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SHIRLEY.

News Items.
The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church will hold its monthly social and supper with entertainment and also sale next Wednesday in the church. The sale will open at three o'clock in the afternoon and will continue through the afternoon and evening. A large variety of articles will be on sale at the following tables: Domestic, fancy, paper, mystery, candy and the girls' table. A fine supper will be served at seven o'clock with the following substantial menu: Cold roast pork, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, fancy pies, cake and coffee. The entertainment will commence at eight o'clock. The following well-known talent will appear: Enterprise, trio of Leominster and Miss Sibyl E. Bearse of Leominster, reader. There will be no charge for admission afternoon or evening. The only charge will be for the supper.

The society of the children of Mary held a meeting the first of the week when officers for the ensuing year

were elected as follows: Miss Mary Chaisson, pres.; Miss Cora Joyal, vice pres.; Miss Florida Gionet, sec. and treas. Reception will be given to the new members next Monday at the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Altruistic Meeting.
The Altruists met at their club room on Thursday afternoon. After the business hour, the president, Mrs. Myra E. Ely, introduced Mrs. Susan M. Barker of Ayer, who gave a most interesting and instructive talk on "The Montessori method of teaching," the system of kindergarten education which trains young children without correction, rewards or punishment to develop their own lives. She exhibited several toys and other articles showing how they could be taught to think and plan. The lecture was greatly appreciated.

The committee on Jellies reported that eighty-one tumblers of jelly and preserves were sent to the Parker Memorial before Thanksgiving. The Massachusetts state federation of women's clubs, civic department, sent notice of a meeting to be held in the

THERE'S one announcement that comes out pretty regularly twice a year, that ought to give the greatest satisfaction to every man who reads it. This is it:

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NOTICE—Store Closes Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Evenings at 6.30

town hall, Concord, December 8, at 2.30, Monday afternoon.
After singer meeting adjourned.

Center.
Services at the First Parish (Unitarian) church Sunday, December 7, at 11.15 a. m. It is expected that Rev. A. Judson Rich of Belmont will preach.

Horace C. Harris, Clark road, has been appointed rural carrier at the Shirley postoffice on route No. 1. Appointment effective December 16. Mr. Harris was graduated from the Leominster high school, class of 1910, four year classical course. He also took a two year course in civil engineering at the Boston Y. M. C. A. Co-operative Engineering college. He passed a fine civil service examination for the position of carrier and ought to be well qualified for the work.

Henry Elmer, who has been temporary carrier since the resignation of James Walker Ward in August, has gone through two months of the time with heavy work of counting and weighing the mail with the office force. Mr. Elmer is methodical and painstaking, doing good, conscientious work.

The First Parish Branch Alliance will hold its next meeting with Mrs. Grace Winslow December 11. It is expected that the director will be present and address the meeting.

Work is progressing rapidly on White's bridge. The heavy cement work is completed and the work of filling in and grading will be done very soon.

The next meeting of the Matron's Aid society will be held on Tuesday, December 9, at the home of Mrs. Arthur G. Dunn.

The many friends of Hamilton L. Wood of California, who is a member of the freshmen class at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be interested to learn that he has been elected by his class as a member of the athletic association of the institute.

Grange.

At the meeting of the grange Tuesday evening the officers for 1914 were elected. The following are the officers elect: Geo. H. Farmer, master; Harry N. Brown, overseer; Mrs. Mabel E. Graves, lec.; Thomas H. Evans stew.; Earl A. Graves, asst. stew.; Mrs. Bessie A. Buxton, chap.; Chas. E. Bradford, treas.; Margaret E. Evans, sec.; Luther Holden, G. K.; Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, Ceres; Mrs. Ida Evans, Pomona; Mrs. Julia E. Holden, Flora; Ora E. Holden, I. A. S.; Norman R. Graves, ex. com. three years. Twelve members of Shirley grange attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange at Ayer on Wednesday.

HARVARD.

Still River.
E. P. Fairchild, of Rutherford, N. J., called on friends here on Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday evening the mid-week prayer meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Abbie Dammun.

Members of the King's Daughters here attended an all-day sewing meeting at the Congregational church parlors in Harvard on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Savage are at Miss Alice Marshall's for the winter. Mrs. McBride returned from a week's visit with her daughter in Springfield on Wednesday.

Mr. Viles rode down to his store on Thursday afternoon, it being his first trip out from the house. He is gaining slowly and thinks he may be able to work before long.

Miss Flora Murchie was at home on Thanksgiving afternoon from her duties at one of the Boston hospitals.

New Advertisements.

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Heavy Woolen Glastonbury Mills	\$1.00 to \$1.50
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WESTFORD.

Center. A pleasant Thanksgiving gathering at Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Howard's included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard and son John, from Concord, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Howard and son Philip, from Littleton Common.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Nesmith were in attendance at the organization of the new Lowell grange on Monday evening of this week.

William E. Wright has sold the Blood Homestead recently owned by him to his brother-in-law, E. William Anderson, with the exception of the apple orchards and berries.

Seth W. Banister, one of the live-wire youths of Amherst Agricultural college, was one with others who displayed ability in diminishing the size of the Thanksgiving turkey that was "tabled" at the Banister.

The Nabnessett schoolhouse has had a new adjustment of new shingles. From the interior view point Miss Esther L. Smith, the teacher, has consolation to spare.

Rev. C. C. P. Hiller, a former minister of the Congregational church and the village church at West Chelmsford, has been visiting friends in West Chelmsford.

Frank Davis, who has leased the John H. Deceatur place, has ploughed three acres of land. It is easy to know what this means.

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Here's Some More "V. T. E." Here is a sample copy of government ownership and more copies will be had if desired.

Miss Louise Hughes, who has been under treatment at a sanitarium in good health, has returned home in good health. Her many friends are glad to welcome her back.

George Cougle, who has been a sufferer from rheumatism for the past few months, is now able to resume his work in the mill of Abbot & Co.

death, have never yet had a call down to the foot of the class because they were unable to define success.

Charles E. and Miss Belle Walker, of the old Water homestead, retired from the usual old-time home Thanksgiving, but carried the memories of these former home gathering associations to Fitchburg, where they reviewed vast memories of these days at the home of their sister, Mrs. Clara Littlefield.

Llewellyn Gates has sold his Parkerville farm, not including the buildings, to Fred E. Banks, of Boston.

The recent firehouse town meeting was largely attended, the hall being packed with fifteen folks and a moderator, the balance of the hall being packed with space.

The West Chelmsford Benevolent society will hold its monthly social and entertainment in the vestry of the church on next week Wednesday evening.

Frank E. Charlton and his mother, Mrs. A. J. Charlton, have recently returned from a pleasure trip spent with friends in Philadelphia, Pa.

Edward Connors, of Worcester, and Thomas Robarge, of Williamstown, Conn., have been recent guests of the Provost family during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saunders and daughter Doris, of Nashua, N. H., have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wall.

Miss Sadie Hoyt, of Methuen, and Miss Lola Hoyt, of North Andover, have been recent visitors here.

J. Omer LeDuc, who is now teaching school in Charlestown in the western part of the state, spent the holiday at his home in this village.

The members of the A. R. Choate hose company held their regular meeting in their rooms on last Monday night at the home of Mrs. Mary E. LeDuc.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore, of the south part of the town, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Savage, of Wollaston, on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Leclerc held a family reunion on the holiday when besides their children and grandchildren in the village they had as guests from out-of-town the following: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Byron and children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyde and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Paquette and two children, of Nashua, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cougle entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Morton and daughters, Hazel and Emma, of Braintree, Conn., the first of the week.

Alvin S. Bennett spent Thanksgiving with his brother, John Bennett, of Worcester.

Miss Annie Camping, with her brother and sister, all of Lawrence, were the guests of relatives here the last of the week.

Cameron park was the scene of a football game on Thanksgiving. Among the players who played were: E. A. Kernahan, of Grantville, and Mr. Davidson and friend, of Groton School.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cougle spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Gordon, of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett and daughter Eva were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tuttle, of Lowell, on the holiday.

The choir of St. Andrew's mission journeyed to Leominster last Sunday to take part in the services of St. Mark's church held on Sunday afternoon.

Communion services will be held at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday morning at 9.30. After next Sunday services will be held at 4.30 in the afternoon. Sunday school at 2.15.

Frank Collins spent Thanksgiving with friends in Rochester, N. Y.

of a brave and patriotic soldier, a companionable home man, neighbor and friend.

W. C. T. U. The W. C. T. U. met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. George Walker on Lincoln street. It was a large meeting in the sense of influence and profitability.

Miss Elizabeth Proctor, Grace Dacey, Ellen Thorpe, Ellen Hobson and Master John Kavanaugh spent the holidays with friends in New Bedford.

Miss Eva Fyne spent the holiday at the home of Mrs. Eugene Tibbetts, of Manchester, N. H.

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On Friday afternoon, November 28, the W. C. T. U. held the regular semi-monthly meeting in the Congregational vestry.

The senior class of the high school are preparing a play, "Marrying Beelzebub," which will be presented in the town hall on Tuesday evening, December 9.

The official board of the Methodist church held a meeting on Monday evening. All members of the church and congregation and everybody interested in the usual Christmas festivities are asked and even urged to be present at the opening of the Sunday school next Sunday at ten o'clock to talk over plans and make arrangements.

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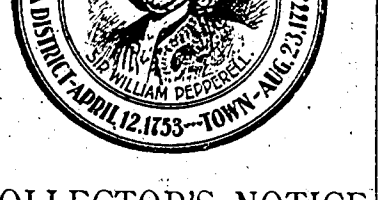
FRUIT TREES AND Nursery Stock SEND YOUR PLANTING LIST AND HAVE PRICES QUOTED

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of AUGUSTA A. NYE late of Littleton in said county, deceased, with issue, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate by EDWIN N. ROBINSON who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, with full power to him to execute the same, and giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the fifteenth day of December, A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in the Littleton Guidon, a newspaper published in said county, the last publication to be on or before the first day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

TAX SALE A certain parcel of land situated on the easterly side of Groton Street, Peppercorn, containing 1 1/4 acres, more or less, bounded by said street, land of Dennis McGrath, land of William E. Sartell; also, a certain tract of land in said Peppercorn containing 25 acres, more or less and known as the Trowbridge land.



Collector of Taxes for the Town of Peppercorn for the years 1910-1911

Sale of Real Estate - OF - The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the town of Peppercorn, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public, are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for said Peppercorn, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land, if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Tax Collector's office, Aldine Block, in East Peppercorn, on Saturday, the twentieth day of December, 1913, at ten o'clock A. M., for the payment of said taxes, with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

James Mahoney A lot of land with the buildings thereon situated on the easterly side of Mill Street in Peppercorn, containing 1-16 of an acre, more or less, and bounded by said street, land of the Horan Heirs, land of Charles F. Parker and others.

William W. Shattuck A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in the east part of Peppercorn on the westerly side of Hollis street, containing 70 square rods; bounded by said street, land of C. F. Parker (now or late), and land of T. T. Locke.

Walter J. Spaulding A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in the easterly part of Peppercorn, containing 1/4 acre, more or less, and bounded by Leighton Street, land late of James Fitzpatrick, Tarbell Street, land formerly of Allen S. Blood.

Albert T. Wood A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on Bancroft Street in the Town of Peppercorn, bounded by land once of Mary Wilson, Clara E. Richardson, land now or late of Zada Butman and Bancroft street; also, a parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Bancroft street in Peppercorn, bounded by land now or late of Mary Wilson, land once of Josiah F. Conant, and Bancroft Street, both of the above containing 20 acres, more or less.

Mary M. Coffin A certain tract of land and the buildings thereon, situated in the easterly part of Peppercorn on the easterly side of Pleasant Street, bounded by land once of Levi Sartell, land late of James E. Butterfield, land formerly of Albert Leighton, and said Pleasant Street.

