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### LITTLETON.

**News Items.**  
The King's Daughters will hold a fall sale of Orlon vestry next Saturday afternoon from 2.30 to 4.30 o'clock.

The schools have Thanksgiving recess from Wednesday afternoon to Monday morning and the teachers are spending the vacation at their homes.

The Congregational Sunday school sent a large sugar barrel full of fruit, vegetables and other good things to help make a pleasant Thanksgiving for the New England Home for Little Wanderers in Boston.

Mrs. George F. Stone was a great sufferer from acute indigestion the first of this week. She is much better but is restricted in her diet. Mr. and Mrs. Stone and daughter joined with the H. F. Proctor family in the home gathering at George Proctor's on the holiday.

The Priest family, numbering little over twenty, and the D. G. Houghton family were Thanksgiving guests of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Priest, of Ayer.

The A. F. Conant family went to Arlington Heights and dined with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Conant on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Alice Wright was a holiday guest of her sister, Miss Ella Wright, in Shirley.

The United Workers have been obliged to change the date of the regular missionary meeting which was slated for Wednesday. The date will be announced from the pulpit.

Peter H. McNiff, who has been working in Boston, returned to his home recently and will remain until business in the city improves.

Supt. F. H. Hill was present at the school superintendent's meeting in Boston last week Friday.

Mrs. Hill is visiting her sisters in Portland, Me.

Two former Quaker sister friends now located in Boston were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jones.

The Woman's club held an open meeting in the town hall last Monday which was well attended by club members and their guests. H. L. Hubbard, of the Boston Opera Company, gave an opera talk on "The Jewels of the Madonna" and "The secret of Susanne" in his very dramatic and highly entertaining manner. His introduction which covered the opera in interest relative to the opera in general was in itself a most instructive and interesting lecture. The narrative was beautifully told and various scenes and the participants were exquisitely depicted.

Prof. Hubbard was most ably assisted by his very talented pianist, Floyd M. Baxter, whose work of interpretation was beyond criticism. The audience was exceedingly sympathetic and enthusiastic in the reception of the artists and their marvelous entertainment.

Morton Millett has been critically ill at his brother David's on Harwood avenue. At last report he was resting comfortably.

Mrs. Chester M. Hartwell and children, of Detroit, arrived at J. M. Hartwell's the first of the week and C. M. Hartwell came east in time to spend Thanksgiving with the rest of the family.

W. E. Conant, Mrs. Conant and Margaret, Stanley and Harold Conant went to Watertown to take dinner with Mrs. Ralph Conant Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith, of Herwood avenue, were surrounded by their children and grandchildren by the number of about twenty-five on the holiday.

Miss Hattie Shafter, of New Bedford, and Archie Shafter, of Boston, came to their home for Thanksgiving day.

A chorus of young people was organized at the Baptist church Tuesday evening for the purpose of preparing the fine Christmas cantata, "The story of Bethlehem," by William R. Spence. The Forget-not-Circle of King's Daughters will meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. James W. Ireland. All members who have aprons finished or unfinished, belonging to the circle, will please return them at the next meeting.

Mrs. Jessie M. Young has been on the sick list and was unable to play the Unitarian church organ last Sunday. Mrs. Prouty substituted for her.

The United Workers will meet on Wednesday afternoon, December 2, with Mrs. C. W. Houghton. Mrs. A. F. Conant will be the leader and the general subject, "The child in the midst," will be continued. The special topic for discussion is "The child at home."

Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb has spent a few days recently with her aunts, the Misses Porter, of West Acton.

The Halpin house on New Estate road caught fire in the chimney on last Sunday forenoon and the Ray Jewett family, who occupy the tenement, notified the fire department which soon came to the rescue. A large company soon gathered, but their services were not much in demand since the fire was confined to

the chimney. The danger was soon over and the Sabbath peace was soon restored.

On account of the Extension School which will be in session December 7, 8 and 9, the Congregational church fair will be held on Wednesday afternoon and evening, December 2. Patrons will find the usual wares suitable for home use and holiday gifts. In the evening a good entertainment will be given.

Mrs. Charles F. Watts has been spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Dexter, and family in Nashua, N. H., and Mr. Watts joined the company for the holiday.

Miss Henrietta Ewings visited with friends in Somerville and Lexington last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Spear and daughter, of Shelburne Falls, were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spear.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houghton, of Boston, enlisted the C. W. Houghton family on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Fannie Sanderson went to Northfield with Mr. and Mrs. Thacher to spend the holiday with Olive Thacher.

There was a large family gathering at Charles L. Smith's on Thursday.

At a recent banquet of the probation officers of Massachusetts held at the American House in Boston, Albert J. Sargent, formerly of Littleton, presided.

**The Extension School.**  
Date, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 7, 8 and 9. Everything that will help to make this session of the Extension School interesting and profitable to our whole population is being done by the expert directors of the work, Prof. Morgan and Prof. Wald of the Extension department of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, and by the local officers and committees. The invitation to share in its benefits is town-wide—in fact, unlimited. To cover the necessary expenses family tickets will be sold as formerly for one dollar, each ticket admitting all the members of the family to all the classes and lectures.

The courses and lectures are furnished free, the expenses being chiefly of an incidental nature, and the family ticket method has been found to be as fair and equitable a method for distributing the cost as any. The courses will be given by the best state has in the various departments covered, including Prof. Waugh on civic improvement, Dr. Sprague on town administration, Prof. Ferguson on business co-operation.

### HOLLIS, N. H.

**About Town.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Archie R. Colburn had as guests over Sunday Mrs. Colburn's parents and sister Edna from Arlington, Mass.

Mrs. Alice Denault was in Leominster the past week.

Miss Florence Muzzey, from Worcester, Mass., has been home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Muzzey.

Mrs. Lavina Richardson, operator at the Times building, went home on Wednesday to spend the holiday.

The Whist club met with Bolton brothers on Monday evening. There were enough present for five tables and a very pleasant evening was spent. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mabel Guething on Tuesday evening, December 8. Officers of the club chosen for the ensuing year are Mrs. Angeline M. Muzzey, pres.; Mrs. Estelle Hardy, sec. and treas.

The executive committee of the W. R. C. are making arrangements for an entertainment which they are in hopes to give in the near future.

Charles W. Smith recently made a trip to Nova Scotia.

Miss Annie B. Newton went to her home in South Ashburnham on Wednesday evening to spend the holiday and week-end with her mother and sisters.

The many friends of Mrs. William H. Lund are pleased to know that she has been doing nicely while in St. Joseph's hospital.

Thomas Howard, while at work for Henry Wilson recently, was kicked quite badly by a horse and needed the attention of a physician.

Mrs. LeRoy Peacock has remained at the home of William H. Lund and family since Mrs. Lund's illness.

Mrs. Edith Bishop spent a few days in Nashua the first part of the week.

Miss Emma Van Dyke and brother George left on Friday for St. Petersburg, Fla., where they will spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wetmore will care for the Van Dyke home during their absence.

Arthur Wright was at home for Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Nichols, and grandfather, Joseph Gates.

The annual election of officers takes place at the next meeting of the Grange.

Mrs. Walter Hayden and Mrs. Bena Farley have recently returned from

Craftsbury, Vt., where they had been caring for Mrs. Hayden's mother, who had been ill for some time and who recently passed away.

Joseph Mulligan, who has been blacksmithing for George A. Ladd, left town on Wednesday evening.

Tuesday evening was inspection night of the office of Charles H. Farley camp, S. of V.

The Hollis basketball team played the Bennington team last week Friday evening. Despite the fact that the Benningtons drew reinforcements from the Milford team they were bound to defeat with the score 53 to 21. This week Friday the boys play the Antrim high school team in the town hall, and on December 2, will play a return game with Peterboro high school in Peterboro.

**News Items.**  
Miss Lottie Hobbs from Portland spent Thanksgiving with her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Hobbs.

Miss Sallie Belle is teaching school in Groton, returning to her home in Hollis at night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean, who have been spending their honeymoon in Washington have returned to Hollis and will remain at the Richardson farm for the present.

Otis Goodwin and family and his sister Miss Ruth Goodwin from Swampscott, spent Thanksgiving with their mother, Mrs. Henry Goodwin.

Miss Mildred French from Bates college spent Thanksgiving day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. French.

### BOXBOROUGH.

**News Items.**  
At the last meeting of the Grange the entertainment was given by Littleton patrons. Neighbors' night is always much enjoyed and this was unusually so because so many visitors were present. The program consisted of instrumental music by Mrs. Prouty, singing by Mr. Cook, a farce entitled "The triumph of Pauline," and readings by Mr. Russell. Every number was good and heartily applauded by the audience. A good word must also be said for the excellent work in the dining hall.

A chicken supper and Christmas bazaar will be held by the Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church at the town hall on Friday, December 4, afternoon and evening, from two to ten o'clock. The feature of the evening's entertainment will be the playing of organ chimes by Miss Eleanor F. Hayden, of Boston. The chairman of the various committees, are Mrs. C. H. Richardson, executive; Mrs. F. H. Viets, entertainment; Mrs. C. F. Wetherbee, supper; Mrs. P. W. Cunningham, fancy work; Mrs. R. Y. Nelson, useful; Mrs. G. W. Burroughs, Christmas; Mrs. S. B. Hager, doll; Mrs. H. L. Wetherbee, grab bag; Mrs. B. C. Steele, apron; Mrs. C. F. Richardson, cake; Paul Viets, harvest; George Richardson, candy. Each committee is working hard to make the affair a success and many attractive home-made articles will be just right for gifts.

Samuel Toombs has moved to West Acton on account of poor health. He has been largely engaged in the poultry business, but has sold all out, as he was unable to do so.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barreau were Sunday guests of the Turners in Waltham.

The water question here, as elsewhere, looks pretty serious. Many wells are entirely dry and with many it is a great hardship to get the necessary water for stock and house. The old reliable "Jonathan's spring" still holds out and has much custom.

Andrew Walker has gone to Spencer to visit his sister.

Miss Mary Hager recently spent Sunday with Rev. W. C. Martyn's family in Millbury. Mr. Martyn preached here several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Libbie spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Libbie's sister in Wintthrop. Mrs. Lewis Richardson went to her brother's in Alstead, N. H. Ralph Smith visited his cousins in Easton. C. B. Robbins went to his nephews in Somerville. Mrs. Edgar Mead entertained fifteen relatives. Mrs. Albert Littlefield had as guests her mother and cousin from Framingham, an uncle from Washington and a sister from Acton. Mrs. John Whitcomb entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown and daughter Mildred of Groton. Mrs. Bertha Shattuck invited Rev. Mr. Norris and family of West Acton. The Livermores had a family gathering. Mabel Lawrence of Fitchburg came home and others returned to celebrate the day.

Miss Mabel Wetherbee has taken a position as forewoman in an industrial school in Boston. At present the work is making garments for the Red Cross society to be sent abroad.

The general manager of the Boston and Maine railroad has arranged to make Boxborough a flag station on the 2.30 p. m. train to leave Boston at 4.15 p. m., commencing Monday, November 30, and this additional service to the townspeople was due in a large measure through the untiring efforts of Miss Laura A. Brown.



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WESTFORD.

