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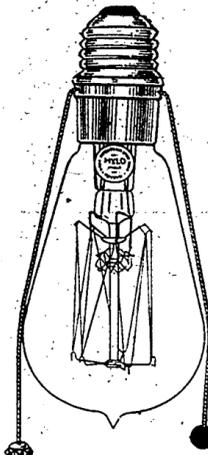
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FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 17—5 to 8 o'clock

### PEPPERELL

#### News Items.

Mrs. Rainsford Deware and daughter, Mrs. Arlene, went to St. Johnsbury, Vt., last week, receiving news of the illness of Robert Deware. They went from there to Montreal, as his illness did not prove as serious as anticipated. They are expected home this week.

Mrs. Paul Maxwell and infant daughter came from Middleboro on Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donnelly and son with Chester Bates went to the Homestead on Wednesday for a while to board, closing their home at the Center.

The East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. M. C. Lane on Wednesday afternoon, November 8. The subject will be "Autumn."

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Colbert, Prospect street, on Saturday, October 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Plummer have their sister-in-law, Mrs. Plummer, from Gorham, Me., staying with them for a while.

Chester Parker and family moved into the Hildreth house on Monday.

The annual meeting of the Congregational Sunday school classes of Otis Merrill and Mrs. Clara Shattuck was recently held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill, Oak Hill. There was an unusually large gathering, 63 being present. After the election of officers for the Bible class there was a social hour with songs and refreshments.

A. J. Geiger was in town with his family over Sunday from Somerville. The teachers of the public schools go to Ayer November 10 to attend the convention of the North Middlesex Teachers' association.

Ernest Nash, who has been in town, left on Monday for New York and expects to start on his deferred western trip, lasting about three weeks.

Miss Stella Kemp is at home from Cambridge assisting in the care of her mother, Mrs. Hazen, whose injuries from her second fall at her home are

more serious than was at first reported, as she is now suffering from a broken rib.

Douglas Deware is taking a post graduate course at the high school.

Mrs. O. M. Nash is slowly regaining her usual health and is able to drive out on pleasant days.

Halloween festivities were not as numerous this year as formerly. The social at Oak Hill hall was about the only public entertainment of that nature. The decorations of the hall were in keeping with the date and the vaudeville and dance attracted a good crowd as usual. Thayer's orchestra furnished music for dancing. The farce, "Jumbo Jim," was a most laughable production and kept the audience in good humor and the refreshments sold by the ladies from a corner booth were also appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy went to New York on Monday for ten days. Mrs. Joseph Attridge, their daughter, expects to go on Saturday to join them, returning next week. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy will keep Finchurst open probably until after the holidays.

Mrs. E. P. Gerrish of Brookline, N. H., visited her niece, Mrs. Linville Brookline, on Wednesday. She was accompanied also by her friend, Mrs. Groves.

At Oak Hill hall on Friday evening, November 10, the November committee are planning a seven cent social and entertainment. From seven to eight a miniature delicatessen counter will be in evidence, where refreshments will be on sale. Following this there will be a short farce and some other specialties. The committee are Mrs. Allen McElhenney, Lewis Parker and Mrs. Edmund Blood.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, who have been conducting the Elmwood at Brookline, N. H., have moved to Pepperell into the Cowdry house, opposite the Pepperell Card shop.

Miss Laura Canfield from Attleboro has been the guest of Mrs. C. G. Willey and Mrs. John McGrath, visiting on Tuesday with Mrs. Harry Powers at Brookline, N. H.

Mrs. George Stanley of Brookline was the guest of Mrs. James Hill in town on Tuesday.

Miss Carrie Foskett of Newtonville, Allan Patterson and daughters of Groton, Mrs. Alton Kloss of Townsend Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Robbins and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robbins of Raymond, N. H., Wellman Flisk of Lunenburg, with his sons and families, came on Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral service of their relative and friend, Judson J. Willoughby. Several of his fellow workmen at the West Grotton mill were also present.

Mrs. Walter Lunt returned on Wednesday from attending the double celebration of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of her late and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mason, of Brighton, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Shattuck of this place. The anniversary was observed last Saturday at the home of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Charles Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck who participated in the occasion went down by auto with Raymond Paul, Mrs. Lunt and Mrs. Nelson Wood, and their son, Howard Shattuck. All but Mrs. Lunt returned that evening. Both Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Shattuck were the recipients of articles of silver, including one purse of twenty-five shining silver dollars. A collared cake of iced cream, cake and coffee. Mrs. Nelson Wood and Mrs. Bernard Stevens pouring and Mrs. Davis, the hostess, with Miss Mildred Lunt, the waitress, a special feature was a handsome bride's cake ornamented with silver leaves and twenty-five candles. A pleasant social evening with music followed.

Edward Shattuck, the aged brother of Miss F. Shattuck, who was in Boston on Tuesday to see her, having been notified of her critical condition following her accident with a wheel. A consultation of physicians was held on Saturday and no pains are spared toward her recovery. Dr. J. W. Kemp has the care during the day and Mrs. Louise Dunton nights, and the district nurse goes in as often as possible.

There have been twenty names added to the voting list, eleven of these being added at the last registration on Saturday, October 28.

Mrs. Frank Stevens, of Newton Center, returned with her sister, Mrs. W. Lunt, on her return from a visit at Brighton and vicinity, Wednesday evening. She has been the guest of relatives in town the remainder of the week.

The Unitarian Sunday school will hold a social in the vestry on Friday evening, November 10.

Mrs. M. M. Richards was a Fitchburg shopper on Tuesday.

Elmer E. Shattuck, formerly of this town, now farm superintendent of the Concord reformatory, was Wednesday appointed warden of the prison camp and hospital at Rutland by Director of Prisons Cyrus B. Adams.

Supt. Shattuck has been an officer at the reformatory since May, 1887, and is a member of the Concord board of selectmen.

Michael F. Dunn, treasurer of the Rodney Wallace Co. of Fitchburg, broke his shoulder blade here last week. The blade was stepped into a hole and was thrown to the ground with great force. Mr. Dunn was in town on business for the paper company and in stepping backward placed his foot into a depression and before he could recover his balance was thrown. He landed on the shoulder blade in such a way that the shoulder blade was broken. He was driven to Fitchburg and to the hospital.

The November all-day meeting of the L. A. S. Alliance Branch of the First Parish church will be held on Friday, November 10, at 10.30 in the church parlor. Business meeting at eleven o'clock. Lunch at noon. At two o'clock Mrs. Tuttle of Lowell, director for North Middlesex, will address the meeting.

Pictures of the Lancaster pageant of 1912 will hang in the art room at Lawrence library for a short time. This set illustrates episodes in the history of Lancaster, a very old town, from the arrival of first settlers in the 17th century up to more recent times.

The Woman's club will meet Tuesday afternoon, November 7, Federation day. Mrs. Lella O. Penock will be the speaker. Club tea will be served. Board meeting at 2 p.m.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will serve a supper at the vestry on Thursday evening, November 9, at 6.30, followed by an entertainment at 8 o'clock.

The executive board of the District Nurse association will meet with Mrs. Dudley L. Whitmarsh on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

### LITTLETON

News Items.

A meeting of the Rifle club will be held in the Odd Fellows' rooms at the town hall on Wednesday, November 8, to make preparations for the U. R. A. match which will be held at a later date. The trophy in this match is a medal presented by the U. R. A. to the member making the highest score in a team composed of ten bona fide members of the club and is shot as follows: 10 shots for record at 200 yards, rapid fire, kneeling from standing in 1 1/2 minutes; 2 slighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300 yards and 500 yards show fire. The D. target being used in rapid fire, the A target at 200 yards and the B target at 500 yards. It is hoped that with a little practice the part of some of the members' that the 300 and 500 yard ranges may be installed at the local range so that the match may be held at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, of Melrose, who have recently covered 1360 miles in a tour through New York State and Vermont, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cox at Bonnie Brae.

Mrs. Margaret Parker, president of the Woman's club, joined her fellow-presidents at the semi-annual State Federation meeting in Franklin last Monday and greatly enjoyed the program, especially the splendid address given in the afternoon by Hon. John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union.

Justin Merrill has recovered from a long illness and is at school again.

Lester Griffiths, who has been studying in Tech and getting practical training in engineering, has received a promotion and gone to Passaic in the capacity of assistant engineer for the firm that is to erect two or three new rubber factories.

A more appreciative audience could not have been desired than that of the lyceum last Tuesday evening, who listened with rapt attention for over an hour to one of the most finished and complete in all particulars of entertainments given in recent years. Pe-ohm-e-sweet, the charming Indian girl, possessed a melodious voice and graceful, attractive manners. She immediately won the admiration of the large audience and the fascination grew as she continued to unfold her

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own possibilities through the revelation of her race. All that was said in anticipation was fully realized in her clever program, and we agree in the characterization of her accompanist for the dances, Guy E. Mar, who was recommended as a very unusual performer.

Mrs. George Edwards, of Worcester, has been the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Ireland. News has reached us of her brother, John Ireland, death nearly two weeks ago. Mr. Ireland had resided in Concord for many years and was well advanced in years.

George H. Cash is recovering from injuries received by a blow from a splinter which struck him in the face, causing ugly lacerations while he was at work with his sawing machine.

Elmer W. Fletcher enjoyed a part of the week with his comrades of the New England Fox Hunters' club in East Pepperell, returning on Thursday night.

The United Workers accepted the hospitality of Miss Elizabeth W. Fletcher on Wednesday evening, November 1. There were eighteen present. After the business section, which was conducted by Miss W. E. Conant, president, Miss Florence Wilcox took charge of the meeting and led in the devotions. The subject discussed was "Discovery and conquest of Spanish America." Miss Julia S. Conant gave a resume of the introductory chapter of the text book, "Old Spain in New America." Data contributing to various phases of the subject was given by Misses Miriam Conant, Elizabeth Fletcher, Elizabeth Houghton, Marion Flagg and Martha Kimball, Mrs. F. S. Kimball, Mrs. F. H. Hill and Mrs. A. M. Parker.

Miss Hazel Wainwright has returned from a two-weeks' visit with friends in Somerville and Charlestown. Her mother, Mrs. Joseph Wainwright, has gone to Fitchburg to visit her daughter, Mrs. Martha.

The Unitarian Guild was delightfully entertained Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Ivo A. Russell at their home in Newtown. Halloween stunts, games and refreshments made the time pass all too quickly and the night was perfect in all elements combined to make the occasion memorable.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Leonard of Mansfield accepted the week-end hospitality of the Ivo Russells.

