officers of the Good Cheer circle: Mrs. Annie Russell, pres.; Mrs. Rachel and Mrs. Alice Haskell, vice pres.; Mrs. E. F. Hersey, sec.; Mrs. Jennie Willard, asst. sec.; Mrs. Helen Morse, treas.; Miss Louise Dyar, Mrs. Etta Ripley, Mrs. Emogene Gale, directors; Mrs. Bertha Branson, chairman, Miss Della Hapgood, Mrs. Melvina Wetherbee, work com.; Mrs. Sarah Priest, Bear hill, Mrs. Isabelle Farnsworth, Oak hill, Miss Della Hapgood, Littleton road, Mrs. Ruthany Ryan, Mrs. Blanche Craggs, Depot district, Mrs. Edna Dudley, North Still River, Mrs. Rose Howard, Still River village, Mrs. Mary Davis, Old Mill, Mrs. Rachel Maynard, Mrs. Sarah Lawrence, Center, Mrs. Josephine Haynes, Sunshine boxes, Mrs. Alma Royal, supplies, visiting committee.

Grange.

The Grange gave a good day's experience to the citizens of the town in arranging a day of service in the shape of an extension school on Wednesday. As usual, the ladies took advantage of the day to a much greater extent than the men. Beginning in the morning, at 10.30, John E. Dearth, of the Farm Bureau, gave a splendid talk on "Fertilizers on crop rotation," and later gave a talk on "Potato culture." In the afternoon Mr. Davis, of the Milk Producers' Union, discussed the milk situation. He was followed by Mr. Story, whose talk on the necessity of a farm accounting system so that every farmer should know what department of his work was paying, and his examples of five farmers picked at random from the State of Maine proved very interesting.

Down stairs, in the lower hall, the ladies enjoyed a real picnic and holiday. Miss Hancock and her assistants discussed the problems of the home with the ladies present in her extremely interesting way.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Tuesday evening, February 18, and the first and second degrees will be conferred; the latter will be worked by an all men's team, with Benjamin S. Keyes, past master, acting as master.

The committee on public entertainment have selected a three-act rural comedy to be given sometime about April first.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

Ernest Abbey and Mrs. Frances Littlefield were united in marriage on Wednesday morning at the Congregational parsonage by the pastor, Rev. S. F. Goodheart. The bride is a niece of Oliver W. Balcom and resides in the cottage house she owns on Main street, next to the Holden house.

George A. Devarney, of Chapel street, has purchased from William H. Brown the old marble shop used for many years by the late J. Fred Brown. Mr. Devarney will remodel same for an up-to-date garage.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Walter Knowles. The president, Elmer H. Allen, presided. A code of by-laws was read and adopted and other business transacted. At the close of the business session refreshments were served by Mrs. Knowles.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "Taking religion seriously." Subject for the evening discourse will be "Tragedy of a violated conscience."

The Boy Scouts will hold a dance on Friday evening, February 21, in Odd Fellows' hall. Mudgett's five-piece orchestra will furnish music.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church held a very interesting meeting on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Louise Livermore.

The board of selectmen have organized with Charles H. Weare, Jr., as chairman, and Robert H. J. Holden as secretary.

Sunday will be monthly communion for the Ladies of St. Ann.

Peter Hunt, a former resident of this town, commenced work on Monday in the web-cutting department of the President Suspender Co.

Jeremiah O'Neil has been confined to his home a few days with a cold.

The whist party for the benefit of St. Anthony's church, held under the auspices of the Ladies of the Sodality of St. Ann, netted $68.15. Miss Mary Murray was the winner of the first prize for ladies, and Wilfred Chevrette won the first prize for men. Booby prizes were awarded to Miss Laura Gionet and Henry Credit. Other prizes were won by Miss Eva Gionet, Michael Bolger, Augustus Stebbins and Arthur Bolger.

The women's home bible class of the Congregational church met for study on Monday evening with Mrs. Minnie Allen, under the direction of Mrs. Goodheart.

Mrs. S. F. Goodheart left Monday morning for Whanoka to visit her brother, Rev. John H. Jones, and will return home Saturday.

Mrs. James L. Holland spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Otto London, in Cambridge.

The school committee organized last Saturday evening for 1919 with Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, chairman, and Robert H. J. Holden, clerk. Meetings will be held the first Saturday evening of each month at eight o'clock, as has been done during the past year.

At a meeting held at the home of Frank Wheeler on Tuesday evening the republican town committee organized for 1919 with Robert H. J. Holden, chairman; Arthur G. Dunn, sec.; Edward S. Pratt, treas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weare, Jr., spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pevear, of Swampscott.

The Ladies' Aid of the Universalist church held a very successful food and candy sale this week Friday afternoon in H. O. Peasley's store.

A large audience was present at the Congregational church last Sunday morning, including a delegation from Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F. It was Roosevelt day, and the life of Roosevelt and the ideals he championed were vividly portrayed by the pastor, Rev. F. S. Goodheart, who paid a glowing tribute to his memory.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French and daughters, Ruth and Marion; also, Mrs. John Nichols, of Leominster, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.

Moses and Joseph Hunt, of Northboro, former residents, are visiting at the home of Napoleon Hunt, son of the former. Miss Emily Hunt and Mrs. Emma Carlton, also former residents, and daughters of Moses Hunt, have accepted positions in the warping and winding departments of the President Suspender Co.