Center. Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher and son John spent Thanksgiving with their home people in Ludlow, Vt.

The annual dance of the Edward M. Abbot house company will take place at the town hall on Wednesday evening, December 30. Poole's orchestra, six pieces, which has played so satisfactorily at past occasions, will furnish music. This promises to be one of the social events of the season and the committee in charge are S. B. Watson, Edward Clement, Robert Prescott and William E. Wright.

Mrs. A. W. Hartford spent the week-end with relatives in Melrose. Mrs. Willard D. Pratt, of Lowell, and a member of the Middlesex Woman's club, was among those present at the Tadmark club presidents' day on Friday of last week.

Mrs. Carrie Toombs is acting as housekeeper for the Homer M. Seavey household. Miss Hazel B. Hartford, who played the organ at the Congregational church last winter so acceptably, is again acting in that capacity this winter. Mrs. William R. Taylor is the new chorister.

Among those householders who entertained family groups for Thanksgiving were the H. V. Hildreths, Sherman H. Fletchers, Harry B. Prescotts, Charles L. Hildreths and John M. Fletchers. Mrs. David L. Greig has the sympathy of her friends in having the holiday week saddened by the death and funeral of her brother, Robert E. Jeffrey, of West Chelmsford.

Winter started in rather a hurry this last week with several inches of snow and for several days there was fair sleighing and sledding. There has been good coasting on the long hills. We do not remember of having real double-runner coasting on Richardson's hill before Thanksgiving for many years.

The food sale and entertainment under the auspices of the literature and library extension committees of the Tadmark club has been postponed from November 30 to December 7, at the Unitarian church parlors at 2.30. Miss Frances E. Kidder, of Worcester, will give readings, assisted by local talent.

Tadmark Club.

Learning experience from other seasons the calendar committee placed presidents' day early in the club year, presumably before winter sets in, only to encounter the first snow-storm of the season with accompanying bad walking. However, the weather was the only feature that failed to cooperate, all other details being most successfully carried out.

The meeting was held in the Congregational church and promptly at the appointed hour the president, Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, called to order and extended cordial greetings to all. Mrs. Hildreth paid a loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Homer M. Seavey and a letter was read from a member of her household expressing appreciation for flowers sent to the hospital. Mrs. Hildreth also read the names of seventeen new members admitted to the club as follows: Misses Adith Carter, Marion Moreland, Marguerite Young, Hazel B. Hartford, Mrs. Harry E. Prescott, Mrs. Walter F. Wright, Mrs. O. R. Spalding, Mrs. William E. Wright, Mrs. M. Tuttle, Mrs. Frederic A. Snow, Mrs. Phonsie Isles, Mrs. O. A. Foster, Mrs. Augusta Prescott, Mrs. Fred A. Hildreth, Mrs. Bert Walker, Mrs. Chas. Robinson, Mrs. Mary G. Balch and Mrs. Lambert.

The ladies' quartet of the Littleton Woman's club, consisting of Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. Houghton, Mrs. Hazer and Mrs. Priest, sang most enjoyably during the afternoon and their gracious and capable helpfulness was much enjoyed.

Miss Alice M. Howard responded for the Littleton club and Miss Grace Ward for the Middlesex Woman's club of Lowell, after which the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Herbert A. Geuney, of Quincy, vice president of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's clubs, was introduced and spoke most helpfully on the work of the State Federation, especially outlining its various departments and sounding the key note of service through her address and for a better social, intellectual and altruistic life for every club woman.

The social hour and club luncheon which followed the program was most enjoyable, with Mrs. Hammond I. Wright as hostess with a hand of willing helpers. The dainty menu, the pretty decorations and the pretty service were all well carried out.

The next meeting will be another attractive event in the season's calendar and will be gentlemen's night, and will be at the Congregational church. Norman Ritchie, cartoonist of the Boston post, will give a chalk talk and the hostess of the evening will be Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding.

About Town.

The rainy, snowy weather held up the meeting of the Grange last week Thursday.

Rev. L. L. Green, of Chelmsford, will conduct the services at the Unitarian church on Sunday in exchange with Rev. Julian R. Pennington.

The choir of the Unitarian church last Sunday was fortunate in having Samuel Anglin of Lowell as bass, Miss Marion Moreland of the academy as alto, Henry Smith of Grantville as tenor. They were an exceptional trio of inspiration. In addition to the regular choir Mr. Anglin and Miss Moreland also appeared in pleasing manner in solos.

The annual election of officers will take place at the meeting of the Grange on next week Thursday evening. Preparations have commenced for changing the Stone Brook schoolhouse into a residential building. Elias D. Hays, of North Chelmsford, has the contract for excavating the cellar and laying the walls. Amos E. Polley

has the contract for hauling the stone. The high wooden fence has already been removed. This is a slightly location and when the remodeling is complete Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor will have a pretty home there. The plans for rebuilding have been made by Mr. Davis, a well-known architect of Lowell.

Fred Johnson, eldest son of Andrew Johnson, selectman, is seriously ill at a hospital in Washington, D. C. He is a graduate of Amherst college and is employed by the United States government. He is also well remembered as a graduate of Westford academy.

Samuel Anglin, baritone, of Lowell, has been engaged for soloist and quartet work at the Unitarian church.

After a lingering illness, Robert E. Jeffrey died at his home in West Chelmsford on Monday morning, aged sixty-one years. He was a quiet, industrious citizen and a familiar figure in the village life. He lived by the principle of look up and not down, look out and not in and lend a hand.

He leaves a wife and three children, John H. of West Chelmsford, Charles L. of Bristol, N. H., Frank H. of Worcester, George L. of Lowell, and three sisters, Mrs. David L. Greig of Westford, Mrs. A. C. Morrison of Lawrence and Mrs. E. E. Mansur of Lowell.

The next meeting of the Alliance of the Unitarian church will be held on Tuesday afternoon, December 1. Miss Gertrude A. Hamlin will speak on "Camp-fire Girls."

Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Gunter, of Coe Hill, Canada, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Day. They have closed their home for the winter and will visit here and elsewhere. Before leaving their community their good neighbors gave them a farewell party and presented them with a travelling bag and other gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Day pleasantly entertained Rev. and Mrs. Kernahan of Grantville this week, the occasion being Mr. Day's birthday.

Mrs. Lucy Keyes, another of our octogenarians, has just passed her eighty-fourth birthday. Mrs. Keyes is quite strong and during the summer walks back and forth to church.

Some of the old homesteads had family reunions on Thanksgiving day and at others the families were away. The Eben Prescott family spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Benjamin, in West Somerville. Mr. and Mrs. Houghton spent with Mr. and Mrs. Leman, Wilkins in Cambridge. The Old Oak Hill farm had an old-time house gathering.

Carlos D. Cushing, of Framingham has been spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. William R. Taylor. He leaves next week for Florida to rejoin his wife and son at Miami.

The next meeting of Middlesex North Pomona Grange will be held at Odd Fellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, on Friday, December 4. At the morning session officers will be elected. In the afternoon the session will be open to the public with a most interesting program.

Forge Village.

Excellent sleighing is being enjoyed as a result of the first snowfall.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tuttle and little son Richard, of Lowell, were the guests of Mrs. Tuttle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Elodgett, of Boston road, over Sunday.

A Russian woman employed in the mills of Abbot & Company, lost over fifty dollars in bills while shopping in the village over three weeks ago. The finder, Harry Thompson, advertised it for three weeks without success. Being a foreigner she did not understand until last week when the owner of the money was found to be a young Russian woman, who seemed to regret the loss of her well earned savings.

In the absence of complete information regarding the services at St. Andrew's mission of last Sunday, the writer, through error, stated that Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, of Leominster, officiated. The vicar, Rev. Williston M. Ford, had charge of the services. Mr. Fisher being only a visitor with several young men of his parish.

Thursday being Thanksgiving day, the mills of Abbot & Company closed for the remainder of the week. Work will be resumed on Monday morning.

Mr. Pendleberry, the night watchman at the mill of Abbot & Company, has been confined to his home for a few days by illness.

The teachers of Cameron school held a concert in Abbot hall on last week Tuesday evening which drew one of the largest crowds that ever gathered in the hall. The proceeds of the concert were to be used for the purchase of a Victrola for the school. The program, which was a varied one, included selections on the Victrola with A. L. Hiser of Lowell in charge. Vocal solos by Miss Irene Ward of Lowell, readings by Miss Vernie Love of North Chelmsford, and singing by Masters Canning, Ayer and Kelly of this village. The program concluded with a sketch entitled "Two of a kind," given by members of the Abbot & Company's check for twenty-five dollars, amounting to sixty-four dollars, thus paying in full for the Victrola now installed in the school. The teachers express their thanks to all who helped in any way towards the success of the entertainment or otherwise.

Miss Edith Forster, of the Frost school, Westford; Miss Mary B. Payne, the supervisor of music; Miss Leslie Parker, Miss Mary Dunn and Miss Esther Smith, of the Sargent school in Grantville, were among those who attended the concert last week.

Rev. Sherrard Billings will preach at St. Andrew's on Sunday afternoon, his subject being "The present war in Europe."

The employees of Abbot & Company, of this village, have contributed seventy-two dollars to be used in the purchase of handkerchiefs for the allies in the war in Europe. Miss Christina Lowther had charge of the money and has already sent it to Mrs. Caroline A. Richardson, of Lowell, who will superintend the purchase and forwarding of the handkerchiefs in pieces, Lady Fraser, of London, where they will be distributed to the soldiers. It is reported that what the soldiers need most is handkerchiefs, as they can be used for so many purposes.

Grantville.

A requiem mass for deceased members of Westford Court, M. C. O. F., was celebrated in St. Catherine's church last Saturday morning at nine o'clock. Rev. Edward C. Mitchell was the celebrant. Both masses on Sunday morning were celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield.

The members of Court Grantville, F. O. A., held a largely attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Thursday evening of last week, with Wall chief ranger, in the chair. Much business of importance was transacted and at the close of the

meeting a very enjoyable smoker was held. Refreshments were served and after cigars had been lighted a very pleasing musical program was given that consisted of songs by the A. W. C. quartet, composed of Henry Smith, Charles Byrne, R. J. McCarthy and Alvin Nelson; violin solos by Joseph Miller and Charles Eaton; recitation, A. R. Wall; songs, R. J. McCarthy, Raymond Charlton, George Gower, Joseph Oliver, Ezzalino Priviato and others. The affair proved to be very enjoyable and was in charge of the following committee: R. J. McCarthy, C. E. Pope, F. G. Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Riney, with Misses Etta May and Alice C. Sheehan, and Elizabeth Devine, of Lowell, have been recent visitors here.

Owing to the cold weather of the past few days the mill pond had been entirely frozen over, but skating is considered out of the question owing to the ice being so thin.

The recent snowstorm has provided excellent coasting for the youngsters in this vicinity, which is something unusual for the month of November.

The mills of the Abbot Worsted Co. will run but three days this week, closing down at the usual time on Wednesday and starting up again on Monday, November 30.

The Sargent school held sessions but three days this week, owing to Thanksgiving.

The men of the M. E. church held a baked bean supper and entertainment in the church on Tuesday evening that was well attended and the whole affair proved to be very enjoyable.

