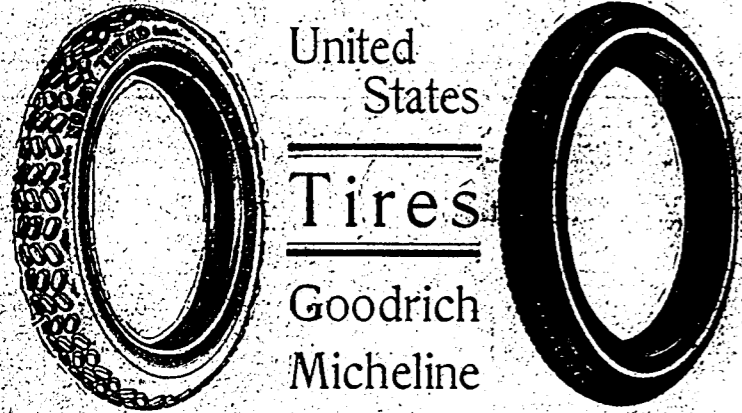


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### PEPPERELL

**News Items.**  
Jesse Shattuck and five-weeks' old daughter, who have been visiting his sister and other relatives for four weeks, were joined the Easter week-end by Mrs. Shattuck, and on Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shattuck and Miss Marion Elizabeth, now nine weeks old, left Pepperell for their home in Melrose.  
Frank S. Whitney, after a long and serious illness, died March 31 in the Worcester insane hospital. He was born in Tisbury, Vt., about seventy years ago. His parents were the late Lewis and Emeline (Nutting) Whitney, who resided in the south part of the town. His body was brought to Pepperell on Tuesday and was buried in Walton cemetery, beside that of his mother, as he wished.  
On Monday, April 15, Miss Louise Fay will give the long-looked-for lecture with illustrated slides, at the town hall, under the auspices of the Farm Bureau.  
Although Expressman Leary was reported as called to the colors this week he has shipped two carloads of paper. There was a scarcity of the Easter lily in town this year. Nowhere was

there the profusion of flowers as in the pro-war days. The expressman brought in three or four, and a few others went out of town. At one church there were none, and probably calla lilies took the place in another.  
It looks like spring to see Henry Lakin with the town team making Main street tidy.  
Mrs. Ringdahl, who was to return to her school duties on Monday in Revere, remained a day over to attend the funeral of Miss Fitch.  
Corp. John L. Howard, of Camp Devens, spent the Easter week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Melindy.  
Mrs. O. M. Nash was very sick on Tuesday morning, requiring the doctor.  
The latest case of Liberty measles is little Ernest Melindy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Melindy.  
The Ladies' Social circle, Branch Alliance of the Unitarian society, will hold an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. D. R. Child on Friday, April 12. The business meeting will be held at eleven o'clock. Lunch at 12:30 with Mrs. Lincoln Johnson as hostess. At two o'clock Rev. Frank E. Crandall, of Ayer, will address the meeting. Miss Marie Jordan went on Wednesday

to visit her mother in Providence, R. I., for a month.  
Mrs. Thomas Attridge and son Franklin went on Wednesday to Troy, N. Y., to visit relatives, where she will remain until a week from Saturday.  
P. J. Kemp, who has kept a strict account of his flock of hens for a year, buying the grain and selling the eggs to the same party, finds his flock has netted him a dollar a head.  
Byron Allen entertained four soldiers from Camp Devens over Easter.  
Mrs. John R. Shattuck, of Concord, much esteemed former citizen, was in town last week and attended the ten dinner at the Methodist church. She has been the guest of Mrs. W. A. Kemp, Main street.  
Frank Goff, of Concord, is in town, looking after his house made vacant by the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mason into the home of W. H. Annis.  
Mrs. Alva Clifford Dixon is visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. Simmons, Tucker avenue. Mr. Dixon is in France.  
The families of John Mitchell and Mrs. Alice Oulton left last Friday for Brockton. Their goods went by auto truck.  
There are quite a number of carpenters waiting for lumber to arrive at Camp Devens.  
Rev. W. H. Beers went to Boston to attend the conference.  
Frank Baker was in Ayer on Wednesday, visiting at Camp Devens.  
It was quite a puzzle to many to know what the bell in the Congregational church was ringing so long for on Tuesday evening, until it was learned that it was in celebration of the fact that in the state senate a ratification amendment to the constitution for national prohibition, thus making Massachusetts the eleventh state in order of ratification.

Blaze, the hound that was injured by getting caught in a wire fence about a month ago, has been at Dr. Lewis' animal hospital in Nashua, N. H., for some time, where his hind leg was amputated above the hock joint. He has been brought home again and is a very happy dog to get back and now promises to be all right again in a short time and will be found on the trail again next winter, even if with only three legs.  
There was quite an excitement and a novel sight in town Thursday when about sixty mules with packs on the backs of most of them came into Railroad square and finally came over Cross street to River street. Notice was telephoned, but one little fellow said "He knew it was Capt. Carter" of the Remount Station at Camp Devens. Without doubt it was a lot of mules in training—some were very pretty.  
The schools will reopen on Monday on the old regulation time—high school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8:45. The Townsend street school is to be reopened.  
**Church Notes.**  
The regular spring meeting of the Federation of Churches will be held in the Congregational church next Sunday morning at 10:45, the Unitarian church acting as hosts. The preacher will be Rev. Henry Wilder Foote of Harvard University Divinity school.  
Sunday school will meet after church. At six o'clock the Forward club will hold a meeting in the ladies' parlor. At seven o'clock a second chapter of Pilgrim deeds and duties will be taken up under the leadership of Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck. This series is proving instructive and interesting.  
The monthly business meeting of the Federation of Churches will be held in the Congregational vestry on next Tuesday evening at 7:45. This will be



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a short meeting so as not to interfere with the teacher training course which meets at eight o'clock. A beginning was made last Tuesday night, about twenty being present, when D. L. Whitmarsh taught the first chapter of the Pilgrim training course for teachers.

Paugus Camp Fire Girls held a ceremonial meeting Thursday afternoon at the Congregational parsonage. One girl, Woopie, attained the rank of wood gatherer and was given the ring.

The Bluebirds held their first meeting of the season and a social at the same place last Tuesday.

An entertainment is to be given in the Congregational vestry on Monday, April 15, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary society.

Nearly twenty people, men and women, enjoyed the privilege of ringing the church bell last Tuesday at eight o'clock when the ratification of the prohibition ratification bill had been passed by the state senate. It was rung extra long because F. A. Torrey had telephoned, but one little fellow said "He knew it was Capt. Carter" of the Remount Station at Camp Devens.

**Death.**  
Miss Nellie M. Fitch passed to the higher life on March 29 after a very short illness. She was the daughter of the late Luther and Sarah (Spaulding) Fitch, born at the house where she always lived, on Shirley street, on September 25, 1856. She leaves an aged mother, a brother, Frank S., and a sister, Mrs. Thirza Wilber.

Miss Fitch was a home body and felt the loss of her mother, who is over eighty years of age, and never was away from the home long. She was the light and joy of the household and a member of the Congregational church and often attended the little South road meetings; and was interested in the soldiers' aid and the little Sunday school. There were many fond tributes and one that represented the community love.

Funeral services were held at the late home on Monday, attended by Rev. John H. Attridge, buried in the family lot in Pepperell cemetery.

**About Town.**  
Rainsford Dewar, president of the Pepperell Paper Co., has been appointed chairman of the Pepperell liberty loan committee by the Federal Reserve bank of Boston. The liberty loan campaign will last four weeks, commencing April 8 and ending May 4. The share of bonds allotted to Pepperell is \$2,500. The rate of interest is 4 1/2 percent and a five percent deposit will be asked for time of subscription. A strong effort will be made to have the full amount subscribed by the townspeople. Mr. Dewar will ask the co-operation of a good sized committee of citizens to help in this patriotic work for the government.

**Red Cross Branch.**  
Regular Wednesday and Saturday afternoon meetings will be held for next two weeks at the home of Mrs. E. B. Heald, as before.

Thomas Drummond, of East Pepperell, has been appointed by the North Middlesex chapter at Lowell as home service information bureau for the Red Cross. A home service committee will also soon be appointed.

A quota of 500 of the Red label front packet with attached bandage has been assigned to this branch to be finished in April. Workers are requested to bring tinibles and other sewing materials.

The March report for work accomplished gives 273 quize stumps rolls and 12 dozen quize compresses sent to Lowell; also, another large barrel of clothing for Belgian refugees.

### LITTLETON

**News Items.**  
Several arrests have been made by over-speeders at Kimball's corner since the accident.

Another welcome sign of spring—the peeping of the frogs was heard the first of this week.

M. W. Leahy's foot is getting along well and the crutches have been laid aside. Mr. Leahy is busy at Camp Devens with his short duties.

Stedman Stewart makes progress as rapidly as can be expected. He is still at the Corporation hospital in Lowell. Members of the family visit him frequently.

Ruth Sawyer went to Lynn on Wednesday and attended the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Katharine Ayward, at her late home, and the burial in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Mrs. George H. Cash is convalescent and now rides out on pleasant days.

Mrs. Everett Kimball took her first automobile ride in months this week. It was a very short distance, but a forerunner of more extended pleasures we hope.

The committee in charge of the entertainment to be given next Wednesday night in the Congregational vestry, under the auspices of the Congregational club, have had the good fortune to secure Attridge. He, of the Federation House, Ayer, who will tell Cape Cod stories. Mr. Wardle's reputation is so well established that he needs no further recommendation. Local artists will give several musical selections, and the program should prove a compelling attraction. A large audience is expected; popular admission free.

