

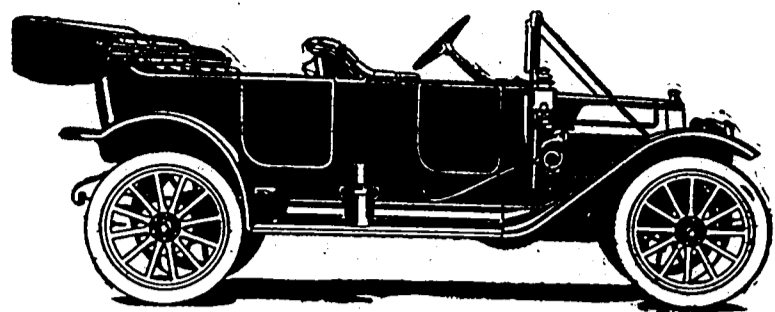
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LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Rev. Joseph N. Fielding, of Fitchburg, occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church last Sunday morning. Owing to the very stormy weather, the attendance was not as large as usual, but those who did brave the elements felt well repaid for the effort made.

Rev. George Moody, of the Methodist church, has been attending the conference in Springfield for the past week, and Mrs. Moody went there on Saturday to spend Sunday with her husband.

Frank Barney, who has been in North Carolina since last August, in the employ of the Perley A. Eaton lumber company, took a business trip to Massachusetts a few days ago, visiting his "boss," and others in Fitchburg and Lunenburg. He returned on Saturday, April 13, taking Mrs. Barney and their daughter Blanche with him. They will rejoin their son Grover and wife at Hollyridge, N. C., and if the climate and other conditions prove healthful, will probably remain there indefinitely.

Harlan L. Burnell, of West Somerville, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Longley, returning on Monday morning.

The American Seating Company of Chicago have formed a contract with the selectmen of Lunenburg to furnish four hundred folding oak slat chairs for the town hall at a cost of \$365. They are all to be in the hall and set up for May 30.

Mr. and Mrs. James Starr and Miss Bertha Farnsworth, of Pepperell, at-

tended neighbors' night at the grange on Wednesday evening. Fitchburg grange provided the entertainment, and a carload of patrons came from Fitchburg. Many others came with teams and automobiles.

A new manager, L. S. Woods, will have charge of the boathouse at Whalom this year. Boats are being repaired and re-painted, and several new ones are ordered.

A meeting of the district school committee, composed of the towns of Lunenburg, Ashby and Townsend, was held in the selectmen's room, Townsend, last Saturday afternoon. The principal object of the meeting was for voting to see if the present superintendent of schools, E. L. Haynes, should be re-elected for the next three years. The vote was not in favor of retaining him, although he has served in that capacity very acceptably during the past. The members of the committee were F. F. Pope, G. H. Brooks and C. F. Hayward, of Ashby; C. C. Lane, J. L. Harrington and F. B. Carr, of Lunenburg; G. A. Wilder, chairman, F. B. Higgins and Dr. H. B. Boynton, of Townsend.

Death.

George B. Wood, whose serious illness was mentioned last week, died at the home of his son, A. B. Wood, on Thursday evening, April 11, at the age of 79 yrs. 6 mos. 16 days. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Edward B. Saunders conducting the services. Mr. and Mrs. William Copeland, of Dorchester, were called here by the death, and remained for the funeral of Mr. Wood, her brother. There were many beautiful flowers, freely given by friends

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and neighbors, one piece being from the Old Home Week association, of which he was an active member and treasurer from its organization until forced to give up the office on account of failing health. The bearers were Warren Lewis, William A. DeLand, T. W. Woodredge and John Woodredge.

Interment was in the North cemetery, by his wife, who died about two years ago.

Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Village Improvement society on Tuesday evening, the following officers and committees were elected:

Sidney H. Francis, pres.; Arthur O. Scott, Robert Harley, vice pres.; W. A. Warren, treas.; Mrs. Arthur O. Scott, sec.; A. W. Watson, A. W. Adams and the officers, ex. com.; Frederick Francis, Mrs. Ella Bradley, Mrs. E. R. Bernis, Miss Mabel Adams, Miss Helen G. Jones, Miss Ethel Emerson and Mrs. Fred Cross, entertainment com.

Plans for work for this year were discussed and acted upon. It was voted to do the same work, mowing of lower common, etc., same as last year.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Current Events.

Rev. and Mrs. James N. Seaver left town on Saturday last on the 1.27 train for their new home at Hillsboro. The best of wishes of many friends go with them.

Mrs. Winnie Nye has improved in health so that she was able to go to Mada, N. Y., last week Friday, accompanied by her daughter.

Little Miss Eva Corey is on the sick list, suffering from a severe throat trouble.

John Kline was in town last Saturday and reported that his brother Morten's children all coming down with the mumps at their home in Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sweatt, of Dedham, Mass., were guests of Mr. Sweatt's brother Samuel for several days last week. The old friends at Brookline were glad to meet them again.

Miss Barrows, teacher at the primary school, visited her home at Brockton, Mass., last Sunday.

Mrs. Lilla Hardy is to remain with Mrs. Maria Hall for a few weeks more.

Travillian Colburn has returned from St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua, where he has been for treatment.

Alexander H. Taylor has been on the sick list for a few days.

Officer Maker, of Nashua, was in town on Monday.

Daniel J. Murphy, of Lowell, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. French last week.

Mrs. Leona Bradley is occupying her home at South Brookline, after an absence of several months.

Mrs. Winnie Nye, Miss Mada Nye and Ralph Nye returned to New York on Friday of last week. Mrs. Nye was accompanied by Mrs. Ella Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker and Miss Eliza Jane Parker are at Four Pines this week.

Mrs. May Pingree, John Kline and Master Kline, of Fitchburg, were the guest of their aunt, Mrs. Minnie Corey, last week.

Grange.

At the meeting of Brookline grange on last week Wednesday evening, the third and fourth degrees were conferred on four candidates. The literary entertainment was brief, as the deputy, Frank H. Corning, was present to inspect the grange, and was as follows: Song, Bailey quartet; accordion solo, Arthur Goss; recitation, Mrs. Mabel Perkins.

Mr. Corning was then introduced by the master, and he gave a talk on the unwritten work of the grange. He also examined the grange in some of the work. He congratulated the grange on the way the opening ceremony was carried out; also, on the officers being all present and at their stations. Upon examining the records he found good entertainments at every meeting and congratulated the lecturer, Clara E. Russell, upon her good work and charged the members to respond promptly to her call, and they would be sure of good meetings.

Sixty-five members were present, and among them were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sweatt, of Dedham, Mass.; Harold Wright, of Groton, Miss Mabel Hinkley and Mrs. Charles Smith, of Hollis, N. H., and Miss Smith, of Mr. Vernon.

After the degree work all were invited to the banquet hall to partake of the harvest feast. Mrs. George Cady was in charge of the feast, and with Mr. Cady and other assistants, served all in a fine manner. The decorations were very neat. Later a vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Cady.

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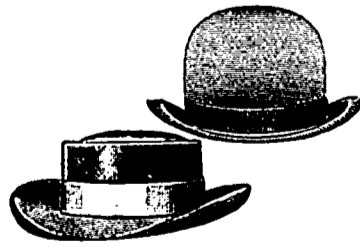
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WESTFORD.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Cogshall went, after the burial of their baby boy on Thursday of last week, to stay for the rest of the week with their Melrose relatives. Mr. Cogshall resumed his school duties on Monday morning.

Miss Hazel Hartford has been on the sick list and under the doctor's care this week with tonsillitis.

Mrs. H. N. Jaques and daughter Dorothy have been spending the week at the parental home with Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland.

Mrs. Cyril A. Blaney, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is now convalescing.

Miss Henrietta Eidenbach, of New York, is a guest at Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Colburn's.

Master Morton Seavey, who is convalescing from his recent illness, has been spending the week with his grandmother in Cambridge.

At the meeting of the Tadmuck club on next Tuesday afternoon, Miss Edith Lawrence and Miss Bertha Norris will have charge of the program with James Whitcomb Riley and Eugene Field for their subjects. This will also be the annual business meeting.

The greenhouse, which has so long stood on the grounds of John C. Abbot's residence, is being removed. A. A. Hildreth has bought the same and is having it moved to his home on Concord road, where he intends using it for his market gardening activities. The former location of the greenhouse on Mr. Abbot's grounds, is to be converted into a tennis court.

H. G. Osgood has been having a summer house erected on the lawn in front of his house.

Rev. E. C. Hayes, of Acton, will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. David Wallace.

L. W. Wheeler represented the local church at the Congregational Union association of churches, which held its spring meeting at North Leominster on Wednesday.

Conductor Walter Cutler, of our branch line, had a two-days' absence from duty on Tuesday and Wednesday and visited friends in Boston.

Mrs. Mary Fletcher has been able some of these pleasant days to get out and see her neighbors after being shut in for several months.

Workmen are busy at Whitney park getting it in order for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fisher attended the wedding of friends at Swampscott on Wednesday of this week.

Some of our enterprising youths have formed a baseball nine and expect to participate in some good games on the home field at Whitney park and in the adjacent towns, which together have formed a league. These boys are all under seventeen years of age. The manager is Nicholas Sorealis and the captain is Frank Blaisdell. They will have a practice game on Friday at the playground and on Saturday will have their opening game for the season with the Y. M. C. A. team at Lowell.

Miss Hannah Morrill and Mrs. Hills, of Amesbury, are guests at Dr. and Mrs. Wells'.

About Town.

George H. Burke has bought a farm of twenty-two acres on the Dunstable road in Chelmsford, between Flint's corner and North Chelmsford. The house will be remodeled to modern conditions and when that is finished some one and some other one will occupy it. At present George is as in the past of the singular nature. That house remodeling hints at plurality. George will be missed in North Westford as one of the sober, sensible, economical, quiet business young men of that hilly, rocky whereabouts region. He is a member of Westford grange, but has found important inducements in Tyngsboro grange.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benjamin, of West Somerville have named it Walter Prescott, and according to Fairbanks' scales it weighs nine and one-half pounds. Date, Tuesday morning, April 9. Mrs. Benjamin was formerly Miss Bertha Prescott, of Chamberlin's corner, Westford, and pleasantly remembered by a host of schoolmates and youthful friends of the old Stony Brook district and Westford academy.

The Westford A. A. will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers on next Tuesday evening at the town hall. Arrangements will be made at this meeting for ball games this season, if this season is to have any games.

The following persons were chosen as delegates on Sunday to represent the First Parish at the annual meeting of the American Unitarian society at the May meetings: Charles O. Prescott, Mrs. H. V. Hildreth; alternates, Edward Fisher and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher.

Westford academy and Littleton high have made arrangements to run a series of baseball games this season. Part of the games will be played on the Whitney park.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday, Rev. Lyman B. Weeks will speak on "How Titan overcame the Titanic." He is especially anxious for the young people to be present. He writes: "The young people should especially be interested in a subject so appalling to the world."

The alumni of Westford academy are making early preparations for the annual meeting and banquet to take

place on June 28. This is one of those good time gatherings that brings to review the happy days and scenes of the historic Westford academy. An effort is to be made to secure a larger membership for the Alumni association. Judge F. A. Fisher, of Lowell, is president; H. V. Hildreth, vice pres.; Miss Mabel Drew, secretary. The committee in charge of the June celebration is Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Arthur Hildreth and Seth Bannister.

Rev. Lyman B. Weeks was warmly eloquent on Sunday on the subject, "Religion and Life," maintaining that there was too much religion and too little life. If any failed to comprehend the distinction that he drew, he stands ready to give a personal interview.

Foxes are plenty in the Stony Brook valley, being extensively engaged in the poultry business. Anyone having poultry that they wish to dispose of will find them early daylight customers.

Dr. Fred Leon Gage and Miss Alice Lund Livingstone were married on Wednesday evening in Grace Universalist church, Lowell, by Rev. Ransom A. Green. Both parties are well-known to Westford people in social gatherings. Westford was well represented among the invited guests.

George W. Bussey, who has been ill for a long time, is still very feeble and suffered a serious relapse last week, but has rallied back to his usual feeble condition.

