

# TURNER'S PUBLIC SPIRIT.

Fiftieth Year

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## AYER

### News Items

L. P. Hollander & Co., of Boston, established a branch store in a portable building between the depot and Barry's block, Monday.

The sons of veterans will hereafter meet in Hardy's hall, on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month. October 20 will be inspection night and large attendance is expected.

Services at the Christian Science room, Turner's Hall, corner of Main and Washington Streets, Ayer, morning at 10:30. Subject, "Doctrine of Atonement." Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. Reading-room open daily, afternoon and evening.

All who are interested in food conservation are cordially invited to attend an exhibition of the work by the girls of the Canning and Evaporating Club of Harvard, under the special supervision of the Worcester County Fair Bureau, organized by Miss Clara Endicott Sears, manager. Mrs. Frederick S. Atwood to be held in town hall, Harvard, Tuesday, October 30, from 10 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. Demonstrations of canning and evaporating from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m. Canners used: hot water bath, water seal, pressure cooker, Sterzmann evaporators and cook-stove drier. Exercises of awarding diplomas and presentation of club cup, with short addresses, at 8 p. m. punctually. Hot lunch served at Red Cross headquarters, across the

road, from 12 to 2 p. m. Hot coffee and rolls with jams, jellies and preserves on sale at the exhibition during the afternoon and evening.

The following strong program has been arranged by Manager Pouliot for the feature motion pictures for the week beginning Monday, October 22: Monday, George M. Cohan, in his latest success, "Seven Keys to Baldpate"; Tuesday, Pauline Frederick in "A woman in the case"; Wednesday, Viola Dana in "The girl without a soul"; Thursday, Baby Myrtle Osborne in "When baby forgot"; and the fourth episode in the popular serial, "The fatal ring"; Friday, George Walsh in "Some boy"; Saturday, Ethel Clayton in "A man's woman."

Miss Jane Briggs commenced work at the Ayer Variety store on Monday morning.

Tickets go on sale at H. H. Proctor's dry-goods store next Thursday morning for the cabaret party in the town hall on November 1.

A forest fire alarm, followed by box 13, shortly after the noon hour this week Friday, was for a brush fire near the state road.

The building and equipment of the plant known as the Haynes-Piper Company is to be sold at public auction on Tuesday, October 30.

Miss Winnifred Gallagher, of Ayer, and Charles Gilmore, of Boston, were married at high mass by Rev. Fr. Quinn in Yarmouth, Me., on October 15. They left for a trip of three weeks

### Camp Notes

Last Sunday was a record-breaker for the number of visitors coming to the camp, when it was estimated that fully 250,000 people were present during the day. The great throng caused the biggest congestion since the establishment of the camp and the military guards and civilian officers were busy all day. So large was the crowd that an electric car conductor walked ahead of his car clearing a passage way for it to proceed. The day, as all Sundays that preceded it, was free from accidents of any kind.

The youngest recruit in the camp is John F. Grady, fourteen years of age, who has been adopted by the 30th Company, 8th Battalion. The boy's uncle and only relative, Charles Tagherson, of Dedham, was drafted and brought the youngster to camp with him. One of the conditions of the boy being allowed to remain at the camp is that he must attend school in Ayer every day.

Forty-five enlisted men arrived on Tuesday night from California on the 25th regiment of engineers.

Clifford French, of Thomaston, Conn., came into camp a sick man and he went immediately to the isolation ward in the base hospital. They observed the same precautions for which the army achieved fame at Panama and Havana, with the result that not another man caught the disease, spinal meningitis. French died a few days ago.

A plan for the improvement of the main road between the camp and Ayer village has been developed by the state highway commission and Middlesex county commissioners, whereby the state pays one-half, the county two-thirds and Ayer one-third of the improvement. It will mount up into the thousands, as a fine road is planned. The selectmen can see no way to finance their share of the cost and balk at the proposal. They claim they imposed the road and have added additional taxes to bear without a proportionate return in additional taxes. The construction quartermaster points to twenty-five miles of fine roadway in the camp as the national government's share in road building.

So much interest has been shown in the main camp that the remount station has escaped the attention of camp visitors. The station covers many acres on the left of the Greenville branch track and extends westward to the Nashua River. Already there is a garrison of 200 men, 100 of whom are veterans in the service and the rest selected from the draft. There are great corrals for the horses, outdoor feeding cribs, running water barracks for the men and stables.

