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SHIRLEY

News Items.

The Boston and Maine railroad has petitioned the department of public utilities for approval of a plan for substitution of automatic flagman in place of human flagman at the grade crossings at Center, Main and Phoenix streets. A hearing on the matter will be held at the hearing-room of the department of public utilities, 166 State House, Boston, on Thursday, March 25, at 10.30 in the forenoon. Just what the proposed automatic flagmen consist of is not definitely known, but they are said to be an electrical warning device consisting of a bell and red lights.

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., has definitely decided to work the initiatory degree on Thursday evening, April 1. A lunch will be served at this meeting. On next Thursday evening a rehearsal of this degree will be held and all officers are requested to be present.

The next meeting of the Altruistic club will be held at the Municipal building on Thursday, March 25. Program for the afternoon will include one of Mrs. McCarthy's excellent papers on "Half hours in civil government" and personal reminiscences of camp life during the war, both here and across.

A fire at the State Industrial School for Boys on Thursday morning at 3.30 almost totally destroyed the building containing the laundry and kitchen of the school. The building was a one-story wooden structure, generally known as the cook house. The total loss will be about \$5000. Owing to the fire alarm being out of order the alarm was given from the factory of the President Suspender Co. While members of the Shirley fire department were preparing to respond to the call a message was received that the fire was under control. The origin of the fire is unknown. Cottage No. 3 was also slightly damaged by the fire.

Mrs. C. W. Marshall's condition remains practically the same. The kindly remembrance of her many friends in sending flowers are greatly appreciated by her.

Ernest White has given up his position in the leather department of the President Suspender Company and gone to Braintree to learn the shoe business.

The Fitchburg and Leominster street railway is again running cars through from Fitchburg to Ayer on regular time.

Paper on Medical Science.

The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, the official organ of the Massachusetts Medical society, and of the New England Surgical society, has recently published a paper read by Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, of this town, the subject being "An experience with the Schick test and toxin-antitoxin and a plea for their use in the extinction of diphtheria." This paper was read by Dr. Lilly before the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health.

The Schick test was used by Dr. Lilly during the outbreak of diphtheria at the State Industrial School for Boys a few years ago with marvelous results. The article is detailed and exhaustive and has proved a revelation to the medical fraternity and a blessing to humanity.

Dr. Lilly, who is physician at the

Center.

Earl A. Graves and Kenneth Longley attended the auto show in Boston on Wednesday and Clyde Graves attended the show on Thursday.

Miss Vera Bradford of Everett spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford.

A pruning demonstration was held on Wednesday at the orchard of John H. Hardy of Littleton on Chapin hill, formerly owned by Longley Homestead. The demonstration was given under the auspices of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau and was attended by over thirty of the local fruit growers. County agent A. B. Jenks of the Farm Bureau was in charge. Demonstrations of methods of pruning young trees were given at the Hardy orchard by Prof. Van Meter, who has charge of extension orchard work at the state agricultural college. He also demonstrated methods of pruning and renewing old trees at the orchard of Howard M. Longley nearby. Prof. Cole of the state college, an expert on apple storage and by-products was present and answered questions on these subjects. The demonstration was arranged and made possible through the efforts of Edward M. Davis, the local director for the County Farm Bureau.

At the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening a pound party was held. The pound packages, which presented a varied assortment of contents, were auctioned off by Aubrey Mantelov. About nine dollars was realized from the sale to go to the benefit of the educational aid fund. The program for the evening was in charge of the ten youngest members and consisted of: Recitation, Olive Evans; reading, Mrs. Bessie Buxton; original poem and reading, Aubrey Mantelov; songs by the Grange.

Superintendent of moth work, A. A. Adams, attended on Thursday the meeting of moth superintendents held at the State House in Boston. On Friday, Mr. Adams, who is also tree warden, attended the meeting of the tree wardens and foresters' association also held at the State House.

The Center will continue in communication with the rest of the world according to present indications. The roads are rapidly clearing up and it is expected that automobile traffic can be resumed in a few days. An attempt was made early in the week to drive to the village, but it was unsuccessful. However, if the two large drifts on Center road are cleared away, as has been planned, the road should be passable for machines.

HARVARD

Suit River.

The warrant for the annual parish meeting of the Baptist society is posted, announcing that it will be held at W. B. Willard's on Thursday evening, March 25, but there will be no business taken up at this time except to adjourn to a later date, probably the last week in May. In order to have the local financial year agree with the association and missionary years, which end June 1, it is planned in the future to have the annual meeting in May instead of March.

A. A. Hutchinson and Charles Thorne were attendants at the automobile show in Boston one day each this week.

Mr. O'Brien, of Boston, is having improvements made in his house, formerly the A. A. Hutchinson place here. H. D. Stone in charge. A plumber from Boston is installing the heating plant.

Mr. Dalby has commenced alterations on the Reed house, in removing the ell and barn from the south end, and will erect part of it on the back or west side of the house.

The carbuncle on F. W. Bateman's neck is still quite troublesome, but seems to be doing as well as could be expected.

Services at the Baptist church will probably be resumed on March 28, as the pastor is expected to return next week.

Miss Ada Heeley, of Lowell, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heeley, Sunday.

William Heeley has a position as fireman on the railroad. At present his headquarters are in Ayer.

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Heavy Wool	\$2.00 to \$3.50
Union Suits	
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Heavy Wool	\$3.50 to \$5.50
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Boys'	\$1.50 to \$7.50

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WESTFORD

Center.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prescott on Wednesday of last week.

The members of the W. C. T. U. held a successful fund sale at the home of Mrs. George Walker on Friday afternoon of last week, at which they disposed of a goodly array of home-cooked food. Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Welch were in charge of the sale and a little over \$20 was cleared for the association treasury.

George F. White has been in attendance at the auto show in Boston all this week, and Mrs. White has spent a part of the week in Boston and Everett, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Atwood.

A very pleasant social for the young people was held at the Congregational church on last Saturday evening with a good attendance and a merry time with music, games and refreshments. Miss Lillian Sutherland presided at the piano. Refreshments of cookies and cocoa were served. There will be another of these gatherings on Saturday evening, March 27, at which a cobweb party will be the feature of the evening.

Perley E. Wright shipped to Boston by freight last week 1500 bushels of apples, and this week 1400. These would usually go by auto truck. Mr. Wright hopes by the first of the week to get a truck started over the road. The bulk of the apples in town have been shipped, but there are still quite a few hundred bushels to be disposed of. Prices are reported holding good.

Schools closed this week Friday for the spring vacation of one week, and will reopen on Monday, March 22.

Livingston Wright, of Quincy, a student at the Institute of Technology, has been spending a week of vacation at H. L. Wright's.

Bird students have reported seeing rose-breasted grosbeaks. These feathered friends are not usually scheduled until the first of May, so perhaps it is a sign of an early spring when it once gets started.

Several spring movements are reported. The John Perkins family plan to move from the house next to the fire house, where they have lived for a number of years, to the new house at Depot street, owned by Alec Fisher. The Harry Ingalls family are expecting to move into the Day house when the Parker family move out. Report also has it that Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are to vacate the Bright cottage on Depot street.

Fred H. Meyers, who has so faithfully and efficiently taken care of the R. F. D. route for the past five years, has resigned, the resignation to take effect the first of April. Mr. Meyers has accepted a position in the office of C. G. Sargent's Sons, Granitville.

Miss Mattie Crocker has been suffering from a bad burn on her right hand this week, but has managed to teach every day at the Frost school as usual.

At the morning service at the Congregational church a week ago Sunday a beautiful memorial bunch of carnations graced the service. On the accompanying card was the following inscription: "In memory of Olive J. Pyne, who passed away to the higher life March 9, 1909. Ella M. Pyne."

Miss Day, acting librarian at the J. V. Fletcher library, reports the following attractive books recently added: "Historic trees of Massachusetts" by James Simmons; "Old New England doorways" by Albert Robinson; "Collectors' luck" by Alice Carleick; "Creative chemistry" by Edwin Slosson.

Mrs. O. L. Brownsey, who has recently returned from Dunbarton, N. H., where her mother lives, reports much more snow there than in this vicinity. In driving from Goffstown the driver standing up in his sleigh could easily touch the telephone wires. The R. F. D. carrier for that vicinity delivered eighteen miles one day on snowshoes, that being the only way he could get about.

At the meeting of the Ladies' Aid last week Thursday in the vestry there were seventeen present and two children. A bountiful dinner was served at noon with Mrs. A. W. Hartford and Mrs. J. E. King, hostesses. In the afternoon singing was done for a family where there was sickness. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John K. Fletcher.

Company H. M. S. G., will hold a drill, supper and entertainment at the town hall on Saturday, commencing at four o'clock.

The great bulk of snow has pretty much disappeared this week, and the melting that has started for so many weeks is gone. Vehicles on wheels began to appear on Tuesday and Wednesday, and also automobiles. Some water in cellars is reported, but the thaw has been fairly gradual or more trouble in that direction would have been the case.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning the Rev. O. L. Brownsey will preach on "The significance of the Father-church world movement," and in the evening the topic will be "What religions means to me," a discussion by different speakers.

Mrs. Freda Stiles Prescott and little son of Lowell have been visiting her parents this week.

Mrs. Emma Day is ill at her home and Miss Mary Moran is caring for her.

The best attended meeting of any of the winter was the case on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall to hear Mrs. Claire H. Guernsey, former president of the State Federation, and now of the thrift campaign of the State Federation. Mrs. Guernsey is always an intelligent and entertaining speaker and thoroughly conversant with whatever subject she has to speak on. Her plan for thrift of thought, time, energy and

money was most interestingly worked out. She also endorsed and explained the keeping of an expense budget. The pretty thrifty finishes exhibited will be kept at the library for any who wish to copy them. The next meeting will be President's day and will be held at the Congregational church. Mrs. Alfred W. Hartford is the hostess of the day. Rev. Alfred R. Hussey of Lowell, who is no stranger to a Westford audience, will lecture on "George Eliot." This meeting comes next Tuesday afternoon as given in the calendar.

The young men are making careful preparations to make their Legion dance a successful affair. This comes the Monday after Easter, April 5, with Curtis' famous colored orchestra for music.

Forge Village.
 Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. McCavitt of Lawrence were the recent guests of Mrs. Miller of Pony street. They were accompanied by Miss Katherine Howley, who recently arrived from England.

Rev. R. Carmichael of Clinton visited St. Andrew's mission on Sunday and preached an inspiring sermon. On Saturday evening Abbot Worsted band furnished a pleasing concert before the usual entertainment in Abbot hall. Each number was well rendered and showed excellent training they have received under the leadership of James Larkin of North Chelmsford.

On Thursday night a representative from the Harding Uniform Co. of Boston came to make the final arrangements for the uniforms which are on order for the Abbot Worsted band.

A dance was held Wednesday evening, March 17, in Abbot hall by the members of the Abbot Worsted soccer football team.

A Lenten service was held Wednesday evening in St. Andrew's mission.

Grantville.
 The usual Lenten devotions were held in St. Catherine's church here this week. On Tuesday evening the services were conducted by Rev. J. Emile Dupont, and consisted of a sermon in French, followed by the recital of the rosary and benediction.

The Young People's Social club held a very successful supper and entertainment in the vestry of the Methodist church on Wednesday evening. Supper was served from 6.30 to 8 o'clock, after which a fine musical program was given. The whole affair was thoroughly enjoyed and quite a neat sum was realized on the event.

The members of Court Grantville, F. of A., held a largely attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on last Thursday night. Business of importance was transacted and delegates chosen to the annual convention.

The usual storm visited here last Saturday, but this time it was rain for a change. Cold weather quickly followed on Sunday and the freeze caused very slippery walking.

Vernon Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Fletcher, is ill at his home.

Miss Bessie Larkin, of North Chelmsford, is stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Provost. Mr. Provost's condition appears to be much improved at present.

The cars on the Lowell and Fitchburg line are now running on schedule time.

The snow is rapidly disappearing, but there is probably be another supply on hand the last of the week.

Many from here attended the automobile show in Boston this week.

LITTLETON

News Items.

The members of Littleton post, A. L., will be guests of honor next Sunday morning at a patriotic church service in the Congregational church. Members of all the churches will attend and pastors of the various churches will participate. Mrs. Hager will sing and other special music has been arranged. A special section of seats will be reserved for members of the legion and their families.

Mrs. Charles A. Hartwell recently returned from New Hampshire State college in Durham, where she cared for her son Robert through his illness from scarlet fever. She left him doing well, and it is expected that he will soon be able to return to class-room duties.

Allan Kimball of Worcester academy came home for last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Chase and son Lyman were guests of Mr. Chase's sister in Carlisle last Sunday.

The Woman's club will meet at the home of Mrs. S. Emma Abbott on Monday, March 22, and the hour of meeting will be 2.30 instead of three o'clock as stated in the calendar. Three members of the reading circle will read Lady Gregory's little play, "The workhouse ward," and Mrs. Winnifred King Rusk, of Arlington, will speak on current literature. Mrs. Rusk is chairman of the Federation literature committee, but was formerly a teacher, and her first year's experience in that profession was gained in Littleton. She will also be remembered as having spoken on Mother Goose at one of the club's entertainments for the children.

The reading circle will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, on Sunday afternoon, March 20, at 2.30 o'clock. Anyone interested in the reading of plays is invited to be present.

Miss Grace P. Conant, of Decatur, Ill., has been with her mother for two weeks during the latter's recent illness.

Poster Kimball, of the Conant Company clerking force at the West End, has been transferred to the Common store, succeeding Robert Wood, who has taken a position in the factory.

Mrs. Henry A. Robbins, of Newton spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb, and her sister, Mrs. Lovejoy.

Mrs. Charles Gordon, of Newton, has been with her parents a few days this week.

Philip Prescott, of Rindge, N. H., was the Sunday guest of the J. H. Kimball.

The Merry Go Round club will meet with Mrs. J. H. Rennie on Thursday afternoon, March 25.

Library Notes.

Boys interested in stamp collecting will find "McKeels' weekly stamp news" at the library.

An exhibition of pictures of Spanish art will be found in the reading-room. A loan from the Anheuser Agricultural college consists of the following books:
 Pruning book.
 Birdhouse.
 Comstock. How to keep bees.
 Green. Law for farmer.
 Harper. Manual of farm animals.

Household Textiles

Harrison. How to grow and market fruit.
 Galpin. Rural life.
 Lloyd. Productive vegetable growing.
 McKee. Training the girl.
 Sears. Productive orcharding.
 Rose. Feeding the family.
 Ferris. Fruit and vegetables.
 Waite. Vegetable gardening.

The following books have recently been added to the library:

Bachelor. I. Man for the ages.
 Bassett. W. Story of porcelain.
 Bennett. R. A. Bloom of cactus.
 Bottoms. H. Servant of reality.
 Francis. E. H. Little old lady.
 Brooks. A. Dorothy Dainty at the stone house.
 Brown. A. Black drop.
 Colum. J. Girl who sat by the ashes.
 Daley. T. A. McArthur ballad.
 Dillman. N. Green and white Run.
 Diver. M. Strong house.
 Drinkwater. J. Abraham Lincoln.
 Ellsworth. W. W. Golden age of authors.

Greene. W. T. Labrador doctor.
 Hutton. J. Tales of father and son.
 Hall. A. N. Carpentry and mechanics for boys.
 Hedrick. V. Manual of American grape-growing.
 Howells. J. D. Hither and thither in Germany.

Huston. E. Leave it to Doris.
 Johnston. J. Michael.
 Keeland. C. B. Knives and forks.
 Knipe. E. B. Vive la France.
 Kyrie. J. B. Green and white plates.
 Latham. H. S. Harry lends a hand.
 Locke. W. J. House of Baltazar.
 London. J. On the Makalona mat.
 Lutz. G. The search.
 Macallan. A. W. Science of eating.
 MacGrath. H. Man with three names.
 McMaster. B. U. S. in the world war.

Marshall. A. Sir Harry.
 Masters. A. Master rock.
 Matthews. F. K. Boy Scouts year book.
 Meigs. C. Pool of stars.
 Merrick. L. In quest of his youth.
 Moore. N. H. Old clock book.
 Patton. C. H. World facts and American responsibility.

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 Richmond. G. S. Good and black.
 Rhoades. N. Nora's twin sister.
 Rolt-Wheeler. Boy with the U. S. trappers.
 Seaman. A. Slipper point mystery.
 Simonds. H. History of the world war.

Spyri. J. Little curly head.
 Tabor. C. W. Business of the household.
 Theis. S. Hidden serial.
 Tucker. W. A. Story of the great war.
 Usher. R. G. Story of the great war.
 Walpole. H. J. Jeremy.
 Ward. Mrs. Anna.
 Watterson. H. "Marse Henry".
 Wells. C. Every child's mother goes.
 Man who fell through the sky.
 Whiting. L. Canada, the spell binder.
 Whitlock. B. Belgium.
 Williams. M. L. Boardwalk.
 Wiggins. K. D. Ladies-in-waiting.
 Willis. H. Forbidden trail.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

On account of the weather there were so few out to the Grange the competitive program was not carried out, but will be given at the next regular meeting. Resolutions on the death of Mrs. Mary Hildreth, one of the Grange's oldest members, were read and adopted. The program was carried out was a reading by Mrs. Erskine, music, piano and violin, Misses Doris and Hoyle Lovejoy; reading, Mrs. Elizabeth Colburn; reading, "Mr. Dooley on cold seeking," Rev. M. French; vocal solos, Gladys Pierce, Bessie Mercer and Wesley Ladd; reading, Kenneth Mercer; song, Mr. Erskine.

Ensign Ralph Lovejoy, U.S.S. Donnes, is now stationed at Norfolk, Va. The meeting of the Farm Bureau at Milford last Saturday, which was postponed on account of the storm, will be held this week Saturday. Mrs. M. Smith, lecturer of Hollis Grange, is on the executive board and expects to attend.

Quite a number from Hollis Grange are planning to attend Pomona Grange in Nashua March 19, and two at least will take some of the degrees. All the members of Charles Hills family have been suffering from the influenza. Mr. Hills has been quite ill and is still confined to his bed, the other members of the family are up.

Mrs. Jason Reed has had a letter from her daughter, Carl Brown, who lives in Topsfield, Mass., saying the only person she saw from February 14 to March 4 was her husband. They live at the end of a road and the snow was so deep she could not get to her neighbors or they to her.