George W. Hunt, of Tyngsboro, was a visitor in town on Sunday, calling upon his cousin, William Kelly, who is temporarily stopping in town in an endeavor to induce the contagious health of the Westford hills to strike him. It has hit some, but more is desirable.

Alister McDougal, a student at the Massachusetts Agricultural college, was selected by the faculty of the college to give a lecture before the Maine Agricultural college.

Minnie Whitney was operated upon Thursday of last week by Dr. Blaney for intestinal trouble.

Successful Affair.

The annual fair of the Unitarian society was held at the town hall last week Friday afternoon and evening. The hall was elaborately decorated for the occasion. The gentlemen's table was trimmed to attract the passer-by, to pause and purchase from the variety of salable goods. The table carried a large display of gentlemen's furnishings, the color scheme carried out being green and yellow. The mystery, candy and food tables were tastefully decked with green and yellow paper. The grabs were arranged in a flower trimmed basket, and was tended by Marjorie Seavey.

During the afternoon and evening, ice cream and cake were on sale, and supper was served from six to 7:30 o'clock, which was followed by the farce, "The snowcap sisters," given by local talent. Mrs. O. A. Foster took the part of the Snowcap mother, and her twelve children were taken by the following: Miss Mary Balch, Miss Maybelle Drew, Mrs. H. B. Read, Miss Edith Foster, Miss Emily Fletcher, Miss Clara Smith, Miss Julia Fletcher, Miss Grace Bennett, Miss Clara Fisher, Miss Edith Lawrence, Miss Lillian Sutherland, and Charles Goodwin, as donkey boy, made quite a hit. All the Snowcap children were of uncertain age, and their make-ups attractively humorous.

Many talents were represented—the artist, prima donna, poetess, woman's rights, elocutionist, the deaf dumb, the little French and celestial sisters and the twins, the parts being well taken by Miss Emily Fletcher and Miss Clara Smith. Each daughter was "showed off" to the best advantage as the mother brought them down from Snowcap mountain to find them their husbands. All the parts were well taken and full of merriment. The farce was followed by dancing. The following served on the various committees:

Fancy table—Miss Grace Burbeck, Miss Mary Burbeck, Mrs. H. B. Read, Mrs. Virgil Mitchell and the Misses Gertrude and Julia Fletcher.

Apron and domestic table—Mrs. O. B. Spalding, Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mrs. Edward Fisher, Miss Clara Fisher, Miss Grace Bennett and Mrs. Ruth Bineault.

Mystery table—Miss Lillian Sutherland, Miss Beatrice Sutherland and Miss Evelyn Hamlin.

Supper—Mrs. John Feeney, Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Miss Eva Fletcher and Miss Mary Moran.

Ice cream—Mrs. Frank Miller and Mrs. Alex McDougal.

Gentlemen's table—The Gentlemen's club of the church.

Grab bag—Mrs. H. M. Seavey, Miss Marjorie Seavey and the Misses Marjorie and Eleanor Cameron.

Candy table—Miss Mabel Drew, Miss Agnes Balch and Miss Gladys Fletcher.

Food table—Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher, Mrs. A. B. Sutherland and Mrs. Chas. Hamlin.

Entertainment—Miss Mary Balch and Miss Edith Forster.

The financial part of this annual fair was the most successful and important part, and it is expected to net about two hundred dollars, or over.

Bridge Widening.

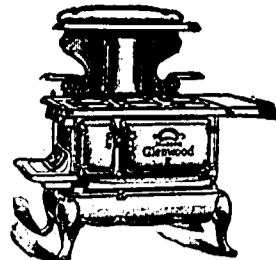
Material has arrived for widening the bridge on the Stony Brook railroad that spans the Stony Brook highway midway between Westford station and Brookside. This bridge was given a view and hearing by the county commissioners nearly a year ago, and the bridge has been under temporary supports ever since with lanterns at night and the public have been wondering what has become of the hearing, but Wednesday morning a work train brought car loads of sand and gravel for the cement work and the hearing has been heard from. The present wooden structure will be replaced by a modern steel bridge, wide enough for double tracking the road.

Forge Village.

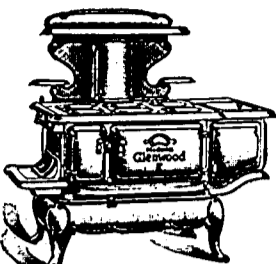
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Naylor, of Pine Hill, are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter at their home on April 14.

Mrs. Joseph Mason and children, of Lowell, visited at the home of her father, Mrs. Henry Catchpole on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Albert B. Jones, of Worcester, visited relatives here on Tuesday and Wednesday.



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The first baseball game of the season was held in Cameron Park last Saturday afternoon between the Tigers of this village, and the St. Mary's, Ayer, with the score 15 to 13. Boucher and DeRoehn formed the battery for the Tigers, and Ernie and Curley for the St. Mary team. This Saturday the Tigers will play a return game.

Mrs. Arthur B. Parrott is ill at her home on Beaver Brook road. Dr. W. H. Sherman, of Granitville, is in attendance.

Julian Cameron, of the Abbot Worsted Company, has donated the use of a strip of land in Pine street to Cameron school for the purpose of a vegetable garden. The land will be ploughed and ready for planting shortly. The principal, Miss Letitia V. Ward, will have charge of the garden, and will direct the work of the children.

Miss Mabel Wyman, of Camden, N. J., grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, of Pleasant street, has been awarded one of the prizes given by the West Jersey Trust Company in its composition writing contest on "Why we should save." Little Miss Wyman is in the sixth grade in the Lincoln school, Camden, and is twelve years of age.

The Abbot Worsted Company has begun spring improvements on its land, work being done by Bert Comey, who has done the landscape gardening formerly.

Miss May Lord, of South Framingham, has been a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lord, of Pleasant street.

Miss Carmel and Master Ellsworth Rose are enjoying their vacation at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Splain.

Successful Affair.

Abbot hall was packed to its doors on last week Friday evening, when the Forge Village Dramatic club, composed of village young people, presented the one-act comedy "A thorn among the roses." A short concert followed and was heartily enjoyed. All did excellent work and the members of the club are to be congratulated on the work done. Ice cream and cake were served during intermission, after which dancing was enjoyed to the music of the Precious orchestra. A large sum was netted from the affair, which will be used for the benefit of Miss Ellen McMurray, an invalid for many years, who makes her home with her niece, Mrs. Robert Orr, of Pond street. Miss Theresa Lowther was general manager and spared no pains to make the affair the success it was.

Surprise Party.

A very pleasant surprise party was given at the hall in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett of Groton Ridges in honor of the twenty-first anniversary of the birth of Miss Emma Blodgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett, of Groton. The young people gathered at the home of Miss Blodgett's parents and awaited her arrival from Groton Center, where she had been sent to spend the day. After her coming, the merry party walked to the Ridges hall and there presented Miss Emma with a beautiful solid gold locket and chain, and a large bouquet of cut flowers. Mrs. John E. Burnett, of this village, made the presentation speech in behalf of the many friends and relatives. Miss Blodgett was too overcome to respond, but afterwards extended her thanks and assisted in entertaining the rest of the evening.

Games and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. John Spinner, Jr., won first prize for pinning on the donkey's tail, and Albert Duffy won the bobby prize. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Chester Blodgett, Mrs. Charles Blodgett and Mrs. William Blodgett, all aunts of Miss Blodgett.

Granitville.

Owing to the absence of Rev. L. F. Havermaile, who has recently resigned his pastorate here, and it being conference week, there were no services held in the M. E. church here on last Sunday.

F. G. Sullivan and R. J. Hemen, chief ranger and past chief ranger, respectively, of Court Granitville, F. of A., who are delegates to the annual convention to be held in North Adams next month, attended a delegates' meeting in Gardner on last Sunday.

Reports from the Burbank hospital at Fitchburg, where Thomas J. Healy is confined as a result of an accident; received at the freight yards in Ayer on Thursday night of last week, are to the effect that the injured young man had his left leg amputated above the knee by the house surgeon, assisted by Dr. Leo Sullivan of Ayer. The operation was successful in every way and no serious results are anticipated.

Miss Lillian Moran, the well-known vocalist of this village, has been se-

lected to portray the part of "Sylvia" in the operetta of that name, to be given under the auspices of St. Catherine's church choir in the near future. James A. Murphy, of Lowell, is the musical director and the piece will be staged under the direction of Joseph Wall.

The White Sox baseball club, with their new uniforms, will open the season here this Saturday afternoon when they will have the Mystics, of North Chelmsford, for their opponents.

Death.

Miss Anna Harrington, a well-known and highly esteemed young woman of this village, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry J. Healy here early last Sunday morning, after a lingering illness, at the age of twenty-nine years. She leaves to mourn her loss one brother, Henry Harrington, the well-known contractor, two sisters, Miss Mary Harrington and Mrs. Henry J. Healy, all of this village, numerous relatives in Lowell and Leominster, as well as a wide circle of friends. Anna was a great sufferer during her long illness, all of which she bore with great patience and christian fortitude, and her death will be greatly regretted by all who enjoyed the pleasure of her pleasing personality.

The funeral took place from the home of her sister, Mrs. Healy, on Tuesday morning, 9:30 o'clock, and was largely attended. At ten o'clock a funeral mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated in St. Catherine's church by Rev. M. E. Doherty. The regular choir was in attendance, and under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley, rendered the Gregorian chant, the solos being sustained by Miss Hanley, who also presided at the organ. As the casket was being borne from the church the De Profundis was sung by the choir.

There were many beautiful floral tributes which testified in a marked degree to the high esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends. The services at the church were largely attended and aside from those present in the immediate vicinity, relatives and friends were present from Lowell, Leominster, Tyngsboro, Chelmsford and surrounding towns. The bearers were J. Austin Healy, William L. Wall, Edward Riney, Frank Charlton, James B. Healy and F. G. Sullivan. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery in this village.

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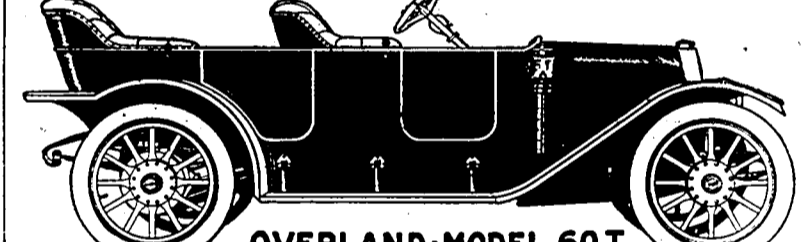


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TOWNSEND.

Center. T. E. Flarity was at Ayer on last Saturday morning and shook hands with "Teddy" Roosevelt, when that individual passed through Ayer. Teddy made a short speech and had quite a reception.

It is rumored that Everett Robbins, of Ashby, has bought out E. C. Bliss' meat market. Mr. Bliss has just lately moved into the new market built by George E. Clarke, and this is where Mr. Robbins will be.

Lester Floyd, of Boston, was at home this week.

T. E. Flarity, d. d., inspected the grange at Hingham on Monday evening.

Mrs. John Finnegan has been enjoying a visit with her son, Herbert Finnegan, at Milton, N. H.

William Stockman, of Southbridge, was a guest at Harry Winchester's over Sunday, and Mr. Winchester also accompanied Hallett Misner and Harley Parker to Sharon the last of the week and saw them settled in readiness for their new work.

Monday Club.

The Monday club met this week with Mrs. K. Frances Flagg. The roll call was answered by current events. The literary program was in charge of Mrs. Angie Lang, the subject for the afternoon being "Heroic personalities." The program was as follows:

Song, selected, Stella Farrar; essays, "The silent heroes," Mrs. Angie Lang; "Missionary heroes," Mrs. A. S. Howard; "Heroic mothers," Mrs. E. A. Flagg; character sketch, "James Whitcomb Riley," Clara M. Sheldon; song, "There little girl don't cry," Stella Farrar; Miss Emma Adams, of West Townsend, accompanist.

After the program was over, refreshments were served and a pleasant time enjoyed.

Annual School Convention.

