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LITTLETON

News Items.
Mrs. C. A. Kimball was pleasantly entertained at luncheon by Mrs. E. Elmer Kimball, and with her attended the Worcester Woman's club dramatics on Wednesday.

Guy Green's family are all sick, excepting himself. Wentworth has bronchial pneumonia, from which he is recovering; the little girl has bronchitis, and Mrs. Green is suffering from fallen arches. A nurse, Miss Wright, is in attendance.

Mrs. Giles A. Barber is convalescing and it is hoped will come home from St. John's hospital in Lowell by Sunday, March 3.

The Merry Go Round club will meet on March 11 with Mrs. Myrtle F. Houghton. A costume party for Friday, March 27, is now being planned.

The Back-Log club Sunset party was all that had been anticipated in

the way of success last Saturday afternoon and evening. There was a large party, a great many of whom were children. They certainly made a most beautiful spectacle in the ballroom in their dainty and many colored dresses, brilliant ribbons and neatly slipped feet. About two hundred sat down to a bountiful supper and there a good company to dance in the evening. It is reported that approximately \$10 was netted and certainly everyone seemed to have a good time.

Miss H. A. Pratt of Waltham was the guest of Miss M. H. Kimball on Tuesday.

Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb is spending a week with her son Herbert and family in Waterbury, Conn.

Mr. Leighton of Taylor street was taken to Tewksbury, this week to undergo treatment.

The Woman's club held a very interesting meeting at Mrs. Charles A. Kimball's Monday afternoon. There was a good number present in spite of

bad traveling. Mrs. Hartwell presided over the business. A much appreciated musical program was nicely given by Misses Tenney and Flagg, who played a duet on the piano and by Miss Katherine Kimball, who played violin solo, accompanied by Miss Sanderson. Mrs. W. L. Ripley was introduced by Mrs. Charles Kimball of the legislative committee and responded very happily in a very able address on "Women in Industry." She was heard with keenest interest and received a rising vote of thanks at the conclusion of her discourse.

The Historical society had a most interesting program last Saturday afternoon. Richard Dodge gave a number of his experiences and observations in his service in aviation to a very attentive audience that would gladly have listened to him for an hour longer. Another speaker who wishes the name withheld, gave an intensely interesting paper on a local subject that was enthusiastically received and several gifts and Mr. Priest's legal document bearing Queen Victoria's seal were exhibited. A few matters of business were voted on. Vice president E. B. Priest presided as President Harwood was unable to be present.

If you have anything to sell by auction try William F. Fitzgerald, auctioneer, Ayer. Three-years' experience.

Auto Wrecked.

The Dell Dale farm auto truck with 175 cans of milk and eight boxes of apples en route for Camp Devens came to grief on Wednesday morning when the 5.22 express train bound for Boston struck the truck on New Estate railroad crossing and tore it into kindling wood. The truck, owned by F. T. Hutchinson, was driven by an employee, who, finding it stalled just as he crossed, tried his level best to clear the crossing before the arrival of the on-coming train. His foot, however, was on the brake when the auto stopped, and there was abso-

lutely nothing to be done but stop the train if possible. The flagman is reported as having run away up to the curve and flagging. The engineer stopped as soon afterwards as he could, probably, but not until the truck was in a very bad way. The apples and cans thrown in all directions. Some of the cans found were perfectly flat, others were badly jammed, and some were in good condition and still filled with milk.

E. A. Flagg was called on to carry the remaining cans of milk to camp and since Wednesday a truck from Camp Devens has been running with milk to Ayer as Mr. Hutchinson has been away this week, and unable to make new arrangements for the transportation of the milk.

TOWNSEND

Center.

At the Grange on Monday evening a Washington and Lincoln program was presented in charge of Mrs. Mary Spring. Readings on Washington were given by Mrs. Emma Seaver and Mrs. Margaret Wilson, and a sketch of Lincoln was given by Mrs. Hattie Misenner. A piano solo was finely rendered by Albert G. Seaver and a reading in prose of Washington's life was given by Mrs. Spring, with interlude songs illustrated on the piano by Mr. Seaver. During the evening Supt. Knight gave a brief talk explaining the need of a temporary dentist in town to look after the teeth of the school children. The matter has also been brought to the attention of the Parent-Teacher association, and Fred D. Briggs, manager of the Middlesex County Bureau, gave a talk on the subject before the Red Cross branch at their recent meeting.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject will be "Moral and physical health."

The school board has elected John H. Buchelder, of Concord, N. H., as principal of the high school, and he will enter upon his duties Monday. The work of Frank Altman, a student of Maine university, who has been serving as substitute principal since the resignation of C. Ross, has been both excellent and satisfactory, and he has also been greatly respected by his pupils and has gained many friends in town during his teaching period, who express sincere wishes for his future success. Mr. Altman returns to his home in Lawrence for the present.

Deaths.

Seldom is a small community called to sustain a greater loss, through death, than came to Townsend when the word was received Thursday evening that their fellow townsman and life long resident, Henry Burton Hildreth, had passed to the higher life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph O. Reed at Manchester, N. H., where he and his wife were spending the winter. Mr. Hildreth had been in failing health since last summer gradually growing weaker until the end came peacefully.

The body was brought to Townsend by auto hearse Sunday afternoon and the funeral services held from his late home at 1:30 o'clock. His pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers, officiated. F. B. Higgins and Miss Hattie Sanders sang, "Lead me gentle saviour all the way" and "Jesus as thou wilt." The profusion of flowers from friends and organizations were an expression of the esteem in which he was held by the public. The bearers were two brothers from the church, G. L. Whitcomb and A. S. Howard, two from the Masons, T. E. Flarity and G. A. Wilder, and two from the Odd Fellows, Gilbert Estes and W. Swinnington. Interment was in the Hillside cemetery.

Mr. Hildreth was born in Groton, March 26, 1833, and was one of a family of ten children, the son of the late Levi and Adeline (Conant) Hildreth of this town. When about twenty years of age he came to Townsend and worked at the cooper's trade with his late brother John. Afterward he clerked for W. P. Taylor at the brick store and also in the Joshua Page store. After the death of Mr. Page he and his brother Charles joined him in partnership. After a few years Henry Hildreth went into business for himself at the brick store. Later he became postmaster, the office being located in the store and later at the present postoffice building. Mr. Hildreth had been connected with the office of postmaster for thirty years with the exception of the two terms during the Cleveland administration, since 1886, when he worked with the late W. P. Taylor then postmaster. He was first appointed postmaster during the Harrison administration and Postmaster General John Wanamaker, was reappointed under McKinley, reappointed twice by Roosevelt and once by Taft.

During his term of service the postal savings bank was introduced and the rural free delivery started. It was said of him at the time of his retirement that no office had had more efficient service than that under the administration of Mr. Hildreth and he retired with the appreciation and good-will of every patron of the office, realizing the service he had rendered the public.

He deceased was a director of the Townsend National Bank, trustee of the Savings Bank of Fitchburg, a notary public and for twelve years secretary of St. Paul Masonic lodge at Ayer, charter member of the Townsend Grange, past grand of North Star I. O. O. F. and member of E. A. Spaulding Eschscholtz lodge and for forty-eight years a member of the Orthodox Congregational church, in all of which he was actively loyal.

He was a man of much general information and had always been greatly interested in the affairs of the town and in all movements tending to promote the welfare of the community, its moral, educational and business interests, honorably serving the town on the school board and other town committees and was always highly respected in social and business circles for his strict integrity and good judgment.

Mr. Hildreth was twice married. September 5, 1850, he married Miss Mary Hart of this town, who died May 13, 1865. January 22, 1871, he married Miss Susan Hartwell of Shirley Center, who survives him. He is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ralph O. Reed of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. Frank T. Shirley of Swampscott, and by two sisters, Mrs. James Woolley of East Boston and Mrs. Albert E. Turner of this town, who is spending the winter in Orlando, Fla., and by one brother, Charles W. Hildreth, of this town.

In the passing of Henry B. Hildreth

from our midst the town loses one of her most respected citizens and words are inadequate to express the grief at the loss of so splendid a character, but the memory of his helpful personality will ever be precious in the hearts of all who knew him.

Private Leland Hartwell Woods, a member of the American Army of Occupation, died in Germany recently according to an announcement from the war department in Washington, conveyed in a telegram received by his father this week. The telegram read as follows: "Deeply regret informing you, message from abroad states, Private Leland Hartwell Woods, Marine Corps, died February 7 of bronchial pneumonia. No particulars are available, but see general information mailed you later. Accept my heartfelt sympathy in your loss of one who readily offered his life in the service

of his country.—(Signed) George Bennett, Major General Commandant."

If the young man had lived he would have been twenty-two years old the next day, February 8. He was born in Hollis, N. H., but had lived in Townsend since his early childhood, attending our public schools and graduating from the high school in the class of 1915, and it is remembered his essay subject, "Scientific management and labor efficiency," and his delivery of same received merited praise at the time.

Private Woods enlisted in the Marines last June and received his training at Paris Island, S. C., and was doing guard duty at Brest at the time the armistice was signed, when he joined the army of occupation, and was at Honningan on the Rhine when he died from pneumonia. Private Woods was a young man of good habits and well liked among his asso-

ciates. He was a member of Rev. A. L. Struthers' class in Sunday school and was also a member of the Odd Fellows in Hudson, N. H.

The sincere sympathy of the entire community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Woods, who although they deeply feel the loss of Leland from the home circle, they give loyal expression of their feelings in the words of the poem:

The little flag in our house
Will wave and wave and wave
Until our boy comes home again.
Or finds in France his grave.
Ray—their blue star turns to gold,
Because of War's grim chance,
It still shall wave to say; Thank God
We've got a boy in France!

A gold star will be placed on the Congregational church service flag for Private Woods, beside the other two stars, representing the boys, Private James Keen and Franz Miller, from the church who also died on the field of honor.

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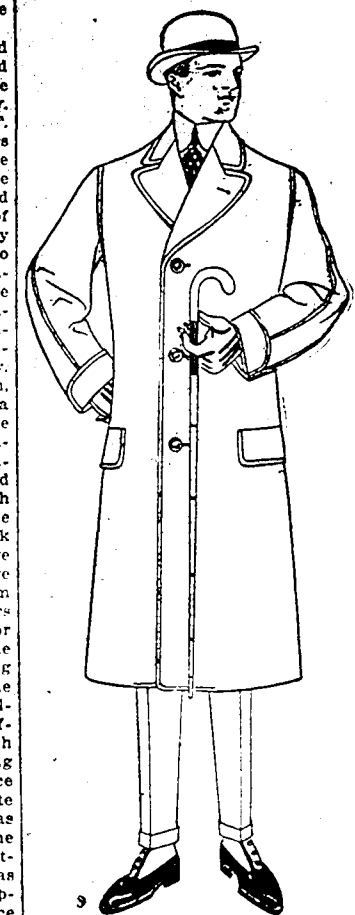
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WESTFORD

Center.
The private funeral services of Edward A. Hamlin were held from his late home on Friday morning of last week at 10.30 o'clock. Rev. L. H. Buckhorn was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were Fred Burbeck, Robert Prescott, Oscar R. Spalting and Alec Fisher. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

At the Unitarian church on next Tuesday afternoon, the Tadnuck club will observe their annual children's day, with Mrs. A. H. Sutherland as hostess. An attractive program is being planned, and each member may bring one child under twelve years of age. Two young girls, seniors at Lowell Normal school, Miss Helen Thibault and Miss Beryl Fradd, will entertain with a story-telling hour. There will be folk dances and games and Miss Edith A. Wright, of the Frost school will assist with this part of the program.

The holiday was a quiet one in this village, there being no special observance of the day, and affairs going on much as usual. Westford was represented at the sunset party at Littleton.

Sunday's snowstorm came as somewhat of a surprise, and for a time threatened to bother the branch line electric. Road Superintendent McDonald went over the tracks with the scraper, after which the car kept to schedule. For winter scenery Sunday morning was beautiful. The storm affected the church services. Both services were maintained at the Congregational church, although with small attendance.

The faithful workers of the Red Cross branch conclude this week's work. The last large consignment of relief garments was practically completed at Wednesday's all-day meeting with Mrs. H. Hildreth and Mrs. G. W. Goods in charge. Mrs. John Feeny, Sr., was hostess for the noon luncheon.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Greig is seriously sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. Nellie E. Carlin is seriously sick with pneumonia, and a trained nurse is in attendance. Her daughter, Mrs. Marie M. Carlin, of Providence, R. I., is with her mother, taking care of the household. Warren E. Carlin has also been housed two weeks with sickness, but is on the gain.

Miss Florence Barnard, of Brookline, came up for the holiday to see her mother, Mrs. Annie Barnard, spending the winter with Mrs. Willis Hildreth.

The little son of Mrs. Gretchen Kehler, aged 10, was seriously injured in a coasting accident, is much improved and has been able to leave the hospital in Boston, where he has been since his accident.

At its last meeting the board of selectmen appointed Miss Agnes Weir, of Cohasset, public health nurse for the town. Miss Weir has been public health nurse for the town of Cohasset for the past five years and comes well recommended by the state board, also by Mayor Sprague, who is in charge of the extra cantonment zone of Camp Devens, and Miss Eva Crockett, who is now acting as public health nurse for the time under the direction of the U. S. government. Miss Weir will commence her duties here on April 1. At the annual town meeting \$1500 was voted for a public health nurse.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. O. L. Brownsey's subject will be "Moses' great discovery." At the evening service the first in a series of three "Pilgrim lectures" will be given. "Foregains of liberty." There will be the usual half-hour of singing at the evening service in charge of Mrs. Wright. Communion will follow the morning service.

About Town.
At the last meeting of the Grange five dollars was voted as a contribution towards the Near East relief fund. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 6, when the following will be demonstrated: "How I would run a farm if I were a man," Edna Sargent; "How I would run a house if I were a woman," William R. Taylor.

The next meeting of Middlesex-North Pomona Grange will be held in Odd Fellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, next week Friday. The program is not yet arrived from its hiding, but it is anything like the last meeting as we expect it will be a real meeting. The afternoon will be open to the public.

The Agricultural papers report plowing in some sections of New Jersey. That beats me and us folks who have only advanced as far as getting the plow into the field, ready for a start.

Frederick A. Hanson, being on the Tadnuck road, sold excess to the value of \$11.25 during the month of January from 132 hens. The only objection to so large a hen income is a release from the annoyances of an income tax.

Mrs. Harry M. Lynch was called to Nashua last week by the illness and death of her father, Charles H. Mitchell, who died in Nashua last week Monday at the age of sixty-two years. He was born in Lowell, Mass., and leaves his wife, his aged father, Henry G. Mitchell, a son, Gilbert E. Mitchell, all of Nashua, and a daughter, Mrs. Harry M. Lynch, of Westford. His first wife, Clara L. Reed, was a native of Westford, well known to many of the older residents.

The annual farmers' week and corn show at the Massachusetts Agricultural college, Amherst, will be held March 17-23. The more than one hundred valuable prizes will be awarded. If you wish a ribbon or two apply to Prof. Earl Jones, Amherst, and you will be ribboned proportionate to corn.
Gustafson Ellason, of Brookside Corner, has just returned from the severe fighting zones of France. With-

out water or food for several days, gassed and burned with liquid fire, with the signing of the armistice he was allowed to sign for Brookside, where there is not even a ruffie of a mill strike.

The W. C. T. U. met last week with Mrs. C. T. Wright with a full attendance with national prohibition as a congratulatory contributing factor.
The Woman's Branch Alliance and Sewing circle connected with the First Parish church will hold the next meeting on Saturday afternoon, March 8. Miss Anstrice G. Flanders will read a paper, subject to be announced.

Appointments Made.