Fred A. Parker A certain farm situated in the west part of the Town of Peppercorn on both sides of Wheeler Street, consisting of 54 acres, more or less, with the buildings thereon, bounded by said street, land formerly of John Rouke, land late of James Gleason, land of one Campbell, land now or late of Martha Haynes, land of one Whitcomb, and land of one Stewart.

Gerry B. Shattuck A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in the Town of Peppercorn on the northerly side of Head Street, containing 1/4 acre, more or less, a part of which was conveyed to said Shattuck by Ebridge Currier late of said Peppercorn.

A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in the easterly part of Peppercorn, containing 1/4 acre, more or less, and bounded by Leighton Street, land late of James Fitzpatrick, Tarbell Street, land formerly of Allen S. Blood.

A certain tract of land and the buildings thereon, situated in the easterly part of Peppercorn on the easterly side of Pleasant Street, bounded by land once of Levi Sartell, land late of James E. Butterfield, land formerly of Albert Leighton, and said Pleasant Street.

A certain farm situated in the west part of the Town of Peppercorn on both sides of Wheeler Street, consisting of 54 acres, more or less, with the buildings thereon, bounded by said street, land formerly of John Rouke, land late of James Gleason, land of one Campbell, land now or late of Martha Haynes, land of one Whitcomb, and land of one Stewart.

A tract of land with the buildings thereon situated on the northerly side of Head Street in Peppercorn, containing 5 acres, more or less, and bounded by said street, land of Edward L. Tarbell, land of the Congregational parsonage, and land late of Matilda Freesty.

A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon situated in the east part of Peppercorn on the easterly side of Groton Street, containing 1/4 acre, more or less, bounded by said street, land now or late of Rose Sheedy, land late of Josiah F. Sartell, and Timothy Leary.

A certain side of land situated on the easterly side of Groton Street, Peppercorn, containing 1 1/4 acres, more or less, bounded by said street, land of Dennis McGrath, land of William E. Sartell; also, a certain tract of land in said Peppercorn containing 25 acres, more or less and known as the Trowbridge land.

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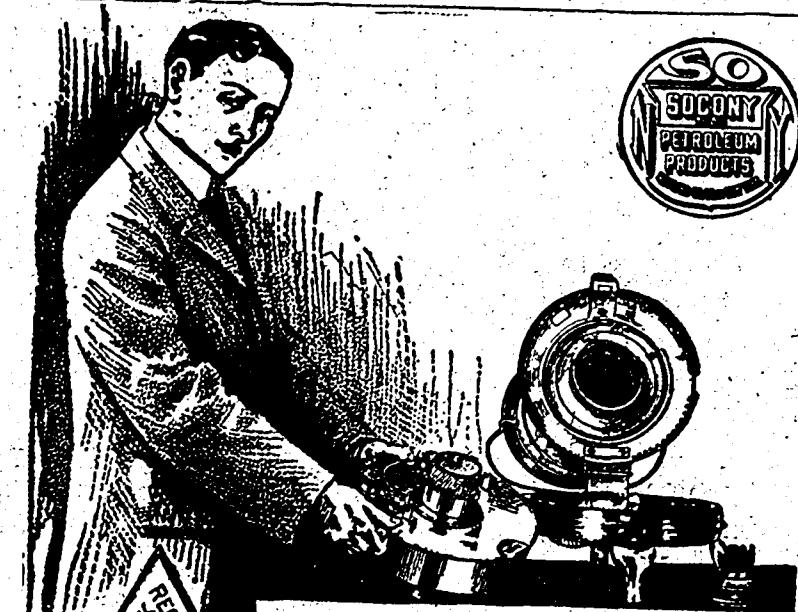
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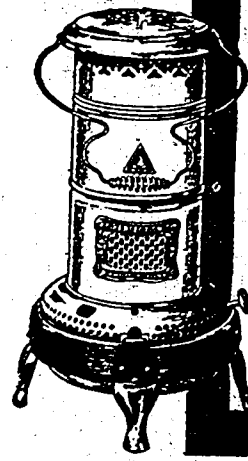
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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Charles S. Smith, forty years of age of Pawtucket, R. I., was killed on Tuesday by an automobile driven by Herbert M. Smith, manager of the local branch of Swift & Co., packers. In avoiding a street car he stepped in front of the automobile. He leaves a widow and one son. Mr. Smith was formerly designer at the factory of the C. A. Edgarton Co. in town and was well known to Shirley residents. He left Shirley about fourteen years ago and started in the manufacture of suspenders in Pawtucket building up a large and lucrative business under the name of the Smith Webbing company of which he was the manager and treasurer. Much regret was expressed by the townspeople when the news of his sudden death was spread through the town.

Horace Harris has received the appointment from Washington, D. C., to the position of U. S. letter carrier, succeeding J. Walker Ward. Mr. Harris obtained the highest percent in the competitive examination of which there were five, who were Joseph Tremblay, Henry W. Eisner, Wilford C. White, Horace Harris and Harry H. Lynch. Mr. Eisner has been substituting since the resignation of Mr. Ward.

Alex. Bolger was taken Monday to the tubercular hospital at Fitchburg. Mrs. A. P. Petersen of Brooklyn, N. Y., is spending a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petersen.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church will hold a sewing meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Louise Butler on Wednesday afternoon of next week at three o'clock.

Miss Ruth Smalley of Revere is a guest at the home of Mrs. Charles Tewksbury.

Miss Dora Burnham of Revere spent the week-end and over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albe Annis.

Miss Lena Tewksbury, a school teacher at Springfield, has arrived at her home to remain until January.

Set tubs are being installed in the Tewksbury homestead on Center road.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., take pleasure in announcing that their second entertainment in the course of which will be staged in Oddfellows' hall on Saturday evening, December 20. The attraction will be "The Pierces," recognized to be the cleverest entertainers before the public. Residents of this town who have seen them give an entertainment say you cannot speak too highly of them. Watch the date December 20.

Miss Margaret Love is making preparations for a journey to Deland, Fla., and will leave here December 27 for that city to reside in the dining room of a large and fashionable hotel during the months of January, February and March. Miss Love will then return to Shirley and resume her duties in the dining room of the C. A. Edgarton company.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church will hold its monthly supper, social and entertainment next Wednesday evening in the church.

Charles R. White has been confined to his home again the past ten days with rheumatism.

Mrs. Kate Burrill, who experienced a slight shock last week, is improving nicely.

Mrs. Murphy, of Fredonian street, is very seriously ill.

The C. E. society of the Congregational church held a business meeting and social in the church vestry on Monday evening.

The Comrade club held its regular meeting in the vestry of the Congregational church on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Blanchard, of Rumford Falls, Me., and Patrick Blanchard, of Caraque, N. B., were visitors at the home of his sister, Mrs. Phileas Glonet, last Sunday.

Fred S. Holden, of Shrewsbury, spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden.

Miss Mrs. Gelo, employed for some time past in the boxing department of the C. A. Edgarton Company, left town on Tuesday morning for her home in Vermont on account of the illness of her mother. Miss Gelo boarded with the Arthur E. Feich family on Harvard road.

The Shirley Electric Company have signed a contract with the Massachusetts Lighting Company to supply them with electric power. Workmen are now busy making the necessary connections and it is expected that by January 1, that the current from that company will be supplying all Shirley with electric power, which will be continuous day and night.

Mrs. C. R. White will hold her dancing class this Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. Mrs. White postponed her classes last Saturday owing to the severe snowstorm.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening, when officers for the year 1914 will be nominated.

Supper will be served at seven o'clock followed by the entertainment. There will also be a sale of miscellaneous articles.

Mrs. Emma Cummings spent a few days last week with friends in Worcester.

Mrs. Fred Holden, of Shrewsbury, with children, was a visitor Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden. Mrs. Holden (nee Brigham) came to attend the Pomona grange meeting in Ayer on Wednesday.

Mrs. Eva Holden and Miss Elsie Bohanon will open a new dry goods store in the building formerly occupied by Forrest Hooper, the tinsmith. It will be known as the New Idea store and they will also sell sewing machines and pianos.

John G. Conant reports for duty on Monday to serve on the federal grand jury.

David Lambert and Hector Toin left town on Thursday morning for Jacksonville, Fla., where they hope to secure employment and remain.

The new floor in the Odd Fellows' hall is attracting outside parties as the Moonlight club, of Leominster, have engaged the hall for a dance from eight to twelve on Wednesday evening, December 10.

Old Shirley Chapter, D. A. R., held its regular meeting on Monday evening with Mrs. E. E. Edgarton. It was voted at this meeting to change the time of meeting to the second Tuesday evening in the month. Several matters of interest were discussed by the chapter without any final decision and then Mrs. Hittie Evans and Mrs. Carrie Tilden read a paper on "A group of Massachusetts heroines," giving an interesting account of women for whom several chapters are named; also, a short account of how the trophies at Washington have been reserved. Mrs. Edgarton exhibited a wooden canteen that was carried

in the revolutionary war and presented to old Shirley chapter by her father, William Jubb. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Nellie Holbrook on January 13.

An Enjoyable Event.

The monthly supper, social and entertainment in the vestry of the Congregational church on Wednesday evening, which was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Circle, was a most enjoyable event. A substantial supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. Gertrude Harris, Miss Allie Howe, Mrs. Sara Rugg, Mrs. Nellie Holbrook, Mrs. George Hersom, Miss Margaret Lovell, Miss Leona Lee, The Misses Gladys Phelps and Esther Harris assisted. A very pleasing program of entertainment was given at eight o'clock under the direction of Miss Marion E. Fowle, Miss Margaret Lovell and Miss Lena F. Fuller. The special feature of the entertaining features was the farce, "Why Mrs. Gaskill did not hire a cook," with the following cast: Mrs. Gaskill, Misses Fowle, Hastings, Fuller, Lovell, Conant, Mrs. McCoy, Lester James and Sarah Stevenson.

Deaths.

Edward McClure, aged 93 years, 8 months, 10 days, passed away on Sunday evening at the Shirley Inn, where he has boarded with his daughter, Miss A. McClure, for some time past. Mr. McClure came to reside at the Shirley Inn eighteen months ago with his daughter. He has enjoyed good health all his life and up to the time of his sickness, which commenced about six weeks ago, he never experienced a day's illness. Mr. McClure was a most remarkable man. In many respects he exhibited his long life of temperate habits, a sunny disposition and activity in everyday life. The direct cause of his death was a general and final breaking up of old age.

Mr. McClure was born in Mascaw, Canada and for many years he was engaged in the baking business. His family, besides a wife, consisted of five sons and four daughters. Of that number two sons and two daughters survive, who are Miss A. McClure of Shirley, Mrs. J. J. Woods of Lynn and Thomas McClure, of Brookline, Mass.

Miss A. McClure has been the constant companion of her father for the past ten years and during his illness never left his bedside.

The funeral took place on Wednesday with requiem high mass being celebrated in St. Anthony's church, Rev. Rosario Richards officiating. The casket was taken to Holywood cemetery, Brookline, for burial in the family lot. The floral tributes were beautiful.

Nelson Brass, a former well-known resident of this town, died at his home on Main street, Northampton, on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock from apoplexy. He retired for the night at 7:15 in his usual good health and fifteen minutes later he was a corpse. He was 62 years of age. He was the father of Mrs. Michael Moran, heard a peculiar sound in the bed-room and rushing to his aid found him dead. Mr. Brass was a native of Canada. He left Shirley to reside in Northampton about a year ago. The remains were brought to Shirley on Thursday morning and service held in St. Anthony's church, Rev. Rosario Richards officiating. Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery.

Mellie Thomas, age 13 years, 10 months, 21 days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Thomas, died last Saturday of tuberculosis after an illness of about eight months. The deceased was a member of a family of eight children. Her near survivors are her parents, four sisters and three brothers. Funeral was held on Monday morning with service being held in St. Anthony's church, Rev. Rosario Richards officiating. The remains were interred in the family plot in St. Anthony's cemetery.

Instantly Killed.