The annual district school convention was held at Memorial hall last Saturday afternoon, in the selectmen's room. The district comprises Ashby, Lunenburg and Townsend, and each has three representatives. Those from Lunenburg were James Harrington, C. C. Lane and F. B. Carr; from Ashby, Dr. F. F. Pope, C. F. Hayward and G. H. Brooks; from Townsend, G. A. Wilder, Dr. H. B. Boynton and F. B. Higgins.

G. A. Wilder was chosen chairman and James Harrington of Lunenburg, sec. Supt. E. L. Haynes, as a result of the meeting, was not re-elected to the school superintendency, although it was understood that Ashby and Townsend were favorable for re-election, but did not compel Townsend, who pays fifty percent of the cost, to make the re-election. No complaint whatever was made as to Mr. Haynes' work done.

Annual Concert and Fair.

The annual fair and concert of the Townsend brass band was held at Memorial hall last week Friday evening. Although the attendance was not as large as in other years, those present enjoyed a very fine concert, which the band had taken much time and pains to prepare. John J. Piper's solo upon the French horn received an encore, as did several of the selections played by the band.

After the concert there was an opportunity to buy ice cream and cake, and the home-made candy table in charge of Mrs. John J. Piper, Miss Bertha Spaulding and Helen Dobson looked very attractive with its goodly supply of candies.

The attraction of the evening for the men was the ring pitching contest, and Carl Willard and Harry Whitcomb were tied for sometime at eight rings apiece. But a "dark horse" was evidently biding his time and later in the evening after Mr. Willard and Mr. Whitcomb had had several more tries, Arthur Sloan stepped in and won the leather bag, which was the prize, by putting over nine rings. There was also a whip handsomely trimmed with ribbon, which was won by Melvin Davis, which was about evenly won by Melvin Davis and Mrs. A. N. Fessenden, and was later decided to go to Mr. Davis. The ribbons upon it measured 10 yards and 14 1/2 inches.

A handsome guess cake, decorated with flowers, was won by George Sherrin, of Malden, who guessed the exact weight of the cake, which weighed 6 lb and 9 oz.

Dancing then followed for the rest of the evening to the music of the Philharmonic orchestra, which is composed of band members. A good time was enjoyed by all.

West.

Mrs. Antoinette Purdy, from Mason, N. H., is assisting at the home of Mrs. Mary Streeter, of Josselynville.

Miss Emma H. Adams spent Friday of last week with friends in Ayer.

The total number of library books distributed from the reading room for the month of March was 201.

Miss Mildred Basford, from Peabody, is spending a few weeks with her relatives in town.

George Willard, from Boston, spent Sunday at his parents' home here.

Mrs. Mary Brown is visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. George Wright, in Winthrop, for a few weeks.

Horace Hunt and family, who have been living on the Sherlock place on the Ashby road for the past two years, have removed to their new home at Oak Bluffs.

Mrs. Alden Sherwin has returned from a week's visit to her former home in Quincy.

Fourteen of the boys of the village met in the Baptist vestry last Sunday afternoon, and under the direction of a committee from the Brotherhood, consisting of Herman L. Stickney, William Mills and Warren formed the order of the Knights of the White Shield. The following officers were elected:

James Ruak, k.; Kenneth Reed, k. s.; Herbert Bowen, k. b.; Richard Ruak, k. k.; Chester Farello, k. t.; Harold Thorpe, k. a.; Adron Winslip, k. h.; John McLean, k. a.; George Fortune, k. v.; Rev. S. D. Ringrose, counselor.

Dr. H. B. Boynton has purchased a new Overland touring car.

The body of Mrs. Burt, of Fitchburg, was brought from the tomb at the Center and interred in the family lot last week.

The Y. P. S. C. E. met in the vestry on Tuesday evening with fifteen present. The topic was "Sabbath Keeping," and the leader was Mrs. Charles Hodgman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Streeter, of Josselynville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Edwin Streeter.

George Loverinz, from Reeds Ferry, N. H., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovering.

I. P. Sherwin has leased the barn on the E. W. Seaver premises for the use of his stock.

Mrs. Herman Wood and daughter Ella spent a few days the first of the week with relatives in Mason, N. H.

A little daughter, Florence May, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Phelps on last week Thursday.

At the recent meeting of the Baptist society, two new members, Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman and Mrs. Benjamin Hodgman were added.

The funeral services of Rena May, the two-days-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich, of Josselynville, was held at their home on Friday afternoon, Rev. S. D. Ringrose officiating. The burial was in the West Townsend cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donley have moved from the Welch cottage by the railroad crossing into E. W. Seaver's cottage on Elm street, and George Beckwith and family, from Ashby, have moved into the cottage vacated by the Donley family.

Mrs. Clara Perkins and her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Glazier, have returned from Waterford, Pa., where they spent the winter, and opened their home on Bridge street.

Miss M. Elinor Tower, who has been on the sick list suffering from lumbago, resumed her duties as teacher of the primary school on Monday.

Ladies Study Club.

The last meeting of the Ladies' Study club for this season was a social meeting at the Reading-room on Thursday evening of last week. Fifteen were present and enjoyed the evening, and light refreshments were served at the close of the business meeting. The chairman, Mrs. Fred Patch, presided, and it was voted to have the regular officers for the ensuing year and the following were elected: Mrs. Charles A. Hodgman, pres.; Miss Blanche E. Sprague, v. p.; Mrs. Fred A. Patch, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Emily J. Lees, Mrs. R. S. Ely and Mrs. George A. Adams.

It was voted to hold their meetings evenings instead of alternating, and a vote of thanks was also sent to Mrs. C. S. Homer, of New York, for the use of the reading room and the meeting then adjourned until the first Thursday evening in October.

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Whereas RICHARD McELLIOTT administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at public auction the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the seventh day of May, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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"Proposed siding of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company, March 26, 1912. Smith & Brooks, Lowell, Mass., Civil Engineers." Together with the right to erect the necessary wires and poles to operate said extension by the overhead trolley system of electric power, and said company requests that the construction and operation of said part of its railway as is shown on said plan be on highway may be specifically approved and represents that the petition be executed in accordance with a vote of the directors of said company.

Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company.

By James W. Green, President.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ayer, Mass., April 2, 1912.

Upon the foregoing petition it is Ordered, That a public hearing be given at the Selectmen's room in Town Hall, in said Ayer, on Monday, the twenty-second day of April, 1912, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at which time and place all persons and corporations who desire will be heard relative to the matter of said petition, and that notice of said hearing be given by publishing an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, fourteen days, at least, before the time of said hearing.

Elisha D. Stone, Frank S. Pierce, John M. Maloney, Selectmen of Ayer.

A copy of petition and order thereon Attest: John M. Maloney, Clerk, 3130 Selectmen of Ayer.

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GROTON.

News Items.

Among those from Groton attending the association of Congregational churches, which met at North Leominster Wednesday were the chosen delegates—Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Swallow and Dea. H. H. Gay, the pastor, Rev. G. M. Howe, Mrs. C. E. Biglow, Miss Charlotte Robbins, Dea. and Mrs. Ansel M. Shattuck, Miss Jessie Shattuck and Frank D. Lewis, and perhaps others whose names we have not learned. The meeting was interesting and profitable, and well attended. One of the speakers was Rev. F. K. Brown, a writer for the Congregationalist and the Outlook, his nom de plume being Al Triddy. At this gathering on Wednesday, Mr. Brown spoke on the labor question.

S. Warren Sturgis, one of the masters of Groton School, was taken seriously ill while visiting relatives in New York city, during the Easter holidays. While he is absent from Groton Ralph Boothbay, a senior at Harvard, is filling his place.

At the regular business meeting of the W. R. C. last Tuesday, it was voted to hold a food sale in the near future. It was also voted to buy corner stones to the soldiers' lot, which they are having graded and which the town voted to put in perpetual care.

We hear that John Moyle, Jr., has a good position at a florist in Springfield.

W. Felton Stone has just bought a span of horses.

Miss Margaret Benedict is at Roxbury, where she has been for the past four weeks and where she will stay until June learning millinery with her cousin, Miss Florence Rand.

Mrs. S. H. Raddin was called to Nashua Wednesday night by the death of a cousin.

Harrison Hatch, son of Howard Hatch of Shirley, is occupying the place on the Ayer road, bought of H. D. Bowles.

The judgment against the ball bearing company, of which C. H. Chapman, sr., is president, having been recently reversed, it is reported with considerable confidence, that the manufacturing of the company's products will be started in different places.

James F. Shattuck came up from Boston to spend Patriots' day with his brother, Grant W. Shattuck, and to call on his mother, Mrs. Milo H. Shattuck, at Pepperell.

Frank Lawrence Blood has a new auto, a thirty-five horsepower Hudson. Dr. A. G. Kilbourn has a new fifty horsepower Rambler. James F. Shattuck has a new five-seated Hudson.

There will be a special meeting of the Groton Improvement society on Tuesday afternoon, April 23, at the home of Mrs. George D. Blood, Main street. A large attendance is desired as some business of importance is to come before the society.

Last week relatives here received invitations from Dr. Herbert F. Williams to the marriage of his daughter, Alline Howard, to Richard Hamilton Torrey, on the evening of Tuesday, April 30, at the Classon Avenue Presbyterian church, the reception to follow the ceremony on the same evening at Dr. Williams' residence at 416 Grand avenue, New York.

Mr. Weber, who was burned out not very long ago, is working in town and rooming at Miss Clara Hutchins'. Mrs. Weber is assisting at Mr. Prazee's on Elm street, and their daughter, Miss Marion Weber, is employed at the Groton hospital.

Mrs. Charles Ford, of Merrimack, is visiting her brother, K. T. Fletcher, and family.

Mrs. Nathaniel Anderson, sr., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Peacock, at Everett.

The schools had the Patriots' day vacation. The lower primary of the Butler school had Thursday also, on account of Miss Parker's illness, the substitute teacher going to attend the wedding of a relative out-of-town.

Monsieur and Madame LeDuc, with little son Albert, from Cambridge, are making a ten-days' stay at John Condon's. Madame LeDuc became acquainted with Mrs. Condon and daughter Mary when the latter was at Corey hill, and remembering her wished to meet them at their own home.

Miss Geraldine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at a private hospital in Boston.

Mrs. Atherton Richards, of Orange, N. J., with her child, was in town last week visiting her old schoolmate, Mrs. Alice Needham Barnard, at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. E. M. Needham, and also called on other friends. Mrs. Richards was, as Miss Lucy Voorhees a school girl here some ten or twelve years ago, daughter of the late Rev. L. B. Voorhees, pastor of the Congregational church.

Lawrence Academy Notes. The baseball season opened on Wednesday, the academy team playing Middlesex school at Concord. Score, Lawrence 5, Middlesex 3.

George E. Hammond has been elected captain of the second team. Lawrence academy plays Fitchburg Normal on Shumway field this Saturday.

Healey, L. A. 1911, is abroad O'Keefe, L. A. 1911, has transferred from Dartmouth to Lehigh.

Reports for winter term have been sent to parents. Hammond and Halagan lead the school in scholarship.

Interesting Meeting. The W. R. C. held a very pleasing patriotic entertainment on Tuesday evening, following out a fine program arranged by the patriotic instructor, Mrs. Maria A. Bowers. Without attempting to give the several numbers in order of occurrence, there were:

Readings and recitations, Genevieve Harrington, Lauretta Fletcher, Blanche Benedict, Wilma Perkins, Elizabeth and Paul Blood; historical paper, Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst; solo, Miss Mary W. Condon; piano duets, Misses Gladys Mason and Marion Blood; chorus singing of "Columbia, the gem of the ocean," by a number of young ladies;

piano duet, Misses Messinger; tableaux, Paul Revere, represented by Paul Blood; Goddess of Liberty, by Miss Edna Leonard; Betsy Ross making a flag, by Miss Marion Blood; "Nobody loves me," by Wilma Perkins.

Some of the always especially welcomed guests, the veterans of E. S. Clark Post, were kept from attending by the threatening storm. In all, however, there was a very good attendance and all seemed to enjoy this commemoration of Patriots' day.

High School Play.