The B. T. class of the Congregational Sunday school was entertained on Tuesday afternoon by their teacher, Miss Altie Howe, at her home on Cowdrey hill, Lunenburg. Games and skating kept the young people happy during the afternoon. Miss Howe was assisted by Mrs. George H. Anderson in serving refreshments of cocoa, sherbet and wafers to those present, who were Mary Anderson, Alice Cole, Edna Buxton, Virginia Wheeler, Genevieve Coddington and Doris Knowles.

The Girls' Service club will hold a fancy costume and valentine party in Odd Fellows' hall, Saturday evening, under the supervision of Miss Minnette Zuver. Dancing from 7.30 to 11.30; good music.

Mrs. C. R. White will hold the first of a series of dancing lessons on Saturday afternoon at 1.30 in Odd Fellows' hall.

About Town.

The First Parish Branch Alliance met at the Shirley club on last week Thursday. Mrs. Georgia H. Farnsworth presided and several items of business were transacted. She then introduced Mrs. Susan M. Barker, of Ayer, who gave an interesting talk on the political parties of Russia. A vote of thanks was given her. Refreshments of cocoa and wafers were served by Mrs. L. J. Edgarton, who acted as hostess for this meeting. The next meeting occurs on March 6, and will be held at the same place, unless otherwise ordered.

Mrs. Clara M. Simon, Rochester, N. Y., is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Carl W. Clark, of Shirley, who are occupying the apartments of Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman.

Mrs. Etta A. Holland spent the week-end in Cambridge with her sister, Mrs. Mary C. London.

On Friday evening of last week a special meeting of the Ladies' Aid society was held at the home of Mrs. Amy C. Wheeler. Mrs. Hittie W. Evans was chosen to represent the society on the Clinton Hospital Board of the town. The usual amount for the hospital fund was voted. Plans were made for a food sale this week Friday afternoon in Peasley's store.

Center.

Lewis H. Bradford, former town clerk, who has been in service overseas in a forestry unit of the 20th Engineers, has landed in this country and at present is stationed at Camp Mills, N. Y.

Arthur R. Holden, who has just arrived at Camp Devens from overseas service, expects to be discharged in a few days. In the meantime he is a frequent visitor in the center, which he left more than a year and a half ago.

Charles E. B[illegible] in Providence, R. I., for [illegible]

The young [illegible] of the center will hold a social dance in the town hall on Friday evening [illegible] the night before Washington's birthday.

Miss Mae B[illegible] last Saturday in Boston [illegible] sister, Miss Helen Bradford.

Regular se[illegible] chapel on Sunday afte[illegible] conducted by Rev. Ro[illegible] of Groton School. S[illegible] classes immediately af[illegible]

The follow[illegible] papers on household topics [illegible] by the lecturer for [illegible] meeting of Shirley Grange: W[illegible] of thrift has the war [illegible] Conservation along the [illegible] work," "What is most be[illegible] strengthen the housekeep[illegible] her vocation?" and "Leaks [illegible] household."

Born, a [illegible] to Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Gas[illegible] North, last week.

The next [illegible] of the Grange occurs on Tues[illegible] evening, February 18, and will be "Housekeepers' night." There will [illegible] a valentine party and a box [illegible] The program will include thre[illegible] papers on household topics [illegible] songs by the young ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson moved last week from the Thompson home at the North to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Moulton, at the North.

Miss Helen Bradford, of Somerville, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

Born last Saturday, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Harris, of Center road.

Arthur R. Holden, who landed at Newport News last week, has been transferred to Camp Devens for discharge. While at Newport News he was visited by his sister, Miss Edna M. Holden, who is living in Washington, D. C.

A little excitement was caused Tuesday afternoon by a fire which spread over a large area of brush land between the homes of Ralph I. Evans and William Jubb on Holden road. No damage was done, however.

Mrs. Roy C. Cool, of Cambridge, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford last week.

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LUNENBURG

News Items.

On last week Friday night the Lunenburg basketball club played a game with a Pepperell club, resulting in a victory for Pepperell, 25 to 9. Forty-three of the young people of Lunenburg witnessed the game, going over in a big auto truck.

Hattie D. Stone tent, D. of V., held a meeting on Saturday evening and elected Mrs. John G. Gilchrest, and Mrs. Lewis L. Harrington, delegates to the department convention, and Mrs. C. W. Gilchrest, and Mrs. T. A. Archibald as alternates.

"The county fair" social held in the Congregational vestry on last Saturday evening was well attended and proved a very successful affair. Popcorn, punch, lemonade and confectionery were on sale and side shows, moving pictures, fortune telling, etc., carried out the resemblance to a real county fair, besides making lots of fun. Games were played continuously in which nearly everyone took part and enjoyed the fun.

The registrars of voters held a special session on Monday evening and added these names to the voting list: Alfred Billings, Harold E. Coburn, Francis W. Farrell, Walter C. Freivogel, Frederick P. Goodell, George C. Ropes, Edgar E. Tarbell.

Citizens' Caucus.