We regret that the bulletin board at the library is not more generally used for the exchange of recipes. Most of our housekeepers have found valuable helps along the line of war-time cooking and should show their patriotism and generosity by sharing the benefits of their successful experiments.

Mrs. John Osborne has been taken to a hospital in Boston, where she is to undergo an operation soon.

Marion Drew has won the honor of valedictorian and Edna Harwell that of salutatorian of the senior class at the high school.

Donald Flagg is convalescing and if he continues doing as well as at time of writing his mother will take him home the last of this week.

Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Lamberton and baby arrived in town on Thursday and will occupy the parsonage on King street when their goods arrive from Greenland, N. H.

There was a large delegation of Littleton members at the Grange meeting on Wednesday evening. The first and second degrees were conferred upon a class of eleven candidates, the regular officers working the first degree and the ladies' degree staff working the second, with Mrs. Clarence Crosby as master. The work was exceedingly well done and brought forth well merited praise. Rev. Charles H. Smith, of Barre, Vt., inspected the Grange and spoke very pleasantly of the degree work and the Grange in general. He offered suggestions such as he is making to other Granges.

Peter McNeill was reported sick and in a Boston hospital, where he is being treated for rupture of one eye. Flowers were sent to him. Visitors were present from Roxborough, Ayer and Westford.

Charles E. Wells has resigned his office as town clerk, also his janitorship. Rev. O. J. Fairfield has accepted the office of clerk.

Hon. F. A. Barry has tendered his resignation as town treasurer, and Langdon Prouty has consented to fill out the unexpired term.

Rev. Charles H. Smith took tea at Hon. C. A. Kimball's and was entertained over night at G. E. Prouty's on Thursday.

Congressman John J. Rogers was in town on Thursday and called on the C. A. Kimballs. He promises to give an address before the Woman's club the coming season before he enters upon his congressional duties.

At a meeting of the telephone association this week J. B. Priest resigned the presidency, and John A. Wright was elected his successor.

George L. Dyer went to East Orange, N. J., last week Friday and visited his brother's home and family, returning on Tuesday. Miss Billings has returned from her Grange this week.

Dr. Charles W. Merritt, of Boston, a former resident of Littleton, was a guest of John H. Kimball and family on Sunday.

Nineteen members of the United Workers' Club, Mrs. Thomas Stephens and family for an all-day sewing and accomplished much Red Cross work. At noon they enjoyed a picnic at the afternoon Miss

Elizabeth H. Ashton led the devotional exercises, participated in by several other ladies, and Miss Florence Wilcox read a paper on "Christianity and civilization in Africa," showing much study and a very scholarly presentation of the subject. Miss Marion Flagg read the concluding chapter in the text book on Africa studied this season. The ladies are preparing a barrel to be sent to people in the south.

Mr. Gould has made extensive repairs on the Benjamin Robbins house in Pinkney's county improving the place.

James Noyes has sold his entire herd of cattle to Benjamin Derby, of Concord, N. H.

Miss Emma Bates has spent her week of vacation with her sister, Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb.

There will be a bean supper and a

dance in the town hall next Friday night, under the auspices of the Odd-fellows and the Odd-ladies. Supper from six to seven. Dancing from 7:30 until 11:30. Gray's orchestra of Lowell will furnish music for the dancing. A good time is assured and a reasonable price will cover all the expense.

Mrs. T. H. Stephens spent three days recently with her daughter in Marblehead.

A few Littleton people attended a dance at Camp Devens Tuesday night.

Rev. F. W. Lamberton is expected to occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church next Sunday.

Mrs. Holbrook goes to Baltimore the middle of April to visit her son for an indefinite length of time.

Don't forget the movies next Tuesday evening and every Tuesday evening. Mr. Shepard will begin his war serial, "Daughter of Uncle Sam."



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TOWNSEND. The Townsend Hill Improvement society held their regular meeting at the brick college on the hill with a good attendance of the members.

Receipts for the Quarter. For new members \$25.00. For supplies 75.00. For entertainments and gifts 55.00.

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Mr. Richards is in the employ of the B. & A. P. Fessenden Company at the Center to which place he makes daily trips in the car he recently bought.

Mr. LeRoy LaFontaine received the first prize offered by the Junior Chautauqua for the handsomest and best made birthday card.

Mr. Joseph Keefe, of Chelsea, was a guest of her parents over Easter.

Mr. Carl Liddell, formerly of Camp Devens, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Josephine over Saturday night.

Mr. Charles Hayes spent several days this week with his mother in Malden.

Mr. Hannah Ross, eighty-five years young, whose home is at Sachem Village since January first, has knitted 500 pairs of stockings for the Red Cross.

Mr. McDoyle was called to Manchester, N. H., last week by the severe illness of one of her daughters.

The cottage prayer meeting which was held on last week Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert White on the main road to the Center, was largely attended.

Mr. Stephen Hand, who has been at the Squamack Inn for the past year, reported for service at Camp Devens on last week Friday in the new draft.

Mr. Gilbert McEay, who has been employed at Camp Devens, has taken a situation at Vose.

Miss Martha Jones, who has been spending the winter at Squamack Inn, has returned to her home in Malden, N. H.

Miss Gertrude Wilson has been visiting friends in Clinton the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reynolds and little daughter Mollie spent the past week with relatives in Fitchburg.

Mr. Mary Forsythe is assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Hodgman for a few weeks.

Mr. Henry E. Harkaway and her daughter, Mrs. Earl Breed, from Vermont, visited relatives in New Ipswich, N. H., last Saturday.

Mr. W. T. Cook has been out of town on business trip.

Schools commenced the spring term on Monday. Miss Sara Lucas returned on Saturday from her home in Providence, R. I., for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Mary Harkaway and Mrs. Clara Warren visited friends in Boston last week.

Miss Gertrude Wilson, who teaches at the Center, is spending her Easter vacation with her father, Rev. Joseph McKean.

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Saturday, April 6, 1918.

NOTICE

The Registered Bonds of the Second Liberty Loan are now ready for delivery at the First National Bank of Ayer. All subscribers to the bonds are requested to call and accept for bonds at their earliest convenience.

GROTON

News Items.

Margaret Hodgman is the name decided upon for the little daughter born on March 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Worrall, of Tacony, Pa.

Miss Etta Sargent entertained the members of the Neighborhood club on last week Wednesday afternoon with current events given by Miss Nellie Parrish and the usual social hour with refreshments and singing. Red Cross work was also accomplished.

Miss Edna Leonard spent her week's vacation from school duties with her sister, Miss Margaret, in Chicopee.

The fire alarm sounded twice on Monday for brush fires. In both cases the fires were soon under control.

Mrs. Bradford Harrington seems to be gaining strength and greatly enjoys the calls of her many friends.

Albert Beverly, Beverly, spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. M. J. Blood, Main street.

Miss Odette spent the latter part of the week with her parents at their home on Chicopee row.

Miss Helen Gay has been enjoying a week's vacation at her home. She is a pupil at the Bridgewater Normal school.

The State Department of Education will soon be able to announce to the committee on agriculture the result of the vote of the children for the new emblem. The committee on agriculture will submit the decision to the legislature and for the first time in the history of Massachusetts the children will have been permitted to voice in the making of a statute. Indications are that the Mayflower is destined to become the emblem that shall bloom on the coat-of-arms of the Old Bay State.

The Groton branch of the American Red Cross has sent in for March, 15 sweaters, 16 pairs socks, 7 pairs wristlets, 2 helmets, 2 mittens, 1 cap, 110 garments, 75 hospital bags, 500 surgical bags.

Harold H. Sargent, who is in the naval training station at Newport, R. I., came home last week to see his parents. He was enabled to obtain a furlough for five days to attend the funeral of Avery Putnam, of Rutland, a nephew of Mrs. Arthur Sargent, Mr. Putnam was in the navy and departed with Harold during the winter, but was transferred to Virginia, where he died from pneumonia.

Miss Lena Tuttle, of Atkinson, N. H., is spending a week's vacation with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Sargent.

The members of the Neighborhood club, in the guise of "country cousins," enjoyed their regular meeting at the "city home" of Miss Nellie Mae Parrish on Main street, Wednesday. Many of the "cousins" appeared in old-fashioned garb, which created much amusement. At the roll call quotations suitable to the occasion were given. This was followed by a business meeting, after which current events were read by Miss Sarah E. Longley and a typical farmer's story was read by Mrs. Frank. Paints and refreshments were served at the close of a social program spent in sewing and knitting. A large number were present, including several invited guests.

Mrs. Robert Brown, who has been in town here the past year, has been suffering with boils for some time. There has been a marked improvement in the condition of the patient.

Mrs. Nora Perkins has been enjoying a week's vacation at the home of Mrs. Eva Blodgett, Andrews, a Nashua, N. H. She was accompanied by Mrs. Andrews' mother, Mrs. Charles B. Blodgett.

The Community club met last week with Mrs. Theophilus Smith. The usual Red Cross work was taken up by the good number present. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10, at the home of Mrs. Deerson.

Mrs. David Gibson and Mrs. William Gleason went to Worcester last Saturday and spent Easter week-end with their aunt, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Wymen.

The senior class of the high school started Monday morning on their Washington trip with faces glowing with anticipation. A large number of the number had been in the city on the plane to spend Monday in the city visiting the museums, public buildings and places of interest, and to leave the city Monday evening.

The funeral of Mrs. Curtis was held from the Sacred Heart church on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The death was due to pneumonia. He was the first one of our Groton boys to pass beyond.