The open season on deer did not prove very successful for the local hunters, as not one of them brought down a deer.

GROTON.

Postal Savings. The item given in this column in the issue of November 17, telling how forty-five accounts had been opened since the inception of the postal savings at the Groton postoffice, showing a deposit of about \$2000, was read with much interest. Frequently inquiries for general information concerning postal savings are made of the postmaster and to such the following account from the postoffice headquarters at Washington, undoubtedly prove an interesting answer:

The war in Europe is proving a big boon to postal savings in this country. From the very day hostilities opened across the sea, postal savings receipts began to increase by leaps and bounds and withdrawals fell off, a result contrary to the predictions of many well-informed persons who, in their imagination, saw lines of feverish depositors at postoffice pay windows anxious to again return their savings to the boot-lick and boot-bettered depositors when they came before intrusted to Uncle Sam. But the forecasters failed to reckon on the absolute confidence of the American citizen, regardless of the flag that first met his eye, in the ability and purpose of the government to collect its debts. The war has opened among the nations of the earth, but with the humblest citizens of our land. Two important results have followed: first, the people of our country, of foreign birth, accustomed to send their savings abroad, are not patrons of our postal-savings system; and enormous sums of actual cash have been released for commercial uses among our own people at a time when the need for money is being felt everywhere.

The growth of postal savings in the United States has been steady and healthy and the system has added an important element to the national prosperity and the factory paymaster. On July 1, when affairs were running smoothly here and abroad the financial mission of money across the Atlantic was safe and expeditious, there was approximately \$12,000,000 of postal savings in the hands of the people of the United States. Since then over \$10,000,000 of deposits have been added and the number of depositors has increased correspondingly. The percentage gain is the more striking when it is considered that the net gain in the last three months is larger than the gain for the entire year 1914. Scores of offices have done more postal-savings business since the war has broken out than was done by them during the previous existence of the service. The increases are confined to no special localities, but have been felt in every corner of the country. New York city alone made a gain in September of more than a million, while Brooklyn showed a relation of increase. Chicago reported a larger gain in the past three months than for the previous twelve months. More than 1,000,000 accounts were opened during the period, and the number of depositors in that city up to over 21,000.

The unexpected increase in postal-savings business has not only added greatly to the general administrative duties of the system, but has brought up many new and interesting questions which have called for the careful personal consideration of Postmaster General Burdett and Governor Dockery, third assistant postmaster general. But their task has been lightened somewhat by the promptness of depositors in furnishing additional security to meet the abnormal deposits. A number of the very largest banks in the country which have heretofore declined to accept deposits for postal-savings funds, are now among the eager applicants for them.

Wilbur Theatre.

There is one dramatic company playing in this season that has an unusually notable galaxy of stage artists. This is the road to happiness, "William Hodge's big play success" which is now in its fifth month at the Wilbur theatre here. As the play compresses so many quaint characters into its other, it is essential to secure a number of old-time actors and actresses thoroughly expert in character impressions. Ida Verne, who has been with the company in the historic old Boston theatre, supported Hodge's troupe during his winter season at the Wilbur in New York. Gardner, the original Sister Genevieve in "The two orphans," was playing with Karel Hackett in Brooklyn in that same play at the time of the great Brooklyn theatre fire, and ranks as one of the best stars ever seen in "East Lynne."

Azack Evans, who is the kindly old Farmer Phil in Hodge's drama, supported Mary Anderson when she made her first appearance on any stage as Shakespeare's Juliet in Macaulay's theatre. Louisville, Edwin Melvin, the original Hodge's "big play success" member of the same San Francisco company in which were at the same time James O'Neill, Joseph Grismer, William A. Brady and the late, late, late Haynes, is a graduate of the celebrated Woods' Theatre Stock of Cincinnati, and for years a noted emcee on the stage. Howard Moran, Taylor Carroll and Scott Cooper have also all enjoyed illustrious careers.

These veterans furnish a much enjoyable character comedy, while the girlish grace and charm of Gertrude Hitz and Hazel Sexton radiate sunshine all over the love scenes of the play. Mr. Hodge has apparently given Boston entertainment, its most popular dramatic long run as Daniel Voorhees. The "man from home" in Boston bids fair to be duplicated, if not excelled.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items. Mrs. Alice L. Wright spent last week Thursday with relatives in Orange. Nonleucous Camp-fire Girls held its first ceremonial meeting evening at the home of their guardian, Mrs. David L. Lindenberg. The King's Daughters met on Monday evening with Miss Leona Lee at Mrs. Butler's and set out boxes of toilet cheer to the shut-ins. The next meeting will be held on December 8. At the high school assembly held last week Friday afternoon the following program was rendered: Violin solo, Virginia McElroy; debate, Resolved: "That wealth breeds more evil than poverty," Carl Badstuber and Ruth Knowles affirm, Chester Hooper and Edna Holden neg. The judges were Miss Margreta S. Hastings, Agnes Lynch and Raymond Harris, who decided in favor of the negative side. A buck deer was found dead at the reservoir crossing, between the Boston and Maine railroad last Saturday morning. Albert H. Sherman, of Shirley, game warden, was notified and had it brought to Shirley, where it was inspected by Warden Converse of Fitchburg. The deer was dressed and disposed of under the supervision of the above game warden. Ernest Bohanon killed a doe at Shabokim, near Robbins, last Saturday afternoon weighing about 100 pounds. Clarence Reed, four years of age, living on the Shaker road, is confined to his home with diphtheria. Guy Cook shot and killed a doe weighing about 175 pounds last Saturday afternoon at Woodsville. Thomas Burrill, Jr., killed a buck deer last Saturday afternoon in the vicinity of Slab City, so-called, weighing about 175 pounds. Those from Shirley who attended the Harvard-Yale football game in New Haven last Saturday were Chas. R. White, Richard Weeks, Earl C. Merriman, Harry O. Bangs, William Connors and Henry Goss. A school sized audience attended the Thanksgiving service at the Congregational church last Sunday evening. Rev. G. E. Woodman read the scripture and offered prayer and Rev. E. S. Burke, of the Baptist church, delivered the address. Special music was rendered by the choir. There will be a hearing in Engine hall this week Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock relative to the relocation of electric light poles on Front, Maple, Chapel and Phoenix streets and Leominster road. The Altruistic club will hold a food sale in their club rooms on Friday afternoon, December 4, at three o'clock. Home-cooked foods of all kinds will be on sale. Miss Alice Martin, of Fitchburg, a former well-known and respected resident of this town, will assist in the postoffice during the holiday rush. Clarence Sederberg killed a doe at Shabokim in the vicinity of Robbins' pond on last Saturday afternoon weighing a little less than 100 pounds. His brother Fred also killed a doe in the same locality last Saturday weighing in the neighborhood of 200 pounds. Mrs. M. J. Johnson, of Dorchester, arrived on Tuesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, to remain until the first of next week. Her husband, Mr. Johnson, arrived on Wednesday returning to Boston again yesterday morning. Miss Margreta S. Hastings, high school principal, spent Thanksgiving holidays at her home in Brookfield. Miss Anna Lougee spent Thanksgiving with relatives in East Boston. Charles Wolf, the junk dealer, has sold out his business to a Mr. Zalzman from Chelsea and has moved with his family to Chelsea, the home of the former. The Zalzman family will live on Shaker road. The Orville I. Cutter family are this week moving from Clark road into the house on Main street recently vacated by Charles Wolf, the junk dealer. Miss Ruth Carter, commercial teacher in the high school, spent Thanksgiving at her home in Winchendon. Dean Hewes, of Clark road, is confined to his home with measles and is under the care of Dr. Thomas E. Gilly. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Theotem Gallien on Tuesday morning. Youthful "Dick Turpin." Wholesale breaks were made at Fort pond and vicinity last week and Sunday by two boys who were endeavoring to play the role of highway robbers in real, old-fashioned style. That robbery is the first step to crime was again made evident when one of the boys upon being caught stated that if he had a revolver he would have arrested him. The boys in question were John Walsh, aged fifteen years, of 161 Fourth street, Leominster. They were arrested on Saturday in the Clinton court on Monday morning and pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking and entering. Prince was committed to the Shirley industrial school and Walsh was sent to the Lyman school in Westboro. The boys made their appearance at Fort pond on last week Thursday and started with the intention of breaking into every cottage at the pond and were fairly successful in their efforts before they were rounded up. They succeeded in breaking into the cottage of Charles R. White, Fred Perry, Burt Lane, Fred Dodge and Joseph Cassavoy and a couple of others; also, the club cottage at Spec pond. At all of the above cottages entrance was gained by forcing the windows in that a couple of men were battering down the doors. They entered freely on the supply of canned goods and crackers which are usually kept at all the cottages for lunch, lighting the fires to keep warm and warming coats, rubbers, etc., belonging to the cottage owners. They apparently made no attempt to conceal their identity for they were seen in the boats on the pond and were walked from cottage to cottage with such much concern as though they were the sole owners of all that eye could see. Their adventure came to an abrupt end last Sunday when Frank W. Snell, owner of a cafe at the pond, saw them in the Cassavoy cottage cooking a meal. He at once notified the police and they in company with Officer Burrill went to the pond but the boys had left the cottage and were tracked by footprints in the snow to Spec pond, where they were then trying to break