The new house on the Graves place in North Littleton is progressing and promises completion before cold weather. The James A. Woods house on New Estate road also begins to look habitable.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Brown have returned from their wedding trip and set up housekeeping in their new home on East Main street, Ayer.

The annual sale and supper of the Baptist society is scheduled for next week, November 12. The ladies have been working hard in preparation for this event and hope to be well rewarded by a large patronage.

Mrs. J. C. Alvord as delegate ex officio will attend the annual meeting of the W. B. M. which meets in Northampton next week.

Mrs. Shepard and two sons from Shannock, R. I., have recently come to live in town and will spend the winter with the hoster family at the Common. One son will work in the shipping room and the other in the weaving department at the webbing factory. Mr. Shepard now resides in France and lives in Calais, where the sons were brought up.

Misses Mary and Elizabeth Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. John Corish and son Joseph with a party of twelve from Boston attended church at St. Anne's Sunday morning and dined with E. P. Sheehan and sisters.

### New Advertisements

## Auction Sale Farm and Stock

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Boys'..... \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00

Geo. H. Brown

Saturday, November 4, 1916.

WESTFORD

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kimball have returned to Westford and are established again in their own home...

At the Pollock farm on Cold Spring road, nearly a quart of ripe strawberries were picked last week.

Miss Alice M. Howard and Mrs. Edwin E. Amesbury, president and recording secretary of the Tadmuck club, attended the meeting of the State Federation of Women's clubs held in Franklin on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, of Dorchester, were over Sunday guests of Miss Helena Denfeld at Mrs. Walker's.

Miss Blanche Samuels, a former supervisor of music in our public schools, was the guest of Miss Gertrude and Julia Fletcher.

Mrs. Albert Walker, who has been a patient at the Lowell General hospital for five weeks, expects to return home this Saturday or Sunday.

The reading circle in charge of the literature and library extension committee of the Tadmuck club, was entertained by Mrs. William C. Roudenbush on Thursday afternoon of last week.

On last week Friday evening at the Congregational church, the first supper and social of the year was held and proved a most pleasant gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Shupe plan to move this Saturday into their newly purchased home on Boston road.

Members of the Tadmuck club are reminded of the program next Tuesday afternoon which is a lecture by Miss Mary E. Colson on "The evolution of the franchise."

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church during the interim between pastors have undertaken a pretty thorough renovation of the parsonage—papering, painting, white-washing, etc.

The tax collector reports an excellent collection of taxes to November first, if not a record collection in his experience as collector up to this date.

Rev. E. C. Whiting, of South Sudbury, will occupy the Congregational pulpit as a supply on Sunday.

Howard A. Lincoln, who has occupied the pulpit the past two Sundays as a candidate, and also conducted the evening services, has been extended a call to become pastor of the church.

The annual church banquet of the Congregational church will take place on next Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

George E. Symmes, of South Westford, had a narrow escape from a serious accident last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Helen Lord, who has been spending the past month at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lord, left for the Ware hospital on Saturday, where she will take up her duties as night nurse.

GROTON

The situation of the band in 1811 and 1812 is so similar that it warrants a few words here. We have just been from the grave, as it were, and new life and enthusiasm instilled into it.

At the beginning of the season of 1811 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1812 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1813 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1814 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1815 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1816 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1817 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1818 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1819 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1820 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1821 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1822 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1823 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

At the beginning of the season of 1824 the band, as we have mentioned several times before, fallen to a membership of twelve men.

place of flatness and we look for as fine rehearsals as those the band held in 1882.

Can we not carry the parallel further? The band has not had new uniforms since 1886. Twenty years is a long time to wear a suit and one has but to see the uniforms of the band to realize it.

The bandstand was not, like the bass singers in the English choir Washington Irving describes, chosen for tone rather than looks. It was made to be a good looking stand, but from the point of view of practical service, of acoustics, it is miserable.

The dedication of the bandstand in October closed the year of 1915 for the band. On December 2, an election of officers was held at which the following officers were chosen.

On February 15, 1916, the band played at John Hall's. Mr. Hall built the bandstand and seemed to take a keen interest in the band.

On April 18, 1916, the band gave its first open-air concert. The concert season seems to have begun early and ended late in those days.

On May 28 it was voted to let John Donahue have a uniform, he to pay for it and the band to pay for the rest.

On June 4 a night of much business. It was voted to let John Donahue have a uniform, he to pay for it and the band to pay for the rest.

On July 25 the band played in Westford for an ice cream festival and were carried by Eugene Nutting.

On August 12 the band played in Westford for an ice cream festival and were carried by Eugene Nutting.

On September 9 the band played in Westford for an ice cream festival and were carried by Eugene Nutting.

On October 6 the band played in Westford for an ice cream festival and were carried by Eugene Nutting.

On November 3 the band played in Westford for an ice cream festival and were carried by Eugene Nutting.

On December 1 the band played in Westford for an ice cream festival and were carried by Eugene Nutting.

On January 8 the band played in Westford for an ice cream festival and were carried by Eugene Nutting.

On February 5 the band played in Westford for an ice cream festival and were carried by Eugene Nutting.

On March 2 the band played in Westford for an ice cream festival and were carried by Eugene Nutting.

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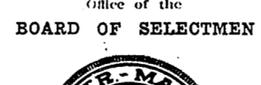
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You are hereby required on or before December 1, 1916, to destroy the gypsy and brown-tail moths on your property in the town of Ayer.

Franklin Hall has accepted a position in the webbing factory and begins his duties Monday.

Misses Helen and Marion Brown of Lexington spent the last of the week with the H. F. Proctors.

Mrs. J. C. Alford, Mrs. W. E. Conant and Miss Julia S. Conant attended a meeting of the executive board of the North-west Middlesex branch of the W. B. M. in Fitchburg on Tuesday.

Miss Edith Fletcher went to Springfield Wednesday to assume her new duties as teacher in one of the public schools there.

Charles A. Hartwell and family, Grandma Hartwell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Hartwell, Mrs. Hollis Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hartwell and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwell went to Arlington, R. I. last Saturday and attended the wedding of Miss Gladys Hartwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burt L. Hartwell and LeRoy Norton.

Receipts from the Alliance fair last week Friday amounted approximately to \$250.

Charles Perry of Hillsboro, N. H., is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. C. Hartwell.

At a meeting of the C. E. of the Congregational church last Sunday evening Robert Wood was elected president.

William F. Conant of Brookline spent Sunday with his father and mother at the Common.

J. W. Thayer visited his son George in Lunenburg Tuesday.

Miss H. F. Pugh, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Thursday morning, November 9, at nine o'clock, at the farm of Harry W. Brown, Weston, all the cattle.

They should never be scraped off the object on which they are laid. Careful search should be made for gypsy moth egg clusters not only on trees but also on house walls, stone walls, fences and in rubbish heaps, etc.

Work done by contractors should be inspected and approved by the Local Superintendent before payment for the same is made.

Chapter 24, Acts of 1905, as amended by Chapter 283, Acts of 1906, Chapter 581, Acts of 1908 and Chapter 124, Acts of 1913.

An Act to Provide for Suppressing the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths

Section 6. The mayor of every city and the selectmen of every town shall, before the first day of November in each year, and at such other times as he or they shall see fit, or as the selectmen may order, cause a notice to be sent to the owner or owners, so far as can be ascertained, of every parcel of land therein which is infested with said moths; or, if such notification appears to be impracticable, then by posting such notice on said parcels of land, requiring that the eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests of the gypsy and brown-tail moths under heavy penalty for failure to comply with the provisions of the law.

If a property owner fails to destroy such eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests, then the city or town is required to destroy the same, and the cost of the work, in whole or in part, according to the value of the land, is assessed upon and becomes a lien on the land. (See Section 6, Chapter 281, at bottom.)

The selectmen ask owners and tenants to co-operate with the town in its work on highways and other public grounds by doing effective work on their premises.

The eggs of the gypsy moth should be destroyed at once with cresosote.

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

Respectfully I believe and represent CHARLES S. HOLMES of Ashby in said County, that he was lawfully married to BERTHA E. HOLMES now of Fitchburg in the State of Rhode Island, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, on the seventeenth day of April, A. D. 1897, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Bertha E. Holmes lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, at said Ashby; that your libellant has always been faithful to his marriage vows and obligations, but the said Bertha E. Holmes, being wholly regardless of the same, at said Ashby, on or about September 15, 1912, also at East Green- wich in the State of Rhode Island, on October 1, 1913, and on March 7, 1915, and some time in March, 1915, also at Saunterdown in the State of Rhode Island, on divers occasions between some time in March, 1916, and May 6, 1916, committed the crime of adultery with a certain person whose name is known to your libellant, but whose present residence is unknown to him.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Bertha E. Holmes, and for such further orders and decrees in the premises as to law and justice may appertain.

Dated this sixteenth day of October, A. D. 1916.

CHARLES S. HOLMES, Commonwealthe of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

Superior Court, October 13, A. D. 1916.

Upon the foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of December next, causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer in the County of Middlesex, once a week, for the residue of the libel as set out in the libel, that she may then and there show cause, if any she have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

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

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choice of Rev. Charles F. Atkins, from Bangor seminary as pastor, in calling a council to ordain him did the unique thing of asking the council to install him over both churches.

Advertisement for Overland Model 75 B car. Features a 31 1/2 horsepower engine, 635 price, and 'Amazingly Comfortable' description. Dealer: E. O. Proctor, West Main Street, Ayer, Mass.

Advertisement for Arthur W. Colburn, Republican Candidate for Senator, 5th Middlesex District. Lists various achievements and contact information.

Advertisement for Fairbanks-Morse Kerosene and Gasoline Engines. Features an image of an engine and text: 'More Power Half the Cost'.

Advertisement for Roger Sherman Hoar, featuring a cartoon of a man holding a 'CARD CATALOG' and 'FREE SEEDS'. Text: 'This Picture Represents Candidate for Congress, John Jacob Rogers...'.

Advertisement for Mary Jane's Looseleaf Cook Book. Features an image of the book and text: 'More Than 1000 Tempting Recipes'.

Saturday, November 4, 1916.

GROTON

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Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lawrence spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. Annie M. Clark at Lancaster.

The farm where Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hardy used to live has been sold to Mr. Lane, of Winchester, Mass. Mr. Hardy's blood had his horse killed last week; Mrs. Charles Hale and Munroe Hurd have also had a horse killed recently.