A few of the men of the 25th regiment of engineers have the measles and are under quarantine.

So many of the recruits have been rejected for physical reasons that many more, perhaps 4000, will be called. It is expected that the full number to be

stationed at the cantonment will not arrive before January 1.

No definite date has been set for the arrival of the remaining fifteen percent of the draft quota, but it is expected that it will arrive in the course of the next two weeks.

It is expected that the big heating plant will be ready by November 1. In the meantime stoves will be used in heating the barracks. The delay in furnishing steam heat is due, according to the war department, to a shortage of steam-fitters to do the work.

The Knights of Columbus formally opened its recreation camp for the army last week Friday evening with a program of speech-making and music. It was enjoyed by several thousand soldiers who crowded into and around the spacious buildings. The speaker of the evening was the state deputy of the order, Daniel J. Gallagher, of Boston. The entertainment was provided by Lowell council and it was a most enjoyable evening in every way. The members of the council and the entertainers came to Ayer in automobiles.

The Boston and Maine railroad has been making arrangements for the transportation of 8000 of the men at Camp Devens, Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga. Orders for the mobilization of 210 passenger cars have been put into effect. It is expected that the task of transferring the men will be done in about a month. About 3000 go this week. Men of the depot brigade are among those first to go. With this number taken from the local camp there will be ample room for the remaining fifteen percent of the draft troops which are soon to arrive.

A contingent of troops left camp on Monday for immediate service in France. The men represented all the New England states. They are expected to arrive in France by Thanksgiving.

A school opened for mess officers and bakers on Monday under the direction of Capt. A. M. Owens. Four recruits from each regiment of infantry, three from the artillery regiment, twelve from the depot brigade, one each from the machine gun battalions and three each from the engineers' regiments and the various trains were sent to learn to become good bakers and mess officers.

There promises to be a hot time soon in regard to the soliciting passengers on Main street and Depot square. A Boston jitney owner, having leased the entire Depot square, has forbidden all others to enter under penalty of the law. This forces many of the jitneys outside of the new trust onto Main street which naturally results in a blockade of that thoroughfare, which of course cannot be tolerated. Officers at the camp feel rather indignant at this condition of affairs resulting as it does from the new concern which is said to command a royalty of twenty percent from all who desire to use the square for soliciting business. The independent jitney men are to fight the new concern. The first battle comes in the local court on Monday morning when a case involving the right of a Lawrence jitney owner to solicit patronage in the square will be heard. The result of the action will be followed with great interest.

The total amount of the sale of liberty bonds at the camp to Monday morning was \$443,550.

There was a movement started on Monday to have a committee sent to the state highway commission in regard to having Main street repaired. The street is naturally in bad condition from the tremendous traffic of all kinds for which it is used. The town properly feels that some assistance should be given it in keeping the highway in good condition by either the state or national government, as the damage has resulted from business incident to the camp being located here.

Ground was broken Monday for the clubhouse that is to be built on the shore of Robbins pond for the entertainment of the men in the time they are off duty. The structure is to cost \$10,000.

The first issue of Tribune and Camp, the now weekly newspaper for the army and civilian guard training camps, made its first appearance last week. In the first issue is a congratulatory letter from President Wilson, who heartily approves of the plan. Newspaper companies in cities near the camp will get out the paper free of charge. The paper will be distributed by the YMCA.

Fifteen percent more of draft recruits comprising the last quota for the new national army will come to Camp Devens later. The exact date is not yet fixed. The quarters are all now filled. Failure to find suitable quarters for the last contingent is a problem which engages the attention of the camp officials. The reason for this condition lies in the fact that quarters were originally prepared for New England men only. The sending of men from New York here has resulted in a lack of sufficient quarters.

Various changes in the rules for people visiting the camp went into effect this week. No longer will cameras be allowed to be used or brought into camp, either for business or other reasons. Strict regulations are to be made regarding auto houses and taxi-cabs coming into camp with a probability that motor vehicles will be completely barred. The ban on cameras applies to newspaper photographers as well as others unless special permission is granted from Washington.

According to records to date 2372 men sent to the camp for service have been rejected by the camp physicians and returned to civilian life. This means that enough more will be called to fill up the depleted ranks in the first quota.

Zbyszko, the famous wrestler, has been rejected for physical reasons and because of the fact that he is an enemy alien.