At a meeting of the selectmen on Thursday evening of last week, the following appointments were made: Albert A. Hildreth, sealer of weights and measures; John W. O'Brien, John Spinner, Charles H. Pickering, Alonzo H. Sutherland, Alexander G. Lundberg, Leonard W. Wheeler, William E. Wright, Isaac L. Hall, arresting officers and keepers of the seals of peace generally; Etta W. Fletcher, J. Willard Fletcher, Sherman H. Fletcher, Harold L. Wright, Eva F. Payne, weighers of coal; Edward T. Hanley, William R. Taylor, Rudolph Haberman, Arthur L. Healy, J. Austin Healy, Fred A. Healy, John A. Healy, Charles H. Pickering, Emory J. Whitney, Frank Willey, Frank L. Furbush, Frederick A. Snow, J. Clarence Burne, public weighers; Alec McDonald, superintendent of streets; Wesley O. Hawkes, agent for burial of deceased soldiers and sailors; Samuel H. Balch, compensation agent; Alfred W. Hartford, registrar of voters; Samuel H. Balch, janitor of town house; Charles S. Ripley, keeper of lock-up; Joseph Wall, fish and game warden; Frederick R. Ripley, J. Austin Healy, Charles S. Ripley, field drivers; Alec Fisher, William E. Wright, Charles A. Blodgett, fence viewers; Edward Fisher, town surveyor; Harry L. Nesmith, moth superintendent and forest warden; culler of hoops and staves and other minor offices are yet to be produced.

Forge Village.
The Ladies' Sewing circle held a bean and salad supper at St. Andrew's mission on Washington's birthday. Conspicuous among the many good things were the well-known Washington pies. A large number were present and after the supper enjoyed the program arranged by the Sewing circle. The affair was a financial success.
Miss Marion Blodgett, of Medford, spent the week-end here at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John Edwards.
Mrs. Elmer E. Nutting is seriously ill at her home.
All the members of the Ladies' Sewing circle attended the Merrimack State Theatre, Tuesday, leaving here about noon.
John Venn and Miss Annie Orr were the soloists at the movies last week.

Firm Entertains.
The members of the firm of the Abbot Worsted Company entertained the overseers and office force at an informal luncheon at Abbot hall on last week Friday noon. The guests included the overseers from the Graniteville mill and John Abbot, president of the Abbot Worsted Company, and Edward M. Wilson and Fred Naylor. The soloists were Robert McCarthy and Thomas Kelley, with everyone joining in the choruses. A recitation was given by William Baker.

It is of interest to know that quite a number of those present have been in the employ of the Abbot Worsted Company for over thirty years, and the engineer, James Sullivan, has rounded out nearly fifty-two years with the same firm. James Sullivan went to work when nine years of age at the Graniteville mill, and with the exception of four summers which he spent working in the quarries, has been in the mills. He was the first to run the engine in Graniteville and came up here to start this plant some years later, where he has been ever since. Mr. Sullivan commands the respect of those who know him, and his pleasant smile can always be counted upon.

Fred Sweat, the master mechanic, has been in the firm over forty years, and Albert Choate, who acts in the same capacity for the Graniteville mill, has also remained with the same firm about forty years.

Returned from Overseas.

Lieut. Albert E. Jones, 11th Infantry, has recently arrived from overseas and is now visiting with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, and numerous other relatives. Lieut. Jones saw service in Mexico before going across with the famous 28th Division. He had been wounded four times and gassed once. It was while in the St. Mihiel drive that he was wounded. He was in the front of the fight until the end of the war.
It was on September 12 that the men under his command received the word to go over the top at 5.30 a. m. The men had just been paid and had no time to prepare their valises in the trenches for some time and were expecting a few days off. However, the drive started and one hour later Lieut. Jones was shot in the hip. He remained all that day and part of the next before he was discovered. It was found that his month's pay was in his pocket and everything of value belonging to him was missing. He remained in the hospital until he was brought over on a hospital ship to New York about four weeks ago.
Lieut. Jones is very modest when speaking about himself, but speaks in the highest terms of the Red Cross nurses and the Salvation Army. He carries four wound stripes and has been decorated for bravery. He carries two of the wound stripes in his pocket, he said it saves him from answering questions.
Mrs. Jones and her two small children are also visiting here, and spent the first of the week at the home of Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. "Mae" Blodgett, of the Ridge. They will return to their home in Worcester the last of the week. Lieut. Jones has been given a better position with the same firm in Worcester where he was employed before going over to settle the big dispute.

Graniteville.
The snowstorm of Sunday came as a great surprise, as many here were beginning to think we were to escape for the remainder of the winter any such snowstorm. It surely made a beautiful sight while it lasted.

Paul George, of Boston, who is now assistant engineer in the United States Merchant Marine, has been a recent visitor here. He has just finished a four-year enlistment in the navy, the last six months of which was spent in the war zone on the U. S. Destroyer Stevens.
Mrs. Hannah E. Harrington, who has been absent in Tewksbury for the past few weeks, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Harrington.
J. A. Healy and his sister, Miss Mary A. Healy, have recently returned from a delightful trip spent with relatives in the Province of Quebec, Canada.

The members of Court Graniteville, F. of A., held a well attended and interesting meeting in the rooms on the second floor Thursday evening. Much business of importance was transacted, and several applications for membership were received. The court also voted at this time to give a cash prize to the one who would bring in the most members during the next four months. The campaign is waiting the return of a member who will be active from now until the first meeting night in July, when the contest closes. Court Graniteville is also planning on holding a ladies' night, to be given at a later date.

Mrs. Carl Hanson has recently returned from a brief visit spent with friends in Philadelphia, Pa., and other adjacent points.
Word has recently been received here of the death of Mrs. Mary A. Quinn, widow of the late Thomas Quinn, who died in Worcester on Thursday, February 20. She formerly resided in this village and was well and favorably known. Her age was sixty-seven years. She is survived by three sons, John W. Lawrence, Edward J. of North Andover, and Edward J., of Boston; two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Flynn, of Forge Village, and Mrs. Frank L. Furbush, of Graniteville. The funeral took place from St. Patrick's church, Lowell, last Saturday morning at nine o'clock. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, Lowell.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherman have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Gilroy.
The members of Cameron Circle, C. of F. of A., held a well attended meeting in their rooms on Tuesday evening.
Private Joseph Pelkey, a Graniteville boy, a member of the famous 28th Yankee Division, has recently returned from France and has received his honorable discharge from Camp Devens. Private Pelkey has seen lots of action in the world war. He was gassed in one battle, and last July received a shrapnel wound in the left arm that sent him to the hospital. This took place at Chateau Thierry. He considers himself lucky, however, for his two comrades on each side of him were killed. He says that the Germans were never the equal of the Americans in fighting. They were all right when they had the enemy by a three-to-one advantage, but put them man to man and they would yell "Kamerad" every time. Private Pelkey will make his home with his father here and is anxiously awaiting the return of the rest of his comrades of the 28th Division, when he will join them in the big parade to be pulled off in Boston.

LITTLETON

News Items.
The Alliance will meet in the Unitarian vestry on Friday for its all-day dinner on to three o'clock. Dinner will be served at the noon hour, and at roll call every person present is expected to answer with some quotation or by relating some experience or telling of some book that has been read. In the afternoon Rev. Henry T. Seerist, of the War Camp Community Service, will give an address, telling especially of his work with the Tank Corps at Gettysburg, Pa. All women of the parish are urged to be present.

The sermon at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning will be on the subject of "Health—public, private and social," a topic that is being urged for public presentation at this time by at least three national organizations connected with the national government. It is a theme we would do well to consider at any time, but so much has been learned from the experience of the war that its presentation now seems especially timely.
Littleton's contribution for the Near East relief fund as reported at the headquarters in Lowell this week was only about half made up. Many have not contributed at all as yet, as the appeals have been made chiefly through the churches, but all should feel that we have a debt of honor to pay to the people of Armenia and Syria who have given their all for the war, and surely the small amount asked from Littleton is a very small thing when we recall the hunger of the women and the fear in the eyes of little children. Don't wait to be solicited for further gifts, but give or send what you can spare to some one of the ministers or to George Cook of the Red Cross.

The committee to look into town hall sanitation is sending circulars to many voters this week explaining the reasons of sewerage disposal it will be necessary to adopt. Those receiving them are asked to study them carefully, make all inquiries of any member of committee they can reach, and come to the town meeting ready to make a good proposition in advance.
Lieut. Albert B. Conant arrived here the first of the week, having returned from his honorable discharge. Sergeant W. Griffiths was transferred to Camp Devens and from there received his honorable discharge, arriving home the middle of last week. Dr. H. B. Priest is expected home the first of April.
Mrs. A. M. Parker of Framingham has spent a week or ten days with her sister at W. E. Conant's.
Miss Elizabeth Brown of Wellesley came home for the week-end. Miss Jeanne of Boston was the week-end guest of her grandparents, the W. H. Tonney's.

HARVARD

News Items.
The Grange will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, March 5. The work will be the Harvard degree and as is customary a supper will be served following this degree. The Ladies degree team, Mrs. M. Ripley, master, will confer the third degree. Visiting patrons welcome.

The Ladies' Picnic club will hold their winter picnic on Friday evening, March 7. Supper will be served at 7.30 p. m. in the lower hall. The entertainment will be in the upper hall.

The Unitarian Men's club will hold their next meeting on Sunday evening, March 2, at the town hall. Supper will be served at eight o'clock. Prof. J. C. Graham of the Massachusetts Agricultural college will address the meeting. His subject, "Poultry in small flocks," will be of special interest. The public are invited to this lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Remick have moved into their old home on the Williams' farm into the tenement vacated by Joseph Spooner.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Keyes

charged, the same to be placed in the camping fund for next summer. The mock trial will be given on that occasion.

Rev. F. W. Lambertson's subject for next Sunday will be "Recruiting the prisoners."

G. A. Cook was soloist at the Congregational church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Titcomb of Boston spent the week-end with his mother and his brother and wife.

Norman Bonnell came home for the holiday and Sunday.

Robert Booker was the week-end guest of his cousins, Charles Yapp and family.

Mrs. Ruth Rice and children of Rosendale have visited her mother, Mrs. John H. Kimball, lately.

M. L. Wetherbee is the new janitor of the town hall.

Charles F. Flagg has recently installed electric lights in his house.

The King's Daughters will meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Hartwell.

The United Workers will hold their March meeting with Mrs. C. A. Kimball on the afternoon of March 5.

A reminder—a whist party, under the auspices of the Catholic Mission, will be held in the lower town hall on Saturday evening, March 1, at which a small admission fee will be charged. Refreshments will be served.

Harry and Raymond Smith spent Sunday with their Littleton relatives.

Near East Drive.

The drive for sufferers in the Near East, viz: the Armenians and other peoples of Mesopotamia, has resulted locally in raising the following sum: \$197.00 from the Congregational church, \$77 from the Unitarian and \$50 from the Baptist church as reported to date, Wednesday. G. A. Cook and Revs. Fairfield, Lambertson and Caulkins attended the inspiring meeting of the campaign workers held in Memorial hall, Lowell, Monday night, and were cheered by the ardent appeals for these suffering people to whom America owes a debt of honor. Otto Hoekmeyer, campaign chairman, announced that the drive will continue until the quota is completed in this district. Mrs. R. S. Emrich, as the speaker of the evening, gave a powerful, inspiring talk. She and her husband have been in Mesopotamia since 1905.

Dirty Politics.

We have read from time to time with ever increasing disgust, attacks on the president and criticisms of his conduct in Europe by the supposed representatives of the people at Washington until we have begun to wonder if there could be any situation serious enough or any work important enough to cause the professional politician to forget for a moment partisan politics and conduct himself for a brief season decently and sensibly.

We never cast a vote for Woodrow Wilson and have no reverence for the democratic party, but we are not so hide-bound politically that we cannot give the man credit for honesty of purpose and a firm desire to do all in his power in the present world crisis to bring about a lasting peace that will be a great blessing to this country and the whole world as well.

The president will have been, since he started for Europe, accused of about everything from a personal ambition to be in the limelight to the encouragement of Bolshevism. We believe these accusations one and all are without foundation and inspired by jealousy and hate.

In our humble opinion the president has conducted himself during his stay in Europe like a gentleman and a scholar and has shown a wonderful facility in a very difficult position for saying the right thing at the right time.

It would seem that any self respecting American ought to be proud that the man the people chose to fill the highest office in the land should be so honored, respected and looked up to by all the nations of Europe and it is a singular verification of the scripture "A prophet is not without honor in his own country and his own place," that members of our own congress, also elected by the people, should do everything possible to hamper the work and belittle the motives of the president on his difficult mission.

Of course all these congressional squabbles were cabled across and greatly heated all energies of the League of Nations.

It seems to be coming out that the rabid and partisan criticisms of the president in congress and the partisan press have encouraged the hair brained and anarchistic elements in this country to proceed with their devilry. It will be strange if we do not see some disagreeable results of the lead given by our lawmakers.

are to move to Allerton farm on May 1. Mr. Keyes is to enter the employ of the Misses Cushman as town manager in place of H. A. Skillings, who goes to live on his farm in Bethel, Me.

Herman Thomas has received his discharge from the military service and has entered the employ of the Edison Electric Co. of Waltham.

Miss Rachel Farnsworth and a party of girl friends from the Sargent school spent last week-end and over Sunday at home here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Cobb open their home at "Questend," on Oak hill for the season this week Saturday.

The postoffice was broken into last week Friday night, entrance being made through a window. Only a small amount was stolen.

Mrs. Margaret Fuller, who has been at Fruit Acres for the past week, returned on Thursday to her Hartford, Conn., home. Mrs. Thayer accompanied her home and will visit there for a few days.

The Red Cross will meet with the King's Daughters on Thursday, March 6, in the Congregational vestry, for an all-day sewing meeting. Basket lunch. There will be no Red Cross meeting on Friday, March 7.

At the motion picture show this Saturday evening, the cowboy actor, Tom Mix, will be seen in "Ace high." Tom Mix has been a cowboy nearly all his life. Daring horsemanship will be seen and shooting in all positions. Pathé News and Mutt and Jeff cartoon.

New Advertisements

Groton, Mass., Feb. 12, 1919. To the Middlesex County Commissioners:
Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Groton, in said County, that Pleasant Street, Elm Street, and the road known as Farmer's Row, also the continuation of said Farmer's Row, past the district school and past the residence of James F. Culver, to the Ayer town line, are in need of relocation and specific repairs.

Wherefore, we pray you will relocate said roads and direct specific repairs thereon.

FRANK A. TORREY, and fifteen others.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.
At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge on the seventeenth day of February, A. D. 1919.

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 Town Hall, in Groton in said County of Middlesex, on Thursday the twentieth day of March, A. D. 1919, at 10.15 A. M., by serving the Clerk of the town of Groton, with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in the Lowell Courier-Citizen, a newspaper printed at Lowell, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, after which by publishing in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper printed at Ayer, three weeks successively, and by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Groton fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.
Copy of petition and order thereon.
Attest:
WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.
A true copy of petition and order thereon.
ALBERT A. FILEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed from Joseph H. Coleman to the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank, dated August 24, 1918, and recorded with Middlesex Southern District Deeds, in book 4050, page 544, and for the breach of the condition of said mortgage deed, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described, on Monday, March 10, 1919, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the real estate conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:
A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Ashby, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on the southerly side of the State Road leading from Ashby to Fitchburg, and bounded as described as follows:

Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof at a stone post on the State Road; thence southerly on land of the Orthodox Congregational Church in Ashby and land now or late of William Partridge, to land now or late of David H. Damon; thence easterly by said Damon land; thence southerly by said Damon land by the line of a wall to a corner; thence easterly by land now or late of the estate of F. W. Wright; thence northerly by said last named land to the above named State Road; thence westerly by said State Road to the stone post first mentioned. Containing two acres, more or less.

The premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes or assessments.
TERMS, \$100 in cash at the time and place of sale; and balance within ten days thereafter at the Banking Room of the mortgagee on delivery of deed.
FITCHBURG CO-OPERATIVE BANK, Mortgagee.
By John W. Parshley, Treasurer.

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Office of
CHAS. H. HARDY, Central Ave. Ayer, Mass.
Car due Daily from Fitchburg at 11.30 A. M.
Freight may be shipped to Shirley Loomister, Fitchburg, Worcester Gardner, Athol and other places.

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New 1919 Ford Ton Truck Chassis, delivered..... \$586.23
New 1919 Ford Touring Car, delivered..... \$580.60
Maxwell Touring Car, first-class condition, a bargain..... \$500
1914 Ford Touring Car with Winter Top..... \$275
1914 Touring Car—good one..... \$160
1914 Ford Truck with grocery body..... \$160
1918 Ford Sedan, nearly new..... \$650
New 1916 Ford Radiators..... \$16 and your old radiator

ACCESSORIES
Prestolite Tanks, 3 sizes..... \$1.10, \$2.25, \$2.75
Hassler Shock Absorbers..... \$15 per set
Kelsey Demountable Rims..... \$16 per set, with your wheels
Weed Chains, all sizes..... 10 percent off list price
Radiator Covers, best made..... \$3.75
Mobile Oils, light, medium and heavy 5 gals. \$4, bring your can

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Am authorized to state, under present conditions, there can be no change in prices on Ford cars.

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On Tuesday evening the Methodist church held a mite box opening, supper and social, which was well attended and much enjoyed by all present.

A very heavy snowstorm began on Saturday, continuing with unabated force until two o'clock Sunday afternoon.

All available teams in town have been very busy engaged in hauling logs to the mill, and wood from the woodlots for some time, especially since the heavy snowstorm, as much of it could be reached with sleds a great deal easier than with wagons.

The board of registrars held their final session for the season last week Friday and four names were added to the voting list—Louis R. Damon, Joseph W. Lynds, Orville D. Martin and Manson D. Heath.

The town reports are now ready at the store. Let everyone get their book and be studying up their lesson, for town meeting comes on Monday.

There are several cases of measles in town and most of the victims are quite seriously ill with the disease.

A little daughter came recently to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Q. Emerson. She will bear the very pretty name of Phyllis Lucille.

Miss Fannie C. Graves has returned from her recent visit in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Brown are expected home this week from their sojourn in sunny Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Demers and family have moved from Miss Jennison's cottage into Mrs. A. K. Francis' tenement, near the upper common, in the center of the town.

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John Bell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, is spending a week's furlough with his parents. He was chief electrician on the ill-fated Covington and at the time she was sunk he lost everything. He was in Bristol for a time, then was ordered on board of one of the destroyers, and came home on her several weeks ago, and has been in Philadelphia since he landed.

There was a large attendance at the supper last week. A lighted entertainment given by Miss Morton's pupils, readings by Ralph Hanson and others, and then there were games for young and old.

Charles Keyes has bought a hay-baling machine. He is now baling hay in Groton.

Louis Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, is at home, having been discharged from the hospital in Philadelphia, where he has been for several months as the result of an automobile accident.

Lena Ladd, Ida Clement, Daniel Goodwin and Ernest Woodin were home over the holiday and Sunday.

On account of the severe snowstorm there were but thirty-five at church on Sunday.

Charles Hayden has been drawn as a juror.

There is an article in the town warrant to see if the town will purchase a motor truck for the use of the fire department.

Ensign Harvey Powers has charge of the construction and repair work at the Anacostia naval air station, and will fly only four or five times a month at present. He writes he is very pleasantly situated.

There was a chimney fire at the parsonage on Monday morning.

It is reported that several out of town parties have been in Hollis recently looking over farms with a view to purchasing.

Mrs. George A. Frost, who has been in St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, has returned home.

Miss Lucinda Read, who fell at the teachers' convention in Milford and injured her hip, was taken to a hospital in Nashua last week for an X-ray examination. It was found that the hip bones were crushed together, one being imbedded in the other, but it is thought that though the injury is serious she will get up from it all right.

Henry Maynard had the misfortune to cut his foot while chopping at the Rogers place on Tuesday morning.

Ann Hardy, of Arlington, Mass., has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tenney. Her aunt, Miss Agnes Tenney, returned home with her.

Rodney T. Hardy, of Arlington, Mass., entertained a party of men at his home over the holiday and Sunday.

James Savage, who has just resigned as clerk of the police court in Lowell, after having held the office for thirty-five years, taught school here a good many years ago. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1875, and it was his freshman year that he taught here.

The junior high school class give an entertainment in the town hall on Friday night.

At the meeting of the Woman's club next Monday, at the parsonage, roll call is to be answered by current events, and it is hoped all members will be prepared.

A little son, Kenneth Wilson, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, nee Loraine Bell, February 19, in Fitchburg, Mass.

Little Glenna Foster, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hardy of this town, and daughter of Percy and Louise (Hardy) Foster, celebrated her first birthday on February 15 in Concord. She received a cablegram from her father, who is with the Y. M. C. A. in Archangel, sending greetings.

Mrs. Warren Colburn is confined to the home by illness.

Everett Wentworth has come to work at the Worcester place. He will take the place of Arthur Boulton, who leaves the first of April to go into his own farm, purchased of William O. Weeden.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hardy celebrated their fortieth anniversary on February 20 very quietly, a few friends calling.

There are two Hollis boys coming home in the 25th Division, Luther Turbell and Burton Clement.

Farmers' Institute.

The farmers' institute, mentioned in last week's paper, held Monday, February 24, in co-operation with Hillsborough County Farm Bureau and Hollis Grange, was most interesting and helpful, and many availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the open meetings at the afternoon and evening. The program consisted of music, invocation, Rev. Robert M. French, address of welcome, Nelson Parkhurst, master of Hollis Grange; address, "Problems of the New Hampshire politician," James C. Farmer, deputy commissioner of agriculture; recitation, Rev. Robert M. French; address, "Our opportunities," Mrs. Esther E. Patten, Newton Highlands, Mass.; address, "Apple grading law for New England," Dr. Edward A. Aunio, Jr., Massachusetts Department of Agriculture; evening session, music; address, "What are the new industries?" Carl A. Smith, county agricultural agent; recitation, "The Farmer in Success," J. M. Titus, Rollinsford, a practical and successful farmer; solo, Miss Nelson Parkhurst; address, "The new era in food storage to the agriculturist," by the meeting closed with a prayer, "The Star Spangled Banner."

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Public Service Commission (P.S.C. 227) February 26, 1919

LOCOMOTIVE WHISTLING AT SHIRLEY

The Public Service Commission will give a public hearing at its office, No. 1 Beacon Street, Boston, on Monday, March 10, 1919, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, upon the petition of the selectmen of the town of Shirley and others for the prohibition of whistling of locomotives on the Boston and Maine railroad at certain grade crossings in the town of Shirley.

By order of the Commission, ALLAN BROOKS, Assistant Secretary.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss. Ayer, February 26th A. D. 1919.

Levy on execution, the same having been attached on mesne process, and will be sold on the premises of the Liberty Theatre Apartments, on West Main Street, in said Ayer, by public Auction, on Saturday, March 8th, 1919, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following described property, to wit: 12 Iron Beds, 12 Bed Springs, 12 Mattresses, 12 Chairs, 16 Pillows, 7 Rocking Chairs, 11 Bureaus, 12 Wire Waste Baskets, 11 Toilet Sets, 12 Mats, 8 Stands, 8 Oil Stoves, 4 Iron Cots, 4 Iron Cot Springs, 4 Iron Cot Mattresses, 4 6x9 Art Squares, 4 Brooms, 1 Carpet Sweeper, 1 Floor Mop, 2 Mop Sticks, 4 Galvanized Slop Jars, 1 Floor Brush, 1 Brass Lamp, Fount, 5 Hall Carpet, 24 Window Shades, 11 Pair Over Shades, 2 pair Sash Curtains, 12 Window Screens, 12 Casplidors, 4 Earthen Jugs, 1 Five-Gallon Oil Can, 1 three-foot Step Ladder.

ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of LUCY JANE GOODWIN, late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, JOHN L. BOYNTON the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

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

And said executor is ordered to serve a citation by delivering the same to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court, at Cambridge, this twenty-fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

Amos D. Mahony REGISTERED EMBALMER AND FUNERAL DIRECTOR

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of PETER F. SAIGONY who died in Ayer in said County in the month of March A. D. 1918, and in said County of Middlesex to be administered, and not leaving a known widow or heir in this Commonwealth, and to the Treasurer and Receiver General of said Commonwealth.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant letters of administration on the estate of said deceased to W. FRIDELAND DAVIS, JUNIOR public administrator in and for said County of Middlesex;

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

And the said public administrator is hereby notified that he is to file a true and correct copy of his account of his administration on the estate of said deceased, in the office of the Register of said County, on or before the first day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS In Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners

Boston, February 12, 1919.

On the joint petition of the Shirley Electric Company, the Tanager, Electric Light Company and the Pepperell Electric Light & Power Company for the determination and approval of the Board required by the provisions of Chapter 742 of the Acts of 1914 for the consolidation of said companies under the name of the Shirley Electric Company, and for the issue of new capital stock of the said company, to wit: one hundred and twenty-five thousand eight hundred and thirty-one shares of three hundred dollars each, and three hundred shares of one hundred dollars each, to be sold for the purpose of paying the said consolidation and approval of the Board required by the provisions of Chapter 742 of the Acts of 1914 for the consolidation of said companies under the name of the Shirley Electric Company, and for the issue of new capital stock of the said company, to wit: one hundred and twenty-five thousand eight hundred and thirty-one shares of three hundred dollars each, and three hundred shares of 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Saturday, March 1, 1919

GROTON

News Items.

The Groton School Dramatic club was to present the drama, "A pair of sixes," in the town hall, Monday evening, February 24, but on account of illness of one of the cast it has been postponed to a later date.

William P. Wharton, Samuel H. Raddin, Frank D. Lewis and Dr. F. E. Gilson attended the big four-days' meeting of fruit growers recently held in Horticultural hall, Boston.

Benjamin Barr, aged eighty-one years, passed away on Thursday, February 20, at Dr. Ayres' hospital, where he had been a patient for two weeks. Mr. Barr came to Groton number of years ago, and had made his home with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Barr, of Willowdale, coming here from Needham, his home town. He had been in failing health for some time. The funeral was held in the town hall last Saturday afternoon, where he was buried beside his wife, who passed away several years ago.

Mrs. Osher Folkins, who has been a patient at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, returned to her home on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Forrest O. Andrews and son were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Andrews, of Pepperell.

Miss Ada Bradley, of Boston, spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley.

Paul Wilson and family enjoyed a very pleasant day last week Friday with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McKean, at their home on Chicopee row.

June Sanderson is the name of the little daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sanderson, of Ayer, on Monday, February 17, at Dr. Ayres' hospital.

Mrs. Maynes, who has been suffering with an abscess, is a patient at Dr. Ayres' hospital.

On last week Wednesday Mrs. Frank Torrey, president of the "Woman's club," and Mrs. Mary E. Ebbett, secretary, attended the mid-winter federation meeting held in East Boston.

Thomas Gardner, of Pepperell, injured his finger quite badly while at his work and returned to Pepperell, where his wound was dressed, as the local physicians were all busy.

Mrs. J. R. Hawkes writes her friends that she is spending the winter in New York city. She has been greatly missed here in town by her many friends.

There were 175 who dined at the Groton Inn on Saturday evening.

Other Groton matter on page seven. The lecture by Peter MacQueen, which was announced to take place on March 6, has been changed to Tuesday evening, March 4, at 7.30 o'clock. This will be an illustrated lecture with many views on the subject. Mr. MacQueen was at the front and witnessed the battle of Verdun, when he was a correspondent for Leslie's Weekly.

Miss Miriam Knapp is ill at her home with a severe cold.

The young men of Groton are holding a dancing party in the town hall on Monday evening, March 17.

Miss Ruth Blood, of Arlington, has recently been the guest of Miss Mildred Brown in Springvale, Me.

David Murphy, who has been occupying the Burroughs house on the Lowly road for several years, is soon to move into the residence on Powder House road recently vacated by C. W. Ware. The house is being freshly papered and painted.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jaquays returned Monday from their wedding trip and will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Folkins until Mr. Jaquays receives his discharge from Camp Devens.

F. L. Howes is remodeling his house besides putting in a new heating system.

A sociable will be held in the vestry of the Unitarian church on Thursday evening, March 6. The supper and entertainment are in charge of the gentlemen. Supper at 6.30; entertainment at eight o'clock. The Alliance will meet in the afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Miss Marion Breckenridge, of Worcester, spent the holiday and week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Breckenridge.

Guy Swallow, who has recently been sick with influenza, has been suffering a relapse in Nashua, where his mother went to care for him two weeks ago. Last Monday he returned with her to his home, where he is recuperating. From the relapse Mrs. Swallow was taken ill and has been confined to her bed the past week. Miss Gladys was at home over the week-end.

Miss Doris Peabody has returned to her work in Boston after being at home two weeks with a severe cold.

Mrs. Blanche Brown, district deputy president and suite, installed the officers of the Acoma lodge of Pepperell on Tuesday evening.

Major General Bancroft has been staying at the Groton Inn a few days this week.

Mrs. Osher Folkins is slowly gaining, being able to sit up a little each day.

Charles Shattuck, Groton's noted checker player, attended the annual checker meet at the Revere House, Boston, Washington's birthday. This marked the twentieth anniversary of his attendance at the meeting which was over, Boston vs. New England. Mr. Shattuck played in the "knock-out tournament" with M. Kiley, champion of Quincy, losing two games, winning one and one draw. He also played with J. Lannin, ex-owner of the Boston Red Sox ball team. Such men as Mr. Hanson, the Pacific coast champion, and S. Levine, the state champion, were entered in this tournament. Among the speakers of the day was Lieutenant Governor Cox. Mr. Shattuck was also present at the reception given to Governor Coolidge at the State House.

The meeting of the Grange on Tuesday night was well attended. A splendid program, in charge of Mrs. Isabel Hill, was carried out. The subject being "A night with Whittier and Longfellow." Mrs. Hill gave a fine paper appropriate to the subject. Miss Edith Wright recited "The village blacksmith"; William Rixby, of West Groton, recited "Barbara Fretch"; Vocal solos were then given by Miss Addie Robbles, including "Whittier's 'Corn songs' and 'Longfellow's 'Twilight.'" Miss Claribel Vickery gave a reading, "The captain's well." Other readings of the evening were by Mrs. William Southern and Mrs. Hill. The Grange received the sad news of the

death of James Starr, of Green Cove Springs, Fla. The charter will be draped for sixty days in his memory.

Lieut. Townsend, who has resided in Groton for some time, stationed at Camp Devens, marched with his regiment which escorted President Wilson last Monday.

Burton Robinson, one of the young fishermen of the town, enjoyed a delightful afternoon Thursday accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Wm. B. Robinson, in fishing through the ice on Middleboro pond. They were the most successful in catching 24 pickerel between twelve and four o'clock, which weighed 17 1/2 lbs. Four of them weighed 2 lbs. each and one tipped the scales at 1 1/2 lbs.

Miss Helen Forbes is having a week's vacation spending it with her mother, aunt and family in Allston. On Monday they sat President and Mrs. Wilson during their visit to Boston.

The First National Bank of Ayer requests all purchasers of coupon bonds of the fourth liberty loan to call and receipt for them promptly.

The community club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Robbles, with nearly every member present. The members responded to the roll call with quotations. Mrs. Robbles gave vocal selections. Sewing for the Red Cross was in progress. Later in the afternoon delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Elias Northrop on Wednesday, March 12.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning Rev. Sumner Bagg's subject was "The need of the world; the great missionary call"; evening subject, "The religion of certainty."