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At the Baptist church last Sunday evening Mrs. Harriet Sawyer, of Clinton, president of the Worcester County Y. W. C. A., gave a most interesting talk at the quarterly temperance meeting, which was much enjoyed by all.

A. A. Hutchinson took Mrs. L. H. Morse, Mrs. Julia L. Keyes, Mrs. W. E. Haskell, Mrs. Anna Flanders and Miss Jane Reed to Fitchburg on Thursday to attend a meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Washington Baptist church in that city.

Mrs. Sarah Collins, who has been visiting relatives in Still River, returned to her home in Groton on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Campbell moved from the Seales place on Tuesday morning and now the house is closed for the winter.

Miss Laura A. Brown returned to her home in Boxboro Monday after a visit with Mrs. Josephine Whitney.

Mr. Thornton of Ashby was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson.

Walter Stone of Waltham was the guest of his brother Elisha Sunday.

Crocker is the manager of this store. Guy W. Swallow, one of our promising Groton young men, is the local manager.

On the evening of November 13, a play, "All on account of Polly," is to be given for the benefit of the Grange at the town hall. It is to be under the direction of Arthur T. West, of Harvard. This play was given in Harvard recently with great success and it is safe to say the public will again find it good. A dance follows the play with music by an out-of-town orchestra, three pieces.

There has been quite a chapter of accidents within a week or so in the Elm street and Whiting avenue neighborhood, all within a radius of a few rods. Morton Southern nearly cut his thumb off at the first joint while chopping wood. It barely hung on and the doctor considered it doubtful if the severed part would unite. The experiment is being tried while Mr. Southern goes around with his wound in a bandage.

Mr. Votson, Elm street, hurt his right hand badly while working in the mill at West Groton; George Frazee sprained his shoulder; Arthur Hammond smashed his finger with a wood chisel on Monday.

Frazee cut his foot open, so that a number of stitches in the wound were necessary.

The annual meeting of the Special Aid Society for American Preparedness will be held in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

Mrs. George L. Boynton and mother, Mrs. Dresser, returned home the first of the week after a visit of several weeks in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Virginia Tyrrell, representing the musical department of the Woman's club, attended a meeting of the Woman's club in Worcester on Monday afternoon.

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At the close of the program a rising vote of thanks was given the entertainers, including Mrs. Bailey, and so closed an unusually enjoyable club meeting.

Wedding. The marriage of Gladys Alline Mason and J. W. Sibley Hartshorn took place in Springfield on Friday afternoon, October 27, at two o'clock.

The ceremony of this quiet wedding was pleasing in their simplicity and carried out with pleasing effect. After the arrival of friends from all over the gathered around the table board, when dinner was enjoyed. Soon after automobiles were in service, taking the wedding party to the parsonage of the North Congregational church, where Rev. Newton interested in the church, officiated, using the double ring Episcopal service.

The bride and groom were unattended and there were present only members of the two families. The bride wore a handsome blue traveling suit with a corsage bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley and hat to match.

The ceremony and congratulations being over, the bride and groom took the train for New York city and on Saturday morning embarked on the Bermuda, sailing on a honeymoon to Bermuda. Returning, Mr. and Mrs. Hartshorn will go to housekeeping at 15 Wellesley street, Springfield, and will be at home to friends after January 1.

Miss Gladys A. Mason, the youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late S. R. Mason, of Groton, graduated from the Groton high school in 1907, and from the Fitchburg Normal in 1909, and has taught in Sterling, Pepperell, Malden and Springfield, commencing her third year at the latter city when she returned.

J. W. S. Hartshorn is a highly respected citizen of Springfield and an established business on Main street. They have the best wishes for a long and happy married life from a host of friends. They were remembered with gifts useful and beautiful and will find some more awaiting them upon their return from their honeymoon.

Among the gifts was an exquisite piece of art embroidery from Shanghai, China, sent by her brother in the navy.

In many artistic friends to know that Mr. Hartshorn is the young son of N. T. Hartshorn, the artist, who painted President Grant's portrait now at the White House, and also other American celebrities as well as some of the titled men in Europe. His latest portrait painted this fall was of the late Franklin Worcester for the public library in Hollis, N. H., and other other productions of his in the Hollis library. When a young man N. T. Hartshorn was a captain in the civil war.

West Groton. Mrs. Charles Bixby is visiting in Wellesley Hills.

Charles Thompson, whose coming has been somewhat delayed, began work with his father at the saw mill on Thursday morning.

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They remained for a time. Later they occupied the so-called store house and still later purchased the house on Main street, now owned by Mr. Bixby.

Mr. Bixby obtained land adjoining his boyhood home and built the house in which he and his wife have lived for nearly fifty years, and where Mrs. Bixby is now left alone.

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The following names have recently been added to the list of auto owners: Leon Wetherbee, George Richardson, James Knight, Mrs. Irving Clark.

Another little boy has arrived at the Morris Griffin home, making an interesting family of four boys and four girls.

Wilfred Wheeler, of Concord, gave a lecture before the Grange at the last meeting. His subject was "Strawberries," but he also spoke on apples and was much enjoyed by those present.

Electric lights have been put into the town hall and were used for the first time at the Grange meeting, but we find that even electric lights are not an unqualified blessing, for following close upon their installation came the town meeting on Saturday evening, which brought out heated discussion as to the ways and means by which they were acquired.

Church Notes. Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock; preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister; subject, "The Christian's View of the World," Sunday school at twelve. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

At the reorganization of the C. E. society last Sunday evening twenty-one of those present accepted the pledge and were registered as members. It is hoped that all the young people of the town will join hands in creating a Christian gentleness and ladyship in the community.

Sunday morning the communion service will be held. All the members of other denominations as well as those of the church are cordially invited to participate.

The children's choir, under the direction of Mrs. S. B. Salmon, 30, has proved itself a success, bringing a pleasant and dignified atmosphere to the morning services. Being encouraged by their parents, the children are minded once more to urge their children to attend the services and make the good habit of church-going in their early age.

The Camp-fire Girls and the Adeline club will hold a joint meeting and Halloween party on Saturday evening of this week at 7.30 o'clock in the library hall. The members of both societies are expected to be present on this delightful occasion.

The contributions for Armenian relief work are still being received. The amount of the fund, in addition to that which was reported last week, has now a total of \$200. Further contributions should be sent to Rev. G. M. Missirian, West Acton.

SHIRLEY. Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kimball autored to Italy Thursday and spent two days very pleasantly at the Hayward Hartwell camp.

Miss Hazel Wright has gone to Groton hospital to begin training for a nurse under direction of Dr. Hopkins.

About thirty members were present at the annual business meeting of the Grange Wednesday. The following were elected officers: Roder Priest, m.; Clarence Crosby, o.; Salome Clarke, N. S.; Norman Donnell, sec.; Mrs. J. B. Blodgett, chap.; Edward Bigelow, treas.; Augusta Smith, sec.; Joseph Coughlin, g. r.; Nellie Callahan, c. r.; Rebekah Millett, P. M.; Anna Crane, P. M.; Mary Callahan, l. a. s.; Richard, asst. stew.; Mattie E. Kimball, member ex. com. Fifteen dollars was voted towards the school grounds improvement fund.

The J. H. Harwood family went Friday to Cambridge, where they will occupy their apartment for the winter.

The D. G. Houghtons motor to Barre for a week-end visit with Mrs. Houghton's sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Canney, of Alton, have been guests of his brother, George W. Canney, part of this week.

The little Regan girl at the Community Home, who had infantile paralysis a few months ago, is now able to walk and is expected to be discharged from the hospital in Brookline for treatment of subsequent illness.

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AYER

New Items.

"Beyond the Rockies," a four-act drama, was given in Page hall on last week Friday evening to a full house...

Nineteen new names were added to the voting list at the final meeting of the board of registrars previous to the annual election last Saturday.

Fred A. McCarthy, a brakeman on a Concord, N. H. bound freight train, was killed at ten o'clock on last week Friday night near the signal tower at the approach to the south railroad yard.

"The masked rider," a Metro wonder play of romance, mystery and thrills, is being shown at the Grand feature picture this Saturday evening at the motion picture show.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended the fall meeting of the Guild of Parish Workers at the Tuckerman school building in London on Monday.

At the last meeting of Robert Burns Lodge, I. O. G. T., there were fifteen members in all.

Mrs. John Ladner (Susie MacQuinn) and baby left Monday to join her husband at Weymouth, Mass.

A large number gathered at the Parish house last Saturday evening to enjoy a Halloween party.

Harry Sargent of Springfield with his son Reginald paid a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Sargent, Sunday, riding on the wheels from Worcester Saturday evening.

At the Federated church Sunday morning the subject of the sermon will be "Jesus' way."

Department of the Woman's club on November 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 at 2.30 p. m., and on Wednesday at ten a. m., an ideal breakfast.

The annual meeting of the Special Aid society for American Preparedness will be held at the home of the chairman, Mrs. George W. Sanderson, Monday evening, November 6, at 7.30 o'clock.

The civil service commission will hold a competitive examination in this city on November 11 for the position of clerk in the Ayer postoffice.

A new directory, covering the towns of Ayer, Groton, Harvard and Littleton, has just been issued.

Joseph H. Richardson of Nashua street and his daughter Florence go to Boston on Saturday and they will leave there in the afternoon for Florida, where they expect to spend the coming winter.

The wedding of Miss Mona Taft Kittredge of this town and Arthur Royval of Nashua, N. H., on October 26, on October 28 he was christened William Joseph, Jr., the father's name being an uncle, Charles McCarron of Ayer, and Miss Adrien Trumbull of Nashua.

Mrs. Jennie E. Kittredge, our well-known milliner, who has been sick with pneumonia for some time, has recovered and has returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson were surprised on Tuesday evening at their residence in the vicinity of what is known as the South family of Shakers in Harvard.

Mrs. Melvina (Boucher) Saboll died at the Groton hospital last week Friday of intestinal obstruction, following a surgical operation, aged fifty-five years.

At the Federated church Sunday morning the subject of the sermon will be "Jesus' way."

"Practical talks on home economics" will be given by Myrtle Ethelyn Robinson of the Twentieth Century Cook school in the lower town hall, under the auspices of the Home Econom-

Amos Marion of Shirley, Interment took place in St. Mary's cemetery, where Rev. F. H. Houston performed the committal service.

The funeral of Mrs. Adelaide C. (Bartle) Fisk, widow of Rev. Richmond Fisk, took place at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Butler, on Monday afternoon, October 30.