Ernest Tyrrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Tyrrell, who has been suffering with a lame arm which has been swollen, causing him considerable pain. The trouble seems to be something of a rheumatic nature. He has been more comfortable the past few days.

We are glad to learn that Fred Cornburn, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is able to sit up awhile each day.

Don't forget to take in that interest or faded flag this week and to celebrate the first anniversary of the war by unfurling a clean, untorn banner. Everybody is expected to do it, whether the flag has suffered from exposure to the winter's storms.

One of the pleasantest occasions of the spring is anticipated in the social dance to be given in the town hall on Saturday evening, April 6, by the Jolly Five. Beware of the "Jolly Five" if you are a good dancer. Camp Devens are expected to be present.

Rev. Pemberton Crosby, of Beverly, was in town this week, and on friends and shut-ins.

There are sixteen in the case of the high school for girls. The honors have been awarded as follows: Dorothy Terrell 1st, Ethel Green 2d, Miriam Knapp 3d, Roy Brown 4th, Anna Freeman 5th.

Carl Gibson is making a short excursion from the town hall, he is going out doors each day, and he has walked up town once.

Mrs. Clarence Hemmaway is recovering from a severe cold.

The weekly card of Company K, M. S. G., took place in the town hall on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Forty-nine men being present. After practice in close order work, the second platoon was ordered to do guard

duty in the lower hall while the first platoon did drill in the upper hall. After both platoons had assembled in the town hall the company went through ten minutes of setting-up exercises under the command of Sergeant Shaw and was dismissed at ten o'clock.

Subscriptions to the third Liberty Loan are expected to be opened about April 6. The local committee consists of Mrs. James Lawrence, chairman, Mrs. W. P. Wharton, Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. H. H. Richards, Mrs. William Lawrence, Mrs. Needham, Mrs. Earle, Mrs. Southard, Mrs. C. A. Shaw, Mrs. P. E. Ebert, Mrs. S. A. Saine, Mrs. Grant Shattuck, Miss Harriet Lawrence. It is hoped that the people of Groton will place their subscriptions through this committee.

A meeting will be held in the town hall on Saturday afternoon and evening and until all goods are sold of the stock of J. F. Peabody—watches and jewelry, bicycles sundries and other goods.

Melvin Rowe and family, of Palmyra, Me., moved into the Ames place in the Brown Road district last week. Mr. Rowe is employed at the Mosley Electric farm.

Elizabeth Blood has been at home on a short vacation from her school duties at Cushing academy.

The Groton School boys returned to Groton on Tuesday night after their winter vacation from Narragansett.

Stephen Sabine has been ill with an attack of the grippe.

The public library reports that the people of Groton have contributed 370 books during the week of March 18-25. A great number of soldiers and sailors, and that more books are still coming in. It is hoped that week after week they will continue to come in steadily, for our men in the field are in need of books as long as the war lasts, and the supply must be constantly replenished. In this way a constant stream of fresh books into the camps will be maintained, and the needs of our boys and stations in this vicinity will be taken care of. Most of the books collected along the Atlantic seaboard will be shipped to France as rapidly as possible.

Miss Lena Tuttle is spending her spring vacation from school duties in her home town, among her relatives.

A flock of geese was seen in the Baddacook district on Monday morning.

Rev. Arthur S. Burrows, of Boston, will be the preacher at the Sunday morning service in the Baptist church; his subject being "Reality."

The meeting at 9.30 in the evening, at the church, at seven o'clock, subject of sermon, "The soldier of the cross." Wednesday evening prayer meeting as usual.

The arts and crafts department held their usual meeting on Thursday afternoon with a good attendance. It is just a year ago today that the United States entered into this great world war.

Beginning Monday, April 8, the public library will be open the usual days and hours in the week.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held on Friday afternoon, April 12, which will be in charge of the arts and crafts department. Mr. W. C. Warren, of Manchester, N. H., formerly of Groton, will entertain the club. She will speak on "My trip to Alaska."

Mrs. Marshall Swallow returned from Boston last week Wednesday, where she has been enjoying a pleasant visit with friends.

At the meeting of the W. R. C. on Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Belle M. Souther, Mrs. Mary E. McKee, Mrs. Adelle E. Riley, Miss Mary E. Robley and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Sawyer were initiated. A large number was present. Refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served. Miss Elizabeth Gibson has been appointed to act as assistant conductor at the department convention to be held in Boston next week.

The death of Amy Shattuck, formerly of West Groton, wife of Gerald Flewelling, occurred in Malden on last Sunday, at the age of 33 years, 10 months. Mrs. Flewelling was the widow of Francis G. Hayes, of Peppercell. The funeral services were held at the home of her uncle, E. A. Crawford, Malden.

Small quantities of vegetable seeds from the Department of Agriculture may be obtained free from George Hodgman.

Good, clear horse-manne at \$2.50 a cord may be got at the Remount Station, Ayer. Apply to R. L. Bradley, P. O. Box 76, telephone 294.

Applications for boy labor available after May 1st should be made to W. W. Sturges.

Miss Elizabeth Hill has been appointed supervisor of the Groton home gardens. She will be glad to answer any questions and advise concerning the seeds and preparation of the ground.

If you wish to order seeds or fertilizer through this committee, apply to S. W. Sturges, Chairman.

Death.

The many friends of Charles Bradstreet Baldwin will deeply regret his death which occurred on the night of the 4th of his niece, Mrs. Rita A. Armstrong, in Maplewood. For more than a year he had been failing health, and finally entered into the life beyond on the morning of the 4th. He was born in Groton, June, 1824, in what was then called the Old Garrison House, which was the ancestral home of the Bradstreet family. His home was a large, comfortable, well-kept place, and he was a well-known and popular figure in the community.

The deceased was educated in the public schools of Groton, and at the University of Vermont. He was a man of great knowledge, due to his fondness for reading, and to the time of his death was greatly interested in the daily papers. His fine public school was a good one in all good ways, and a winning personality that gathered him to a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Baldwin would have been 93 years of age had he lived. He was a well-known and popular figure in the community. He was a well-known and popular figure in the community.

The early life was spent in farming in the town of Dunstable, where he purchased a farm and a large tract of woodland. He was a native of Groton, and was the father of the late Mrs. William W. Sturges, a well-known musician, being the leader of the Dunstable and Groton bands.

He came to Groton to live on the farm and lived with his sister, Mrs. William W. Sturges, and she gave great assistance to her in her business at the same time. He was known by H. A. Johnson, who was a well-known and popular figure in the community.

He was one of the best of men, and is survived by his sister, Mrs. S. W. Sturges, who has been very kind and thoughtful in her attention to the bereaved family.

The remains were brought to Groton on Friday afternoon and were buried in the cemetery, where a large number of friends were present. The funeral services were held. Rev. Charles Ames officiated.

About Town.

The lecture given on last Thursday evening by Melville C. Freeman, one of the Luther Blood free lectures, was exceedingly interesting and instructive, and the speaker held the close attention of the small audience.

The Middlesex-Worcester Populosa Grange met on last week Thursday in Townsend. The day was all one could wish for and the lecturer had a fine program. The speaker was Mr. Dwight Boston, deputy commissioner of education. His topic was on the public schools of Massachusetts and was most interesting. There are those who do not consider the opportunity to attend the afternoon sessions of the different towns they would be able to judge one for himself.

A well filled vestry composed the congregation at the Unitarian church last Sunday morning. The singing of the children, and the communion service called out the large number. Several soldiers from Camp Devens were among the worshippers.

The Woman's Alliance held a food sale on Tuesday evening from seven to eight o'clock, followed by a concert by the Groton School orchestra, solos by Mrs. W. C. Warren, Mrs. S. A. Saine, and the cantata, "Spring rapture." There was a good number present and well-attended the program.

Mrs. M. O. Harrington is on the sick list.

Miss Dorothy Northrup, of Somerville, is passing part of her vacation with her grandmother and aunt. She has many friends in town, as she is a summer resident.

Mrs. Homer, of Andover, is visiting her friend, Miss Nellie M. Parrish.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, of Boston, were over Sunday guests at Groton Inn.

All the schools with the exception of the high school began Monday morning. The high school will begin their term on Monday.

F. C. Bishop has sufficiently recovered to be able to return to his position in Fitchburg.

Jerry Dugan, who has worked at Johnson's for the past twenty years, left the first of the week. He will be missed driving about town. Everyone knew "Jerry."

Rev. P. H. Cressey, of Beverly, former pastor of the Baptist church, spoke before the Woman's Alliance on Thursday afternoon. The meeting was held with Mrs. Everett B. Gerrish and was well attended.

Miss Ellen Denahy is taking a vacation from her duties with the Misses Warren on Main street.

Mrs. Edward Balcom, of Harvard, was in town on Tuesday and attended the meeting of the W. R. C.

West Groton.

L. J. Fatman has given up work at the camp and returned to the paper mill.

Elizabeth, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brennan, has been very ill with bronchitis, but is now improving.

Little Irene Malley is convalescing from a severe attack of rheumatic fever, following the German measles. Though able to be up and dressed she is not yet allowed to walk, and she is unable to swallow and painful. In health child is especially active and winsome, and much sympathy is expressed for her long weeks of suffering.

The lecture and evening on last Sunday evening, and "The holy city" beautifully rendered by Mrs. A. W. Lamb was greatly enjoyed, as was the descent of slides on the subject of the "The Coral Islands."