The annual men's supper will be held in the vestry of the Unitarian church on Thursday evening, March 6, at 6.30. The entertainment, also in charge of the men, will include a farce, "April fool."

Harry Robbles has purchased a herd of imported Guernseys from Singiton farm, R. I., to be used at Mr. Howes' farm in Cohasset.

A clipping will be found in the Pepperell columns concerning the death of James Starr in Florida.

The remains of Caroline H. Bancroft, aunt of Major General William A. Bancroft, were brought to Groton for interment in the town cemetery. She died in New York city from heart disease at the advanced age of ninety-eight years.

The body of Charles Corey, of Tewksbury, died at Groton, was brought to town Wednesday morning for interment in the Groton cemetery. He died from pneumonia at the age of 70 years, 10 months, 23 days.

If you have anything to sell by auction try William F. Fitzgerald, auctioneer, Ayer. Three-years' experience.

Social.

One of the most enjoyable parties ever given at the Baptist church was held on the evening of Thursday, February 20. There were seventy-nine present, including grown-ups, young people, children and babies. In fact a "get together" society of the members of the church and those who worship there. As the date chosen for their gathering was so near the anniversary of the birth of Washington, patriotic decorations were used.

The vestry was indeed a pretty sight with large flags draped upon the walls and the portraits of our great leaders and President Wilson for a background, with festoons of red, white and blue much in evidence. The tables, six in number, were artistically decorated with flags, cherry trees (one of which was in fruit) and candles with red shades. Hatched, done in water color, were used as place cards, bearing the words "Get together" social, Baptist church, February 20," on the blade, and the person's name on the handle, who kept the social in the evening.

The principal feature of the evening was the supper, which was planned by the hosts and hostesses of the several tables. When supper was announced the scheme of decoration, with tables daintily laid with china, glass and silver from several homes, with a delicious menu at each table, was a most tempting sight. The whole affair was a social success in every way.

About Town.

A good number of the ladies of the Alliance greeted Mrs. James A. Bailey on Thursday afternoon, when she addressed them. Everyone is glad to welcome her to Groton at any and all times.

Miss Julia Joseph, of Winchendon, was a guest of Miss Ethel B. Moors over the holiday and week-end.

The Washington birthday party in the town hall on last week Friday evening was indeed a pretty party. The hall was decorated with trees, flags and pictures of Washington. The music by Nowell's orchestra was especially noteworthy. Refreshments of cake, fruit and ice cream were served in the lower hall at intermission. The matrons were Mrs. F. F. Woods, Mrs. Needham and Mrs. T. G. Smith.

Mrs. Nichols, of Everett, has been a guest of Mrs. F. Woods the last week and called on some of her old neighbors.

Little Valery Torrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Torrey, celebrated her birthday Wednesday by entertaining a few of her little friends. Refreshments were served and they all had a fine time. Valery was five years old and had many gifts in addition to the pleasure of the afternoon.

The military whist party held in the Odd Fellows' hall, Tuesday evening, was a very pleasant affair. There were written tables and prizes were won by Mrs. H. A. Johnson, Mrs. Fred H. Torrey, hand mirrors, and Appleton Torrey and Fred H. Torrey, ash trays.

Fred Dodge came from Attleboro to spend the holiday with his sister in the town hall.

Roy Bennett came from the Polytechnic institute, Worcester, to attend the dance and over the week-end.

Miss Irene Peabody was home for the holiday, also, Virginia Woods, and they attended the dance.

Miss Doris Peabody was able to resume her duties at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last week after having been sick for two weeks.

George McKee came home Sunday from the hospital, where he was for an operation. He is reported as being comfortable.

Daniel E. Murphy is to occupy the house on Powder House road where J. M. Manning resided. The house is being renovated and will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

Miss Mary Ann Boutwell is to give a dinner to the returned soldiers. There are several now in town and some are back to their positions held before the war.

On last week Thursday evening the annual parish supper was held in the Unitarian vestry, where matters relating to the parish meeting to be held on March 10 were discussed.

J. H. Miner has been sick in bed most of this week with a heavy cold.

John Condon has been an inmate of the hospital.

Miss Edith Messenger is under the weather and is resting from her duties in Shirley.

Albert Warren, who was reported in these columns last week as having met with an accident, is improving.

Winthrop Shedy arrived home from camp last week and is said to be looking fine.

Mrs. W. A. Lawrence has been poorly for a few days, but is now able to be out again.

Harvey Woods is better and able to be out.

West Groton.

The monthly business meeting of the Red Cross Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Adams on Thursday afternoon, March 6, at three o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid society was entertained at Mrs. George Bixby's Thursday afternoon.

Very pleasing Washington exercises were held in the Mrs. Patton room at Tarbell school on Friday afternoon, February 21. Quite a number of parents and friends were present.

Miss Ruth Mellish spent the holiday and week-end with her friend, Mrs. Bixby, at Wellesley Hills.

David Thompson of Mattapan was in town last week visiting his brother, Clarence Thompson.

Mrs. Jennie Brown of Leominster was in town Saturday visiting her friend, Mrs. E. Powell, and calling upon old neighbors.

A Funch and Judy entertainment was held in Squannacook hall Wednesday afternoon. The audience was comprised mostly of school children.

Marian Mellish of Brookline came on Tuesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mellish.

Mrs. Joseph Woods has been entertaining her mother, Mrs. E. Williams, and sister, Mrs. Woodson, of Putnam, Conn.

Miss Dorothy Thompson has left Dr. Kilbourn's for a time as her mother is suffering with rheumatism and needs rest. Mrs. Woodson, of Putnam, Conn. Irene Malley has been ill with tonsillitis.

Some of the holiday guests were Mrs. M. J. Shepley at W. F. Lane's, Lorraine and Marjorie Stone, Geo. Sherman of Waltham; Gregory Smith of Tufts college at P. E. Smith's; Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Strand of Cambridge at L. G. Strand's; Miss Nellie Hill at Mrs. A. H. S. 20, as pianist. Mrs. Fernald of Framingham at G. S. Webber's.

Rev. William Ganley spent Monday in Boston. In the morning he was fortunate enough to get a very good President Wilson and in the afternoon he attended a Lowell lecture.

AYER

News Items.

The twelfth annual concert of the high school will be held in the town hall on Monday evening. The program is as follows: "When the flag goes by," mixed chorus; "Knitting," girls' chorus; and "To arms for liberty," a pageant of the war. This pageant will be the feature of the evening, and will be given under the direction of Miss Fannie Palmer, Edith Gray, and Miss Ruth Griffin, A. H. S. 20, as pianist. The theme is patriotic and all the nations will be represented by members of the school. These will be supported by the entire school chorus. Tickets are on sale by members of the school.

Miss Margaret Hume arrived home on Tuesday after spending several weeks visiting in Washington, D. C. Miss Hume visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moss in Providence on her way home.

Mrs. Ella Sheldon, who has been spending the past few weeks at her home in Ashby, returned to her rooms on Washington street this week.

The chef at Gaynor's restaurant concluded his duties there this week. He is reported for a time to the other employees threatened to walk out with him.

The program for the high school theatricals held in the high school building this week Friday afternoon was as follows: "Dad says so, any how," Helen Grayden; "Jane's graduation," Vivian Thompson; "The flag," Nicholas Murray; "Filippo," A. Scullane; "Edith's burglar," Elizabeth McLaughlin; "The eve of Waterloo," William Stone; "An optimist," Irene Crowley; "Lizzie Brown's speech," Edith Grayden; "The true American," Frederick Huntington; "Mary Phelan—friend," Dorothy Chandler; "At the telephone," Esther Washburn; "The gramophone at Fondulac," Russell Chase; selection from "Anne of Green Gables," Edna Crawford; "Bygone days," Edith Grayden; "Miss Civilization," Edith McCarthy.

A large milk truck, heavily loaded with cans of milk, belonging to the Deil Dale farm, Littleton, became stalled on the railroad crossing between Littleton and Ayer, near Pingryville, Wednesday morning, and was completely wrecked when hit by a train which both driver and flagman belonged to the train.

F. T. Hutchinson, of Littleton, and the engine stalled when the truck was directly over the railroad track. The driver saw that a train was approaching and both he and the flagman endeavored to signal it to stop, but the engine failed to realize that the truck was completely wrecked and the milk cans were hurled in all directions.

The attraction at Proctor's Strand this week Saturday is Mae Marsh in "The bondage of Barbara." In this sweet and most fascinating Goldwyn picture Mae Marsh becomes a boy to save the family honor. Who robbed the bank? The thrilling dash to free the prisoner. The notorious first moving drama in many months. Shown last week at the Boston theatre.

Charlie Chaplin in "The cure," a two-reeler. The last two weeks you have seen in this news what appeared the next day in the Boston Sunday papers—"going some."

Jacobs' hall theatre is offering another bill for the coming week on Monday William Fox will present "The Prussian cur," an eight-reel super production that will make you wood-hill; Tuesday Evelyn Nesbit and her son, Russell Thaw, in "I want to forget"; Wednesday, Emmy Wehlen in her latest Metro production, "Silvia on a spree"; Thursday, Will H. Murray will present "Why would not marry," the colossal 1915 morality play, in seven parts, the most photodrama of today; Friday, "The woman who did it"; Saturday, Shirley Mason in her latest Paramount melodrama, "Good-bye Bill."

The Woman's Alliance will hold their March business meeting at the town hall on Thursday afternoon, March 6, at 2.30 o'clock. Hostesses, Mrs. George J. Burns, Mrs. H. E. Fisher, Mrs. Ella Sheldon, Mrs. Murray J. Harlow and Mrs. E. A. Whitney.

The regular meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held on Wednesday evening, March 5, at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Norman. The hostesses, Mrs. Norman and Miss Clara Sheldon.

Word has been received that both Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison, who are at Plymouth, Fla., for the winter, are improving. Mr. Morrison, who has been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, is still confined to her bed.

Vern Pillman has closed his bowling alloys and pool room and gone into partnership with Walter Blodgett at the alloys which are now being operated in the basement of the new Carley block. Mr. Pillman will install some of his best bowling balls in the new Carley block.

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Mrs. Brooks is visiting her friends in Woburn.

Miss Hester Burdett and Mrs. Adney Gray spent Tuesday in Boston. Mrs. Gray was among the fortunate number to accord President Wilson a welcome.

A letter from France this week from Private Harold Gray states that he was on the troop train en route for Le Mans in France, which was on January 31, a full account of which was in the daily papers of the time. On account of the crowded condition of the box cars, which cars are used almost entirely for the transportation of troops, in which so many met their death, Private Gray sought a car in the rear where he could lie down to rest, which he did, but he owes his life. Among the number killed, some of whom had passed through the war without a scratch, was Private Gray's bunkie.

Among the holiday guests in this village were Miss Margaret O'Connell of Cambridge, Miss Sarah Precious of Forge Village and Miss Annie Keefe of Michael Keefe's; Miss Sybil Bailey of East Groton; Mrs. Mary Knight of Springfield at Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher's; Miss Hazel Harvey of Cambridge and Louis Josselyn of Mitchell Military school; Mrs. Clarence Josselyn; Mrs. Sadie Austin of Cambridge at Charles Noyes'; Mr. and Mrs. Will Colcord and son Reginald at Twin Elms.

The As You Like It club was entertained on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. George Jones at her home, Seven Pines. In spite of snow and water a good number of members were greeted by Mrs. Jones. The program consisted of music, guessing contests and recitation. A clever guessing game calling for names of presidents tested the wit and memory. Mrs. Clara Pond was the most successful and Miss Mamie Adams was the booby prize. Dainty refreshments were served. The guests were Miss Jane Worcester and Mrs. Clara Pond of Melrose. Those who had Saturday evening gave a charming party at their home, Pinecroft. Guests were present from Springfield, Cambridge, Melrose and Billerica. The house was handsomely decorated with festoons of the national colors and with American flags. Likenesses of George Washington, framed in red, white and blue of oval shape, with the stars and stripes, gave striking evidence of the day we celebrate. Progressive whist furnished the entertainment. Along with the place cards each

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Saturday, March 1, 1919

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who has been very ill for several weeks, is somewhat improved, but is still quite frail. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith, of Everett, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Landry at their pretty home at the Willows.

of our objection, inasmuch as the matter affects the life of the town. It is well, first of all, that people should understand how the matter stands in the law. In order for a movie theatre to run on Sunday a special license has to be granted by the board of selectmen. That is, the matter is one entirely within their discretion. And in granting or withholding such a license they do not commit themselves on any other matter of Sunday regulation.

people. After this address the representative of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary society, Rev. J. P. Russell, spoke on "The Philippines." This address was especially interesting because of the speaker's knowledge of the Philippine islands. At 4:15 the Personal Workers and our Society conference were held. These were in charge of Mrs. Fannie Porter, West Acton, and Mrs. Alice Champion, Newton.

Page's Hall Theatre Main St., AYER, MASS. The House with a Long Reputation George S. Poulus, Manager Matinee Every Day at 2 o'clock Evenings 2 Performances—6:30 and 8:15 Attractions for the Week BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 3 MONDAY—William Fox will present an eight-reel super production, "The Prussian Cur," an amazing revelation of Germany's secret plottings to destroy the liberty of America.

E. E. Gray's Weekly Specials ON SALE SATURDAY MORNING Rolled Oats, 5 pounds for 27¢ Peas, Fancy Wisconsin Sweet, per can 14¢ Syrup, Gold Seal brand, per bottle 19¢ Prunes, Fancy Santa Clara, 60-70, per pound 17¢ Jiffy Jell, all flavors, per package 11¢ Sardines, Best American, Fisher Queen brand, per can 12¢ Oleomargarine, Swift's Premium, prints, per pound 35¢ Condensed Milk, Hires' International brand, per can 16¢ Peanut Butter, cut from tub, per pound 20¢ Graham Flour, 5 pound bag 27¢ Macaroni, Federal brand, 10-ounce package 9¢ Baking Powder, Royal, 12-ounce can 41¢ Crackers, Uneda Biscuits, 2 packages 15¢ Oranges Grapefruit Smoked Shoulders

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NOTICE My Guernsey Bull, Pauline's Pioneer of Riverside (40064), sire Raymond's Pioneer of Lewiston (10103), dam Stockholder's Point (22202), dropped September 8, 1917, now ready for service. Feet Purebred, \$41 Grades, \$2. S. W. SABINE Groton, Mass. 3m22 Notice Steamship Tickets to and from all points of Europe for sale at P. DONLON & CO. Main Street Ayer, Mass. Matinee at 2 P. M. Evenings—6 and 8 P. M.

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DRUG STORE AYER

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A juvenile dancing class was started on Monday afternoon by Miss Helen M. Robbins at Saunders' hall. This is in addition to her evening class, to meet the demand for a class for the younger pupils, who ought not to attend an evening affair.

Mrs. Blanche Lawrence visited in town over Monday and Tuesday, from Hillsboro, N. H., coming to see her brothers, Bernard, Ray and Everett Scott; also, on Monday, she went to Lawrence to see her brother Steven at the hospital, and found him much improved, and able to walk from his room in the sun corridor twice a day.

Miss Ruth Morrill, with a girl friend from Lawrence, passed the holiday with her aunt, Mrs. Edward Johnson, returning home on Tuesday.

Elmer E. Shattuck, of this town, lately installed as warden at the state prison in Charlestown, is inaugurating some changes, according to accounts, beneficial to the inmates. For the first time in the history of the institution the inmates gave a public entertainment. Mr. Shattuck acted in co-operation with the chaplain, Rev. M. J. Murphy. There was a two-night performance on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the prison band of twenty-five pieces giving an hour's concert and the orchestra rendering selections during the evening. A chorus of forty-six voices has been under rehearsal, bringing to light some extra good talent among the inmates. On Tuesday evening several hundred guests were invited, among them the governor, members of his council, the lieutenant-governor, Mayor Peters, judges and district attorneys, and many others of note.