Brigadier General George M. Preston, adjutant general of Maine, visited

the camp Tuesday. He made a careful inspection of the 2nd heavy field artillery regiment, where most of the men are from New England. He expressed his approval. He made an official call on Major General Hodges on behalf of Gov. Michelsen of Maine. He was accompanied by Capt. Goodman of the Maine quartermaster's corps.

Major General Hodges expressed himself as highly pleased at the progress of the draft recruits in becoming efficient soldiers of the new national army.

Sunday evening there was a serious blockade of automobiles in the square in front of the Globe hotel, which required the services of several officers for an hour to overcome. The matter was finally straightened out without any bad results. The only distinguishing feature was the delay caused in the crowds getting to their homes.

Several small trains were run to the camp and return from Devens and also specials from Worcester and Lowell. Yet there appeared to be little relief in the great congestion in traffic during the day.

Five local lunch rooms were condemned by Major General Hodges in an order issued Tuesday for unsanitary reasons. All soldiers at the camp are prohibited from patronizing these places under a severe penalty. Provost guards from the camp are ordered to arrest any and all soldiers found in these places.

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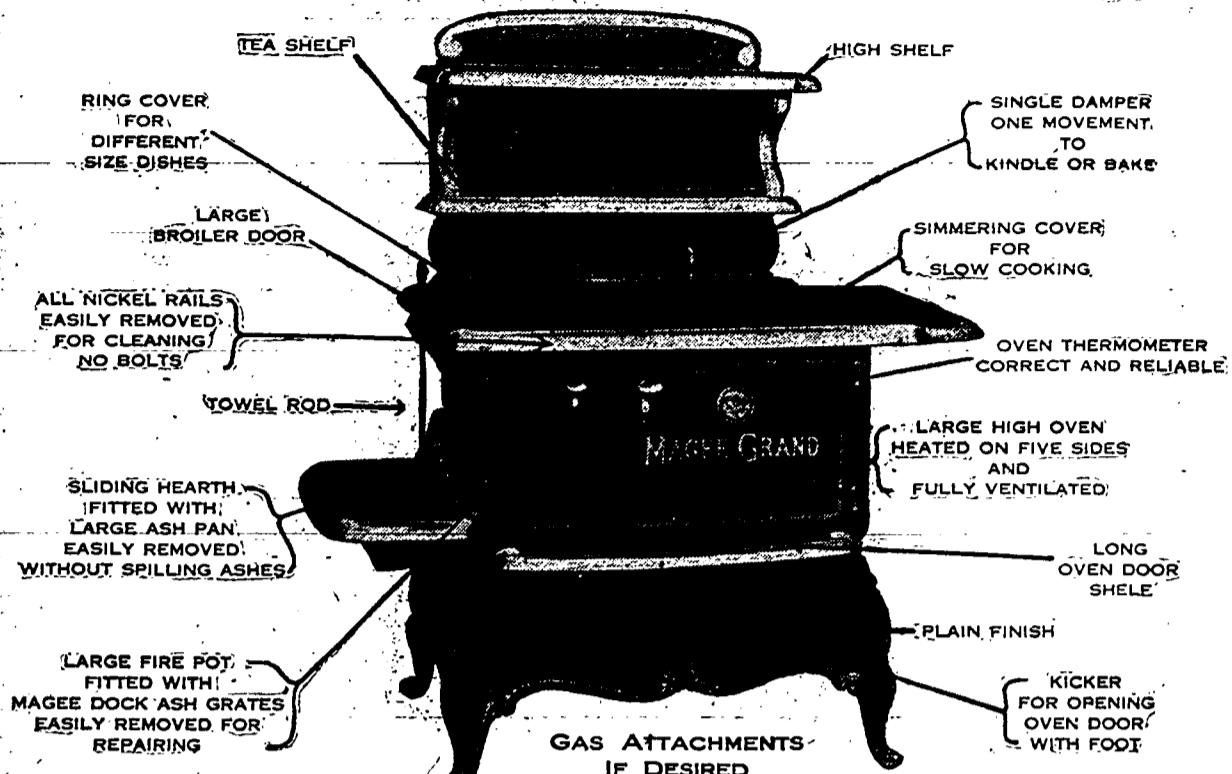
AYER, MASS.