Mrs. James McConnell, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph May, for ten days, returned to her home in Dover on Thursday. Mr. McConnell spent the week-end with them.

The annual high school party will be held at the town hall on next week Friday.

H. Graham Blood succeeds Joseph Sawyer as stationary engineer for the Winchendon Electric Light and Power Company.

The regular meeting of the W. R. C. will be held on Tuesday evening instead of the after of March. After the business meeting there will be an entertainment and social, to which the Sons of Veterans and world war veterans and their families, with the families of the corps are invited.

The Girl Scouts will meet with Mrs. George Hardy on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Addie Eastman, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Frost, in Belmont, Mass., since Christmas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Colburn, before going to her own home.

John Coburn had an ill turn on Tuesday night and is in bed.

Miss Margaret Cassidy, whose illness was reported last week, failed to rally and passed away on Friday morning, March 12. She was born on January 29, 1903, and was a member of the senior class of the high school. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in St. Patrick's church, Milford, and burial was in the parish cemetery in Amherst. Besides her parents she is survived by three brothers, William, James and Thomas, and two sisters, Mary and Madeline.

Irving Bacheller's latest book, "A man for the ages," has come to the library as a gift from Judge Frederick C. Hubbard. This story of Lincoln is such a success that 200,000 copies were printed in one month. It is a most acceptable addition to our library.

At the school meeting held on last week Friday, Mr. French, who was elected moderator at the meeting that was adjourned Monday, resigned, and Charles P. Brown was chosen in his place. Albert Hildreth was chosen as clerk, and Henry A. Wilson, treasurer. Mrs. Hardy was re-elected as a member of the school board for three years. It was voted not to build this year, and the school board appointed a committee to investigate and bring in a report and suggestions in regard to building at the next annual school meet. It was voted to

raise \$7.65 on a thousand for school expenses for the year ensuing. George F. Hills and Francis A. Lovejoy were re-elected auditors.

The families of Arthur Lund and his father, William Lund, are reported on the sick list.

Bertha Clinton writes from her home in Nova Scotia, that instead of snow she found mud when she arrived there.

The snow is slowly but surely disappearing, and in such a way that very little trouble is now anticipated.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy, Madeline, has been suffering from a cold and not pneumonia as was reported. She is up and about the house.

Perley A. Foster, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hardy, was in Keene several days last week conferring with Secretary H. A. Bragg and local committees relative to the New Hampshire Older Boys' Conference, which is to be held on March 26, 27 and 28, in Keene. About 400 boys and leaders from all parts of the state are expected to be present. A fine program of sports and addresses has been arranged. Mr. Foster will be one of the speakers on March 28, talking for his subject, "The allied expedition in Archangel," and will use stereopticon slides from pictures he took in North Russia. This week Friday Mr. Foster speaks on the "Y" ward experiences at the Good Shepherd House in Nashua, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Miss Hattie I. Kendall, of Fitchburg, formerly of Pepperell and well-known here, has completed her duties at the home for aged women in that city and has accepted another position as companion for an aged lady.

Another stereopticon lecture was given by Rev. R. M. French last week. This was on "Home missions under southern skies."

Wallace Bascom is home, enjoying a two-week vacation.

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society sent a box of clothing, bedding, etc., to the Peabody academy. Troy, N. C., this week, valued at \$60.

Mrs. R. M. French was a Nashua visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Bell was restricted to the house last week with an attack of laryngitis.

William W. Worcester, who has been ill with the prevailing epidemic, is gaining.

George Coburn will make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Ernest Marshall, for the present.

Miss Mildred Rogers, who has been in Brookline, Mass., for a few weeks, spent the week-end in New York, arriving home from there on Monday.

Jerome Farley, who was restricted to her home by illness last week, is still unable to attend school.

WEST ACTON

News Items.

Notwithstanding the very slippery condition of the streets there was a goodly number present at the morning service of the Baptist church on last Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. George L. Michelson, preached a very forceful sermon on "Individual responsibility."

At last we are having some spring-like weather and the snow is fast disappearing, although the traveling is now greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gould are back in their home after several weeks spent with Mrs. Gould's sisters, the Misses Knowlton, at the family home.

Emery Whitcomb is still confined to the house and is under the care of Dr. Tasker.

It is expected that the electric road will be opened up for traffic this week.

Mrs. Lucy N. Staples, widow of the late Dr. H. Staples, sent a beautiful bouquet of carnations to the Baptist church on Sunday in memory of the anniversary of the death of her husband. After the church services they were distributed among the sick and shut-ins.

The Philanthropic class met at the home of Miss Lizzie Burroughs on Tuesday evening for Bible study.

Mrs. and Mrs. Nelson Willis (Helen Beckson) are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby daughter at the Deaconess hospital, Tuesday.

Schools have been closed this week for the annual spring recess.

Thomas Nelson, who is stationed at the Charleston navy yard, spent the week-end at the home of Daniel Adams.

Henry Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hall, is quite sick with the influenza in a hospital in New York.

Miss Ruby Viets, daughter of Rev. Francis Viets, formerly of Boston, now of Waterville, sailed for Spain on March 15, where she goes as a missionary.

The Civics club met in G. A. R. hall on Tuesday evening, and although a pleasant evening was enjoyed there was some disappointment felt, as it was expected that there would be a speaker from the army, but none appeared. Different members gave brief remarks, which with music and refreshments, made an entertaining program. The next meeting will be observed as guest evening, when the ladies will be invited.

There was a good number in attendance at the monthly supper and social at the Baptist church on Thursday evening of last week, despite the bad weather and traveling. An interesting entertainment was given consisting of piano solos by Elizabeth Hall, current events by the pastor, showing very vividly the condition and unrest which our country is in at the present time. Conundrums and music closed the program.

E. L. Hayward was a guest at the annual dinner of the Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange, given at the Copple-Plaza, Wednesday, March 10. Gov. Calvin Coolidge was present as one of the speakers.

Mrs. George Michelson has been confined to the house the past two weeks with illness.

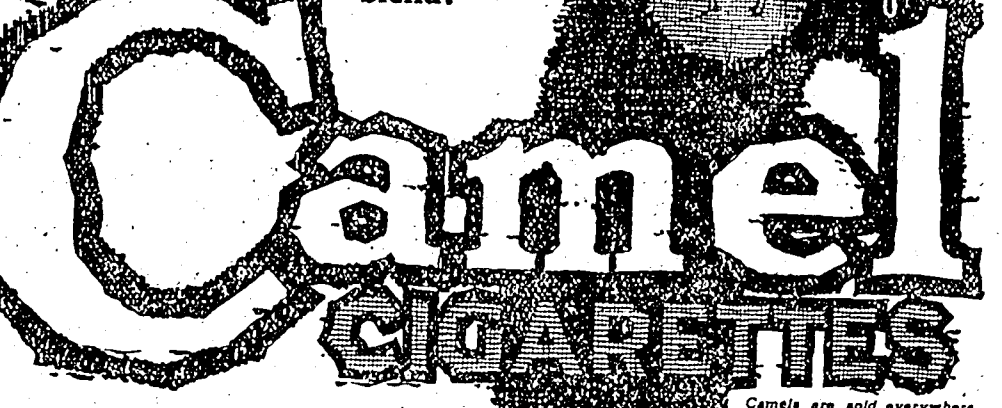
Mrs. Claude Gilson, who has been very active in war work, will speak at the West Acton's Woman's club on Monday, March 23, at an open meeting. Her subject will be "Good citizenship." During the war Mrs. Gilson did community work at Camp Devens and later, with three other women representing Woman's clubs, did similar work in France.

Word has been received from St. Petersburg, Fla., that Stanley Hall, formerly of this village, is critically ill with pneumonia.

The Department W. R. C. convention will be held in the Shawmut Congregational church, Boston, April 6-7. Walter Peterson has bought out a hardware store in Nashua, N. H. A few autos are venturing out.

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HARVARD

News Items.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will hold a supper and social at the town hall on Friday evening, March 26. This is gentlemen's night and A. F. Ripley will have charge of the supper. H. H. Putnam will attend to the entertainment at eight o'clock.

Last Sunday evening at the town hall the Unitarian and Congregational Men's clubs held a get-together meeting over a bountiful supper served by a joint committee. Fred Wrangham and Fulton O'Brien were the respective chairmen. A spirit of general brotherhood seemed to reign. Dr. Roland B. Dixon, a member of the peace commission in Paris, gave a splendid talk on the League of Nations, completing a meeting of one hundred percent good fellowship and cheer.

The Unitarian church is planning for a rather unusual and unique service on Easter Sunday evening, April 4. The Mozart ladies' quartet of Boston has been engaged and they will give a special service called "The shepherd psalms in song and story," consisting of quartets, duets, solos and readings. There will be no address. The music is of the best and some is taken from the great oratorios. It promises to be a very interesting service.

A meeting of the Edward Thomas post, A. L., will be held in the Hapgood Memorial on Saturday, March 20, at seven p. m.

Tuesday morning, March 16, a daughter Barbara was born to Lieut. and Mrs. J. Earl Arnold, née Dorothy West. Mrs. Arnold is at home here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur West. The little lady weighed in at 8 1/2 lbs. and it is hard to say which is the proudest, "Grandpa" or "Grandma."

Edgar Cobb is spending this week-end with relatives in Medford.

The grammar school will open on Monday next.

Funeral services were held from the home of Gustav Gabrielsen on Saturday afternoon last at 2.30 in the afternoon for Mrs. Gurine Matilde Gabrielsen, whose death occurred last week. Mrs. Gabrielsen was born in Kristiansand, Norway, in 1842. She has been a resident of this town about twenty years, and is known to her friends as a good wife and mother. She has been an invalid for several years, cared for by her daughter, Mrs. H. F. C. Kuster, who resided at the last service. Besides her husband she leaves one daughter Margaret and two sons, Martin and Ole, whose attentions have helped pass in pleasant memories the declining years of a wife and mother.

At the meeting of the Grange held last Tuesday evening H. A. Kilchitt, past master, installed Leo Wadman as assistant steward and Frank Ford as steward. The next meeting, April 6, will be degree work. The regular officers will confer the first, and a men's degree team with A. T. West as master will work the second. All those desiring to join this order must have their names in by the next meeting.

Both the man who predicted a mild winter and the one who threatened a flood are out of luck this year.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. James Grey, from Somerville, Mass., have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Gilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Key and little daughter, from Belknap Falls, Vt., are visiting Mr. Key's mother.

Mrs. Gove is housekeeper for Mrs. Emma Dunbar while she is away.

Ola Palmquist was taken to St. Joseph's hospital on Monday.

Willie and Clayton Hobart, from Nashua, were in town last week to attend the annual town meeting.

George Perkins, of Hollis, has been a recent visitor in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall were visitors in Boston the past week.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood is able to be about the house. Miss Carrie Beaubien has been assisting with the housework.

Walter Corey has been appointed trustee of the library in the place of the late Dr. C. H. Holcombe.

Mrs. Annie Bailey, of Peppercell, has been a recent guest in town.

Mrs. Emma Dunbar is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. May Pringle, in Fitchburg, Mass.

A large party attended the dance run by the baseball boys last week. There were several from out of town in spite of the bad traveling.

Robert Taylor has been a recent visitor in Worcester, Mass.

Mr. Richards, from Quincy, who purchased the Lund farm on the Millford road, plans to get to work as early as possible on the quarry there. There has been an engine house, blacksmith shop and several other buildings built this winter, and a huge derrick is to be installed. The work is in charge of Charles Dunbar.

The lechouse stack No. 17 collapsed last Sunday morning. As there was no one working very little damage was done.

Miss Florence Beaubien has been on the sick list for the past week.

Miss Mildred Dodge was at her home in West Groton last Saturday.

Harland Whitcomb is janitor of the Daniels academy building for the present.

The following officers have been elected by Frank E. Kiduff post, A. L.: Eldorus Fessenden, com.; Forance Hall, vice com.; Chester Barnaby, adj. and fin. off.; James Gilson, chaplain; John Gilmore, Harland Whitcomb, Forance Hall, ex. com. The post will meet on the first Tuesday in every month.

Miss Hazel Storer, from West Groton, spent the week-end at her home in South Brookline.

Mrs. Annie Rockwood entertained the South Brookline Social club on last week Thursday afternoon. There were twelve members present and a very social time was enjoyed and a dainty lunch served.

Mrs. Bernard, of St. Augustine, Fla., is the guest of Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck.

The many friends of George Badger, of Quincy, Mass., were shocked to hear of his death on Sunday, March 7, at a hospital in Boston of pneumonia. Several weeks ago he shipped on the ice on a steamer in Boston after breaking his hip. He was taken to the hospital and was getting along nicely until the sudden change came. He was buried from his late home in Quincy on Tuesday, March 9. Mr. Badger was well known here and had a host of friends in town. He married Nabel Tucker on September 3, 1895, and since that time has spent most of his vacations here. Much sympathy is expressed to the bereaved widow.

The following program was given at the meeting of the Grange on Wednesday evening of last week: Mrs. Granger, reading; Miss Blanche Hall, Mrs. Hattie Pierce, Mrs. Clara Russell, Mrs. Katherine Cady, Mrs. Edna Hall, Mrs. Emma Dunbar; song, Verna Taylor, who responded to an encore. At the close of the meeting a social time was enjoyed by the young people. The next meeting will be held on March 24 and will be in charge of Miss Eva Corey and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barnaby.

Mrs. Eva Elliott and Mrs. Pearl Elliott have been recent guests in Nashua.

The school meeting, which was postponed on March 6, was held on March 12 and the following officers were elected: School board, Walter Corey, Walter Fessenden, D. Wallace Jones; district clerk, Mrs. Edna Hall; district treasurer, George H. Nye; superintendent of schools, Harold C. Bates, Milford. Supt. Bates was present and gave a very interesting talk during the afternoon.

James Lawrence, from Groton, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Julia Lawrence.

Mrs. Virginia Farnsworth is quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Hammond, Groton. Miss Frances Farnsworth was called there on Tuesday to help care for her mother.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the New Haven Register:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Russell announce the engagement of their cousin, Miss Hazel Goss, of Brookline, N. H., to George Davis, of New Haven, at a dinner party given at their Woodbridge home on Monday. The out-of-town guests were A. A. Goss and Miss Eva Corey, of Brookline, N. H.; Miss Grace Russell, Milford, Mass.; Miss Marion Wilson, Somerville, Mass.; Miss Russell Wilson, Providence, R. I.; Alton Tilton, Boston, Mass.; and Messrs. William, Carl, Charles and George Meyer, Cleveland, Ohio. The other guests were the Messrs. Harriet and Grace Peck, Kathryn Hannon, Mrs. F. A. Munson, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Coan, Mrs. Burnwell, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Burnwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gogarn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Friend and Harry Ross.

The wedding is to take place on March 20 and will be on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of the bride's parents.

Miss Goss was born here and always lived here until about the last five years, when her work called her out of town. She has a host of friends who wish her much joy and happiness in her new home, which is to be at Woodbridge, Conn.

Town Meeting.

At the annual town meeting the following town officers were elected: Moderator, O. D. Fessenden; town clerk and treasurer, Alpha A. Hall; selectmen, Walter Corey, John Gilmore, Harland Whitcomb; road agent, Victor Maxwell; chief of police, Chester Barnaby; assistant, Sidney Weaver; fire engineers, George Rockwood, chief, Ralph Greeley, Sidney Weaver, assistants; constable, George Nye; sex-

ton, Edward H. Taylor; tree warden, Victor Maxwell; public weighers, Herbert Corey, P. J. O'Connell, Harry Corey, George Cady, Walter Fessenden, Eldorus Fessenden, Capt. John Gilmore, Eldorus Fessenden, Forance Hall, world war veterans; surveyors of wood and lumber, Walter Fessenden, Eldorus Shattuck, Charles Wilkins and Delbert Porter; dog-killers, Chester Barnaby; auditors, George Cady, Edwin Smith; finance committee, O. D. Fessenden, George Cady, Clarence Russell.

The town voted \$5000 to defray all town charges for the year ensuing; \$75 was voted for the public library; \$10 for Memorial day; \$500 to move the engine house; \$250 for new hose; \$250 to make a new dam in the Stone brook on the land of Herbert Corey; \$100 for repairing avenues in the cemetery; \$150 to get the event of the 150th anniversary of the town printed. The "fate" of the democratic cannon is still undecided.

Gooseberries cooked with rice pudding make an excellent dessert for children. Partly bake a rice pudding, made in the usual way, but allowing room for a thick layer of gooseberries on the top. Spread over the berries evenly, cover with golden syrup and replace in the oven until both berries and rice are well cooked.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Saturday morning, March 27, at ten o'clock, forty registered Holstein cows, heifers and bull, the property of Thomas F. McNiff, Harvard.

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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 April A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Shirley Oracle, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on the first day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, George E. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

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WASHINGTON'S BEST BELOVED
RESTARTING LIFE AT 55.

Former Cabinet Officer Before Entering the Oil Business as an Executive for the Doherty Interests Will Lend His Great Abilities to the Church Militant Organization.

Franklin K. Lane, referred to far and wide as "Washington's best loved man," is undertaking two notable innovations at an age when most men think mainly of retiring to the quiet of private life. One is to "earn enough money to support my family and keep my bills paid," and the other is "to step down from a high place to resume my place among the shirt-sleeve boys and give them a hand if I can."

Two history making statements from a man of Mr. Lane's attainments and station in life! And the remarkable part of it all is that he puts the shirt-sleeve matter—the thing about helping his neighbors—ahead of that other thing—making more money in order the better to underwrite the Autumn of his life!

Few men reach a higher niche in the affections and confidence of the public mind than has this remarkable man from the West, who was once an editor, then a lawyer and finally a member of the President's cabinet and who withdraws from public life to "earn a better living" after rendering a service to the government the extent and value of which would be impossible to estimate. Still fewer men are called to such responsible places as Franklin K. Lane will now occupy. He will enter the oil business as an executive for the Doherty interests and will be established in New York city for that purpose by April 1. But the rosy prospect of making "a living wage" after several years spent in struggling along on the salary of a cabinet officer has not blinded Mr. Lane to another opportunity that for striking a few powerful blows on behalf of the "man who is down, but never out."

Franklin K. Lane has accepted an invitation from Commander Evangeline Booth to become the national chairman for the Salvation Army's annual appeal for funds in 1920. He is already on this job, although Wall Street does not greet him as an oil well executive for another month.