Announcement is made of the birth of a second daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tierney, Worcester, occurring last week. Mrs. Tierney was formerly Miss Cuthbertson, of this town.

Joseph Mahoney, of Middleboro, spent a part of last week at the home of his brother, Amos Mahoney, and other friends.

The two inches of damp snow made a beautiful sight on Sunday morning, every tree and twig being coated. With the warm sun on Monday it was whirling again by night.

The annual "children's afternoon" of the Woman's club will be held at the Althea theatre on Friday afternoon, March 7, at three o'clock. The film to be presented for the little ones' entertainment will be "Jack and the bean stalk." The meeting is open to the public, the usual admission being charged, and the Woman's club ticket admits a member, with the additional two-cent war tax. All children under twelve years of age are admitted free. In the evening the same pictures will be given under the management of the club, the regular admission being charged.

Oliver Shattuck is heard from at the hospital at Camp Devens, as having rather tough luck. The bone which was broken in his lower leg has been subjected to the X-ray and re-broken and re-set, in order to make it perfect. His wife, from Alton Bay, N. H., has been staying with him a few days of this week.

The regular meeting of the Special Aid society was held at the rooms on Monday with a good attendance. The last consignments of garments sent from Red Cross headquarters received attention of all, and several of the workers took some of the last garments home to finish, that the package might be forwarded this week as required.

Mrs. Robert Sherwood and daughter Elva, with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hardy, visited Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mrs. Sherwood's sister, in Brookline, N. H., last week.

The auction at Twin Valley farm on Monday was a largely attended one, bidders on the live stock coming from all the surrounding country, and prices ranked high. Mr. Chamberlain spent a part of the week at the farm, closing up some matters.

Church Notes.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning Rev. B. W. Rust will take for his topic, "Robber Christians." In the evening the subject will be "The way to wealth." At the noon session of the Sunday school the subject of the lesson before the Epworth League will be "India, the land of caste." On Tuesday evening the regular prayer meeting will be held at 7.30.

On Friday evening, March 7, the Epworth League will hold a box party in the vestry. This will be in charge of the social department, with Mrs. Ralph Buck as chairman.

At the Community church last Sunday morning E. Talmadge Root, field secretary of the Federation of Churches, preached a stirring sermon in the place of the candidate who was expected to fill the pulpit for the day. Mr. Root was pleased to meet the joint committee of the Community church after the service, as he is especially enthusiastic on the subject of the new federated movement throughout the state. There was no evening service, as Mr. Root was obliged to be in Boston to fill an engagement early Monday morning.

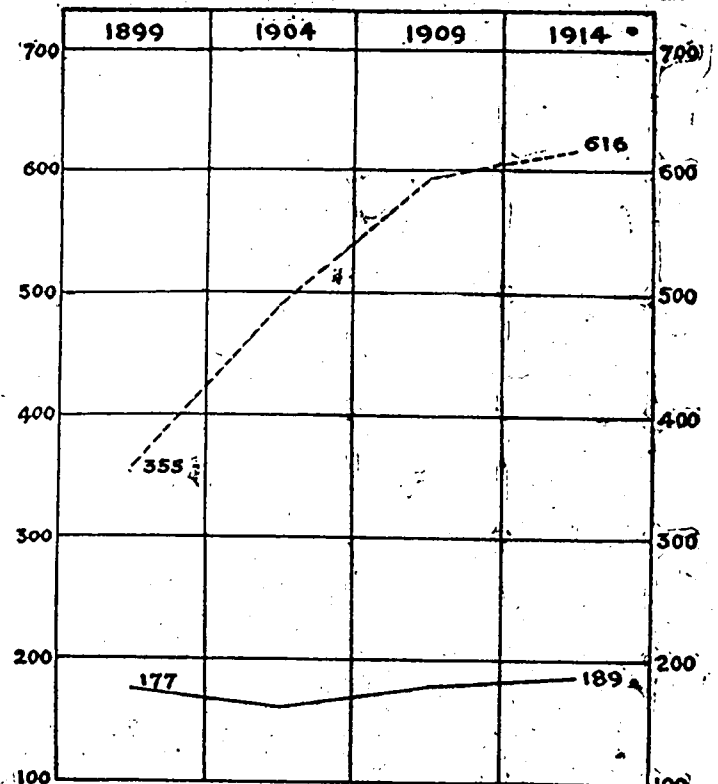
Rev. Mr. Griffith, of Phoenix, will preach as a candidate at the morning service at 10.15, Sunday. The evening service will be discontinued until further notice. Sunday school at noon as usual. All are asked to bring in their books for the Army and Navy relief fund, as of account of the state last Sunday. The drive will be extended over the month of March.

Notice is again called to the attention of the members of the Community church, who would like to attend church services, to bring their children to the vestry of the church, where they will be cared for by some responsible person.

A supper is to be served by the Community Church Women, the new organized society, on the evening of March 12, and the chairman of the committee is Miss Ellen Miller, instead of Miss Wood, as understood last week. An entertainment is being planned to follow the supper.

About Town.

The basketball game played in the Opera House last week Friday evening between the Nashua Y. M. C. A. and a team from Worcester Polytechnic, was the fastest game ever played in Pepperell. Three of the Worcester team were Pepperell boys, Sullivan, Harney and Attridge. Sullivan made the first team at Worcester Polytechnic, but gave it up as it took too much time from his studies.



Broken Line Indicates Cotton Manufacturing Establishments in 60-Hour States of South. Solid Line Indicates Establishments in Massachusetts—South Grew 73 Per Cent, Massachusetts Grew 7 Per Cent.

Previous articles indicated the tremendous strides which the south has been making in cotton consumption and spindleage in her establishments, but that is but two of several departments in which she is showing a percentage increase. Plant expansion is one of the barometers which indicates whether a manufacturing district is really one of big business.

The South is surely developing big business in the cotton textile industry. In 1899 Massachusetts had 177 establishments, most of which were located in Fall River and New Bedford. The four sixty-hour states of the South—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, had 355. In 1904 Massachusetts had lost 16 of her establishments while the South gained 33. In round numbers thirty-three does not seem such a large number during a five year period, but reduced to percentage we find that the four Southern states gained forty-six per cent over Massachusetts during that period.

During the next five years Massachusetts did regain some of her lost ground, showing an advance of 13 per cent over the previous five years.

The Southern states continued to climb and registered an increase of 21 per cent. In fifteen years or from 1899 to 1914 (latest available figures) Massachusetts saw a mere 6 per cent increase, an average of 2.5 per cent increase per year for the fifteen year period.

The four Southern states, on the other hand, had jumped about 73 per cent, or an average of nearly 5 per cent in the same time.

Again the same question arises. Why is this? Again comes the same reply. There is a bigger demand for cloth. Why? Because Southern mills can undersell Massachusetts mills. Why? Because with the fifty-four hour week here, compared with the sixty hour week in the South each operative works 312 more hours per year. She can turn out 312 more hours of cloth and she receives less pay for doing it. Massachusetts cotton manufacturers say this is not fair. Labor leaders say it is not fair. Manufacturers say there is but one argument. —National legislation.

ATTRACTIVE EVENING GOWN



Here is shown a winsome evening gown in two shades of blue chiffon velvet. An especially attractive feature of this garment is the unique sleeves of jet beads.

SASH IS IN THE LIMELIGHT

Accessory is More Sophisticated and Alluring Than Was Its Predecessor of a Decade Ago.

The sash of 1910 is a more sophisticated and alluring accessory than its predecessor of a decade ago, and it is adjusted to suit the fancy of the wearer or the artistic conception of the designer. Sometimes the bow is directly in the back, big and broad, like the bow of the maid of old Japan. Again the loops will be placed at the right or the left side, a perky, jaunty arrangement of silk or satin, sometimes with one instead of two long ends and fringe edged. Then there is the broad girde, usually of the material, deftly maneuvered with ends terminating in tassels.

However it is introduced the sash is a distinctive feature of frocks. Even the tailored serge, fashioned severely, with high collar and long, tight sleeves, boasts a sash these days, at least one chic model does, the sash being of the material and terminating in a wide bow at the normal waistline in the back. Another use for the material sash is on the velvet frock, one formal being an old rose velvet gown worn by a young girl in one of the new plays. It is a delightfully simple gown, one-piece, medium width skirt and wide girde and broad bow of the velvet. A narrow band of kolkinsky outlines the round neck and edges the modified kimono sleeves.

The sash, on the order of the swanet or accessory, of medium width and finished with balls and tassels of silk, is still in vogue and it is particularly adapted to the trim little gown of tricolette or the equally supple wool scrim.

HAT, COLLARETTE AND MUFF

Three-Piece Sets of Fur or Fur and Silk or Velvet Combined Comprise Attractive Outfit.

What could be more fascinating than some one of the three-piece sets—hat, collarette and muff—made of fur or fur and silk or velvet combined? They are of varied shapes and in various color combinations, these jaunty little sets.

One set consists of turban, with just the top of the crown of kolkinsky, while the lower part of the turban is swathed with velvet in a charming old blue tone, the velvet terminating in a large loop at the left side toward the back. A large crushed band of the velvet edged at the top with a narrow band of the kolkinsky forms the collarette, which also terminates in a large bow at the left side towards the back. The muff is made of the blue velvet and kolkinsky. A wide band of the fur forms the center, while the fabric forms the sides, one end of which is drawn through a band of the fur.

Another set consists of a wrap which after being snugly draped about the shoulders crosses in front and is tied in the back with a velvet ribbon. The muff would be simple and round, were it not for the velvet bow that runs through it, with loops of coquettish twist. The hat is oddly shaped and fits the head closely; at the top are loops of the velvet ribbon.

Fashion Notes.

Georgette continues to predominate as the blouse fabric, but as early spring fashions crowd out the new prevailing modes, look for blouses of voile, dimity and net. Blouses in such striking colors as Peking blue and henna are a midseason novelty. Sealskin browns and navy are two other good blouse colors of the moment, the material in all instances being georgette.

The Legal Way.

"What's the matter with that lawyer?" "Huh?" "Why does he keep yawning about the learned judge?" "That's the only way you can take a slam at a judge."

Politeness Pays.

A mathematician has figured out that the telephone company loses 125 hours of work every day through the use of the word "please" by operators, and yet it pays.

Man and the Lower Animals.

Only about 5 per cent of the lower animals are defective at birth, a much lower ratio than among human beings.

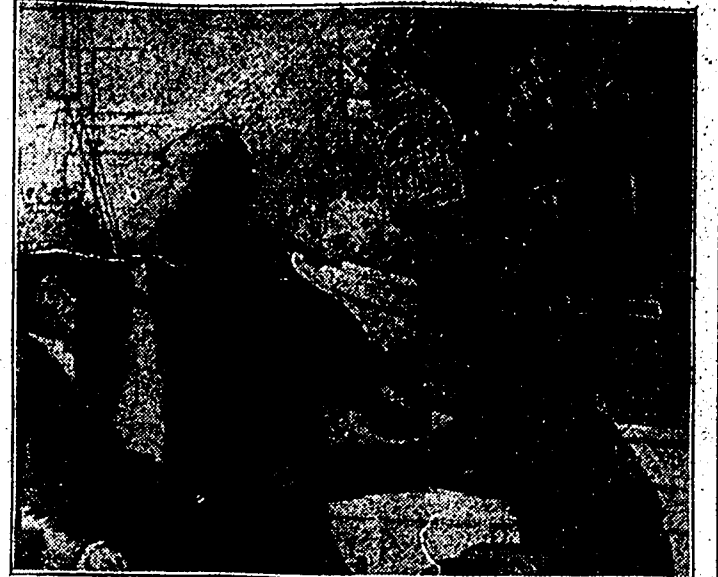
Optimistic Thought.

Absence doth hold off a friend to make one see him the more truly.

The World and Life.

The world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education.—Henry Drummond.

Benjamin Franklin Welcomed Back to American Soil in 1785 After Nearly Nine Years in France



While in France, Franklin succeeded in floating a loan to help finance the war for independence being fought by the colonies, but more than that, by his tact, kindness of manner and ability as a statesman succeeded in securing moral support for the colonists' struggle which was manifested by France in many ways. The American people through a war for freedom greater than that being fought while Franklin was in France—the freedom of the world—have been able to pay back a portion of the debt of gratitude the United States has owed France since Franklin's day.

On Franklin's 213th anniversary, Jan. 17, was launched the big 1919 drive for the sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps. Because he was the pioneer of thrift and a man of great ability as well as a true patriot, the Government has paid him high tribute by placing his likeness on the 1919 issue of War Savings Stamps.

VICTORY DO'S AND DON'T'S.

1. Do eliminate the "ifs" from life, and instead build up thrift.
2. Don't quit saving and helping the government. You still have a personal obligation to assist in clearing the way.
3. Do buy wisely, save sanely, invest securely, and insist upon receiving full value for every dollar expended.
4. Don't forget that you are your own biggest asset, and that you can capitalize yourself by saving.
5. Do have a personal share in your country's victory finances. You will have more interest and be a better citizen.
6. Don't sell your government securities. They will mean more to you by-and-by.
7. Do have sufficient sand to hold the slippery dollar.
8. Don't forget that, although the war is over, you owe everlasting gratitude to those who have fought and bled for liberty.
9. Do join the "get-ahead" movement. Start even with the new issue of War Savings Stamps.
10. Don't allow your thrift to become irksome. Regard it as a business, which brings legitimate returns through wise expenditure.
11. Do increase your savings—not tomorrow, or next day, but NOW.
12. Don't fail to realize that thrift is one of the great lessons taught by the war, and that it must not be neglected or forgotten.
13. Do resolve to stand back of the American end of the peace table, with heart, brains, encouragement, labor and money.
14. Don't set aside your newly acquired habit of thrift, but "carry on" with even more zeal and enthusiasm than before.
15. Do employ all practical means of stopping the useless small leaks from your purse, which undermine the foundations of success.

CHILDREN, THRIFT AND PATRIOTISM.

In summing up the total of War Savings Stamps activity in 1918, some remarkable records made by children in the schools are shown. This means not only a vast amount of present help to the Government, but snug sums of money for the children themselves when the stamps reach maturity. But the prospect of financial gain, excellent as it may be, is but a small asset when compared with the practical training in thrift and the lessons in genuine patriotism which the young folks have received.

Parents have been accused, often justly, of over-indulging the children, and it is true that many children grow to maturity with no conception of the value of money until forced to earn it for themselves. Even then they are ignorant as to how to apportion their income, because untaught, and the thought of contributing to the general welfare does not enter into such planning as they are able to do.

That "there is no loss without some gain" is as true now as ever, and out of recent conditions have come invaluable lessons in thrift. Patriotic teaching too has been accelerated by the War Savings Stamps. Thoughtfulness for the general welfare and willingness to practice the utmost self-denial in order to help and uplift, represent the loftiest type of patriotism, and these the children are acquiring through the medium of the tiny bits of Government assurance which, purchased methodically, quickly grow into the more valuable War Savings Stamps.

The little Thrift Stamps are laying a broad foundation for American citizenship upon which the years may build. It is cause for congratulation that they are to remain with us. The children we always have, and the needs of the Government are still greater. There is no excuse for us if we neglect the opportunity to drive the lessons home.

A REAL PATRIOT.

"Uncle Sam's War Saving and Thrift Stamps are better than any stock in the world," wrote a boy in the eighth grade of a certain school in a big New England city. "While the stock is likely to drop and ruin the man who owns that stock, Uncle Sam's stamps never fall but gain steadily. They are better than any bank, for the banks are liable to fail while the stamps never fail."

"Here are some ways for people to save. For adults: stop buying trash that is no good for any one; stop going to foolish places as moving pictures and theaters unless some historic play is at that theatre or picture house. Eat only nutritious food.