HAROLD J. GROSS, FORMERLY OF BOSTON, HAS PURCHASED THE PROPERTY AND IS OPERATING IT AS A MANUFACTURING REAL ESTATE.

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## TOWNSEND

### Center.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity, Mr. F. B. Higgins, George Wilder, James Woods and C. A. Parker attended the annual installation and Masonic dinner in Ayer on Monday.

Sunday will be observed as Liberty Loan Sunday and the order of services will be patriotic. It is requested by the Liberty Loan committee of New England that the order of service be arranged if possible so as to have "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by the congregation exactly at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, so that from every house of worship in New England our national hymn may rise in unison. The sextons at ten o'clock will ring the bells for ten minutes. The program, together with the musical and patriotic sermons should make Liberty Loan Sunday a great influence for good in this nation at crisis.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Swinnerton and little daughter, Olive Ray, have enjoyed a week-end auto trip to Ashland with Mr. and Mrs. F. Forrest Soper.

Misses Helen Higgins of Fitchburg and Gertrude of Springfield and Miss Viola Misner of Fitchburg spent the holiday and week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Higgins.

Israel Burnham, a Civil war veteran of Nashua, N. H., is visiting his nephew, George Kendall of Elm street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox and daughter from New York state have moved this week to their Beckford place, Old City, recently vacated by George Johnson and family, who have moved to Montague.

Miss Gaskell of Hopedale, a former teacher in town, has been the guest of Mrs. A. S. Howard.

Miss Clara May Sheldon of Brookline was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace.

Walter Grimes and Elwin Swicker, who are stationed at Camp Devens, were at their respective homes over Sunday.

Mrs. Warren Seaver, Mrs. Clara Flarity and Mrs. Joseph Sawyer attended the Alpha Redemptive Noble Grand Assembly held at Winchendon on Friday. They were conveyed in Nil Woods' auto.

Misses Lillian and Margaret McCormick of Dorchester and Miss May Dorsey of South Boston, teachers, spent the week-end with Mrs. Martha Hilldruth, Highland street.

Rev. Rollen Tuttle, pastor of the M. E. church, will be the speaker at the West Townsend Baptist church roll call on Friday evening, October 26.

Townsend friends will be interested to know that John T. Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry of Waltham, is a member of the engineering corps at Camp Devens. His mother, Mrs. Perry, was formerly Miss Helen Tuttle, of this town.

Members of the Country club have been assisting the workers for the French Relief this week, who meet at the Center at the home of Mrs. Rita Gossler.

A letter has been received by the widow of Mr. John T. Perry, of France and

Mrs. and Mrs. Irving Marshall expect that their son Leon of the 103d regiment of New Haven, Conn., has also arrived over there.

Mrs. L. Sims and Leslie Sims of Maynard have been enjoying a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Brackett, Old City. Ralph Sims, of South Acton, has also been a guest in the home.

Mrs. George Tebbetts, of Melrose, is spending for the present with her mother, Mrs. Charles Morgan.

A special meeting of the Y. P. S. C. was held in the Baptist vestry when Dr. F. E. Abbott, secretary of the place of Ian Ruske, who is away at school, was nominated committee. The sextons at ten o'clock will ring the bells for ten minutes. The program, together with the musical and patriotic sermons should make Liberty Loan Sunday a great influence for good in this nation at crisis.

Mrs. W. C. Winchester of the Squannock Inn, is spending a few days with relatives in Taunton.

Mrs. McKenzie, from the Center, is in caring for Mrs. Elbridge Sanders, who is quite ill.

The War Relief Workers met as usual Wednesday afternoon in the little red house, and a goodly number were present, and another supply of goods was sent out this week.

David Bernard, who has been visiting with David & Richardson and acquired a position in Vermont, and will move with his family in about two weeks.

At the meeting of the Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., Tuesday evening, Mrs. Nellie Goodman, of Roxbury, assistant inspector, was present and inspected the work of the order. Miss Anna B. Norton, of Dorchester, department senior vice president, was also present as guest. After the inspection a social hour was enjoyed with the serving of refreshments.

The postoffice departments remind us that Christmas is coming by announcing that Christmas packages for American soldiers in France must be mailed not later than November 15.

The directions are to mail early, address legible and back securely.

Miss Hazel Marshall, of Needham, is at home for the present with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Marshall, Earle Gooding, of Melrose, was a guest in the home this week.