The citizens' party held a caucus on Monday evening which was attended by 57 voters who came out to nominate candidates for town offices and elect a town committee. John Wooldredge was elected chairman and Joseph A. Harwood, clerk. After the polls had been kept open half an hour, Richard D. Field, Frank E. Farnsworth, Harry J. Litchfield and Lewis L. Harrington were appointed tellers. The following named were nominated with only a scattering opposition:

For moderator, James L. Harrington; for town clerk, treasurer and tax collector, Ralph L. Whitcomb; selectman and assessor for three years, Ernest K. Proctor; school committee for three years, Thomas C. Brown; constable, James L. Harrington; tree warden, James S. Gilchrest; auditors, Edward E. Spencer and J. Philip Gilchrest; trustees of Ritter Memorial library, Helen G. Jones and Mrs. Mary C. Ewing; electric light commissioner for three years, Robert N. Gowell; town committee, John Wooldredge, Sherman Sanderson and Norman G. Bigelow.

O. H. W. Meeting.

The Old Home Week association held its annual meeting in the town hall on last Saturday evening. Reports were read by the secretary and treasurer, the latter showing a balance of $131.35 in the treasury. It was voted to pay a bill of about $12 to the electric light commission for work done in showing pictures on the lower common two years ago. It was voted to observe old home week next summer as usual. It was 200 years in 1918 since the settlement of the town, but on account of the war it was not thought advisable to celebrate it then. Chairman Proctor of the selectmen said there would be an article in the town warrant to see if they would observe it this year, and suggested that the two celebrations might be combined. This will probably be decided by the executive committee after the town meeting.

The following officers were then elected: Flint H. Boutwell, pres.; Augustus Taylor and Augustus Cooke, vice pres.; Rev. L. A. Whiston, sec.; Ernest K. Proctor, treas.; all the above named officers, John Wooldredge, Warren Lewis, Frank E. Lancey, Arthur Q. Emerson and S. U. McIntyre, executive committee.

L. W. C.

The Woman's club held a most interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles E. Woods on last week Friday afternoon. There was a record attendance, the largest number being present of any meeting so far this season. Mrs. Loren H. Brown had charge of the program, which was devoted to letters and messages from "our boys," soldiers and sailors, from overseas, training camps and on board ships. Many souvenirs were exhibited, photographs, camp papers, gas masks and others, which were examined with great interest.

Another feature which proved very interesting, was the unexpected attendance of Miss Bertha Heath, who gave a most entertaining talk upon her work as bacteriologist at the base hospital No. 1, New York.

The next on the program was the soldiers' letters. Mrs. C. E. Woods read a paper upon the naval training school, by her son, Ensign Arnold H. Woods; Mrs. Ralph M. Bickford, letters from her husband, written while in the officers' training camp in Georgia; Mrs. W. H. Adams, from her son, Willard T. Adams, at the naval electric school at Hampton Roads, Va.; Miss Hazel Martin read letters from her brother, Orville D. Martin, on the Flagship San Francisco of the mine-laying fleet; Miss Heath, letters from her two brothers, Leo of the U. S. S. Saxon, and Vernon of the 301st Engineers, now in Germany; Mrs. Frederick C. Cross read letters from Mrs. Mary C. Ewing, who is doing Red Cross work in France; Miss Alice Peabody read from a paper published by the 20th Engineers (foresters) in France, of which her brother, Joseph I. Peabody, is a member; Mrs. C. P. Dickinson told of the service of her son, Edward Dickinson, as an ambulance driver in France, and read letters from him. She also exhibited a quantity of souvenirs collected by her oldest son, Major Arnold C. Dickinson.

Mrs. William Harley read letters from her nephew, Winthrop N. Harley, of the 326th Infantry, now in France; Mrs. W. N. Brown read letters from Robert McMullen, who left Lunenburg very early in the war to join a Canadian Field Artillery Regiment, and after his long service in foreign lands has passed the last seven and one-half months in a hospital, and is now in Montreal, Can.; Mrs. Loren Brown read letters from Evans G. Arnold of the 15th Field Artillery, overseas, and from Lieut. Ray B. Teasdale of the Sanitary Corps now stationed at a large base hospital in France. The program proved so interesting it is no wonder that the meeting was prolonged far beyond the usual time.

Interespersed with reading of soldier letters were songs by Mrs. Otis L. Monson, "Bring back my boy" and "The long, long trail," rendered in a most delightful manner, charming her audience. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. C. E. Woods.

Mock Trial.

The entertainment at the high school on last week Friday afternoon was in the form of a mock trial, Van Winkle vs. Van Winkle, wherein Mrs. Van Winkle sought annulment of the marriage contract with Mr. Van Winkle on the grounds of non-support.

Gerald Tyler was the sheriff, garbed in humorous costume, and with quaint but dignified speech befitting the occasion, requested the audience to stand while the judge, Miss Mabel Allen, was ushered in with impressive ceremony. Stanley Brown, clerk of the court, administered the oaths. The attorneys for the petitioner were Harold Eastman and Robert Proctor. The first three witnesses were wives of the village, Mary Spencer, Kathryn Francis and Thelma Brown, all testifying to Rip's laziness and non-support, and it was known by everyone in town that he had very shiftless ways, but when cross-examined by the opposing attorney, L. A. Whiston, admitted that the petitioner had a very harsh tongue and cruel temper. Charlotte Alexander and John Rolfe personated the two children and told of frequent suffering from hunger and cold.