"For children: girls can earn money by doing sewing, washing dishes, and doing other domestic works.

"For boys: boys can earn money in a dozen different ways. Here are a few. Shoveling snow, sifting ashes, doing domestic work, doing odd jobs, running errands, and putting ashes on slippery sidewalks.

"Now here are a dozen different ways to make money for adults and children. Being thrifty is one of the best habits that any man, woman or child can learn. A boy or girl learns to save by buying War Savings and Thrift Stamps will later on in life keep up the habit and not spend money foolishly. If the American people could be thrifty while the war lasted, they can keep it up for a few years more. There are a few people who go around talking about what they would do if they were a soldier. You can put a spoke in their wheels if you ask them if they were thrifty and saved food. The answer ninety-nine cases out of a hundred will be 'No.' Then they will slouch away grumbling something about 'can't afford to buy stamps.' Most of these boosters are good-for-nothings. So—Buy, Buy, Buy until your pocket is empty."

THE NEW LOAN FOR LIBERTY WON

The "Victorious Fifth" Will Find Enormous Tasks That Call for Its Dollars.

The Fifth Liberty Loan, which the people of the country will be asked in April to make to the Government, will be a loan of the future.

Four great loans have fought for Liberty. This will meet the needs of Liberty won.

The free peoples of the world have given to millions of their brothers and sisters the right of determining their own destinies.

But for all of them remains still the great work of reconstruction, readjustment, completion, for the established peace.

The responsibilities of this new period are no less great than those which arose in the crisis of the war itself. It is for us of the United States to do our part as a nation as fully now as we did when we struck our blow towards saving civilization.

It still remains to see that all which was won on the battlefield is saved for liberty; that the stricken peoples do not starve and that there is prompt and useful rebuilding and restoration in ravaged Europe.

We must bring back to their own land and to their own homes, the millions of our men who have helped win the great victory. They must once more be fitted with thought and care into our national life.

Great projects which were begun in time of war must be finished or redirected.

All of these tasks are part of the great enterprise of peace and reconstruction. All of them must be financed in the next few months before us. To carry them out is absolutely necessary if we are to complete our share of the work which has been carried so far forward.

Every man and every woman in the nation, who has shared in the blessings of peace won by the war, should prepare now to share in peace loan—the VICTORIOUS FIFTH.

UNCLE SAM PAYS FINAL WAR BILL

Seven Great Items That Must Be Settled for Peace Will Be Met by The Fifth Liberty Loan.

- The Fifth Liberty Loan will be called the VICTORIOUS FIFTH, because, when it has been floated the people of the country will be celebrating the victorious peace.
- The Fifth Loan will come about mid April, or just two years after the date upon which we entered the war. It will be more of a peace loan than a war loan. It will be a loan to make the final settlement, squaring up the bill for the war while the celebration of the victory is still going on and the men are streaming back from France by hundreds of thousands.
- A total of from five to six billions will probably be offered. What the money is needed for and why it is needed is worth putting compactly together. It brings to mind at a glance what is demanded still by the great tasks imposed by peace.
- These are some of the chief items:—
1. Care for the American soldiers in the Army of Occupation.
 2. Providing for the second army in the area behind the zone of occupation.
 3. Bringing home soldiers who have been released from war duties.
 4. Demobilizing millions of men upon their arrival here.
 5. Keeping up the cantonments and hospitals in this country.
 6. Re-habilitating and re-educating men who have been wounded.
 7. Reconstruction work for the soldiers and sailors.
- Every one of the millions of men represented on this list have shared in doing the nation's work abroad.
- Any American who stands by the country will not fail to see now that the peace debt is paid for the men who have won peace.



MAIMED MEN MUST HAVE NEW LEGS. The Victorious Fifth Liberty Loan will carry on the Government's reconstruction work for our wounded men. Illustration copyrighted by Western Newspaper Union.

Books.

Books are to be read not only for information, but also for inspiration. There are volumes which fill us up with facts, and there are others whose value lies chiefly in their suggestive quality—they set us to thinking. Some books are irritants, or counter-irritants, and others make us give up untrue and unhelpful opinions, or inconsistent and undesirable morsels of things that are not so, which we have too hastily swallowed. A book is not to be lightly esteemed or petulantly thrown away because on the first reading it contradicts our view.

The Attraction.

Slacker—What is there about a uniform that attracts a girl? Girl—Nothing. It's what the uniform is about that attracts her. A real man, you know.

Loose Soil Dries Rapidly.

Soil hooped up around plants has a higher average temperature than the level ground, but it becomes colder in the night, as it dries more rapidly.

EVERYBODY IS NOW FIGURING INCOME TAX

In Order to Be Helpful to Public, Internal Revenue Bureau Has Every Available Officer in Field.

SEVERE PENALTIES IF YOU DELAY BEYOND MARCH 15

With the due date for Income Taxes only a few weeks away, the collection of this far-reaching tax on 1918 incomes has started off with a bang. Everybody is figuring income tax.

Payments and sworn statements of income must reach Internal Revenue offices on or before March 15, and there are severe penalties for delinquency. Residents of Massachusetts are required to make their returns and pay their taxes to John F. Malley, Collector of Internal Revenue, Boston, Mass., or to any of his deputy collectors who are now doing free advisory work on Income Tax.

"Pay your Income Tax by March 15," is the slogan of the Internal Revenue Bureau, which has sent every available officer into the field to help the public to understand the requirements and to prepare the returns.

Who Must Make Return.

It is estimated that many thousands of single and married persons in this section of the United States who have never before made annual returns are required to do so this year.

Income tax returns must be made between now and March 15 by persons who come under the following classifications:

Any unmarried person whose 1918 net income was \$1,000 or over. Widows and widowers, divorcees and married persons who are living apart from their husbands or wives, are for the purpose of the Income Tax classed as unmarried.

Any married person living with wife or husband whose 1918 net income was \$2,000 or over. The income of both husband and wife must be considered, together with the earnings of minor children, if any.

Revenue Bureau Offers Aid.

Each person in the United States who is in either of these classifications must get busy at once if penalties are to be avoided. He should secure a blank Form 1040 A for reporting net income up to \$5,000, or Form 1040 if his net income exceeded that amount. Forms are being distributed by Collectors and their Deputies, also by banks. By following the instructions on the forms a correct return can be prepared at home. If a person needs advice or aid, the Deputy Collector in the field will furnish this without charge.

The new Revenue law places the Income Tax duty on citizens and residents. The Internal Revenue Bureau is sending its men to work right with the public to get the tax and the returns in. With active co-operation every tax due March 15 will be paid and every return required by law will be in the Revenue offices on time.

Exemptions Allowed.

A single person is allowed a personal exemption of \$1,000. If he is supporting in his household relatives who are dependent upon him he may claim the status of the head of a family who has the same exemption as if married.

A married person who lives with wife or husband is allowed a personal exemption of \$2,000. The head of a family is entitled to claim a similar personal exemption.

An additional exemption of \$200 is allowed for each person under eighteen or incapable of self support who was dependent upon and received his chief support from the taxpayer.

A husband and wife living together are entitled to but one personal exemption of \$2,000. If they make separate returns the exemption may be claimed by either or divided.

Accuracy Required.

Absolute accuracy is necessary in making up income figures. Any person who is working for wages should find out exactly how much he received during the whole year 1918. Fees, bank interest, and interest, dividends, rents received and all other items must be reported correctly. Mere guesses are not accepted, for they are unjust alike to the taxpayer and the Government and defeat the proper administration of the law.

INCOME TAX IS TRULY POPULAR.

"The payment of Income taxes" * takes on a new significance * which should be understood by * every citizen. The taxation sys- * tem of this country is truly pop- * ular, of the people, by the peo- * ple and for the people. Every * citizen is liable to tax, and the * amount of the tax is graduated * according to the success and for- * tune attained by each individual * in availing himself of the oppor- * tunities created and preserved * by our free institutions. The * method and degree of the tax is * determined by no favored class, * but by the representatives of the * people. The proceeds of the tax * should be regarded as a national * investment.—Daniel C. Roper, * Commissioner of Internal Reve- * nue.

George's Discovery.

Little George said the other day at the table, "Now, when I sit in my chair my feet won't touch the floor, but when I walk around they touch the floor just as well as anybody's."

An Example.

"Small eyes," says a physiognomist, "denote a cunning and evasive nature." Just so. Notice how a small-eyed needle crades one's efforts to thread it.—Boston Transcript.

PEPPERELL

Miss Gertrude Arndt, of Arlington, was the guest of Mrs. Thomas Artridge over the holiday and Sunday.

Among the many souvenirs of France which have been sent home by the soldiers, there is nothing yet shown which can rival that received last week by little Isabelle Breen sent by her "big brother Tom," still in the service.

An interesting letter was received from Miss Ruth Morgan, R. N., from New York, describing her recent graduation which took place in what she terms "the beautiful class room, decorated for the occasion with wisteria, and swamped with friends, proud parents and invited guests."

Received His Discharge. George H. Dow returned home last week for a short stay with his mother, Mrs. L. J. Dow, following his discharge from the service at Camp Devens.

Expected Home Soon. It is somewhat expected that Karl Newhall may return home at any time, as it is known that Dr. Cushing, who went across at the head of this unit, the Harvard Medical, stationed at base hospital No. 5, has already reached Boston.

On Thursday evening of last week a good-sized audience gathered in the town hall. An illustrated lecture in the interests of the Armenian-Syrian Relief Drive, occupied the first part of the evening.

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 on March 10, 1919, at 10:15 A. M., by serving the Clerks of the towns of Groton and Littleton, with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said towns of Groton and Littleton, fourteen days before said view; and that he make return before said view, and that he make return before said view, and that he make return before said view.

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GROTON

Contagious Abortion. Contagious abortion is one of the most dreaded scourges which the cattle breeder has to contend with. Its efforts on the dairy industry are well nigh disastrous. So much so, that if statistics were available it would be found that it causes greater losses than tuberculosis, which is popularly believed to be the worst cattle disease. Unlike tuberculosis, abortion does not affect the health of the animal, except the temporary derangement of the system natural to the premature birth of the offspring.

At this writing no cure has been discovered though many remedies have been tried. It has been found that several distinct bacteria are found in an aborting cow, and are present in any other condition, and one or all of these may be the specific cause. These bacteria are found on the fetus and the membranes and cotyledons or "roses," which line the calf. It follows then that their action is both mechanical and that nothing more is needed to infect a whole herd than the service of one afflicted animal by the herd bull.

An aborting cow will rarely become more than twice, she then becomes immune and will carry her calf the full period, but she may and generally does remain a source of infection as long as she lives. Nature has merely developed sufficient strength and resistance to overcome the germ or germs which cause abortion; and herein lies the chief cause of the prevalence of the disease.

It is in mind two herds in this vicinity in which contagious abortion was known until the purchase of a new milk cow from a neighbor, whose herd was affected. The new milk cow was an aborting cow or "slinker," in each case the butcher had "just taken the calf." This is a common practice with many farmers who do not appreciate the serious consequence of an apparent petty dishonesty.

Close observations for many years have shown that 90% of abortions in dairy cattle occur at one of four periods, 18, 12, 9 and 6 weeks before the date of normal time of calving. Just why abortion is most likely to occur at these periods I cannot say, but thorough investigation by the writer and by his father have proven that these periods are the most dangerous. It follows then that any treatment should be given with a view to its effects operating on the cow at these periods.

When the embryo calf or fetus dies it is generally evacuated by the cow very promptly and in most cases of abortion the calf is alive up to a very short period before it is aborted and the problem of abortion is mainly how to make the cow retain her calf; the methylene blue treatment is well known and is along this line, but it does not solve the problem.

The history of civilization is a history of roads. Civilization has progressed in an exact ratio to the development of roads; without roads civilized man would be non-existent. Man is a social animal and the degree of prosperity enjoyed by a community is absolutely and definitely determined by the amount and nature of its means of communication with the outside world. The development of the United States depended almost wholly on the development of its railroads and it is only with the advent of the motor vehicle that our highways have become a national issue.

More vitally interested than the cities, is the small country town or village, for its greatest benefit from the state and national roads can only be realized by good town roads connecting therewith. All country towns want good roads, most of them have poor ones; in many cases this is due to insufficient appropriations to build good roads, but in the majority of cases the fault is with the builder. The average town road commissioner is chosen entirely without consideration of his knowledge or ability as a road builder and the result is that a large part of the road money is wasted. The kind of road to be built may differ according to locality and the different nature of the country through which the road passes, and road engineers may differ as to methods and material, but all agree that there are three fundamental principles necessary to good roads; first, adequate and reasonably quick drainage; second, a firm foundation and third a durable wearing surface.

In Groton we have very little road passing through swamp or lowlands and the larger part of our roads are hilly and drainage is a comparatively simple problem. As to foundation in a great deal of our roads hard pan is very close to the surface and it is almost wholly on the short stretches of road in the hollows between hills that a firm foundation is being laid. In surface there are good gravel pits in

all parts of the town, and next to macadam, gravel is the ideal road surface material. To well stand heavy automobiles it is ideal, and without oil is ideal for horse drawn vehicles. The first action of the road builder in building or repairing a stretch of road is to determine the grade for proper drainage. The average town road commissioner generally does this with his eye, and he knows well what he sees it, but the human eye may see a hill and miss a grade. Any intelligent man can learn to use a surveyor's level and transit, and thus make sure instead of guessing, which results in draining one part of a road too low, or steep through out another part.

Given a good ditch or gutter on each side of the road and it will in time fill up; the generally followed policy is to put on the road scraper and carefully draw the accumulation into the gutter. This total accumulation consists of leaves, grass, weeds and silt washed or blown from the road and land adjoining. Material light enough to be washed or blown is hardly fit for a durable wearing surface, yet that is what the bulk of our town roads are infamously made of.

The proper procedure is to remove this waste entirely and recrown or surface with gravel. There is difference, apparently unknown to many town road builders, between sand and gravel. An engineer is not needed to pass on the kind of gravel; a good rule is to use gravel that will stand up to use for concrete, sharp and coarse and rake off all stones larger than an egg. Low places that are continually soft should have a stone foundation, laid before graveling, though many low spots that have apparently good gravel are composed of firm and solid with proper drainage.

This is not an expert's treatise on road building, merely a simple explanation that the average man can understand and the chief point I wish to emphasize is, that the secret of good roads lies, not in big road appropriations, but in knowing how to build a road. Selectmen and road commissioners are generally hard-headed, conservative business men, honestly trying to spend the town's money wisely; in their private capacities they put sufficient money into their own pockets to want a job done. Why not put a road builder to build roads when it is the town's job? A town that can afford a \$12,000 road appropriation can very wisely afford to pay a road builder \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year to build good town roads and save the rest.

Richard M. Shaw. TOWNSEND. Charles Corey, aged seventy years, who had lived on the S. S. Haynes place, Townsend hill, since coming from Groton four years ago, died of pneumonia, Monday, Mr. Corey lived alone and it is not known that he had any living relatives. The body was taken to Groton, Wednesday, the interment taking place beside his wife in the Groton cemetery. During his sickness he was kindly cared for by his neighbor, John J. Morse.

Miss Carrie Walker, of Townsend Hill, attended the funeral of her great-uncle, Mrs. Hannah Blood, held in the afternoon at 10:30 o'clock, Monday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock. Interment was in Pepperell. Mrs. Blood, who had suffered several shocks during her later years, had been making her home with her nephew, Rev. Eugene H. Thrasher, in Gloucester, where she passed away. Mrs. Blood was well known in town, having spent several summers on Townsend Hill with her niece, Mrs. Arthur Barber, and during her visits she had made many friends by her pleasing personality. She was a loyal member of the Townsend Hill Improvement society and took a keen interest in its various branches of work.