The Boy Scout minstrels drew a full house on Monday evening. The program consisted of twenty-three songs, constant coughing in the audience made hearing difficult, but as one lady remarked, "The minstrels were happy we were not." The singers were Mrs. A. W. Lamb and Dr. A. G. Kibbourn. Mrs. E. L. Blood and Miss Susie Hill were the accompanists. The expected singing from Camp Devens failed to appear, and Miss Hill, owing to a severe cold, was unable to sing. The next entertainment in the series will be a high-class concert, of which details will be given later.

The morning service at the chapel on Sunday will consist in part of the dedication of the national and service flags given by the high school. An out-of-town speaker will give the address.

The Army and Navy Relief society met on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. A. W. Adams was elected as chairman. The place of the meeting was assigned.

The meetings will be held hereafter on every Thursday afternoon. The ladies of the village are urged to cooperate with the few workers who are doing the society's work, and work away at it, who will avail themselves of this opportunity to do their part in this great world struggle.

Miss Evadne Harrington is spending the Easter week-end in Worcester, in connection with Bixby-Welber Co. Mrs. William Ganley and daughter are spending the Easter season with their relatives in New Hampshire.

Death.

Mrs. and Mrs. Gilbert Wheaton were called to Malden on Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Amy Shattuck. She was the wife of Gerald V. Flewelling, a brother of Mrs. Wheaton. Her death was due to pneumonia. She was born in Groton, and was the daughter of the late Mrs. William W. Sturges, a well-known musician, being the leader of the Dunstable and Groton bands.

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her but peacefully sleeping. Others attending the funeral from West Groton were A. H. Thompson and son Provost.

AYER

News Items.

A new mirror set in a handsome frame work now forms an attractive background for the soda fountain at the fruit store of George S. Paulus, Mrs. W. P. Wharton, street. The new equipment was installed during the past week.

The auction sale of the property of Thomas F. Ward, including his land, stable and contents, West street, at the fruit store of George S. Paulus, Mrs. W. P. Wharton, street, was held on last week Thursday. Henry A. Johnson, of Groton, made the highest bid on the real estate, which has a frontage of practically 100 feet on West street, and is owned by the Boston and Maine Railroad Company. Mr. Johnson's bid was \$5200 and he was declared the purchaser.

Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly is at St. Joseph's hospital, where she is recovering from an operation on her nose, performed by Dr. Kittredge. She will be operated upon later for tonsil trouble.

A telephone will be installed as soon as possible in the fire church, now that the auto truck has arrived, and still alarms will be promptly attended to by firemen, who will be on duty at all hours of the day.

The third great liberty loan drive starts on Saturday, April 6, and ends on May 4. Five percent of the subscription must be paid at time of subscription, the bonds being \$100, \$500 and \$1000. Under the deferred payment plan of subscription 5% is paid upon application, 20% on May 25, 25% on August 1, and 50% on November 1. The allotment for the towns in this vicinity are as follows: Ayer, \$101,500, Groton \$101,500, Harvard, \$101,500, Peppercell \$121,800, Shirley, \$130,800, Peppercell \$122,500, Westford \$75,900. The bonds in this drive are payable in ten years.

Rev. Patrick A. Starkey, a former curate at St. Mary's church, later at St. Joseph's, is now located at the Church of St. Mary's of the Cataract, Niagara Falls, N. Y. Before leaving Brooklyn he was given a letter of commendation by the bishop, in which he was presented with a fine gold chalice.

Morning prayer and sermon at St. Andrew's church on Sunday at 10:30. This service will be in commemoration of the changing of the name of the city into the war on April 6, 1917. Wednesday afternoon at 4:30, prayers in behalf of the men and women in the service of the nation. A time of quiet reflection for men and women. It is hoped that this service will prove to be an opportunity for those who are in anxiety to find comfort, for those who are weary, for those who are tired and renewed interest, for those who desire to contribute to the spirit of the nation to take upon themselves its high purposes.

The following feature pictures will be shown in "movies" next week: Monday, Pauline Frederick in "Double crossed"; Tuesday, Bessie Barriscale in "Madam who?"; Wednesday, Virginia Lee Corbin in "The ship of doom"; Friday, Barney Sherry in "Panacea"; Saturday, George Walsh in "The pride of New York"; Sunday, Tuesday, April 16, Annette Kellerman in "A daughter of the gods." Manager Poulus has procured two of the latest models of motion picture machines, fire proof and of the highest standard. These will give much more satisfactory service than the ones now in use. The new machines will be installed at once.

Harbinger Edge, K. C., conferred the rank of sergeant on the candidates Monday evening. The rank staff was composed of the following officers: J. C. Winslow, c. c.; Oscar C. Rand, J. C. Frank, H. H. C. W. E. Ford, C. W. Levi B. Tuttle, m. w.; George E. Millison, m. a.; Bert K. Tweedie, I. G.; Charles Harris, o. g.

A change in time went into effect on the Boston and Maine system last Sunday. The changes are as follows: West bound trains—No. 1, due here at 2:00 p. m., removed; No. 3, formerly leaving here at 4:12 p. m., cancelled some time ago, restored to the schedule, due to leave here at 5:15. Sundays excepted; new train leaves Boston daily, except Sunday, arriving in Ayer at 2:30 p. m.; train leaves Ayer on Saturdays only, reaching here at 2:36 p. m.; train leaves Boston for Ayer, Sundays only, arriving here at 2:36 p. m.; train leaves Ayer for Boston, East bound train formerly leaving here at 7:24, now leaves at 8:42 a. m.; train leaves here Saturdays only at 6:00 p. m. There are several important changes of time both on the main line and the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division.

A grass fire broke out near the residence of William Wood on the Groton road last Sunday afternoon, endangering the buildings. A telephone call was sent to the police station for help and a box 5 was rung in. The fire was put out without any damage.

Wesley W. Brown has resigned his position as cashier at the depot restaurant, to take charge of his father's restaurant on Pleasant street. Mr. Brown, senior, has been ill during the past week.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

John O'Beigh, who has taken the milk in the western part of the town to West Acton during the winter, gave up the route April first, and on Monday morning there were several drivers, but William Braman, the former owner of the route, again became the local carrier.

The schools have enjoyed a vacation this week. Mrs. Potter spent her vacation with relatives in Brookline, and other teachers remaining in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Dean returned from Boston on Tuesday. They spent the winter there, Mr. Dean serving on the jury.

Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb returned last Saturday from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Perry Morton, in Waterstown.

Rogene Priest, who went to a Boston hospital two weeks ago for an operation on her eye, is getting along well and expects to be able to come home the last of the week.

Henry Wheeler, of Stow, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Norman Wetherbee.

Frank Furbush began teaching music in the western part of the town last week. He reached his twenty-first birthday on Thursday and his relatives and young friends gave him a party on Saturday evening to celebrate the occasion. He was presented with a beautiful gold watch by his father, his brother Luther making the presentation speech. The evening was pleasantly spent with music and games. Cake, chocolate and ice cream were served.

The S. B. Hager family are quarantined, as some of the children have the measles.

Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee, her three daughters and Mrs. Robbins visited the Turner family in Waltham on Wednesday.

Church Notes.

Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister; subject, "One for all, all for one." Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. singing and evening service at seven o'clock.

There was a large attendance at the Easter service last Sunday evening. The pulpit was decorated with a cross made of hemlock-branches. Mrs. A. W. Lamb, of Groton, and Sarah Richardson worked on the decorations. Easter lilies and carnations were brought by the people in the morning. The choir rendered two appropriate selections and the pastor gave the Easter message.

The pastor's trip through Canada has been very successful, his audience ranging from 800 to 1,000. The pastor also has taken a great deal of interest in Armenian relief work and they have already raised for the same over \$90,000. Special committees have been organized in various cities to push the work through. Upon his return from Canada Mr. Missirian preached at the Congregational church in Concord on Good Friday evening.

The Adelpian club will hold a meeting in Liberty hall on Saturday evening at 7:30. All the members and young men are invited.

SHIRLEY

Center.

Mrs. Rose Drabble is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Adams on Center road for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. William Woodway, who has been quite ill with erysipelas, is recovering slowly. A friend, Mrs. Monroe, of Boston, is staying with her.

Major Stevenson and family have rented Frank J. Lawton's pasture home.

Elmer E. Wilkins returned home from Clinton hospital Monday. He is somewhat weak, but is gaining rapidly.

At the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening there was a large attendance of local members and visitors were present from Ayer, Leominster, Fitchburg, Lunenburg, Nashua, N. H., and Brookline, N. H. The first and second degrees were worked on several candidates. The second degree was worked by the men's department made up as follows: Lester G. Holden, master; Arthur G. Dunn, overseer; George F. Buxton, lecturer; Charles E. Bradford, steward; George H. Hayes, assessor; A. A. Adams, chaplain; Aubrey Manktelow, treasurer; Gilbert Evans, sec.; William Jubb, g. k.; Amos Farrar, c. r. e. s. t.; Everett Buxton, Homan; Henry Grove, Florio; Arthur Crowe, l. a. s. There was also inspection by Deputy Philip Whitmore of Sunderland, who gave a very interesting talk.

HARVARD

Still River.

The annual Easter concert by the children of the Sunday school was well attended. The program was especially pleasing.

Miss Jane M. Read has been the guest of Mrs. Abbie Dadman this week.

Ruth Willard has returned to her teaching in Lunenburg.

Mrs. H. R. Harrad, Mrs. J. Healey, Mrs. Alice Harrad and Miss Eleanor Haskett are suffering from the throat distemper. Mrs. Bigelow is much better.

Mrs. Emma Atherton, of Troy, N. H., has been the guest of her brother, E. B. Bigelow.

Mrs. Anna Planders, of Worcester, was here a few days last week.

Mrs. Hattie Stone entertained the Birthday club last week Friday, serving a luncheon. Other invited guests were present.