Elwin Swicker and Russell Greeley have been transferred from Camp Devens to Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., where they expect to be in training for the winter.

Mrs. Arthur Barber, of Townsend hill, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Ettie Rockwood, of Brookline, N. H., spent last week Friday with their sister, Mrs. Kilbourn, in Lunenburg, the occasion being the sixty-sixth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Kilbourn.

Mrs. Isabelle Morse Robertson and two children, of Woburn, are enjoying a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morris on Townsend hill.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church announced a fair, supper and entertainment to be held in Memorial hall on December 12. Mrs. Lydia Estes and Mrs. Agnes Wood will be in charge of the supper and Mrs. Abbie Estes in charge of the entertainment.

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At the meeting of the Grange Monday evening the first number on the lecture's program will be "My favorite pie, and how I would make it," T. E. Flarity; an original paper, "Hints for dispelling the clouds of life," Mrs. Stephen Farrar. A Halloween social will follow, when an evening of fun with the witches, ghosts and spooks is anticipated.

George Sherin, of Boston, formerly of this town, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Sherin, this week and calling on other relatives and friends.

He has been received by the widow of his late father, Mr. John T. Perry, of France and

Edward Temple and family have moved to Fitchburg, where Mr. Temple is employed in the Putnam Machine shop.

The Parent-Teachers' association meeting was held Tuesday evening in the Congregational vestry when Dr. F. E. Flarity, of Ayer, gave an interesting talk on "School hygiene." He laid particular emphasis on the importance of a school nurse, a nurse who could act in the capacity of a nurse and truant officer combined. Vocal selections were pleasingly rendered by Miss Annie Griggs, with Miss Hyde, piano accompanist. Piano solos by Albert G. Seaver were also enjoyed. At the business meeting the report was given that the picture of Sir Galahad had been presented to the Harbor school. The same picture given for the best membership attendance at this meeting will be placed in Mrs. Clara Craig's room for this month.

Leon Goings and family have moved from the Turnpike road to the house recently vacated by Edward Temple on School street.

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Carl B. Willard and his mother and an auto trip to Worcester, where they spent the weekend with relatives.

Mrs. Mabel Pontelle, who has relatives in Duxbury, and Mrs. Mrs. Chester Whiting, of Worcester, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. H. of Ayer on Sunday and Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Whiting were accompanied by Mrs. Lucy Whiting and Albert Wyman.

Mr. and Mrs. William Williams of Somerville, who have been traveling and moving around the country, made a recent trip to Leominster, where they spent the winter.

Miss Ruth Bennett, of Worcester, who has been spending a brief vacation at her home, has entertained a party of her young friends Saturday evening for Worcester Monday afternoon and a most enjoyable afternoon was passed.

Mr. Thomas and family have moved to Somerville, where the boys are employed.

Arthur A. French, who has spent the past month with his sister, Mrs. Charles S. Hobson, left last Sunday morning for his home in Tewksbury, Mass.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKeon entertained a party of relatives from Winchendon on the first of the week.

Mrs. Forsythe of West Newton, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mae Stevenson.

The Ladies' Study club will meet on Monday evening at the reading-room and the topic for study will be "The story of Hudson." The leader will be Mrs. George Adams.

A regular service in compliance with the request to repair to Liberty Bond Sunday will be held at the First church Sunday morning. The bell will be rung at ten o'clock and "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by the congregation at eleven o'clock, and a patriotic discourse will be given by Rev. Joseph McKeon on the topic "The duty of those left at home." Patriotic selections will be given by the choir. In the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. will be conducted by Mervin Ware, and the topic is "Religion in politics."

Edward Patch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, has accepted a position as chauffeur for Mr. Flood of Brookline, the president of the Chase & Sanborn Tea and Coffee Company, of Boston.

Henry Wyman, of Worcester, has been a recent guest of Mrs. D. C. Evans.

The Ladies' Literary and Social circle which was to meet on Friday of this week, have postponed their meeting until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sherwin and son Wilbur have moved from the tene- ment in Lovering's house on Elm street into the Stickney house on Main street recently vacated by C. J. Ross and family.

Ian Rock has given up his position in the Townsend bank and this week entered upon his studies in Maine University.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Susan Morgan, have returned to their home in Stoneham.

Ward was received this week of the arrival in France of Alden Sherwin and G. E. Stevens, who sailed with the corps of engineers two weeks ago.