John D. Allen, gate-tender at the Lumber crossing on the Boston and Maine railroad, met instant death on Tuesday morning when in avoiding the 6:45 passenger train from Fitchburg he stepped directly in front of a freight train going in the opposite direction. An unfortunate man was struck by the pilot of the engine and hurled several feet from the track. A badly fractured skull, besides other injuries, caused instant death.

Mr. Allen had been gate-tender at the Lumber crossing for the past two years, having left a position in the factory of the C. A. Edgarton Company to assume the position. The remains were taken aboard the passenger train to Ayer and placed in the undertaking rooms and on Wednesday morning was shipped to Newburyport, where his mother and sister reside.

Mr. Allen had resided in and around Shirley for the past eight years. His sudden death created profound sorrow among his many friends in town, especially the employees of the C. A. Edgarton Company, where he was so well known. He resided for a time at Mitchellville at the home of C. C. Peirce, president, and the secretary, Mrs. Minnie L. Allen, read the records of the last meeting, which were approved. A code of by-laws to govern the organization was then adopted.

The secretary then called the roll and the representatives responded as follows by telling of the action taken by their society and the amount of money they would donate:

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., \$5.00. Dr. Carter's service, \$5.00. Guild, \$5.00. Rev. William M. Ford, Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., \$5.00. Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., \$5.00. Mrs. Knowlton, \$5.00. St. James church, \$5.00. Rev. G. Edwin Woodman; C. E. society, Congregational church, \$5.00. Stanley Wells, \$5.00. Daughters, \$5.00. No delegate appointed yet; Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church, \$5.00. Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook; Ladies' Aid society, Baptist church, \$5.00. Mrs. Charles Bruso; Ladies' Aid society, Universalist church, \$5.00. Mrs. Lydia R. Binney; Union of St. James, no yet pledged; Michael G. Glonet; Matrons' Aid and Grange, combined together, not yet pledged; Helping Hand club of the Catholic church, \$5.00. Mrs. Joseph Allen; Assumption society not yet pledged; Sylvester Thomas; Artisans not yet pledged; William Glonet; J. Merriman club, \$25.00. Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman; Alliance, \$35.00. Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth.

The aggregate of pledges so far received amount to the sum of \$135.

The following were chosen by ballot to serve as members of the executive committee: Rev. G. Edwin Woodman, Rev. William M. Ford, Walter Knowles and Michael G. Glonet. The meeting then adjourned, the next meeting of the board to be held on Saturday evening, December 13, in Engine hall.

Center.

Miss Vera Bradford returned on Monday to the Emerson School of Oratory after spending a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Carey spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Carey's brother, Edward Carey, at Fitchburg.

Miss Helen M. Winslow and adopted daughter, Miss Allison Winslow, closed up their house on Center road last week and have gone to Cambridge for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton returned to Brookline on Sunday after spending the week at their summer home on Center road.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held a pleasant meeting on last Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Clinton J. Lovell at the home of Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

The next meeting, on Saturday, December 6, will be held at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

Miss Marion L. Holden returned on Sunday to Greenwich after spending a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

Miss Ruth M. Graves returned on Sunday to Roylston after a short vacation spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

George Schields, of Brookline, spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton on Center road.

A large engraving of Miss Helen M. Winslow and one of her adopted daughter, Miss Allison Winslow, appeared in last Sunday's Boston Post together with a long article concerning Miss Winslow's ideas on the adoption of children.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware and family, of Brookline, spent a few days at their summer home on Hazen road last week.

Miss Underhill, who has been acting as companion for Mrs. Woodhead for several months, sails on Saturday, December 6, for England.

Mr. Parson delivered a fine sermon to a large congregation at Trinity church last Sunday afternoon. Regular service at 3:15, with Sunday school at 4:15.

Howard M. Longley was tendered a surprise party last Saturday evening by a few of his friends, the occasion being his twenty-second birthday. The evening was spent with music and games. Different kinds of candy were served. Those present were Ruth M. Graves, Earl Graves, Marion L. and Edna Holden, Vera Bradford, Ralph Graves, Carrie and Walter Woods, Ethel M. Holden, Helen Bradford, Priscilla and Pauline Sweetser, Ernest Bohanon.

Successfully Staged.

Perce Mackaye, whose latest play, "A thousand years ago," is being given at the Shubert theatre in Boston, addressed the Drama League on Thursday afternoon on the biography of a play, his points being illustrated by references to the history of "A thousand years ago." Mr. Mackaye was present on Monday night at the premier performance of "A thousand years ago," which is meeting with great success. E. C. Braut in Tuesday's issue of the Harvard Crimson reviews the play as follows:

"A thousand years ago." Mr. Mackaye's latest play, was produced for the first time on any stage at the Shubert theatre last night and a large and genuinely appreciative audience buzzed outside the door, and lived in a world of grotesquerie and romance, rings and roses, with a beggar's wailing in for good measure. Mr. Mackaye waved his magic wand and bade us step with him into the land of heart's desire, where men dared all for the love of fair women. And his audience followed him joyously.

Mr. Mackaye has taken the old Arabian Nights story of Turandot and given it new garments. He has appealed to the child's heart that lies dormant in us all, and proves that romance is just as much alive today as it was a thousand years ago.

The story of "A thousand years ago" is that of Calaf, Prince of Astrakhan, whose father has been slain by Altoum, Emperor of China. Calaf supposed to have been drowned, but he reappears in the streets of Pekin in disguise and declares his mad love for Turandot, the daughter of the emperor. And in the same streets of Pekin appears Capocornico, a vagabond player, a devil-may-care jimp of romance. Capocornico agrees to cure the emperor's daughter of a mysterious illness, provided he is allowed to change places with the emperor for a day. The emperor agrees and Capocornico reigns for twenty-four hours, during which time many bizarre and interesting things happen, but in the end Capocornico proves himself to be the god in the car and brings the lovers together, because, after all, Turandot was only sick of love and wily Capocornico knew it.

The play was in four acts and was given a most gorgeous Oriental setting. Notably beautiful was the mountain scene in the third act with its atmosphere of certiness and unreality. The simplest means were employed but the effect was all there. And, by the way, it is very significant that a practical manager like William Elmer, who produces the play, should use the new settings.

H. Cooper Cliffe, who played the fantastic role of Capocornico, brought out the debonair and mischievous qualities of that part most admirably. Miss Rita Jolue was a most winsome and attractive Turandot, and Jerome Patrick made a handsome Calaf.

Mr. Mackaye is to be congratulated on "A thousand years ago." He had a most whimsical and unusual theme to handle, and the appreciation of last night's audience showed that he handled it supremely well.

ELIZABETH

The professor was telling the class in English history of the Elizabethan era. He turned to one of the young men and asked: "How old was Elizabeth, Mr. Holmes?"

"The young man wore a far-away expression.

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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 EDWARD WINSLOW of Brookline in the County of Norfolk 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 seventeenth day of December A. D. 1913, 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 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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Saturday, December 6, 1913.

GROTON.

News Items.

The Groton R. F. D. carriers and all the other rural carriers of the land rejoiced over the recent announcement...

Mrs. Charles Harrington will hold her Christmas sale of fancy work at her home on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings, December 10 and 11.

The members of the Groton Women's club are cordially invited by the Littleton Women's club to attend the opera talk by W. L. Hubbard in the Littleton town hall on Monday afternoon, December 8, at two o'clock.

On Saturday evening, November 29, a surprise party composed of a dozen of his young companions was given Lewis G. Woods at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Woods.

Miss Annie L. Gilson was a Thanksgiving guest at B. F. Adey's in Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Denahy went last week Wednesday to a Thanksgiving family gathering at Somerville, returning home this week Monday.

Carl A. P. Lawrence, from Dartmouth, and Lewis M. Knapp, from Amherst College, were home for the Thanksgiving recess.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crowley, of Pleasant street, joined the Thanksgiving family reunion at Kingston, staying from Wednesday of last week until this week Monday.

Townsend Folkins is also for a camp at Massachusetts, called Island Pond, in the easterly part of the town.

Miss Ada Bradley returned last week to her duties at the Massachusetts General hospital after spending a week's vacation at her home here. Miss Bradley will complete her course in training for a nurse next summer.

Miss Nellie F. Hill, of the Willard Settlement, Boston, was home for the Thanksgiving recess.

Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins and son, Lowell Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and family and other friends, making a party of twenty-three, came in their autos last week Thursday and ate their Thanksgiving dinner at Groton Inn.

Wallace A. Brown and family went to West Acton for their Thanksgiving.

Miss Edith Timmins has joined The Vincent—the young ladies' society club, of Boston.

Miss Mary A. Dunphy, teacher at North Attleboro, came home for the Thanksgiving recess.

Mrs. R. W. Douglas, of Boston, was a Thanksgiving guest of the Misses Hutchins of Pleasant street, remaining until Monday of this week.

At the meeting of E. S. Clark, W. R. C. on Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. H. H. Whitehill, pres.; Miss Elizabeth Gibson, s. v. p.; Mrs. Doris Putnam, J. C. M.; Mrs. E. Boynton, treas.; Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, chaplain; Mrs. Alice Gilson, com.; Mrs. Mary Messenger, g. s.; Mrs. Doris Putnam, Mrs. Alice Gilson, delegates to department convention in Boston; Mrs. Edith Benedict and Mrs. Emma Collier, alternates.

The Groton Improvement society will meet with the Misses Warren on Monday afternoon, December 8, at 3.30 o'clock. A large attendance is desired.

Prof. Morton, state agent of Amherst Agricultural college, who has the oversight of the children's gardens and who awards the prizes offered by the college, has just given out the prizes for this year. In the towns competition Hadley with 504 points won first prize, a large silver cup, and Groton with 405 points won second prize, a small silver cup. Of the school gardens mentioned, all the school gardens in Groton were honorably mentioned, except Chicopee row school garden which won third prize of fifteen dollars.

The free lecture on birds in town hall Thursday evening was given by full house. Prof. Banes held the close attention of the audience as he gave his talk on our wild birds, such as the white heron from which the algreitte has been taken, the blue jay, the pigeon, the chickadee, and all the other wild birds. The lecture was entertaining and instructive, calculated to arouse an interest in the welfare and preservation of these birds. The illustrations were very beautiful.

Mrs. H. M. Chase will give a paper before the Guild at the Unitarian church this Sunday evening. Her subject will be "Forefather's day."

At the meeting of the W. R. C. on Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Charles Lucy was received as a new member.

The ladies of the Baptist church benevolent society are very busy earnestly preparing for their sale in the town hall, the date of which is set for Thursday, December 13.

The Woman's club holds its next meeting next Friday afternoon at the usual time and place. Mrs. Julia Ward Shaw will be the speaker, having for her subject, "Julia Ward Howe."

Some seventeen to twenty members of Groton Grange attended the Polymona Grange at Ayer Wednesday and report a good meeting. Millard S. Sawyer was elected master for the third time, having served the two past years.

The E. S. Clark W. R. C. will hold a private sale at the next meeting which will be on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 16. A full attendance is urged and each member is requested to bring something to sell and come prepared to buy something.

Mrs. M. J. Warner has gone to Groton Inn for the winter.

The primary grades of the public schools closed next week Friday for a three-weeks vacation.

The officers elected for the ensuing year at the Groton grange meeting on Tuesday night are as follows: Frank Patterson, m.; Elmer Sawyer, o.; W. A. Woods, lec.; Kenneth Sawmeyer, stew.; Leslie Blood, asst. stew.; Mrs. Amy Wright, J. C. M.; Fred Lancy, chap.; Miss Lois Wright, sec.; Wallace A. Brown, treas.; Mrs. E. P. Woolley, Ceres; Mrs. Mary Messenger, Pomona; Mrs. Nora Folkins, Flora; M. S. Sawyer, ex. com.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Janet Sargent, Groton road, on Thanksgiving day at which twenty-six sat down to dinner. Those present from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sargent and family, of Lancaster; Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Sargent and family, of Biting N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Goodrich and son, of Upton, and Mr. and Mrs. George Townsend, of Roxbury. It was the first time for a number of years that the family had been together at Thanksgiving.