Mrs. Raymond, of Charlestown, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stone last week.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

New York city's plant on Staten Island for the reclamation of peat bogs and the manufacture of fertilizer, and also the nitrogen and glycerine for the manufacture of seven hundred thousand pounds of high explosive. In addition to this, much phosphoric acid and potash are reclaimed and sold for fertilizers. This is effected by the so-called Cobwell process.

An ordinance base that will cost approximately \$25,000,000, and will be constructed in France. It will include a gun-repair plant equipped to refine more than 800 guns a month; a large capacity carriage repair plant; a large capacity machine repair plant, capable of overhauling more than 1,200 vehicles a month; a small-arms repair plant to handle 55,000 rifles and machine guns a month; a large shop for the repair of horse and infantry equipment; a reloading plant capable of reloading about 100,000 artillery cartridges a day. The ordinance base will include 20 large storehouses, 12 shop buildings, 100 smaller shops and magazines, and machine and tool equipment costing \$5,000,000. Approximately 450 officers and 16,000 men will be required for maintenance.

Acce ago a Miracle Play was produced, founded upon the scenes of Christ's life when he was sent hither and thither from Annas to Caiaphas, and from Caiaphas to Pilate. This play was often given at Easter, which usually falls near the first of April. Our present April Fool's Day, and the custom of playing tricks upon people, and the use of the word "fool" as a term of abuse, are perhaps a relic of that old custom.

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AYER

News Items. Dr. E. H. Hopkins, who several weeks ago enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps for war service, has been ordered to report for duty April 15.

Mrs. F. A. Wyman is visiting in Palmer. Mrs. Alice Mead and Miss Ruth and Fred Huntington left on Wednesday for Brighton, where they will visit Mrs. Mead's nephew, Paul Huntington. They will return this Saturday.

The Standard Oil Company has given permission to the public to use the swamp hole near their new location on Park street for a dump.

Ayer Council, K. C., conducted a very enjoyable concert and ball in the town hall on Monday night. The hall was tastefully decorated with the national colors and a fine array of flowers.

The health board having charge of the hygiene work about Camp Devens and street for a dump.

Last week Friday evening, while driving an automobile on West Main street, near the Federation House, Dewey Downing struck Corp. Mark Amaden, of Redding, Vt., now stationed at the camp. The car was propelled was knocked down and seriously injured and was taken to the base hospital for treatment. He is reported as improving.

Henry H. Bliss, who has been laid up as a result of an injury to his foot for several weeks, returned to his duties as watchman at Phelps mill this week.

The assessors began their annual rounds this week. The April meeting of the Ayer Branch Alliance was held at the home of Mrs. D. W. Fletcher on Thursday afternoon, which had been previously arranged before the death of the late L. W. Phelps occurred on Thursday morning.

John E. O'Neill and James S. Markham, who have been at Camp Devens, are now at Camp Upton, Yaphank, N. Y. John J. Horan, another Ayer boy, is a private in the 10th Depot Brigade and is located at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy, who have spent the winter in Florida, have returned and are now stopping in Somerville, where they will remain for a few weeks before returning to Ayer. Mr. Lovejoy is in town on Thursday.

A horse attached to the National Express wagon ran away on Main street Tuesday afternoon, causing much damage to the wagon. One of the wheels came off the wagon in the runaway. Charles Carter, the driver, was slightly injured.

Mr. E. Z. Nutting, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly of Ayer, was in town this week. Mr. Nutting is to build a summer cottage on Long Island, near Brooklyn, which they will occupy during the coming summer. Their son Wendell is now employed in government work. The family has been spending the summers at their cottage at Sandy Beach, N. J., and have disposed of their cottage there. They will be greatly missed by the summer residents and the townspeople generally.

The children and grandchildren of James Madigan assembled at Mr. Madigan's home in Harvard last Sunday in honor of his ninetieth birthday. A pleasant feature of the reunion was the receipt of a large day cake containing ninety candles, the gift being presented by Dr. Ellis, of Boston, who has a summer home near Mr. Madigan's place. Among those who attended the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donlon and family, of Ayer, Mrs. Donlon being a daughter of Mr. Madigan.

The many automobile accidents which have occurred during the past few months in which several soldiers have been killed or badly injured have stirred the camp authorities to stern measures to prevent any more serious accidents. In this work they are assisted by the civilian police. Many complaints have been made for reckless driving in the towns between Ayer and Boston, and 100 drivers have been summoned to appear before the local court for automobile law violations as a result of the crusade. They will probably be tried during the coming week.

John H. Turner accepted an invitation of Waldo A. Winslow on Thursday to go to Lowell to see the sights. After looking over the sights, including the Spindle City, including the theatres, they started home at the end of a perfect day. Arriving at North Chelmsford by electric car, late in the evening, they found that the last car for Ayer for the night had departed. As there was no means of transportation of any kind at that hour toward home the youthful tourists faced two alternatives—walking home or getting a room for the night and coming home in the morning on the early car. No room could be procured and the party started home after an 8 1/2 appeal had been sent home and no aid came in the line of transportation. They came home via the Stony Brook branch track, arriving here at five o'clock in the morning, looking weary from their thirteen-mile hike, which took several hours.

A grass fire in the vicinity of pupil rock, not far from the pumping station, gave a force of fire-fighters strenuous work on Tuesday after they had responded to a forest fire alarm and a second alarm from box 24. No damage was done.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.



LEVI W. PHELPS

Levi W. Phelps, Ayer's most venerable and prominent citizen, passed away at his home on West street on Thursday morning shortly before seven o'clock. Mr. Phelps had been suffering for several weeks past from infirmities incident to old age. He had reached the age of ninety-six years, eleven months and six days.

Levi Whiting Phelps was born in Lancaster on April 23, 1821, the son of Peter and Mary (Newell) Phelps. The parish records of the First Church in Lancaster show that he was baptized there on the fifteenth of July following. He was educated in the public schools of the town. After a residence of three years in Leominster he removed to Pepperell, where he became the owner of a sawmill and lumber planing mill. Mr. Phelps married January 15, 1853, Thirza J. Wright of Pepperell, whose death occurred in Ayer April 18, 1912.

In 1854 Mr. Phelps came to Ayer and established himself in business. For over sixty years he was the active head of the Phelps mill, and one of the largest producers and dealers in lumber in New England. During these years he built upwards of fifty houses in Ayer, as well as the plant of the Monitron shoe factory burned some years ago, the Hayes paper mill and the addition to the President Suspenders factory in Shirley. His last work as a builder was done in the summer of 1915. Then in his ninety-fourth year he had personal supervision of the erection of the Phelps pavilion and the adjoining cottage on the heights overlooking the Nashua river at Mitchellville. When friends ventured to discourage him from this last undertaking he was wont to reply that a few years would show that this

work was not in vain. He lived to see his prophecy amply fulfilled and the pavilion headquarters of the construction quartermaster and the cottage the residence of the commanding general of a great cantonment. In addition fifteen hundred acres of his land in Ayer and vicinity are under lease to the government.

Mr. Phelps leaves four children: Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, Miss Ella Phelps and Albert M. C. Phelps of Ayer and Mrs. George M. Moore of Ludlow. There are seven grandchildren: Mrs. I. G. Dwinell, Howard P. and Frank C. Fletcher, Levi P. Moore, Miss Bertha Phelps and Mrs. F. B. Johnson of Ayer and Milton Moore of Ludlow, Vt. There are also seven great grandchildren: Misses Marjory, Barbara and Olive Fletcher, Marion and Virginia Dwinell, and Gertrude and Caroline Moore, all of Ayer.

In politics Mr. Phelps was a republican. He was the oldest member of the First Unitarian Parish church, of which he was most liberal supporter and a former member of the parish committee. He was the donor of the memorial high pupil and lecture recently presented to the church. In the death of this venerable man Ayer loses a business man of proven courage and integrity and a man of whose gentleness and generosity throughout his many years in Ayer there are many who can bear eloquent testimony.

The funeral will be held from his late home Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. In order to give friends an additional opportunity to pay their last respects the body will be in state from eleven until one o'clock on Sunday morning and fined ten dollars. Officer T. J. Pirone was the complainant.

Human Pearlstein of Shirley, was arraigned Monday morning on complaints for going about from place to place doing a junk business and for purchasing junk without having a license to do so. He was arraigned on the second he was found guilty and fined five dollars. The defendant was represented by John D. Carney as counsel.

Two local jitney drivers were found guilty of overspeeding and fined ten dollars each. John Collins and George H. Crocker, the latter of Waterbury, were found guilty Tuesday morning of not having automobile licenses in their possession in Littleton and were fined five dollars each. Chief Hibbard of Littleton was the complainant.

J. A. Padden, a former cashier at the Baldwin commissary at Camp Devens, was arraigned Tuesday morning on a complaint for larceny of food checks from the commissary. He was found not guilty and discharged.

A stranger, John Anderson, of Worcester, charged with vagrancy, was found not guilty and discharged.

Four were found guilty of intoxication and fined from five to ten dollars each.

Annual District Meeting. The annual meeting of Ayer District Sunday School association will be held on Friday, April 12, at the Federation house on West Main street. The meeting will open at ten o'clock in the morning with devotional exercises and words of welcome.

Wardle; Rev. H. L. Caulkins, of Littleton, will speak on "Organized classes." The popular ignorance of the bible, Mr. H. H. Hoxe, Gray, will speak on "The need of teacher training." Rev. Joseph McKean, of West Townsend, will discuss "How the Sunday school expense should be met." The meeting will be opened by Rev. H. H. Hoxe, of Littleton.