into a cottage at that place. They were placed under arrest and Officer George A. Sampson of Lancaster, arrived on the scene in response to a telephone message and took both boys to Clinton, where they were locked up with the results as stated above. They had they had a bag filled with provisions. Walsh and Prince stated that they had also broken into eight cottages at Fort pond and that they intended breaking into all the cottages along the shores of Fort and Spec ponds and take all the food and provisions they found to the cottage of Joseph Cassavoy, which they intended as their headquarters, as they had planned to remain at Fort pond all winter. The cottages at this season of the year are, generally speaking, closed for the winter and this, added to the fact of dense forests which largely conceal the view from one cottage to another, is the reason the boys were not apprehended sooner. Their arrest and prompt commitment by the courts was as fortunate for the boys as for the property owners and it is hoped will have a sobering, moral effect upon other boys whose minds are wandering in the direction of Dick Turpin adventures. To the Editor: The recent very dry season has started talk about extending the water system from the village to the Center, but there are some objections to it. First, the demand is growing here and new wells will have to be dug, and the supply may be limited, and it costs money to dig them. Then it would have to be raised nearly a quarter of a mile, and that takes power, and in laying pipes between the two places much ledge might be encountered. The Center should, and might have, a water supply of its own. There is plenty of good water within three-quarters of a mile of the Center, and with electric power lines running near it, it could be pumped by a motor into a standpipe and give a supply at reasonableness. In my opinion much better than to take it from the Village. It is a matter that had better be carefully considered before voting on. G. M. Ballou. Center. The next regular meeting of the Matrons' Aid society will be held on Wednesday, December 2, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bradford. The next meeting of the Shirley First Parish Branch Alliance will be held on Thursday, December 10, at the home of Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, at the village. A social dance will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, November 28. Music by Perry's orchestra, of Ayer. The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel held a pleasant meeting on last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. F. Grout on Parker road. Mr. and Mrs. Almond Wing, well-known in town, moved this week from Roxbury to Brookline, where they are to make their home. The Matrons' Aid society are to hold a sale of aprons, fancy articles, etc., the first part of December in the Altruistic club rooms at the village. At the next meeting of the Grange, Tuesday, December 1, the election of officers for 1915 will be held. A feature of the evening will be a pound party and every member is requested to bring a pound of refreshments to the meeting. Robert H. J. Holden attended the Harvard-Yale football game in New Haven, last Saturday, spending the latter part of the week in New Haven, where he was entertained by Stanley F. White. Rev. W. Harris Crook, A. M., of England, preached an excellent sermon on "The value of the material and spiritual world," in the First Parish church, Sunday, November 22. In the absence of the church organist, Mrs. Grace E. Winslow did excellent service at the church cabinet organ. Rev. Wm. Ware Loke of Boston will preach Sunday, November 29, 9:00 a. m. Wm. J. Flynn has been invited to sing a solo at this service. TOWNSEND. Center. Friends of Miss Helen Moody will be pleased to learn that she will soon be able to return to her home here. Much sympathy has been expressed for Miss Moody during her four-weeks' stay in the hospital as a result of an injury received from slipping on a waxed floor in a schoolroom in Biddeford, Me., where she was superintendent of music. She received an injury to the same limb when she was a little girl. While in the hospital she has been the recipient of many flowers from her school pupils, attesting the esteem in which she is held. Elmer Wallace and Charles Stickney, of the West village, are enjoying a week's hunting trip near Pittsburg, N. H. Charles Wilson has entered the employ of J. L. Farrar at the meat market. Miss Ardielle Hinds has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Cole, at her old home on Townsend hill. Miss Avora Sawlor has left her summer home on Townsend hill and has returned to Boston. She will be greatly missed by the Townsend Hill Improvement society. Monday evening, November 23, the Grange conferred the third and fourth degrees upon a class of candidates. The ladies degree team, Mrs. Louise Tenney, as master, worked the third degree. The fourth degree was in charge of the regular officers. After the degree work a reception was given the new members and refreshments served. Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Howard received word on Saturday of the arrival of a little daughter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Howard at Vualua, Hawaiian Islands. Stephen Coffey, of Boston, was in town this week visiting relatives. A special meeting of the Anson D. Fessenden camp, S. of V., was held in Odd Fellows' hall on Thursday evening of last week in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech. The G. A. R. veterans in town were invited guests. It being a stormy evening the attendance was small. Those present, however, report a very enjoyable meeting together of comrades and sons. Alfred N. Fessenden was host of the evening, furnishing the collation and entertaining the guests and members with music from the Victrola. Lincoln's address was also read by Alfred N. Fessenden. Dwight L. Moody, a student at Harvard college, spent Sunday with his father, Rev. George R. Moody, and his brother Earl. Mrs. George R. Moody is at present with her daughter, Miss Helen Moody, in Biddeford, Me. On Sunday evening, November 15,

a little daughter arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper F. Eastman in Morrisville, N. Y. Mrs. W. D. Osgood closed her summer home here this week. She will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Martha Osgood Crankshaw, of Mattapan. The Townsend Hill Improvement society held a musical meeting on Thanksgiving evening at the "brick college" on the hill. Topics of the evening discussed were "Better roads for Townsend hill" and "The extension library." West. Rev. Joseph McKean preached a very appropriate sermon for the Thanksgiving service Sunday morning. The Y. P. S. C. E. service was conducted by Miss Alice Seaver on the topic "A joyful life." The fair and entertainment given by the Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society was well patronized and netted a goodly sum for their treasury. An excellent program was given, the reader being Mrs. Henrietta Clarke Bemis, of Concord, N. H., who gave a number of pleasing selections, two of them "The music of the low back jaunting car," being accompanied on the piano by Miss Emma Adams. Two piano duets by George Hayward and Miss Isabelle Hayward, and a solo, "The girl I loved in Auld Lang Syne," by Miss Alice Welch completed the program. The tables were prettily decorated and well patronized as were also the ice cream and cake. Sumner Lawrence, from Concord, N. H., has been a recent visitor with relatives in town. Charles B. Stickney is with a party of friends on a hunting trip in Pittsburg, N. H. Clarence Reynolds and family have returned from Mason, N. H., where they spent the summer, and have opened their home by the railroad track for the winter. The public schools closed on last Friday afternoon and Miss Bertha Reynolds returned to her home in North Reading for the Thanksgiving vacation and Miss Blaisdell to her home in Maine. Mrs. George A. Seaver is spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph H. Willard, in Dorchester. Funeral. The remains of Mrs. Harriet Wood, wife of Lucius F. Wood, a well-known former resident here, who passed away on last week Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Ball, of Concord, was brought here for burial on last Friday afternoon. The funeral services were held in the Baptist church, with Rev. S. D. Ringrose, of the Highland Baptist church, Fitchburg, her former pastor, officiating, assisted by the present pastor, Rev. Joseph McKean. Two beautiful selections, "Even-tide" and "No tears," were rendered by a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilder, Milton Wilder and Miss Ina Wilder. Burial was in the family lot in the West Townsend cemetery, and the bearers were George M. Ball of Concord, W. M. Heseltine of Hudson, N. H., and G. E. Walker and Amos Jodery of this village. Many beautiful flowers covered the casket carried to her last resting place as marks of the esteem and love with which she was regarded. The party accompanying the body were Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ball and Miss Freda Jodery of Concord, Mrs. Edward Walker of Hudson, and William Heseltine of Hudson, N. H. Mrs. Wood, aged 76 yrs. 8 mos. 1 day, was a native of this town and her maiden name was Harriet Ellen Davis, a granddaughter of Mr. Ball, an old resident here, who lived at the famous Ball place on Bayberry hill. Her death was caused by septisemia after intense suffering and she had been in very feeble health for a number of years. She leaves an aged husband, ninety-eight years of age this month; a daughter, Mrs. George Ball, of Concord; four grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Edward Walker, of Waltham, and several nephews and nieces. Most of her life was spent in this village, where she lived a faithful and devoted christian life, being a loving wife and mother, a faithful and conscientious member of the Baptist church, and a kind and helpful friend and neighbor. Patient in her extreme suffering, and loving in spirit to the very end, she will be sadly missed in her daughter's home and mourned by many friends who while they cannot but be glad of her release from suffering, join her in grief before, yet will miss her from their life, and it can truly be said of her, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." PEACH STAINS. They May Usually Be Removed With Javelle Water. Peaches should always be served with a dolly, as there is no fruit stain so difficult to remove. It will yield to renewed applications of javelle water, but the cloth is weakened unless great pains are used. Javelle water, by the way, is a convenient article to keep in the house, but it should be under lock and key or high on a shelf out of reach of inquisitive children. It is simply a solution of chloride of potash and if purchased under that name will cost less than when bought as Javelle water. 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Chief Dowling has an assistant policeman—a handsome great Dane, who will help find all lawbreakers. Rev. and Mrs. Charles B. Ames were in town for Thanksgiving.

The bird walk of last week Wednesday was very instructive to those who made it. They saw eleven different species of birds, beside a gray squirrel taking a sunbath.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Wednesday evening, December 2, instead of December 1. Officers will be elected for the ensuing year and a full attendance is desired.

There was a family reunion at S. P. McKean's, Chicopee row, on Thursday. Their son, Clay McKean, finished his time in the navy Monday and is home for good.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange meets at Kendall hall, with Leonard Grange on December 3. The program calls for a piano solo by Miss Margaret Benedict and a vocal solo by Miss Dora Bailey, both of Groton Grange.

All the schools in town had their usual Thanksgiving recess.

Miss Tozier, principal of the Hosmer school, Fitchburg, was over to spend the Thanksgiving recess at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. P. Gerlish.

Mrs. Mary S. Gould, who has been visiting among her Groton friends, went to Somerville to spend Thanksgiving with her sister, and from there will return to Bath, Me., to spend the winter.

At the Grange meeting on Tuesday night there were eight or nine applications for membership.

Mrs. M. J. Blood entertained her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blood, of Beverly, Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, from Roslin-dale, spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Clark, of Common street.

There were twenty-three that sat down to Thanksgiving dinner at Joseph E. Raddin's on Thursday.

Miss Irene Tyrrell spent the Thanksgiving vacation with relatives and college friends in Brookline and Cambridge.

William Gay came home from Boston to spend Thanksgiving.

Frank Stanley Tower, symphony cellist, with Mary Humphrey Tower, pianist, and Theresa Franz, soprano prima donna of the Royal Opera, Berlin, will give a concert in the town hall on Wednesday evening, December 9. This concert is to be given under the auspices of the village improvement section of the Yoman's club.

Mrs. James Sargent had a family gathering of twenty-three at her home on Thanksgiving day. With her children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild, there were four generations present.

Miss Lena Tuttle, teacher of the grammar school in Brookline, N. H., spent Thanksgiving at her home with her sister, Mrs. Cora Sargent, in Lancaster.

Rev. G. M. Howe attended the opening of the Forsyth Dental Infirmary of Boston Tuesday. Gov. Walsh, Mayor Curley and other officials took part in the impressive dedication ceremonies. Fully 1500 persons inspected the infirmary upon the conclusion of the speaking. Dr. W. A. Goble, who is on the extracting staff of the institution, was another who attended from here.

Thanksgiving day, as usual, was a holiday at Groton School. In the morning Mr. Fosbrook of the Episcopal Theological seminary spoke in the chapel. In the afternoon the Bellingers Guild of Boston, to which Mr. Abbott belongs, rang a peal on the chime. A traditionally excellent dinner in the Grange, the dramatic association presented "Mr. Bob," a delightful farce. The cast was made up of: C. Fuller, P. Hamilton, Patterson, Lawrence, C. La Farke, W. Warren and J. Scott.

A visit to John E. Thayer's museum of ornithology in South Lancaster will be made by members of the Bird club, desiring to make the trip on Wednesday morning, December 2, leaving Groton at 7.42, and returning so as to arrive in Groton at one o'clock. Through the efforts of Miss Susan Hill, Mr. Thayer himself will be present to show the club his very interesting and complete collection. It is thought there will also be an opportunity for those who desire to visit Mr. Thayer's museum. This trip should be very much worth while and it is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend.

At the Baptist church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach at 10.30. Subject, "Enoch, the man that walked with God." At seven in the evening "The holy city" will be the subject. The preaching will be preceded by a praise service. Special evangelistic services will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, December 2, 3 and 4, at 7.30 o'clock; also, on Sunday morning, December 6, at 10.30 and evening at seven o'clock. Rev. W. E. Waterbury, field secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary society, will be the evangelist.

H. L. Bruce and W. A. Goble attended the Harvard-Yale game in New Haven last Saturday.

The new Groton Inn garage is finished, with steam heat in it. It is a handsome and every way first-class building of its kind. Hardwick and Coolege, two stars in the Harvard-Yale game last Saturday, are graduates of Groton School. There was a very good sized congregation out to the union Thanksgiving service held in the Baptist church last Sunday evening. Rev. G. M. Howe gave an able address. Revs. Cressy and Breckenridge assisted in the service by prayer and reading of scriptures. The Baptist choir render-

ed very fine singing of anthems and hymns, the whole making an enjoyable Thanksgiving church observance. Rev. Joseph M. Pardee, of Bolton, will preach at the Unitarian church on Sunday.