Abel Lawrence, of Hollis street, one of the oldest men in town, had an ill turn last Sunday, it being necessary to call a physician. He is much better now.

Everett T. Warren came home from Dover, N. H., on Thanksgiving day for a two-weeks vacation.

At the meeting of Groton grange on Tuesday evening, December 16, the third and fourth degrees are to be conferred.

G. William Woods, son of George H. Woods, came home from the Lowell Textile school to spend the Thanksgiving recess.

George H. Woods is repairing the barn on the former Moulton or Jarvis Woods' place near Baddacock and now owned by W. F. Wharton.

The senior class of the high school will hold a social dance in the town hall on Friday evening, December 19. Music, Thayer's orchestra.

Interesting Meeting.

The Groton Women's club held a meeting of more than usual interest and enjoyment last week Wednesday afternoon at their federation day at the home of Mrs. Minna R. Mulligan, of Natick, ex-president of Massachusetts Federation of Women's clubs was a woman of very attractive personality. She sought to inspire her listeners with her own zeal in club work, in which she is so efficient. Songs were rendered under the direction of the music department and accompanied by Miss Lowe. Tea was served by the hospitality committee. As the president, Miss Boutwell, was obliged to be absent, the meeting was presided over by the vice president, Mrs. H. M. Chase. There was a large attendance, estimated from sixty to seventy-five members.

Groton's Novel Idea.

Groton School has launched a unique movement in winter sports by planning to have an outdoor gymnasium. The chief object of this arrangement is to have the boys take their exercise in the fresh air, rather than in the enclosed gymnasium which is often apt to be full of dust. Heretofore a lack of funds has been the chief reason for the delay, but with seven hundred dollars on hand it has been decided to begin building the most needed parts at once, namely the running tracks. These tracks are to consist of a hundred yards straightaway, such as a tenth of a mile circular oval, and will have a covering of cinders. After they are completed it is hoped that several pieces of gymnastic apparatus may be installed, with places set apart for general field athletics, such as hammer throwing, broad jumping and shot-putting. Then, too, there is to be another space with paved wooden blocks, upon which drills may take place, and different games played.

The ground for this is now being cleared and leveled behind the present gymnasium and the only reason for delay in its completion will be the lack of funds. It will be a welcome addition to the school's athletic resources and should eliminate many of the usual winter ailments which are often caused by a lack of fresh air.

Other schools have had a certain amount of outdoor exercise space, but it is believed that Groton's plan will be the most complete of any of them when it is finally finished.

West Groton.

The four-act play, "The Teacher," given here on Wednesday evening of last week by the senior class of the Townsend high school, was entirely deserving of a full house and a tentative and appreciative audience. The date chosen, however, was unfortunate; people were away or entertaining guests, or simply too weary to make the effort to attend, as Thanksgiving eve is quite likely to find those responsible for the next day's bountiful dinner. Without exception the parts were remarkably well taken, and we are glad to learn that in spite of the various handicaps, the young people added a number of dollars to their fund for a graduation visit to Washington.

The entertainment given under the auspices of the L. A. society drew a good audience, though, owing to the bad condition of the roads, not so large as had been hoped for. Miss Marion Evelyn Starks, of Boston, fully justified all the nice things that had been said of her, and we certainly hope to hear her again. The vocal solos by Mrs. A. W. Lamb and Miss Susie Hill were, as usual, greatly enjoyed and heartily endorsed. The instrumental music by Mrs. E. F. Sleeper and Messrs. Robinson and Sleeper formed a pleasing part of the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Enoch Small accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Brown, to her home in Leominster on Friday of last week, where she will spend the winter.

Coming on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Vedder, of New York, are guests of their daughter, Mrs. A. W. Lamb.

Mrs. C. R. Dudley recently entertained a sister and niece for several days.

Mrs. C. E. Bixby, of New York, and her daughter Dorothy will remain in West Groton for several weeks before going to the apartments recently taken for the winter in East Orange, N. J.

Mr. O'Connell, of Main street, employed at the leatherboard mill, suffered a painful accident on Wednesday of last week, losing a part of his thumb. He was taken to the Groton hospital for treatment, remaining until Friday.

Mrs. O'Connell, who has been in New York for some weeks, has returned. She was accompanied by her son, who is still quite weak from a recent attack of typhoid.

Mrs. A. W. Lamb has been quite ill this week, on Wednesday requiring a physician's attendance. She is reported as better.

Miss Bertha Bixby spent the week-end out-of-town.

Mrs. G. G. Harrington and children, Grand and Winifred, visited in Leominster on Thursday and Friday.

Roscoe Ferden was in town last week calling on friends. He was entertained at F. E. Harrington's.

Mrs. Jennie Hemenway and Dorothy Thompson visited Boston one day this week.

Mrs. Edward Mellish, who has been quite seriously ill, is convalescent.

Willard Balcom has moved from Milford, N. H., and is occupying his home on the Groton road known as the Thompson house, and recently vacated by Ambrose Carson.

The Fallon house on Kemp road, vacated last week by Mr. Mansur, is occupied by H. A. Wilson, of Townsend.

The West Groton Gun club held a "pigeon shoot" on Thanksgiving morning, at which there was a very considerable display of skill on the part of several contestants. As usual, Raymond Sleeper won the prize turkey, though by only one point, E. F. Shores being second.

L. A. S.

The Ladies Aid society held a very pleasant meeting on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge. The next meeting will be held in the upper hall on Saturday afternoon, December 13, and will be strictly a business meeting.

On Thursday and Friday of next week, December 11 and 12, the Ladies Aid society will hold its semi-annual fair. The doors of the upper hall will be open to the public at three o'clock on Thursday afternoon, and all are cordially invited to come and assist in the various booths. At eight in the evening an entertainment will be given, consisting of a short miscellaneous program and the famous "Mrs. Jarley," who will describe the individual figures in her own famed display of wax works. All who would enjoy a good laugh would do well to go to "Mrs. Jarley's wax work show."

On Friday evening there will be a supper in the lower hall, followed by a display of remaining articles. A table of serving sandwiches will be set up, and will provide lunch on Thursday afternoon and evening only. Each department of the fair is in charge of a chairman as follows: Entertainment, H. Bixby; Christmas, Mrs. G. G. Lamb; candy, Mrs. C. L. Roy; lettuce cream products, Mrs. G. G. Harrington; Chinese laundry, Mrs. G. I. Wooler; pop corn and peanut stand, Mrs. Edward Hallett; "gabs," Mrs. Chas. Bixby; postoffice, Miss Olive Farber; supper, Mrs. C. T. Spaulding; reception committee, Mrs. Clifford Bixby; lunch table, Mrs. M. E. Williams.

Thanksgiving.

Mrs. William Wilcox, with her two children, was a guest at the home of her brother, A. W. Lamb, over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Among those who returned home for Thanksgiving were noted Harold Strand, of Providence; Martin O'Meara, of Lynn; Miss Kate O'Meara, of Leominster; "gabs," Mrs. Edwin Brown, of Leominster; Mrs. Enoch Small; Mrs. McCalley, of Leominster; at Andrew Jarvis', and William Kane.

Mrs. C. L. Roy entertained her brother, Ralph Wheeler, of Westmoreland, N. H.

Mrs. McNab, of Waltham, was a guest at the home of Dennis Dugan.

Miss Lillian Koyser, of Hollis, was entertained by Mrs. Boyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellish, of Shirley, were Thanksgiving guests of their son, Edward Mellish and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harrington, with their daughter Evadne, and sons, Webster and Homer, spent Thanksgiving with friends in Boston. Webster extended his holiday until Monday, the other members of the family returning on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cottrell spent Thanksgiving out-of-town.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hazard, of Worcester, spent last week and over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hazard. Mr. Hazard has a position at the Herrick farm at Summit Station, Worcester.

Visiting last week with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kinsman were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jennings, a brother of Mrs. Miesner of Boston, and Mrs. Alice Miesner.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McMahon returned on last Sunday to their home on West Bate Hill. They spent part of their honeymoon trip visiting with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dickenson, of Nome, Alaska, arrived at the home of their mother, Mrs. Harriet Dickenson, on the road, on last Sunday evening after a very pleasant trip down the Pacific coast and cross country. Mr. Dickenson, who is a dentist, has been away from home several years, doing business in Alaska. He intends to settle nearby in business to be nearer his home and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dickson are visiting this week with A. J. Atwood at Plymouth.

Miss Mildred Carman, of Ayer, spent Thursday with friends here in town.

Miss Louise Drinkwine, of Fitchburg, is visiting this week at Fred St. John's, West Bate Hill.

A guest this week with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Leonard was Mrs. H. S. Rodgers, of Needham.

Frederick Wetherbee announces the wedding of his son, Frederick Wetherbee, Jr., to take place in New York city on December 17. Mr. Wetherbee spends much of his summer vacation here with his parents and has many friends here who extend their congratulations at this time.

Mrs. W. F. Sawyer is having a bathroom installed in her house on the depot road.

Harold and Kenneth Whittemore spent Thanksgiving evening and Friday with friends at Nashua, N. H.

Henry Morse, of Winchendon, is visiting for the month with his son, I. E. Morse. He expects to go to Virginia about January 1, for the rest of the cold weather.

Mrs. F. L. Brown, of New York city, is visiting this week with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Brown in old mill district.

The new house being built by Gus B. Shultz on a large farm to be occupied by the senior Mr. and Mrs. Schult, is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy about Christmas time.

Abraham B. Gale passed his ninety-ninth birthday anniversary on Monday at his home with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gale. Mr. Gale, though not able to be about

very much, is enjoying very comfortable health for one of his years.

Fred T. Whitney and F. Cedric Webster arrived home on Thursday evening after a two-weeks' trip to Kentville, N. S., and vicinity.

The household goods and family of Rev. C. S. Bodwell arrived by auto at the parsonage on Thursday afternoon.

The beautiful colored, concentric circles around the moon on Thursday night were admired by many of the townspeople. At times they appeared about as bright as the rainbow.

George E. Hardy is laid off from active duty, suffering with blood poisoning in his left hand. Frank Ford is attending to his work about the farm.

Wilmer Cleaves has purchased a new Studebaker 25 speed roadster from the Ayer Auto Station.

Grange.

The annual election of officers of the Grange was held at town hall on Tuesday evening, with the following results:

S. Henry Waters, m.; Benjamin S. Keyes, o.; Etta M. Ripley, lec.; Harold A. Tooker, stew.; Clarence Beard, asst. stew.; J. E. Keyes, chaplain; John B. Harlow, treas.; Helen W. Ripley, sec.; George W. Tooker, g. k.; Miss E. Tooker, Pomona; Blanche L. Davis, Flora; Josephine M. Baker, Ceres; Grace E. Morse, l. a. s.; Henry A. Knight, ex. com. 3 years.

After the business of the evening was concluded the head waiter, R. A. Reed, of the men's supper committee, announced that supper was ready in the banquet hall. The ladies, together with the visiting patrons, marched to the banquet hall, the men remaining standing until the ladies were seated. The tables were very richly and tastily spread. The banquet consisted of chicken salad, hot rolls, cakes, pies, frozen pudding, fruit, coffee and sweet cider. Each cover was lighted with an individual candle standing in a large Baldwin apple and with all the other lights turned off the effect was exceedingly pleasing.

After supper, music and general sociability passed an hour or more. The next meeting is to be in charge of the members enrolled with the order during 1913. Installation of officers comes the first Tuesday in January, and as a class of candidates are now in waiting it is probable that degree work will be directly following.

Benevolent Society Fair.

The Woman's Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold the annual fair, in the town hall on Thursday, December 11. The fair, consisting of scalloped oysters, meats, salads, coffee, cakes and pastries will be served at six and seven o'clock in the lower hall. The different tables will be in charge of the following persons:

Candy, Harriet Thayer; fancy, Miss Susie Davis; apron, Mrs. Warren Willard; children's, Miss Esther Priest; novelties, Miss Herbert Cleaves; flowers, Miss Dorothy West; ice cream, John A. Cleaves; door-keeper, Mrs. S. A. Hill; reception committee, Mrs. S. A. Lawrence; supper committee, Mrs. B. J. Priest; entertainment committee, Miss Annie Reed.