In the afternoon, at two o'clock, Rev. H. S. Tuttle will lead a praise service, followed by addresses on "Our work with the children," Mrs. F. Morris, Worcester; "Hills and valleys of Palestine," Mrs. B. R. Conant, Boston; and "The men of North America for the Man of Galilee," Rev. H. S. Tuttle.

A. W. C. Wednesday afternoon the Woman's club observed Federation and Neighborhood day and many from the neighboring clubs responded to the invitations sent them. In the presence of the president, Mrs. Edith O. Johnson, first vice president, presided. The first on the program was a selection by the Mandolin club, followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Sarah Johnson, accompanied, after which the Mandolin club gave another selection. Mrs. Johnson then introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Miss Grace Ripley, whose subject was "Dress Gracious and Beautiful." The proteque was illustrated by several charts showing the Grecian bend, slit skirt, waip waist, built out hips and shoulders and many styles which look absurd to us at the present time, though some of our present styles may look absurd to future generations. The beautiful was illustrated by simple but effective costumes worn by an attractive young lady who showed them off to the best advantage. Miss Ripley showed, however, how these costumes could be worn quite as attractively by a slender or stouter person. The lecture was listened to with great interest. After a vocal solo by Mrs. Sarrent, dainty refreshments were served by the hospitality committee.

The next regular club meeting, April 17, will be in charge of the Music committee.

The literature department will meet with Mrs. Clara Hill on Wednesday afternoon, April 10, at three o'clock. Tuesday, April 9, at 2.30 p. m., by invitation of the Auburndale Woman's club, a joint conference of the art, music and literature and library extension departments will be held at the Methodist church, Auburndale, for the clubs of the sixth district. Tea will be served at the close of the conference by the Hostess club. Our club is invited.

Military Ball.

The town hall was the scene of a very brilliant event on the evening of Tuesday evening of the military ball, given under the auspices of the Woman's club. The chairman of the special committee in charge was Mrs. John Dequaire. The hall was brilliantly decorated with the natural colors and flags were everywhere. The program of the concert and the music for the dancing was given by the band of the 301st artillery, which is, they say, the finest band at the camp. Mr. Gustafson sang and there were two solos by Salvatore Fafarone, who was master of ceremonies. The reception line included these club members: Mrs. Grace Dickerman, Mrs. Edward Whitney, Mrs. J. H. Cushing, Mrs. Clara Hill and Mrs. Nina Lovejoy. After the concert dancing was in order and the floor was soon occupied with the happy company who filled all the minutes till half past eleven when the party closed.

There was a very large gathering. Refreshments furnished by the ladies were served. The whole affair was one of the most brilliant events of the season and very greatly enjoyed.

Unitarian Church.

Services held at the Federation house, West Main street, Morning service at 10.45, Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, Subject, "The Resurrection." The Easter service was attended by between one hundred fifty and one hundred seventy-five people, including over fifty soldiers.

On Sunday the preacher will set forth with emphasis the doctrine of predestination and emphasize the challenge that truth presents to the christian man.

Deaths.

Frank P. Dudley died at his home on Maple street last week Friday evening from the effects of dropsy, from which he had suffered since last December. Mr. Dudley has been a resident of Ayer for eight years and would have reached the age of sixty-eight years had he lived until April 7. The funeral took place last Sunday afternoon with services at the house at 2.30, conducted by Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church. The bearers were William H. Craig, David H. Young of Ayer, William Kimball of Lawrence and Harry Day of Leominster. The remains were placed in the receiving tomb at Woodlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Mary F. Murray died last Sunday, aged 63 years, 5 months, 10 days. She came here from Lowell to live when young and has made this town her home ever since. Her husband, the late John Murray, whom she married on November 14, 1877, died thirty-four years ago. She is survived by her four sisters, Mrs. Mattie Kirk and Mrs. John Little of Lowell, Mrs. Margaret Barker of Fredonia, Pa., and Mrs. Anna E. of Ayer, and Mrs. Mary J. Morton of Bridgeport, Conn. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, April 3, at two o'clock, from the services. The bearers were George and Albert Little, Henry G. Turner and Alfred Yates. The interment took place in Woodlawn cemetery.

George Edison Luddington, young son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Luddington, died suddenly Monday evening from bronchial pneumonia, aged 4 years, 6 months. The funeral took place on Wednesday, services at the home, Rev. J. W. Thomas, of Ayer, officiating. The interment was at Woodlawn cemetery.

Lewis Adams, Seadman, a well-known and very popular boat god, died a tragic end in West Hill on Monday as a result of a collision between the train of which he had charge and an engine. The collision occurred at the bridge on which he was standing at the time of the accident and pinned him under the engine. Before he could be extricated he broke out in the rain and twenty men were made to remove him from his perilous position. Braikeman Tucker of the same train met a similar fate.

Mr. Seadman came here about a year ago from Somerville, where he had lived for sixteen years. He had been a railroad man for twenty years. At the time of his death he was running between Ayer and Ware. He was born in Moncton, N. B., March 3, 1868, never spent his early life in Ayer. His wife, Mrs. Anna E. Harris, of Bear River, N. S., twenty-one years ago.

He leaves besides his widow, seven children, Lewis H. and Joseph W. now in the navy, the latter being in France, Ethel A., Glazier, Nina E., Stewart J., Beatrice L., Eleanor H., all of Ayer, and his youngest son, William A. Seadman; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Taylor, Miss Mabel Seadman, and Mrs. Frank Goss, all of Albert, and four brothers, William of Calgary, Canada, Walter and Percy of North Yakima, Wash., and Joseph Seadman of Kearney, N. B.

The deceased was a member of Bay State Lodge, O. R. M. of Worcester and was a former member of the K. P.

There was a funeral service, the remains being reduced to ashes, which were deposited in the grave of the mother of the deceased. There will be a memorial service late at the home of the family on Third street.

James A. Beal died at his home on Park street last Saturday evening after only three days' illness of pneumonia, at the age of thirty-two years. The deceased was a motorman on the Lowell and Haverhill street railway. He was a native of Lowell a year ago to live. He leaves besides his widow a brother and two sisters.

The remains were taken to Lowell where services were conducted at the home of his sister, Mrs. Cantara, on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Nathaniel W. Matthews, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. The deceased had been performing his services at the house on Monday evening. Interment took place in Westlawn cemetery, Lowell.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who by kind words and deeds helped to sustain us in our recent bereavement in the loss of our little one.

Mrs. and Mrs. George W. Luddington, Ayer, Mass., April 4, 1918.



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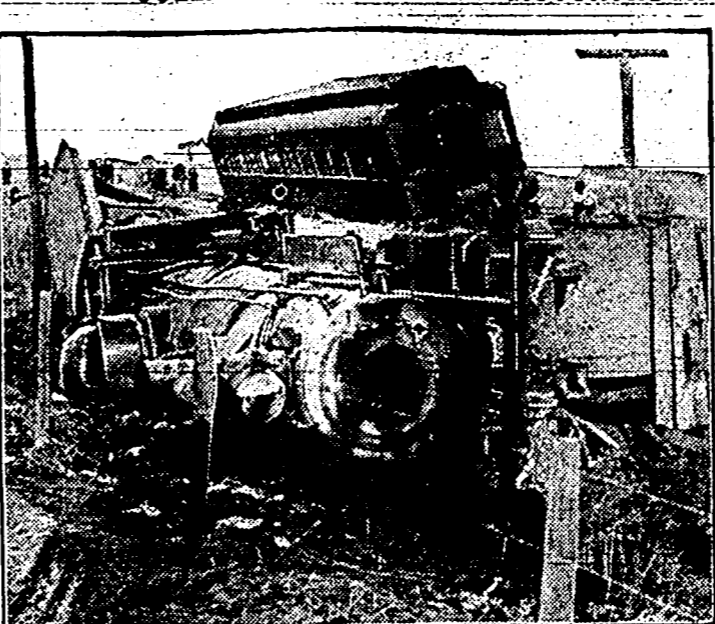
SHIRLEY

News Items. Miss Nina Kittredge, of Littleton, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank P. Dunham.

Mrs. M. W. Carey's sister, Mrs. Lotie Sargent, who has been ill at the Worcester state hospital, passed away last week.

Atwood E. Dickson, Harold E. and Henry F. McNeil, Perley A. St. John, Mary E. and Stanley H. Turner, Bernice M. and Margaret Walker, recitation.

PASSENGER TRAIN DERAILED AFTER COLLIDING WITH HEAVY MOTORTRUCK



The photograph shows the Santa Fe train which was derailed near Le Grande, Cal., after colliding with a heavy motortruck of the Union Oil company.

relics of the days when railroad promoting was in vogue, that the engineers recruited from the subways and street railway lines of New York will give most of their attention.

ROADS FOR ARMIES

One of Important War Issues is That of Transportation.

MUCH EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED

Miles of Railroads Must Be Built to Carry Soldiers Through Eastern France and Western Belgium—Engineers in Danger.

The transportation problem back of the allied armies has become one of the most important issues of the war.

One Problem of French. One of the problems in connection with the installation of an American army of several million men on the western front will be the building of miles of other railroad lines through eastern France and western Belgium.

Either that or else some of the great railroad systems must spare their little equipment and rolling stock they can with other demands already overwhelming them.

Most of these railroad lines will be laid within the zone of gunfire back of the American lines, and the dangers to be encountered by the American engineers will be even greater than those of the British engineers.

Despite the popular impression, narrow gauge lines are not the rule at the front. To be truthful, they are the exception, for the huge guns and the tremendous quantities of supplies which must be moved over these lines demand the heaviest of equipment.