George Wakefield and Loraine Hayward were the inn-keeper and his wife, and they told of Rip's frequent visits to the inn, his fondness for potations, but even while enumerating his faults praised his interest in town affairs and the politics of the time. Elbert Stone, the schoolmaster, testified that he had received much help from Rip's words of wisdom and wise counsel. Ruth Parker, as Mrs. Rip Van Winkle told of an abandoned home, wasting fences and an ill kept farm, while her husband, Lawrence Bigelow, told of her tiffs with his dog and cat. Then

The jury was much surprised to hear the judge charge the jury not to consider facts in the case at all, only rumor. In accord with this Mr. Harwood, who was the foreman of the jury, brought in a verdict for the respondent, and Mrs. Rip Van Winkle failed to get the release for which she had asked.

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Signs of spring are noted in many places, and on Lincoln's birthday and a few days preceding it, storekeepers would have been glad to be rid of the dust in Railroad square, either by the sprinkling cart or any other method, even to the extent of a foot or two of snow. The latter would have seemed more seasonable.

On Wednesday afternoon the Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Jerry Annis. There was a large attendance and during the afternoon Mrs. George W. Pierce, in behalf of the organization, presented the hostess with a pair of solid silver table spoons in appreciation of her faithful and efficient work as president of the society during the past three years. The presentation was made with a few earnest words and Mrs. Annis fittingly responded, although taken entirely by surprise. Refreshments were served by the committee at the close of the meeting.

On Friday evening of last week, by invitation of the 325th Motor Transport Company, of Camp Devens, about twenty-five ladies, including the force at the telephone exchange in town, were entertained at the barracks of the company. The guests were conveyed to Ayer in two large auto trucks and were royally entertained by a banquet and dance. The turkey supper was served by a caterer, and there were very handsome souvenir menus and favors for the guests. Dancing followed in the upper hall of the barracks, with music by a Jazz band. The decorations, in the color scheme of red and green, were most elaborate and some of the officers of the company proved good after-dinner speakers.

Mrs. Carrie Pitman returned home on Monday, from Scituate, where she has been employed, suffering with a hard cold, which it was feared might develop into the influenza, or a bronchial trouble, to which she has been subject.

The false alarm for fire, sounded from box 37 on the evening of January 25, was taken under advisement by the board of engineers, resulting in the finding out of the two boys who were the culprits. At a hearing at the fire engine rooms the engineers enlightened the parents of the boys of the law pertaining to the act of tampering with public property, aside from the fact that if an engineer had not happened to be near enough to the box sounded to make the speedy investigation, the whole department might have responded, causing much needless work and expense to the town. The case was not pushed against the rather youthful offenders, but the engineers considered it wisdom to have the matter understood as to the penalty, and avoid any further annoyance.

Lieut. Beiermeister, of the Development Battalion, Camp Devens, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cook over Sunday. The young officer is a friend and associate of the nephew of Mrs. Cook, Lieut. Houghton.

Alvin Wright and wife, with their older daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shattuck, and younger daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stewart, removed to Ayer last Saturday, where the men are to be employed. The place on Brookline street, which was formerly the Frank Joy place, has been the home of Mrs. Wright from early girlhood, and it is doubted if she will feel entirely at home in her new quarters for a while. The change may not be anything but temporary, although they have rented their cottage here to D. Frank Hills, who moved in Monday, from their tenement on High street.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cahill are reported somewhat improved in health, especially Mr. Cahill, who is now able to go out doors on pleasant days. Mrs. Cahill has been confined to her bed since August, although at present she is fairly comfortable. Their daughter, Mrs. Nellie McGrath, remains with them nights, and during the day they are cared for by Miss Jennie Cahill, the daughter who lives at home. Without doubt Mr. and Mrs. Cahill are the oldest couple in town, their united ages being about 177 years, Mrs. Cahill, who is slightly the elder, being nearly ninety.

S. M. Nokes commenced cutting ice at his pond near the Groton line on Monday, to fill his houses. He has been cutting a small quantity for patrons before filling his own house.

James Street and family have moved back to Quincy, where they formerly resided. Mr. Street has a place to work in the Fore River ship yards. He has been employed at the paper mills for the past two years, living in the tenement of H. C. Thurston, Groton lane street.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bateman on Sunday, February 7, at their home on Franklin street.

Miss Lena McGrath came from Wellesley last week for a few days' stay with her aunt, Mrs. John McGrath, Main street.

Mrs. Myron Murphy went to Newton Highlands last week to attend the funeral services of the infant son of her sister, Mrs. Michael Markham.

Miss Audrey Barkanshaw, of this town, who has been teaching at the Moors school, Groton, has received promotion to the second grade at the Boutwell school in the same town.

Frederic Wilson spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Jessie Wilson, Brookline street, returning Monday to resume the work he has been doing in a woodlot owned by his late father, in Dover, where he has been clearing out the dead wood and small growth to improve the rest of the trees.

Henry F. Tarbell is arranging to take an extended vacation from his duties as cashier at the First National bank of this town, which will be his first real vacation since he assumed his responsibilities there some years ago. His health at this time is the main reason. He intends to take a trip south, possibly to the West Indies, then go to California by way of the Panama canal and home overland, the whole of which will occupy some weeks. He somewhat expects to have his plans completed to start next week. He may be accompanied on part or all of the trip by D. Elmer Weston, of this town, although the latter is making no definite announcement of the fact, but the rumor is quite widespread. His work as plumber would be left with his nephew, Ralph Buck.