"It is a genuine privilege to find opportunity for encouraging a work so direct and practical and so valuable to the masses of the people as the work of the Salvation Army," said Mr. Lane at his office in Washington the other day. "When Commander Miss Booth asked me to take the responsibilities of national chairman for the 1920 appeal of that organization," continued the secretary, "the first thought that flashed across my mind was, How can I spare time for such work when I am entering upon a commercial task of great responsibility?"

"And then there flashed across my mind a vision of the things the Salvation Army does—the help it gives to men and women and little children just when and where they need it most—and I thought to myself that after all there could be no more important thing than this. So I accepted—along with the other job—and I am trusting to the generosity of my new employers to indulge my action in the matter."

"I believe every right thinking man and woman in America owes the Salvation Army some of his or her time every year. And I am going to pay my share. I am going to get my shoulder squarely behind the movement for human that can win the hearts and

Almost Too Good an Excuse.

Sarah was invited with her older sister to take tea with a friend of her mother. The little girl was anxious to do her sister credit, but after sampling a piece of cake which she had taken upon her plate was unable to eat it because she did not like it. Her hostess, noticing this, said: "Why, Sarah, you haven't eaten your cake!" Drawing a long breath and not wishing to hurt her friend's feelings Sarah replied: "No, it is so good, I can't."

the confidence of the common people like this Salvation Army has won in recent years. I am going to pull off my coat and do some real work that will show where I stand when it comes to weighing the homely, unostentatious and highly practical relief methods of this amazing band of workers. I heard the call. The problems of the poor are there to be solved, and they can use my poor efforts perhaps, so I have answered the call.

"I won't do much talking in the coming drive. I will do real work, and when I do talk I don't want to talk to anyone but actual workers. There will be no speech making by me to those who might be curious to hear a former cabinet officer in action, but who are not interested in the work of the Salvation Army. I shall talk to workers and only to workers. The day for oratory in such matters has gone. We are down to brass tacks."

"I think I owe it as a citizen of America to show my understanding and appreciation of the helpful work the Salvation Army is doing in its rescue homes, maternity hospitals, free clinics, industrial homes, fresh air farms and tenement house relief work."

"My testimony is not needed, however, in this matter. There are 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 of young Americans who went into the recent war either unaware that the Salvation Army existed or having no use for its methods if they did know of it. So far as I can learn these men came out of that war unanimous on one subject—and that was that the Salvation Army understood the average man, knew how to deal with him and simply 'delivered the goods' on the 100 per cent basis."

"There is no division of opinion on that one subject. There could have been no greater test for the Salvation Army than the test it received in the war. So after all I am merely adding my voice to the mighty chorus I have referred to when I say that the Salvation Army has long since won the right to make an appeal to the rest of us for its maintenance, and I am sure it will not make that appeal in vain."

"The Salvation Army one year ago abandoned its old custom of begging in the streets the year around so that its workers could devote all of their time and attention to the poor. It makes an annual appeal each May. Personally I know of no greater work that could be raised against the rising tide of human unrest than to strengthen the hands of this band of self-sacrificing Christian toilers who have the confidence of all men and women, regardless of race, creed, color or position in life. I think it is important for the interests of our advancing civilization that such a practical and wholesome work be stimulated and maintained to the utmost."

"They say there are no 'down and outers' any more. Personally I do not believe it, or if I did believe it I would know that the abnormal times have swung the pendulum back too far on one side—and that it will swing far to the other side directly. There will always be a bottom to society. The poor will always be with us. We owe it to our fellow men to know our neighbor and share his troubles and problems, and only by that method can we, in all fairness and righteousness, keep the scales even in this life."

"I am proud to face the problems of the poor with the Salvation Army in such a trying hour, and I hope that American men and women will stand with me in the work ahead of us. But they must be workers. I shall have no time to entertain mere observers."

Both for the organization that gives aid and relief to the poor and for the poor themselves, the high cost of living has been a troublesome factor in recent months. Money does not go far these days, but there is no one in the world who can go more worth-while work out of it than the men and women of the Salvation Army. In this country they gave away 3,800,707 meals in the twelve months ending last September 30, and provided 371,334 meals besides at approximate cost. They supplied free beds for 1,181,547 night lodgings and 1,408,887 at a merely nominal charge. And in addition to all this and to all that was done for thousands in the Army institutions they gave temporary relief to 709,351 persons.

Wage Successful War on Pest.

The worst enemy of the grape grower in California is a minute insect called the "thunder fly," because it appears in greatest numbers in hot and sultry weather, when thunder storms are frequent. A man out there has invented a suction apparatus, with a ten-horsepower blower, that is placed on wheels and driven through the vineyards, harvesting the pests from the vines as it goes along. It is said to work very successfully.

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ARMY IN HISTORY

Woman "Y" Worker's Lonely Pilgrimage.

Doughboys of the A. E. F. are bringing home with them the finest thing in their lives abroad—their ideal of American womanhood.

An American woman says so; a woman who has traversed France in every kind of conveyance to sing and talk to the boys in every sort of place; a woman who has read burial services over the dead and has sung to boys dying in her arms.

Her name is Mme. Ada Turner Kurtz. She has studied the doughboy to better advantage, perhaps, than any other woman in France, for she was the only woman Y. M. C. A. worker abroad who held a "roving commission," and who went wherever she believed she was needed, from the forests in the South to the war zone in the North and the occupied territory along the Rhine. She was a Y. M. C. A. entertainment and religious "unit" of one—until she became voice teacher to musician-soldiers in the Army of Occupation, with a German officer's apartment for her studio.

The A. E. F. in Mme. Kurtz's opinion was the most chivalrous army in history. They gave to women the highest tribute of respect and consideration. This was their attitude to the women war workers, and if it changed, the woman, not the Y. M. C. A. or the doughboy, was at fault.



MRS. ADA TURNER KURTZ

She tells of her lonely pilgrimage into the forests of the Bordeaux region, to tell the impatient young soldiers of the S. O. S. that their job was vital. She tells of surprising a unit that hadn't seen an American woman for months, deep in a French forest; how they seized her, set her upon a box, scrambled for "slum" and knives and forks and spoons, every man eager to do something for her. And she tells how some of them would reach out and touch her, just to prove that she was real.

More than all else, Mme. Kurtz declares, the doughboy craved the mother-touch of womanhood. They sought it from all the women workers, whatever their age. They wanted a woman with whom they were free to talk, to whom they could take their troubles, and show the pictures they all carried of beloved women at home. The fact that the women war workers could satisfy this craving, Mme. Kurtz says, is proof of how necessary they were to the army.

The singer tells the story of one youth whom she picked up dying and carried to a hospital. As she held him, he opened his eyes and said, "Mother." She told him she was not his mother, but it was all right, he was to go to sleep. Then he said, "Thank God you're a woman." She tells the story of a Scotch boy who thought he was dying. She went to him and asked him what she should sing.

"Sing 'Annie Laurie,'" he said.

And she sang it.

He did not die. Later she had opportunity to ask him why, when he thought he was dying, he asked her to sing that song.

"Don't you know," he answered, "that every man in khaki has lay Annie Laurie for whom he would lay him down and die?"

MOVIES IN SIBERIA.

Boston—Although thrilling drama holds first place in the eyes of Siberians, their demand for educational films and more comedy features is growing, according to R. J. Reitzel, director of the Y. M. C. A. lecture bureau in Vladivostok. The educational film, Director Reitzel advises the "National War Work Council headquarters here, is being popularized among the peasantry and is proving a shortcut to their general enlightenment."

Mr. Reitzel points out that the "Y" shows have done much to displace and counteract the German films with their thread of propaganda. The shows have not been confined to "Y" huts but have been given in city schools, and before groups of workers, at sport and other clubs and before the soldiers and boy scouts. The movement is being still furthered in line with the greater extension work taken up by the "Y" machines having been installed in cities from Vladivostok as far west as Omsk and Tomsk.

Ranked High in Literature.

"O. Henry," whose real name was William Sydney Porter, was born at Greensboro, N. C., in 1862. After leaving school he spent a number of years wandering in the southern and southwestern states, and engaged in a varied journalistic career. He finally settled in New York city, where some of his best works were written. For some time he was a fugitive in South America because of financial difficulties in which he became involved. He died June 5, 1910.

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Saturday, March 20, 1920

GROTON

News Items.

Clayton Sheedy, who is at Lehigh university, is recovering from a two-week illness in the hospital, caused by the influenza, with symptoms of pneumonia.

Cornelius Bailey spent Sunday in town visiting friends, and took dinner with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Crowley.

Groton School is having its Easter vacation, the last of the students leaving town last Tuesday.

On Wednesday evening, March 17, the music section of the Woman's club gave a successful entertainment in the town hall, reflecting great credit on the club. The parts in the comedy, "Excuse me," were taken very creditably. Miss Harriet Hite took the part of leading lady very acceptably, and Mrs. Marion Torrey gave a very amusing presentation of Katie, while Miss Florence Roache and Miss Marjorie Seavey won praise in their appearance as John Harding and Pinkerton Bean. The other parts were well sustained. Mrs. Lucius Fairchild, of Ayer, who has been coaching the play for the comedy, appeared with Mr. Fairchild after the comedy in a short play called "Memories." Miss Cole, of Ayer, was the pianist during the evening. The comedy, which was sold between the acts, was in good demand and was all sold.

F. G. Carpenter, station agent, returned to his work last Monday after a month's illness from influenza and laryngitis.

Michael J. Denahy's youngest child, who was sick last week, is much better.

John Trayne started for California on Thursday, March 11. His wife received word this week that he arrived in Los Angeles last Monday. He has come to investigate a mine in which he is interested.

Miss Mamie Fletcher has been ill with the grippe for two weeks.

John Donahy is soon to give up his position at Lowthrop.

The good work of the Neighborhood club in making a dozen night gowns for the district nurse's loan closet is much appreciated. The Red Cross furnished the material, and the enterprising members of the Neighborhood club did the work.

Daniel Whalen is to succeed Harry E. Barreux as superintendent at the town farm.

Miss Susan Sturges is in the cast for the operetta, "Bait," now being rehearsed for presentation by the members of the Vincent club at the Wilbur theatre, Boston, during the last week in April. Miss Sturges is one of those interested in the sale of tickets for the cabaret given at the Copley-Plaza, Boston, April 9, for the benefit of the infants' hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence were among those occupying orchestra stalls at the Opera House in Boston on Monday evening, March 8.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held on Friday afternoon, March 12. The meeting was opened by the reading of a poem on March winds by the president, Mrs. C. A. Shaw. It was announced that an invitation had been received for the president and two other members of the club to attend the meeting of the Tadmuck club in Westford on March 23. The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Leach of Westford, fourth vice president of the State Federation. She spoke of the work done by the federation in all its departments and gave great credit to the Groton club for the work it had accomplished during the war, and for the work it is now doing for the district nurse's loan closet. An interesting speaker and her talk was enjoyed by the audience. The next meeting of the club will be held on March 26, under the charge of the music section of the club, of which Mrs. C. B. Ames is the chairman.

Mrs. S. W. Sturges was one of a party at the Opera House in Boston on Thursday evening, March 11, for Miss Garden's appearance in "Thais."

The Congregational church held no services last Sunday.

There are some signs of the approach of spring among us. Hyacinths are up and budding, and two robins were seen this week in town.

One of the best matches of lives ever played between St. Mark's and Groton Schools was played in South-brook last week Friday evening, when St. Mark's won by the score of 3 to 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Marjorie O'Connor, who have made their home for some time past on Elm street, moved out of town this week, going to Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay E. McKean and family are to move into the apartment vacated by the O'Connors.

Miss Cornelia Earle, who has been kept at home by a bad cold, was able to be back at her work this week.

George S. Knapp, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley and Mrs. George H. Wood attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange held at North Leominster on Thursday, March 11.

Mrs. Anna Peterson, who has been in Somerville, being called there by the illness of relatives, has been taken sick and her husband went this week to bring her home.

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge are planning to give supper and entertainment on Wednesday, March 31.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange meets in Townsend on Thursday, March 25.

Next Tuesday the Grange will have the Victory boys who are members of the Grange as the speakers of the evening. There will also be a first-class entertainment given by members of the Ayer Grange. The night will be good music during the evening. The business meeting will open promptly at eight o'clock.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 16, the Ladies' Aid society of the Sacred Heart church gave a food sale in the lower town hall, which was so successful that everything was sold by four o'clock, and it was so well patronized, that to all appearances, a still greater quantity of food would have been sold.

On Tuesday evening, March 16, moving pictures were given in the town hall under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Sacred Heart church. There was a good attendance.

It is reported that Horace H. Rockwood has held his place on Common street to Herbert Hyne.

The three teachers who have been away from their boarding place at Mrs. A. A. Wood's home during the illness of several members of the family, returned this week to Mrs. Wood's.

Patrick Mitchell is about to leave his position at Lowthrop on the first

of April, after being employed there for fifteen years or more.

Mrs. William Haviland, who has been visiting her mother and father, Gen. and Mrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, will join her husband, William Haviland, mother-in-law, Mrs. Theodore Haviland and sister, Miss Andre de Luse, in New York in a few days, from where they will soon sail for their home in Limoges, France. Mr. Haviland, his mother and niece left for New York and points in the east several days ago after visiting with relatives in Boston.

Unclaimed letters in the postoffice are: Mr. C. L. Lient, Worthington Davis, Gilbert Glon; March 15, John Robichaud, box 137.

There will be a supper at the Baptist church on Thursday, March 25, at 6.30 p. m. The supper will be followed by a short entertainment.

The Sunday morning topic at the Baptist church on March 21 will be the last in the series on the ten commandments—the ninth commandment, The sin of false and harmful speech about persons, and indirectly the evil habit of lying.

The Community club will meet with Mrs. Anna Folkins on Wednesday, March 24.

Mrs. Roy Cunningham and those of her children who were ill last week are recovering from their colds, which proved not to be cases of influenza.

Mrs. C. H. Rockwood of Hancock, N. H., was in town this week and attended the comedy given by the Woman's club on Wednesday evening.

The seventh and last of this season's course of the Blood-Bigelow free lectures will be given in the town hall on Wednesday evening, March 24, by the Hon. Peter MacQueen, who will speak on "Peace and reconstruction in Europe." The lecture will be finely illustrated with one hundred and fifty views. The doors will be open at 7.30 p. m., and the lecture will begin at eight o'clock sharp.

Dr. and Mrs. Jones, of New Bedford, were in town this week and were present at the play "Excuse me," given by the Woman's club on Wednesday evening.

Death.

Rev. Arthur J. Hovey, the news of whose death in Alva, Fla., was received recently, died on the twenty-first of February from a complication of disease and a result of climate. He had been at his usual work on Friday, and that night, after retiring, he was taken suddenly ill and passed away on the following day. He would have been seventy-eight years of age if he had lived until April. He is survived by his wife, to whom he had been married for thirty-three years, and three sons, who were the children of his first wife, and also by a grandson.

His oldest son, Mason Hovey, is the principal of a high school in New York city, and has one child, Kenneth. Ray Hovey is a structural engineer in Los Angeles, Cal. He is married and has adopted a daughter.

Mr. Hovey and his family came to Groton from Raynham in the summer of 1894. He was the pastor of the Baptist church in Groton from 1894 until April, 1898. His health required him to leave in a mild climate during the winter months, which caused him to make his winter home in Florida. His unselfish nature and his willingness to be of service to others made many friends for him here, where his stay is a pleasant memory.

School Notes.

Miss Dorothy M. Kline continues to be ill at her home in Leominster and Mrs. Hill has continued to substitute for her, this week at the Boutwell school.

Miss Jessie Flynn, who teaches the sixth grade at the Tarbell school, is ill at her home in Pepperell, and Miss Mrs. O'Sullivan of the Fitchburg Normal school substituted for her the first part of this week, and Mrs. Kathleen Dunphy Toomey during the last of the week.

On Tuesday Miss Annie Jacob and her niece, Edith Jacob, left town on a trip to Oregon for a visit to a sister of Miss Jacob.

Edward A. Roache, Jr., G. H. S. class of 1907, having suffered from throat trouble, has had his tonsils removed, and is just out of the hospital. His mother has been to see him during this week. Mr. Roache's wife has also been sick, and has been in the hospital.

Charles and Robert Murphy, both of whom have been ill with pneumonia, are now recovering.

Miss Harriet Hite's presentation of the part of Elaine Harding, as leading lady in the comedy given by the music section of the Woman's club on Wednesday evening, showed much ability that "Bachelor hall," which is a royalty play, seems likely to be as successful as those given in previous years by the music classes of our high school. It not more so. Misses Florence Roache and Marjorie Seavey also took their parts as representatives of the sterner sex very acceptably.

Miss Elizabeth Lowe, supervisor of music in the public schools, left town this week for Philadelphia, to attend the national convention of music teachers.

George Woodcock, who drives the school barge from Chicopee row, had the misfortune to lose a horse on Wednesday, which dropped dead while he was driving the animal.

The public schools will close on Friday, March 26, for the Easter vacation.

About Town.

Daniel Whalen has already rented house and he will take up his new position at the town farm on April 1. The patrons of Tainter's store are sorry to have him leave.

Mrs. Opp, of New York, has been boarding with Mrs. W. A. Brown for two or three weeks, having a grandson at the hospital across the street who is ill with the chicken-pox. The lad is a pupil at the Shaw school.

Everyone is pleased to hear that Mansfield Branigan is making a good recovery from his severe illness, but it will be a long time before he fully recovers. Mrs. Branigan is much improved.

The first pussy-willows were seen in a big bunch this week.

George T. Stevens is having electric lights installed in his residence on Court street.

Mrs. Green, of Fitchburg, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. William A. Lawrence.

Clarence Anderson is the new janitor at the Unitarian church.

Beatrice Wood came home from school on Wednesday, sick with the prevailing cold.

Mrs. Gardner H. Rockwood, of Hancock, N. H., formerly of this town, is visiting her daughter and mother and old friends, who are all glad to welcome her back to town.

The Rebekahs are preparing for a public supper and entertainment to be held on Wednesday evening, April 1, in Odd Fellows' hall.

West Groton.

Miss Evadne Harrington was the guest of Helen O'Sullivan last week Thursday night. Both young ladies attended the Ladies' Aid supper and entertainment.

Clarence Thompson was in Boston on business the first of the week.