Mrs. Ethel Welch and her little daughter Priscilla, of Middlesex, attended the meeting of the Birthday club at the Congregational vestry at the Center on last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Welch being one of the hostesses.

### Obituary.

The funeral services of the late Augustus Stevens were held at the Baptist church, of which he was a member, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, his former pastor, Rev. S. D. Ringrose, of the Highland Baptist church, Fitchburg, giving the eulogy. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilder, their two daughters, Ina and Alice, and their son Milton, sang very sweetly "How sweet will it be to see Jesus" and "The homeland." Mrs. Gilmore is survived by no near relatives, but leaves two adoptive mothers, Mrs. William Adams of Mason, N. H., and Mrs. Leonard Feltch of Greenfield, N. H. Her interment was in the Cemetery lot. Mrs. Wilder, a widow, had been presented to the Harbor school. The little Scotch woman, familiarly known as "Jane" in our village for forty-three years, will be missed from our midst and from her accustomed place in the Methodist church where she was wont to go until her eyesight failed and the infirmities of age came upon her.

Newhall spoke very tenderly of the departed sister of the church and of her ready willingness to do and give her mate in ways she could. He also referred to her long and faithful service in the home of the late Mrs. Taylor. The Wilder family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilder, their two daughters, Ina and Alice, and their son Milton, sang very sweetly "How sweet will it be to see Jesus" and "The homeland." Mrs. Gilmore is survived by no near relatives, but leaves two adoptive mothers, Mrs. William Adams of Mason, N. H., and Mrs. Leonard Feltch of Greenfield, N. H.

Mr. Stevens, who passed away at his home on Stevens' hill early Monday morning, was the oldest man in town, and was born in the little cottage beside the former Stickney mill eighty-eight years ago October 12. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stevens.

In his working days he assisted his father in a tannery and law mill, and later in life cultivated a farm on the hill known as Stevens' hill, where he built him the little home in which he ended his days. His first wife was Amanda Hartwell, who passed away in 1884, and in June of 1886 he married his housekeeper, Mrs. Lucy Hamilton, who tenderly cared for him in his declining years, and who survives him. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. M. J. Vincent of the "T" in W. T. Cook and sons, Frank Hamilton, of Webster, and Foster Hamilton of this village.

In the winter of 1914 he underwent a remarkable religious experience and became converted and in February at the advanced age of eighty-one was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Baptist church by Rev. Stevens Ringrose, and his last days were passed sorrowfully and peacefully in the hospital, and after his death he was buried in the cemetery lot.

During the social hour persons who had been attending the services of the church, which had been held in the home of Mrs. Mrs. Hodgeson, where she had been ill for several days, of delirium and suffering, were gathered around the piano and singing hymns. Several relatives and friends, including the pastor, Rev. Stevens Ringrose, and his wife, Rev. Mrs. Stevens Ringrose, were present.

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### SHIRLEY

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The home of Henry A. Sawtell, Front street, was searched for intoxicating liquors last Sunday morning at about 9:30 by Chief Riley, assisted by Walter Knowles, special officer. A number of whiskey and beer bottles containing drinalings were found and seized.

Charles Adelbert Weeks, aged 1 year, 2 months, 18 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan H. Weeks, died last Sunday of intestinal trouble. Funeral was held on Monday and burial was in the Village cemetery.

Miss Abbie Mitchell has returned to her home in Reading, Me.

John Simpson spent Columbus day and over Sunday with relatives in Providence.

The consolidated bands of Ayer and Shirley gave a concert at Camp Devens last Sunday afternoon. The band met at Engine hall for a rehearsal which was followed by lunch. The affair was under the supervision of D. S. Boyden, director, who collected the money to meet the expenses from the storekeepers in Ayer.

All who are interested in food conservation are cordially invited to attend an exhibition of the work by the girls of the Canning and Evaporating club of Harvard, under the special supervision of the Worcester County Farm Bureau, organized by Miss Clara Endicott Sears; manager, Mrs. Fredrick S. Averly; to be held in town hall, Harvard, Tuesday, October 25, from 10 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. Demonstrations of canning and evaporating from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m. Canners used: hot water bath, water seal, pressure cooker, Sturtzman evaporators and cook-stove drier.