Shell holes must be filled up, the wreckage of German narrow gauge lines moved to one side, bridges installed, and equipment brought up, sometimes under fire so galling that trench fighting is more dangerous than the work.

It is to such tasks as these, with what new material and equipment can be commandeered to supplement the

Good Way to Preserve Potatoes. The natives of the Andes have a method of preserving potatoes, which consists of alternate freezing and thawing until all the moisture is removed.

Oath Purposely Made Stringent. The term "iron-clad oath" has no significance now. It was the name given to a very stringent oath of office prescribed by congress in 1862 and applied at the close of the Civil war for officeholders in the re-constructed states.

Soldiers' Superstition. Cavalrymen have a superstition of their own. A mounted man firmly believes that he will come through the deadliest charge unscathed if he carries in his person the tooth of a war horse.

Way to Test the World. There is one way for every man to determine for himself whether the world is growing better or worse. All he has to do is to ascertain whether the number of people who agree with him is increasing or diminishing.

Defiant Childhood. It would be interesting to know how far the grinning habit of children is related to the combative instinct. A child protrudes its tongue and contorts its features in order, it would seem, to express dislike and defiance.

Beyond Hope. "So you've quarreled with your fiancée?" "Yes, I fear it's all over." "Don't give up so easily. Call her on the telephone." "It's no use. She used to know who I was the moment I said 'Hello.' Now she positively refuses to recognize my voice."

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**AN EXPERIMENT IN GROUP OWNERSHIP; OR THE FABLE OF THE PERFORMING MULE**

Back in the Dark Ages of American Culture, before the French Accent had found its way to the Farm, and when the Cabbage Coaxers in our rural Districts still pronounced Vandeville "vawdevil" instead of "Vodevil," there lived a Showman whose chief Asset was a performing Mule. The name of the Showman was Wage-Payer and the Source of his Income was dubbed Industry.

Now it so happened that Wage-Payer had spent a number of tedious year-teaching Industry to perform certain clever Tricks such as would tend to stimulate the Consumption of chewing Gum and Peanuts among the gaping Audiences, and had burned

caused the Mule to count Ten in computing the Age of a Moth-eaten Oat-generian in the Audience. Whereupon the audience forgot to Hooverize in the use of Eggs and Vegetables.

But that didn't conclude the Troubles of the Mule Minder. The Extortions began to arrive with their Accounts Due and Payable and the Wage-Earners in their Efforts to Economize cut down on Industry's Diet. Industry began to get groggy on his Pans, and after two or three performances collapsed altogether. Whereupon the Mule Minder held a conference and decided that Agitator was the only man capable of handling the Situation, so they sent for Him and asked his advice.

"He gets the Dough and we get the Crumbs,"

And so a Delegation of Wage-Earners was sent to interview Wage-Payer,



and at the urgent suggestion of Agitator each Delegate carried a knotted cudgel to help along the peaceful Process of Arbitration. When they proposed that they be given a larger Proportion of the Gross Receipts, Wage-Payer, who had become nettled by the



Increasing Expenses, threw up his hands and cried in Classic English: "I'm sick of this job, anyway. Take the old Mule and do what you want with him. Good-bye, Good Luck, God Bless You!"

Whereupon Wage-Payer tied a wet Towel about his fevered Brow, tele-



phoned for a nerve Specialist, and went to bed for a Rest. Meantime, the Wage-Earners, somewhat Panicked by the unexpected turn of Events, set about putting Industry through his Paces for the Matinee Performance, but never having studied Mule Pedagogy, they got their Signals mixed and

**Surely the Limit.**

There seems no limit to the outrages on the king's English wrought by cinema theater proprietors. "Featuring" was an abomination which moved to revolt all lovers of our language; "picturization" was worse, but there; it was thought, atrocities would stop. But no. From the top of a picture palace in South London flaunts in big letters the announcement that there is presented "the picturization of Sullivan's celebrated song, 'The Lost Chord.'"—London Chronicle.

Either they must persuade Wage-Payer to come back on the job, or starve to death, so they picketed the Office and sent a burly hall for the former Chief of Mysteries.

"My Friends," announced Wage-Payer, with his Hand on Industry's pulse, "the Mule suffers from Malnutrition. He is in a serious condition, but we can pull him through if you follow my advice. Bear one Thing in mind if you would manage Industry so as to get the Best out of him: You can't skip on his Food."

"But we don't want to manage him any longer," chorused the Wage-Earners. "That's what we got you back for. We can wash him and curry him, and feed him with, but we need some one to put him through his Paces and take care of the Finances."

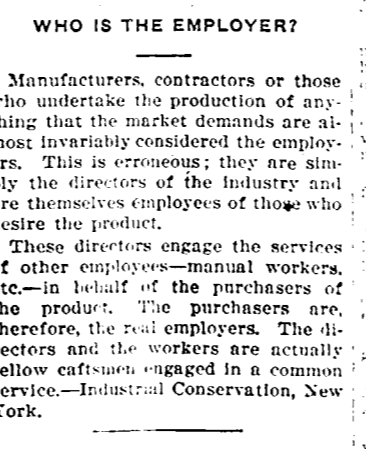
Moral: You can't shift Scenes and run the Show at the same Time.—Industrial Conservation, New York.



**WHO IS THE EMPLOYER?**

Manufacturers, contractors or those who undertake the production of anything that the market demands are almost invariably considered the employers. This is erroneous; they are simply the directors of the industry and are themselves employees of those who desire the product.

These directors engage the services of other employees—manual workers, etc.—in behalf of the purchasers of the product. The purchasers are, therefore, the real employers. The directors and the workers are actually fellow craftsmen engaged in a common service.—Industrial Conservation, New York.



**UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER.**

War surely binds people together, and its efforts to better understanding among business men are already so plain that if peace comes tomorrow the new cooperative measures adopted by many of our industries and trades the next six months would go far toward making for the enormous war outward.

All the cooperation now existing and planned between manufacturers is recognized by the fact that it is ineffective without its hearty support, and every day is strengthening the growth of a new spirit among American workmen.—Industrial Conservation, New York.

**So We've Noticed:**

Many a fellow who isn't very strong carries around a big opinion of himself.—Boston Transcript.

**Woes of Women.**

Must be tough on a girl when her hair goes out of style.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Weakness.**

The fearful unbelief is unbelief in yourself.—Carlyle.

**LITTLETON**

**News Items.**

Easter Sunday at the Baptist church was marked by the attendance of two special efforts, in addition to the usual Easter programs of the regular services. By voluntary offerings money was raised sufficient to complete the church's annual appropriation of \$75 for missions, and to add \$15 toward the extra million dollars before March 31, which the denomination set for its goal. The young people's red and black contest closed in the evening with an attendance that filled the vestry to its capacity. The blue side won. It was a fine contest. The boys intended to make up for the missing points necessary to victory in the quality and service at the banquet which they will prepare for the victors. They are busy with the plans, and the date and other details will be announced on Sunday evening.

In response to the desire of the Littleton Public Library Committee, Library Loan Sunday will be observed on April 7 by the Baptist church, the theme of the morning sermon being "Three great things—Bible, books and libraries." The young people's red and black contest closed in the evening with an attendance that filled the vestry to its capacity. The blue side won. It was a fine contest. The boys intended to make up for the missing points necessary to victory in the quality and service at the banquet which they will prepare for the victors. They are busy with the plans, and the date and other details will be announced on Sunday evening.

**Observes Birthday.**

Our venerable townswoman, R. F. Jeffrey, spent his ninety-sixth birthday very quietly at his home on Great Monday. The day, much like all others, was occupied with domestic cares, for Mr. Jeffrey is his own housekeeper. Friends remembered him with post-cards, and the King's Daughters sent a birthday cake. A son, Fred Jeffrey, visited his father on Sunday, leaving tangible reminders of the occasion, and filling the day with pleasures to brighten the weeks to come.

While Mr. Jeffrey has weakened somewhat during the winter, he retains many faculties that help make him pass for a younger man. In spirit he is much under ninety, and as the spring opens his mind turns to his usual employment in his garden. He loves to work. The war interests him, but he has never been able to believe in war, but at heart he is truly patriotic.

**Obituary.**

A simple committal service was held at Westlawn cemetery on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. L. H. Caulking, for Charles Earnard Tenney, of Clarks Hill, S. C., who died on January 19 in a hospital in Columbia, S. C., where he had gone for treatment. His remains were sent to Littleton for burial in the Tenney lot.

Mr. Tenney was the son of Oliver and Betsy (Cragin) Tenney and was born in Boston on November 1, 1837. He was in the provisions business in New York and Jersey City for several years. From there he went to Kansas City, where he was located for many years, until on account of failing health he retired and went to Clarks Hill to be near his granddaughter.

In 1855 he married Abby Augusta Larned, of Cambridge. He is survived by his declining wife and a granddaughter, wife of Lieut. Thomas Bunch, and a great grandson, of Clarks Hill, and his brother, William H. Tenney, of Littleton. His wife and two youngest children, Louis Edgar and Belle Louise, died several years ago.

Mr. Tenney was a great reader and student of the bible. His courtly manners and kindly spirit won many friends.

**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

**News Items.**

Mrs. Grace Campbell and Arthur Bartlett have been visiting friends in Vermont.

Michael and Cornelius Regan are employed at Camp Devens, Ayer.

Miss Elva Sherwin is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Brown.

Wilfred Soule has been at the home of Joseph Ouellette on a short furlough from Camp Greene, N. C.

Miss Doris Loveloy, of Hollis, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Bolton.