The Reading club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Ellnor Ebert. J. E. Adams and Mr. Goggin, of Peppercell, returned from their trip to Northern New York this year without either horses or turkeys, which there was a quarantine on account of the widespread foot and mouth disease.

Most all the young folks away to college or other schools, either as students or students, were home for the Thanksgiving recess.

There was a family gathering at George H. Woods' for Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Torrey spent Thanksgiving day at the home of their son in Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Eucene O. Collier went to West Somerville to spend Thanksgiving day at the home of their son. Mr. Collier will remain with them for a longer visit.

The Alliance will hold a Christmas sale in the town hall on Thursday afternoon, December 3, doors opening at 2.30 o'clock. Fancy articles, aprons, home-made cake, candy and ice cream will be on sale. There will also be a children's table and one with a variety of household articles. There will be an entertainment in the evening, given under the direction of Walter Powers, of Fowler House road. The doors in the evening will be opened at seven o'clock. Entertainment at eight o'clock. Dancing will follow until twelve o'clock. Music by the Groton orchestra, four pieces, violin, piano, cornet and drums. There will be an entrance charge for the evening's entertainment and for each one dancing.

The barn at Groton Inn is to be moved back to another location on the inn grounds and a new cottage is to be built for the accommodations of the employees at the inn.

There has been good sleighing here since the snowstorm of Thursday of last week.

H. H. Gay attended the opening of the Forsyth dental infirmary in Boston on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Whiting had a family Thanksgiving gathering on Thursday. Relatives were over from Westford.

The Thanksgiving offering for the work of the Groton Cross by the protestant churches in town last Sunday amounted to \$140, the largest donation being from St. John's Episcopal church, Groton School.

The senior class of the high school will hold the annual dance in the town hall on Friday evening, December 18.

Bird Club.

The November meeting of the Bird club was held in the lower town hall on Monday evening, November 16, at eight o'clock. About seventy members being present. Records of the previous meeting were read and approved. For the next box committee, the president reported that an examination had been made of the club boxes and that but three boxes had to have been nested in by birds. He expressed hopefulness, however, that better results would be secured another year. Reports from the members who have secured boxes through the club indicated that of those put up probably about a quarter were occupied. The president gave a brief summary of an inspection of his own boxes that showed thirty-four out of more than a hundred boxes of suitable size and suitably placed had been nested in by birds. The type proving most successful was that constructed of plain boards like the club's boxes, and those placed on posts were clearly preferred. Eighteen out of thirty boxes used. The report of the next box committee was accepted with thanks.

Miss Gertrude Gerlish made a brief report on recent meetings of the Junior club. It was announced that Miss Susan P. Hill will lead a bird walk on Wednesday morning, November 18, four ladies signifying their intention of joining this walk. It was further announced that the visit to the Thayer museum, South Lancaster, has been arranged for Wednesday morning, December 2, leaving Groton on the 7.42 train and returning on the train that reaches here at one o'clock.

No further business being brought up, Mrs. Frank D. Lewis read an interesting paper describing the visit of evening Grosbeaks to the Lewis farm last winter. Miss Gertrude Gerlish described the several different kinds of Grosbeaks—blue, rose-breasted and the cardinal. The meeting was adjourned at nine o'clock.

Grange Meeting.

There was a very interesting meeting at the Grange Tuesday evening with many of the public attending when it was thrown open. Mr. Underhill of Somerville, who it is understood, is a brother of Dr. S. G. Underhill, formerly of Groton, was a very fluent speaker, making some points against woman suffrage. Some of those were that the Mormons, the Socialists, the I. W. W. were all strong woman suffrage. When the woman Socialists made their visit in numbers to Washington, D. C., calling on the president, they did not carry the U. S. flag, but one of their own order and when he repeated this fact before an audience which he addressed in New York this act as mentioned was applauded loudly.

The speaker, who is a blacksmith by trade, had served as representative from his district for eight years, and from his experience in sending out circulars, etc., compared with his salary, the expenses of elections when women vote would be greatly increased. The speaker said that in the western states where equal suffrage won, they never got prohibition that only the intelligent and well informed women could have suffrage the subject would have another and better aspect.

While those of Mr. Underhill's hearers who were for equal suffrage might find exceptions to statements made and consider them somewhat overdrawn, all enjoyed him as an able speaker and listened with close attention to all he had to say. There were those who were doubtful, strengthened by his forcible arguments, and he probably too made some converts.

A musical program of much ability followed the address. This opened and closed with selections by the Groton Grange orchestra. Miss Geraldine Lawrence gave most enjoyable violin selections, two of which were accompanied by Bowen Barker and two others by her mother, Mrs. John Lawrence. Mr. Barker also gave a number of piano solos, playing without notes and perhaps pieces of his own composition. Mr. Barker modestly made the remark about his not playing "as well as he could, before he was

a farmer," but the remark was wasted for the success of the touch and skill of an artist as he manipulated the instrument.

West Groton.

The Gun club at its regular meeting on Friday evening of last week elected the following officers: E. F. Shober, pres.; P. W. Kane, vice pres.; John Robinson, sec.; Fred Held, treasurer and field capt. A whist party will be held at the hall on next Friday evening, December 4. All interested in the game are cordially invited to meet with the club members for an evening's enjoyment.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet in the lower hall on Thursday afternoon, December 3, for the tying of a comforter. It is hoped that a full attendance will be possible.

Thomas Noonan, who for some time past has been employed by Lawrence is moving his family this week. This leaves vacant one of the Kemp houses on Townsend road.

Mr. and Mrs. George Strachn left town last week, having greatly enjoyed their sojourn at Thompson's.

Provost Thompson has recovered from an injury to his foot sustained some weeks ago and hopes to return to school after the Thanksgiving recess.

Mrs. Bundy, who lives at the Trofater place on the Kemp road, has been very ill and by the advice of her physician has entered a Boston hospital. Her three little children are being cared for by relatives in that city.

Raymond Sleeper, who took a hunting vacation last week, shot his deer on Friday, a three-legged animal, probably having been injured during the hunting season last year, or by some exasperated farmer.

Mrs. William Fernald, who was quite ill with tonsillitis last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. S. Webber, was able to return to her home in Groton. Mr. and Mrs. Ayer has been for some days at the home of her son.

The list of Thanksgiving guests must necessarily be incomplete at this writing. We have learned of the following: With Mrs. Charles Bixby, Mr. and Mrs. George McCurdy and son Roydon of Rochester; Miss Isabel Bixby of Boston; Miss Grace Bixby of Lincoln; with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Bixby, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Chapman, Jr., and daughter Marjorie of Winchester; with Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Catlin and son Priestly of Pittsfield; with Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuttle of Groton; with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott of Danvers, Mrs. Dudley's parents, also her sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley and daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Perry. The ladies of the party will remain for the week-end.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dadmun, of Sudbury, spent Thanksgiving at the home of their son, William A. Dadmun, also, Archie Dadmun, of Sudbury; Frank H. Dadmun, of Worcester; H. A. Dadmun, of Greenfield, and Herbert Dadmun.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mudgett, with their son Sherman, spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. Mudgett's parents in Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French, of Fitchburg, spent the holiday at the home of Mrs. French's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.

Miss Dolly Knowles spent Friday with her friend, Miss Ella Buckheim, at her home in Lancaster.

Percy Gale spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tewksbury.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will hold its regular monthly social and supper in the church vestry on next Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. The Brotherhood will also join their monthly meeting with the ladies at this time and will take charge of the entertainment, providing a good speaker for the occasion. The ladies will furnish a fine supper and every member of the Brotherhood is most earnestly requested to be present. The evening will be one of real enjoyment.

At the industrial school on Thanksgiving day a special program of entertainment and good cheer for the boys was carried out. In the morning an appropriate address was given by Supt. George P. Campbell, followed by games of various kinds. The usual turkey dinner was enjoyed and an abundance of good things was provided for the boys during the day.

Charles R. White and family which included his son, Stanley F. White, of Yale college, and William F. White, of Misses Lura and Sylvia White, spent the holiday at the home of Mrs. Gordan Brooks, of Ayer, a sister of Mr. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Snell spent the holiday with Mrs. Snell's sister in St. Albans.

Mrs. M. W. Longley and family, of the Center, were entertained on Thursday at the home of her sister, Miss Mary A. Park, Center road.

James E. Richardson spent Thanksgiving day at the home of his sister in Clinton.

Paul Woodman entertained Harold Shuck, of Fitchburg, at his home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pevear, of Swampscott, with daughter Ruth, is spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, parents of Mrs. Pevear.

Howard Ayers, of Boston, spent Thanksgiving in town at the home of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gateley.

Thomas White left on Thursday morning for his home in Williamsset to spend the holidays and will return to town on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker, of New York city, spent Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris, parents of Mrs. Ricker.

The Choral society will hold a social in the evening at the Altrurian club on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Refreshments will be served and games played.

The regular meeting of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., scheduled to be held on Tuesday evening of this week was postponed to meet at the call of the regent.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen entertained at their home on Thanksgiving day Mrs. Hazen's two sisters, Misses Helen M. and Harriet Winslow, and Mrs. Mary M. Nickless and Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Wheeler and family, of Shirley.

Mrs. Lucy Merriman entertained her sister, Miss M. C. Smith, of Fitchburg, on the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark and family spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs.

Hiram Clark, of Ayer, parents of Mr. Clark.

Miss Helen Balch, of Leominster, and Vernon Russell, of Newton Center, spent Thanksgiving with W. A. Dadmun.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pomfret, of Hudson, spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret.

Mr. and Mrs. James Holland spent the holiday with relatives in Cambridge.

Miss Mabel Miner, of Keene, N. H., spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miner.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman entertained her sister, Miss Smith, of Fitchburg, over the holiday.

Band Fair.

The fair held on Tuesday evening in Odd Fellows hall under the auspices of the Shirley Cornet band was quite successful, over 100 being present. The committee in charge of the evening's affair were George Herson, chairman, E. H. Barrows, Stanley Wells, Charles Clark and Guy Cook. The following furnished music for the occasion: Miss Gladys Phelps, piano; Miss Virginia McElroy, violin, and G. Stanley Wells, cornet. Candy, work were on sale under the direction of Mrs. Ida M. Warren, Mrs. Bessie Collyer and the Misses Margaret Love, Mary Connors, Mary Badtubner and Emma Knowles. J. Albert Dearden was the winner of the whip in the ribbon guessing contest and Miss Lena Tewksbury won the flashlight in the peanut contest. John H. Logue won the sofa pillow in the chance contest.

Wednesday evening a concert and dance was given under the direction of the band. Music by the orchestra furnishing music. The band netted about twenty-five dollars on the fair and dance.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ayers spent Thanksgiving in Westminster at the home of Mrs. Ayers' sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey spent Thanksgiving in Fitchburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carey.

The date of the Matron's Aid sale to be held at the Altrurian club rooms at the Village has been set for Tuesday, December 8.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buxton and family at Woodsville spent Thanksgiving in Lunenburg at the home of Myron Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Adams of Leominster were guests over Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves and family spent Thanksgiving in Lunenburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor.

Thomas J. Evans returned home last Saturday from Franconstown, N. H., where he has been spending a few days with his brother, Ralph I. Evans.