Mrs. Fisk is the last of the five children of Col. James T. Bartle of New York. It was there that she married Rev. Richmond Fisk in 1861 and there her husband was first settled as pastor.

Interment was in Bellevue cemetery, Harvard. Both ministers accompanied the funeral party to this place.

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Northwest Middlesex Teachers' association will be held here on Friday, November 10.

Morning session in high school building on Monday, November 6, conducted by Rev. John S. Strong, appointment of committees: 9.25 to 10.00, address of the day.

The suit of C. Romano & Son of Fitchburg against Edward O. Proctor of this city has been pending in the superior court for Worcester county for more than a year.

The suit grew out of the contract for the erection of the new part of the Proctor building.

A large gathering was present at the home of Mrs. Eugene Barry on Thursday afternoon to attend the Ayer Branch Alliance meeting.

The following article is taken from the Bridgewater news in the Boston Globe of October 31.

Miss Estelle Farrar entertained a party of young people at a Halloween party on Monday evening.

The ceremony was by the pastor, Rev. H. L. Buzzell. The maid of honor was Miss Sylvia F. Folsom.

The bride was gowned in ivory satin, trimmed with seed pearls and lace, the bridal veil was caught at the side with pearls.

Mrs. Fleming is a graduate of the Bridgewater high school '11, and of Framingham Normal '14.

The annual harvest concert was given by the Epworth Sunday school last Sunday evening in charge of Warren L. Preble.

Harold True Shattuck, of Leominster, has accepted the position of organist and choirmaster at the First Baptist church, Fitchburg.

Mr. Shattuck is well-known in this vicinity as a brilliant pianist. He is formerly known as the Monday club.

Mr. Shattuck is related in Ayer to the family of Leominster, where his mother being a niece of Mr. Phelps.

Rehearsals are progressing very satisfactorily in the Ayer-act comedy drama, "The Cameron pride."

The play is one that has a wonderful heart interest as it tells the story of a charming little country girl, who leaves the poor, modest little home in the country for the whirl of New York society.

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On Tuesday evening the high school teachers held a Halloween party at the banquet hall of Memorial hall, the usual games being enjoyed, refreshments were served, and there was marching and dancing with Victrola music.

Mrs. and Mrs. George Shepard of Bedford, N. H., have been the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McNear, Townsend hill.

Mrs. Hannah Blood, who has been spending several months with her mother, Mrs. Arthur Harbo, left this week for Malden where she will spend the winter.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon topic will be "Fellowship."

Extensive repairs are being made at Odd Fellows hall this week, the woodwork being newly painted, walls papered and ceilings whitewashed.

On last Sunday the twentieth anniversary of the home department of the Congregational Sunday school was observed with an appropriate morning sermon by the pastor on "Home-making."

After a serious illness T. J. Harvey is able to be out again.

The Monday afternoon whist club, formerly known as the Monday club, held an enjoyable meeting this week at Pinecroft.

For a week or two Lorenzo Doran is working in the leather and mill at Pinecroft.

On Monday morning at the Groton hospital born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reavy of the Cape an eight pound daughter, Anna Cordella.

On Sunday R. C. Blake's sister with her dramatic instructor, Maestro Valentin, returned from Boston and spent the day at Hickory farm.

On last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Blake were the happy recipients of a piano, a present from R. C. Blake's parents.

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TOWNSEND

Center.
On Wednesday, November 1, Mrs. James Woodley observed her seventy-fifth birthday anniversary by giving a dinner party to her children and relatives in town at her attractive summer home on the shore street.

A very successful supper and entertainment was given by the B. S. of the Congregational church on Wednesday evening. The supper was in charge of Mrs. Harriet Spaulding and efficient helpers. The tables were filled with an abundance of food and were especially attractive with their orange color crepe paper border and Halloween decorations which included a greeting souvenir ornamented with a Halloween scene on a plate. The first tables were full and many present at the second seating. The evening's entertainment consisted of an interesting talk by Miss A. Griggs and Miss Stella Farrar and readings by Miss Olive Clark, which were enjoyed by all.

"America's First" will be the general topic of a new series of sermons to be delivered at the Methodist church during the month of November. The new patriotic series, with the title "The American Story," is being gathered data for a history of the old parish church from its erection to the present, a work for which the pastor, Rev. Joseph MacKean, is well qualified, as he has already published two church histories in book form and two others in pamphlets. A wonder why his popular novel, "The Captain," has never been added to our list among America's classics.

About twenty-four members and friends of the Monday club were entertained on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. J. Ross, West Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Turner have been entertaining as guest this week Mrs. Alice Robinson, of Orlando, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hilliard have been entertaining as guest Hon. James P. Tuttle, attorney general of New Hampshire, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Reed, of Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Jettis spent over Sunday and the first of the week in Worcester in honor of his birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Howard and little daughter Caroline left town on Tuesday for a visit to their relatives, returning to Waltham, Hawaii. The Methodist Epworth league were given a Halloween party on Tuesday afternoon in the E. hall in charge of Mrs. E. C. Hartill and Mrs. Walter Farrar. The afternoon was delightfully spent by the children in playing the usual Halloween games, tobbing for candy and eating marshmallows. About twenty-one members were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fagan are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Virginia.

The following table shows the difference in various items between 1915 and 1916, as per assessors' list:
Number of horses 1915 1916
Cows 318 255
Neat cattle other than cows 55 119
Sheep 29 29
Swine 11 71
Poultry 10,935 9,740
Automobiles 89 89
Trucks 555 642
Total number of persons assessed 620 617
Total valuation \$1,435,329 \$1,460,976
Personally assessed 35,370 32,255
Executed 1,400,000 1,428,726

Honored by His Home Town.
It was the distinguished honor of the Townsend-entertainment to entertain as guest, Gov. Roland H. Spaulding, of New Hampshire, at a public reception and banquet held in Memorial hall last week Friday evening.

At the banquet held in Memorial hall over 200 were served a most excellent dinner in charge of Mrs. Hattie Cook. The hall was very prettily decorated with the national colors, and at each place was an attractive souvenir card bearing the picture of Gov. Spaulding. Seated at the governor's table were James P. Tuttle, Huntley N. Spaulding, G. A. Wilder, Mr. and

Mrs. A. C. Josselyn and son Louis, Rev. Samuel D. Rinkrose and Miss Florence Kirby of Fitchburg and members of his staff.
At the close of his feast George A. Wilder called the company to order by fitting words of welcome and introducing T. E. Flarity as toastmaster of the evening, who in turn introduced the following: "How sweet is his love," "Sweeter as the years go by," "Evening prayer," song by Rev. Rinkrose and tendered the following: "Softly and tenderly" and "He included me."

Remarks suitable to the occasion were made by Rev. L. A. Howland, E. C. Hartill, Dea. A. S. Howard, Dea. G. L. Whitcomb and Mrs. Abbie A. Barber, superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school, which Mrs. Clement presided over. The closing number on the program was an interesting demonstration of the Camp-fire Girls' exercises, concluding with their out-door fire scene, during which they gave three cheers for their guardian, Mrs. Clement.

A dainty refreshment course was served by Kenney & Hills, Fitchburg. The caterer was aided in serving by the Camp-fire Girls, who also acted as ushers. The guests registered at a table in the alcove, decorated with Camp-fire emblems, and presided over by Mrs. Clement in Camp-fire Girls' costume. Mrs. Clement presented each of her Camp-fire Girls with wrist watches and the following gifts for use at their meetings: Drum, electric dish, electric toaster and thermos bottle.

Mr. Clement was born in Townsend and has lived here all his life, a successful business man, engaging for a number of years in the fertilizer business and as traveling salesman. He has served his town with credit as tax collector and on various committees. Mrs. Clement is a native of Alfred, N. Y., a graduate of Alfred university, and was a successful teacher in the schools of Connecticut prior to her marriage. Their many friends express much interest in the happy journey to the silver and golden milestones full of delightful memories for their later years.

West.
Rev. Joseph MacKean will preach Sunday morning at the Baptist church on the topic "The broadening of social life." The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting will be held at six o'clock in the vestry, the topic being "The consecration of social life," led by the social committee. The Anti-Suffrage society will hold their annual meeting at the home of the president, Miss Alice Seaver, on Wednesday afternoon, November 8, at three o'clock. Mrs. Mary Streeter celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday on Wednesday and was remembered with a shower of postcards from many of her absent friends and relatives as well as the day she received calls from her friends and neighbors and a delegation from the Ladies' Liberty Aid society, of which she is honorary president, called during the afternoon and presented her with a bouquet of violets and a sum of money. She also received a beautiful bunch of carnations from friends in Wrentham and the day proved one of much enjoyment, both to her and to her guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, from Mason, N. H., have moved to Josselynville and Mr. Elliott is to enter the employ of George King, tree warden. Mrs. Ella Ames, of Fitchburg, who is stopping with her sister, Miss Clara Fosley, Bayberry hill, met with a painful accident on Tuesday evening by slipping on the door for her brother, who was entering with an armful of wood, she opened the wrong door and fell the entire length of the cellar stairs. Although she escaped from the shock and some minor bruises she was very fortunate to escape without any serious injury.

Miss Myrtle Holart, from Waltham, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Robbins. The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society met with the president, Mrs. Ellen Pratt, at her home Wednesday afternoon. Besides the regular routine business it was voted to postpone the annual fair and entertainment which was to be held on November 17, until November 22. Fred Howard, of Stoneham, spent the week-end with his wife at the home of Mrs. Charles E. Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Patch, who have spent a week's vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, have returned to Brookline.

Miss Alice Seaver returned on last week Friday from a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Ralph Willard, of Belmont. Edward Pratt, of Leominster, a former resident here, visited his mother, Mrs. Ellen Pratt, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lillibridge, of Chittenden, have been stopping with Mrs. Lillibridge's sister, Mrs. A. E. Walte. The Ladies' Whist club opened the season at the reading-room, holding their first meeting last week Thursday afternoon. Ernest Keady and family from Cambridge enjoyed the week-end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webster. Mrs. Webster is at present assisting in caring for the aged Grant, who is seriously ill at the home of his niece, Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, with pneumonia, and owing to his advanced age his condition is considered critical.