Mrs. Arthur Brown and son Harold were visitors in Pepperell on last week Friday.

Secret Arthur Sheridan, of Atlanta, Ga., has been a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Eldour Fessenden, in South Brookline.

David Gilmore was thrown from a load of grain last week and the whole of his wagon run over his arm and leg. He has been unable to do his work since the accident.

The following article will be of interest to the members of the Red Cross. To those who do not yet realize the enormous demand and value of the surgical dressings now being made by the Red Cross workers, the fact may be of interest that over 500,000 of these dressings were used on one wounded man in a French hospital. Millions of these dressings will be needed and it is up to the women of the country to see that our boys have them in ways of the most thousands of lives have been lost for the want of them. It is not too late to begin to make them. The women of all towns are being urged to make them. They are made by those who have the time and the skill to do so.

Miss Helen Bailey, of Littleton, has been a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Eldour Fessenden, in South Brookline.

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On the Petition of the Inhabitants of Townsend, praying for the relocation and specific repairs of North End Road from its junction with the Townsend Hill Road to the N. H. line it was adjudged that said relocation and specific repairs are of common convenience and necessity;

Said Commissioners therefore give notice that they will meet at Selectmen's Room, Town Hall, in Townsend on the eighth day of May, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to locate accordingly.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.  
A True copy. Attest,  
ALBERT A. FILLIBROWN,  
Deputy Sheriff.

March 26, 1918. 3130

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY A. WALFORD, late of Townsend in said County, deceased, I do hereby give notice that a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES L. BARRETT of Worcester in the County of Worcester without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of April A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation in each week for three successive weeks in the Town and County Gazette of said County of Middlesex, before the date of the hearing of said petition, and to file a copy of the same with the clerk of said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at Cambridge, this 26th day of March, A. D. 1918.

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Saturday, April 6, 1918.

PEPPERELL

News Items. The Lenten dinner at the M. E. church on Thursday of last week was attended by the usual members of the church. The dinner consisted of fish chowder, baked beans, pickles, plain pies, and there was white bread, but the dark complexioned bread held away and it demonstrated that the ladies can Hooverize and still have it toothsome. They say that Mrs. Jerry Annis can make tip top fish chowder.

Howard Slocum returned to New Brunswick, N. J. Wednesday of last week after a four-days' vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Slocum.

Rev. Thomas O'Toole has been assigned to St. Benedict's church in Somerville.

On March 29 there was a union meeting at the Methodist church to observe Good Friday. Mrs. Elsie Copp and Mrs. Alice Bartlett were the pastor and Rev. Dudley R. Child made fitting remarks.

The Woman's club met on Monday afternoon in the Congregational vestry. The program was as follows: Readings, Mrs. Charles Denham, Miss Mary Wood, Mrs. George Shattuck and Mrs. John Boynton; solo and encore, Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson. The battle hymn of the republic and "America" were sung in chorus.

Mrs. E. F. Parker will spend this week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Carlin, in Clinton. They formerly lived in Ayer and then went to Worcester, and then almost immediately removed to their present home in Clinton.

Bernard Slocum has written his parents that he has had a change in his position from a constable to the five magazines of munitions to become a sheriff, but is located in Haskell, N. J., just the same. He has been sworn in as deputy sheriff in the county of Passaic, N. J.

The services at the Methodist church were enjoyed by all that there was room for and it will be recorded as a beautiful Easter, both materially and for the religious uplift. The choir sang "Eternal Life" Mrs. Laura Herrig Kelly rendered a solo on her violin and added much to the other good music. Mrs. Duncey sang the solo, "With faith triumphant" blended into the services well. The evening services were different from the ordinary Easter concert, as they partook of the nature of a pageant, and the entire production reflected the effort of the committee. The angel spirit of the resurrection permeated the whole. The last tableau, where Faith stood with hands uplifted and the red red lights bringing out the group was very pleasing. The front of the altar was decorated with many fine geraniums and other house plants.

On Monday afternoon there was a fire that consumed the house in the rear of the Catholic church, where the Weldon family lived. They got out some of the things in the house. Rumor had it that it was set by a locomotive, but Mr. Reed is authority for saying that the railroad had burned the grass some days previous as a precaution. The fire apparently caught in the rear of the barn. This is the same place that was occupied for fifteen or more years by the Supple family.

Other Pepperell matter on page 1.

Easter Concert.

The Congregational and Unitarian Sunday school united in giving a concert in the Congregational church last Sunday evening, which was enjoyed by a large congregation. The program, in charge of Miss Merrill, was as follows: Processional, anthem by united choir; scripture, Rev. D. R. Child; prayer, Rev. J. B. Lewis; recitation, "Welcome," Gwen Parker; exercise, six members of primary department; recitations, "A kind offer," Natalie Blake; Easter heralds, Ellen Parker; exercise, "Mother nature," Mrs. Tower and children; song, Esther Martin; Gertrude Greenwood; recitations, Rodney Brown, Catherine and Geraldine Parker; song, "A sunbeam," primary department; recitation, Homer Dennis; exercise, "Love for people," recitation, "A lesson from a violet," Constance Parker; exercise, "Easter thoughts," Miss Audrey Birkshaw and girls; song, Dorothy and Mary McLeod; recitation, Jean Campbell and Charlotte Nowell; exercise, "The immortality of love and service," Mrs. Albert F. Parker and a dozen young people.

The platform was tastefully decorated with lilies, daffodils, potted plants, pussy willows and evergreens.

Rebuild or Federate?

As the days go by the matter of rebuilding the Unitarian church comes more to the front. The unsightly charred remains of the old church make a demand that something should be done. An informal meeting was held on Monday evening at the Congregational vestry, but no definite action was settled. The only members who have been connected with the church for years, believe in federation, and that one minister can serve the community better than two, and that the union and fellowship will harmonize better. One said, "Why, heaven will not be a lot of little churches, but one grand church and one great thought."

The project of rebuilding the Congregational church has been spoken of to the site of the Unitarian church. The Congregational church has recently been fixed up in the basement at considerable expense. While the building might be moved there, then it would not appeal as home to either. The structure would also be racked by the rains, so that is practically out of the question.

There are quite a number who style themselves as "nothingers," who are live wires and want a modern church built, and if necessary to go deeply into debt for the same and believe that they can get the funds and feel that the present pastor is the man to build the new church. One party suggested that a church out of debt was like an old couple that had enough to live on and had settled down to get ready to die.

One thing seems to be certain, that some funds are now available and the limit for a new church is spoken of as being, one says \$10,000, another \$20,000, and there are some people out of town that would give freely to be built, but the consideration comes again on the standstill that would have to raise the yearly expenses.

The Congregational people have done everything in a very nice way. They are talking and soon a meeting will be called to test the matter by vote.



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GIRL SCOUT HEADQUARTERS

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South Lancaster

We have received a most impressive report of the scout work done by Capt. Parker's troop in the making of maple syrup. Every day a certain number of girls meet at Capt. Parker's house and tap trees. Thirty trees have been tapped, and each morning and afternoon sap is collected. On good days sixty quarts have been collected; about five quarts have been bottled. This means about eighty quarts have been boiled. The girls sell the syrup at fifty cents per quart.

This same Narcissus troop cooked its dinner one day and had such things as they would be likely to use in camp this summer—bacon and fried eggs, bread and milk, pan cakes with syrup of its own boiling.

Groton

Saturday evening, April 13, at eight o'clock in the town hall, the Girl Scouts are to give "A modern Cinderella." The Brownie Scouts will give a drill between the acts of the play. Tickets for reserved seats thirty-five cents.

Clinton

On Friday evening Mrs. Fuller's scouts, troop No. 1, are undertaking a big, fine thing when they give the "Modern Cinderella" for the benefit of the local Red Cross and French Wounded. A band from Camp Devens will play at this entertainment.

Girl Scouts do not forget a single day during April that we are all trying to help bring the war to a happy termination by buying Liberty bonds this month. Please buy a bond if you can; interest others to buy them; do all you can; sacrifice much to put every possible cent at the disposal of Uncle Sam.

HARVARD

News Items. At the annual guest night of the Woman's club on Monday the entertainment consisted of the presentation of the latest number of the club magazine, Clover Leaves; Mrs. J. Edward Maynard, Mrs. Henry H. Putnam, Mrs. Herbert B. Royal, editors. The table contents follow: Cover design; The editor's point of view; poem; music. "The first primrose"; "Cupid in uniform"; a story, illustrated; poem; music, "Lovely spring"; humor; cartoon "When a fellow needs a friend"; music; dramatic sketch—sketch, "Aunt Harriet's night out." Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dickson announce the engagement of their eldest

daughter, Miss Helen Dickson, to Frederick Wrangham. Both are of our own town and have the congratulations of the townspeople.

Mrs. Olive Bryant is on the sick list. Her sister Doris is caring for the household during her illness.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Thorndike, of Boston and Harvard, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Miss Martha, to Joseph R. Hamlin, a graduate of Harvard '04, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Miss Thorndike has spent her summers here at the Thorn-dike home on Bare hill for several years and is an extremely winning young lady and very popular with all who know her. She has the best wishes of the citizens here.

Mrs. Rachel Maynard and Mrs. Alma Royal attended the meeting of the Liberty Loan committee in Boston this week. Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, of Lancaster, was one of the speakers. Mrs. Edw. Coke, with her infant son, came home on Thursday from Clinton hospital, where she has been the past two weeks.

The Worcester County Farm Bureau are encouraging the planting of spring wheat with the farmers of the county. Any who desire to try for a few barrels of flour in this way should communicate with G. B. Shultz.

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