"A Kentucky belle," a three-act comedy, is to be given by the senior class of the Groton high school on Friday night, May 3. The fact that the class has been coached by Miss Fannie E. Woods is in itself a guarantee that the play will be finely staged, characters well taken, and that in its production a treat awaits the public. Tickets will be on sale at Bruce's drug store at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, April 24. Following is the cast of characters: Miss Mariah Douglas, a maiden lady with aristocratic tendencies, Marion E. Kemp; Isabel Douglas, niece of Miss Douglas, with democratic tendencies, Louise Boynton; Marie Van Harlinger, friend of Isabel, Ruth Davis; Col. Wm. McMillen, suitor to Isabel, Philip S. Mason; Dr. Blake, a middle-aged practitioner, Leroy E. Johnson; Miss Madden, a trained nurse, Florence J. Folkins; Diana Burton, an admirer of Marie, Mary H. Messenger; John Cason Gordon, alias Jack Cason, a wealthy student of sociology, William J. Walter; Mrs. Gordon, mother of John Cason Gordon, Leonita Huebner; Miss Gordon, sister of John Cason Gordon, Evelyn B. Dodge; Telephone linemen—Harvey A. Woods, Edward Collier, G. Cedric Moison, Charles R. Woolley; Elsa M. Harris, negro maid; Elsa M. Harris, negro boy, engaged to Cindy; James M. Donahue.

Club Meeting.

The Neighborhood club met very pleasantly with Mrs. William Peabody last week Thursday afternoon. There was the usual good reading and afterwards the good things to eat. Piano music was furnished by Mrs. J. H. Sargent. It was decided at this meeting to ballot at the next meeting for a committee on programs for the coming year. An invitation was received from the Ayer Woman's club to attend the health conference to be held in the Congregational church, Ayer, on Wednesday, April 17. The invitation was accepted, several expressing an intention to attend. Ten clubs in all received an invitation to this conference.

Death.

Patrick Connolly, for about twenty years a respected citizen residing at North Groton, passed away at the Groton hospital on Friday night, April 12. He had been at the hospital for several weeks, going first for observation, later a necessary operation revealing his incurable condition. The deceased was born in Ireland sixty-one years ago. He came to Groton from Natick and settled on a farm. The funeral was at Pepperell on Monday. Mr. Connolly leaves his widow, five children—Dennis, who is married and lives in Natick; John, who lives on the home farm; Edward, employed in Boston; Mary, married and whose home is in Natick; William, a pupil in the freshman class at the Groton high school.

Gave An Interesting Sketch.

The Young Men's Bible class, "The Builders," of the Congregational church Sunday school, enjoyed a special favor last Sunday. Herbert Mason, who is home for a short furlough, gave, at the request of his teacher, Rev. G. M. Howe, a very interesting sketch of his life and duties on board the battleship Idaho, which is at present undergoing extensive repairs at the Philadelphia navy yard. The members of the class expressed their appreciation by giving the speaker a unanimous vote of thanks. This class recently purchased three handsome collection baskets for the use of the church, the baskets being used for the first time on Easter Sunday.

West Groton.

The professional nurse from Worcester left Joshua Bixby's on last Saturday. Mrs. J. L. Nutting is now in attendance.

Edward Jenks, of Washington, D. C., was a recent guest of his cousin, Mrs. G. S. Webber, was also her sister, Miss Evelyn Fernald, of Vassar, with a friend, Miss Kimball, of Wellesley college.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown, of Foxboro, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Roscoe Ferden.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Seams and children are guests at Andrea Blood's.

Mrs. Carl Wagner, of New York city, with her little son, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Carey.

Mrs. H. E. Lindall, of Roslindale, was a guest of relatives here this week.

Mr. Healey is visiting his brother, Patrick Healey, of Mill street.

The Misses Louise Boynton and Phyllis Roache, of Groton, were guests of Miss Kathleen McGowan on Friday of last week, attending the firemen's dance.

At the last meeting of the L. A. society the entertainment consisted of singing by Miss Susie Hill and an interesting talk by the pastor. The next meeting, on Thursday, April 25, will be held with Mrs. John Young.

Rev. J. W. Trowbridge has been quite ill with a gripe cold and in care of his physician. He is now convalescent.

Late reports from Miss Kate Tarbell, in Roxbury hospital, are slightly more encouraging.

J. H. Hunkins has been considerably worse during the past week, but is feeling somewhat better.

Mrs. Andrew LaCasse, who was struck by the engine of a Boston train while crossing the tracks in the station at Ayer, on Friday of last week, is still in care of her physician. It was a narrow escape from serious injury as it was only the presence of mind and quick action

of the part of Mrs. LaCasse that prevented the loss or crushing of her lower limbs.

Miss Bridget Moran is having quite serious trouble with her wrist which was broken a number of years ago, and has never returned to its normal condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce and family, of Townsend Harbor, are occupying the Adams house on Main street recently vacated by Mr. Moore.

Mr. Waterhouse, who has occupied the A. P. Blood cottage on Main street, now owned by Mrs. J. T. Shepley has moved to New Hampshire.

The work of installing electric lighting in West Groton chapel has been completed by G. H. Jones, and it is expected that connection will be made so that the light will be in use on Sunday evening.

The supper, entertainment and dance given by the Squannacook fire company on Friday evening of last week were decidedly successful. The Boston entertainers were all they claimed to be and kept their audience interested from start to finish. The recitative songs, with piano accompaniment, as given by Mr. Cutter, were a somewhat novel feature and were greatly enjoyed. A large number of couples enjoyed the dancing and the music furnished by the Arian orchestra was highly complimented.

The young men of the Keystone club, who took part in the college comedy on last Wednesday evening are receiving words of commendation from their many friends. It is impossible to speak of the players individually, the writer not having seen the play, but we will quote from one who was present: "All the young men did finely and Michael Lawrence in particular was 'great.' It is understood the affair was a success financially.

An alarm last Sunday evening called the firemen to the house of Michael Moran, where a chimney fire had gotten beyond control. The woodwork was on fire, but prompt work soon removed the danger. The damage was slight.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Miss Lora Barnes, teacher in Springfield, and formerly teacher of the West primary grades in Littleton, is a week-end guest of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton.

Albert Bradley has sold out his stock and trade in South Acton, and will move in the immediate future to Littleton, where he will join his son Herbert in carrying on the town farm.

Mrs. Herbert B. Priest, of Groton, entertained as her guests last week Wednesday, her mother, Mrs. D. G. Houghton; an aunt, Mrs. Boynton, of Westford; and Mrs. Osman Needham and Mrs. Minnie Hartwell, of this town. The special occasion was the observance of Mrs. Houghton's birthday.

Arthur W. Drew is building another camp in the grove near Harwood avenue.

Harry Hume is making satisfactory improvement after a severe sickness caused by appendicitis.

Miss Alice Wright is gaining rapidly. The nurse left on Monday, and the patient is now in care of her devoted sister, Miss Ella Wright, of Shirley.

The C. A. Hartwell family had a most unpleasant experience with ptomaine poison last week. Some of the family were sick for many days. The cause was attributed to foreign potatoes.

William K. Dodds has recently improved his house, known in history as the long store on the Great road, by putting on new clapboards and replacing the old windows by windows with larger panes of glass.

George A. Cook, Ralph Hill and Misses F. A. Sanderson, F. B. Bartlett and Jessie Smith went to Ayer on Thursday evening to attend the concert given by the Groton School boys.

Mrs. Sargent, of Montague City, has been with her daughter, Mrs. Harry W. Ireland, a few days this week.

The schools all closed on Thursday for the spring vacation. The teachers returned to their several homes. The spring term will begin on Monday, April 29.

Mrs. Everett Kimball and daughter Mary spent the week-end with the Misses Dodge in Cambridge.

Mrs. Elmer Kimball and daughter Esther, of Worcester, drove to Littleton recently, visited relatives two days, and returned home on Friday of last week.

The two Chandler sisters went to Amherst early in the week to spend their vacation with the rest of the family in the new home.

Miss Katherine Kimball entertained her classmates of the Littleton high school, 1912, at her home on Harwood avenue Monday evening. Games, refreshments and a good time socially constituted the program of the evening. The class presented Miss Lorna Chandler with a gift as her graduation will take her to another part of the state when she will see her former schoolmates but seldom.

Albert Bradley, having sold his stock and trade in South Acton, will move soon to Littleton, where he will carry on the town farm with his son Herbert.

Mrs. Mary J. Kimball, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Alice Kimball, went to Boston on Wednesday to see her brother, Melborne Hutchins, who has not been so well as usual the past few weeks.

The honor parts assigned to members of the High school senior class fall to Lorna Madge Chandler, Katherine Kimball and Marion Louise Whitcomb. John Fairfield has salutatory with essay and Amos Heywood Knowlton has valedictory with essay.

The grange held an auction sale of crockery on Wednesday evening. There was a good number present in spite of the disturbing atmospheric elements, and the sum of fifteen dollars was realized from the sale. The latter part of the evening a program

of patriotic nature was given, consisting of patriotic songs by chorus, patriotic tableaux in charge of Mrs. George H. Cash, closing with the singing of "America" by the Audience. The next meeting will be in charge of the master, Richard T. Barrows, and Mrs. Barrows, and will take the form of a May party similar to that of a year ago.

Frank Layton has been on a business trip to New York this week.

Miss Grace P. Conant, head of the English department in the college at Decatur, Ill., has been honored by re-election to the position which she held last year at the summer school in Boulder, Col., as head of that English department. As the term covers a period of six weeks, from July 4 to August 16, she will not come east for any part of her summer vacation.

This has been a week of festivities for the students of M. I. T., closing with a grand reception and ball at Hotel Somerset. Miss Marion Whitcomb attended the Tech show, "The castle in Spain," given in Shubert theatre on Thursday afternoon.

Rev. H. L. Packard and five others from the Congregational society attended the spring meeting of the Middlesex Union association of Congregational churches held in North Leominster on Wednesday, and report one of the best programs ever given on such an occasion.

Mrs. Packard has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Speed, in Clinton, this week.

Schedule Arranged.

Littleton high school and Westford academy have combined baseball forces and will play their home games in Westford as the diamond in the new playground has advantages that surpass those of Littleton. The following schedule of games has been planned for this season:

- April 18. Harvard at Harvard.
April 19. Lunenburg at Lunenburg.
April 21. Pepperell at Pepperell.
May 1. Groton at Westford.
May 1. Lancaster at Lancaster.
May 15. Townsend at Townsend.
May 23. Lancaster at Westford.
May 25. Harvard at Westford.
May 29. Townsend at Westford.
May 30. Lunenburg at Westford.
June 1. Ayer at Ayer.
June 5. Groton at Groton.
June 15. Ayer at Westford.

Will Be Missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford E. Somes will go to Chauncy, N. Y., the second week in May, where Mr. Somes will take up the work of instructor in sloyd at the State Industrial school for boys. His duties will include the teaching of upholstery, lettering, sign painting, etc. He goes for only two or three months, and is influenced by his health, which necessitates a change. For some time past he has been suffering from rheumatism and his physician has advised lighter work and a change of climate, which it is hoped will prove very beneficial. His many customers learn with regret of Mr. Somes' removal from town even for a brief season, and hope for a complete restoration to health and return to Littleton by September, if not earlier. During his absence from town his home and shop will be closed.

Death.

Littleton mourns the loss of another prominent and highly respected citizen in the death of James William Ireland, of the well-known firm of Thacher & Ireland, which occurred at his home on Harwood avenue at 8:46 o'clock Wednesday evening, April 17. Mr. Ireland had been suffering from serious heart trouble for more than a year and a half. Everything known to medical skill had been done for his comfort and recovery. His family, too, had watched over him and given him every attention that love and intelligence could prompt.

Although he realized his condition and knew that his days were numbered, he insisted on attending daily to business at the store. He went home, as usual, at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, ate lightly, sat in his easy chair, read the paper, and fell asleep. At 8:40 in the evening as he sat quietly resting in his Morris chair, his devoted wife and children near, the end came without struggle and almost without warning.

The funeral services will be held from his late home at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. From one p. m. to four p. m. the Thacher & Ireland stores and probably other places of business in town will be closed.