The public schools commenced on Monday morning, the work in the school rooms being nearly completed with an enrollment of about seventy-five. Mrs. H. B. Hathaway having in the grammar school twenty-two. Miss Inez Hill of the intermediate having twenty-eight and Miss Vera Brown having twenty-five in the primary department. George Roebuck, chauffeur for Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Homer, has closed the cottage on Main street and rejoins the Homer family in New York. Mrs. Carrie Williams of Winchendon spent the week-end with her brother, George Adams, and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown and son from Providence, R. I., were also motor guests for the week-end. Carl B. Willard and his mother, Mrs. M. L. Willard, spent Sunday with relatives in Worcester. The meeting of the Monday club of the Center was held this week at the home of Mrs. C. J. Ross and a number of other guests joined them in the place of listening to the lecture "Home Economics," by Miss Daisy Treene of Boston. Miss Treene has made a thorough study in the value and blending of food stuffs and has been connected for years with an association which prepares and sends out the lunches for fourteen or more high schools in greater Boston and she gave a lecture on the subject which was of interest and benefit to all. Dainty refreshments were served

by the hostess, assisted by Miss Gladys Rawson and Mrs. Willard Bruce.

Halloween Supper and Social.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a most successful Halloween supper and social at the Center on Tuesday evening with a good attendance and a jolly time. The tables were prettily arranged with Jack-o'-lantern place cards and the decorations were in close of the supper adjournment to the outer vestry was followed by the contributions of money toward the debt on the plan of twelve dollars being raised. Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Miss Alice Seaver, Mrs. Herman Lawrence and Miss Ruth Bennett for the All-ready class read original poems and selections stating how they earned their money; then came a ball driving contest for women, seven taking part and Miss Marion Boutelle and Miss Helen Dobson from the Center were first and second. This was followed by a button sewing contest by the young men, won by Oliver Clarke of the Center and George Winchendon by Benches and contest Chester Davis won and in the one for both women and men George Way won against two girls. A clothes pin contest, boys against girls, was won by the boys after a tie and the remainder of the evening was passed in games and a general good time and over twenty dollars was cleared for the debt on the plan.

D. Appleton & Co., publishers, of New York, are publishing today "Paul Revere, the torch-bearer of the revolution," by Benches, and it should interest every boy and girl in Middlesex county, and must feel a peculiar thrill when they realize that the man to whose loyalty, courage and bravery we all owe so much, was once a member of the community in which they now live. The book was written for boys and girls everywhere but there seems to be a special appeal in it to the boys and girls of New England, and particularly to those who make their homes where the scenes in the book actually took place.

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TOWN OF AYER

PROPOSAL FOR BIDS.
Ayer, Mass., Nov. 1, 1916.
The Selectmen of Ayer, Mass., will receive bids for a contract to build a piece of road on Park St. in Ayer, from the railroad crossing to the state highway in accordance with plan, contract and specifications prepared by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, which can be seen at the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall, Ayer, Mass., on request made to the Superintendent of Streets, Ayer, or at the office of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, State House, Boston, Mass. The time for receiving bids will expire at 8 o'clock P. M. on Friday, November 10, 1916, and bids are to be made on blanks to be obtained from us. A satisfactory surety company bond will be required for the performance of the contract and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of \$250. The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

JOHN D. CARNEY, DOUGLAS C. SMITH, LYMAN K. CLARK, Selectmen of Ayer.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SETHS, Middlesex, Probate Court.
Whereas, F. Homer, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY ATTRIDGE late of Pepperell in said County of Middlesex, do hereby certify that the executor therein named, FRANCIS G. HAYES who prays that letters testamentary be granted to him, is duly qualified and has taken the oath of office and qualification required by law.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to publish this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Public Spirit" newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said date, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fifth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

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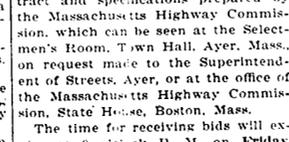
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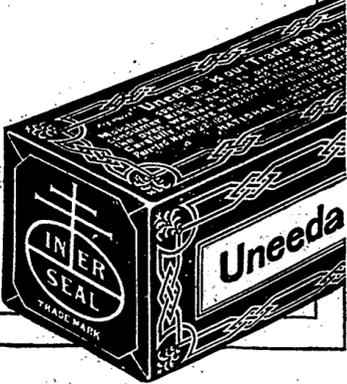
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of PATRICK MCNEIFF late of Littleton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARY MCNEIFF who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the sixth day of November, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Guide, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

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News Items. At the next meeting of the Woman's club, to be held in the upper town hall on Monday afternoon, November 6, at 2:30, Mrs. Richard Hinkley Gorham will deliver the war system and the peace movement.

Joseph Clark, a missionary of the American Baptist society, home on a furlough, addressed the pupils of the Nashua school Tuesday morning. He spoke of the life, habits and customs of the people of the Congo, and the plant and animal life. Mr. Clark, a friend of Alfred Fuller, has been stationed on the Congo river thirty-six years, twenty-two years of which at Lake Mantumba, where there is a school and hospital.

On last Monday a party consisting of Mrs. George F. Cobb, president of the Woman's Club, Mrs. H. Mason, club delegate, Mrs. J. E. Maynard, Mrs. N. A. Dill, Mrs. Edith Sawyer, president of the Berlin Tuesday club, and Mrs. I. F. Armenter, delegate, met at the home of Mrs. Maynard for a meeting of the State Federation of Women's clubs. Madame Putnam joined the ladies in Franklin. It was a most interesting meeting, and in the afternoon by Hon. John Barrett, of Washington, D. C., director-general of the Pan-American Union.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Johnson, of Brookline, spent last Sunday at "The Crossways" Club, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner Hapgood announce the marriage of their daughter, Edith Elizabeth, to Alfred Jordan Axtell on Saturday, October 28. Mr. Axtell is employed in a business house in Boston. Miss Hapgood is one of our Harvard girls and both the young people enjoy the best wishes of their many friends here.

W. W. Boyd, of Somerville, is taking his annual two weeks' vacation, staying with Mr. and Mrs. George Maynard. He is devoting his time in the woods, sustaining his reputation as a good hunter and sportsman.

On next Tuesday evening the Grange will hold their annual election of officers for the year 1917 and a full attendance is desired. The committee on the fruit stand also have their report ready to be acted upon.

Refreshments for the tri-church fair to be held November 16-17, will be taken up next week. The play, entitled "A Kentucky Belle," has, as the name suggests, a southern setting and is of a different character than former plays given here. With the old stars and some new ones in the cast the promise of one of the best entertainments given here is likely to be fulfilled.

Mrs. Silva, our primary teacher, is entertaining her sister from Provincetown this week at the Kerley house.

Citizens of the town will be interested to learn that through the influence of business men and the postoffice department of this town the class of the office has been raised from fourth class to a third class office, and international money orders service has been established. It is now at the disposal of those wishing to use this safe means of sending money abroad.

Mrs. James A. Barry entertained the Ladies' Benevolent society at her home, "The Terrace," Tuesday, for a social sewing bee. Basket lunch was served. Mrs. Barry, assisted by Mrs. Goldsmith, served salad and coffee to the party and all enjoyed a very delightful time.

Judge H. E. Tuttle, of Brookfield, and daughter Dorothy, spent the weekend at "The Crossways."

A severe accident occurred on Sunday evening at about eight o'clock on Hillside hill, when a large touring car owned by Lowell parties collided with the runabout of Carl Moses. Mr. Moses escaped without injury and his machine was only slightly damaged. The big car, however, in turning, went too far and the hub of the front wheel struck the ledge along the roadside, breaking the axle sharp off and seriously damaging the car. The occupants sustained a severe fracture of the arm, and another received a fractured skull. Both were attended to by Dr. Royal and were taken at once to the hospital. The road at this point is amply wide for two cars, and just where the blame lies has not been definitely determined.

The ladies of the Unitarian Sewing circle will hold a holiday social meeting on Thursday, November 9, at the home of Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth.

Benjamin Joy, vice president of the National Shawmut bank, is enjoying this week at his home on Bare hill.

A special town meeting held on last Saturday evening at the town hall placed the sum of \$500 at the disposal of the selectmen to use as they thought necessary in the bettering of the corner of the Prospect hill road known as Judson's Corner.

A party of young people were given a good time in the shape of a Halloween party on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. E. E. Hirsch on Lovell's lane. The children came dressed as goblins and ghosts, and with their Jack-o'-lanterns made a picturesque sight on the road. Those in attendance were Miriam McNeil, Leonard Rich, and Hall, Frank and Buster McGray, Emeline Fairbanks, Rachel Ryan, Orville Prince, Francis Hirsch.

A crowd which had gathered at the scene of an accident in a social square, Leominster, last Sunday, were given an additional thrill when a Saxon touring car owned and driven by Grace E. Morse of this town crashed into a car driven by Mrs. E. E. Hirsch. No one was injured in this accident but the cars were damaged enough to make a trip to a garage necessary. Both cars were taken to the Scanlon Brothers garage after which the drivers were ordered to report at the police station. In the car with Miss Morse was Harold A. Tooker, also of this town. Miss Morse admitted that the fault was hers, but she had a crowd which had gathered prevented her from seeing the other car until it was too close for her to avoid.

On last Sunday Mrs. Madeline Sargent, of Ayer, soprano soloist, assisted by Miss Edna Dudson, violinist, of Somerville and Harvard, gave the congregation at the Orthodox church a treat in their musical efforts. Both were fine forms and rendered their selections very creditably.

Miss Clara Edgett Sears has presented the library with a copy of her new book, "Gleanings from old Shaker Journals," a very interesting work, illustrated with portraits and scenes familiar to the Shaker community in Harvard.

"The consecration of social life," Mrs. Mason, leader. The committee recently appointed to prepare plans for the reorganization of the Y. P. S. C. E. have completed their work and a meeting of the society to consider the matter has been called by the president for Sunday night after the regular service.

Excavation on the new roadbed is practically complete as far as M. A. Farnsworth's corner. The gravelled road is also well along, and with four weeks more of good weather the stone crusher force report that they will have the stone set out. The stone is now about half way up the Bellevue cemetery hill. This is to be a Tarriva road.

"The white roses" a five-act drama, featuring E. Foster Taylor and Helene Rossen, two drama of ancient and modern times, will be the feature picture at the motion picture show this Saturday evening. "Her confession," a one-act farce, and "Her will," a comedy, featuring George Overy, will complete the bill.

In his seventh annual straw election in parts of the tenth Worcester representative district, Fluke Warren shows George A. Whitney and Waterman L. Williams as winners, which was inevitable, in as much as there were no other candidates. The preference was for Whitney.

An Interesting Book. We have just received a copy of a new book written by Clara Edgett Sears, entitled "Gleanings from old Shaker Journals," which deals with the history of the South Family Shakers in Harvard.