Miss Olive Tarbell was the weekend guest of Mrs. Howard Small of Somerville.

Mrs. F. H. Worster of Fitchburg visited her mother, Mrs. M. E. Williams, on Wednesday.

On Thursday of last week Mrs. A. W. Lamb received the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Austin, in Catskill, N. Y.

Word has been received that Henry Kittredge, who has worked on an Indian reservation in the state of Washington for several years, was married last August.

Miss Isabelle Murray has sent in her resignation as principal of the Tarbell school to take effect at the end of the present term. Miss Murray goes to the Worcester State Normal school, where she will receive a much larger salary and will teach but one subject. She is a fine teacher and all are sorry to have her leave the Tarbell school.

An unusual number of people attended the Ladies' Aid supper on Thursday evening of last week, so large a number in fact, that the food gave out before all could be served. The committee in charge felt that they had an abundance of food as rarely one hundred people attend. The sum of thirty dollars was added to the treasury of the society.

Little Ariene Blood entertained eight girls and two boys on Tuesday afternoon, the occasion being her fifth birthday. Ice cream, cake and candy were served.

Mrs. Clayton McKean and two children of Groton visited at the home of Mrs. Patrick Malley on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Miss Helen O'Sullivan substituted at the Tarbell school two days this week as Miss Flynn, one of the teachers, is ill.

Bertha Harrington has been ill and unable to attend school this week.

Quite a number of people attended the play, "Excuse me," at Groton, given by the Woman's club on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Patrick Malley gave a card party on Tuesday evening.

TOWNSEND

Harbor.

Mrs. Hester Burdett, Mrs. Adney Gray and N. G. Proctor attended the auto show on Tuesday.

Mrs. B. C. Cummings is spending a few days with relatives in Hudson, N. H.

Mrs. Harry Knight of Somerville is spending the week with Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Knight.

John Dustin spent Wednesday in Wilton, N. H., with his son Harry.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher although still confined to her bed, is improving.

On Wednesday afternoon, about a quarter to five, occurred the death of Byron Laws from bronchial pneumonia at his home in this village. The funeral was Friday at 2.30 p. m.

Mrs. George H. Jones spent the week-end in Boston with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis.

Club Meeting.

On Wednesday, March 17, the As You Like It club held a meeting with Mrs. R. B. Adams at Hickory farms.

Mrs. Noyes conducted the program in the absence of Mrs. Hannah Foss, lecturer for the day. Owing to poor traveling the number present was small, but some who rode part way and walked part way felt well repaid.

It was unanimously voted to return to Townsend from Tuesday to five p. m. for the day and hour of the meeting.

At noon the guests were invited to partake of a St. Patrick's luncheon served in the sunny dining-room. The lunch cloth, napkins and dishes decorated with shamrock made a pleasing background for the luncheon which everyone enjoyed. The centerpiece was a bowl of blossoming heart's ease.

The program consisted of readings and a green guessing contest. Miss Hester Burdett having the most correct answers received as a prize a thimble and silver case, the handiwork of Mrs. Foss.

The next meeting will be March 30. Mrs. Frank Conant, hostess, Mrs. Chas. Noyes, lecturer.

WESTFORD

About Town.

Between robins and bluebirds singing and geese flying to a cooler climate, it begins to look as though winter would have to give it up.

Mrs. Emma Day is at her old home at the junction of the Grantville and Cold Spring roads. She is recovering very slowly from illness. She is fortunate in having Miss Meran for nurse, being exceptionally efficient in care of the sick.

Walter Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards, has been ill with appendicitis, but is fast recovering.

Edward Riney, of Grantville, is pushing spring work on his new house near Mills corner, West Chelmsford. P. Henry Harrington is the efficient contractor, which spells satisfaction.

Mark Jenkins and Timothy Prescott are looking after the overflow of water in the read gutters at the intersection of the Chamberlin and Lowell roads at Brookfield.

The Abbot Worsted Company have purchased a new Victrola for the benefit of their help at their Brookside mill. This is in keeping with their usual spirit towards their employees.

By the thaw conditions of the weather the school automobile jitneys got back to the transportation of scholars again, Wednesday, after several weeks of sled transportation.

Eather, Taylor, Perry and Stanley Snow went to the automobile show in Boston on Wednesday.

The electric cars on the branch line from North Chelmsford to Brookside are still making the postoffice at West Chelmsford the terminal since the blizzard of Saturday, March 6. The present thaw must extend their terminal to its final at Brookside.

Daniel H. Sheehan, who got caught with his auto truck in the snowdrift on the Stony Brook road, and has been storing it for several weeks in the barnyard of W. R. Taylor, which leaks, has uncoupled the rear trucks and is making preparations looking towards remodeling it enough to re-

move it to his house on the Stony Brook road, where much delayed business is waiting.

Agricultural Meetings.

The Department of Agriculture, with the co-operation of the State Council, County Extension Board, boards of trade and other local organizations, will conduct a series of meetings in all parts of the state between March 15 and April 10. The meetings for Middlesex county will be held in Lowell on next week Wednesday morning and afternoon in Memorial hall. The school is being conducted by the State Department of Agriculture. The principal speaker will be Arthur W. Gilbert, state commissioner of agriculture. There will be other speakers, directors of sub-divisions, and their topics will be picked from the following: animal husbandry, reclamation, soil surveys and farms, markets, agricultural information, ornithology. A free discussion will be made on all these subjects. The other meetings for Middlesex county will be held in West Acton on Thursday, March 25, at 10 a. m. in the hall at Framingham on Friday, March 26, in Central Labor Union hall.

LITTLETON

News Items.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange will meet in Memorial hall, Townsend, Thursday, March 25, with Rev. Arthur V. Dimock as speaker of the afternoon.

Owing to the union service in the Congregational church on Sunday morning there will be no church service and no Sunday school session at the Unitarian church on that day.

The Girl Scouts under the leadership of Misses Ruth Willard and Olive Thacher held an enthusiastic meeting Tuesday afternoon in the selectmen's room. The instructors talked on Girl Scout laws and the history of the flag. They taught the tying of knots and gave a military drill. On next Tuesday afternoon there will be another meeting in the selectmen's room at 2.30, when it is expected that many more girls will attend.

Helen Lawton is recovering from a severe attack of bronchitis. She hopes to return to school on Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Dadds and Elizabeth Dadds go to Allston today for a visit with Mrs. Arthur Wright and a celebration of their three birthdays.

Miss S. Elizabeth Houghton opened her home to the United Workers on Wednesday afternoon. There were thirteen ladies present and a splendid program given by Miss Woodbine was enjoyed by them. Miss Woodbine's talk related to missions in the Philippines, Indo-China and Korea. This was followed by a brief discussion of current mission topics given by Miss Julia S. Jones and Mrs. A. M. Parker. Miss Conant led the devotions.

With the return of the robins we notice the E. C. Jones are at their home on King street again.

Miss Jennie Sawyer is taking a few days off for rest and will visit with Mrs. Leonard Tracy (Eleanor Hill) in Hartford, Conn.

Miss Grace P. Conant left for Deerport, Ill., Wednesday, after a stay of three weeks at her home. Her mother, Mrs. A. F. Conant, is convalescing after a relapse, but at time of writing (Thursday) is still in bed.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. Edward Prouty last week Friday night.

At a business meeting of the Grange held on Wednesday evening three applications for membership were received. They will be balloted for on next Wednesday evening, when a large class will receive the first and second degrees.

One hundred people in Littleton are asked to give ten cents each as the town's subscription to "America's Gift to France," the colossal statue to be erected at France's port of honor, the harbor of New York harbor was the gift of France to America in connection with the 100th anniversary of American independence.

The whist party held under the auspices of the Odd Fellows last Saturday evening was a pleasant social function. There were twelve tables. After the card playing refreshments were served. A successful occasion is reported.

The social dance given by the Catholic club in the town hall on Wednesday evening was attended by a large company and a very pleasant as well as financially successful affair was the outcome. The music fully met the expectations of the guests present.

The bygone motion pictures began Tuesday evening with an excellent program, and in view of the bad traveling a good attendance. The feature expected for next week is "Farrum in 'The sign of the cross'."

A very successful supper and entertainment was given in the Baptist vestry Monday evening. The entertainment consisting of patriotic hymns, the sales by William C. Williams, accompanied by Miss Edward A. Adams, and an excellent piano solo by Miss Ruth McCoy. Miss Evelyn Kimball played the accompaniments for the hymns. An unusual feature of the program was an address by Rev. William E. Wilson, director of the Young People's society of promotion, who proved himself a humorist of the highest order, and at the same time made a stirring and convincing plea for the inter-church world movement now in progress.

There will be no morning service in the Baptist church on Sunday, on account of the union service in the Congregational church; but the evening services will be held as usual, the young people's meeting at 6.30, and the song service at 7.30.

The Baptist Woman's Missionary society held an interesting session on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Obituary.

The quiet life of Mrs. Elmina Whitcomb Brown, widow of William Whitcomb Brown, died on Wednesday, March 17, in her eighty-third year. She had enjoyed unusually good health for one of her age until last December, when she experienced a severe shock, which has gradually rendered her more and more infirm and helpless. She died at the home of William G. Brown on Friday afternoon at one o'clock, with Rev. H. L. Caulkins as the officiating clergyman, and interment was made in the family lot at West Acton cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was born in Berlin on

November 2, 1837. She was married at the age of eighteen and lived for a time in Stow. After the death of her husband, which occurred about thirty years ago, she made her home with her son, William G. Brown, with whom she had lived ever since.

Other relatives surviving her, besides her son, are a sister, Mrs. Maria Whitcomb, of Roxbury; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A son, Clarence, died about thirty-two years ago.

Mrs. Brown belonged to the substantial type of quiet, home-loving, industrious women, devoted to domestic life, and faithful to its various duties.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Edward Braman was at home from his duties in Westboro over the week-end.

Mrs. William Withington has had a severe attack of bronchitis, but is now able to sit up for a while each day.

Mrs. Ada Durkee is visiting friends in Medford.

Cornelius Shea, of Boston, is the guest of his brother, Daniel Shea.

Schools closed Friday for a vacation of two weeks.

George and Mary Hager, of Clinton, spent the early part of the week at the Hager home.

The meeting on Friday evening, to be in charge of the past masters, has been postponed to March 26. Up to date ten applications for admission have been received.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Bena Farley and Miss Young are on their way home from the south. At present they are "doing" Washington.

Mrs. Leon Cottrell was taken to a Nashua hospital on Wednesday, where she will undergo an operation.

Henry and Fred Mayou were at home over the week-end.

Miss Mildred Rogers was called to Brookline on Wednesday by the illness of her cousin, Barbara Stone.

Merrill's lane was closed for part of the day on Thursday, the water being so deep it had to be drained.

Miss Ellen Clark comes home from Northfield seminary this week for the Easter vacation.

Dora Mayou is on the sick list this week, suffering from a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Blain are both ill with pneumonia.

Otis Goodwin has bought the produce business recently carried on by his brother Daniel, and will soon move from Swampscott to Watertown with his family.

It seems almost impossible that in less than a week one can go from drifts almost impossible to wheels, but C. J. Bell sent his milk teams into Nashua on wheels, Thursday morning. The Jewett road was dug out for them to go through.

The bluebirds and robins are beginning to come, a sure harbinger of spring.

H. W. C.

The members of the Woman's club who were not able to hear the book review given by Mrs. Walter Hayden on Wednesday afternoon missed something good. The book chosen by Mrs. Hayden to review was "As others see her," an English woman's impressions of the American woman during the war, written by Mrs. E. Burnett Smith, an English woman, who came over in the interest of food conservation and had a chance to study the people north, south, east and west.

The book was written in a bright, breezy way, that was most entertaining, with some good hits on American ways and a kindly criticism, but always with a thorough appreciation of the best. The chapter on Woman's clubs, so very different from English Woman's clubs, was much enjoyed.

Other chapters on our social life, religious, marriage, divorce, etc., were all listened to with the closest attention, and the review ended all too quickly.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Wednesday, March 31, with Mrs. Flagz.

AYER

News Items.

A whist party will be held at the home of Henry W. Waterman, corner Fletcher and Maple streets, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Odber Folkins observed their birthday anniversary at their home in Groton Thursday afternoon by family gathering, the war having made such an occasion impossible the past two years. Their four children and two grandchildren were present. Mrs. James A. McDonald, Mrs. Ella F. Hovey and Mrs. Harry Dustin were among the guests. Mrs. Folkins received a bouquet of pink and sweet peas and a Nippon china bon-bon dish from her Ayer callers. She is a past noble grand of Vesta Rebekah lodge. Dainty refreshments were served and an enjoyable afternoon was spent with good wishes and congratulations.

Mrs. Wallace E. Carlin of Clinton has been visiting friends here.

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AYER

News Items.

The regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter was held in the Masonic rooms on Tuesday evening. Resolutions on the death of John Augustus Reynolds, late of Shirley, were drawn and adopted. The work of the evening was the Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees. Following the meeting a lunch was served in the banquet hall consisting of shrimp salad, sandwiches, cheese, apple pie, coffee and cocoa.

Private Claude Bratte, of the 35th Infantry Machine Gun Company at Camp Devens, was before the court on Tuesday morning on a charge of trespass. Private Bratte was captured on Monday night in the vicinity of the home of Mrs. Lougee by Chief Beatty and Officer Plione, who responded to a telephone call from Mrs. Lougee to the effect that somebody was walking around the house. The court did not find the evidence sufficient to hold Private Bratte guilty of trespass and ordered him to be discharged.

Benjamin Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Norman, attained his twelfth birthday on Wednesday, March 17. After the magician exhibit at the Woman's club he entertained a few mates at tea and in the evening went to the Y. M. C. A., where the Boy Scouts met and where he was initiated as a Scout.

The attention of club women is called to the notice of these meetings: Monday, March 22, conference by the Education department of the State Federation at 2.30 p. m. in the lecture hall of the Boston public library; March 31, in Fitchburg a conference that the Fitchburg Woman's club has arranged jointly with the public health department of the State Federation.

A citizenship class for women will be held Tuesday mornings from March 30 to May 4 in the citizenship room, 585, Boylston street, Boston. Women desiring to join this class should write to Mrs. George W. Perkins at the above address.

A whist party for the benefit of Harbinger Lodge, No. 2, was held Thursday evening at the home of Walter Robbins. Honors were won as follows: first prize, a box of handkerchiefs and a jar of talcum powder, Leonard Bancroft and Miss Flora McDonald, with scores of 48 and 41. Miss Christine Robbins with ten points received bachelors' buttons and John King with 21 points, a powder puff.

Charles A. Norman, who was requested by Robert Marden of the Lowell Courier-Citizen, district chairman, to solicit Ayer's quota toward "America's gift to France," a colossal statue to be erected in France to commemorate the battle of the Marne, the turning point of the war, has secured the quota of ten dollars. The statue is the work of MacMonnies, the well-known sculptor.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge will be held on Saturday afternoon at one o'clock for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to their late brother, Albert Augustus Fillebrown.

Miriam Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Davis of Pearl street, entertained a number of her young friends at a party last Friday afternoon, the occasion being her twelfth birthday. Those present were Marion and Edna Willis, Eva Pickard, Barbara Larabee, Mary Tagg, Lillian and Ralph Davis, and Armon Wheeler. Games were played and ice cream and cake served.

The education department of the Woman's club invites the members of the club who would like to study "Citizenship" to a meeting to be held on Thursday afternoon, March 25, at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. B. H. Hopkins, to make arrangements for a course of meetings on citizenship.

Many are going to the Soldiers' club to purchase the delicious home-made pies, doughnuts and cakes which are reasonably priced. Customers can be more easily served before the beginning of the supper hour at five o'clock. Lunches may be put up to be carried out.

Frank H. Rice, postoffice inspector, Boston, was in town on Wednesday, looking over prospective sites for the Ayer postoffice, which must vacate its present quarters in a few months. Mr. Rice severely criticized the indifference of local citizens to the question of a new location for the postoffice. He declared that it was a disgrace that no quarters were available and that the citizens generally had no interest in helping the postoffice officials to secure suitable location for the new office. A local business man suggested to Mr. Rice that the matter be laid before the Ayer Board of Trade. His reply was that his experience had been that in boards of trade and kindred community organizations generally, each man was looking out for his own interests. Here is a chance for the Ayer Board of Trade to prove that it is different from the organizations that Mr. Rice has met.

Robert Burns and Vesta Rebekah lodges, I. O. O. F., will present a mock trial at the Soldiers' club on April 22. Watch for further announcements.

Five new candidates were initiated into the Boy Scouts on Wednesday evening.

The following rhetoricals were given at the high school on Friday afternoon: "The old water girl," Ruth Griffin; "Chicken on the brain," Clara Nixon; "Grandma's photograph album," Margaret Glynn; "A traveling man," John H. Turner; "The fourth commandment," Myrtle Mullins; "The mysterious portrait," Margaret Rand; "The lone trail," Paul Rynne; "Choosing a piece," Madeline Murphy; "Uncle Podger hangs a picture," Mary Ryan; "Little Bateese," Elizabeth Larabee; "Lunching Mrs. Mary Burton," Madeline Dwinell; "The awful tale of Melpomen Jones," Lillian Boisseau.

The Woman's club held its children's afternoon in Hardy's hall on Wednesday, March 17. The children filled the hall, there being standing room only for the members of the club. They were entertained by a magician, an hour by Mr. Yancy, who showed a number of his sleight-of-hand tricks, many of the children in high glee; two little boys and one little girl being asked to come to the front and help him, which gave them a great deal of fun and surprised them very much. The audience, some surprised even the older ones present. The afternoon was very successful and made happy many little ones.

Tentative plans have been made by the Northeastern department whereby the third regiment, national guard, of Maine, will come to Camp Devens for its annual tour of duty, beginning June 18, and continuing for fifteen days. The regiment will be Camp Devens in time to participate in the centennial celebration of the state of Maine.

Leon Huntress, who was one of the civilian clerks in the personnel office at Camp Devens headquarters, has severed his connections with the camp and has left town.

The Lowell and Fitchburg street railway have been working this week helping to clear the line of the Fitchburg and Leominster street railway. Cars were running again to Fitchburg Thursday afternoon and it is hoped they will not be stopped again by the weather.

Mrs. Harry R. Draper, who was operated on last week at the Waltham hospital, is gaining and it is expected that she will be able to return home in about two weeks.