The Center primary and grammar schools closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Miss Marion L. Holden, who teaches school in Greenwich, is home for a week's Thanksgiving vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holden.

Miss Vera Bradford of Emerson college arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, Wednesday, for a short holiday.

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden and Robert H. J. Holden spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrie P. Barnard at the Village.

Mrs. G. C. West at Woodsville, who has been ill with pneumonia, and under the care of a trained nurse, is getting along nicely.

Miss Christine G. Longley of the Worcester School of Domestic Science and Miss Margaret Longley of Bryant and Stratton's business college spent Thanksgiving with their mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed and a party of friends from Wollaston in two automobiles spent the latter part of the week at their summer home on Center road.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams and Miss Mary Adams spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Adams in Boston.

Raymond Bradford of Boston is spending a few days this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

It is expected that the next meeting of the Girl's Sewing Guild on Saturday, December 5, will be held at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow.

Mrs. Elsie Evans and daughter Esther left on Monday for Franconstown, N. H., where Mr. Evans has located his portable sawmill.

Work is progressing rapidly on the bungalow which Mrs. C. A. Lynch is having built near her home on Center road. Mr. Hardy of Ayer has the contract for the work.

Miss Ruth M. Graves, who teaches school in Royalston, arrived home on Wednesday to spend the remainder of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

The Dorcas class of the M. E. church gave an entertainment and food sale in the vestry Tuesday, November 24. The food sale from three to five o'clock in the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Dow and Mrs. Bowley and was well patronized. The entertainment in the evening consisted of vocal solos rendered by Mrs. Florence Quinn in her usual pleasing manner and a farce entitled, "A peck of trouble," with the following in the cast: Miss Lullie Blood, Mrs. Ella Wilson, Mrs. Irena Austin, Miss Hazel Marshall and Mrs. Hattie Misner. The entertainment concluded with a second farce entitled, "Peter," with the following in the cast: Mrs. Esther Scales, Miss Mildred Spofford and William Scales. The parts were well assigned in both farces and the amusing situations were all well brought out. Proceeds of food sale and entertainment for the benefit of the piano fund.

Invitations have been received by relatives and friends in town to the wedding of Isabelle Alice Morse and James Barrie Robertson of Woburn. The wedding will take place December 2 at the home of the parents of the bride on Townsend Hill.

The tinkle of jingle bells through the village and on the hill reminds us "King Winter" may tarry awhile still.

The tinkle of wedding bells through the village and on the hill reminds us "Little Cupid" is kept busy still.

Stephen Gilson and family have recently moved from the Harbor to the Center into the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Floyd.

Mrs. Abbie Bruce went to Forest Hills Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving week with her son, Burton Bruce, and family.

Mrs. M. Augur has returned to her

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lister's home here after a week's visit with friends in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce spent Thanksgiving at Littleton with Mrs. Bruce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pingrey.

Cards have been received by friends in town announcing the marriage of Elma White and Valentine Woodbury at Alhambra, Cal., October 26. Their home will be at 711 Commonwealth avenue, Alhambra. Many of the Townsend friends remember the Woodbury boys when they first came to town and lived on Wallace hill. Since leaving town the two brothers, Mark and Valentine, have kept together following the same vocations. At the present time they are in business under the firm name of The Alhambra Laundry Co., Valentine being president of the company.

The schools in town will reopen on Monday, November 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods and family spent Thanksgiving week with Mr. Woods' parents at Brookfield.

Mrs. Eugene A. Flagg is very ill at her home with gastric fever. Her daughters, Mrs. Kittle Irish and Mrs. Winnifred Symonds, are with her.

At the Congregational church Rev. A. L. Struthers' Sunday morning topic will be "The power of the gospel." Evening service will be held in the body of the church with sermon, "Joy of the christian life," and organ recital by Mr. Seaver with the following program: Offertoire in B flat, Read; Cavatina, Raff; solo, Miss Farrar; "Silver threads among the gold"; Kamennoe-Ostrow, Rubinstein.

The Liberal Aid society (Unitarian) announce that their annual Christmas sale of fancy and useful gifts will be held this year at the West Townsend reading room, Friday, December 4, in the forenoon. There will be ice cream, candy and a food table. The proceeds of this sale go to help the needy and cheer the sick and shut-ins. Come and help us with your little mite. Afternoon and evening sale. All welcome. Admission free.

HARVARD.

News Items.







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News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Willard are planning now to leave for sunny Florida on Monday, November 30. The next lecture in the Warner Free Lecture course is to be given by one of the state's best speakers, Prof. Wm. T. Sedgwick of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His subject will be "Public health—today and tomorrow." Illustrated.

LITTLETON.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chase, who recently moved into the Augusta Nye house at the Common, entertained as their guest Thanksgiving week Mrs. Chase's sister, Mrs. Cook, and young son from Connecticut. Guy Green has converted the Hartwell mill on Taylor street into a garage and transferred his equipment for repairing cars to that building.

An Atlantic Episode

By CHARLES LEWIS PHIPPS.

I confess that in going about my chief pleasure is watching other persons. Coming over the Atlantic ocean to America on a liner I picked out a mother and daughter as worthy of my attention. A young man had been introduced to the daughter, who seemed to be very well pleased with him. The mother was also well pleased that the daughter was well pleased. The young man was well pleased too. What struck my delicate perceptive faculties was that the mother's pleasure in the matter seemed to arise from a sense of relief. How or why I inferred this I can't explain. A woman would understand it without an explanation. As for a man, you couldn't stick it into him with a baton.

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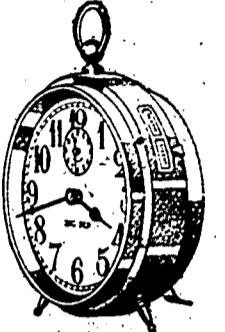
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## BROOKLINE, N. H.

**News Items.**  
The Loyal Workers met at the home of Mrs. George Cady on Bond street on Tuesday afternoon. The afternoon was devoted to sewing and discussing plans for the coming fair in December. There were twelve members present and one guest, Mrs. Stella Hughes.  
Mrs. Myra Stanley was the guest of Mrs. James Hill in Pepperell last week Monday.  
The Brookline friends of Mrs. George Dodge, formerly of this town, extend their sympathy to her in the death of her father, Gilman P. Beverly, of Ayer.  
Mrs. Kate Williamson has returned to her home in Somerville, Mass., after a two-weeks' visit with Mrs. Harry Campbell.  
Miss Blanche Fessenden attended a ball in Pepperell on last week Friday evening.  
On Wednesday of last week Rev. and Mrs. James Seaver entertained the Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Millford Methodist church at their home here on Main street. A large number were present and were royally entertained and dined by Mr. and Mrs. Seaver. Mr. Seaver was formerly in charge of the Methodist church here.  
Vinol Wright, of Worcester, Mass., was a guest last week of Mrs. Mary Gerrish.  
George Stewart came from Boston last week to spend the week-end with his family.  
Richard Wright found a large owl in one of his traps on morning last week, and as the bird had broken one of its legs he killed it and had it sent to a Boston firm.  
Mrs. Belle Hall and Mrs. George Rockwood spent the day in Millford on last week Wednesday.  
On Tuesday evening, November 17, about twenty friends surprised and presented Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey with a beautiful chafing dish and spoon. The affair was a great success in every way and a good time was enjoyed by all present until a late hour.  
Mrs. Linville Shattuck, of Pepperell, was in town last week visiting friends.  
Friends have received letters from Prof. Josef Yarrick from Centerville, Md., where he is at present engaged in giving lectures. He writes that the weather there is fine and the farmers are doing their harvesting. He expects to be in the south until the first of the year, when he goes to Maine and from there to Boston.

## HOLLIS, N. H.

**News Item.**  
The Woman's club held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, at the church vestry. The study for the afternoon was English and Welsh folk-lore. Miss Hayden gave a vocal solo. Miss Clara Smith read a very fine paper on "The superstitions and festivals of Merrie England." All the wise sayings about health and wealth which old New Englanders used to hear came from England. The old festivals of Halloween, St. John's day and May day were faithfully kept in many centuries. All the old superstitions and customs have vanished now from England save in the remote rural districts for "Earth outgrowths" the rustic fancies sang beside her in her youth. The old dances were given by Misses Reed, Hazard, Worcester and Goodwin under the direction of Miss Evelyn Brown. The next meeting will be held on December 2, at the home of Mrs. Robert French.

## LUNENBURG.

**News Items.**  
Good news comes from the Lunenburg water committee who have been experimenting and making test wells in various parts of the town. They now feel quite certain that they have struck the right spot for an ample supply of water in Frank B. Carr's meadow. One test well gives fifty gallons per minute and according to the belief of experts who have examined the territory indications are that they can there secure an unending supply. The water is now being tested by the board of health and if their report is satisfactory a test to determine the quantity will be made by pumping for two weeks. It is proposed to erect a standpipe on the hill back of the Martin Johnson house on the Lancaster road and the company is having a line surveyed for laying pipe. Some of the committee predict that they will be ready to supply water to the townspeople by July 1, 1915, but that remains to be seen.  
The competitive program between the married ladies and the singles before the Grange on last week Wednesday evening scored as great a success as did the one between the bachelors and the bachelorettes of the week before. The judges for the ladies were John Woodredge, Arthur W. Rockwood and Merick D. Hillsbury, and without hesitation they gave their decision in favor of the married ladies.  
"Larned's history of the world" has been purchased by the High School Improvement league for the use of the school.  
An event which is being looked forward to with very pleasant anticipations is looked for December 11, when Marian Hertha Clark, lecturer and impersonator, will appear in the town hall in the interest of the Lunenburg high school, class of 1915, and will present the Irish comedy, "Peg o' my heart."  
The children of the grade schools collected and on last week Friday sent a sleigh load of canned fruit and vegetables to the Children's home in Fitchburg, which will not only add to their Thanksgiving dinner, but help out on their winter stock of provisions as well.  
Many expressions of regret and sympathy are heard in regard to the deer wounded by one of our townsmen last week, and which finally got away from him after he had followed it a long distance—sympathy for both man and deer and regret that it should get away wounded. Congratulations also are in order for Henry D. Kelley and Arthur Emerson, who bagged their game, a doe and a spike-horn on Hunting hill, last week Friday.  
The Grange, the Congregational and Methodist churches and the whole town unite in Christmas festivities at the town hall to be held on Wednesday evening, December 23. Committees have been appointed from each organization to have charge of the matter and a general good time is expected in which everybody in town is invited to participate.  
The Congregational church will hold its annual reunion, business meeting and election of officers on Thursday evening, December 3. The usual supper will be provided by the social committee.