Since the commencement of the one session in the public schools, the plan was carried out of serving the children who brought lunches, with hot cocoa and hot soup, one day, for a small sum, both in the Main street and the Groton street buildings. The work is under the supervision of the domestic teacher, Miss Linscott, with assistance a few days of the week from the teachers and some of the older pupils. The work is much appreciated by many of the mothers.

Mrs. Thomas Tarbell is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farley. At the time of the removal of Mr. Tarbell to Hartford, Conn., their goods were stored from their home in Brooklyn, N. Y., and they were still boarding in their new location.

The Woman's club will hold the next regular meeting in the vestry of the Community church on Tuesday afternoon, February 18, at 2.45. The program is to be a patriotic one, and the hostesses are Mrs. Nellie Gutterson, Mrs. Gertrude Tower and Mrs. Anna Wright. An invitation has been extended to the local club by the Home club of East Boston to attend the mid-winter meeting of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's clubs, to be held at the Bethel church, Meridian street, February 19. Mrs. Parker, the president of this club, has a supply of the orange colored tickets necessary for admission, and anyone desiring to attend can secure them from her at any time.

A paper contest is arranged between the young men and the young women of the Methodist society, captains being chosen for each side, and the defeated ones to serve a supper to the others at the close. The contest starts off with much zest, as it has only a month to run, until March 17.

Oliver Shattuck, formerly of this town, the grandson of Mrs. Henry O. Shattuck, met with an accident while engaged in some of the athletic sports at Camp Devens last week. He has been serving as secretary at Hut 23, Y. M. C. A., and with two other secretaries, was to have gone into Boston this week, to make final arrangements for a transfer over to France. This accident was very inconvenient, just at this time, as when it was decided the bone of the lower leg was broken he became a patient at the base hospital at Camp Devens instead, and is likely to remain there for some weeks. His wife, who is staying with friends at Alton Bay, N. H., came last week to see him in Ayer.

C. C. Tucker, teacher in manual training, is ill with laryngitis, and his work may be interfered with this week at the rooms on that account. His wife is also suffering from a grippe cold.

Leslie Parker is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wardell Parker, Sheffield street, having recently returned from the naval aviation station in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Maude Maxwell returned home to Natick last week, as her husband was ill. With her little daughter, she has been spending some weeks at her old home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tucker.

The call to accept a pastorate of the Second Congregational church in Putnam, Conn., has now been accepted by Rev. Boynton Merrill, now serving as chaplain on the U.S.S. Pennsylvania, subject to his release from the present position, which may not be effected until early summer. The place, however, is to be held open for him, as, according to a clipping from a Putnam paper, the people were much pleased at the time he acted as candidate there. The article is withheld from this local paper, as the parents of Mr. Boynton here in town, regard it as too complimentary and personal to be wholly pleasing to the young man. Particular stress was laid on the manner and oratory of the young preacher, which were equally pleasing to his audience.

Miss Hazel Soule expects to finish her stenographer's course at the Lowell commercial college next week. She commenced the course in September, but her work was interrupted by an attack of the influenza, which kept her at home a month.

Walter Reed came up from Dorchester in his auto last Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. M. E. Reed, Main street.

Rev. Harry Shattuck came here on Monday from Louden Ridge, N. H., where he is pastor over a church, to visit his mother, Mrs. Henry Shattuck, at the home of his uncle, Nathaniel Lakin, Townsend street. He was called to this part of the state to see his son, Oliver Shattuck, who recently sustained a fractured leg at Camp Devens.

Miss Marion Case, one of the high school teachers, entertained a friend, Miss Marjorie Prescott, of Boston, over the week-end.

The resignation of Miss Barry, the school teacher, was recently given and accepted, to take effect February 21. She returns to her home in North Barnstead, N. H., and it is understood her marriage will shortly occur to W. [illegible] Boyd, instructor at a private school in Great Barrington.

Miss Rainsford Deware [illegible] New York [illegible] a visit of a few weeks with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gr[illegible] are in town for a few weeks [illegible] from Boston. Mr. Gr[illegible] somewhat interested in the [illegible] Henry Tarbell to Porto Rico, [illegible] evidently not to be persuaded to [illegible] the party, as he spoke of coming [illegible] Pepperell to town meeting next week.

Miss Lillian Dunton has been attending the mid-winter carnival, Dartmouth college this week.

Mrs. Mary Jordan, who recently went to Lynn to visit her sisters, will probably spend this month there. Mrs. Dunton is also still there, as she failed to return home as expected last month.

Douglass Deware spent the week-end at his home, returning Monday to the naval station at Newport, R. I., where he now expects to stay for a while. He has recently received a promotion to Liberty Yeoman, and likes it so much better that he is not anxious for his discharge.

A food sale will be held on Friday afternoon, February 21, at three o'clock, in the vacant store in Mrs. Butler's block, Main street, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church.

Nathaniel W. Appleton has received a message from his nephew, William Channing Appleton, Jr., of his safe arrival from France, at his Boston home. He brings back the rank of second lieutenant, gained by acts of gallantry in France, where he served first in the French and later in the American air force. He also brings back badges of honor. He has been in several aerial battles, but escaped uninjured.