James William Ireland was born in Wilmington, June 16, 1862. His age, therefore, was 49 yrs. 10 mos. and one day. When a young lad he moved with his parents and the other children to Littleton, which has ever since been his home. He attended the public schools of this town and afterwards pursued a business course in Worcester. While still in the teens Mr. Ireland began the business of his life as an employe of A. W. and W. H. Sawyer, grocers, at West Littleton, in which capacity he served for ten or twelve years. He proved his fitness for that position by his faithfulness and competency as clerk and unusual ability as an accountant.

In July, 1890, the deceased entered into partnership with Josiah P. Thacher, then a clerk at Conant Co's store at West Littleton, under the firm name of Thacher & Ireland. Into his own business he carried the same exemplary principles that had previously characterized him—system, promptness, precision, courtesy, strict integrity and honor.

To that of business he added an estimable public career. For many years he was a member of the board of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, holding the office of chairman two years, at least. His interest and loyalty to town affairs were beyond criticism. He has many times served on the republican town committee, formerly as chairman, and the present year as secretary and treasurer.

Business and civic affairs did not, however, monopolize his time and activities. He possessed a keen sense of the demands of his soul, and his belief in the church and the uplifting influence of its organizations was manifested in his practice of regular church attendance and active employ-



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ment in its service. Many years he held the office of church treasurer, and represented it in the Back-log club. At the time of Rev. John Malleck's resignation as pastor of the Unitarian church and departure from town, Mr. Ireland, then vice-president of the Back-log society, filled out the unexpired term as president.

His loyalty was also felt in the Nashobah lodge of Oddfellows, the Caleb Butler lodge of Masons and the Eastern Star.

Although Mr. Ireland's interests reached out in many directions, his highest devotion was to his home and family, and it was there that most of his time was spent, after he left the store. A most indulgent husband and father, he was ever prompt and happy in furnishing whatever might add to the comfort and joys of his household. As friend and neighbor he was always ready to do a kind deed and a generous act. By all who knew him his memory will ever be cherished and his name enrolled on the tablet of the pure and undefiled, the upright, courageous and the truly just.

Mr. Ireland was married June 20, 1883, to Miss Ada H. Whitcomb of this town. To them were born four children—Mary B., who is now Mrs. G. Frank Hibbard of Ayer; Harry W., who helps conduct his father's business; Rachel and James William, Jr., at home. Besides these he leaves a granddaughter, three sisters—Mrs. George A. Edwards and Mrs. Arthur Stevens, both of Salem, and Mrs. Elmer Hendley of Pepperell, and three brothers—John W. of Concord, Willard F. of Lowell and George H. of Somerville.

Work Commended.

In a recent issue of the Malone, N. Y., Evening Telegram, two columns are devoted to a description of Malone's handsome new postoffice and federal building, the best public structure in the city, now in the process of construction, under supervision of William J. Handley, representative of A. B. Standard, contractor, and formerly a resident of Littleton. The exterior, which is practically completed, challenges the approval of everyone in its almost classic simplicity of architectural outline and its substantial proportions. The interior admirably harmonizes with the exterior, happily blending utility with beauty and symmetry of design.

It contains everything that could possibly be desired in a building designed for government purposes, even to the comfort of the janitor's room and a shower bath for use of the carriers upon their return from delivery routes on hot summer days. Terrazzo tile and marble are extensively used in the first story, and the various compartments of the second floor to be occupied by the several offices of the U. S. customs department, are finished in quartered oak, with fire proof walls of fine polished, hard finish plaster. Contractor Stannard has never seen the building since the corner stone was laid, nearly a year ago, but the work, which has been under the entire supervision of Mr. Handley, is described as highly creditable.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Last week Thursday evening the district school committee met in Maynard and re-elected Mr. Brick as superintendent for three years.

Two new trains now stop at Boxboro station, which is appreciated by the whole community. The first, leaving Boston at 6:35 a. m. and the second at 9:15 p. m.

Concord High school is closed so that it can be fumigated. Our pupils are at home during the time needed.

Burpee Steele is moving his mill from Silver hill to the Ferguson place.

Albert Littlefield has just bought a new pair of white horses.

Arthur Houghton of Worcester spent the week-end at C. T. Wetherbee's.

Rev. F. H. Viets went to North Leominster Wednesday to attend the spring meeting of the Middlesex association of churches.

All the teachers spent the holiday at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawrence and children of Silver hill spent the week-end at R. Y. Nelson's.

Mrs. Porter and family of Townsend have taken possession of their farm which was recently bought from William Braman.

Mrs. Mary Pratt of South Acton is visiting her niece, Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb.

Harold Ertel of Longmeadow, who graduated from the "Ranger" last month with the highest rank of senior cadet officers, is to spend the week-end with Oliver Shattuck.

Miss Williams spent last week with Miss Florence Dodge.

News has reached us that Mrs. J. M. Brown of Acton Center and mother of Arthur P. Brown, one of our townsmen, with her two sisters were passengers on the ill-fated Titanic. At this time it is reported that Mrs. Brown and one sister, Mrs. Appleton of New York, are among the saved, but the other sister, Mrs. Cornell, also of New York, has not been heard from as yet.

At the last meeting of the grange, "My turn next," was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, Miss Mary Nelson, Arthur W. Nelson and Mr. Poland, which quite a few members enjoyed.

AUCTIONS. There will be a large and attractive sale by auction in Weston of desirable personal property on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, at nine o'clock.

The property consists of the farming tools of household goods, the farm belonging to the late Alonzo Fiske. The sale will be held in that part of Weston known as Kendall Green. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

Otis H. Forbush will sell by auction, on Monday, April 22, at nine o'clock, at Harvard, regardless of the weather, all the cows, heifers, calves, farming tools and implements together with a variety of household goods, the property of John B. Harlow. The farm is about one-quarter of a mile from the main road leading from Ayer to Harvard.

AYER.

News Items.
 Rev. L. E. Perry, of Hudson, N. H., was in town last Saturday morning, as one of a committee appointed by the Roosevelt club of Nashua to meet Ex-President Roosevelt here.

John B. O'Connell, who has been confined to his home on East Main street for several weeks from an illness which was the result of a fall at Denver, Col., during the past winter, is able to be about town.

Those who were up between 5.40 and 6.30 on Wednesday morning had an opportunity to see the eclipse of the sun. The eclipse began at the first named hour and gradually increased until the sun was totally obscured, and then as gradually passed off at 6.30 o'clock.

The ladies of the Sandy Pond School association will have a supper on Tuesday evening, April 23, at the schoolhouse at Sandy pond. All are invited.

The engagement is announced of Eleanor M. Weber and Darwin L. Beals, of Northampton.

Thomas McGuane has sold for Mrs. Nora Keegan, the two and one-half story house and lot on the corner of Pearl and Groton streets to T. J. Pirone, who will occupy the same after making some improvements.

The alarm from box 14 about 7.30 o'clock on Sunday night was for a slight fire in the store and lodging house on Bligh street conducted by N. Svarnas. A bed in the lodging apartment of the house caught fire and was thrown out by the lodgers before the arrival of the firemen. The damage was very small.

At a meeting of St. Paul lodge, F. and A. M., on Monday afternoon, in Masonic hall, the F. C. and M. M. degrees were conferred on three candidates. A dinner was served to the gathering in the banquet hall at one o'clock.

Herbert J. Webb returned from Springfield on Monday evening, where he had been attending the annual New England conference of the M. E. churches as a delegate from the local church.

Word has been received here of the unfortunate accident to Ernest Wakefield at Bideford, Me., last week, in which he lost both legs above the knees while attempting to board a moving freight train. Mr. Wakefield was formerly employed in the local railroad yard, and is well-known among the railroad men here.

George A. Cole expects to begin building very soon a store for James E. Griffin, the butter merchant, near his house on East Main street. It is expected that work on the cellar will begin the latter part of this week.

The members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, Sons of Veterans, are to have a big mass meeting in their rooms in Dickinson's block after the regular meeting of the camp on next Thursday evening. The camps throughout this section, including Fitchburg, Leominster and Townsend, have been invited.

Harbinger Temple, Pythian Sisters, will hold a food sale and dance in Page hall on Friday evening, May 3.

Mrs. W. H. Landry, of the Willows, attended the wedding of her nephew at Wollaston on Tuesday evening, returning home on Wednesday. Miss Rebecca Pierce, who also attended the wedding of her cousin, will remain over for a visit to Somerville friends.

The Y. P. R. U. met on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. The leader was Miss Natalie Bigelow. Miss Mona T. Kirtledge was pianist and Mrs. Barker read an abridgment of Milton's drama, "Samson Agonistes."

Miss Marion Roland, a nurse, who has been in town for a few weeks caring for Mrs. Charles Mullin and child, returned on Tuesday to the Presbyterian hospital, New York city.

On Friday, April 5, Milton A. Robbins met a few friends at Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robbins', the occasion being his twentieth birthday. Refreshment and a social time were enjoyed.

Mrs. Herbert A. Lang and little boy of Manchester, N. H., are here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wood of Washington street. They arrived last Saturday and expect to return next week.

Mrs. E. Z. Nutting and her son Wendell, who have been here over the Easter vacation at their summer residence at Sandy Pond, left Thursday of this week for their home in Brooklyn, N. Y. They enjoyed their stay here and wished it had only been longer, they were so loath to leave.

The heavy thunder and lightning storm of last Tuesday afternoon put the electric car due here at six o'clock from Fitchburg out of commission for some time between Shirley and North Leominster. The delay also caused the following car due here at seven o'clock to be late.

Mrs. L. E. Canning, who has been running the Park hotel, will vacate it this Saturday evening and in the future will give all her attention to conducting her restaurant on Merchants' row. Her husband, L. E. Canning, has received a responsible and lucrative position as assistant agent of the DeLaval Cream Separator company of New York city. His territory comprises New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts and his duties keep him away from home nearly all the time. Under the circumstances Mrs. Canning decided to give up the hotel business and give her whole attention to her restaurant.

A locomotive and caboose bound for Lowell collided with a string of cars which were being shifted by a local yard crew near Plannagan's crossing on Thursday night. Four cars were wrecked and the locomotive considerably damaged. The wreck, though a small one, occurred at such a time that it was impossible to clear it before the passage of the New York express, which was diverted at Low-

ell and thence by way of Nashua, N. H., to New York city via Ayer and Worcester. The fireman on the locomotive was slightly hurt.

A good sized crowd attended the dance given by Ayer Circle, Companions of the Forest on Thursday evening in spite of the very stormy weather. Light refreshments were served at intermission.

On last Saturday night, a strange man and woman were given accommodations at the Park hotel. The next morning they departed early and after they had gone it was found that two silk dresses and a plain pin for holding a watch on the dress were missing. The missing property belonged to Miss Eva Canning, the daughter of Mrs. L. E. Canning, the proprietress of the hotel. As she could not register, it was next to impossible to get any clue that would lead to their capture. Nothing has as yet been heard from the missing pair or the stolen property.

Lyman J. Taylor attended the district council of car inspectors at Boston last Sunday as a delegate from the local organization.

Rev. Richard B. Callahan was chosen at the New England conference at Springfield last week as pastor of the M. E. church, and begins his new duties this week.

Thomas F. Ward is somewhat better from an attack of pleurisy, which has confined him to his home for some time.

Miss Annie Walker, of the Harvard Shakers, is seriously sick at the Waltham hospital, where she was taken last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Davis moved on Monday to Northampton, where he has a position as night yardmaster with the Boston and Maine railroad. Mr. Davis, who left the first of the month, filled the position of checkman at the transfer station here in the upper yard for more than a year. Arthur G. Wentworth has moved into the tenement vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Mason are now staying with Mr. Mason's father, C. W. Mason, where they will make their home in the future.

A. M. Winslow, who recently sold his house on Washington street, has rented the tenement in Mrs. Spaulding's house on Main street, recently vacated by Gilman P. Beverly, and expects to move in about the first of May.

The Philathea club, an organization of the young ladies of the Congregational church, gave a barn party in their vestry Wednesday evening. The young people of the church were many of them in costume. Miss Mabel Sargent announced the program, which included a medley recitation, tableaux, concert songs, and vocal solos and a brief farce. The program was followed by games in which the young people enjoyed with zest. The evening closed with refreshments of hot biscuit, maple syrup and coffee served by members of the club.