The forty-fifth annual concert and ball of Division 7, A. O. H., was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening with a large number present, the hall being well filled both at the concert and the ball which followed. There was dancing until two o'clock with music by Messenger's singing and novelty orchestra of eight pieces of New Bedford. During the evening an excellent supper was served in the lower hall. The hall was very prettily decorated with green and white streamers and green lights for the occasion. Those who had charge of the affair were: Thomas McGuane, floor director; M. E. Markham, Paul McGuane, Joseph P. Walsh, John D. Carney, assistant floor directors; Thomas Gately, William Toomey, Joseph O. Keegan, Thomas F. McGuane, Martin Scullane, C. A. Mullin, T. H. Donahue, John M. McGuane, Peter Devarney, Paul Mullin, Michael Curran, Daniel Sculley, Edward McGuane, T. Henry Donahue, John T. Crowley, James P. Donahue and C. A. McCarthy, all of the Fitchburg lodge.

At the meeting of the Ayer Board of Trade on Wednesday evening plans for the proposed banquet, cabaret and dance to be held in the middle of April at the Soldiers' club were discussed, and it was left with the committee to complete the arrangements for the affair.

The regular meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., will be held on Wednesday evening, March 24. Work will be initiated. Lunch after the work.

George A. Simonds of Portland, Me., a brother of Mrs. F. Vern Pillman of this town, died on Sunday at the Rockingham hospital in Bellows Falls, Vt., as the result of injuries received in the train wreck near Rutland on Sunday. Mr. Simonds was returning from Allston, where he had been to visit his mother. He was forty-two years of age and leaves a family. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Pillman attended the funeral, which was held on Thursday.

The regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons was held on Monday afternoon at the Masonic rooms, the work of the afternoon being the entering of apprentices. A fine lunch was served in the banquet hall before the meeting, consisting of chicken-pie, mashed potato, salmon salad, bread, pies and coffee.

A well known brakeman in Ayer finds no trouble in running over the top of box cars. But he wasn't so fortunate when he tried to run over the ice this week and went down with a crash. What he said we can't print, but how he escaped being hit by that auto is a miracle.

Bill does love birds. You can see him any morning on Merchants' row with his beaming smile and white apron whistling to his little pets. We wonder if he ever forgets himself in Lowell and whistles when he sees a bird?

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church held a special meeting Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Alta F. Hollis for the purpose of getting ready for an Easter sale to be held March 31 in the vestry of the church. Lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. F. W. Webb and Mrs. Hollis, assisted by Miss Dorothy Rider and Percy Thayer of Gardner, whose father was a former pastor of the Baptist church here some twenty-five years ago. Five new members were taken into the society.

The Woman's club will hold a concert on April 7. Full particulars will be given in next week's paper.

The first six grades of the local schools will close this Friday for a two weeks' vacation. The seventh and eighth grades and high school will close on Friday, March 26, for a vacation of one week, all of the schools reopening on Monday, April 2.

William H. Clay, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, Lieut. Alexander O. Gorder, Sergt. Pomery Edwards, Major W. W. Smith, Edward O. Richardson and William A. Wright on Thursday attended a convocation of Jerusalem commandery, Knights Templar, at Fitchburg. Messrs. Clay, Gorder and Richardson entered the order.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

K. of C. Notes.

The banquet of Ayer Council is to be held at the Soldiers' club on Thursday evening, April 8, at eight p. m. The members of Ayer Council and their gentlemen friends expect to have an excellent time as there is to be a specially prepared menu for the occasion and there is to be an excellent program in addition for entertainment.

The tickets for the ball to be held on Tuesday evening, April 27, are now being distributed. The program is limited and the members are subscribing heavily for themselves and their friends. The tickets are not transferable and are of the combination type, one ticket covering admission, lunch and clothes checking. Dancing tickets, including the above, are selling for five dollars, and spectators tickets, which include lunch and checking, are three dollars. Foss's orchestra of Brockton is to furnish the music for dancing. George L. Wilson, Joseph Markham, Robert J. Stevenson, George Barrett and John Hooley are attending to the distribution of the tickets.

Ayer Boy Takes Charge of Church.

Norman D. Fletcher, who is a student in St. Lawrence Seminary, Canton, N. Y., has taken charge of the First Universalist church in Potsdam, N. Y. Mr. Fletcher continues his studies and spends his week-ends in Potsdam in his parish. He offers an attractive field for church work as three educational institutions, the Clarkson Institute of Mechanic Arts, the state normal school and a school for vocal training bring many young people to the town.

Mr. Fletcher has planned a series of evening services with special music and preachers from away, similar to the series of services held two years ago in his own church, the First Universalist church in Ayer. Local musical talent in Potsdam, which is exceptional in quantity and quality on account of the schools, has volunteered to assist. A clipping from a Potsdam

paper announces the series beginning with Dean John Murray Atwood of St. Lawrence Seminary as preacher and with exceptional musical attractions. The first service filled the church to capacity.

Army Y. M. C. A. Sunday Program.

About eighty men were present at the Army Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon. The service was rendered by the 35th Infantry orchestra. Much interest was shown in the review by Mr. Dimock of the "Economic consequences of the peace," a sensational analysis of the treaty of peace by John Maynard Keynes. He argues that the treaty of peace must be rewritten if Europe is to be saved from bankruptcy. A generous lunch was served by the W. C. T. U. under the direction of Mrs. Thomas, president.

An interesting program has been arranged for next Sunday afternoon. Members of the Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., will attend as special guests. Lunch will be served by the Rebekahs. Music will be provided by a special orchestra. Secretary Arthur V. Dimock will deliver an address on "The battle for brotherhood, the only path to peace." All men are invited.

Deaths.

Albert Augustus Fillebrown passed away at his home on Grove street shortly after one o'clock Thursday morning. Mr. Fillebrown had been a sufferer with cancer for many months. Over two months ago he underwent an operation which brought him no relief.

Mr. Fillebrown was born in Readfield, Me., on January 13, 1854. His early education was secured in the state where he was born. In 1878 he married Annie E. Hawkes of Mechanic Falls, Me. After residing in a number of places in his state he established a general store and sheet metal business in Monmouth, Me., where he remained until 1884. In March, 1884, Mr. Fillebrown moved to Ayer and opened a hardware, plumbing and heating business.

In addition to his business, which he continued to the time of his last illness, Mr. Fillebrown took an active part in civic affairs and fraternal orders. He served the town of Ayer as water commissioner, constable and chief of the fire department. His outstanding interest was in fraternal orders. He was a member and past master of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons, a charter member and past high priest of Bancroft chapter, R. A. M., and a member of Jerusalem commandery, Knights Templar, of Fitchburg. He was also a charter member of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S. He had completed nearly forty years of membership in Freemasonry. During that time he had the honor of being appointed district deputy grand master of the twelfth Masonic district and district deputy high priest of the eleventh Capitular district.

In 1907 Mr. Fillebrown was appointed deputy sheriff of Middlesex county. He held this position to the time of his death.

Mr. Fillebrown was formerly a member and one of the high priests of the First Unitarian Parish church of Ayer. More recently he has been interested in Christian Science and found great strength in its teachings in his last heroic struggle for life.

Mr. Fillebrown is survived by his widow, four sons, Paul and George of Ayer, Walter of Watford, Me., and Victor of Cambridge, one daughter, Mrs. Levi P. Moore of Ayer, and eight grandchildren.

In accordance with a written request of Mr. Fillebrown the funeral will be held in the town hall with remarks by Rev. John R. Chaffee of the Federated church and the Masonic burial rite by the officers of Caleb Butler lodge. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Harbinger Lodge Entertains.

Harbinger lodge, Knights of Pythias, held an open meeting for members and invited guests Monday evening at the lodge rooms in Hardy's hall. Excellent music, refreshments and a distinguished speaker made the evening a notable success.

George E. Wilson presided and introduced the speaker of the evening, Albert F. Kirby of Brockton, probation officer for the superior courts of Norfolk and Plymouth counties. Mr. Kirby's subject was "Our unfortunate brothers."

He began his address by declaring that he did not speak as a criminologist or penologist and had no theories to expound. He stated that he had had twenty years' experience as police officer and probation officer and that out of that experience he wished to present certain facts to the audience.

He then proceeded to rid the minds of his hearers of the notion that there is a "criminal class." Only by remembering that criminal offenders are brother men can people hope to deal sympathetically with the problem and the unfortunate themselves or for society.

Mr. Kirby paid an earnest tribute to the police officers of the commonwealth. But for the kindness and courtesy of these men many a young man would have come on in criminal career and ended in prison. He said the old type of police officer whose idea of his job was to make arrests and land men in jail is now extremely rare.

The speaker distinguished between the misdemeanor and the felony and the province of the probation officer. The chief part of his address dealt with the working of the probation law and the work of the probation officer. Massachusetts was the first state to put a probation law on her statute books and, in her insisting for five years on the probation principle, stands first among the New England states.

The work of the probation officer begins with the young man who has been arrested charged with a criminal offense. The chances for the offender will depend on his truthfulness. The probation officer is then called upon to investigate. If his investigation reveals circumstances that justify giving the offender another chance the probation officer appears before the court and urges that it is a case for probation. In case the judge so decides the offender passes under the supervision of the probation officer. It is then his business to prescribe the conditions under which his charge is to live. He prescribes the place and the kind of work that he is to do.

The results, Mr. Kirby declared, prove the probation principle to be the most effective working scheme for dealing with criminal offenders with the double object of protecting society and reclaiming unfortunate manhood. There are at present, he said, 17,000 on probation in this state. Sixty percent of the cases are successful. The feature of Mr. Kirby's address, which made it so deeply interesting that he could have held the attention of his hearers for another hour, was

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Thursday, March 25—BUCK JONES in "The Last Straw," a Fox production. Mack Sennett Comedy.

Friday, March 26—LOUIS BENNISON in "A Misfit Earl," a Goldwyn picture. Comedy. 14th episode of "The Invisible Hand."

Saturday, March 27—BESSIE BARRISCALE in "Beckoning Roads." Larry Semon in "The Grocery Clerk." News.

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the wealth of personal experiences which he used to illustrate his points. In conclusion, Mr. Kirby, who is grand chancellor of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias of Massachusetts, spoke of the responsibilities toward their fellow-men of members of fraternal orders, particularly the Knights of Pythias.

Excellent music was furnished by Frank B. Harmon on the flute, George H. Barrows on the violin and Raymond Miller at the piano. Refreshments, consisting of cheese, doughnuts and coffee, were served in an adjoining room.

Numerous members and invited guests took the opportunity, during the social hour, to ask questions of the speaker. At length he found himself the center of a large group who seated themselves in a semi-circle and engaged in an informal discussion of matters pertaining to fraternal orders and religion. Harbinger lodge showed genuine hospitality and provided a most enjoyable evening for their guests.

Church Notes.

At the Federated church on Sunday morning at 10.45 the pastor will preach on "The meaning of Lent." The boys' choir will sing. Sunday school at twelve o'clock; Mr. Webb leader of the men's class. Young people's meeting at 6.30; Miss Ruth C. Harlow, leader; subject, "Every day courtesies. Evening worship at 7.30. Japan, the land of the idyllic life." Illustrations by stereopticon. The young ladies' choir will sing.

On Sunday last the altar and chancel were adorned with beautiful flowers given in memory of Mrs. Eugene Barry. As usual these flowers were sent to people of the parish who were ill or confined to their homes.

On Sunday the preacher will refer to a contemptuous charge of the Pharisees against Jesus and show that this charge is one of the highest compliments that can be paid.

Clipping.

The following was written by Rev. Thomas Leake Fisher, a former vicar of St. Andrew's church in Ayer, and published in "Our Dumb Animals" for March:

"Two beautiful setter dogs, owned by my friend, Herbert Crawley of Leominster, Mass., went off by themselves a few days ago, for a run in the woods. Late in the afternoon, a farmer heard a dog howling piteously, and another dog barking in a peculiar tone. He decided to follow it up, and was met by one of the dogs, which ran toward him and then from him, barking continuously. The dog seemed to be asking him to come, so he followed till he reached the dog's mate, held fast by his foot in one of those cruel steel traps. The farmer tried to come near and release the prisoner, but the dog, mistaking him for the owner of the trap, would not let him approach. He went home and got another man and a flash light, by the aid of which the man read Mr. Crawley's name on the collar. As the dog still refused to let him approach, the farmer again went home and telephoned Mr. Crawley of his dog's plight.

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Center.

At a meeting of the Red Cross auxiliary, held at the home of the vice chairman, Mrs. F. L. Atwood, the following officers were elected for the new year: Mrs. R. G. Fossenden, Mrs. Flora I. Atwood, vice chairman; Mrs. J. Livingston, sec.; T. E. Flarity, treas.; G. L. Whitcomb, chairman of home service. At this meeting it was voted to pay the expenses of the dental clinic of 1919.

Mrs. George Davis planned a surprise gathering on last week Friday at her home in honor of her sister, Mrs. Jennie Sawyer's birthday anniversary. Members of the L. B. S. her pastor and neighbors were present, and the occasion was made a happy one for Mrs. Sawyer. She was the recipient of pleasing gifts and remembrance cards. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Frederick Wood and daughter Dorothy, of Baltimore, are visiting with Mrs. Harrison Bliss.

Mrs. Ruth W. Shaul and two sons, of Hartford, Conn., are spending a few days with Mrs. Shaul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Warren.

Mrs. T. T. Goodwin has been ill with acute indigestion and her daughter, Mrs. Della G. Morgan, of Leominster, is with her for the present.

About \$10 was realized from the food sale in charge of the Dorcas class of the M. E. church.

The proceeds of the food sale held on last Saturday afternoon in the dining room at the Center school building, under the auspices of the Girls' Home Economics club, was about \$8.

The following is the attendance honor list of the high school pupils who have not been absent or tardy during the school year 1919-20, with the date of their last absence or tardiness: Hazel M. Farrar, April 11, 1918; Ruth T. Russell, December 11, 1918; William A. Russell, Jr., December 11, 1918; G. Eldon Saunders, April 25, 1919; Chester E. Wright, April 25, 1919; Harold C. Adams, June 20, 1919.

The Catholic congregation at St. John's church last Sunday deeply regretted that it was the last Sunday that Rev. James Barry would minister unto them, as he has been transferred to the church of the Assumption, East Boston, leaving Peppercorn church. He has been coming to Townsend since Sunday mornings for four years for the Peppercorn church and also officiated at weddings and funerals and has greatly endeared himself to the people of this parish.

The Townsend Monday club met on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Norris. It was current events afternoon and the program was in charge of Mrs. Eunice P. Bruce. An outline of Dr. Lincoln's play, "Abraham Lincoln," which is being presented so successfully in England and New York, was given by Mrs. J. J. Piper on "The instant need of things" in which she told of the wonderful work of the Denver, Colorado, public opportunity school. Mrs. Bruce, who was familiar with her subject, explained "What the future of Massachusetts is." Mrs. Iva S. Worcester read several letters portraying the serious needs of suffering Armenia, which were written by her friend, who went with the Smith college unit last year for work in Armenia. Following the program, social was enjoyed with the serving of refreshments by the hosts.

Mrs. Etta Rockwood is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Barber, Townsend hill.

Miss Louise Arlin has gone to Leominster, where she has employment.

Joseph Benjamin Lawrence is ill with bronchial pneumonia at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary L. White, and C. B. Mudgett is also ill in the home. Mr. Lawrence was ninety years old on December 29.

Miss Louise Whitcomb, who is attending the Nurses Training school in Cambridge, was called home on account of the sickness and death of her grandmother, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Whitcomb, whose deaths singularly occurred within a week of each other.

The meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange is to be held in Townsend on Thursday, March 25, in Memorial hall. The address of welcome is to be given by the master of Townsend Grange, Miss May Parker, and the afternoon's program is in charge of Mrs. Emma Sawyer, leaving of Townsend Grange. It is reported that the speaker, Rev. A. W. Littlefield, of Needham, who was to have given an address on "1907, America's year," will be unable to attend. The public is cordially invited to be present at the afternoon session.

The recently organized Leominster team, Franz Walde Miller, post A. L. played Monday evening against the Camp Devens five, losing by the score of 15 to 19. This and previous contests have indicated clearly that Townsend is soon to shine in the basketball world as it has for years on the baseball field.

An interesting meeting of the Grange is being planned for Monday evening, to which the public is cordially invited. There will be a community sing, music being furnished by the Grange orchestra, piano by Mr. A. G. Seaver and vocal singing by Mrs. Mabel Frickett, and reading by Dr. A. J. Atwood. The address of the evening is to be given by Rev. Robert W. Draughton, of Peppercorn.

The senior class of the high school will present the two-act comedy, "So, Live!" Friday evening, March 26, in Memorial hall. The cast of characters include Howard B. Morse, Marshall P. Higgins, Ruth E. Stearns, G. E. Saunders, Ruth E. Morse, Sadie Mudgett, Mildred Stearns, Edna Bush, Mrs. Barnes, Cora Farrar, Dorothy Bliss, Emma Arlin, Annie B. Dudley, Irene McGuire. A social hour will follow the drama, with ice cream and candy on sale. Tickets will not be on sale at A. B. Wyman's store on Tuesday noon, March 23. Turn out and help the senior class.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers sermon topic will be "Living our religion." Junior Endeavor afternoon topic, "How Chinese children worship"; leader, Miss Louise Drake.

Charles Smith attended the automobile show in Boston this week; also, several others from this village.

Obituary. Mrs. Albert D. Turner, who has been ill since her husband's death at their winter home in Orlando, Fla., will not be able to return to Townsend for the present and word has been received this week by relatives in town that after the funeral services Mr. Turner's body was placed in a metallic casket in the undertaking rooms in that city.

where it is to remain until April, when Mrs. Turner will accompany the body to Townsend, where interment will take place in the Turner family lot in the Hillside cemetery.

Albert Davis Turner was a native of this town and was born December 2, 1843, and was the son of the late Albert and Elizabeth (Proctor) Turner. He received his education in the schools of Townsend and when eighteen years of age he enlisted in the Groton and Sixth regiments in the civil war. His occupation the greater part of his life was coopering and farming and for a number of years he carried on at South town a very successful fruit, poultry and peach raising farm.