Norval Thompson, the older son of Mrs. Martha Thompson, of this town, came to Camp Devens last week, being transferred from Camp Merritt, where he was first sent after landing from France. He enlisted from Lynn, where he was working, and went across in September of last year. He has been driving a supply truck and has received no injuries. He expects to be mustered out this week, and will return to his former work in Lynn.

Francis Atkinson, son of W. G. Atkinson, former foreman at the Keyes farm, is reported to be in one of the reconstruction hospitals at Parker hill, Brookline. He was in some of the fiercest engagements preceding the armistice, and has lost one leg, with fears that he may also have to have the other one amputated. He has often visited here, since the family moved away, and has many friends among his former schoolmates and companions.

A clipping from a Winchendon paper relates that about twenty young people gathered at the home of Miss Helen Harriman, Monday night, it being her birthday. The evening was pleasantly passed with music and games, and Miss Harriman was presented with many beautiful gifts. Among the out-of-town guests was James Dunn of Pepperell. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Fred Benner.

News From Abroad.

A recent letter received by the parents of Karl Newhall, from a base hospital in France, states that during the furlough he was granted in December he was in season to go to Paris in order to see President Wilson arrive, and to witness some of the celebration. Afterward, he went south to the Pyrenees Mountains, and while there had the pleasure of a few days' mountain climbing with a party of five other soldiers, accompanied by two secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. It was a new and delightful experience for him to spend the night on the mountain in hopes of witnessing a sunrise, but was nothing new to the men from the Y. M. C. A., who had taken other parties of soldiers up before, proving that some of the workers in the Y. M. C. A., at least, are not taking life too easy over in France, as the climb was a good, stiff job. Mr. Newhall expects another short furlough soon, as the work at the hospital is less strenuous, and this time will go to London. From these indications it is thought possible that the Harvard unit, of which he was a member, may soon be released to return home.

Special Aid Notes.

The meeting on Monday at the rooms was very well attended. Another consignment of men's shirts, to be made for the refugees, was received just in time for the work of the afternoon, from the Red Cross headquarters at Lowell. These will probably be completed at the next meeting. The first lot were returned to Lowell on Wednesday of last week and the society this week received a letter from headquarters, commending the excellence of the work, and the speed shown in making and returning them to the warehouse. The acknowledgment is very pleasing to the earnest seamstresses in the society, who have helped the work along so satisfactorily. The garments will be sent here from headquarters, as long as the need exists.

The chairman, Mrs. Flynn, read an earnest appeal from Special Aid headquarters to each member to warn all soldiers and people not generally informed, that certain men were trying to induce the people to sell war saving stamps at prices far below their actual value. Many soldiers have already been deceived by these bunco agents recently.

No further action was taken regarding the first banquet to the boys, as no new overseas men have as yet been reported. It is hoped that some of the numerous transports this week may bring more of our soldier boys home.

Returns from France.

A letter was received by Mrs. L. T. Wilson from Mrs. A. W. Polk, of Roxbury, concerning her brother, Lieut. Walter R. Avery, who had recently returned from France. It is thought he may revisit old friends here in town soon. He was a member of the 148th Aero Squadron and has served nearly twelve months at the front, being attached to the British forces. He has been highly recommended by both American and French authorities for his aerial fighting.

He was captured by the Germans when his machine was shot down within their lines, detained as prisoner for weeks, with the poorest of food and hard treatment, escaped from a moving train only to be recaptured, threatened with death in order to cause him to make certain assertions regarding the armies of the allies, but was finally reached America safe and sound.

He has a store of knowledge of the dark side of the war, from all his experiences, and at a meeting of the Universalist club at the Parker House, Monday evening, he gave a talk on "[illegible] the clouds and back, via Germany prisons."

If he comes here to his old home, as promised for a short visit, he will be an interesting person to converse with. Plans are being made for him to address a public meeting at the church while here, and an invitation has been sent to him to do so. Further notice will be given of the meeting.

Accident.

On Monday afternoon, after school hours, while playing a game in which the boys were running, Roger Stratton, a lad of about fourteen years, fell and broke his right arm. The accident happened on one of the spur tracks leading from the main track of the Fitchburg railroad division to the Pepperell Card shop. His companion at the moment was Franklin Attridge, a lad of only eleven years, but he acted promptly and with surprising thoughtfulness. The card shop was the nearest point where help could be summoned, and he lost no time in getting there. Fortunately Mr. Deware's car was there, and the two boys were immediately conveyed by the chauffeur to Dr. Lovejoy's office, where the fracture was reduced. Franklin displayed good grit by remaining with his companion through the rather painful ordeal, and afterwards notified Mrs. Robinson, the boy's mother, residing on Cross street, of the accident.

Pepperell Branch, A. R. C.

The meeting on Wednesday of the American Red Cross branch, at their headquarters, was an all-day affair, and a corresponding amount of work was accomplished. There was a goodly representation of the women interested, and two large cartons were packed with the finished garments which were sent to the Lowell headquarters on Thursday. The work at present is on garments for women and children, and quite a quantity has been finished by some of the workers at their homes.

An all-day meeting is to be held again next week Wednesday, and all are invited to come in and help, for a part if not all of the day.