The literary committee of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge feel that an explanation is due the public in regard to the change of films at the motion picture show on February 22 in Memorial hall. Arrangements were only started the previous Monday, making it very short of time to get a choice of films, especially on a holiday. After the bills were in the hands of the exhibitor, the only films obtainable were found too much worn to give satisfaction. The committee felt, however, in presenting "Charlie Chaplin in a picture of recent date, that the public would be letting their money's worth. With this explanation they hope the public will be satisfied.

Townsend friends are always interested to learn of the success of the local high school graduates and will be glad to know of the honor recently conferred upon Lester C. Swicker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Swicker, of this town. Lester, who is a senior in the University of Maine, has recently been elected into the Tau Beta Pi fraternity. This is the highest honor that an undergraduate engineer can receive, and Lester was one of six others thus honored. Tau Beta Pi is an honorary fraternity for engineers and has chapters in leading universities and technical schools. Elections are made from those juniors and seniors in engineering who have shown high mental and moral qualifications.

The sad news has been received by relatives in Groton of the death of Rev. Henry Hyde, aged seventy-six years, at his home in Somersworth, N. H. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Congregational church in that place, of which he was a former pastor. Mr. Hyde was well known in Groton, having married a Townsend girl, formerly Miss Lucia T. Hill. The Monday club held a successful food sale in the Congregational church vestry, Monday afternoon, in charge of Mrs. J. B. Smith. The net proceeds were twenty dollars. Miss Gertrude Higgins, of Framingham Normal school, is enjoying a week's vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Higgins, High Street, Miss Rosamond Day, of Millbury, is a guest in the home. Master Charles Swicker is very ill with pneumonia at the home of his aunt, Mrs. James Misher. His brother, Private Edwin Swicker, of Camp Merritt, is with him at present on a furlough. Stanley Hardy, who has been ill at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway, since the first of December, has entirely recovered and has returned to his home in Ashby. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dwinell and children, from Southwick, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. George Hathaway of Bayberry Hill, before attending a similar position for the Congregational Company in Winchendon. Mrs. Herbert Wise is on the sick list at her home, suffering from a severe cold.

were the holiday guests of Mrs. A. D. Fessenden. Rectress from Business. Charles W. Hildreth, who has been a stockkeeper in our village for about fifty years, has retired from business, having sold out to Albert Wyman, of West Townsend, who took possession on Monday. The store was originally built by the late Joshua Page, who was also the first proprietor. After his death the business was carried on by the late Henry B. Hildreth, later, his brother Charles joined him in partnership, the latter remaining the sole proprietor from the time the partnership was dissolved until the present time. Mr. Hildreth has gained many customers along the years who sincerely regret his having to give up his business on account of ill health and advancing age, having been a prominent business man in the town for so many years, and will be missed by his business associates. It is of interest to note in passing that during his long period of service as stockkeeper the proprietors of the lot fronted by the stores have changed five times. Ian Rusk, of West Townsend, is clerking for the present for the new proprietor, Mr. Wyman.

Honor Banner. The Hoover Canning club was presented this week, by Robert E. Trask, of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics, with an honor banner from the State College of Agriculture for their being one of the thirty canning clubs in the county to achieve the 100% in their work. Middlesex county having had the largest number of boys and girls who completed all the requirements of the contest. The total enrollment of the county canning club was 3487, and the total number of quarts reported was 74,421. Middlesex county's total of 12,135 quarts was almost one-sixth of the entire amount canned in the state, and Mr. Trask said that the Townsend club, which was composed of all girls, was one of the best. He also spoke further of their excellent work and urged the boys to take up club work with more enthusiasm and thereby put Townsend on the map as the girls had.

The banner was especially attractive, made of green felt with lettering as follows: "State College of Agriculture to the Hoover Canning Club." In a yellow circle was placed the emblem of the four leaf clover with the words, "Hand, heart, head and health" on the four points, and in the center a part of fruit. It is planned to have the banner placed at the top of the time in the grammar grade room and the remaining time in the high school room, as pupils from both rooms were members of the club.

West. The Busy Bee club met last week Friday forenoon, with Miss Evelyn Ennor at the town farm, and the vice president, Miss Coffey, presided in the absence of the president, Miss Peris Ormsby, who was ill. The club spent the afternoon patching and darning, and at the close of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed with ice cream and cake was served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Janet Clark. Mrs. Warren Elliott, of Bayberry Hill, has been sick with a severe cold, treated with pneumonia. Albert Wyman, of Bayberry Hill, recently discharged from the service, has purchased the Charles Hildreth store at the Center, Jan and Richard are assisting him for a few days, and Harold Pettis is to clerk with him for the present. Wagoner Aden A. Sherwin, wounded overseas, has been home on a five-days' furlough from Camp Dix, N. J., where he is under treatment at the hospital. A host of friends gave him a hearty welcome on his long absence, as he was among the first to be called into foreign service.

A very pleasing social event was the gathering of young people at the Baptist vestry on last week Friday, when the Live Wire class of boys of the Baptist Sunday school entertained the All-ready class of girls, sponsored by Mrs. Charles Hildreth, and her mother, Mrs. Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKeane. Games and music were enjoyed during the evening and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, and most of the members of both classes were present. Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway were called to Kittery, Me., last Saturday, by the death of Mr. Hathaway's sister, Mrs. Joseph Emment, who passed away last week Thursday at her home, and whose funeral took place on Sunday afternoon.

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LOWER PRICES INTEREST EVERY ONE

At wholesale, prices have been reduced in a few lines, but not in many, and they have advanced in some lines.

- We have REDUCED PRICES on many goods, some of which are listed below: \$1.00 Lanterns now 60¢, 70c. Drip Pans now 40¢, 60c. Kettles now 45¢, 20c. Pie Racks 15¢, 30c. Fry Pans now 25¢, 25c. Enameled Ladles now 20¢, 15c. Tin Ladies now 15¢, 15c. Tin Cups now 5¢, 30c. Cuspidors now 15¢, 23c. Wash Basins now 15¢, 20c. Bowls now 15¢, 50c. Pudding Pans now 15¢, 20c. Counter Brushes now 35¢, 15c. Scrub Brushes now 10¢, 25c. Shoe Brushes 15¢, 35c. Linen Paper now 25¢, 40c. Correspondence Cards 25¢, 30c. Correspondence Cards 20¢, 25c. Soup Plates now 19¢, 37c. Soup Plates now 20¢, 15c. Plates now 10¢, 65c. Mirrors now 25¢, 15c. Waste Baskets now 45¢, 16c. Coat Hangers now 10¢, 30c. Aluminum Sugars now 20¢, \$4.50 Wick Stoves now \$3.25, \$6.00 Oil Heaters now \$5.25, \$3.25 Cake Stands now \$2.00, \$2.85 Wash Tubs now \$2.15, \$6.25 Punch Bowls now \$5.00

Ayer Variety Store

Opposite Railroad Station. VERIFICATION OF SAVINGS BANK BOOKS. The attention of the DEPOSITORS in the following SAVINGS BANKS is hereby called to the provision of Section 43 of Chapter 590 of the Acts of 1908, requiring VERIFICATION OF THE BOOKS OF DEPOSIT during the present year, and they are respectfully requested to hand or send in their books, for this purpose during the months of MARCH and APRIL, 1919. Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg, Mass. North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer, Mass. Leominster Savings Bank, Fitchburg Savings Bank, Orange Savings Bank, Athol Savings Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin and son, from Atlantic, where they are spending the winter, spent the holidays with their relatives in town. Little Dorothy Sherwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin, celebrated her sixth birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely on Saturday, entertaining twelve of her little friends and playmates at a party in the afternoon. Games and music were enjoyed and a dainty lunch was served in the dining-room, which was appropriately decorated in red, white and blue bunting, and flags, and which was properly saluted by the guests as they were seated. Many pretty gifts were received by the little hostess, and the crowning event of the day was the arrival of her "soldier daddy" from the war, who surprised the family by arriving on a five-days' furlough from Camp Dix, N. J., where he is under treatment for his wounds, and whose arrival was the occasion of a happy family gathering as well as the children's party.

Washington's birthday was appropriately observed by the public schools on last week Friday afternoon, by a union program presented in Seminary hall, which was pleasing to all. Mrs. Robert Brown and little daughter, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Welch, are spending a few weeks with relatives in Lynn before returning to their home in Mr. Atry, N. C. Notice was observed in one of the recent papers of the death of Mr. Jennie Morse, wife of Benjamin Morse, both former well known residents of this village. Mrs. Morse passed away at the home of her brother, U. S. Wilson, in Malden.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKeane spent Monday in Fitchburg. In spite of the severe storm ten were present at the morning service in the Baptist vestry, and about twenty-five at the evening service last Sunday. Mrs. Ernest Kaddy and her little daughter, Dorothy, are spending a few days with friends in Boston and vicinity. Mrs. Tibbitts, who is with her mother, Mrs. Susan Moran, enjoyed a visit from one of her sons from Middlesex over the holiday. Grace Thompson from Attleboro, is enjoying a vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch. Stillman Hand, from Camp Devens, enjoyed a brief furlough and visited friends in town the latter part of last week.

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Dr. Hartzell says that infection from the teeth and tonsils causes ninety per cent of all heart disease; that fifty per cent of arthritis and influenza from the same cause; that kidney troubles are frequent from mouth infection. Cut these sources in half and we would still have enough left to cause all of us to do some hard thinking.

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Groton, Mass., January, 1919. To the Middlesex County Commissioners, Cambridge, Mass. Gentlemen:-The undersigned respectfully represent that the Great Road, so called, in Littleton and Groton, is in need of alterations and specific repairs, from the end of the state road at Littleton Common, thence in Littleton to the Groton line, and in Groton from the Littleton line to a point in Groton Centre, where said Great Road is joined by the Lowell Road, so called.

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

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

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 on March 10, 1919, at 10:15 A. M., by serving the Clerks of the towns of Groton and Littleton, with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said towns of Groton and Littleton, fourteen days before said view; and that he make return before said view, and that he make return before said view.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk. Copy of petition and order thereon. Attest: WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk. A true copy of petition and order thereon. Attest: ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of JOHN A. KENDALL, late of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same to the first of the 100,000 men to go across, and will be entitled to a star, if they are awarded. He recounted briefly that part of his experience already told, having been twice captured by the Germans, and twice escaping, the second time just before the armistice. Although roughly treated by the Germans while their prisoner, he does not describe any actual cruelty, although he was threatened to be shot as a spy. The food, however, was not such as to cause any increase in weight, and he has not yet regained the twenty pounds he lost. He revealed largely on a kind of bread, which when analyzed was found to contain 60% wood pulp, with a small amount of potato flour.

He attributed his second escape, in company with a British officer, to partial carelessness of the Huns, who acted as though they saw the end of the war, and said that the average German soldier of the part of the army he saw were dull and spiritless, and unobedient. As soon as it became known that the armistice was signed, he said the streets of Solingen, where they happened to be, were filled with arms and equipment, some of the soldiers joining with the French in singing the Marseillaise.

He received his commission as lieutenant at an English training camp. He was discharged from the service January 31, and is at present doing some lecturing and will later return to Chicago as civil engineer for the C. B. and Q. railroad.

FOR SALE:-Clark Cutaway Harrow (two-horse), in A-1 condition; used only one season; also 300 new Bushel Baskets with covers; price right. JOHN H. HARDY, Littleton, Mass.

New Advertisements. WOOD PULP FOR SALE:-15 cords of White Birch Wood, fitted for stove, 150 per cord, delivered; good measure, 120 cubic feet. F. M. HYNES, Harvard, Mass. DRY WOOD FOR SALE:-All fitted at \$10 per cord, delivered. E. A. COKE, Harvard, Mass. Tel. 88-2. WANTED:-An experienced Girl for general housework. Apply to Public Spirit Office, Ayer, Mass.

Saturday, March 1, 1919

PEPPERELL

News Items

Arthur Brown, formerly employed by the Nashua River Paper Company, has gone to Dummer, N. H., where he has a job in a lumber camp, driving a four-horse team.

Announcement is made of the birth of a son, the second child, to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Willoughby, in Manchester, N. H., Monday, February 17. Mr. Willoughby was formerly of Pepperell. The little one is already named Warren Guy.

The republican town committee met last week and organized, J. A. Saunders being re-elected chairman and Lyman Canney, secretary.

Stanley Stevenson, who was lately discharged from the service at Camp Devens and returned here to work in the paper mill, has gone to Quincy with his wife, and if he does not secure work, they intend to go back to Maine, where they originally lived.

Mrs. E. A. Marshall, who came from Amesbury last week to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Clark, returned home on Wednesday. Her name was inadvertently omitted from the list of surviving relatives last week.

Miss Janette Newhall, one of the assistant librarians in Springfield, spent the holiday and Sunday at her home on Townsend street.

Thomas F. Graham, from Boston; John F. Reagan, from Watertown; Nelson Carter and Joseph Bergeron, from Charlestown, and several others interested in the town election, were here over the day to vote.

News was received from David Beland last week, from South Sudbury, where he has been staying with his daughter, Mrs. Lura Walker, of his illness from influenza, pneumonia being feared at one time. Later reports speak of improvement in his condition.

Other Pepperell matter on pages six and seven.

Pepperell troop No. 2, Boy Scouts, took a hike with their scoutmaster, Mr. Rust, on Saturday afternoon, as far as the pumping station, nine boys participating. Several passed the fire and cooking tests which completed the requirement for second-class Scouts.

Miss Elizabeth McNary spent the holiday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Charles Marshall, of Fitchburg.

Mr. Patterson, of Merrimack, N. H., who visited his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Harris, just before his annual trip south to Orlando, Fla., writes that the season there has been cold and rainy, although Orlando is not a seaport town, and is selected by invalids for its dryness.

Miss Ada Whittney returned home this week from Nashua, N. H., where she has been since the holidays.

Miss Muriel Robinson went to Lowell this week to visit Mrs. Chester Roberts and husband. Mrs. Roberts was formerly Miss Edith Day, of this place, her parents residing on the farm now owned by Mr. Bliss, Park street.

Miss Jessie Flynn, a teacher in East Bridgewater, passed her vacation last week in town at the home of her parents on Oak hill.

Mrs. Mary Barnes has recovered from her severe illness sufficiently to again fill the position of housekeeper for Mrs. N. E. Merrill and Miss Klity Lawrence has returned to her home in Fitchburg, with her brother, Blanchley Lawrence, and family.

Mrs. A. A. Blood, who came from Gardner this week to be present at the installation of her daughter, visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, a part of the week.

Mrs. Sarah E. Patch suffered an illness last week, which confined her to her room for a few days. She is now reported convalescent, although still under the care of her physician and the district nurse.

The March meeting of the Alliance branch will be held with Mrs. John O. Bennett on Thursday, March 6. Business meeting at eleven o'clock and lunch at one, with Mrs. Bennett, hostess. Work for the day will consist of the Red Cross work from the local branch, if available.

Friends of our aged citizen, Calvin Pierce, will be pleased to learn that he is making a wonderful progress toward recovery and is now able to be about his home once more.

Miss Ethel Cobb of Melrose Highlands visited her cousin, Miss Gertrude Raymond, in town, over the holiday, returning to her home to resume her studies at Leland Powers school of dramatic art on Tuesday.

Miss Sara Hubbard, teacher of the second and third grades in the Main street school, went to her home in Nashua last week for the holiday and was unable to return by reason of illness.

Miss Doris Durant has been substituting for her.

Mrs. Maude Chick and son Ray are visiting at the home of Willis Bosworth at Brockton. Mrs. Chick's mother, Mrs. Susan Raymond, is staying at the home of her son, Herbert Raymond.

Asa Burgess was taken suddenly ill this week, requiring the attendance of a physician. Mrs. Fannie Lawrence, his housekeeper, has just recovered from an illness and is out again.

Mrs. F. A. Davis of Hollis street is visiting her sister at Beverly this week.