In the evening there will be an entertainment at eight o'clock, consisting of a comedy-drama in three acts, entitled "Daddy" with the following cast of characters:

Wrexson Brown..... Arthur West
Teddy Brown, his son..... James Peters
Paul Chester..... Reuben Reed
Thompson, butler..... George Tooker
Mrs. Wrexson Brown

Nelle Brown..... Miss Jennie Houghton
Mrs. Chester..... Miss Harriet Thayer
Jane, cook..... Mrs. Lucy A. West

Admission will be free to the hall in the afternoon.

H. W. C.

On December 1, a goodly number gathered at the Odd Fellows' hall for the fortnightly meeting of the Harvard Women's club. Two new members were received and three applications for membership were presented. Mrs. Louise Pugh, who for a long time has been actively interested in stamp savings, explained the workings of the system and Mrs. F. Hartsberg and Mrs. Warren Willard were appointed a committee to investigate the matter with a view to introducing it into the public school. A vocal solo "A spring love song," given by Miss Josephine Baker, accompanied by Mrs. Harriet Thayer at the piano, contributed to the pleasure of the afternoon. The president then presented Mrs. Mary G. Hildreth, who in a most charming manner conducted us on a delightful trip through Wales, England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Tyrol, Switzerland, Italy and France. The pictures were so beautiful, her descriptions so vivid, that required little imagination to fancy ourselves members of the party who actually saw the interesting people, the picturesque customs and costumes, the stately buildings and towering mountains of the countries through which we rapidly passed.

The afternoon proved all too short and at its close a rising vote of thanks was given to the pleasure of the presentation of an application for admission she had given the members. The next meeting of the club will be held on December 15, at 2.30 o'clock. All are requested to bring a basket lunch.

Organic Education.

Mrs. Marietta L. Johnson, of Fairhope, Alabama, will speak at Eldonshiel, in Tahanto, at eight in the evening of Saturday, December 6. Her topic will be "The organic school by F. Wood" and she will be assisted by Dr. C. H. Hanford. Heresoppe, the originator of the idea. The motor truck will make the circuit of the lake passing Still River Center at 7.30 and Harvard Center at 7.45, to continue on to the school.

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Card Tickets by January 1.

Ticket reform which the Boston and Maine railroad decided upon recently will go into effect on January 1, 1914. On that date the company will withdraw its coupon books, containing coupons for 12, 25 and 50 rides, and will issue cards instead to be punched by the conductor. This is to be done partly in the interest of economy in printing, as it will cost less to issue cards than to make ticket books. The monthly tickets, such as student tickets, which are to be non-transferable, will have the name of the owner written on them, but the 12-ride and 50-ride cards will have only the names of the stations between which they are valid.

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Saturday, December 6, 1913.

AYER.

News Items.

The next meeting of Capt. George V. Barrett Camp, E. of V. will be held on Thursday evening, December 11, at 7.30 o'clock.

The waste pipe leading from the sink in the town hall has been stopped and workmen have been digging up the pipe near the building in order to remedy the trouble.

James J. O'Brien attended the annual convention of the Massachusetts Accident Co. at the Parker house, Boston, on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Leonard Canning has returned from a two-weeks' trip to Chicago. While there he attended the superintendents' convention of the DeLaval Cream Separator Co., of New York.

The ladies of the Sandy Pond School association will serve a supper at the schoolhouse on Thursday evening, December 11. Supper from six to 7.30. Dancing from eight to 11.30.

Douglas C. Smith, tree warden, has removed the Elm tree near the bank building. The tree had decayed to such an extent that it was liable to fall at any time, thereby endangering the people who passed that way.

Rev. Richmond Fisk went to Boston on Wednesday morning and will return Saturday. He has been attending the sixty-seventh national convention of the Delta Kappa Epsilon, of which he has been a member for fifty-eight years.

William H. Moss has moved from his former residence on Pleasant street to the tenement in Mrs. Woods' house on Third street.

Joseph H. Richardson, carpenter, of Nantua street, is making his barn into a tenement house.

Miss Marion Moulton, of Shirley, visited friends in town last week.

Dr. Fisk will preach at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at 10.45 on the subject "The realities of life." Sunday school at noon. Y. P. U. at six in the evening.

Judge Warren H. Atwood, D. Chester, Parsons, associate justice, attended the annual banquet of the Middlesex Bar association at Young's hotel, Boston, on Wednesday evening.

Rev. J. W. Thomas will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church as usual on Sunday morning at 10.45. After the service there will be a reception to a new member. There will also be a communion service. Sunday school will be held at twelve and a praise service at seven in the evening.

The Ladies' Social Gathering will meet on Tuesday afternoon, December 9, at three o'clock.

Thomas F. Mullin, real estate dealer, has sold the John O'Brien place on West Main street to Moses P. Palmer, of Groton. An extra lot of land goes with the place and Mr. Palmer intends to build three cottage houses on the vacant lot of land, starting work on them right away.

Peter Tarbell has returned from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. George H. Greenwood, in Dorchester.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold their annual fair in Page hall on Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 9. There will be an entertainment in the evening.

Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday evening, December 9, at Hardy's hall for nomination of officers and a rehearsal of the degree.

Waldo S. Roundy, of Concord, N. H., printer, who has worked on the paper for the past few years, leaves on December 27, for Brooklyn, N. Y., to enter the factory of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company to receive instructions in the mechanical operation of the linotype machine.

A. A. Jenkins, of Worcester, bought the Knight property on Prospect street at public auction last Saturday afternoon. The price was \$1360, which included the house and two lots of land. The house and the lot of land upon which it rested was sold for \$1060 and the other lot for \$300, making a total of \$1360 for the entire property. The place was sold through the real estate agency of Thomas F. Mullin.

Felix Brothers will put on an unusually good moving picture show this Saturday night. The features will be "A proposal from the sculptor," which will be the third of "Who will marry?" series, and "The human bride" in two parts. There will be other pictures of interest. Good music and good singing.

John O'Connor, night officer, has been off duty for a few nights owing to a badly swollen hand. His place has been taken by the constables in town.

The remains of John Allen, the stationmaster at Lunenburg, who was instantly killed by an east bound train while about his duties on Tuesday morning, were brought to the undertaking rooms of W. Wright & Sons after the accident. The body was prepared for burial and sent to Newburyport on Wednesday morning, where the interment took place. He was fifty-eight years of age.

Lester Whitcomb will move next Wednesday from the tenement in the Feich house on Grove street to his new house near the Holmes place off High street.

An electric light pole fell on Prospect street last Saturday morning, directly across the street, carrying the wires with it to the highway. Supt. Whitcomb was notified and the pole was removed and the wires tightened temporarily to take up the slack caused by the missing pole. A new pole will be put in later.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Star lodge will be held on Wednesday evening, December 17, instead of on December 24. Election of officers will take place.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held on Monday afternoon, December 15, at one o'clock, at which time dinner will be served in the banquet hall. Work—Fellowcraft degree.

The annual meeting of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, December 8, and the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held.

At the regular meeting of Division 7, A. O. H., Tuesday evening, these officers were elected: Joseph Foley, pres.; David Walsh, v. p.; John F. Ryan, sec. gen.; Daniel Burke, treas.; James J. Horan, fin. sec. The division has leased new quarters in the top floor of the block of George B. Turner & Son, Main street, and expect to occupy them at the next meeting.

The Baptist sale and supper held in the town hall on Tuesday afternoon and evening was well attended and enjoyed. The booths were gaily decorated and very pretty. In charge of the fancy and apron table were Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Mrs. Byron Burns, candy, Mrs. George Cole and Miss Emily Cole, hair, Mrs. Clara Thomas, Miss Bertha Cole and Miss Clara Thomas. The excellent supper was served by Mrs. Warren Preble, Mrs. Jennie Chaffin, Mrs. Herbert Elliman, Mrs. Walter Carkins, Mrs. Lyman Sprague, Mrs. Herbert Whitney and Mrs. John Washburn.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker spoke before the Altruistic club of Shirley, Thursday afternoon on the "Montessori system of teaching," illustrating the system with a large display of the apparatus used in that work.

At an interesting meeting of Ayer grange on Thursday evening the election of officers took up the most part of the evening's business session. It was voted to have a Christmas tree on the next meeting night, Thursday, December 12, to which the children and children friends of the members are invited to take part. The officers elected are as follows:

Willard White, m.; Chester Perrin, c.; Mrs. Jennie Leahy, lec.; Hiram Clark, an.; Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, asst. stew.; Mrs. Margaret Rand, sec.; Augustus Lovejoy, treas.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, S. S.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, P. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, R. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, L. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, J. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, I. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, H. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, G. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, F. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, E. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, D. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, C. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, B. M.; Mrs. Frank and Mrs. W. Winslow, A. M.

A sale of trimmed and untrimmed hats for all ages at \$4.00 is now going on at Miss Ethel Bruce's millinery parlors in Phelps' block, Main street.

The Guild of St. Andrew's church will give their annual Christmas sale at Hardy's hall on Thursday, December 11, from three to eight o'clock. There will be fancy, mystery and candy tables; refreshments will be served, and in the evening a short entertainment will be given.

Children's Day. Children's day was observed by the Woman's club at the meeting in the Congregational vestry on Wednesday afternoon. The program was in charge of Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy and was given by the little people themselves. It opened with a piano solo by Helen Whitney and closed with a piano solo by Helen Graydon. There was a vocal solo by Miss Margaret Redge, a vocal duet by Doris and Elsie Dickerman, a recitation by Priscilla Mullin, a well-executed waltz drill by eight little misses, Priscilla Mullin, Pauline Hassan, Bery and Gladys Proctor, Evelyn Johnson, Helen Graydon, Doris Dickerman and Helen Whitney, and a very cute doll drill by the wee ones, Marah Whitney, Elsie Dickerman and Phyllis Brown.

The entertainment was a very delightful affair. At its close the children were served with ice cream and cake by courtesy of the club.

Fair and Entertainment. The annual fair of the Unitarian ladies on Thursday afternoon and evening was a success in every way. It was held in the vestry which was very attractive with the unusually beautiful booths around the sides of the hall, while the middle was arranged as an auditorium with a carpet of ribbon paper. In this in the early evening the dinner was served. This was in charge of Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly, Mrs. Ruth C. Sherwin, Miss Madeline Whitney and Miss Callie Murphy. The waiters were these gentlemen in evening dress: Howard M. Beverly, Howard Fletcher, Robert Murphy, L. H. Cushing and Herbert Proctor.

The sales began in the afternoon. Those in charge of the booths were as follows: Aprons, Mrs. E. H. Duncklee, Miss Hattie Whitcomb and Mrs. Lyman Clark; fancy, Mrs. Ida C. Perkins and Mrs. Carrie Murphy; address books, Mrs. Rebecca Pierce and Miss Helen Kinney; candy, Mrs. Dan Fletcher, Miss Natalie Bigelow, Miss Marion Proctor and Miss Margaret Hume; Christmas novelties, Miss Gladys Porter and Miss Carol Pierce; address books, Fisk Butterfield, Kendall Pierce and Norman Fletcher.

At eight o'clock was given the entertainment, which was an "Evening of original sketches and music" by The Weavers, Miss Renee Geddes and Miss Ethel Camilla Jackson. It was a program of unusual merit including tales of truth and fantasy, pathos and laughter, vocal and instrumental music and some difficult but skillfully rendered pantomimes.

Death. Henry Harrison Webber, who was a resident of this town for about thirty years, and for the past two years in Portland, died at Worcester on Wednesday at the age of 61 years, 7 months and 14 days. His body was brought to Ayer on Wednesday and taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. George H. Chandler, Grove street, where the funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Thomas, of the Baptist church, officiating. Interment was in Woodland cemetery.