The ladies of the Mt. Lebanon Community associates, working under the direction of the local branch of Red Cross, held their all-day meeting with Mrs. Arthur Hayes on Wednesday, with good results. During a recent business meeting these ladies voted to hold a fair some time next summer, this season of the year being the one when the population of Mt. Lebanon is considerably increased by the city people. As the associates have now been working about a year a report of the secretary was given of the amount of work accomplished, as follows: 24 surgical shirts, 35 tucker pillows, 3 ambulance pillows, 13 knitted sponges, 5 helmets, 2 pairs wristlets, 44 property bags, 7 sweaters, 45 pairs socks, 75 khaki kits, 1 knitted scarf, 125 sailor bags, 200 Red Cross packet envelopes, 25 sailors' handkerchiefs, and included in a box packed last year to be sent for the Belgian and French were two pairs of children's undergarments, 3 petticoats, 1 slip, 1 wrapper, 1 pair rompers, 2 children's dresses, 1 pair socks, 19 boys' suits, 6 pajamas, 10 chemise, 10 skirts, 6 pairs boys' drawers, 3 layettes, 6 men's shirts, 6 women's wrappers.

The material for the Red Cross supplies were furnished by the local branch, all but eight skeins of yarn, which were donated by an individual.

The next meeting of the associates is to be held at the home of Mrs. E. D. Walker and will be an all-day meeting.

Club Entertained.

The members of the East Village club were entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. N. W. Appleton, at Blakesmere. The program was in honor of Lincoln, and in addition to the decorations of flowers and the national colors about the rooms, Lincoln's bust was surrounded with tiny flags, and below was an American eagle. This was saluted by all the guests as they passed to the dining-room, where the hostess and president of the club, Miss Jordan, served hot coffee, sandwiches and cake, with bon-bons. The music was from the old masters, given by music box, and patriotic selections were also given. The invited guests of the afternoon, Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson and Miss Mary Wood, rendered several patriotic songs, and little Miss Natalie Blake increased the beauty of the selection, "Star Spangled Banner," by waving a small silk flag. She also rendered two little piano solos during the program. Much pleasure was expressed by the members and guests in this "Lincoln afternoon."

Letter from the Rhine Region.

The following letter was recently received by a friend from Capt. S. H. Munson of the 117th Field Signal Battalion, 42d division, A. E. F., now in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Munson of this town, and was reported in the hospital, not long ago:

The letter is dated from Ahrweiler, Germany, January 8, 1919.

Just a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I have been continually in the front line with the exception of the time I spent in the hospital. After coming out I was transferred to a new division, and it kept me pretty busy taking over a new company and getting things into shape to suit me. And now I am up here in Germany, taking in the sights along the River Rhine.

I have certainly had some wonderful experiences since coming over here. Upon my arrival I was first sent to a signal school, as every officer coming over here had to attend a school pertaining to his branch of the service. After leaving that I was assigned to a French division at Verdun as signal observer. I was there nearly a month and at that place I received my baptism of shell fire and believe me it is some sensation. From there I was ordered back to my own division and then we went to Château-Thierry, on the 24th day of May.

Have been continually on the line since then. The only rest we had was between the battle of the Marne river and the battle of St. Mihiel, and we were marching most of the time. Up to July 14, 1918, we did nothing but French warfare, and that was the night that the Germans started the big offensive on the Marne river at the place where my division was holding the line. We were in a forest and they laid down about ten hours of artillery fire on us and believe me, it was some hot. I was at that time signal officer of the 30th infantry and had to keep up communication with regimental headquarters and the companies in the front line, so you can imagine how nice our work is during a barrage, because shell fire is constantly cutting the lines of communication.

When we beat the German at his game, went across the Marne river, which was some fight, then chased them to the Vesle river and crossed that and on August 11 we were relieved by the French division and went back to a rest area, making us seventy-two days at duty in the lines, without any relief.

From there we took easy stages of marches and went to the St. Mihiel sector and prepared for that fight, which we started September 12 and took the salient in three days, including all of the grounds that the Germans had held for four years. After that we were sent north of Verdun into the Argonne sector, where we started the offensive and succeeded in breaking the Hindenburg line. We continued to take ground until the armistice was signed.

It was during the Argonne battle that I was gassed and sent back to the hospital, where I stayed for about four weeks. When I was discharged from the hospital I was sent to the Rainbow division and now have come up into Germany with the army of occupation. We came up through the northwest corner of Alsace-Lorraine and the southern part of Luxemburg, and followed the Moselle river into Germany quite a distance, then cutting north to our present position.

Have had some pretty good luck since coming over here, as I was promoted the first of October to captain of the signal corps. Not so bad, but I have tried to do my best.

Samuel H. Munson.

War Souvenirs Exhibited.

One of the large show windows of DuPaw's Pharmacy has been one of the most popular places the past week, containing, as it did, many war trophies of universal interest. The size of the collection was very much increased by the articles loaned by Wallace and Forrest Love, of Everett, Washington, who were in town at the home of their sister, Mrs. B. J. Milroy, on a furlough, and returned to receive their discharge from the Pelham Bay station this week Thursday. Although they had sent direct to their home several articles that would have been most of a curiosity, especially their gas masks, they still had with them a quantity, including German, Belgian and Italian shells, German hand grenades, the clips off rifle shells, a six-inch German shell case, English hand grenades, and a piece of the periscope that came near shore, after the sinking of a submarine, near Zeebrugge mole. They also exhibited a German rifle picked up near Mt. Kemmel, an Italian airplane bullet and a German name plate and grease cup, taken from one of the German big guns near Dixmude, Belgium; also, a shell projectile picked up at Ypres. A pair of miniature wooden shoes, although not relics of the war, showed the kind of footgear that everyone in Belgium was reduced to wearing, these being formerly worn only by the peasants, or poorer class.