The book is very attractive in volume and is profusely illustrated. The wall of reserve and inaccessibility with which the Shakers have surrounded themselves has made it well nigh impossible for us to penetrate beyond a certain point into the mysteries of their industrious lives, so intricately interwoven with mysticism and the practice of almost fanatical adoration. But the old antagonism between them and "the world" has long since died away and the religious exercises of the old days which seemed such a strange and superstitious would be as foreign to the modern Shakers as they would be to any outside of their faith. In the towns surrounding the villages they are regarded as peaceful, honest citizens, and are held in affectionate esteem. The book is published by the Houghton & Mifflin Company, and can be obtained at Sherwin's store in Ayer for \$1.25.

LITTLETON A Peculiar Prosperity. A recent issue of the Boston Post, an editorial advocating the selection of President Wilson, has commented very optimistically on the wonderful prosperity of the country and states that labor is contented and happy and that the country is unusually well prepared for a moment examine the prosperity claim.

Two percent of the population of this country, according to latest government figures, are unemployed. The property and according to the same authority one-half of the working people of the country are working for less than a living wage. In the last period investigated by government experts, from which the figures are available, the cost of living increased over twenty percent while at the same time wages were increased ten percent, leaving the actual purchasing value of a week's wages for the workmen at least ten percent less than before. Can this properly be called prosperity?

Though it is claimed that the wealth of the country has increased forty-one billions in the past year, the working man's share of this increase has been made up of the cost of living. It is reported that hundreds of corner grocery stores in New York city are closing their doors, and that many are being sold at a loss. In the meantime the bulk of the forty-one billions of increased wealth goes into the coffers of the two percent of the population who already have more than they need.

The president of one charitable society of New York reports to his directors that he has over 200 persons on his list who are actually facing starvation and that thousands of school children are attending school insufficiently nourished, and all this not because parents are unemployed, but because they are unable to furnish a decent, wholesome living for their families. It does not seem to us that the best way to solve these problems is to brag about, even in a political campaign.

We do not state blame President Wilson for this state of affairs, for it is inevitable result of the system of production and distribution we so dearly love, and which the bulk of our citizens will vote to continue under the guidance of Wilson or Hughes as imaginary interests dictate.

As to the contentment of labor, the Boston Post ought to exchange with (and read) a few labor and radical papers. Never since we were old enough to take an interest in such matters, have there been so many strikes for better wages and shorter hours as there are now. Involving so many people as have taken place in the year past. The traction workers strike in New York involved 11,000 men. The laundry workers strike in New York involved 10,000 men. In Bayonne, N. J., in which the workers were cowed into submission by guns in the hands of police and hired strike-breakers are two of the latest instances of contented labor, while smaller affairs of the same sort are taking place across the continent from New York to San Francisco. We often wonder, in these times of prosperity and contentment, if a city daily could make a practice of telling the truth and live.

LUNENBURG News Items. Rev. James Chalmers preached his last sermon as acting pastor for the congregational church in Lunenburg on Sunday, October 29. At the close of the sermon Mrs. Sarah Smith was baptized and welcomed to membership by Mr. Chalmers and the church. At the luncheon service in the evening Rev. A. F. Noon of the Methodist church voiced the sentiment of both churches and himself when he expressed regret that Mr. Chalmers had found it wise to give up his work here. Mr. Chalmers and family have made many friends during his pastoral work and their summer in Lunenburg and all sincerely regret their parting. We trust that the wishes of everyone will follow them wherever they may go.

At the meeting of the Old Home Week association on last Saturday evening it was voted to give three cash prizes for the best essays upon the historic places of Lunenburg, illustrated with the pictures shown on the screen at the common last Old Home day. Quite a number of pupils from

the schools in town have entered the contest. A committee consisting of A. W. Watson, James A. Litchfield and J. A. Harwood, principal of the high school, was chosen to form rules to govern the competition and choose the judges. The program for a winter festival was also discussed and it was decided that a concert by local singers and musicians would suit the majority of the townspeople as well as anything, and a committee of three, James L. Harrington, president of the association, Miss Fannie C. Graves and Miss Fannie Lacey were chosen to make arrangements for such entertainment.

Rev. Charles P. Cleaves, of Osepee, N. H., will occupy the pulpit in the congregational church on Sunday morning as a candidate. He is very highly recommended by the pastoral supply committee for Congregational churches and it is hoped there will be a large audience present to hear him.

The high school seniors held the first dance of the season in the town hall last week Friday evening to add to their graduation fund. It was well patronized. Supper was served and a good sum realized.

The Athletic association have planned for a series of dances to be held in the town hall this winter with music by the amateur orchestra, the first one being held on Friday evening of this week.

The Ladies' Sewing circle of the congregational church served their first dinner of the season in the vestry last week Friday. It was well attended and netted a good sum for the treasury. On Wednesday the circle met in the vestry and tied two comforters; also, on the same day, the Ladies' Missionary society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. Lucy Jones for their annual missionary tea.

Little daughter made her debut in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Ellis on Thursday, October 26, weighing 6 1/2 pounds. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

The many friends of Mrs. Sarah (Osborne) Bent, a former resident of this town, will regret to learn of her death which occurred in Leominster on October 6. She was a cousin of Misses Hattie and Arvilla Osborne and used to live on the place now owned by W. W. 'Armen, of Somerville, N. J.

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Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by SUSAN B. MORGAN who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the sixth day of November, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Shirley Oracle, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES H. ANDREWS late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

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

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the fifteenth day of November, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Shirley Oracle, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

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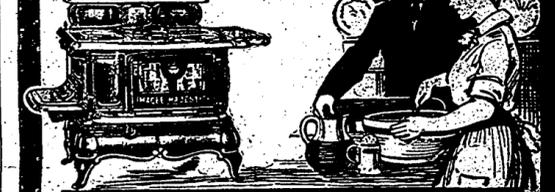
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PEPPERELL

Miss Ethel Wells was at home from Peabody over the week-end. The Peabody Camp-fire circle held their ceremonial meeting on Thursday of last week, as their guardian, Miss Gertrude Carter, could not be with them on Friday, owing to her departure for Worcester for the winter.

Mrs. Edith Towne, of Petersham, was the guest last week of her sister, Mrs. E. N. Tower, of W. Harris, a relative, also of Petersham, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Tower, enjoying a few days' sport at hunting. He returned home on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Stineford entertained her cousin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, from Manchester, N. H., over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Donnelly, their son Eugene, and his friend, Chester Bates, of Franklin on last Saturday to witness the football game at Dean academy. On their return they were accompanied by Miss M. G. and Miss H. Hayes for a short visit, being taken back to their studies at the academy on Sunday afternoon.

The William Proctor Lumber Company, of North Adams, instead of Proctor Bros., are lumbering on the woodlot near Read's pond.

Miss Annie Sullivan, of this town, who has been attending the Nashua Business college, substituted last week for Miss E. Barker, of the McElwain Company, of Nashua, N. H., for the regular bookkeeper.

C. F. Dane, of Head street, went to Amherst, N. H., Thursday of last week, returning on Friday. The house at Hotel place, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drumme, is undergoing repairs. Various improvements, such as steam heat, electric lights, extra windows, are being added. It is understood that when these are completed Mr. Drumme intends to move back from Conant block.

William Lawrence, of Holyoke, a brother-in-law of the late Judson Willoughby, came here on Wednesday to attend the funeral services. Mrs. Lawrence is somewhat out of health and was not able to make the journey.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark, Crescent street, Tuesday, October 31. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carlin and the Misses Curtis, from Ayer, were guests on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Dakin, of Medford, visited her sister, Mrs. E. Marshall, over the week-end.

Mrs. Alfred Boynton came from the home of her niece, Mrs. Goodwin, in Hollis, N. H., last week and has been staying with Miss Annie Gilson, another niece in town.

Ernest O. Nash, traveling salesman for the Casein Mfg. Co., was in town with his family a part of last week and over Sunday.

C. O. Waite and family moved last week from the Varnum house into their new tenement on High street.

Mrs. D. W. Hazen, who has been suffering from a badly bruised arm and shoulder since the evening of October 24, is better. Her other arm the latter part of last week, rendering her nearly helpless.

George Whitcomb, of Lunenburg, was in town on Monday on business. He will be recalled as the son of Robert Whitcomb, who at one time resided here, being employed at the Boston and Maine station.

Karl Newhall remained in Boston on last week Friday to attend the eleven festive at Boston university on that evening. He afterward went to Waltham to spend Saturday and Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gilbert entertained his sister, Mrs. Charles Goff, Mrs. Fred Gilbert, Sunday, who motored here from Suncook, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Silvey have moved in the house of Mrs. Catherine Caddigan, Hotel place, Mrs. Caddigan, recently packed her goods and went to Boston to stay with her daughter through the winter.

Chester Parker has the contract for painting the Peppercell card shop, and already has quite a crew of painters at work, taking advantage of the fine weather.

Mr. and Mrs. James Starr intend to leave for Green Cove Springs, Fla., next week, their house at the Center will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf, from Hollis.

Mrs. Annie Gellert, of Boston, and Miss Edith Hatherly, who now has a position in West Newton, were guests over the week-end at the home of their mother, Mrs. W. D. Withrow.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Gladys Mason, of Groton, to J. H. D. Hartshorn, of Springfield, October 27. Miss Mason is quite well-known in town, being a frequent visitor at the home of her sisters, Mrs. Fred O. Parker, who was Miss Mollie Mason, of Groton.

An auto party of four from Boston were entertained at lunch on Friday of last week at Maplelawn farm.

Nathaniel Lakin, an aged resident on the Townsend road, celebrated his eighty-third birthday, on Friday, October 27. He received several callers, among them his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gilbert, Mr. Lakin and his sister, Mrs. Shattuck, were the guests of Miss M. G. and Mrs. Harry Shattuck, of Loudon Bridge, N. H. The part of the day that Miss Lakin seemed to enjoy as much as any was when he chopped down one of his apple trees and "felt fine" afterward, which must be acknowledged as quite a feat for a man of his age.

Constance Oulton, the nine-year-old daughter of Mrs. Alice Oulton, was taken ill with symptoms of appendicitis last week and was taken to St. Joseph's hospital on Monday by the attending physician. Her operation was performed soon after her arrival and the case is progressing favorably.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shattuck welcomed a little son into their home on Sunday, October 29. Mrs. Shattuck is now caring for mother and child, who are doing nicely.

Samuel Marshall came home on last Saturday from Hartford, Conn., for a short vacation at his home on Elm street.