Mr. Webber was born in Bow, N. H., and his parents were Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Webber. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Charles, of Ayer, and George, of West Groton; two daughters, Mrs. Chandler, of Ayer, and Mrs. Sargent, of Providence; six grandchildren, and a brother, John Webber, of Malden.

John Webber, of Malden, filled the position of engineer at the Boston and Maine railway station and dumb asylum of that city. While a resident of this town, part of the time he was in the employ of the Boston and Maine railroad.

To Install New Signals. A new order by the public service commission of Massachusetts compels all railroads operating within the state to replace the ball target signals with an interlocking system. The changes must be made on or before July 1 of next year. This means that the ball target at the railroad station as well as those in the railroad yard will have to be removed and the new signal system installed before the end of the time. An earlier order was given by the state railroad commis-

sion to the same effect which the railroad companies tried to have revoked on account of the great cost of making the change. The present public service commission, which has superseded the former body, refuses to do this, and the state is now in possession of the order, saying in substance: "In the interest of public safety it would not be justified in revoking or suspending the order and recommendation of the board of railroad commissioners."

Scarlet Fever Closes School. The Washington street primary school, of which Miss Genevieve Neyman is the teacher, was closed on Tuesday night owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever, the patient being Albert Pickard, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Pickard. The boy had been attending school regularly since Wednesday the disease showed itself. The doctor pronounced it a case of scarlet fever. The doctor at once notified Dr. Hopkins of the board of health of the matter and the school was promptly taken to measure to stop the progress of the disease. The school was ordered closed until Monday, next and the room thoroughly fumigated. Young Pickard is still confined to his home, which has been posted by the board of health. It is thought that there were no other cases of infection and that the disease from present indications is confined to the above case.

Resolutions. Whereas, by the passing away in the fullness of years of Brother John Carney, the Irish Catholic Benevolent Society has lost one of its three last surviving charter members and one who for many years has been an active participant in its affairs, first and foremost in the support of his own views and fair and frank in his opposition to the views of others:

Resolved, That this society records its regret at his loss and its appreciation of his unceasing interest in its welfare and his sterling qualities as a member and a citizen.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our records and a copy thereof sent to the family of our deceased brother and published in the local paper.

George H. Brown, Michael J. Griffin, John M. Maloney, Committee.

A Joyless Joy Ride. A story is being told of two of our young men, who with two lady friends, started out on a recent night on an automobile ride. The party, according to the report, had proceeded nearly to Concord when a "blow out" on one of the tires of the automobile occurred, which caused them to bring the machine to a stop. While the party was thinking what to do an automobile truck came along. The truck was in ruins. So quickly did the flames spread that it was only by the quickest action that the quartet escaped. The driver saved theirs by pushing it to one side. It was a terrible experience that any of those who had a part are not likely to forget.

Thanksgiving Guests. Thanksgiving visitors not already noted included E. Hartwell Bigelow, of Boston, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Durgin and family of Worcester, Lawrence Tolman of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Mary Durgin of Rosawden, N. H., at the home of Frank C. Johnson, superintendent of schools; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Neal, of Lewiston, Me., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Burgess; Mrs. Mabel Hill, of Fitchburg, and Frank Wright, of Pelham, were also recent guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schumacher and young son and Mrs. Frank Berry and daughter Mildred, of Watertown, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seaver, of Townsend, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Durgin; Mrs. T. Worcester Lynch and Miss Alice Technor of Nashua, at the home of H. H. Phillips.

Those who spent the holiday out-of-town included Joseph H. Richardson and daughter Florence J. Richardson, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alden B. Heffer in Hyde Park; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Parsons at the home of his uncle, George Dorris, of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Chandler, of Manchester, with relatives in West Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lovejoy and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy with Mrs. Sarah Hollis in Somerville; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Parsons and family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly in Dorchester; Mrs. A. E. Manzer returned last week Friday from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Delano in Townsend; Waldo S. Roundy at his home in Concord, N. H.

An Excellent Proposition. One of the best propositions that has come to the notice of the public during the past few days in regard to electric transportation is the connection of Westford Center and West Acton by a line between these two points. It seems to be no doubt of its financial success. The line, if built, would pass through East Littleton and Littleton Common from Westford to West Acton. Such a line would be a great convenience to the people of Littleton as well as for those people in the other towns who wish to get a direct connection by rail to the outside world.

If such a line were built it would open up an almost direct rail connection between Lowell and the towns above-mentioned with Maynard, Hudson, Marlboro, Worcester and Framingham, which would result in a benefit to all.

This line would connect with the Westford branch of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway at Westford Center and with the Concord, Maynard and Hudson line at West Acton, thereby opening up practically all the eastern and southern sections of Massachusetts. The line could be built for approximately \$100,000, which is a comparatively small amount considering the distance. The reason for this is that there are no grades of any consequence and very little filling. With a new steel bridge over the Stony Brook track at Brookside connecting the now separated ends of the rail track it would be possible to run direct from Littleton square, instead of being obliged to make the annoying change of cars at North Chelmsford now in vogue,

which is distasteful alike to the company and its patrons.

The plan certainly looks good and it is possible that the matter will receive serious consideration within a short time.

District Court. The continued cases against Albert Roy, Nicholas Coughlin and A. J. McDonald, of Ayer, who were charged with breaking glass, were heard last Saturday morning and after a brief hearing the complaints were dismissed.

The three young boys who it was alleged committed the vandalism at the home of Mrs. A. S. Burnham in Shirley some time ago, were in court on a continuance Monday morning. They were all found guilty and they were placed on probation for six months. Judge Atwood and Probation Officer Mullin made the parents and the boys understand that a repetition of the offence would mean summary punishment. The parents and boys both promised that they would do their part to keep out of court in the future.

Michael Conroy, no home, charged with vagrancy, was found guilty and sent to the state hospital, Tewksbury. The charge of vagrancy was merely a technical one, the defendant simply wishing to go somewhere for medical treatment.

Henry P. Girard, of Columbus, Ohio, was found guilty of vagrancy on Tuesday morning and his case was placed on file. Girard said he was placed in New Hampshire, in search of employment, when he applied for lodging at the police station.

Judge Atwood has filed his decision on the inquest on the death of William T. Reynolds, of Somerville, who died as a result of a railroad accident near Framingham, crossing a few weeks ago. After summing up the evidence the court finds that no unlawful or negligent act by any person or corporation contributed to the death of William T. Reynolds.

James McCarthy of Brookfield, Edward White of Framingham, in search of employment, when he applied for lodging at the police station.

Richard Quacher, William Hayes and Arthur H. Austin, all of Lynn, and Frank C. Mearns, of Lynn, were arraigned on Thursday morning on charges of vagrancy. The first three named were found not guilty and discharged, and the latter was found guilty and the case filed.

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In addition to the thirteen persons killed in New England, seventy-two others were injured in the hunt that resulted in the killing of 6180 deer. No one was killed during the open week on deer in this commonwealth, but four Massachusetts hunters were wounded slightly. One shot at work bringing a deer out of the woods on his shoulders.

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LITTLETON.

News Items. The Conant & Houghton Syndicate, having purchased the shop at Littleton Common that belonged formerly to Nehemiah Robbins, will move it to King street, near their boarding-house and convert it into a two-tenement dwelling house.

The Woman's club will hold the annual musical in the town hall on Monday afternoon, December 8, at 2.30 o'clock, when Prof. Havrah W. Hubbard, of Boston, will give a talk on the opera "Madame Butterfly," illustrated by Floy M. Baxter. This will be an open meeting, and everyone is cordially invited. There will be no admission fee.

Conant Company's lime house, near the Shaker elder mill, was partly destroyed by fire on Monday evening. Through the prompt assistance of the fire department large teams of water were playing on the roof within a few minutes of the time the blaze was discovered. There was very little lime in the building and the supposition is that water dripping on it from a leaky roof had caused the trouble. It is reasonable, since the lime was in an other part of the building from that which burned. Cement and new shingles occupied a large part of the available space.

A large delegation from Littleton grange attended the Pomona grange meeting in Ayer on Wednesday. Charles A. Kimball, master of Littleton grange, spoke on "A brighter outlook for the farmer," and Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield spoke on "The farm I want out west."

Miss Emma E. Tenney had the pleasure of hearing an excellent organ recital given on Monday by her former teacher, Prof. John Herman Loud, in Newton Center.

Frank McKinlay and Miss Edith Fenwick, of Hampton, were united in marriage on Monday, December 1. They will shortly make their home with Mr. McKinlay's father in Newton.

Littleton people are interested, to say the least, in the survey for an electric line through town that shall complete the road from Fitchburg to Boston, but as the raising of our expectations and hopes for improvement transportation has become an annual occurrence our confidence in the actual realization is none too strong, but as our former correspondent has remarked: "Such articles as have been published on the subject in the Globe and the Ayer column of the Guildon make pleasant reading."

The Friday evening meeting of the Congregational society met this week with Mr. and Mrs. George H. Kimball, in Newton.

Miss Frances Wallace, of Chelsea, spent the holiday season with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Packard. Other guests of Rev. and Mrs. Packard for Thanksgiving day were the Misses Peabody, of Pingreeville.

Mrs. F. H. Hill has been visiting friends in Norwell.

The dancing classes were omitted this week owing to sickness in Mrs. White's family.

Henry Works, of Worcester academy, came home for Thanksgiving. C. F. Flagg and Miss Maria Flagg and the C. E. Houghton family spent Thanksgiving with the B. S. Flagg family in Andover.

The Hugh McDonald family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald, of Clinton, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McDonald were guests of her mother in Concord on Thanksgiving day.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mrs. George W. Whitcomb. Mrs. John Loring, of Liberty square, is with her.

Mrs. Pike, of Syracuse, and Miss Couper, of New York, have visited with her brother, H. J. Couper and family, for a week past.

Miss Esther Dodge, of Cambridge, coming Thursday evening, visited several days with Frank Dodge and other relatives and friends in town.

The W. H. Tenney family enjoyed a pleasant Thanksgiving reunion. Frank Tenney and family, of Worcester, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peck, of Brookline, were at the old home instead for the season. Mrs. Peck remaining a week.

The posters are up for the next entertainment in the lyceum for Tuesday evening. It is to be given by the Collegians, a male quartet from the west, furnished by the Redpath Bureau. They promise not only a vocal quartet and a brass quartet, but interesting dialogue and action, so that a most enjoyable evening is looked for and a crowded house is expected.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield will take for his sermon subject tomorrow morning "The religious lesson of the Book of Job." This is meant to supplement the interesting address given Friday at the Alliance meeting by Rev. R. F. Leach, of Fitchburg, on the Book of Job and to be a preparation for the dramatic reading of portions of that great play to be given by the members of the Guild in the evening.

The installation of the new heating apparatus at the library has progressed so rapidly that it is thought it will be possible today to resume the usual library hours, which are Wednesday 1.30 to five and seven to nine, and on Saturdays from two to five and seven to nine o'clock.

Since it is not printed in modern dramatic form, a great many people do not know that one of the greatest plays ever written is found in our bible in the Book of Job. But such is the case. And this play, abridged to suit the time, will be read in character by members of the Y. P. R. U. of the Unitarian church tomorrow evening at 8.30. The program for the first Sunday evening of each month is devoted to bible study, this meeting taking bible dramas. All interested are invited to attend.

Jonathan Hartwell Harwood, son of Mrs. H. J. Harwood, of Harwood avenue, was recently elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa of Harvard university.

Installed as Pastor.

On November 28, the Deerfield Unitarian church was rededicated and the new pastor, Rev. William L. Nichols, was installed pastor. Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Elliot, of Boston, preached the rededication sermon. Rev. William Channing Brown gave an address, and Mr. Nichols pronounced the benediction. The new pastor is the son of Rev. John T. G. Nichols, who for fifty years was pastor of the Unitarian church at Saco, Me. He was settled over the Unitarian church of Littleton five years, coming here from Hingham, his first parish. He is delightfully remembered by our townspeople in general, as well as by the members of his former church here, as he took an active part in the lyceum, belonged to the school board, and represented other interests in the community. After leaving town he preached for six years in Philadelphia

and during the last seventeen years he has been general secretary of the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities. Mr. Nichols went to Deerfield in March.