During his later years, he spent the winters of his home, Massachusetts, in Florida, where he had a fine orange grove under cultivation. He was also a great lover of nature and flowers and was well versed in vegetable and plant culture and it was always his custom to have bouquets of flowers adorn his home. The deceased was a tender-hearted husband and uncle, a quiet, kindly gentleman, and as a townsman, and a friend he will be sincerely mourned and his kind deeds and pleasant ways will be remembered for many a year.

The deceased was twice married. On June 2, 1865, he married Abbie A. Spaulding, of Shirley, who died on May 24, 1902. On June 17, 1903, he married Susie M. Haynes of this town, who survives him. He is also survived by an adopted sister, Mrs. Cora Turner Spaulding, of Ethel, W. Va., and by several nephews.

Mr. Turner was a member of St. Paul Masonic lodge of Ayer and of the North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., Townsend. He faithfully served the town as chairman of the cemetery commissioners for a number of years, and was a member of Post 19, G. A. R., Fitchburg, and past commander of the Townsend Memorial association. His good judgment and honesty secured for him the great name which is an honor to his memory, his native town and his home.

Funerals.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary (Quinn) O'Brien, who died at her home here after six years of illness, was held last week Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock at St. John's church. Rev. James Barry officiating. The bearers were Harry Whitcomb, John and Robert O'Brien and Thomas McGowan. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at the Hillside cemetery.

Mrs. O'Brien was the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Quinn and was born in Peppercorn on January 21, 1855, and lived there until the time of her marriage to William O'Brien of this town. She was a devout catholic, a good wife and mother, and a kind neighbor, and bore the years of her suffering with sweet patience and fortitude.

Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Harry Whitcomb, and by a sister, Mrs. Michael O'Brien, and three granddaughters, all of this town.

Mrs. Agnes Cation, of Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGuane, of Ayer, and Robert O'Brien, of Greenville, were the out of town relatives present at the funeral. On account of being feeble Mrs. Michael O'Brien was unable to attend.

The funeral services of Mrs. Anna (Jackson) Whitcomb, wife of Martin L. Whitcomb, who died on Sunday from heart disease, were held at her late home on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. A. L. Struthers, pastor of the Congregational church, in charge. Mrs. F. B. Higgins and Miss Hattie Sanders sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Lead, kindly light."

The body was placed in the receiving tomb at the Hillside cemetery, and the bearers were Harry L. Whitcomb, George L. Whitcomb, Frank M. Warren and Augustus Gerrish.

Mrs. Whitcomb was born in Boston on May 2, 1842, and when a young girl she came to live with the late Mrs. Samuel Spear, and attended the Townsend schools, after which she was employed in the home of the late Mrs. Emery at the Harbor. On January 23, 1864, she married Martin L. Whitcomb of this town. After living a brief time at the Harbor they moved to the Center and had lived at their present home about forty years.

She was a woman of a retiring and quiet nature, a good wife and mother, and from her greatest happiness in the associations of the home, yet ever kind and sympathetic toward neighbors and friends, and was much beloved by those who knew her. She was a member of the first Baptist church in town.

Those by her husband the deceased is survived by her sons, Harry and William, and three granddaughters, Mrs. Ethel and Helen, all of this town. A beautiful daughter, Mrs. George L. Whitcomb, died about two months ago, the loss of which she had never ceased to mourn.

Special Town Meeting Warrant.

The warrant for the special town meeting to be held in Memorial hall, on Saturday afternoon, March 20, at two o'clock, has been posted and contains the following articles, a moderator to be chosen under Article 1 as specified.

Article 1. To choose an assessor for the term of one year to fill the unexpired term of Allen A. Proctor, resigning to choose an assessor for the term of two years, to fill the unexpired term of Charles Webster, resigned.

Article 2. To choose a road commissioner for three years to fill the unexpired term of E. B. Higgins, resigned.

Article 3. To raise an additional sum of money for the firemen's fund of the town of Townsend, to poll tax.

Article 4. To see what action the town will take in regard to raising guide boards and raise money for same.

Article 5. To see what action the town will take in regard to painting the Center school building.

Article 6. To see what action the town will take in regard to posting bridges.

Article 7. To decide what disposition, if any, shall be made of the uncollected taxes of 1909, 1910 and 1912, and any subsequent years.

Article 8. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to make needed repairs on the bandstand on the common and say how the same shall be expended.

Article 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$200 for the support of a dental clinic and say how the same shall be expended.

Article 10. To choose committees and hear reports.

West.

work for the afternoon was the making of aprons under the direction of Miss Myllykangas.

Mrs. Herman L. Stickney and son Ralph spent last Saturday with relatives in Fitchburg.

Mrs. W. A. Boutwell is boarding in Fitchburg during the illness of her youngest child, who is under treatment for a mastoid abscess at the Fitchburg hospital.

Mr. Young was at his home here for a few days this week.

Mrs. Mary Heath and Miss Mary Coffey assisted at the reading-room on last Saturday in the absence of Miss Seaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Potts and son Harold, from Greenville, former residents here, were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donahue.

Dr. Alton Wheeler, of Atlanta, Ga., has been spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Joseph McKean, leaving Monday morning for New York, expecting to sail from there on Thursday for France, where he is engaged in "Y" work.

Mrs. Ellen Pratt is on the sick list this week at her home, and Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence is assisting in the care of her.

The first auto of the season was seen upon our streets on Monday. Albert Wyman going from Donley's barn to his business at the Center.

F. H. Ormsby has been spending a few days this week in Boston.

Mrs. Clara Perkins, who is spending the winter in Fitchburg, was taken violently ill last week Thursday and taken to the Fitchburg hospital, Fitchburg, where she is under treatment, and her friends are pleased to hear that she is somewhat improved.

Work commenced on Monday at Hammond & Richardson's mill, which has been closed a few weeks for necessary repairs.

Miss Grace Thompson, who has been seriously ill for five weeks with pneumonia in Taunton, where she was teaching, has returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch, Miss Agnes Thompson went to Taunton last week and accompanied her home.

Harbor.

Herbert Hoover will not be a candidate for president on the democratic ticket. He makes this statement to Huntley N. Spaulding, former food administrator of New Hampshire. Mr. Spaulding will not make public the text of the message. Mr. Spaulding is a native of the Harbor.

Among the birthdays noted in the Birthday column of the Boston Traveler on March 13, for birthdays occurring on March 15, is the name of Rolland H. Spaulding, former governor of New Hampshire, born in Townsend Harbor in 1872.

William W. Webster, from West Groton, a former resident here, called upon friends in town last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Sherwin spent the week-end with Mrs. Sherwin's parents in Quincy.

The teachers of the public schools spent the week-end at their respective homes—Miss Myllykangas in Fitchburg, Miss Lewis in West Berlin and Miss Maynard in Peppercorn.

Wilbur Z. Sherwin, who was on the sick list for the past week, has recovered and is about again.

Mrs. Fred Patch spent Tuesday with friends in Fitchburg.

John Connaughton and daughter, from Lynn, have been recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coffey.

A little son, John Thomas McNinis, arrived on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McNinis.

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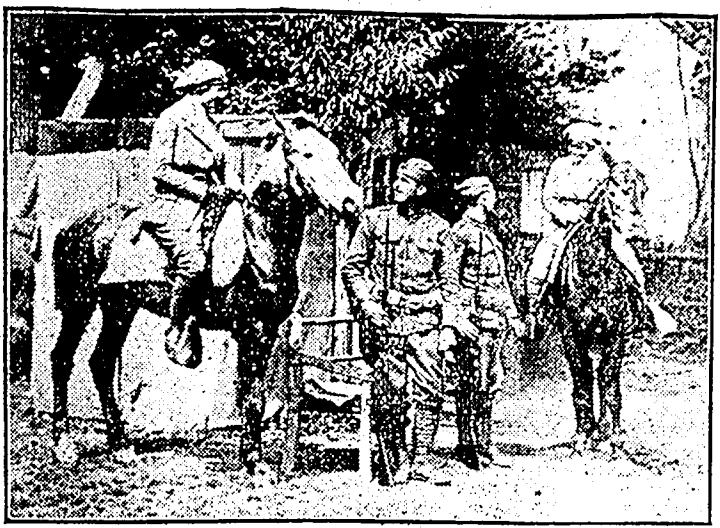
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"Y" Girls Cheer Our Boys Across the Rhine



Two girls whose business it is to "ride the edge of the world"—the same being part of the farthest A. E. F. outpost lines in Germany. The young horsewoman on the left is Miss Tracy L'Engle, of Atlanta, Ga., and New York, and the one on the right is Miss Helen F. Powell of Saginaw, Mich.

They are Y. M. C. A. workers with the Army of Occupation, and their job is to take as much of the world and the comforts of civilization as possible to the little companies of American soldiers guarding the German frontier. Sentry boxes stationed from two to six kilometres from battalion headquarters at Enderbach, which is about 30 miles north of Coblenz, are visited by the "Y" girls, who ride horses or mules, if necessary to get supplies to the soldiers on guard. They have even given a theatrical entertainment for the boys, taking along their own orchestra—a jew's harp, an accordion and a harmonica.

Miss L'Engle is a Wellesley College graduate and was the first girl to shoot a Browning machine gun in France. Miss Powell is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke.

TELLS HOW HUNS DESTROYED TOWN

New England Y Worker Recounts Thrilling Tale of German Retreat.

Boston.—The deliberate and wilful destruction of a French town by retreating Huns was recounted today by Thomas Haydock of Brockton, Mass., the sole eye-witness for several hours to the burning of Attigny.

Haydock, who has just returned from a year's service with the Second Division, in which he was a secretary for the Y. M. C. A., actually drove a camionette loaded with canned supplies across No Man's Land during the Champagne Offensive. He was in search of one of the regiments in the line and had been misdirected by a soldier.

Driving past a French mounted patrol at the foot of a hill, he came unexpectedly to the edge of a burning village. Although most of the towns in the vicinity were smouldering as a result of the terrific shell fire to which they had been subjected, Haydock instinctively sensed something amiss.

After four hours of wary investigation on foot, while buildings collapsed and loud detonations indicated where the Hun mines had been planted, he decided that the enemy had evacuated after setting in motion their hellish machines of destruction. All the public buildings, including the church and the hotel de ville were either in flames or smouldering ruins.

His most startling discovery, however, was that Thomas Haydock, erstwhile respected Brockton citizen and business man, was in sole possession of the town somewhere between the Allied and German lines. On his left he heard intermittently the "ack-ack-ack" of the busy machine guns, while an occasional "Whe-e-e-e" ZZZZNG! of a "box-car" arrival pointed out where "Jerry" was plopping his shells. Nor did this knowledge tend to cheer him any.

That evening when things had quieted a little, he determined to make his way back to the safety of the front lines. Upon arriving at his camionette he found a French dismounted patrol in possession, who received him with fixed bayonettes. After a great deal of difficulty in trying to explain his position—wild speculations being of no avail—he finally pacified the French commander by distributing packages of biscuits among the soldiers from the supply depot he had on board.

That night, while the Hun pounded

out his hate with a deadly vehemence, Haydock took refuge with his new found friends in a nearby cellar. Fortunately his camionette escaped serious injury and the following morning, after dispensing the peace-making biscuits and chocolate bars again, he returned safely to his base.

During the St. Mihiel Drive, Haydock said that the Chief of the 23rd Field Hospital called on the "Y" to help out with some transportation. With another secretary, he took an A. R. C. truck loaded with hospital supplies and equipment forward in the wake of the retreating enemy. After some close calls on the traffic jammed roads they arrived at Thiercourt, thirty-six hours after starting.

"We brought a truck load of refugees back," he said, and their helplessness was most pathetic. One old Frenchwoman—they were all old men and women, or children—told me how severe the Hun had been during his four years of tyranny and misrule. She said they were worked harder than they were physically able to work without regard to age or sex. The children were severely beaten if they refused or shirked their tasks.

Haydock spoke highly of the Red Triangle personnel with the Second Division, many of whom were decorated for personal bravery and fortitude. Miss Oral Hawthorne of Portland, Ore., he said deserved the highest praise. She was constantly under shell fire in advanced hospitals and had earned the undying gratitude of the wounded. Thomas Wilbur, of Connecticut, twice decorated, was almost shot to pieces in the Champagne.

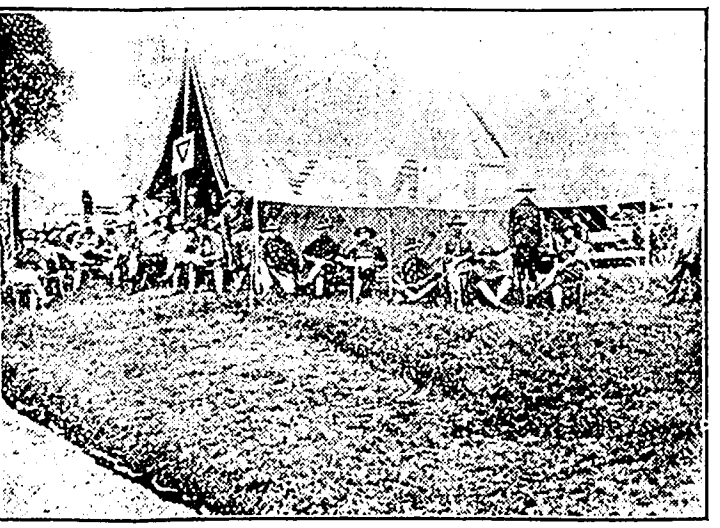
DOUGHBOYS TO KEEP Y. M. C. A. INSTRUMENTS.

Coblenz.—According to the terms of a contract announced by the music department of the Y. M. C. A., musical instruments furnished entertainment units playing in the Third army area may be taken back to the United States provided they are used for entertainment purposes en route. This means that approximately 3000 violins, banjos, cornets, ukuleles and drums will become the property of the doughboys.

Soldiers now using these instruments must agree on returning to do their part toward entertaining the troops in the embarkation area, on the boat and at the demobilization camps. They are forbidden to sell them, and in case they desire to dispose of them after reaching home, instructions have been given to return them to the local Y. M. C. A. where they are stationed.

For several months the "Y" took over the total output of two factories located at Saxony and Mainz. About 150 complete orchestras were equipped and 100 received supplies. Over 200 soldier shows were given instruments and fully 2000 were distributed among doughboys.

The "Y" in Porto Rico



Temporary Hut at Cayey, P. R., used during erection of permanent building. Y. M. C. A. Secretaries set up housekeeping whenever they can rather than not be on the job.

Norway Must Import Sweetstuffs. Norway produces no sugar within its own borders and the sweet syrups produced from vegetable sources are of slight importance, so that country is in a position of almost absolute dependence on imports for its sweetening materials.

The Girl in Business. The big difference between young men and women in business is that the former know they have many years of work ahead, while the latter often feel that their sojourn in the business world is to be temporary. Only to the extent that a girl considers her work as a lifetime affair, and accordingly devotes her whole heart and soul to it, can she succeed in rising above the rank and file.—Forbes Magazine.

Traveling Teachers. Traveling teachers carry education to inland children along the coast of Maine, remaining in each isolated district a brief time.

Little Maid in the "Moon Door" Symbol of the Hope of New China



Through a moon door to scientific knowledge.

That's what is happening far off in China where the "gung-gwan," the official residence at Nanking, has been transformed—or partly transformed—into Gning College for Chinese girls. The transformation is one resulting in contrasts. The moon doors, picturesque along with the Chinese architecture, represent the old China; the laboratories the dormitories and the libraries, improvised out of the old rooms of state, are fairly alive with the purpose of the new China.

Foreign mission surveys now being conducted by the Interchurch World Movement have revealed this curious mixture of ancient and modern in Chinese education. Five Chinese provinces are embraced in the territory from which Gning College

draws its students. They have a population of 110,000,000.

This vast number of people naturally produces a large reservoir of Chinese girls eager to take advantage of the new schooling. And just there is the trouble.

The college located in the old "gung-gwan," rented four years ago, is limited in capacity to the extent of the ancient house.

There are 37 acres of college property on the hills by the Yangtze River. For \$500,000—a sum included in the Chinese budget of the Interchurch World Movement—an administration building, a library, a chapel and recitation rooms, in fact a real modern college, can be built.

The moon doors will then be forsaken, but the new portals to knowledge will be wide enough to accommodate many more young women.

The Interchurch World Movement

By E. A. E. Palmquist

New England Divisional Secretary Interchurch World Movement

A year before the war, an outstanding Christian leader in broken health sought rest and recreation in far off Palestine. Beside the shores of the Sea of Galilee an inspiration came to him to attempt to lead the Protestant forces of America into closer fellowship. But when his plan was presented to the outstanding leaders they felt the time was not ripe for such an advanced movement.

Not until December, 1918, did his ideal take the form of reality. This time at the suggestion of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Little more than a year has elapsed since that prophetic and significant meeting in New York City where the Interchurch World Movement was launched. From that hour the movement has gridded the globe in its surveys. Its organization includes the great majority of the Protestant forces of North America.

The war clearly taught the value of co-operative effort in a great common objective. French, Britisher, Italian, American, Canadian and New Zealander each retained their own national integrity but they all fought in such splendid co-operation that the forces of the Central Powers were overwhelmed.

So the Interchurch World Movement in this critical hour of the world's history, an hour in which if the church fails all seems to be lost, purposes to lead the great Protestant hosts into such close fellowship and co-operation that they shall be able to make the largest possible contribution for the salvation of the race.

Hobo Now Scorns the Breadline



Survey Made by Interchurch World Movement Shows That Even the Cheap Lodging House Is Going Out of Business.

The old "bread line" is gone from its accustomed place in the cities. In the slums throughout the country huddled queues of men no longer wait to be fed. Their passing is a symbol of the passing of the hobo.

Everywhere, for lack of guests, the cheap lodging houses are being abandoned. Only a few old, decrepit men remain in the Salvation Army Industrial Homes. In Kansas City the once crowded dormitories of the "Helping Hand" building are closed. In Lincoln, Neb., in 1915 there were 1,750 non-resident single men who applied for aid, while in 1918 there were only 136.

The hobo, the wandering worker who went to the lodging house and the bread line between his seasonal jobs, has been lifted from his old plane by the war. A study of the conditions of migrant labor is now being conducted by the Interchurch World Movement that it may lay the facts before the Protestant Churches of America, whose closer co-operation is its large purpose. This study shows that the hobo has found a closer succession of jobs, a higher return for his labor. He has become almost a "steady" worker. He no longer needs his old refuges.