## First Real Snowstorm.

The first real snowstorm of the season began on Thursday morning of last week and continued until Friday forenoon. It was very fine and so damp that it accumulated very fast and about seven in the evening the snow plow was required to clear the car tracks so the car could make the trip to Fitchburg, but before it was time for another car to go the tracks were so thickly covered and the snow so heavy that no further attempt was made to keep the line open that evening. On Friday morning the snow plow cleared the tracks in time for the first car to leave Lunenburg at ten o'clock that became stalled at Summer street, and by transferring the passengers finally landed them at the American house at about 10.40. During the early morning the storm changed to sleet which gave the trees and the car tracks a coating of ice, rendering the tracks almost impassable until the sun came out and softened the ice a little. The people who usually take the six o'clock car waited until they were assured that no car could get through and half a dozen or more walked to Fitchburg over the state road. When 7.20 came and no car in sight, another band of pedestrians slowly wended their way to the city. Others waited until ten o'clock and went out on the car that came in loaded with workmen, who soon cleared the tracks, since which time cars have been running pretty nearly on schedule time.  
The storm made the travelling particularly hard for automobiles, especially those without chains. One young man going from Boston to Fitchburg with a very large auto truck became stalled near Speer's hill and was at last obliged to leave his machine and seek shelter at the Wayside Inn, which in this case was not an "inn" at all as Lunenburg has no hotel or public lodging house. But the young man was glad enough to find a hospitable shelter and a warm fire where he could dry his clothing which was wet through from so long exposure to the storm. On Friday he procured chains and succeeded in getting the machine into Fitchburg late that afternoon.  
The town roads were so blocked with snow that only a small number of pupils attempted to come to the high school, and only the primary and intermediate held session and they were dismissed very early.  
The people of Lunenburg had much preferred rain to snow, but now that it is here they are hoping for either rain or sunshine to melt the snow into water and fill the springs, wells and cisterns, the majority of which are dry or very low.

**Woman's Club.**  
At the Woman's club on Friday of last week there was an attendance of about forty people. The food sale was well patronized and no wonder, for a most tempting variety of good things, including cakes, pies, puddings, jellies, rolls, etc., and all were sold. The committee appointed to prepare work for the needy ones in the war zone had fulfilled the duties of their office most capably and a large number of garments had been cut out, the longer seams stitched and made ready for the ladies to work upon, and those not finished were taken home to be completed and handed in at the next meeting. Several ladies were knitting mufflers, writers, etc., for the soldiers.  
For the literary part Mrs. Ellen S. Parker had prepared a fine paper on William Wordsworth, giving a sketch of his life and circumstances under which some of his poems were written, and of which she read, delighting and interesting her audience. Mrs. James S. Gilchrist had a very interesting paper upon Washington Irving, illustrated and interspersed by readings from his writings by Mrs. J. E. Longley, all of which were well received by the audience.

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And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for successive weeks, in the Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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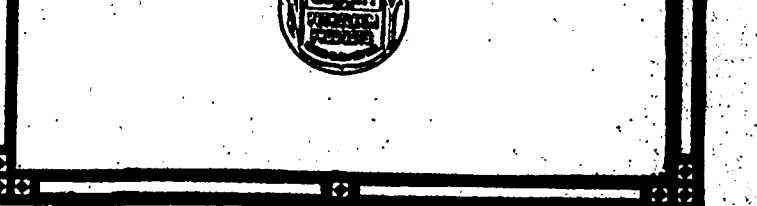
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PEPPERELL.

About Town.

Mrs. George Herrig and daughter Rachel came from Somerville Tuesday to spend the week with her parents at Woodside. Mr. Herrig spent Thanksgiving day in town.

Mrs. Fred Nokes, who has been visiting in town during the summer and fall, went to Hudson, N. H., to spend Thanksgiving with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson and son Kenneth went to Lebanon, N. H., Wednesday to attend the Thanksgiving reunion of the Woodward family. It was held this year with Mrs. Cuthbertson's sister, Mrs. Louis Knapp. About twenty were expected to be present, including ten grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbertson remained for the remainder of the week, as Mr. Cuthbertson intends taking a few days from his duties at the Fitchburg railroad office.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Robbins, of Pleasant street, spent Thanksgiving day with friends in Townsend.

Mrs. P. J. Hayes is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Jennison, from Westminster, Vt., as a Thanksgiving guest and for a part of the winter.

Miss Eva Bolles came from Concord, N. H., Wednesday, to spend the holiday and week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bolles, Nashua street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright left town on Tuesday for Hartford, Conn., where they will spend Thanksgiving and a part of the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lawson.

Mrs. N. W. Appleton visited in Boston a part of last week, returning home on Saturday.

The Ladies' Social Circle of the Unitarian church, in connection with their supper to be held on Thursday, December 3, announce that a "Christmas pudding" will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell, of Dorchester, came Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neal on Groton street, the parents of Mrs. Powell.

E. H. Bliss is putting in a system of hot water heating at his home on Park street. Arthur E. Gay & Co., of Nashua, have the contract, and John Bartz is doing most of the work under their direction.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherwood are entertaining their niece, Mabel Sherwood, of Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wood, of Nashua, were in town on Tuesday, coming to attend the services held for their relative, the late A. S. Blood.

The Italians engaged in the construction of the state road on South street, who have been occupying the little house formerly used as a cooper shop on the Adams place, undertook to have a house warming on Thursday night of last week in spite of the snow. They succeeded so well that the firemen were called to the scene to extinguish the fire which broke out in time to view the stone underpinning only. The Italians spent the rest of the night about a camp-fire. They are now occupying a small house on South street, formerly owned by the late John Lawrence.

Several hunters but few deer is the way the situation of last week is summed up.

Charles Fuller, an employee at the wood yard of Mr. Rowell, took a vacation last week and was fortunate enough to bring down a 200-pound deer on Friday. The snow of the day before enabled him to track the animal, which he did for five miles or more before he got a chance to get good aim. It wandered in an irregular circle in the meadow opposite the "coon tree" until brought down.

Miss Mary Reade, of Detroit, Mich., who is spending the winter at the Homestead, entertained her friend, Miss R. E. Clarke, of Boston, on Sunday.

The regular meeting of the Oak Hill Woman's club will be held on Wednesday afternoon, December 2, at the home of Mrs. Otis Merrill. The subject of the meeting will be the authoress, Kate Douglas Wiggin, the program being arranged by Mrs. Paul Maxwell.

Mrs. George E. Shattuck went to Ashburnham last Saturday to attend the prize speaking contest held at Cushing academy that evening, in which her daughter Elizabeth participated. She returned on Monday.

Mrs. Mary Dawborn and little daughter went to join Mr. Dawborn last week in Nashua, where he has employment. Their goods are to be stored here during the winter.

Mrs. Alvin Wright has been quite ill the early part of this week, being threatened with marial fever.

Miss Lila Stratton arrived home on Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving and the week-end with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Stratton. She returns to her school duties at Margareville, N. Y., on Monday.

The L. A. S. will hold a meeting in their rooms on Wednesday afternoon, December 2. Arrangements are being perfected for the annual fair to be held on December 17. A play by sixteen children, entitled "Why Santa Claus comes in December," will be one of the features.

Mrs. John Marshall, the nurse, has just returned home last week from Dunstable, where she has been caring for Mrs. David Darling, of that place for the past three weeks. She will remain at home over Thanksgiving for a needed rest.

The Peppereil Card Company have been running their shop nights this week, having put on an extra floor.

Mrs. R. Ernest Tarbell was in town on Wednesday of last week, having come to New York from Seattle, Wash., about a month ago. She has been the best about two years.

Miss Elizabeth came home from her duties as teacher in Dunstable on Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving and the week-end with her parents.

The East Village Social club will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon, December 2, at the home of Mrs. N. W. Appleton. The afternoon will be a social one with rehearsals of music.

Mrs. A. A. Blood, of Gardner, was in town for a day the latter part of last week, coming to attend the I. O. O. F. concert and ball.

Mrs. Sarah E. P. Tucker went to Marlboro to spend Thanksgiving with her son, Dr. Chase Tucker, and his family.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bartlett at Roxbury was visited by the stork on November 19, bringing them a little daughter. She is to be called Phyllis Lorraine.

Miss Ada Whitney spent the holiday with her cousin, Miss Hall, in Nashua.

Mrs. Nelson S. Woods is quite ill from poisoning of the flesh, received apparently from the application of iodine petrogen for a lameness a few days ago.

Mrs. Henry O. Shattuck, who has been confined to her home with bronchitis, is sufficiently recovered to be able to spend Thanksgiving week with her niece, Mrs. A. H. Gilbert.

Joseph Drumm, formerly employed at the Mould Shoe shop, has secured a good position in Worcester, and went there this week.

Arlene and Marguerite Deware came home from Smith college on Tuesday and Miranda from the preparatory school at Northampton. Lillian Dunton also came from Yale college. They spent Thanksgiving and a part of this week at the home of Rainsford Deware.

Mrs. J. H. Morse, who has been making an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Forrest Winch, returned Tuesday to join her husband, who has employment in Philadelphia, Pa. Miss Gladys will remain with her sister through the winter.

Prescott Grange will hold a special meeting on Friday evening, December 4, for the purpose of working the third and fourth degrees. The third degree will be worked by the ladies' degree staff and fourth by the regular officers.

Ray Murray is acting as driver on the American express team.

Mrs. Georgianna Kimball went into Boston Tuesday to spend the holiday with her son.

A. H. Harris entertained his uncle, Charles Harris, from Lowell, over Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Denham entertained Edwin Denham from Westboro a few days last week.

A new Sunday school class at the Congregational school organized on Monday afternoon at the home of the class, composed of young ladies, to be called the "Cheerful club." All will kindly bear this name in mind as we are likely to hear considerable of them during the winter. They are to hold monthly meetings for sewing and for the purpose of looking up the sick, and send flowers to the sick. The following officers were chosen: Anna Peabody, pres.; Zilpha Woodworth, vice-pres.; Olive Lewis, sec.; Edith Dow, treas.; Doris Durant and Flora Boynton, lookout com.

Mr. Frank Bennett is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Drew of Ames, and brother, Carl Drew, of Boston over the holiday.

Mrs. H. P. Humes was in Lowell on Tuesday for the day.

Harriet Morgan, who has been at her home at Fairview farm for more than a week, suffering from an attack of rheumatism, returned to her duties as nurse in the Germaine hospital in New York on Tuesday.

Margaret Boynton came from her studies at Mt. Holyoke, Tuesday night, returning on Friday, as she was obliged to report at school on Saturday.

The teachers at the Groton street school will take their week-end vacation including Thanksgiving day as follows: Miss Eliza O'Rourke with friends in town as her home is too far distant, in Castleton, Vt.; Miss Sullivan, also remains at her home here; Miss Anna Churchill goes to Cambridge and Miss Helen Wakefield to Swampscott.

Mrs. Fred Bancroft spent several days last week with her husband in Boston. She returned Monday. Mr. Bancroft has been newly appointed to work under the commission suppressing the contagion of the foot and mouth disease in animals.

Principal D. L. Whitmarsh and Mrs. Whitmarsh went to Saftord Blue Hills, N. H., to spend the Thanksgiving holidays.

Sub-master L. R. Harris and Mrs. Harris spent Thanksgiving day and the week-end at Chelsea with Mr. Harris' parents.

Howard Denham came from Lowell to spend Thanksgiving day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Denham.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas M. Nokes will be glad to receive their relatives and friends at their home on Thursday, December 3, between two and five o'clock, in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

Mrs. William French and little daughter of Westbrook, Me., spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. S. M. Nokes. French has been stopping a few days in Groton and with her husband and two children is now enroute for Florida. They will spend the winter on Sanibel Island in the Gulf of Mexico, returning about the first of May.