Mr. C. R. White will give his third dancing lesson in Odd Fellows' hall this Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney S. Horton and daughter, Mrs. Ernest Townsend, moved to Malden on Wednesday.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will hold their regular meeting on next week Friday evening, at which there will be an entertainment in charge of John Adams, Harry H. Lynch and Harlan B. Howe. Rebekahs at Camp Devens will be welcome.

### FIRE.

Considerable excitement was caused at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman last Sunday during the dinner hour when a fire was discovered in the clothes closet of a chamber on the lower floor of the house adjoining the dining-room, caused by a defective chimney. Mrs. Brockelman, with the assistance of those at the house, applied the fire extinguisher and a garden hose, and in a few moments the fire was under control. The fire department responded promptly, but its services were not needed. Mr. Brockelman was at his store at the time.

The fire evidently had been smoldering under the walls for some time before it broke out. The closet was filled with garments which were all burned. The doors of the room, ceiling and woodwork and pictures on the walls were burned or blistered in such a manner as to render them beyond repair. The ceilings on the upper floor were also blackened from the smoke and many dainty articles were damaged. The total loss will be about \$300, covered by insurance.

The Altrurian club will meet on Thursday afternoon, October 25, at three o'clock in the reading-room of the public library. The program will be in charge of the education committee. Miss Martha J. Hooper, Mrs. Inez R. Lynch and Mrs. Myra E. Ely.

Miss Madeline Logue has returned home from a visit of three weeks with relatives in Boston and Everett.

Rev. Douglas H. Corley will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10:45; subject "Harmon's 'Perfect man'." The even-

### BIRTHDAY.

A very pleasant social function occurred on Monday evening, October 15, at the home of Edmund S. and Philomena Francis on Massachusetts avenue. The occasion was the eightieth anniversary of the birth of Edmund S. Francis. A general invitation had been given to everybody to be present and shake hands with Mr. Francis, offer congratulations, wish him many happy returns, etc., bidding him God-speed for the remainder of the time allotted him. At 7:30 in the evening the spacious parlors were filled with townspeople and friends from Shirley and Fitchburg. Others continued to arrive until nearly 200 were present, and the house was well filled. No one would, however, thought that "Uncle Ed" as he is familiarly called by nearly all, who know him especially the young people, had reached his eightieth birthday, as he cordially greeted his many guests and chatted about among them upstairs and down, a pleasant word for everyone.

### GENERAL.

Mr. Francis was born in this town and has passed practically his whole

life here. Consequently he knows and has been active by everyone. He was teacher in the public schools, a Sunday school clerk in the store, a member of the Congregational church for many years, its clerk, superintendent of the Sunday school and the very recently a faithful member of the choir from which he voluntarily retired because he wished to see the choir made up of younger people. Mrs. S. thought it was time for old fellow like him to make way for younger folks.

He has seen many of those who as little children were his pupils, grow up, have homes and families, and their children in turn have been members of his Sunday school class. For many years he has been a member of the Ladies Sewing circle and a very useful one, always ready to lend his aid whenever a man's strong arm was needed. For this reason, as well as many others, it was very appropriate for the sewing circle to assist in preparing and serving of the delicious refreshments of sandwiches, hot coffee cake and ice cream. A beautiful birthday cake with eighty candles, the gift of Mrs. Ida Brooks, formed a very attractive centerpiece upon the table where other presents were collected, several books among the number.

Mr. Rem Johnson sat down to the organ and played a solo very nicely in her native tongue. Mrs. S. soon after which Mr. Francis played the organ, inviting everyone to join with him in his favorite hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." Rev. Lionel A. Whiston then voiced the sentiments of the company in a happy little speech of congratulation, closing with prayer, after which the guests bade their general host and his assistants good-night and retired to their homes.

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CENTER.

The Camp Devens Advisory com-

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favor of having the towns represented,

to designate a "Hospitality night,"

when all families willing to en-

tertain soldiers could do so on the same night, and that the motor service of the towns be mobilized for the purpose of transportation.

Will families in Shirley Center

and vicinity interested in devoting one

evening each week to giving the sol-

diers a home welcome, kindly com-

municate with Frank J. Lawton?

Those who can furnish motor service

address Mrs. Henry F. Grout.

Mrs. Carrie Milne, who has been vis-

iting the home of her sister, Mrs.