Beyond the reach of these agencies, he offers the Protestant Churches an opportunity to provide new means of influencing his life and maintaining his standards of living, and the Interchurch World Movement survey is determining how this may best be achieved.

Asphalt From the Philippines. An enormous deposit of asphalt in Leyte province, in the Philippines, lies so near the shore line at Tacloban that ships can anchor and take on cargoes from lighters loaded at the mines with practically no overland transportation.

Bit of a Paradox. Oddly enough it is by canning the rough stuff that one preserves peace in the family.

1,800 Candles. At the coronation banquet of George II Westminster hall was lighted by 1,800 candles.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Probate Court, Middlesex County

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of LOUIS F. LAPOINTE, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to LOUIS F. LAPOINTE, the senior son of said deceased, and the senior son of said deceased, without giving a surety on his bond.

And the petitioner has appeared at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of March A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner has 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, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

Littleton, Mass., March 3, 1920.
To the Middlesex County Commissioners:

Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Littleton, in said County, that the road from the Boxboro line through Newtowne, so-called, to Littleton Common is in need of relocation and specific repairs.

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

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

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

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

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

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.
Copy of petition and order thereon.
Attest,
WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.
A true copy, attest,
BERNARD F. GATELY,
Deputy Sheriff.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Public Utilities
(D.P.U. 77)

Boston, March 15, 1920.

On the Petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad for approval of the substitution of automatic flagmen for place of human flagmen at the grade crossings of its railroad at the Center, Main and Phoenix streets in the town of Shirley, the Commission of the Department of Public Utilities will give a hearing to the parties in interest at its hearing-room, 166 State House, Boston, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of March, instant, at ten-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

And the petitioner is required to give notice of said hearing by publication hereof once prior to said date in the Shirley Oracle, a newspaper published in Ayer, to serve a copy hereof at least ten days prior to said date on the Town of Shirley, and to make return of service and publication at the time of hearing.

By order of the Commission,
ANDREW A. HIGHLANDS,
Secretary.

A true copy, Attest,
GEORGE F. STILES,
Deputy Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATRIX SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

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

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

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

MARIA W. HIND,
Administratrix Estate of Charles F. Hind,
March 18, 1920.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
In Department of Public Utilities

Boston, March 10, 1920.

On the appeal of the Ayer Electric Light Company from the decision of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, passed by said board on the tenth day of August, 1910, consenting to the laying, erecting, maintaining and using of wires for the transmission of electricity over certain highways in said Town of Ayer by the Connecticut River Transmission Company (now New England Power Company), the Commission of the Department of Public Utilities will give a public hearing to all parties interested at its office, Room 167, State House, Boston, on Wednesday, the thirty-first day of March current, at ten-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

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

By order of the Commission,
(Signed) HENRY C. ATTWILL,
Chairman.

"STRAIGHT-FROM-THE-SHOULDER RELIGION"

Enjoyed by Doughboys Says Returned Pastor

Boston—Proof conclusive that the doughboy thoroughly enjoys straight-from-the-shoulder religion was the trend of a statement just made by Dr. Albert S. Hawkes, pastor of the Worcester, Mass., Congregational church, just returned from France.

Dr. Hawkes' assertion is based on the fact that the nine Y. M. C. A. huts in Camp Pontzen, Brest, each with a capacity ranging from 1,200 to 2,000, are crowded to the doors on Sundays during the religious services.

"I have seen these buildings so packed," he said, "that men sat in the rafters, windows—any place they could secure standing or seating room. In fact they even crowded on the platforms."

Dr. Hawkes was director of all musical programs connected with religious services conducted by the Y. M. C. A. at the big camp. When he began the work of organization there were only two pianists and song leader. In two months he had increased this staff to thirty accomplished musicians, soloists and song leaders, this number increasing with the demand.

In the huge auditorium with a seating capacity alone of three thousand, he declared that he has seen men, who remained after the mass-singing to hear the lecture, leave when the "movies" began. The singing was invariably met with unbounded enthusiasm.

"It was wonderful! An inspiration! Imagine, if you can, more than three thousand, full-blooded, healthy, male voices ringing with the notes of a famous anthem. They sang like they fought—with every ounce of energy their American souls possessed."

"Popular songs started the program, the words flashed on the screen. The singing service ended with hymns."

"The finest speakers obtainable in France were next introduced. After a short, snappy talk soldiers were given opportunity to consult them. Hundreds of men have availed themselves of this opportunity—the last on afforded while in military service."

Speaking of the distribution of religious literature by the "Y," Dr. Hawkes said:

"Pretty good evidence that they were wanted and appreciated was demonstrated by the fact that in barracks and tents, religious publications were always found neatly arranged with other soldier effects. They were never thrown around or destroyed as were newspapers, booklets, etc., after they had been read."

He believes that this type of welfare work, about which little is known, is understood, is the most remarkable and thorough of any of the multimethod ways in which the "Y" served the A. E. F. The soldier loves to sing when proper facilities and good leaders are afforded, and he appreciates good speakers on religious topics.

"The significance of our work was two fold," explained the pastor. "First, it brought the Christian gospel before the soldier in a practical, human fashion. Secondly it showed him at the close of his military career, that Y. M. C. A. stood for something else besides cantenens, recreational and the various other activities to which he was accustomed at the front."

FIVE MILLION BOOKS DISTRIBUTED BY "Y" DURING WAR.

While Free Magazines Averaged 300,000 Monthly.

Paris—(By Mail)—If it is true that armies travel on their stomachs, then the American Expeditionary Forces included literature in their diets. The Y. M. C. A. distributed more than 5,000,000 bound volumes throughout the American units abroad during the months of the war. For a number of months more than 300,000 magazines were distributed monthly without cost to the soldier, but at an expense of \$30,000 per month.

More than 25,000,000 copies were distributed during the period of the war at a monthly cost of \$85,000. Ninety per cent of these were given away. More than 1,000,000 volumes of text books were printed or bought by the association for educational work, all of them eventually being taken over by the Army along the Y. M. C. A. educational work. A million and a half copies of "Popular Songs of the A. E. F." a 96 page song book, were printed by the "Y" and distributed free of charge to the doughboys, while 633,000 other volumes of musical works and sheet works were given away. There was also free distribution of more than 2,000,000 pieces of religious literature.

Before the American Library Association arrived in France to carry on its enormous work the task of furnishing all literature fell upon the "Y," and at times because of difficulties attendant on shipping the association was forced to advertise in Paris papers for gifts of reading matter printed in English in order to be able to carry on its work.

Unique Belgian Sport.

Sand-bowl racing is a sport enjoyed by Belgians and visitors along the sand dunes of La Panne. The boats are so named because they are sailed on the shore. A small frame is spread on four wheels and on the cross bars of the frame is set a good sized mast and sail. This wheeled craft is guided by a rope, as boys steer a bob sledge or a small wheel. In a good breeze the boats make 15 to 20 miles an hour. The sand sailor can tack or turn his craft around just as easily as if he were sailing on water.

SHIRLEY

News Items.
Mrs. Lester Holden is visiting relatives in Nashua, N. H.

The postponed meeting of the Alpha Association of Past Noble Grands, which was to have been held on March 3 with Prosperity lodge of Leominster, will be held on Tuesday afternoon, March 23, with the same lodge. Supper will be served at 4.30.

Michael Bulger states that he has not sold his house and does not intend to sell, as he has rented the house to a party from Westbury, Conn., and they will occupy the house about April 15. The store has been rented to Max Pentasky, tailor, from Ayer.

Dancing will be resumed this Saturday evening by Shirley post, A. L. Scammon's orchestra, of Fitchburg, will furnish music.

Edward Lilly was the local American Legion post representative at the athletic meeting held in the council room, city hall, Cambridge, last Saturday. He will also attend a meeting of Middlesex county, held in the Dutch room of the Ellis Home, Cambridge, this week Saturday.

Mrs. C. R. White will resume her dancing classes this Saturday afternoon in Odd Fellows' hall at one o'clock.

Charles W. Wolf, who has been confined to his room for some time with eczema, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lusk with Master David and Miss Josephine Lusk attended the auto show held in Boston this week.

The Shirley post, A. L., was present last Tuesday with a large map of the United States by Congressman John Jacob Rogers.

Capt. and Mrs. Higgins with daughter, who have made their home for the past year and a half with Mrs. Ida Hazen, have taken apartments at the Crescent, Fitchburg, moving to their new home last Wednesday.

Shirley post, A. L., commenced their drive for \$400 the first of last week and went over the top in practical shape, registering the sum of \$489, with all the returns not yet recorded. This money, as was stated, will be used for a clubhouse for its members.

Edward L. Pratt and Sidney S. Horton have this week exchanged residences, the transfer taking place Monday. Both residences are located on Laurel street.

The exchange is the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Horton, who are not enjoying good health, find that their house is too large to care for in its many details, while Mr. Pratt required a larger house than his bungalow to meet the requirements of his family. Consequently, a most desirable change for both parties.

The President Suspend Company, through its general manager, David C. Lash, have purchased a two-story brick mill in Clinton with 30,000 feet of land. The building is located on Allen street and is 100 feet long and 40 feet wide. Mr. Lash is now negotiating the purchase of ten acres of land adjoining this property. Mr. Lash will commence at once to equip the newly bought mill with machinery. Additions to the Shirley plant are also contemplated in the near future.

Miss Jeanne Matthews, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is improving and considered out of danger.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bodah, 114 Magdon, died at the home of her parents last week Friday night, aged five days. Funeral was held on last Saturday afternoon and burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery.

Frederick H. Fowler, treasurer, and Eugene M. Livermore and John M. Stevenson, directors of the Shirley Co-operative bank, attended the district meeting and dinner of the Massachusetts Co-operative Bank association at Hotel Raymond, Fitchburg, last Saturday afternoon.

Atty. Robert H. J. Holden has been appointed town counsel for Townsend.

Chaplain Charles O. Purdy was the speaker at the meeting of the Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church held at Phillips chapel, Fitchburg, last Tuesday afternoon. He took for his subject, "Religion in the army."

Ruth S. Knowles spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.

Fred Quinty has bought the house and store now owned and occupied by Michael Bulger, and with his family will make it their home. Mr. Quinty will open a meat market at the store adjoining the house as soon as Mr. Bulger moves to the house he recently purchased from Joseph Allen.

Everett Barnard has accepted a position as assistant at Brockelman Bros. drug store, and will commence his duties on Monday. Everett is now employed at the President Suspend factory.

Frank Farmer, freight agent at the Boston and Maine station, has again been confined to his home with sickness.

The meeting of the woman's bible class was postponed for one week, owing to the bad traveling.

Miss Carroll, of Fitchburg, is substituting for Dewey Hulan, telegraph operator at the Boston and Maine station, who is out sick.

George W. Hemen, engineer at the Shirley mills, moved to town last Saturday and is occupying the lower flat in the Wallingford house.

Shirley post, A. L., went over the top in their drive two days ahead of their time limit.

The following have had telephones installed at their residences: August Provost, 17-2; Miss Gertrude Provost, 12-3; Harold Menkhon, 9-12; G. W. Farnsworth, 9-6.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Marsh, who have been in Florida for several months, returned home the latter part of last week.

George R. Driver and family, who have been living at the Marsh home for the past six months, is preparing to leave town.

Hazen Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler, while gathering pears, willows, had his right hand caught in a large box trap, Monday, which had been placed in the bushes up on the plains, causing painful lacerations and bruises.

Breaks Parole.

John Makl, eighteen years of age, Highland court, Fitchburg, was committed to the Industrial School for Boys here by Judge Gallagher last Tuesday, when he pleaded guilty to charges of larceny of \$63 from Mrs. Kalle Solo at the Finnish Co-operative boarding house, 817 Main street, Fitchburg, and of carrying a loaded revolver without a license. Makl was about 16 years of age when he was committed to the institution and it was stated in court that he probably would be transferred to the reformatory in Concord.

The youth boasted about carrying a revolver and intended to shoot up the first policeman that tried to arrest or interfere with him in any way. A warrant was secured charging Makl with the theft and carrying a revolver. The boy managed to avoid the officers, but later was found by Estabrook and Cormier, patrolmen, who found him in a poolroom and placed him under arrest. Makl made no resistance and did not have any revolver on him, but admitted that he stole the money from Mrs. Solo.

What Shirley Accomplished.

In compiling a record of Shirley's share of the work and duties of the world war, there are many cases of individual hospitality and kindness of which only the recording angel has made entries, but according as a town of less than 3,000 inhabitants constantly engaged in a variety of moderate means and busy hours, Shirley has reason to feel thankful that it was able to do so much to lessen suffering during the terrible years which have passed.

As early as the fall of 1914 interest was awakened at 100 knitted articles and a barrel of clothing were sent to the Belgian refugees. In the summer of 1915 the summer guests at the Center, assisted by some of the town ladies, made a large number of carpet slippers for use in the French hospitals.

In 1916 a branch of the Special Aid Society for American Prisoners was formed with 125 members.

Headquarters were fitted up in the Church street school, a patriotic meeting with a speaker from Boston to explain the work was held in Odd Fellows' hall, and the members at once set to work. A large number of articles were knitted of 600 articles for the soldiers, the making of 175 surgical garments, and 14,000 surgical dressings. A class to study foods and war-time cooking was organized, lectures on canning by the cold pack method and on economical cooking given. War-time living in the accommodations for soldiers' families and an emergency committee appointed to provide lunches at short notice to soldiers en route to Camp Devens if needed. As time went on there were so many calls for money, and as everybody was too busy to raise the necessary funds to carry on the work, it was voted to disband the branch of the Special Aid and to work under the Red Cross.

An auxiliary branch of the Fitchburg chapter of the Red Cross was organized and the work went on under its direction—375 more knitted garments, including 200 pairs of socks, 50 surgical garments and 57,342 surgical dressings, bandages, etc., were added to the list. The mending organization consisting of women who went regularly to Camp Devens to mend for the soldiers, originated in this town. The work grew rapidly and included workers from eight or ten towns in this vicinity. Much money and material were received. This organization also furnished to the men at Camp Devens gun-cleaners, automobile cloths, cloth rags for rugs and scrap-books for the boys.

The money collected for the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Salvation Army and War Camp Community Service amounted to \$4,937.80. Approximately \$250,000 was invested in liberty bonds and \$20,000 in war savings stamps. All drives exceeded their allotments.

One of the old houses on Main street was remodeled by the War Camp Community Service, a secretary placed in charge and much good work for the comfort and pleasure of the soldiers was accomplished. A canteen, open during the period of the war, provided food at nominal prices to soldiers and their friends. Dances and entertainments were given weekly at which the younger ladies of the town assisted in every way, and the club kept open house daily for the men from the camp. Accommodations for the friends of soldiers were found and many acts of kindness done, of which we have no record. The Personal Service league also had quarters in town for a time.

When America entered the war and men began to pour in by thousands to Camp Devens it became necessary to find accommodations for families of soldiers near the camp. Shirley opened wide its doors and received many of them into her homes. Many pleasant friendships were made and everybody joined in making their stay with us as comfortable as it could be under the circumstances. On Thanksgiving day, 1917, over sixty boys were invited into homes to share in the festivities, and on Christmas the town kept practically open house, having sent at this time fifteen Christmas boxes valued at seven dollars each to overseas boys and to other camps. It being reported that boys were suffering from cold at the camp before the supplies were given out, fourteen corsets were purchased and carried immediately by motor car and given to the officer in charge of the depot brigade.

Shirley responded loyally to the call of the government through Mr. Hoover for the conservation of white flour and sugar and many pounds of these articles were saved for the soldiers. Not a single case of hoarding was found. The work of the local food administrator was made lighter by the unfailing courtesy and co-operation of the tradesmen and the townspeople.

As the wounded men from overseas were transferred to Camp Devens and the work of caring for them was given by the government to the Red Cross a new field of service was opened. A committee was appointed with full powers to investigate the needs and to carry on this work. The committee was enlarged to seven members.

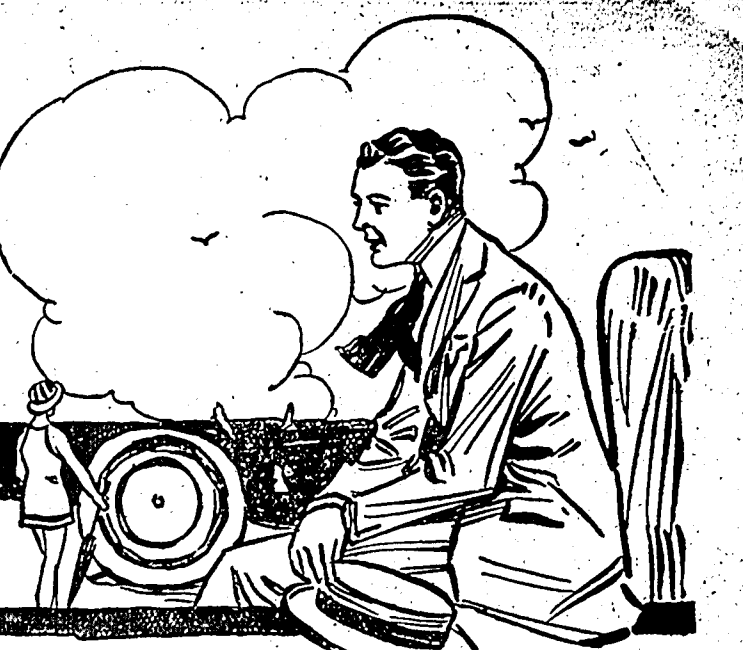
A large force of thirty women was organized, and on April 14, 1919, began its work under the direction of the Red Cross. Eight visitors a week for over four months spent two afternoons weekly in the wards assigned to them, carrying to the suffering men quantities of food, fruit, jellies, cigarettes, and much good cheer. There were nearly a thousand men in the base hospital in April, and in September, when the work stopped, the number had decreased to seventy, and these men were rapidly being discharged or transferred. A fund of over \$80 was collected for the supply of the soldiers, contributing over \$10. Residents very kindly gave the use of their cars for the transportation of visitors. About 100 patients were taken from the hospital on hot afternoons and entertained on some of the Shirley farms.

In August, 1917, a well-known family at the Center opened its home to the soldiers and over 1000 men in uniform have been entertained under the roof at different times. In June, 1919, the good work of this New England family was taken over by the War Camp Community Service and is still carrying on, providing cheer and comfort for lonely men in the camp.