Misses Edna C. Brown and Madeleine E. Donlon returned to their studies at Convent Station, N. J., last Monday after a vacation spent at their homes here.

The subjects of the pictures to be shown at the moving picture show this Saturday evening, are "Kissing Bills," "General Dante," "The office favorite," "Smiling Bob," "Under Bonnie skies," Mr. Caproni, a singer from Boston, is to be present and render three illustrated songs. The management wishes to announce that a Pathe weekly has been secured for this Saturday, which has made such a hit here. Arrangements have also been completed to have an exhibition in Page hall on Wednesday evening of next week. Don't forget it.

A. Mailloux is getting ready to open a new laundry in the Phelps building in the part formerly occupied by E. O. Proctor. Mr. Mailloux expects to have the laundry ready for business next week.

On next Monday evening, in the selectmen's room at 7.30 o'clock, there will be a hearing on the petition of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company for the location for a side track on Central avenue.

The members of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., have accepted an invitation of the Fredonian lodge of Shirley to be its guests at a supper and sociable on next Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Moses, of Providence, R. I., spent the week-end at their summer home here, returning on last Monday.

Mrs. Eliza Parker was pleasantly surprised at her home on Monday by neighbors and friends who came to offer congratulations on her birthday. She received many presents. Refreshments were served to the company.

W. W. Manning, formerly of this town, was here this week Wednesday. It is his intention of moving from Mt. Vernon, N. Y., where he has resided since leaving here, to Montclair, N. J., in May. It is about the same distance from New York city to where he is now living.

Mrs. Patrick Desmond fell in her bedroom early on Tuesday morning and broke her right hip near the joint. Dr. Bulkeley was summoned and with the assistance of Dr. Cowles set the bone. Although Mrs. Desmond is well advanced in years, being eighty-two years of age, she is getting along finely. She moved here from Harvard, where she had lived for many years, and since coming here has been living in one of L. W. Phelps' houses on Pearl street.

Besides arranging for the best pictures that could be procured of interest to the patrons of the moving picture show, the management have arranged to have a Pathe weekly included, that has made such a hit in town. A good singer is expected to be present and sing three of the latest illustrated songs.

Thursday evening was children's night at the grange, but on account of the very stormy weather only a small number were present. Business that had been laid over at the last meeting was again laid over until there was

a larger gathering of members present to discuss them. A social time followed the meeting in which the children participated and refreshments of ice cream and cake and cookies were served.

The executive board of the Woman's club will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow, on Friday afternoon, April 26, at three o'clock. The readings from David Copperfield will be continued by the literature committee at the home of Mrs. Nellie L. Brown on Wednesday afternoon, April 24, at three o'clock.

The postmaster here received fifteen letters on Thursday from a post-office inspector, some of them having been opened. They were taken from a Fitchburg postoffice bag that was stolen. One of the letters was for L. B. Tuttle, which was not opened. The thieves missed opening this letter. Money was found in it.

About twenty-five members of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter visited Thomas Chapter of Fitchburg Wednesday evening. It was a special visitation of Edward O. Burton of Clinton, district deputy grand high priest of the Eleventh Capitalist district. A. H. Philbrown, John F. Lentz, Herbert H. Proctor and H. S. Turner were members of the district deputy's suite. An excellent supper was served before the Mark Master's degree was worked. The party returned on a special electric. Appropriate remarks were made by A. A. Philbrown, high priest of Bancroft chapter.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending April 18: Ludwig Ewoksen, Minister, Presbyterian church, Mrs. Mary L. Murray, Miss Kathryn Wood, Box 189.

Deaths.
 Mrs. Thirza Jane Phelps, wife of Levi W. Phelps, died on Thursday, April 18, of pneumonia, after an illness of three days. Mrs. Phelps was a native of Pepperell, born March 1, 1833, and a daughter of Franklin N. and Amanda (Ames) Wright. She was married to Mr. Phelps on January 1, 1853, and moved to this village in 1854, occupying the residence on West street ever since her coming here.

Mrs. Phelps is survived by her husband and four children—Miss Ella Phelps, who has always resided with her parents, Mrs. D. W. Fletcher and Albert M. Phelps, of Ayer, and Mrs. George M. Moore, of Ludlow, Vt.; also, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren—two of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fletcher, and one of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Dwinell.

Mrs. Phelps was a home woman, a loving wife and a devoted mother, and she will be greatly missed by the members of her family and all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She was very fond of music and when a resident of Pepperell was a member of the church choir.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, at her late residence on West street, Rev. Richmond Flisk, of the Unitarian church officiating, and where she had been connected with the church since her residence here. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

A year ago, April 29, Mr. Phelps observed his nineteenth birthday and it was a noted affair, there being present all the members of his family, besides other relatives and connections.

The funeral of Mrs. Frances A. Day, who died on Saturday, April 13, was held from her late home on Forest street on Tuesday afternoon, April 16. Frances Augusta Day was born in Medway in 1835, the third of the five children of Amasa and Roxanna Hamilton Wheeler. She attended school at the Uxbridge high school. In 1864, she married George G. Day and they made their home in Ayer, where they have since resided.

Mrs. Day has always been an earnest church worker. She has always been a member of the Unitarian Social Gathering and of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance, of which latter organization she was for many years the efficient secretary. She was a charter member of the Ayer Woman's club, of which she was a constant attendant. She has been in failing health for over a year, but was seriously ill only a few weeks. During most of this time her husband's sister, Mrs. Mary Drake, of Gardner, has been with her. Mr. Day died about a year ago. Mrs. Day leaves an adopted daughter, Miss Florence Day, of Boston, a brother, Lewis Emory Wheeler, of Troy, N. Y., and several nephews.

Rev. Richmond Flisk officiated at the funeral, closing with the committal service. The remains were taken to Gardner, where interment was beside her husband in Crystal Lake cemetery. Delegates from the Alliance and the Woman's club attended the funeral in a body. Many beautiful floral tributes attested the love of friends.

A. W. C.
 The Woman's club had a very interesting program on Wednesday. The meeting was held in the Congregational church. It was a conference in charge of the Public Health committee of the State Federation. The speakers were Dr. Evangeline Young of Boston, Dr. Whittier, president of the Fitchburg Woman's club and Dr. Cook of Fitchburg. Dr. Young's topic was "Sex hygiene." Dr. Whittier spoke of the care of young children and Dr. Cook closed the meeting with a discussion of some personal experiences and some things that the club women could do. There were representatives invited—from Littleton, West Acton, Shirley, Groton, Fitchburg, Clinton, Townsend, Pepperell, Current Events of Ayer and the club of Milford, N. H. The church was well filled. The speakers were introduced by Mrs. Lovejoy, chairman of the Health committee of the club. Miss Ruth Penner gave a vocal solo. It was a very profitable, interesting meeting.

Easter Concert and Sale.
 St. Andrew's society had a very interesting and successful Easter supper, sale and concert Thursday afternoon and evening in spite of the severe rain storm that continued all

the afternoon and evening. A fine supper was served in the lower town hall in charge of Mrs. Frank P. Briggs, Mrs. Edward James, Mrs. Geo. Chas. Vincent and Mrs. Harry Chauvin. These were assisted in the serving by the Misses Ruth and Dorothy Peters, Charlotte Sanderson, Gertrude and Jane Briggs, Elizabeth Sabin, Bessie Chauvin, Nina Phillips and Helen Savage.

The sale booths in the upper hall were very prettily decorated and did a thriving business in charge of these committees: Domestic table of Mrs. Burton Williams and Mrs. Mary Hutchins; the candy table of Mrs. Chas. Farnsworth and Mrs. Geo. A. Sanderson; fish pond of Mrs. A. H. Downing and Mrs. Howard Pillman; fancy table of Mrs. Austin Peters and Mrs. Frank S. Bennett; ice cream of Mrs. Ella Hovey and the Misses Peters sold lemonade and peanuts.

The day closed with the annual concert of the Groton School orchestra and glee club, given in the town hall. The orchestra of sixteen pieces was fine in all its selections which opened and closed the program; the glee club of nine members furnished the fun, the vocal duets by Miss Rose Peabody and Philip Simons; the violin duet by Miss Peabody and Miss Mary Lawrence; the French Horn duet by Mr. Call and H. Cabot and the violin solo by Miss Lawrence made a most enjoyable variety. The glee club was called out many times with great applause.

A. O. H. Concert and Ball.
 The thirty-eighth annual concert and ball by Division 7, A. O. H., was held in town hall on Friday evening, April 12 with music by the Second Regiment orchestra of Concord, N. H., who gave a splendid program, which included a solo by A. F. Nevers, quartet and clarinet solo; William B. Ready, baritone singer of Lowell, sang, "Where the River Shannon flows," and "Silver threads among the gold," in a way that made the audience sit up and take notice. Miss Mora Duddy, of Waltham, gave a very interesting reading which added greatly to the program.

After the concert the grand march and circle was formed, led by Charles A. McCarthy and Miss Grace O'Neill, followed by the officers of the division. A fine supper was served in the lower hall at twelve o'clock, consisting of cold meats, salmon, potato salad, pies, fruit, coffee, ice cream and frozen pudding. Dancing was continued until two o'clock, and despite the weather early in the evening a good crowd was present.

The hall decorations were something that has never before been seen in this hall, and a great deal of credit is due the division for the amount of trouble taken in getting them up. The decorations were red and green throughout. The overhead was a bank of green with red and green streamers looped, and bells of red and green hung on corners. The front of the stage was covered with green, with "1912" in red in the center. On the top of the stage was a fence about eighteen inches high, covered with red and green. The arch was covered with green cloth clear to the floor, in the center the streamers on a white background. In the center of the arch, about halfway down, was a sign bearing the word "Welcome" with red and green bells on each side. Over the door in the rear of the hall was an electric flash sign in red and green with the lettering, "Div. 7, A. O. H."

Although the hall was not over crowded, as it usually has been, there was just room enough for those who attended to have a good time.

Wedding.
 Married, at the bride's home, in Wollaston, Tuesday evening, April 16, Miss Ida Belle Williams, to George Pierce Smith, a former resident of Ayer. The bridal party were preceded by little Gertrude and Marjorie Williams, nephew and niece of the bride, who scattered flowers in their pathway. Mr. Smith, attended by George M. Brown, and Miss Williams, with Miss Cherry Newell, as maid of honor, advanced to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, and stood before Rev. Wesley Wiggin, pastor of the Methodist church, who awaited them in the deep recess of the alcove windows. A large white bell, decorated with Easter lilies and green ferns, being over the arch, and was lighted inside by electricity. The other lights were lowered during the beautiful double ring service.

The words of the pastor seemed especially tender and impressive, because of his sincere interest and long association with the young couple in church and neighborhood relations. When the final words had been spoken, the lights were once more turned on, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith received the congratulations of the assembled relatives. A general reception followed, guests arriving from many outlying towns and cities until the house could not well accommodate more. Caterer Webber, of Jamaica Plain, furnished refreshments, ice cream, cake and fruit punch. The young ladies of the Phi Delta Alpha club and the Queen Esther society assisted in serving.

The bride wore a handsome gown of white crepe meteeur over messaline, and carried a large bouquet of bride roses and sweet peas. Her veil was caught with orange blossoms, sent by an aunt from California, just in time for the occasion.

The maid of honor looked charming in a gown of pink crepe meteeur, and carried an armful of day-break pinks. The ushers were Edward Williams, Louis Trussell, Byam J. Bean and Andrew S. Johnston. The house was beautifully decorated, the halls and stairway in green foliage, with yellow flowers, the parlor in green with white roses, the back parlor in pink roses and green ferns.

The gifts, which were displayed in an upper room, included everything useful for the home and much that was ornamental. Quantities of solid silver teaspoons, desert, orange, soup, table and other spoons, knives forks, butter spreaders, silver baking dishes, carving sets, gold clock, rosewood inlaid colonial clock and library lamp

with clock in base, dinner and tea sets of china, linen of all kinds, cut glass dishes of all sorts and shapes, pictures, draperies and bric-a-brac.