Other souvenirs which naturally attracted attention, were a German helmet, donated by the sister of John Kerin, who is still acting as secretary of the K. of C., in France; also, a collection of smaller souvenirs, which have been sent to Mrs. Clara Church from time to time, by her son, Corp. Irving Church, who is with the American Air Force stationed near Toul, France. The collection consists of numerous small articles such as tobacco and igarette boxes, paper knives, buttons, some of them made by the German prisoners.

As our boys are coming home, it will probably be possible for our enterprising druggist to fill in the places of the articles taken out this week by the Love brothers, when they return home, with other trophies equally interesting, and in this manner keep his window the place of attraction for the public.

Church Notes.

Sunday morning, at 10.45, the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Grand Army will hold the annual memorial service at the Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. B. W. Rust, will address them on the subject, "Builders of a nation." There will be special patriotic music. Regular session of the Sunday school at noon. At 7.30 in the evening the pastor will preach on the topic, "Our brother in ebony." On Tuesday evening at 7.30 the weekly prayer meeting.

All D. A. R. members who can do so are urged to attend this service and meet in the vestry of the church fifteen minutes before the hour for service. This is requested by the regent of the D. A. R., Mrs. Cushing. The chapter has also invited the members of the Camp Fire circles, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to join with them in this service.

Regular meeting of the Boy Scouts, Troop No. 2, will be held with the scoutmaster, Mr. Rust, at the parsonage, Thursday evening. A hike is being planned to take place on Saturday to start from the parsonage.

At the Community church last Sunday morning Rev. Dwight F. Mowery, of New York, preached as a candidate, his subject being "Where do you live?" He delivered a sermon from this topic which was forcible and practical, and was much liked. He will preach again on Sunday morning, but the evening service will be omitted. Sunday school at noon. Several classes have recently been organized, and much interest is being manifested.

The workers' conference last Sunday afternoon was largely attended, and much help received. There are important plans laid out for a very successful year.

The Pilgrim's training class meets at the parsonage with Rev. J. B. Lewis next week Tuesday evening at 7.30, as usual, and each one is asked to come prepared to relate a story.

The Woman's Missionary society will meet with Mrs. Waldo Spaulding next week Thursday afternoon at 2.30.

Rev. J. B. Lewis having tendered his resignation as pastor of the Congregational church, and the church having voted to accept the same, subject to advice from the ecclesiastical council, a council has been called to meet at the church on Tuesday morning at 9.30, to review the action already taken, and if it seems wise to terminate the pastoral relation. The committee in charge are Otis Merrill, H. N. Tower and Lyman C. Blood. The churches of the district which are invited are Dunstable, Groton, West Groton, Ayer, Concord, Shirley, North Leominster, Fitchburg, C. C. church and Townsend. This meeting is open to the public, and all interested are invited to attend. The ladies will serve a light lunch for the visitors at noon.

About Town.

The next meeting of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will be held with Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald on Saturday afternoon, February 22—Washington's birthday. Hostesses, Mrs. Olive P. Lewis and Miss Josephine M. Lawrence.

The Standish quartet, of Boston, who will give the concert and entertainment for the Pepperell Men's club, Prescott hall, February 24, is one of the few quartets that are able to give a full and varied evening's entertainment unassisted. The program presented is pleasing and highly entertaining, consisting of quartets, both serious and humorous, solos, twenty minutes of old-time songs and melodies; also, readings and stories.

Other Pepperell matter on first page.

It is only a little more than a hundred years since anthracite coal has been used as a fuel, the first attempts to burn it proving unsuccessful. Judge Jesse Fell of Fell House, Wilkesbarre, Pa., was convinced that "stone coal," as it was called, would burn; but his arguments were laughed at. Finally convinced that what was necessary was a strong draft, Judge Fell built a fireplace of brick with a bottom and front of iron grating. Piling the coal in this, he built a wood fire under it. Soon the coal was a red hot mass and the neighbors flocked in to marvel at the sight and revel in the grateful warmth. That was in February, 1808.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed from Joseph H. Coleman to the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank, dated August 24, 1916, and recorded with Middlesex Southern District Deeds, in book 4080, page 344, and for the breach of the condition of said mortgage deed, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described, on Monday, March 10, 1919, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the real estate conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Ashby, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on the southerly side of the State Road leading from Ashby to Fitchburg, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof at a stone post on the State Road; thence southerly on land of the Orthodox Congregational Church in Ashby and land now or late of William Partridge, to land now or late of David H. Damon; thence easterly by said Damon land; thence southerly by said Damon land by the line of a wall to a corner; thence easterly by land now or late of the estate of F. W. Wright; thence northerly by said last named land to the above named State Road; thence westerly by said State Road to the stone post first mentioned. Containing two acres, more or less.

The premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes of assessments.

TERMS, $100 in cash at the time and place of sale; and balance within ten days thereafter at the Banking Rooms of the mortgagee on delivery of deed.

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