The remains of Julius E. Mock, son of the late James L. Mock and Mrs. J. (Bigelow) Mock, formerly residents here, were brought here from Brooklyn, N. Y., on the early train Monday morning. He died at a Brooklyn hospital on November 20, as the result of an accident, being at the time under U. S. revenue service. Deceased was unmarried and leaves no immediate family, his uncle, Julian F. Bigelow, of Worcester, accompanying the body here for interment with his father and mother in Peppereil cemetery. His age was 24 years, 11 months, and 28 days, having been born in Peppereil November 22, 1879.

Home from Mexican Waters. H. Chandler Tucker, with his wife and son, recently came from Hudson to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. S. E. P. Tucker. He is in the state on a thirty-days furlough, as the U. S. S. Virginia, of which he is chief yeoman, is undergoing repairs in the navy yard. Concerning his opinion of the situation in Mexico, which he has had an opportunity to glean at close quarters, we clip the following from the Hudson News-Enterprise of recent date: "Chan" Tucker, as the general naval man is known to his friends, has been seen on our streets of late, as a result of a thirty-days furlough. He is direct from Mexico. In conversation with the Hudson News-Enterprise, he said that he had been in the navy yard, making a jolly table full to eat Thanksgiving turkey together.

A family party gathered at Blakesmere with Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Appleton to celebrate not only Thanksgiving but also the birthday of Miss Natalie Blake, which occurred on the preceding day. The decorations of dining-room and table for the Thanksgiving dinner were most appropriate and attractive. Chrysanthemums adorned and brightened the room and the table was covered with a covering of crepe paper, bordered with a procession of turkeys and scattered over with yellow pumpkins, was spread over the damask table covering. Turkeys, likewise adorned,

straighten them all out, but the interconversion should be a permanent one, the same as the English in Egypt.

Deaths.

Allan Sylvester Blood died at St. Joseph's hospital on Friday, November 20, from a complication of diseases. The deceased was born in Groton on November 3, 1824, his parents being Allan Blood of Groton and Rachel (Blood) of the Dunstable Blood family. He came to Peppereil in early life, owning and occupying the house now lived in by S. M. Nokes on Lowell street for many years. He was the father of a family of five children, four of whom—Mrs. John Frederick of this town, Wilder Blood of West Groton, Alfred of Milton, N. H., and Allan of Oakland, Cal., survive him. An older daughter, Mrs. Fred Messer, died some years ago.

Services were held at the Methodist church on Tuesday forenoon at ten o'clock, Rev. P. R. Stratton officiating. The remains were taken to Groton for interment in the family lot, the bearers being Frederick Messer, Chas. Messer, Henry Messer and John Fredericks.

Mrs. Kate Attridge died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert West, on Mill street, Thursday, November 19. The deceased was born in Ireland about seventy-five years ago, coming to this country about twenty years ago. She sustained injuries from a fall some time last summer, from which she never recovered, having been confined to her room for the past few months. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Robert West, with whom she made her home; also, one son, James Attridge, and five grandchildren, Mrs. John Horan, Mrs. Thomas Lynch and John Louise and Steven West, all of this town.

Services were held on last Sunday, in St. Joseph's church, Rev. T. I. Coghlan officiating, high mass of requiem being said on Monday morning. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Hunting Car.

Warren H. Beede, the hunter, who is well-known in town from his visits here from his home in Lynn, has returned from a month's trip in Maine. The Lynn Daily News of November 17, publishes a lengthy article regarding the trip and has a very good cut showing Mr. Beede with his latest invented hunting car which he terms an "auto-kitchen-dining-cupboard." The car is a very compact one, and is a very good cut showing Mr. Beede with his latest invented hunting car which he terms an "auto-kitchen-dining-cupboard." The car is a very compact one, and is a very good cut showing Mr. Beede with his latest invented hunting car which he terms an "auto-kitchen-dining-cupboard."

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napkins and even some of the plates. The menu and place cards were also ornamented in the same manner. The table needed only the finishing touch, the real turkey and accessories, to make it truly tempting to view.

The birthday celebration was made a distinct affair and was held at five o'clock when supper was served. The decorations were entirely changed and keeping with this occasion. White carnations were grouped instead of the larger flowers. The color scheme was pink and white, the napkins and all ornamentation carrying out the idea. Pink candles lighted the table and each guest had a birthday cake, pink and white frosted. Miss Natalie's having a further adorning of six tiny candles rising from pale pink rosebuds. Early evening festivities were indulged in, in honor of the sixth birthday of the little girl, who will no doubt long remember the happy anniversary.

Among other large dinner parties in town on Thanksgiving day twenty-five sat down together at a well-laden table at the home of Judson Willoughby. They included Arthur Willoughby, wife and two children, and Edward Willoughby and wife, and Miss Elsie Northrup, all from Manchester, N. H.; also, Wallace Willoughby and wife and two children from Leominster; Howard Willoughby and wife from Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler and two children from New Ipswich, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Robbins and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robbins of this town, making a goodly number to enjoy a family reunion.

L. S. C. Supper. The Cafeteria supper served by the ladies of the L. S. C. at Central hall on the evening of November 19, was accepted as a pleasing innovation. Although the gentlemen generally prefer to sit down at a well-laden table and be waited upon, in this instance they manfully took up their individual trays and loaded them for themselves from the various articles of food at the tables. The heavy snow of the evening hindered some from coming, but did not seem to dampen the spirits of those who arrived.

The program of the evening consisted of a piano solo, Mrs. John Bennett; reading, Glensy Green, and an operetta entitled "The seven old ladies" to be sung by the following in the cast: "Russell Wright, Mrs. Joseph Attridge, the Misses Bancroft, Waite, Donnelly, Whitcomb, Graham, Sartelle and Burkinshaw; Messrs. Ford, Parker, Rowell, Donnelly, Shattuck, Bancroft, Tarbell and Wetherbee.

The committee of the Peppereil branch of the Red Cross will meet at the Congregational vestry on Monday afternoon, November 30, at two o'clock to cut the cloth for garments that have been contributed through Mrs. William Merrill. Anyone willing to assist, their services will help in this needy cause.

Mrs. Nellie M. R. Gutterston and Mrs. Austin R. Paul attended the D. A. R. conference held in Boston last week Friday and report a very interesting meeting.

The Peppereil Woman's club will meet on Tuesday afternoon, December 1, at the Congregational vestry. Miss Ethel Rea, of Boston, soprano, and Raphael del Sordo, an Italian violinist, come highly recommended and are to give a musicale at three o'clock. This meeting will be open to the public. An admission will be charged to all those who have no club tickets. Regular business of the club at 2.45. Board meeting at 2.15.

Mrs. Charles Boynton passed away Wednesday noon, November 25. Funeral Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at her late home.

D. A. R. Meeting. The regular monthly meeting of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., occurred on November 19, at the home of Mrs. E. S. Merrill, at the Center. The hostesses of the afternoon were the members of the "Old homesteads" committee, Miss Merrill, chairman. Sixteen ladies braved the snowstorm and a very pleasant evening was spent. The executive board accepted the transfer application of Mrs. John B. Lewis from the Mercy Warren chapter, D. A. R., of Springfield, and the chapter welcomed its new member by rising to greet her. The report regarding the library, reported by Miss Mary M. Lawrence, chairman, announced its task completed; all bills approved and money raised with which to pay them. A rising vote of thanks was given the committee for the satisfactory work done. A letter was read by the regent, Mrs. Harriette A. S. Phelps, from Mrs. Story, the president general, N. S. D. A. R., as an appeal to each chapter for aid in raising a D. A. R. Red Cross fund.

The resolution was voted to appropriate a sum of money from the treasury for the Red Cross work, part to be sent to Washington to the D. A. R. fund and part to be given to the Peppereil Red Cross branch.

The historian's item for November, to be in line with the subject of the afternoon, "Old homesteads," was a sketch of an historical old place in Augusta, Georgia, "Meadow Garden."

The home of George Walton, an illustrious patriot of that state, one of its governors and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. It is now owned by the national society D. A. R. and was repaired by the Augusta chapter in whose custody it was placed and is furnished throughout by the D. A. R. as part of the program of the afternoon; a little tale was read of the haunted room in this ancient house.

The chairman of the hostesses gave greetings from members of the committee unable to be present and spoke of work in memory of its deceased member and first chairman, Mrs. E. W. Blake. She announced that November 26 would be the 174th birthday of Prudence Wright and read the following toast: "That heroine, given by Luther S. Bancroft at the end of an address by him to the Prescott Guards and the inhabitants of Peppereil on June 17, 1830:

"To the departed heroine who guarded our bridge during the absence of the husbands (then in war) of the Tories who were going to join the enemy. We greet their heroic deeds! And their memories shall remain on the page of time as the flowers that once decked the garden of Columbia."

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald then read a most interesting paper on the "Cutter retreat," having prepared it for the chapter's "Old homesteads" album, where it will be recorded with several pictures of the establishment showing the various changes as the years have come and gone. The conclusion of this paper, the chapter, after pledging allegiance to the flag, adjourned to enjoy a cup of tea served by the hostesses.

SHOOTING A DEER.

The Tropical Poisoned Arrow Sent Him to Sleep and Death.

Hunting with poison, as practiced by the natives of Brazil and other tropical American countries, is thus described in a communication to the National Geographic society, at Washington, by Dewey Austin Cobb:

"In hunting, the arrows, which are dipped in poison, consist of a point of wood or bone, not more than an inch long and the size of a toothpick, to which is attached a little tuft or hairy fiber of the silk cotton tree. The gun is a straight bamboo tube from five to six feet long, with a sight at one end and a funnel shaped expansion to fit the mouth at the other. The principle is precisely the same as the schoolboy's tube for blowing putty balls, and the accuracy of the natives is wonderful."

Mr. Cobb gives the following description of the shooting of a deer: "A good sized buck walked out of the corn and stopped, exposing to us its full broadside as we lay some thirty feet away. Our hunter fired. The animal gave a slight start as he felt the prick of the arrow on his flank and turned partly around, sniffing the air for a scent and looking around as if searching for the insect that had bitten him. Detecting nothing, he stood still and unalarmed. At the end of a minute or so his head dropped a little, as if he was sleepy. The hunter stepped out in plain sight. The deer looked at him and moved forward, not away from him, a few steps and stopped. He showed no fear, but simply curiosity.

"My companion and I rose, and the three of us walked quietly within reach of him. He made no movement to run away, but watched us intently and shifted his position a little. His movements seemed perfectly easy and natural. Absence of fear seemed the only observable chance until at the end of three minutes or more: then he lay down, not falling, but as naturally as a cow or sheep when ready for sleep. His breathing seemed easy and natural. At the end of ten minutes, though he opened his eyes when touched, his breath became shorter and slower. Eighteen minutes after he was struck by the arrow he was dead."

ACUSTIC CLOUDS.

Why Church Bells Sound Louder on Some Days Than on Others.

Every one has noticed that on certain days church bells are heard much better than on others and sometimes are not heard at all on other days. The same distance intervenes between the church and the person's residence, the same intensity is used to strike the bell, the same visible obstacles are between the two at one time as at another.