The bride, who has been buyer in a business house at Norfolk Downs for some years, was given a banquet by the management and office force, on leaving her position, and was presented with a valuable seated dining chair and six leather seated buffet chairs. Mr. Smith received from his office associates a fine cut glass water set.

A new home is being prepared at 61 Brook street, where the young couple will begin housekeeping on their return from their trip, which will be a quiet stay with relatives for the few days at their disposal now, to be followed later in the season by a more extended tour.

Mr. Smith is a member of John Hancock lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 224, while Mrs. Smith is a member of Rebekahs, No. 227.

The many expressions of heartfelt interest in the future of this newly wedded pair have been gratefully appreciated. The only cloud on their horizon was the inability of Frank L. Smith to be present, his duties in the Associated Newspaper service making it impossible. Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith, and Mrs. Smith is a sister of Frank S. Pierce.

Successfully Given.
 The four-act drama, "The country doctor," was presented by Ayer grange in Page hall on Tuesday evening before an audience that crowded the hall to the doors, and was given under the direction of U. H. Barrows.

The different parts in the cast were very well done, and everything in connection with the entertainment moved along with grace and precision. That the audience thoroughly appreciated the efforts of those who took part was proven by the frequent applause which was given. On the whole, the entertainment was highly creditable to all concerned.

Miss Letitia Ward was Agnes Gilbert, and Frederick T. Auld, as Thomas Britton, the country doctor, acted their difficult parts finely. Mrs. Margaret Rand, who impersonated Susan Pinner, the doctor's housekeeper, Mrs. Charles E. Stone, as Mrs. Birch, the hotel keeper's wife, and E. W. Carley, as Zebediah Bunn, and Walter C. Winslow, as Squire Ferguson, also did their parts well. Miss Kathryn Ward, as Anna Belle Umstead, with aspirations, handled her part in an admirable manner. William N. Scruton, as Sam Birch, made an ideal looking country hotel keeper. Leroy O. Smith, as Howard Wayne, Miss Olive F. Jenness, as Dolly Britton, the doctor's sister, Raymond Wright, as Earl, colored servant, and Charles E. Stone, as Ben Shaw, the stage driver, all acted their parts to perfection.

The members of the grange and those who took part in the drama are to be congratulated on the great success of their first effort. The sum netted from the play was \$62.45.

Resolutions.
 Whereas, in view of the loss we have sustained by the death of our friend and associate, John McGrath, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to him; therefore, be it Resolved,—that it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that in regretting his removal from our midst we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard.

Resolved,—that we, the members of the Irish Catholic Benevolent society, sincerely condole with the family of the deceased with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them and commend them for consolation to him who orders all things for the best, and whose chastisements are meant in mercy.

Resolved,—that this testimonial of our sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to the family of our departed friend, and a copy thereof be published in Turner's Public Spirit and the Ayer News.

Thomas McGuane,
 Louis Lapointe,
 Thomas Rynn,
 Committee.

Current Events Club.
 The Current Events club indulged in a grown-up children's musicale on Monday evening in the vestry of the Congregational church and as one of the younger ones said, had the "best time ever." In the invitations sent to guests each one was requested to present in some way a musical term or instrument. The representations were unique and the fun of guessing them filled a very enjoyable hour. Incidentally we learned many things; that a musical instrument may be well represented by a potato, that a full rest could illustrate a whole sermon on temperance, that a marvelous tenor could keep us guessing a good half-hour, and a piccolo and a piano solo could only be appreciated by the lowly-minded.

All sorts of musical terms (who would have guessed there could be so many), found remarkable expression with few duplicates, and the list is worth preserving.

The second number in the musical program, when the missing words were properly supplied, told us a story frequently found in the daily paper, and afterwards, with the aid of the piano played by Miss Carley, we read a real love story in the songs we used to sing. The program included a piano solo by Miss Osgood, and readings appropriate to the subject by Mrs. Hollis, Mrs. Hackett and Miss Evelyn Sanderson, all of whom were heartily applauded.

Matching up for lunch occupied some time and the dainty place cards, on which the music and one-half line of a song were beautifully executed by hand, attracted much attention and added no little zest to the generous repast provided.

The rooms, prettily decorated with soft colors, were well filled with guests, among whom were Mrs. Bigelow, president of the Woman's club, and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. B. H. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and

Miss Bessie Farnsworth, of Shirley. Much credit for the success of the evening is due to Mrs. Carley, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Wyman and Miss Rebecca Pierce.

Passed Through.
 Former President Theodore Roosevelt passed through town last Saturday morning and his private car, which was attached to the regular 8.56 train for Nashua. Although it was not generally known that he was coming this way, there was a good-sized crowd, including many passengers, who gathered around his car.

The Colonel appeared on the rear platform of the car and he said he would not make a speech, but stated that he was in the fight for the republican nomination for principle and the square deal. He also hoped that the people of Massachusetts would vote at the coming primaries as they did in Illinois, and thus show that they were their own masters. After he had finished he was given three cheers.

Both Generals Kuroki and Nogi are members of the Presbyterian church, as is also Field Marshal Oyama, whose Admiral Togo is a Roman catholic.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to LETITIA J. GEORGE, of Nashua, in the State of New Hampshire, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fourth day of May A. D. 1912, at nine 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 once in each week, for three successive weeks, in a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

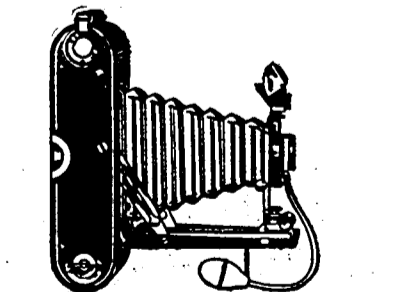
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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mrs. Ida M. Warren spent last Saturday and Sunday at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. Shea, of Manchester, N. H.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on next Monday evening.

G. M. Ballou is having a piazza added to his house on the north and westerly sides.

Albee Annis has just completed painting his house and barn.

Frank P. Rugg is improving the appearance of his house by a coat of paint.

John Chesbrough has accepted the position of night watchman at the factory of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co., succeeding Mr. Tremblay, who has held the position for many years.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge observed its sixth anniversary on last week Friday evening. The committee had many surprises by way of entertainment in store for members and their guests. A very dainty lunch was served and the evening passed into history as one long to be remembered. At the business session preceding the social features, two members were received by card.

Miss Mable H. Miner celebrated her birthday last Saturday by giving a novelty party to a few of her friends, all appearing in varied costumes. Miss Miner was the recipient of many gifts. Dancing, music and games, with refreshments, were the order of the evening.

Herbert V. Martin, of Middletown, Conn., was a visitor in town on Sunday at the home of Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Fanny McClellan. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are moving to Lawrence, where they will make their future home.

The body of Joseph Vancelette was brought to town for burial last Saturday. Mr. Vancelette died in Lowell, on Friday, April 12, at the age of 70 yrs. 5 mos. 14 days. He was a former resident here and lived on Ballou hill. Two sons survive—Hermidas, of Lynn, and Herne, of Lowell, and two daughters—Mrs. Joseph Levesque and Miss Marie Vancelette, of Lowell.

Miss Helen M. Winslow, of Shirley Center, is an applicant for the position of auditor of the American Monthly, the organ of the D. A. R., made vacant by the death of Mrs. E. M. Avery.

At a recent meeting of the Universalist church parish, the following officers were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year: J. Edwin Bonafret, clerk; Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, treasurer; Robertus F. Colburn and Benjamin S. Binney, deacons; Mrs. George O. Evans, col.; Robertus F. Colburn, Thomas L. Hazen and George O. Evans, parish com. It was voted to observe the 100th anniversary of the church next September, and a committee was appointed to carry out the project.

John Simpson is confined to his home with erysipelas.

D. Chester Parsons spent a few days this week in Springfield on business.

Miss Ruth K. Burrage, of Medford, spent this week in town.

Mrs. Erving E. Wallace, of South Waldboro, Me., was a recent guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alvah B. Watton, on Lancaster road.

The Helping Hand society of the Congregational church held its annual meeting on Tuesday evening with Mrs. A. A. Bronson, at the parsonage. About twenty were present. The evening was pleasantly spent in the playing of games and the serving of refreshments. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. A. A. Bronson, pres. and treas.; Miss Gladys Phelps, sec.

Burt Gately, son of Thomas G. Gately, started on his trip to California on Monday, where he intends to remain.

Mrs. Francis B. Hornbrooke, of Newton, will address the Altman club on Thursday afternoon, April 25, on "The protection of our wild birds." The meeting will be held at the Congregational vestry at three o'clock, and will be open to all interested.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Shirley Co-operative bank was held in the engine hall on Tuesday evening. The president, D. Chester Parsons presided. The reports of the various officers were read and accepted, and the following amendments to by-laws were adopted:

Amend paragraph third of Article VII by adding after the word "directors" the words "may be called by the president." "Special meetings" so that said paragraph shall read as follows: "Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the president. Special meetings of the board of directors shall be called by the president within five days after the receipt by the secretary of the written petition of five members of said board, in good standing, addressed to the secretary, setting forth the cause for such special meeting, provided that no business shall be transacted other than for which it is called."

Article VIII, quorum—Eleven shareholders shall constitute a quorum in special or regular meetings of the corporation. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the board of directors, provided that no business may be transacted at the meetings without a quorum of the directors.

The bank is in a flourishing condition, over eight hundred shares now being subscribed for. The following officers were elected:

D. Chester Parsons, pres.; Edwin H. Cobant, v. p.; Charles W. Marshall, treas.; Walter Knowles, dir. 1 yr.; Albe L. Annis, dir. 2 yrs.; Warren H. Atwood, Frank S. Bulkeley, William H. Davis, Eugene N. Livermore, Frank P. Rugg, dir. 3 yrs.; W. H. Wilbur, sec.

Underwent Operation.

Mrs. Charles W. Wolff was operated upon Wednesday for appendicitis at the Boothby hospital, Worcester square, Boston. Dr. Cotton performed the operation, assisted by Dr. Arnold and Dr. Hauser. This will come as a surprise to the many friends of Mrs. Wolff, who felt reasonably assured that Mrs. Wolff was again in good health after her long siege of illness over a year ago. It is most certainly hoped that some "blessing in disguise" will result from this sec-

ond serious attack, and that Mrs. Wolff will again be soon returned to her home fully restored to health.

Mr. Wolff arrived home from the Boothby hospital on Wednesday evening, and reported that the operation was most successful. Drs. Arnold and Cotton, eminent specialists, were assisted by Dr. Hauser, a lady, who is one of the leading physicians at the New England sanitarium at Melrose, where Mrs. Wolff was successfully treated nearly two years ago for a nerve trouble, and has kept in close touch with Dr. Hauser since that time.

On Thursday morning word was received over the telephone that Mrs. Wolff had passed a very comfortable night and the attending physicians state that her recovery is almost certain, with the exercise of due care.

Drs. Arnold and Cotton stated that the operation revealed serious and complicated conditions surrounding the appendix.

Center.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel held a very enjoyable meeting on last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Mrs. Steele Mackaye, of Cambridge, with her son, Percy Mackaye, the dramatist and playwright, and his family, spent Wednesday at their cottage here.

Robert H. J. Holden, of Harvard university, returned home on Wednesday for the remainder of his spring vacation after spending five days in the Stillman infirmary at Cambridge with a slight case of the German measles.

Mrs. Morse has returned to her home at Woodsville from the Kibbourn hospital, where she recently underwent two operations.

It is understood that Ardie A. Adams has been appointed for the position of forest fire warden.

Henry Crowe has been confined to his home at Woodsville with an attack of pneumonia, under the care of Dr. Kibbourn, of Groton, but is now rapidly improving.

The household goods of Mr. Sweetser arrived on Monday by auto truck from Winchester, but were stalled over night in the mud opposite the residence of Homer P. Holden. Mr. Sweetser arrived on Wednesday with his horse and carriage, having made the whole trip from Winchester by carriage. Mrs. Sweetser and daughter Pauline will arrive the latter part of this week.

Miss Helen M. Winslow and adopted daughter, Alison, of Cambridge, have returned to their summer home here with Miss Winslow's sister, Miss Harriet Winslow.

Mr. Wildman and family have moved into the house owned by John Stickney. Mr. Wildman is rapidly recovering from his recent illness.