FOR THE COLLECTION Mrs. Murphy was getting the supper for the children on Saturday night when a young woman came to her door.

"I'm a collector for the drunkards' home," she said. "Could you help us?"

"Come around tonight and I'll give you Murphy," said the housewife as she went about her work.

Much is said of the wonder of the ever-bearing strawberry and raspberry which has by much science been developed, but Mrs. Charles E. Young, of North Newport, Me., has a bush of wild raspberries from which she has picked ripe raspberries each day until October 23.

MAKING ONE JOB OF IT "Hey, stop! You are exceeding the speed limit. You must accompany me to the judge and pay your fine." "What is the fine?" "Five dollars." "Here's ten. I intend to come back just as fast as I'm going."

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LOST BOOK—In accordance with Chapter 590, Section 40 of the Acts of 1908, Massachusetts Legislature and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 11,249 has been lost and payment on the same stopped. NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK. Sarah T. Tutin, Treasurer. Ayer, December 6, 1913. 3113

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH L. LAWRENCE late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas, S. LeRoy Shapleigh executor of the will of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of December, A. D. 1913, 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 all persons interested, who are found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one can not be so found, 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.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fifth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. 3112 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of GRANVILLE FAIRBANKS late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas, JOSEPH A. LOVERING administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, 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.

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 upon such terms as may be adjudged best, once in each week for three successive weeks in the Shirley Oracle, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fifth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. 3112 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Sheriff's Sale

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

Ayer, December 1st, A. D. 1913. Taken on execution, the same having been attached on mesne process by me on the original writ on July 22nd A. D. 1912, at six o'clock P. M., as the property of Thomas Geddes, John Wilson, Nell McLeod, John Smart, Andrew McDonald, John F. Dobbie, John M. Rusk and Hugh Miller, all of Edinburgh, Scotland, doing business under the name and style of The West Townsend Granite Syndicate Company at West Townsend, so-called, in Townsend in said County, and will be sold by public auction on the quarry premises at said West Townsend on Saturday, December 20th A. D. 1913, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, the following goods and chattels:

Two Stone Cars and Cables, Six Derricks, Two Steam Drills with tripods and quarry bars, Two Thousand Feet of Railroad in Ballast, about Forty-six Thousand Feet of Hard Pine Lumber, One Dump Car, about Twenty-four Hundred Feet One-inch Steam Pipe, One 18-horsepower Hoisting Engine, One 20-horsepower Hoisting Engine, One Cable Engine, 50-horsepower, with two drums, One 30-horsepower Upright Steam Boiler, One New 60-horsepower Upright Steam Boiler with fittings complete, One Cable Way with fittings complete, One Air Compressor, One 15-horsepower Hoisting Engine, One 8-horsepower Upright Engine, One 40-horsepower Upright Steam Boiler, Two Steam Pumps, Lot of Bars, Drills, Hammers, Picks, Shovels, Blocks, Wire Rope, Manila Rope, Oil, Wedges, Forges, Stone Cutting Tools, Sharpening Tools, New Stock and other fixtures, Blacksmith Shop, Lot of Small Tools and Steam Pipe in Air Compressor House, One Cary Iron Safe, One two-horse Stone Wagon.

Sale will be rain or shine. Terms strictly cash or certified check at time of sale. 1113

ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF SHIRLEY, MASS.

Respectfully represent the Shirley Electric Company that it desires to construct a line of poles, wires and fixtures, including other necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heat and power upon, along and across the public way known as Union Street, Harvard road and Shaker Road, as shown upon the plan filed herewith.

Therefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan herewith.

Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one cross arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wires owned by the town and used for municipal services. Your petitioners further agree that, should occasion arise by reason of the widening of said road or public ways or the moving of a building over or along said public ways, they will, upon the written request of the board of selectmen, remove such poles as said board shall designate, to such location or locations as shall be mutually decided upon by said petitioners and board of selectmen.

SHIRLEY ELECTRIC COMPANY, D. C. Parsons.

Shirley, Mass., Dec. 3, 1913.

In Board of Selectmen

SHIRLEY, MASS. DEC. 3, 1913.

On the foregoing petition it is ordered that a public hearing be held in the Engine Hall on December 13, 1913, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at which time and place all parties interested will be heard.

And the petitioners are hereby ordered to give public notice of this hearing by printing the petition with this order thereon in the Shirley Oracle, a paper published in Ayer, said publication to be seven days at least before the time of said hearing.

And the clerk of board of selectmen is ordered to send by mail, postage prepaid, notice of said hearing to all owners of property, owners abutting on said ways as determined by the last assessment, seven days at least before the time of said hearing.

Given under our hand the third day of December, 1913.

EDWARD J. STEVENS, JOHN H. LOGUE, Selectmen of Shirley.

A true copy. Attest. JOHN H. LOGUE, Clerk.

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SHIRLEY, MASS., DEC. 3, 1913.

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Saturday, December 6, 1913.

PEPPERELL.

About Town.

The L. S. C. Branch Alliance of the Peppereil Unitarian church will hold an all-day meeting at Mr. Harry Hobart's on Friday, December 19, at 10:30 o'clock. Box lunch.

Miss Barbara Bancroft has accepted the position of bookkeeper at the Mould Shoe Company.

The pupils connected with the Fitchburg Normal school returned to their studies on Monday morning, the school having been closed some few weeks on account of scarlet fever.

H. B. Foster left town early Thursday morning on a business trip.

About a foot of snow fell in this section of the country on Saturday. For such white, innocent-looking stuff it seemed to raise quite a disturbance. The winter apparatus for clearing the walks had to be brought out for early morning use. During the day some few sleighs were out, although they did not run extremely well, but wheels clogged so badly they made hard pulling. Some teamsters only did the most necessary work and waited for the snow to subside, which it did by Monday and is now nearly all gone.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gilson of Groton street were called to Nashua, N. H., Thursday to attend the funeral service for their cousin, Mrs. James Gilson of that city.

Mrs. Charles E. Ordway, nee Agnes O'Neal, from North Leominster, recently visited friends in town with her little three-months-old daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Anderson and child, who have been visiting Mrs. Louis Bemis, River street, returned to their home in Groton on Friday of last week.

W. F. Chapman is still doing outside painting, as the weather is still warm for this time of the year. At present he has a crew of men at work on Ray Harris' tenement house on Groton street.

Miss Marie Jordan is spending two weeks among relatives at Providence, R. I., going just before Thanksgiving. James Sliney returned from the hospital at Nashua, N. H., the first of the week much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Duffey have gone as far south as Washington, D. C., on their wedding trip. On their return it is understood that Mr. Duffey will still fill the position he occupies at Putnam, Conn., and Mrs. Duffey will remain here for the winter with her grandmother, Mrs. Frazier.

News was received in town by wire on Sunday, November 30, of the birth of a second son to Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis, nee Bertha Howe Webster.

Mrs. John R. Shattuck, who made a short visit in town some weeks ago, is now staying with her sister, Mrs. Wilkins, in Nashua, N. H. She sent greetings to several friends in town Thanksgiving week.

John Frossard has recently received a shipment of a carload of machinery for use in the road work department which he has started in his establishment on Brookline street.

Ray Soule, who recently went to Edgecomb, Me., to visit his uncle, W. C. Williams, enjoys the hunting and trapping in that vicinity so much that he has decided to remain a part of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw went to Worcester Wednesday to visit their daughter, Mrs. George Martin.

Mrs. I. J. Rowell has been confined to the house for more than a week by illness caused by facial neuralgia and an abscess in the throat. She has been able to take nothing but liquids during this time.

Mrs. Elmer Lewis and daughter Thelma returned to their home at Cohasset Wednesday, after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Blake at East village for the past week.

Albert Shattuck is quite ill at the home of his mother, A. A. Shattuck, on Maple street.

Hugh Buchanan of Petticoate, N. B., came to his uncle's, Neil McWilliams, last week and has entered the employ of the Champion card company.

Clarence Simmons, who recently came from Nova Scotia is also working at that show.

Miss Abbie M. Blaisdell of Lowell was a week's visitor to the home of her aunt, Mrs. Elmer Gilson, returning to her home on Monday.

John Sartelle, who has been at work with a portable mill near East Groton station, sawing the pines on the lot of land owned by William Proctor, has finished the work. This week the mill was removed to Hudson, N. H., near Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. James McWilliams and child from Salisbury, N. B., and Mrs. John McWilliams from Concord Junction were visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McWilliams, Railroad street.

The Champion International Card shop was shut down several days last week. Shortage of clay was the cause. Both the other paper manufacturers were also short of clay. It is alleged that a vessel arriving at the port of Boston from China, supposed to have a cargo about 6000 tons of this clay, came without any, as the result of a strike among the Chinese laborers on the wharves at seaport cities. It would seem the "heavenly Chinese" are fast becoming Americanized to be able to tie up things this way.

Carleton Bolles has entered the Fitchburg Business college.

Mrs. Peck of Townsend street is spending a few weeks with her daughter in Northern Vermont.

E. L. Tarbell captured a coon on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Linville Shattuck is still confined to her home, suffering from rheumatism.

Mrs. Dudley R. Child spent Tuesday in Boston, Mrs. Charles Parker caring for her children during her absence.

Mrs. Frank Bennett has been entertaining her mother, Mrs. Drew, on a short visit. Mrs. Drew returned to her home at Alfred, Me., on Monday.

Miss Hattie Kendall, who has been stopping with her sister, Mrs. Emily Jewett, of Hollis, N. H., was in town Tuesday, stopping with Mrs. E. L. Tarbell. Her sister, Mrs. Ida Welchham of Boston was also in town for a day.

The young people enjoyed a dance in Central hall last week Friday evening. Music by Robbins' orchestra.

The high school football team played a picked team Thanksgiving day, defeating them by a score of 37 to 0. The Nashua team was scheduled to play them the following Saturday, but owing to the snow storm it was obliged to be cancelled. The P. H. S. team is doing some good work under the management of super-master Harms. The team has been doing well, work only being beaten in two games this season and one of these was with Groton School second team. Captain Sullivan tried very hard to make the 1914 class win and it is hoped the 1914 class will continue to keep the ball a rolling.

Mrs. Walter Jewett passed her eighty-ninth birthday on Wednesday on Thursday, December 4. She entertained the many friends who came during the afternoon with much merriment and cheer. She has always been characterized by her sunny disposition and her cheerfulness. Her daughter, Mrs. Alice Spencer, of Roxbury, who has been staying with her for some time, Mrs. Jewett was also remembered during the day by messages and greetings from absent friends and relatives.

Lyman Robbins and wife, who recently moved to the Rideout farm in Dunstable, are expected back in town again, as he was recently looking up his old rent on Pleasant street.

The dancing class taught by Miss Helen McCormick, was supposed to meet on Wednesday evening, December 10, at Oddfellows' hall, will necessarily be postponed until Friday evening of the same week, December 12.

Mrs. Henry Wright received intelligence on Wednesday of this week of the sudden death of her sister, Mrs. Kelloge, at Arlington. Mrs. Kelloge has been a frequent visitor in town at the home of Mrs. Wright on Townsend street and is still remembered by many.

Mrs. Mary Henry is assisting in the home of Fred Bancroft, Heald street, while Mrs. Bancroft is recovering from her attack of incipient appendicitis.

Acoma lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, will meet in their room in Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening, December 9, when a class of three candidates will be initiated.