Mrs. Bert Stoddard and youngest child are visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chester Parker, this week. Mr. Stoddard is expected from Greenfield to join them this week.

Sherman Parker, another Pepperell boy in the service, has recently received his discharge from service at a camp in California, and writes of returning to his former position with a lumber company at Hollywood, Cal. On the date of his last letter he was attending a great fair at San Bernardino, representing his firm, the Whiting Wrecking Co., and writes glowing accounts of the wonderful exhibit of oranges, lemons and fruit, generally.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gardner on Monday, February 24.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Sullivan) Morrissy, who fell about three weeks ago, breaking her leg, is reported as gaining.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Martin of Worcester, with their little daughter Frances, came Thursday of last week for a stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shaw over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shaw over the holiday, took the occasion to make a business trip into Maine while here, and returned to Worcester with his wife on Monday, leaving the little girl with her grandparents, as she is in need of a change after an attack of bronchial trouble.

Mrs. Mary Parkhill of Leominster was the guest of her friend, Mrs. A. H. Gilbert, over the holiday and Sunday, returning to her home on Tuesday morning.

Miss Alice Simonds of Somerville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George W. S. Adams over February 22 and Sunday.

If you have anything to sell by auction try William F. Fitzgerald, auctioneer, 123 North Main street.

Robert M. Snello has recently returned home after eight months' service in France, operating a munition truck. He made the acquaintance of Chateau-Thierry, having the assignment to bring up the required ammunition for the troops in action, to within two miles of the front, and sometimes in extremity, even nearer. It is probable that he will engage in his line of auto work in this or an adjacent town.

Miss Mary Conigg of Fitchburg was the guest of Mrs. E. J. Darling over the 22d and Sunday.

Installation

The officers of Acoma Rebekah lodge were installed at Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening by Mrs. Blanche Brown, district deputy grand president, and her suite, Mrs. George Boynton, d. d. g. w.; Mrs. Whitehall, d. d. g. sec.; Mrs. Jennie Hazen, d. d. g. treas.; Mrs. Nesbit Wood, d. d. g. chap.; Miss Louise Wright, d. d. g. m.; Miss Ethel Kemp, d. d. g. l. g.; Mrs. A. A. Blood, d. d. g. herald.

The following officers were installed: Mrs. Susie Fredericks, n. g.; Mrs. Elsie Copp, v. g.; Mrs. Florence Fiske, rec. sec.; Miss Anna Sartelle, fin. sec.; Mrs. Effie Robbins, treas.; Miss Lydia Waite, w. m.; Mrs. Hattie Shaw, chap.; Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell, r. n. g.; Mrs. Kate Dunlap, l. s. n. g.; Mrs. Louise Dunton, r. s. v. g.; Mrs. Bertha Wright, l. s. v. g.; Mrs. Florence Soule, o. g. The inside guardian and conductor were not installed, being unavoidably absent.

After the installation the retiring noble grand, Mrs. Louise Lunt, was presented with a handsome past noble grand collar, the presentation being very happily made by Mrs. Mary H. Blood, and heartily responded to by the recipient. Speeches by the members of the installing suite were also presented with a handsome past noble grand collar, the presentation being very happily made by Mrs. Mary H. Blood, and heartily responded to by the recipient. Speeches by the members of the installing suite were also presented with a handsome past noble grand collar, the presentation being very happily made by Mrs. Mary H. Blood, and heartily responded to by the recipient.

D. A. R. Meeting

Washington's birthday was observed in appropriate manner by the members of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., on Saturday, February 22, at the home of Mrs. E. B. Heald, the hostess, being Mrs. Olive P. Lewis and Miss Josephine M. Lawrence.

There was a gathering of about thirty to enjoy the unusually fine program presented by Mrs. Andrew Pratt, regent of the D. A. R. chapter, Fitchburg. Mrs. Pratt is a woman of fine pulse and intellectuality and her paper on "Senior citizens for old" gained much by her manner of presentation. In addition Mrs. Pratt discussed informally the work the Woman's club and D. A. R. chapter of Fitchburg are doing toward the Americanization of the foreign born population.

Death

Another of Pepperell's aged citizens has passed away, the death of Mrs. Hannah E. (Fales) Blood, occurring at the home of her nephew, Rev. Eugene Thrasher, Gloucester, Saturday, February 22. The remains were brought here to her old home for interment, arriving on Monday morning. Services were held at the Congregational church, of which she was a member since 1855, at 10.30, conducted by Rev. B. W. Rust of the Methodist church, who was a college mate of Mr. Thrasher. A familiar hymn, a favorite of the deceased, "Nearer my God to thee," was sung by Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson.

Mrs. Blood was the widow of the late Joshua Blood and was a resident here for fifty-seven years. She was a native of Canada, N. H., and came to Pepperell at the age of eighteen or twenty years, and was employed for a number of years in the "Retreat," then conducted by Dr. James Howe. Her marriage to Mr. Blood took place in August, 1852. He was for many years, preceding his death in 1904, an invalid, and she faithfully and tenderly cared for him, unaided, at their home on Park street.

Following the sale of her home to Frank T. Wright, she went to live with relatives, having at that time a sister, Mrs. Barbour, living in Milford, N. H. This sister has since died, and Mrs. Blood was the last of her immediate family. For the past three years she has made her home with her favorite nephew, Mr. Thrasher, who was pastor of the Methodist church in Gloucester. He has been like a son, patient and thoughtful. During the past two years she has been an invalid from the effects of a succession of cerebral hemorrhages, which would render her unconscious for a day or more. Her mind would remain in his health quicker than her body, and up to the last attack on the week preceding her death, she took great pleasure in reading and keeping in touch with the great events of the world, but, as she expressed it, "her heart and soul were in Pepperell," and she followed the deities here from the telling of a letter from an old friend. Only last Christmas she wrote to several here in town, and particularly to Mrs. Walter Jewett, remembering her extreme age.

She suffered little or no pain, and during the entire two years when she

has been falling she was never known to complain or murmur, but bore her weakness with a true christian spirit. She was always a devout, conscientious woman, and only the Sunday before she died she told her nephew on his return from service, that she had read four chapters in her bible. Obedient to her ill health, she was a regular attendant at the church services. Her last visit to this town was about three years ago, when she was the guest of her husband's nephew, R. H. Blood, and friends in town, and also relatives in Townsend. At that time she showed the effect of illness and her advanced years, being at the time of her death in her eighty-fourth year, having been born in April, 1835.

The deceased is survived by the nephew with whom she died, Rev. Eugene Thrasher, formerly of Nashua, N. H.; a niece, Mrs. Nellie Fales (Lan), formerly of Nashua, N. H.; Mrs. Ella Hawkins, of Jamaica Plain; a nephew, Charles Fales, of Adams; a niece, Miss Carrie Walker, of Townsend hill, and by a nephew, C. A. Barbour, and his sister, formerly living in Milford, N. H., but now residing in Connecticut. Mr. Thrasher, who came here with the body, and Miss Walker, of Townsend, were the only immediate relatives present from out of town to attend the services. Burial will be in the family lot in Walton cemetery.

Express Company Have Fire Scare

Fire was discovered in the office of the American Express Company about two o'clock Monday morning by Chief Lawrence and Chief Dwyer, gate-tender on the Boston and Main railroad. A pane of glass in the back door was broken and a fire extinguisher put into use, which with some noise and a second fire extinguisher as soon as it could be refilled, proved all that was needed to cause the fire to be extinguished. The fire was notified, and aided in the final work of making things safe. A much scorched ceiling and wall, both of which were sheathed and varnished, and a burned rubbish pan were the worst features of the fire, although it seemed probable it would soon have ignited the woodwork and destroyed the office. Only one small book, of no importance, belonging to the express company, was injured.

The fire seemed to originate in the rubbish receptacle, which the agent thinks must have contained some foreign substance of inflammable nature, to cause the blaze. The prompt action of the town men first on the scene saved the express company, the owner of the building, and the fire department, considerable money and inconvenience. The building, which stands on railroad land, at a direct time, was built by Irving J. Rowell for a wood and coal office some years ago, and has been rented by him to the express company since he removed his office into his grain store. From its location it is one of the most conveniently located buildings for the express business. The damage will probably not exceed \$25, and is covered by insurance.

Town Officers Elected

The vote on the election of town officials for the ensuing year, on Monday, was the smallest ever recalled, the total vote being but 174 in both precincts. Polls were opened at 8.30, the warden at Precinct A, being John O. Bennett, and at Precinct B, W. A. Drummer. The only interest shown was in the license vote which resulted in 81 votes for license and 88 votes against it. The caucus nominees were elected with no contests, as follows: J. P. Kemp, town clerk; Charles H. Miller, selectman; Addison Woodard, treasurer; Arthur P. Whit, assessor; Walter Shattuck, school committee; Arthur Wright, tax collector; C. H. Miller, water commissioner; P. F. Sullivan, overseer of poor; E. G. Chapman, cemetery commissioner; Mrs. E. B. Heald and Mrs. J. B. Johnson, trustees of Lawrence library; John F. Tunne, highway warden; John F. Spaulding and Arthur Bannon, auditors; A. A. Lawrence and G. G. Tarbell, constables.

Pepperell Branch, A. R. C.

The quota in the "sewing drive" will be finished by the local branch of the Red Cross and sent to headquarters this week. The branch has been greatly assisted by the Mt. Lebanon Associates and the West Neighborhood club, as well as by the several individuals who have kindly taken the work to their homes. There has also been a very gratifying attendance at the rooms. Starting out January 1, the following refugee garments have been completed: 10 jackets, 50 men's shirts, children's undershirts, 25 boys' drawers, 10 layettes, 50 comfort kits, 25 aprons, 40 women's skirts, 10 sweaters, 10 pairs socks, 30 porties for Camp Devens, Afghan from the Girl Scouts, sent to the base hospital at Camp Devens; donations were received toward the layettes of 10 hoods and 10 supply bags.

At present there is no work on hand for the branch, although more is expected, as they are to hold themselves in readiness for any future demands, and the branch will not be broken up as in some other places. Notice will be given of the date of the next meeting, when decided.

Men's Club Entertain

The full house at Prescott hall on Monday evening proved conclusively that the committee chosen to attend to all details of the concert and entertainment of the Pepperell Men's club had faithfully attended to their various duties, and that the club, in presenting to the public such high-class entertainers as the Standish male quartet, deserved the thanks and appreciation of the people. At the close of a two-hour program every member of the audience, about 300 persons, had nothing but praise for their evening's enjoyment.

Although new to a Pepperell audience, the Standish quartet will be remembered with pleasure for a long time. The fine tone blending which is so satisfactory in quartet singing comes from the fact that this is the fourth season of the Standish without any change in the personnel, which is as follows: Walter C. Mooney, first tenor; Otto E. Lewis, second tenor and accompanist; Robert L. Van Buskirk, baritone and reader; William H. Corliss, basso. Every member is an artist in his own peculiar line, and as a quartet or individually they establish a performance-like atmosphere each number, which enhances each number and wins a place with the audience from the start.

The first selection by the quartet was an opening number, "Wake with the lark," followed by a bass solo by Mr. Corliss, "Clank of the foeman's steel," both receiving repeated approval. The "Lullaby" by the quartet proved the capabilities of the gentlemen in this complete change of repertoire.

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Mr. Van Buskirk, in the group of readings next given, ranging from Henry Van Dyke's "America for me," through selections from Rudyard Kipling's "Recruit," and ending with some of the poems of James Whitcomb Riley, in which he was particularly liked, won his audience completely and proved him master of his art, and a real entertainer of rare ability.

The quartet again made a direct change, and to all who love the old-time songs, and the saving and twenty minutes of old-time songs and southern melodies," as programed, was twenty minutes of the purest pleasure. The tenor solo by Mr. Lewis was well received, and all welcomed Mr. Van Buskirk, who again appeared with a group of "Just stories," which were a fine collection of short, snappy stories, in which the humorous predominated. The selection, "Good night," by the quartet, although not welcomed from its significance, was splendidly rendered, and perfected the quartet. The chosen music of the quartet. The entire evening response, these entertainers evidently aiming to please. The universal opinion is that they succeeded, and the club is to be congratulated on their happy choice.

The financial part of the evening is also reported as very satisfactory, although this was second in the aim of the entertainment committee of the club, whose first purpose was to place before the public a high-grade entertainment regardless of expense. They may surely feel that their efforts were appreciated from the size and pleasure of the audience.

Surprise Party

On the evening of February 22 the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gay on Mason street was the scene of a surprise party, which was unique in every sense.

Mr. Gay recently had his flock of hens stolen, but on that night the number and two for good measure returned in dignified manner in E. D. Walker's Ford truck, preceded by twenty-six Mt. Lebanon Community Associates, carrying lanterns and a goodly assortment of refreshments, which they proceeded to invade the house, where they were received by Mrs. Gay, who, although completely surprised and unaware of the return of the hens, proved herself equal to the occasion and a very able hostess. Several introductions and hearty greetings took place.

When Mr. Gay, returning from Hutchinson's store a few minutes later, heard the house he saw signs of life and excitement around his henhouse. He first thought was that the police had really brought back the culprits with his hens. Upon entering the henhouse he was dumfounded to find a hen party awaiting his arrival in the living-room. His amazement was complete when the door bell rang and several men asked him to come with Mrs. Gay to the henhouse. No time was lost in her donning the necessary and abbers in sight. Several others, wishing to see the fun, followed after and when Mr. and Mrs. Gay reached the henhouse fifteen white hens and a rooster greeted them from the roost. Mr. Gay thought they looked very much like the ones he lost and thereupon some of the Associates tried to prove an alibi.

Some returned to the house, where games and cards were enjoyed. Refreshments of sandwiches, crackers, cake, cookies, ice cream and hot coffee were served by the ladies, assisted by two very efficient little helpers, Misses Hazel Wilson and Florence Walker. Mr. Gay's work-room proved especially attractive to the men later in the evening, where cigars were enjoyed while the women washed the dishes and did justice to the remainder of the ice cream in the kitchen.

About 11.30 the happy party returned home, regretting that a few members were unable to be present, although represented by a white hen. The Mt. Lebanon Community Associates thank Harry W. Hutchinson for one of the two extra members of the hen family, and all wish Mr. and Mrs. Gay good success with their restored property.

Presentation

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church, held at the home of Mrs. Waldo Spaulding on Thursday afternoon, was a large and exceedingly pleasant gathering, the spacious rooms being well adapted for an occasion of this kind. There was a short business session and the program was given up in order to devote the time to the unexpected pleasure of listening to one of the returning soldiers, Walter Avery, who was in town for the day. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to an informal reception to the president of the society, Mrs. J. B. Lewis, which was also in the nature of a farewell. The reports of the secretary and treasurer gave evidence of the faithful and efficient work of Mrs. Lewis for this organization, an unusually large amount of money having been raised through her efforts in response to the unusually large number of calls and appeals for funds during the year.

Mrs. Lewis was assured of the just esteem in which she was held by the society, and as further proof of their affection she was presented with a silver trivet as a parting keep-sake. She was also asked to remain president as long as she should be in town, and was made honorary president by the members of the society. The ladies were delightfully entertained by the hostess and the gathering was enjoyed by all.

Clipping

Word was received from a lady in North Groton that a friend in Jacksonville, Fla., forwarded her a paper, dated February 23, which contained an item concerning James Starr, which, upon investigation, it is much to be regretted that it is not in the two points which raise some question of the identity in the minds of many, and it is sincerely hoped that by singular coincidence there might be two gentlemen of the same name in the small town of Green Cove Springs.

The absence of any mention of living north a part of the time, and the fact that it cannot be definitely ascertained that the Mr. Starr of this place belonged to any Masonic order, are the two points which raise some question of the identity in the minds of many, and it is sincerely hoped that by singular coincidence there might be two gentlemen of the same name in the small town of Green Cove Springs.

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