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden spent the first part of the week with her son, Harrie P. Barnard, at the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Johnson, at the North, have been suffering from the grippe during the past week.

Harrison M. Hatch has moved into the Howard D. Bowles house at Groton, which he recently purchased. Mr. Hatch is a graduate of the University of Maine in the class of 1912, but finished his course in February, taking the four-year course in three and one-half years. It is understood that he will undertake scientific farming.

Ruby T. Crockett has returned to North Leominster, after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Crockett, at the North.

Charles Haskins is having a wagon shed erected, adjoining the barn at his home at the North.

Thomas H. Evans and Walter Woods spent the week-end at the home of Oscar Evans at West Townsend.

Mrs. Grace M. Winslow sailed on last week Friday from Boston on her return trip to England. Mrs. Winslow is to stay with her mother in England, and probably will not return for at least a year.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman has moved his goods from Brookline, where they have been in storage, and has stored them in the shop on the M. W. Longley estate.

J. Edward Adams, of New York city, arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Tuesday, for a vacation of one week.

J. Walker Ward has recovered from his recent illness and has resumed his duties on the rural free delivery route.

Miss Elsie Bohanon, of Nashua, N. H., spent the latter part of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker Ward are taking care of a little girl from the state orphan asylum.

Miss Etta M. Holden is spending the week with friends in Leominster.

C. C. Lane, of Cambridge, publication agent of Harvard university, together with his family, is spending the spring vacation at his summer home here.

Ernest Bohanon has secured a position in a garage in Nashua, N. H.

Arthur R. Holden returned on Monday to Middlebury college, after a ten-days' vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid will be held on Tuesday afternoon, April 23, at the home of Mrs. Mabel Graves.

Mrs.

During the heavy thunder storm of Tuesday afternoon and evening, the barn belonging to Howard Fuller was struck and burned to the ground. The fire was discovered about 5.30, and before help could be summoned the fire had gained such headway that it became impossible to save the building. Fortunately the heavy rain prevented the fire from spreading to the house or other buildings. Two pigs and some farming implements were all that was saved. The building was totally destroyed as was the horse, cow, one pig, several tons of hay, wagon, harnesses and farming implements.

The fire was especially serious since the barn was new, having been built last year when Mr. Fuller built his house. The stock and tools are a

total loss. The barn was covered by an insurance of \$1000. Mr. Fuller will probably rebuild the barn in the near future. Mr. Fuller has the sincere sympathy of the town in this severe setback to his first year of farming.

Grange Notes.

The grange meeting on Tuesday evening was omitted by vote of the members at the meeting on April 2.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange will hold its next meeting on May 2, with Shirley grange in the town hall.

Several members of Shirley grange attended the presentation of "The country doctor," by Ayer grange at Ayer on Tuesday evening.

Twenty-one grange members attended the conferring of the third and fourth degrees, and inspection at Fitchburg on last week Thursday evening.

Several members of Shirley grange attended the conferring of the third and fourth degrees at the Wachusett grange at Leominster Center last week Friday evening.

Several of the Shirley grange members attended the meeting of Lunenburg grange on Wednesday evening, the occasion being neighbors' night, and the program was given by members of Fitchburg grange.

LITTLETON.

About Town.

Miss Rachel Ireland will speak on Whittier, the poet, before the Guild on Sunday evening.

Roy Jewett has moved into the Halpin house.

Mrs. C. S. Robbins spent last week with relatives in Melrose.

Mrs. Adeline Knowlton and Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor were chosen as delegates last Sunday to attend the American Unitarian meetings which are to be held the last week in May.

Mrs. H. J. Harwood, with some of her children are back in the old home for the present, it being vacation for some of the boys, and were anxious to get back to their old home surroundings.

Mrs. M. J. Priest has been visiting her son in Groton the past week. Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Priest.

Mrs. Hattie Whitcomb, of Somerville, has been visiting at the home of her son, N. H. Whitcomb for a few days, prior to going to Unity, N. H., for the summer.

Unanimously Elected.

At the forty-sixth annual Grand Army encampment of the department recently held in Boston, the senior vice commander, George A. Hosley, was unanimously elected commander of the state department, and we feel a little pride in this honor, so justly bestowed, as we did a few years ago, when Mrs. Marion W. Going was promoted to the presidency of the state Woman's Relief Corps.

George Hosley was born here at the Common, in 1844, the only child of Walter and Mary Ann Hosley. As a boy he attended the schools here, later going to Fitchburg to school, where he had an aunt. He spent several years in California with his mother. His parents are dead. He is married and is now living in Charlestown.

Mr. Hosley has several cousins living here, and a short time ago came here to the sixtieth wedding anniversary of an aunt and uncle, the scribe meeting him at that time. He is a thorough soldier and always greatly interested in all old veterans, having the ability, time and means to help in every way the cause dear to his heart.

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 To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of SAMUEL WILSON SMITH, otherwise called S. WILSON SMITH, late of Ayer in said County, deceased, Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by ELLEN ELIZABETH SMITH, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.
 You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the ninth day of May A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
 And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.
 Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
 332 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
 To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of STELLA A. HARRIS, late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to WILLIAM A. HARRIS, of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, 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 ninth day of May A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
 To the next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of OLIVE A. HOSLEY, late of Ayer in said County, deceased, Whereas, NELLIE M. HILFENTH, a heir-at-law, of said deceased, has presented to said Court her petition praying for a partial distribution of the balance in the hands of the administrator of said estate among the next of kin of said deceased.
 You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of May A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why said distribution should not be made according to said application.
 And the petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering or mailing post-paid a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.
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 Ayer, Mass., April 8, 1912. 231

HOLLIS, N. H.
News Items.
 Mrs. Harriet Hazard and Miss Minnie Colburn, delegates from the Anna Keyes Powers chapter, D. A. R., to the national convention in Washington, D. C., left Hollis last week Friday to be in attendance at the convention this week.

Miss Frances Goodwin returned to her home last Saturday afternoon from a ten days' visit with her cousin, Mrs. Crathern in Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. C. J. Bell with her two sisters attended the wedding of their brother, Dr. Horace Howe, of Boston, to Miss Alice Boardman, last week. The wedding and reception was at the home of the bride's parents on Marlborough street.

Rev. C. T. H. Crathern of Worcester has been engaged by the John H. Worcester post as orator for Memorial day.

Irving Messer left Hollis last week Friday to engage in the manufacture of paper cups and bottles with his older brother, who has a factory in Boston.

Miss Frances Leighton returned to Hollis Monday noon, after being in St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, for treatment for an abscess in her ear, which is much better.

One case of scarlet fever has appeared in Hollis last Saturday and Alice Pollock is the victim. As there is other sickness in her home, she was removed to the home of Miss Grace Marshall, who is caring for her.

News was received on Monday of the death of Miss Abbie Fox in Nashua Sunday evening, after a long illness. Miss Fox was a native of Hollis, the daughter of the late Samuel and Augusta Fox. Her mother passed away last year. The funeral was held in Nashua Wednesday; the burial in the South cemetery, Hollis, beside her parents.

Real estate is changing hands in Hollis. F. A. Jones sold his farm in the village to Mr. Vickery, of Beverly, Mass. The papers were passed Monday afternoon. E. W. Hard sold his farm to Mr. Wright of Dedham, Mass., and purchased Peachcroft of T. Greenleaf, who will remain in Hollis for the present.

The Hollis fire department recently held its annual meeting and the officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:
 John Nute, captain engine and hose company; Norman Bennett, 1st lieutenant; James Walsh, 2d lieutenant; Hermon O. Stickle, 3d lieutenant; George W. Woodin, capt.; William W. Worcester, 1st lieutenant; Harold E. Hardy, 2d lieutenant; Harvey M. Powers, steward; M. J. Powers, treasurer.

The night of the meeting was changed from the first Saturday of each month to the first Monday.

Rev. Charles Clark of Millers Falls, Mass., occupied the pulpit last Sunday. He was the second candidate the committee have supplied since Feb. 1.

Commander Herman O. Stickney, U. S. N., whose boyhood days were spent in Hollis and Pepperell, and whose career has reflected credit on the town, has recently been ordered to Annapolis, Md., to be head of the department of marine engineering and naval construction.

Mrs. E. R. Kennick of Brookline, Mass., came to Hollis for a long stay Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Hills.

Two more farms are reported sold this week. Capt. John A. Coburn to Mr. Herrick recently of Winchester, Mass. Capt. Coburn reeves three acres on which he will build a residence. Mrs. Frank Wheeler's large fruit and berry farm at Patch's corner. It is rumored the price paid for the last mentioned, was ten thousand dollars. It is in a high state of cultivation with large apple orchards and immense berry fields.

C. H. Guethring, whose serious illness was recently reported in this paper, passed successfully through a serious operation last week and is gaining.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bell went to the state college on Wednesday to attend the graduating exercises of the class of two-years' course in agriculture of which their son Charles is a member.

The Hollis Woman's club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. M. J. Powers. The program was quotations about London, given by members in response to roll call. This was followed by a paper, "Glimpses of London," given by Mrs. Sweetser. After an intermission for sociability a piano solo was rendered by Miss Ruth Rogers. This was followed by a paper by Miss Mildred Rogers on "Dickens in London."

Death.
 The many friends of Mrs. Addie P. Farley, wife of W. P. Farley, were shocked and grieved, last week Wednesday to hear of her death in Nashua, the result of an operation for abdominal trouble.

Mrs. Farley has lived in Hollis the past twenty years and made many friends. She was a very genial woman, and a devoted christian. She loved the church of which she had been a member since a young girl, always ready to do everything in her power for its advancement. She was a devoted wife and mother and in her death they have met an irreparable loss.

Her funeral service was held at her late home on Pine hill last week Friday and was filled with sorrowing friends from all parts of the town, which she had made since she lived here. They testified their esteem by the many beautiful floral tributes. Rev. T. C. H. Bouton of Hudson was the officiating clergyman. The interment was in Fern Hill cemetery.
 She is survived by a husband, one son and two daughters, who have the heartfelt sympathy of their friends.

LITTLETON.
News Items.
 Reciprocity day will be observed by the Littleton Woman's club on Monday afternoon, April 22, when the Milford, N. H. Woman's club and other societies will be entertained. The

program will be a continuation of nature study—Flowers. Mrs. E. H. Proctor is chairman and has planned the following entertainment: Song, Herbert L. Hutchinson, M. D.; music, vocal soloist, Mrs. Grace M. Rotch; tea, Miss Edith M. Forster, Miss E. Marion Sweet.

The C. E. subject for tomorrow evening is "The christian virtues. IV. Perseverance."

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jackson, of Newtown district, spent last Sunday with friends in Lowell.

The entire family of Myron Bithrow is sick with tonsillitis. Mrs. Bithrow also has quinsy sore throat.

Rev. H. L. Packard gave a bird talk before the Groton grange last week Tuesday evening.

Elmer Hager has leased the Augustus P. Flagg farm for a term of seven years.

Mrs. O. J. Fairfield and Mrs. A. W. Knowlton spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Ware. Mrs. Fairfield engaged an original paper before the Alliance of the Unitarian society in Ware. Mrs. Knowlton was the guest of Rev. E. H. Brennan's family. During her absence, her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Ames, of Somerville, took charge of the Knowlton household.

The Reuben Hoar library will be closed this afternoon until four o'clock out of respect to James W. Ireland.

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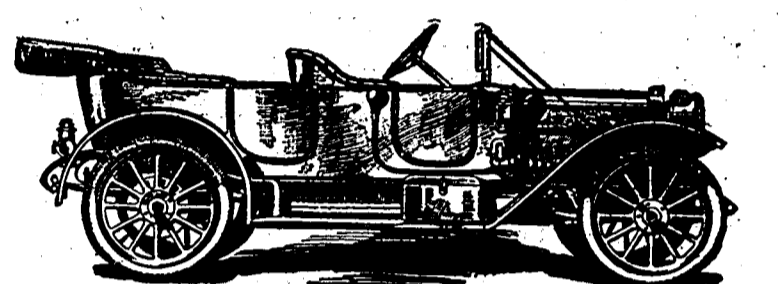
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