P. W. C. The members of the Peppereil Woman's club were given a treat in the program provided for Tuesday afternoon, December 2, and the visitors who were present on the occasion were duly grateful for their invitation. The musical part was excellent, consisting of piano solos by Miss Adele Boynton and vocal solos by Mrs. Adele Boynton and Shattuck. In his talk on "Egypt and the Nile," Prof. Williams proved instructive as well as entertaining. The trip was taken by him a few years ago in company with a friend and his family of Chicago.

Company of tourists, they went as a private party, picking up another friend at Naples en route. Their idea was to avoid contact with parties and beaten paths, and thus see the wonders of the country through which they traveled with a different vision, and Mr. Williams is fortunate to possess the power to unfold the marvels of this new Egypt and wonderful Nile, so that his hearers could catch glimpses of these pictures with him. It is understood he is called upon to repeat the talk before another woman's club at an early date.

Fire. On Friday forenoon of last week at about 10:30 a fire was discovered in the barn of the buildings at the corner of Heald and Sheffield streets. An alarm was sounded from box 38, and the firemen made a quick response, but the barn was a mass of flames and they were unable to save it and the adjoining shed. The end of the house was also badly damaged by fire and water, but they were able to save it. The place is owned by Mrs. Alice Burkinshaw and the loss is covered by insurance. The house was occupied by Nelson Archambault and wife and her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Peabody, both of whom are well along in years and one nearly helpless.

They were removed to the home of a neighbor in safety, however, and the neighbors assisted in carrying the household goods out. Although badly damaged they were all saved, but they were not insured. The family are able to occupy the house this week, as only the upper story was badly damaged.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but it seemed to originate in the loft of the barn, and one theory is advanced that a tramp, to whom Mrs. Archambault refused food in the morning, may have crept in there and either carelessly or in revenge started the blaze.

Fifty-Eighth Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo P. Blood held a quiet reception during the afternoon and evening of November 29, the occasion being their fifty-eighth marriage anniversary. Mrs. Blood was Miss Margaret Thompson of Marble-

head and November 29, 1855, she was united in marriage with Mr. Blood, who was then a teacher in an academy at Braintree. After about four years they removed from Braintree to Baltimore, Md., and Mr. Blood accepted a position as teacher in a large academy composed of boys at Hagerstown, Md. Mrs. Blood was also assistant for a time in the same school.

They lived here all the years of the Civil war and the writer recalls a thrilling description, told by Mrs. Blood, of the exploits of her husband on the heights around her home, which she witnessed during these years. They lived here nine years in all and here their three children, one son and two daughters, were born.

In 1883 the family came to Pepperell and settled down in the house still occupied by them. Mr. Blood taught for some years in the academy in the town of Braintree, but was occupied as a hall by Prescott street.

He has served the town as selectman and various minor offices and has been justice of the peace for nearly forty years.

A noteworthy fact that only two years ago he went to Fitchburg and took out a new warrant for seven years, although he is now in his ninety-third year. He quite often has occasion to take acknowledgments in his office in connection with his business with a clear legal understanding and memory and exactness are something which many a much younger man may envy him today.

This fifty-eighth anniversary, which is a most remarkable one, found both Mr. and Mrs. Blood enjoying very good health. They were able to receive and converse with all who came with kind greetings during the day. Many cards and messages reached them by post, also from absent relatives and friends.

Their daughters, Miss Margaret, who resides with them, and Miss Annah, from New York city, assisted in receiving and serving the guests with delicious ice cream and cake and slices of wedding cake which looked to be the genuine article.

Their son, Samuel Thompson Blood of Concord Junction, accompanied by his wife, were present during the afternoon, but were unable to be present as the elder Kenneth, is one of the officers at Fort McKinley, Portland, Me., and his brother is now with him in training.

With this exception the family enjoyed their day in a most pleasant Thanksgiving dinner which could not be arranged for the regular date.

Their many friends in town who could not be present at the Saturday reception join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Blood still many peaceful years.

Grange Notes. Prescott grange will hold a meeting on Friday evening, December 12, and will elect their officers for the coming year. It is desired that many of the members be present. There will be a good program of entertainment, also, under the direction of Forrest Andrews, master, assisted by Misses Edna Kitzredge, Florence and Blanche S. Flynn, Alice Deware and Blanche S. Flynn. An interesting evening is assured.

It was election of officers at the Hollis grange on Tuesday evening, December 2, and two members of this grange, Forrest Andrews and George A. Shattuck, attended, accompanied by their father, Farnsworth, of Norwood grange.

Only one member from this grange attended the Pomona meeting at Ayer on Wednesday, December 3, Mrs. M. M. Richards, Rev. P. R. Stratton, of Ashburnham grange, attended also from this town. The report very good speakers and an interesting day.

The State grange will hold meetings at Tremont Temple, Boston, on December 9, 10 and 11. Forrest Andrews, master, and Miss Sarah Tucker, lecturer, were chosen as delegates from Prescott grange at the last meeting.

Death of Former Resident. Mary P. Baker Whitney was born on March 6, 1826, in the town of Tunbridge, Vermont, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Curtis) Baker. Removing to this town in early life with her parents, she obtained an education and fitted herself for a teacher.

At one time, having been recommended by the school board, she taught the school known then as the district number five, in the south part of Pepperell. Several who attended the school under her able instruction are still living in town and cherish pleasant memories of her as a teacher.

While thus engaged here she became acquainted with Joseph Whitney, who lived with his parents, Abijah and Lydia Whitney, at the place now owned and occupied by Mrs. Whitney, on the South road. Old residents still speak of it as the Whitney place. Mary and Joseph married and lived the most of their lives at his ancestral home. Three children, a daughter and two sons, were born to them. Their sons survive her and live at Wells River, Vt. Mrs. Whitney has, since the death of her husband, made her home there with her son Arthur.

She fell asleep on Sunday, November 23, at the age of 87 years, 8 months, 17 days. Funeral services were held there on Tuesday, November 25. The body arrived in Pepperell, Wednesday, on the 12:20 train, accompanied by her son, Arthur L., and Mrs. Whitney, and wife. Burial was in the family lot in the cemetery, a few of her friends and old neighbors being present. Rev. Dudley R. Child read the committal service.

Thanksgiving Echoes. Howard Denham was home from Lowell on Thanksgiving day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Denham, Main street.

Mrs. Lucy Page went to Pawtucket, R. I., on Sunday, November 23, to spend Thanksgiving week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Greenhale. She has not yet returned and intends to make a visit of indefinite length.

At the Methodist parsonage Rev. P. R. Stratton and wife entertained his sister, Mrs. Charlotte Willis and niece, Miss Lillian Stratton, of Leominster, over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Copp entertained a company of relatives and friends about town on Thanksgiving. Miss Susie Dickenson, of Dunstable, was also present.

The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Boynton were at their home on Main street for the day and week-end. Miss Anna coming from New York city, where she had a position as teacher in a private school, and Miss Rayetta from her duties as teacher at South Framingham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Bradley spent Tuesday with friends in Nashua, N. H.

Miss Helen Keefe, of Roxbury, spent the week-end with Mrs. P. F. Sullivan on Townsend street.

Carleton Drew, of Alfred, Me., spent Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. Frank Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker, of Townsend street entertained their son, Sherwin Parker, with his wife and little daughter, over Thanksgiving.

Among other Thanksgiving visitors in town were Arthur Bolles, of Portsmouth, with his parents on Heald street; Boynton, Merrill, of Dartmouth college, and Dana Merrill, of Amherst, with their parents on Oak hill; Gerald Shattuck, of Dartmouth, at Linville Shattuck's, Main street; Margaret Boynton, of Mt. Holyoke, at Mrs. Ida Boynton's, Townsend street; Mary Gilhooly, of Fitchburg Normal, at Mrs. P. Sullivan's, Miss Mae Merrill, teacher at Mt. Ida school, at the home of her parents.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hayes for the day were Mrs. Jennison, from Westminster, Vt., and Miss Ruth Blood, of Springfield, niece of Mrs. Hayes.

The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Parker, of Amherst, and Margaret, with a classmate, were at home from Smith college for Thanksgiving and the week-end; also, Miss Miriam, from academy at St. Johnsbury, Vt., accompanied by the marriage, Miss Ida Shattuck and her niece, Miss Lillian Dunton, from Yal. Other relatives about town were visitors for the day and Dr. and Mrs. Weaver, from New Boston, N. H.

Mrs. George Herrig is sufficiently convalescent from her recent illness to spend Thanksgiving with her little daughter Rachel at Woodside, the home of her parents. Mr. Herrig and Mr. and Mrs. Kelley were also guests for the day.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright for the day were gath-ered Elizabeth Wright, wife and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Parker, Id. street, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Richardson, from West Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jewett went to Groton for the day to take dinner with Mrs. Jewett's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Wilson entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Harmon, Miss Ida Shattuck and their daughter, Miss Effie Merrill, at their home on Townsend street, for the day. Miss Merrill returned to her duties in the Boston public library on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Blood went to Everett for the day to visit their son, Almont and wife.

Bernard Shattuck was at home from Boston for the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shattuck, Main street.

Miss Ada Whitney spent Thanksgiving week with her cousin, Miss Susie Hall, of Nashua.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy entertained for the day Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dow, of Worcester, and Mrs. Lovejoy's aunt, Mrs. E. L. Conard, N. H., who is continuing her visit still.

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OBITUARY.

Dr. William Hutchinson Merrill died at his residence in Pepperell on Tuesday evening, December 2. He was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., December 13, 1850, the son of Luke T. Merrill, who was born in Hollis, Me., and Nancy Hutchinson Merrill of Peppereil. He was graduated from Yale university with the degree of A. B. in the class of 1883, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lumbia university with the degree of M. D. While an undergraduate, he became a member of Psi Upsilon, one of the important chartered fraternities of America.

After five years of practice in the hospitals of New York city he came to Pepperell, where he entered the work of his profession with the late Dr. Samuel Fletcher. At the end of three years he became house physician for the Jukyl Island club of Georgia during the winter and practiced at Watch Hill, R. I., during the summer. He continued in his position at Jukyl Island for some twelve years and resigned only three years ago.

He was married in 1891 to Miss Anna Kinsman Phelps on May 14. Miss Phelps was the daughter of Benjamin K. Phelps, who at one time studied law under Mark Farley, esq., of Hollis, N. H., and who was later in life elected district attorney for the county and city of New York for three terms in succession. Her grandfather, Rev. Dudley Phelps, was pastor for some years of the church in Groton and died in that pastorate.

Dr. Merrill retained his citizenship in Pepperell, where he was always interested in all things which seemed for the benefit of the condition of the town, whether in social or other ways. He was an honorary member of the Peppereil Country club and an active participant so long as his health allowed in the affairs of the Town Conference. As chairman of the committee from this body appointed to investigate the matter of municipal lighting, he drew up and put into effect his own expense after careful and extended investigation a concise yet most comprehensive report on the whole question of municipal lighting, particularly as it related to Pepperell.

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He was moreover, a devoted husband and brother, and all people who knew him feel a deep sympathy for his family who, during his long illness, have been fighting a brave fight and to whom his loss is irreparable.

D. A. R. Meeting. Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., held its November meeting in the chapter house November 25, in honor of the birthday of its "Patron saint," Elizabeth C. Cummings Wright. The hostesses of the afternoon, Miss Jordan, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Weston, arranged a very pleasing musical program, consisting of songs by Mrs. Wiloughby, Miss Morgan and Mrs. Hutchinson and several violin solos by Mrs. Laura Henry Kelly, and a little march of "Grandmother's Treasures," three little girls carrying flags, attired in old-fashioned costumes.

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Tea and sandwiches were served with the birthday cakes during the social hour, the chapter entertaining several guests and three of its non-residents members.

Methodist Church News. The deaconess work in New England was represented at the Sunday morning service by Mrs. George A. Brown, one of the deaconesses of the Methodist church.

At seven in the evening, Rev. P. R. Stratton will give a picture sermon upon "The Birth of Christ" telling how the King was born in a stable, and how he grew up as a son of a carpenter and lived unknown for twenty years. This subject will be illustrated with thirty-eight stereoscopic views. Christmas songs will be sung from the screen.

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