Among these men were representatives from forty-two states, born in twenty-three nations, and representing various races and nationalities. A resident of Boston summering in Shirley has entertained upwards of 1100 men in her home during the summer and fall and has traveled over 13,000 miles in her car in their behalf.

The war is over, but its ill effects remain. The world is suffering from lack of supplies; many nations look to us for relief in their shortages, and in this reconstruction period with its high cost of living and its many serious problems confronting us, America has new duties to perform, of which Shirley will do her share as in the past.

The government and the wisest heads in the country are asking for more production, less consumption and systematic saving. Saving decreases consumption, and in this way aids production, and if persisted in will inevitably reduce prices and lower the high cost of living.



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important that all members of the human family should be "sharp shod" and many donned the "creepers" who had not had them on before this winter.

Under great obstacles in the way of travel and many other conflicting conditions, Prof. Lovett arrived in town last Saturday evening and conducted the fifth community dance at the town hall. But the bad roads and other troubles were forgotten pro tem, at least, in the real enjoyment of the party. Cotillion favors were distributed for both classes. Mrs. Carl E. Brown will be the official chaperon at the next party in the series, which will be held on March 27 in the town hall.

Automobiles are beginning to venture out a little over the snow and ice, and the big drifts in many parts of the town, but the "venture" is attended with great risk, as was proven on Sunday when a big touring car on the way to Boston from "somewhere up country" became stalled in deep snowdrifts by the roadside, and the driver found it necessary to call a man with a pair of horses to pull him out and start him on his homeward journey via Fitchburg. On Tuesday morning a moving truck and two autos went through town with comparative ease. J. S. Glover is still sunning his fitzy

Saturday, March 20, 1920

PEPPERELL

News Items

The banquet of the Men's club, planned for this month, has been indefinitely postponed, owing to road conditions. The committee in charge intend to make this the biggest event ever attempted by the club, and do not care to take chances with the weather. The date and entire program will be announced later.

Mrs. E. J. Darling went to Fitchburg on Friday to spend the weekend with friends, her friend, Mrs. Plummer, having charge of her household affairs in her absence.

Promo Borgatti, who expected that everything was going along smoothly toward his sailing for Italy on the LaFrance on Thursday from New York, has been obliged to wait over until another steamer. Owing to the change of some officials, he was unable to secure a necessary signature in time to go, and is realizing that there is considerable "red tape" to getting across the water, these days to one's native land.

Miss Ruth Walker and friend, Miss Marion Moulton, both attending the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and Kirby Webster, of Watertown, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Walker over Wednesday, attending the dance at Prescott hall of the young people of Acoma lodge, where they were welcomed as acquisitions to the pleasure of the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Weston have both been afflicted with the grippe, which turns in being confined to the house.

Another pleasant gathering of the Mt. Lebanon Associates is recorded for Wednesday afternoon, with about the usual number of guests in spite of bad weather. There was also the usual work and social hour, with refreshments served by the hostesses, Mrs. E. J. Walker. An unusual and much enjoyed feature was the presence of Mrs. W. C. Fuller, daughter of Mrs. Walker, who was the founder of the associates and welcomed back among them. At present she is a guest at her former home, with her five-week-old daughter, John, whom the ladies were delighted to become acquainted with. The next meeting of the associates, in two weeks, is planned to be held with Mrs. Lucy Page at the home of Mrs. Parker, Townsend street.

Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge entertained a few invited friends last week to demonstrate the fine qualities of her new Victrola, presented by her husband. Although unannounced, the occasion was her birthday anniversary, and when the fact became known to her guests they hastily formed a conspiracy to surprise her during the evening with two very lovely pieces of Nippon china. The music of the new Victrola was enjoyed and social dancing, and the hostess later served a delicious lunch.

The postponement of the local operators' annual dancing party, dated for May 13, is announced.

The competent committee of Acoma lodge have again scored a success with their St. Patrick's celebration in the form of the dance held at Prescott hall on Wednesday evening. A fine select company were present and the orchestra, which was Mack's, from Leominster, proved excellent. Many guests were present from out of town. The artistic ability of the committee was shown in every detail of the decorations. Green, naturally, was the prevailing note, carried out in the streamers from the center chandelier in the many shamrock leaves, which in turn were ornamented with pipes of white. The side lights were inverted green tubes, giving a softened light. A spring effect was created by the large jardiniere of pussy willows, at each side of the stage, with twigs of leaf effect intermingled. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Arthur Bartlett and two children went for a visit with her sister and parents in Gardner on Thursday. P. J. McDonald is at the Massachusetts General hospital for treatment and a possible operation for his stomach trouble, for which he has been under care of a physician, and recently had an X-ray taken at the Nashua hospital. Mrs. McDonald and his brother, John McDonald, accompanied him to Boston on Monday, as he was in a very weak condition. Mrs. McDonald returned to Nashua on Wednesday, wishing definitely to be given out by the hospital surgeons.

Mrs. Emma Taylor is taking the position of housekeeper for E. G. Chapman for a while. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fuller and two children arrived this week from McLean Highlands, where they have had a residence since Mr. Fuller accepted his position at the new high school in Brookline. They will be the guests of Mrs. Fuller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker, at their former residence here in town.

Amos Mahony is ill at his home on High street in Peabody.

Letters received from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy announce that they sail from New York for Havana, Cuba, on March 19. Their trip was necessarily changed, as it was found that owing to the fact that Bermuda is outside the "dry zone," every kind of suitable accommodation for tourists was filled to overflowing. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy expect to be absent some weeks.

Attention is called to the correct no-school signal, which is three blasts of the bell, or whistle, at eight o'clock for the grade schools, and six blasts at the same hour when the session at the high school is also not to be held. This appeared in the town report, but on the last stormy day, when the signal was used, it seemed to be misunderstood. It may be wished to make it plain. It may be that the need for the signal will not be called for immediately, unless we have another blizzard in April, but it is as well to remember the signal to be used in case of possible emergency.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest O. Nash and daughter Marjorie, of Chelsea, were weekend guests in town with Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash.

J. A. Frossard started for Kalamazoo, Mich., on his business trip the latter part of this week. His work there has been delayed by his illness of a few weeks ago, from which he has partially recovered, although not yet in his usual strength and health. He hopes to make the trip all right, as the mills are waiting for his machines. Mrs. Frossard accompanied him and they expect to be gone some weeks.

Mrs. W. W. Gillespie has received the welcome news that her son, Wesley Gillespie, of Erie, Pa., has recovered from his critical operation on his leg, and is expected to return to his home, although still under the observation of his physician.

Mrs. Arthur Bannion went into Boston on Thursday morning to remain during the rest of the week with her husband, who is in attendance officially at the auto show.

Miss Anna Boynton has regained her usual health to a good degree, but will remain at home for the present.

Edwin Walker arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker, Mt. Lebanon street, shortly after the blizzard last week, and was obliged to resort to snowshoes to reach his destination. It is understood that he comes from the Pacific coast, having been unknocked in the lumbering interests of his father in the State of Oregon.

The difficulties of the grain and feed proposition, caused by delayed freight, was increased last week by the burning of the wholesale grain store of the Coors Company in Worcester, where a milked car for Peppercell dealers was being loaded. According to all accounts, however, from various parts of the state, the situation is not as serious as in some other places, where they are obliged to sell or kill their stock and poultry because no supply of feed was obtainable.

Miss Elizabeth McNayr is gaining but slowly from her recent illness. She is still confined to her room at Mrs. Saunders' and during a part of this week the nurse, Miss Morgan, has been with her nights. Mrs. M. A. Cuthbertson, an aunt of Miss McNayr, stayed with her for several nights up to this week.

The meeting of the Hope circle, Miss McNayr's Sunday school class, postponed their meeting to have been held on Friday evening of last week, both on account of her illness and also, as the Littleton correspondent applied termed it, "on account of the disturbing elements in nature."

Mrs. R. H. Lawson is one of the latest victims of the prevailing epidemic, being slightly ill this week.

The Ladies' Aid society, with Mrs. E. B. Handley as chairman, will serve a dinner on Wednesday, March 24, in the large vestry of the Methodist church at twelve o'clock. A special table will be arranged for clerks at 11:30. The menu will consist of cold ham, mashed potato, rolls, baked beans with relishes, and the usual line of pastries. An Easter sale will begin at three o'clock and continue through the evening. The booth of fancy articles will be in charge of Mrs. M. A. Cuthbertson and Mrs. Sylvester, and the aprons in charge of Mrs. Shepherdson. Something unusual is promised for the entertainment to commence at eight o'clock. There is to be a farce by local talent and selections by a male quartet and also by a female quartet, and instrumental music.

O. M. Nash was out on Tuesday for the first time since his illness with the grippe, his wife also having been restricted to her home during the winter. John McDonald and daughter Millie came from Clinton on Friday of last week to visit his brother, Peter J. McDonald, Nashua street, who has been suffering from stomach trouble and under treatment at the Nashua hospital by advice of Dr. Hazard of Hollis.

Mrs. H. Beecher Cotton and daughter Mamie were Lowell shoppers on Monday. Harry Loring closed his rooms at the Miner house at the Center last week, where he has been gathering antique furniture, and returned to his home in Elmira, N. Y.

Improvements and repairs are in progress at Twin Valley farm, both in the house and barn, under the direction of the present occupant, Isaac S. Whiting.

With the recent arrival of convalescent soldiers at the Homestead house is nearly filled to capacity, twenty-two being the number at the opening of this season.

The premier of the local branch, American Red Cross, is Dana O. Merrill, taking the place of Charles H. Jewett, who resigned his position when about to start on his California trip.

Miss Lydia Waite, of the Nashua River Paper Company's office force, returned to her duties last week after several days' illness from measles at her home.

Charles A. Pillsbury, formerly of this town, was a visitor here on Monday, coming from Concord, N. H., where he had been visiting his sister while having a two-weeks' vacation from his work as foreman of the farm at the state sanatorium in Middleboro. He went from Concord to Nashua, N. H., to visit the sister of Mrs. Pillsbury, Mrs. A. D. Reed, who resides in the Crown hill part of the city.

Mrs. Eleanor Hayward, the well-known nurse for twenty-five years past in this vicinity, is recovering very slowly from her illness and fall of two weeks ago. Her son, Frank Hayward, who has been in the hospital in Franklin, but was unable to remain long, and his mother was in no condition to be moved. His daughter, a young lady of about sixteen, accompanied him, and is still staying with her grandmother and caring for her, with assistance of the district nurse and neighbors and friends. Mrs. Hayward is still confined to the bed, seemingly very weak, and her advanced age is not in her favor for immediate recovery, although it is hoped that she may rally with warmer weather.

Mr. Rivers, of South Cushing, Me., who has been spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Ernest Melville, returned home the latter part of this week. His work in the shipyard at Thomaston is expected to commence as soon as spring opens.

Mrs. J. Edward Clement returned to her duties in the office of Rowell's grain store, Monday, after an enforced vacation of about four weeks at her home in town.

Carl Pillsbury, who will be remembered by his associates of the high school of three years ago, is at present at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pillsbury, Middleboro, on the small place recently purchased by them. Carl received his discharge from the navy last year, and at first worked in the garage, but during the winter has been on the railroad with the wrecking crew. He was one of the trainmen who were sent to dig out the passenger train near Campello after the recent blizzard, account of which was noted in the Boston papers. The wrecking train also became stalled in the drifts, and neither train was rescued until they had been working there a day and two nights, and as Carl relates it, they had only two square meals in the whole time, and he is doubtful if they had that in the passenger train.

George Tully, a workman about the auto truck at the Nashua River paper mills, slipped from the running board of the truck last week Friday and sustained a fractured leg, injuring the other leg severely, the rear wheel of

the truck passing over them. He was taken to Nashua immediately, to St. Joseph's hospital, where the extent of the fracture was made apparent by the X-ray and proper aid given to reduce the fracture. Mr. Tully is well known here, and has been in the local business for many years. He has worked at different times for Mr. Parker at the town farm, and for several other farmers in town, and was a faithful workman. He entered the employ of the Nashua River Company to work about the mill yard last fall.

Frederic Wilson has been spending a few days from Dover in his old home on Brookline street with his mother, Mrs. Jessie Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frossard spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. Helen Nodding, and family, in Reading.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Spayne, Tarbell street, Saturday, March 13. Mr. Spayne is the local manager of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company store in town.

The regular program at Prescott Grange on Friday evening, March 12, was postponed as the rain and traveling made so small an attendance possible.

Birds are commencing to find bare spots for feeding and are no longer frequenting the protected grain and places where grain has been fed. Mr. Woodward, Park street, has had a large family of blue jays, woodpeckers, chickadees, sparrows and swallows, and two pheasants, who have benefited by her kindness and have been quite tame. Two deer have also been feeding in the field at the rear of the house on some corn stalks and other dried garden stuff. Grain, hay chaff and bits of suet have also been fed in various parts of the town to keep the birds alive, and John who received a supply of grain from the city, has been traveling on snowshoes to feed the flocks of birds in the woods.

Old Winter, like a veritable Shylock, is exacting the full measure of all his days until the arrival of spring, March 20, although the rain of last Saturday took many of the snow banks.

M. C. Lane and F. D. Bennett attended the Boston auto show on Tuesday, and several other parties during the week.

Mrs. Helen Jay and daughter, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McDonald, returned to their home in Malden on Monday.

Frank Marston, of Charlestown, formerly of Pepperell, is noted as one of those connected with Grange matters, the location of the 54th annual convention of the National Grange for Boston, instead of at Springfield, where they were contesting for the same honor.

The many friends of Mrs. Lucy Page are sorry to hear that after being so well all winter, she is now suffering again from facial neuralgia, which has been very painful.

We note that Little Miss Eleanor Grange of this town has been engaged to give exhibition dancing at the fashion ball to be held in April in Nashua, N. H.

B. J. Milroy and son Henry returned the first of the week from Batavia, Ill., where they have been visiting relatives, including the parents of Mr. Milroy for some weeks.

A merry party of fourteen children and a few adults were invited by Mrs. Lyman Robbins to her home on Pleasant street on Tuesday afternoon to help celebrate the fifth birthday anniversary of the small daughter, Thelma.

The hours were from three to six o'clock and were well filled with play, and the little girls in the shape of games, and the popular peanut hunt. In this contest a souvenir was given impartially to all who took part. Refreshments of ice cream, assorted cakes and wafers were served by the hostess, assisted by Rachel Gagne.

Wilfred Attridge has been in town a part of this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Attridge, Mill street, coming from his duties in New York to attend the funeral services of his brother's wife, Mrs. Thomas Attridge.

Willard Gray was commissioned February 16 as a lieutenant in the aviation section, flying status, signal officers' reserve corps.

A second winner of one of the Boston Post papers among our townsmen is William Gorman of Nashua street. He was, however, only one of the four in the contest and secures only \$25.

Rev. William J. Barry, pastor of St. Joseph's church for the past six years, received from the cardinal an appointment as pastor of the church of the Assumption, East Boston, and left for his new field of labor on Thursday. His sister, Miss Margaret Barry, left on the preceding day, and their personal effects and articles for their home left on Wednesday also, by express. Mrs. Barry is being heartily appreciated by the people of his pastorate and the townspeople generally. He was particularly liked by the boys enlisting and sent by the draft into service, as he took much interest in their welfare. The pastor succeeded him in town is Rev. John V. Cronin, who has been assistant at St. Matthew's church in Dorchester. St. Joseph's will be his first pastorate.

Wedding Anniversary

The twenty-seventh wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Kennedy, of New York and Pepperell, was celebrated by the former place and party. Fifteen invited guests attended the theatre to witness the production of one of Mr. Kennedy's plays, and were afterward entertained at a lunch at their hotel, the LaFrance. There were elaborate decorations of roses and lilies, favors and menu. Their guests included relatives and friends from Brooklyn and Jersey City, among them Mrs. John King and her two daughters, who will be remembered by many here; also, Mrs. Hugstrom and Mrs. M. J. Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy has made mention of the fact that the Misses King have made a great hit in parts taken with Fritz Schaff in Giordana during the season, their press notices being only second to those of the star, which will be pleasing news to their friends.

The recipient of many beautiful gifts of cut glass and linen on the occasion of the anniversary.

Letter from the South.

A welcome glimpse of life in the "sunny south" comes to us through a communication from Mrs. Thomas Benner, from Montgomery, Ala. She has received three letters and papers, evidently, some knowledge of the kind of winter we have been experiencing, yet she adds that she was

brought up in "good old New England," and was too well acquainted with it not to wish for an "occasional snowstorm." And just here we might suggest that an "occasional" one would be most welcome here, better than the continuous storms we have had. Mrs. Benner mentions that they have joined the Arlan Music club of the city, thereby finding many delightful friends, and are enjoying the fine programs. Mr. Benner recently attended the National Educational convention in Cleveland, Ohio, as one of the representatives of Alabama, which he found an excellent opportunity to meet many of his former Massachusetts friends, among the foremost educational men of the country. He especially enjoyed the Harvard banquet, especially arranged as a "get-together" of the Harvard men.

In the midst of all their social life, however, it would seem that neither Mr. Benner or his wife have quite forgotten Pepperell and their friends here, when among the cotton mill workers he had opportunity of meeting the many people of foreign birth, principally of Polish nationality. He also had excellent chance for observation while pastor of the church in New York, witnessing the appointment to make an industrial survey, and speaks now of making many friends among the people of foreign birth.

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Secondly, he spoke on the industrial situation, the reception of the new wave of speaking of the evil of "company stores," bad housing and unsanitary conditions. Speaking of the social reception, he pointed out that by most people the foreigner was taken advantage of, that they felt the industrial situation, the standards of living, literacy, and political background, all of which he claimed tended toward a hatred of any authorized government.

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The speaker of the afternoon, Rev. B. W. Rust, had the attention of his audience during the hour that he spoke on the subject now uppermost in the thoughts of many, "Our recent social crisis and the way out." The speaker had gathered much valuable information and presented it in condensed, attractive form, giving a thorough-going treatise on the topic. His facts were gathered both by study of the situation, and from personal observation, having had four years' pastorate in the Hampton Falls, N. H., where, when among the cotton mill workers he had opportunity of meeting the many people of foreign birth, principally of Polish nationality. He also had excellent chance for observation while pastor of the church in New York, witnessing the appointment to make an industrial survey, and speaks now of making many friends among the people of foreign birth.

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