Frank Goff, of Concord, is staying at his little cottage on High street, being too much of a sportsman not to be attracted by the big fox hunt meet.

P. F. Sullivan returned home last week from an auto trip made with his friend, Mr. Albert Farwell, of Groton. They first went to Keene, N. H., to attend the party of Miss Alice Chapman. From there the ladies motored to Woodstock, Vt., and thence to Hanover, N. H., where their sons, Thomas Sullivan and Claude Farwell, the students at Dartmouth.

Mrs. J. M. Graham went to Derry, N. H., last week, carrying her little grandson, who had been staying here for a week, back to his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill and child attended the party of Mrs. Edith Towne on Tuesday into J. A. Frossard's house on Crescent street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haddin, from Cliffondale, came by auto to the home of their relatives, Rev. and Mrs. George Newhall, the first of the week. They were accompanied by friends, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Lynn.

Mrs. Lucy Perry has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Southwick, from East Douglas, a part of this week.

Miss Kitty Murray, who has recently been at her home, went here to a new position in Laconia, N. H. Mrs. Amos Boutin received a message that her brother, who was terribly injured four weeks ago, was now falling rapidly, and left on the afternoon train on Tuesday for Lebanon, N. H.

George H. Shattuck, A. F. Parker and E. H. Bliss—were appointed to arrange the details. At the conclusion of the session refreshments were served by a committee of the ladies of the church.

Mr. J. B. Bliss, with other ladies from the various towns in Middlesex county, attended a luncheon given by Mrs. J. J. Storow at her home in Lincoln on Wednesday, October 25.

The members of the New England Fox Hunters' club began to arrive here on Sunday evening to be on hand for an early morning start on the first day of the meet. They were joined by several local sportsmen, so that the party was one of the largest first days, about seventy being in the field.

The hunters took different sections, having the advantage of their last year's experience, as to the best starting places and the runways. The favorite localities were about Held's pond to the west toward Dunstable line near the Molly Gilson road toward Massapoag pond in East Groton.

The first fox of the day was killed at 6:50 o'clock by L. B. Tilton of Exeter, N. H., who was hunting near Lewis hill in the district known as the Foxes. He was hunting with a party of five out-of-town men and was awarded the day's pool of \$7.40. The other fortunate hunters were Mr. Percy R. Foss of Concord and E. L. Tarbell of this town, members of the club, and Albert Norris and Timothy Blood.

The local huntsmen joining the party were H. W. Hutchinson, E. L. Tarbell, Dr. C. G. Heald, Jack Kerin, A. F. Harris, S. M. Nokes, Arthur Leary, Joseph McGrail, Frank Burrell, Joseph Tierney and Michael Morrissey.

Several hounds were reported lost, as the territory was new, when the hunters gathered a night or two before a brigade of autos went out half the night picking them up. President Walling had a stern chase after his hounds into Townsend, as they had run onto a deer near the line.

No casualties were reported other than was sustained by a member from Waterbury who fell off a ledge in the Gulf district. He was able to join the hunt the next day.

The weather conditions on Tuesday were not as favorable for sport, the night having been foggy, making too much moisture in the air. The hunters got soaked feet and some afflicted with "cold feet," retired from the field. Only two foxes were taken. The first by Arthur Allen of Threewick, who shot a fox near the pond of about six dollars. The other pet was taken by James Cleary of Groton, who was hunting with Jack Kerin's hounds in the district known as the Foxes.

Mr. Walling, who went with E. L. Tarbell to the south end of Townsend hill, reported one of the best drives he ever had, although no pet. Five hounds were reported to be in front of the drives. The club was joined by a party from Waltham and gentlemen from Belchertown, the former hunting grounds.

The club was warned by President Walling at their early breakfast repast that two boys had been reported missing and to be on the look-out. In the meantime an accident occurred in Chief Smith by the older brother of one of the boys, Lloyd Bancroft, and the chief with Constable Lawrence put in about two hours repairing a broken bicycle in the home of Mr. Bancroft and Ray Boutwell, were located just off the Nashua road. They had caught the spirit of the hour and gone skunk hunting in the woods near a tree and as they had no climbers they were guarding him until daylight.

One of the lads came back in the auto by special request of his mother. There were no other unusual incidents during the day.

In the evening, however, a stranger entering town with poor vision would have been a great nuisance. The usual was going on. It was the evening of the hunters' dance and they began at an early hour to "paint the town red" by burning red lights in front of the New Bedford Opera house. Needless to say the dance was a great success, many auto parties coming from out of town. Thayer's orchestra furnished good music.

On Wednesday, L. B. Tilton followed his success of Monday, bringing down the first fox and getting the pool, all before seven o'clock in the morning. Mr. Tilton is an amateur fox hunter, being about seventy years of age. The rain about nine o'clock drove some back home, but they were back in the field when it cleared after dinner. P. J. Maguire of Lexington got a fox after the rain stopped and no other pets were reported, although there were several good drives and foxes sighted.

Thursday morning Master Symonds wound his horn sharp at four o'clock and the hunters were early abroad. The weather had cleared and good sport was anticipated but the returns are not in at this time.

The annual election of officers of the club took place on Wednesday evening, resulting as follows: President, E. H. Bliss; Secretary, H. E. Hall of Waterbury; L. A. Tilton of Exeter, N. H.; and W. Walling of Groton, N. H. Officers: W. Stone, Waltham, treasurer; W. E. Simonds, Bedford, master of hounds; E. S. Mitchell, club veterinarian; H. B. Conant, W. H. Smith, J. Kerin, J. W. Faze and E. J. Spencer, directors.

Church Activities. At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the theme "Power in the inward man." In the evening, "The Commonwealth of Christ." Subject of Epworth league meeting, "On a still hunt for souls." Miss Carrie Sylvester, leader.

At a business meeting of the church officials held in the vestry on Monday evening it was voted to observe the fifty-first anniversary of the founding of this church, which occurs in May, 1917. It was also voted that the church conduct an "Everyone-at-church campaign" during November.

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Mr. J. B. Bliss, with other ladies from the various towns in Middlesex county, attended a luncheon given by Mrs. J. J. Storow at her home in Lincoln on Wednesday, October 25.

The members of the New England Fox Hunters' club began to arrive here on Sunday evening to be on hand for an early morning start on the first day of the meet. They were joined by several local sportsmen, so that the party was one of the largest first days, about seventy being in the field.

The hunters took different sections, having the advantage of their last year's experience, as to the best starting places and the runways. The favorite localities were about Held's pond to the west toward Dunstable line near the Molly Gilson road toward Massapoag pond in East Groton.

The first fox of the day was killed at 6:50 o'clock by L. B. Tilton of Exeter, N. H., who was hunting near Lewis hill in the district known as the Foxes. He was hunting with a party of five out-of-town men and was awarded the day's pool of \$7.40. The other fortunate hunters were Mr. Percy R. Foss of Concord and E. L. Tarbell of this town, members of the club, and Albert Norris and Timothy Blood.

The local huntsmen joining the party were H. W. Hutchinson, E. L. Tarbell, Dr. C. G. Heald, Jack Kerin, A. F. Harris, S. M. Nokes, Arthur Leary, Joseph McGrail, Frank Burrell, Joseph Tierney and Michael Morrissey.

Several hounds were reported lost, as the territory was new, when the hunters gathered a night or two before a brigade of autos went out half the night picking them up. President Walling had a stern chase after his hounds into Townsend, as they had run onto a deer near the line.

No casualties were reported other than was sustained by a member from Waterbury who fell off a ledge in the Gulf district. He was able to join the hunt the next day.

The weather conditions on Tuesday were not as favorable for sport, the night having been foggy, making too much moisture in the air. The hunters got soaked feet and some afflicted with "cold feet," retired from the field. Only two foxes were taken. The first by Arthur Allen of Threewick, who shot a fox near the pond of about six dollars. The other pet was taken by James Cleary of Groton, who was hunting with Jack Kerin's hounds in the district known as the Foxes.

Mr. Walling, who went with E. L. Tarbell to the south end of Townsend hill, reported one of the best drives he ever had, although no pet. Five hounds were reported to be in front of the drives. The club was joined by a party from Waltham and gentlemen from Belchertown, the former hunting grounds.

The club was warned by President Walling at their early breakfast repast that two boys had been reported missing and to be on the look-out. In the meantime an accident occurred in Chief Smith by the older brother of one of the boys, Lloyd Bancroft, and the chief with Constable Lawrence put in about two hours repairing a broken bicycle in the home of Mr. Bancroft and Ray Boutwell, were located just off the Nashua road. They had caught the spirit of the hour and gone skunk hunting in the woods near a tree and as they had no climbers they were guarding him until daylight.

One of the lads came back in the auto by special request of his mother. There were no other unusual incidents during the day.

In the evening, however, a stranger entering town with poor vision would have been a great nuisance. The usual was going on. It was the evening of the hunters' dance and they began at an early hour to "paint the town red" by burning red lights in front of the New Bedford Opera house. Needless to say the dance was a great success, many auto parties coming from out of town. Thayer's orchestra furnished good music.

On Wednesday, L. B. Tilton followed his success of Monday, bringing down the first fox and getting the pool, all before seven o'clock in the morning. Mr. Tilton is an amateur fox hunter, being about seventy years of age. The rain about nine o'clock drove some back home, but they were back in the field when it cleared after dinner. P. J. Maguire of Lexington got a fox after the rain stopped and no other pets were reported, although there were several good drives and foxes sighted.

Thursday morning Master Symonds wound his horn sharp at four o'clock and the hunters were early abroad. The weather had cleared and good sport was anticipated but the returns are not in at this time.

The annual election of officers of the club took place on Wednesday evening, resulting as follows: President, E. H. Bliss; Secretary, H. E. Hall of Waterbury; L. A. Tilton of Exeter, N. H.; and W. Walling of Groton, N. H. Officers: W. Stone, Waltham, treasurer; W. E. Simonds, Bedford, master of hounds; E. S. Mitchell, club veterinarian; H. B. Conant, W. H. Smith, J. Kerin, J. W. Faze and E. J. Spencer, directors.

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afternoon at two o'clock, and conducted their service at Woodlawn cemetery where internment took place. The service at the house were conducted by Rev. W. H. Beers of the Methodist church.

A mixed quartet composed of O. M. Nash, Mrs. Alice Bartlett, Mrs. Elsie Copp and Louis H. Shattuck rendered "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "The Christian's good night" at the service at the house. During the Odd Fellows service at the grave they rendered the selection "New my duty to thee." The bearers were H. N. Tower, E. J. Davis, A. P. Wright and L. A. Johnson. The flowers were many and beautiful.