M. W. Carey, returned last week Wed-

nnesday to her home in Grand Rapids,

Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow are re-

ceiving congratulations on the arrival

of a little granddaughter at the home

of their son, Charles Snow, in Brook-

line. Mrs. Charles Snow was formerly

Miss Bertha Perry of Ayer.

Mrs. David Marsh expects to leave

soon for South Carolina, where Mr.

Marsh is to be employed for the winter.

The name of the officer who is oc-

cupying Mrs. A. S. Burnham's summer

home at Woodville is Emerson.

Mrs. Marian Storer spent a few days

last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

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Mrs. Fred Drabble, who has been

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### TOWNSEND

#### About Town.

George B. Johnson has sold his twenty-five-acre farm on the Fitchburg road to Charles M. Cox of Walden, N. Y. Mr. Cox is a telephone lineman and has bought for a home and taken possession. Mr. Johnson has bought a big farm in Montague and moved there. Fred A. Smith, of Ayer, was the agent who made the sale.

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Mrs. Ralph Carlin entertained her father, Mr. Gould, who is a member of the police force in Medway, last week.

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F. H. Quincy, former druggist in town, came from Malden on Wednesday, where he now resides.

Americus Lawrence and wife moved to Leominster last week. His tenement on High street has been rented to N. S. Bosworth.

On last Saturday seven members of the Boy Scouts, with Scoutmasters Child and Beers, took a hike over Graton, South and Shirley roads to the Fitch homestead, then proceeding by the wood road to the plateau known as "The Throne." Camp fires were built and dinner prepared and eaten, and a part of the afternoon was spent in the practice of signalling, using the national code. They went out to the Townsend road, over which they returned home in course fashion, making no great account of the honor.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drummond have taken their former rooms in the County block, and will commence house-keeping again as soon as they are vacated.

Miss Helen Hayes went to Walpole hospital to take a course in training for a nurse the first of this week.

Among the teachers who were at home for the holiday and week-end were Miss Doris Hartwell, from Worcester; the Misses Florence and Jessie Flynn, from Erving and Bridgewater, and Miss Margaret Boynton, from New Boston, N. H.

It is understood that L. M. Shattuck has leased the Thayer house on Pleasant street.

## Medals Awarded.

A public meeting was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening in the interest of the second liberty loan. It was under the auspices of the Boy Scouts and Scouting Council, presided over by Capt. Daniel Walker.

The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and Senior Patrols marched in groups. "America, the beautiful," was sung, Miss Barbara Bancroft, accompanist. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Lewis, and remarks were made by Rev. W. H. Beers and by C. H. Miller, chairman of the town committee, who explained the second liberty loan. Mr. Child read a letter from J. J. Saunders, who was unable to be present, and after a brief address he presented the bronze medals sent out by the government for the Boy Scouts for efficiency in procuring subscriptions in the first drive for the liberty loan. Howard Shattuck and Edward Hutchins each secured ten subscriptions of ten individuals, which was necessary for procuring the medal, and each received the reward for their efficient work during the first campaign.

The medals are a bronze, ornamented with the red, white and blue, and the reverse side bears the inscription, "Presented on behalf of the U. S. treasury department for service in Liberty Loan Campaign, Boy Scouts of America, June, 1917." These will be highly prized by the owners.

## Fine Entertainment.

As an entertainer of rare ability and unusual talent, Charles C. Gorst, in his whistling repertoire on Monday evening at Prescott hall, fulfilled the expectations of his audience. The frequent and prolonged applause during the entire evening showed an appreciative and delighted gathering.

The opening numbers of his program were performed as whistling songs. Mrs. John C. Parker, acting accompanist. These were from instrumental music. "The robin's return," and a minute by Beethoven. In the first, Mr. Gorst followed the original notes, then with his accompanist gave the robin's call at intervals during the piano music. After these selections Mr. Gorst proceeded without the piano, giving a collection of incidents of bird life, their habits, various calls and songs. The descriptions were made over delightfully by the wonderful painterly pastels of each bird, designed and painted by himself. These were brilliantly lighted by a specially arranged electric light, bringing out the artistic value of each painting. In each case a setting peculiar to the bird was selected, which enhanced the painting, all the coloring being correct and true to Nature. Whether a bush, a low rock, a high rock, a stone, or a mountain stream, Mr. Gorst showed true artistic ability in thus emphasizing the individuality of the feathered subjects.

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