In the death of Henry A. Parker, which came so suddenly on Wednesday October 2, the community loses one of its old-time citizens, who, in many years that are past, were instrumental in building up the industrial enterprises of the town. Many of the obstacles which the present generation find themselves unable or unwilling to cope with were overcome by him with quiet persistence and turned to his advantage and benefit. This characteristic was perhaps the basis of his business success.

Mr. Parker was a native of Pepperell, the son of Frederic F. and Ann (Varnum) Parker. He was born in the Parker homestead at East Village July 17, 1832. He received his early education in the public schools of the town and at the age of eighteen he went to Boston where he was employed by Thacher, Shaw & Co., a mercantile house on Washington street. After one year he found employment in the same line in New York City. From 1852-58 he was in San Francisco, Cal., where he conducted a lucrative business on Market street in the sale of newspapers, periodicals and articles of this line. Before his return east he owned a fleet of schooners engaged in coast line shipping. A satisfactory sale of his property caused his return home and settling in his native town he bought out the general store of J. A. Tucker at Nissitussit, which was then an active business center.

His marriage to Mrs. Abbie V. Jewett occurred in 1861, following shortly after his settling in town. Her death in November 1914 was a great shock to him. Their son, Frederick H. Jewett, is on the board of selectmen of the town and superintendent of the Shirley Electric Co., survives him, also a grandson, Charles H. Parker, a student at Phillips Exeter. The remaining members of his immediate family are a brother, Charles F., and sister, Miss Marriet E. Parker. There are also two step-children, Mrs. Charles Jewett of this town and Franc Jewett of Somerville, N. J.

Following his marriage Mr. Parker increased his business interests, extending them to the manufacture of shoddy, wadding and batting. In this branch of his industries he was associated with the late A. S. Woodward. He next took up the manufacture of paper and leatherboard, followed by the erection of a sawmill and the manufacture of building material. This led to the building in the neighborhood of his home and mill of 30 to 40 houses. He also established a gristmill in the same vicinity of his other industries, corner of Groton and Mill streets, where he sold flour, grain and feed.

It is a noteworthy fact that he had the respect and esteem of his employees, to the extent that they worked for him twenty, thirty, forty and one year, and although it must be taken into consideration that this was before the days of labor agitators and unions.

Mr. Parker, with the late H. C. Winslow, Frank Leighton and other citizens, was interested in the founding and building of the Peppercell Card and Paper shop, being interested in the building of industrial enterprises in the town.

Mr. Parker has led an unostentatious, quiet life among his fellow citizens; but his more intimate acquaintances of other part of his nature, aside from his devotion to business, which was shown in his great love for flowers and gardening and his affection for children. His garden, even this past summer, was always a source of pride and pleasure, his fine rows of vegetables of many kinds alternating with flowers in luxuriant bloom. Mr. Parker could even find time from his manifold interests to instruct his grandson, aged five, in the art of swimming and the young man will probably never forget the happy hours he has spent with the man who could lay aside his cares and become his congenial playmate.

Mr. Parker's courteous, pleasant manner will long be remembered. Since his retirement from active business he has particularly enjoyed making his many acquaintances as he went about the streets. By these, and in his home, he will be much missed. At the services which were held on last Saturday afternoon, there was a large gathering of his relatives and friends who testified to their esteem for Mr. Parker and their memory of his love for flowers by a profusion of beautiful and choice flowers. Rev. W. H. Beers, the officiating clergyman, paid tribute to the sterling worth of the deceased, touching upon his love for all children, and the fact that he was also inspired by a return of affection from them. Burial was in Peppercell cemetery, the bearers being Edward Blake, Charles Taft, George Jenks and A. P. Wright.

Not Advertisements. CARD OF THANKS We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all friends who so kindly assisted us in our sorrow and bereavement also for the many beautiful floral remembrances.

MRS. J. J. WILLOUGHBY Family East Pepperell, Nov. 1, 1916.

FOR SALE As I am going south this winter and will probably not have time to sell my property on High Street at a bargain for quick sale. The property consists of a two-story house of 12 rooms, 2 large parlors, large cement cellar partitioned off, 1 acre choice garden with a large orchard of nice apple trees and small fruit. The property is splendidly located, as good as any in town; both town and nice well watered. Come and look over. One tenement is held for electric lights—seven rooms, well furnished. Come and look over the best bargain in town—don't wait until some one else gets it. The house was built by present owner in 1905. Apply to A. G. LAWRENCE, High Street, East Pepperell, Mass.

J. J. SHEA Successor to N. S. Pike General Blacksmith and Wheelwright—Horseshoeing a Specialty Main St. Pepperell, Mass.

READ ROGERS RECORD

After two years of service Congressman John Jacob Rogers came before the voters of the Fifth District in 1914 for endorsement or disapproval. He polled 17,249 votes to 9136 cast for his opponent. With four years of service his experience and his record make him today immeasurably stronger and more valuable to his district.

CHEAPER COAL AND HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

Congressman Rogers has long believed that if the Merrimack River were made navigable from Lowell to the sea the cost of coal to consumers in Middlesex and Essex counties would be reduced 75 cents to \$1.00 per ton and the cost to our householders and local industries of many other essential commodities would be proportionately lowered. From the day he took office he has worked untiringly to bring about a navigable Merrimack. Largely as a result of his efforts the United States Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors last May recommended the improvement at a cost of some \$10,000,000. Mr. Rogers pledges a continuance of his efforts in behalf of this great public development until the appropriation is made and river improvement an accomplished fact.

PREPAREDNESS

Mr. Rogers was one of the earnest advocates in Congress and in the nation of a fully adequate force for the defense, security and peace of the nation, and has played an important part in the measure of preparedness which has already been achieved. He believes also in industrial preparedness, and advocates the immediate passage of a law which shall protect our American wage-earners from the competition of the cheap labor of Europe and Asia, which otherwise will overwhelm us at the close of the European war.

AMERICANISM

Mr. Rogers' position on Americanism has most recently been voiced by his speech in Congress on "American First." He was the author of a measure recently enacted which completely Americanized our consular system. He stood and stands for the protection of American lives and rights at home and abroad. He is unalterably opposed to legislation of the sectional character which has marked the policy of the present administration.

LABOR

Mr. Rogers has been active in his support of humane legislation. Even before he went to Congress he secured the passage of a law extending vocational education for women. He is the sponsor of a plan for helping social graduates to suitable and promising business positions. He has been one of the foremost champions in Congress for child labor legislation, and was the only representative to be called before the Committee on Labor at the hearing last spring in support of the Child Labor Law recently passed. He voted to give an eight hour day to all women and children employed in the District of Columbia.

He voted to grant compensation to postal employees injured in the course of their duty and, in case of their death, pensioning their widows. He voted to exclude convict-made goods from interstate and foreign commerce. He voted for a Workmen's Compensation Act for Federal employees. He voted for the anti-trust law. He voted to extend the wholesome activities of the Children's Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

POSTAL MATTERS

Mr. Rogers has been devoted to the improvement of postal efficiency—especially of rural free delivery efficiency—his district. He has secured many extensions, and prevented many curtailments threatened by Postmaster General Burleson. He has secured favorable committee action on his proposal for a new Lowell Postoffice to cost \$350,000, and to replace the present outgrown structure. He has secured a Postoffice for New Woburn, Mass., and has expedited the plans for the construction of the new building at Reading. He fought the selection of an unfit and undesired postoffice location at Andover. He has in many cases expedited relief to clerks and carriers injured in line of duty. He has introduced legislation securing improved mail service for our soldiers at the Mexican border.

THE FARMER AND COUNTRY LIFE

Mr. Rogers has brought the service of the United States Department of Agriculture to the door of every one of his 200,000 constituents, whether residing in city or country. He has aided thousands to a practical solution of problems arising on their farms, in their gardens or in their homes.

PERSONAL CONTACT WITH CONSTITUENTS

Mr. Rogers has always kept in immediate personal contact with his constituents. During recesses of Congress in 1914 and 1915, he made comprehensive tours of his district, visiting every city, town and postoffice, and in many cases in line of duty. He has in call upon him for the transmission of official business of whatever kind.

ANNAPOLIS AND WEST POINT

Every appointment by Mr. Rogers to Annapolis or West Point has been made as the result of a strictly competitive examination, held in his behalf by the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

EUROPEAN WAR

The terrible war in Europe has brought to Mr. Rogers many in need of relief and assistance. He has aided many of the stricken to leave Europe and come to this country; he has secured the release of European armies of men in our hands; he has secured the release of European armies of men in our hands; he has secured the release of European armies of men in our hands.

PENSIONS

Mr. Rogers has handled a large number of pension cases for deserving old soldiers or their families.

PAWTUCKET BRIDGE

Mr. Rogers secured in record time the passage of a special act of Congress authorizing the construction of a new bridge across the Merrimack river at Pawtucket Falls.

FISH

Mr. Rogers has secured for the ponds of his district many millions of fish furnished for stocking purposes by the United States government.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Mr. Rogers is author of the measure to permit absentee voting at all elections by those whose duties take them from their homes on election day, and who are not present virtually disfranchised.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Rogers secured the passage by Congress of a law giving interest upon funds of insolvent national banks, thus directly aiding those who are unfortunate enough to have funds in a bank which goes into the hands of a receiver. He has secured the passage of a law giving interest upon the deposits of the National Bank of Lowell, who have already received 90 percent of their deposits, and has assured them that another 10 percent will soon be forthcoming.

STANDING IN CONGRESS

Mr. Rogers is a member of the extremely important Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives. He is ranking Republican member of a Committee on Elections, and will presumably be chairman of that committee if the next House is Republican and he is a member. His speeches in Congress have attracted marked attention and several of them have had a national-wide circulation. Among them are: "Out-Heroding Herod"—a plea for the abolition of child labor; "The War and the Tariff"—showing the untold damage given to our industries, and how, if the Underwood tariff is not repealed, our present prosperity will vanish in a night when the war ends several important speeches on the diplomatic issues of the day; a demand for the stoppage of our trade with Mexico in rifles and dum-dum bullets which are later used by the Mexicans against our own soldiers and civilians.

THE FLAG

After a fight in which the press of the entire nation took part, Mr. Rogers succeeded in preventing Secretary Daniels of the Navy from carrying out his plan to buy in Europe hunting for the Stars and Stripes, therefore always made in Lowell.

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Re-Elect Congressman

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