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HARVARD

News Items.

On Sunday evening at the town hall W. C. McNamara, of Lynn, will speak upon one of the most important issues of the day. Mr. McNamara comes well recommended and we look for one of the most stirring addresses on national prohibition ever given in this town. Special music will be a feature of the evening. Everybody come at eight o'clock and bring their friends.

The body of Mrs. Lillian Harrington, whose funeral services were held in Ayer on Monday, was brought to Harvard for burial that afternoon. Rebekah services were held at the cemetery in the family lot. Mrs. Harrington was for many years a resident here and closely related to many of the older families. She was a splendid woman of the old New England type, of such exceedingly good nature that she made hosts of friends wherever she went.

Mrs. Mary D. Sherman, aged 89 years and 1 month, who has been in feeble health for several months, died at her home on Friday morning, April

16. Funeral services were from the house at 10.30 on Monday morning. Rev. H. B. Mason officiating. Burial was in Lowell. Mrs. Sherman was of a very kindly and genial disposition and although her advanced years forbade her going out among the people as much as she would wish, yet she will be missed by a large circle of friends. She has for many years past lived with her sister here, Miss L. W. Dyer, who has cared for her in her declining years with kindly patience.

Owing to various circumstances it has been found necessary to postpone the date of the Grange minstrels to May 7. Rehearsals are going on in good form and a high-class program of entertainment is developing.

Jerome Johnson, with two of his young men friends, of Cambridge, are spending this week camping at Tahanito.

Mrs. Leon Dammun, Miss Blanche Dammun, with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rohnstock, of Somerville, were up for the holidays at their cottage on Lovers' Lane.

The holiday brought many relatives and friends back to town. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood, of Worcester, at H. H. Gale's;

The Misses Ursula and Esther Clarke, of Tufts college, Philip O. Dickson's; Webster Sawyer, of North Weymouth, with his mother, Mrs. S. M. Sawyer, at their summer home on Oak Hill.

Mrs. Harriet E. Whitney entertained over the holidays her brother, Quincy Bull, with his daughter, Miss Ruth Bull, and his son, Leon Bull, and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bull have for some time been in Constantinople, where Mr. Bull is in business, but conditions brought about by the war has made it more comfortable in the United States.

Mrs. H. Skillings is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Olive Grover, from Bethel, Me., who is spending a few days here.

New telephones being installed this week are at Arthur N. Calkins' and George E. Ryan's.

George C. Mavnard, local month superintendent, has been given a part of the state fund of \$50,000 for the unemployed and is using his allotment in clearing up the brush along the highways for a distance of fifty feet back.

About fifty of our young people gave a surprise call to Mr. and Mrs. D. Horace Cameron on Saturday evening, April 17. They took with them refreshments for the evening; also, a present to the young newly-weds. Novell Chester, of Roxborough, was the orchestra for the evening and the young people enjoyed dancing throughout the evening.

About seventy-five members of Harvard Grange and others made an evening call on Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McLaughlin at their home at the mill on Friday evening, April 9. The party met at the home of F. O. Ryan and descended without formality on the unsuspecting host and hostess. The visitors also took informal possession of events of the evening, and after greetings were exchanged and Mr. McLaughlin had given one of his incomparable vocal solos, the chairman of the visitors, George Ryan, presented to Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin a full set of dishes, a cut glass water set and a parlor lamp. Tait Brothers, of Worcester, furnished refreshments for the party.

C. E. Perrin of Ayer is installing for F. W. Moses an electric pumping system for his deep well water supply. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Richards gave a reception and lunch to the pupils, with their parents and trustees of Bromfield school at their new home on the state road last Saturday afternoon. An entertainment was pleasantly arranged which consisted of songs by the Bromfield school girls; duet, Mr. Thayer and Miss Baker; piano and violin selections, Miss Chadwick and Miss Milder; Brennon and selections by the mixed quartet, Misses Baker and Stone and Misses Thayer and Turner. Refreshments were served and all joined in singing "Home sweet home" as the finale.

Miss Josephine Baker has been confined to her home this week with tonsillitis, but is at present on the convalescent list.

Allan Hazard was at Woodstock, Vt., last Wednesday, attending the funeral of his aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren O. Willard returned this week from their winter stay in St. Petersburg, Fla., where they report a delightful winter spent.

Tyler Rogers, of the M. A. C., was a guest over the holidays with Ellery Royal at Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Royal's.

Bussball.

Bromfield school ball team opened the season's games on Monday with the Bromfield alumni and were defeated by the score of 4 to 1. The game was lost owing to erratic fielding and wild throwing, but was nevertheless a very interesting game. Schedule of the season's games is as follows: April 24, Lawrence academy 2d, Groton; April 28, Ayer high, Harvard; May 1, Fitchburg Normal, Harvard; May 5, Groton high, Harvard; May 8, Townsend high, Townsend; May 12, Ayer high, Ayer; May 15, Littleton high, Harvard; May 19, Pepperell high, Harvard; May 22, Townsend high, Harvard; May 26, Lawrence academy 2d, Harvard; May 29, Groton high, Groton; May 31, Lancaster A. A., Harvard, pending; June 5, Shirley Industrial, Harvard, pending; June 9, Shirley Industrial, Shirley, pending; June 12, Fitchburg Normal, Fitchburg; June 16, Shirley Industrial, Harvard, pending; June 19, Pepperell high, Pepperell, pending.

The game Saturday with Lawrence academy 2d team is to be played at Groton and the game is to be called at 1.30 sharp. Manager Harold Whitcomb is planning to rent a truck, leaving here at 11.15 for all those who wish to go.

Church Notes.

Unitarian church service will be at 10.45 on Sunday. Preaching by Rev. C. W. Wendte, D. D., of the A. U. A., of Boston, occupying the pulpit. The chorus choir will sing "Seek ye the Lord" by Roberts, and Whitney's "Professional." Sunday school at twelve.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach from the subject, "The guinea stamp." The chorus choir will sing "In heavenly love abiding." Mr. West's rendition of Gray's "Heavenly song" on last Sunday morning has given rise to many complimentary remarks by those who had the pleasure of hearing him.

The bible school meets every Sunday at twelve o'clock. Recent winners of the subject, "The guinea stamp," are Marquise Houghton and Marjory Houghton.

There will be no evening service Sunday owing to the union temperance meeting to be held at the town hall.

F. A. Pollard, Mrs. H. B. Royal and Miss S. E. Pollard were elected delegates to the spring meeting of the Middlesex Union Association of Congregational Churches last Sunday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Benevolent society will be held from ten to four o'clock on Tuesday, April 27, with Mrs. H. A. Thayer.

The regular bi-monthly afternoon devotional service will be held in the church parlor on Wednesday afternoon, April 28, at 2.30 o'clock.

H. W. C.

The last meeting of the Harvard Woman's club took place on Monday afternoon and proved to be a most interesting one. Of the 118 members enrolled there were about fifty pres-

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ent to respond to the roll call. At the short business session the proposed amendment was voted down, the result of the ballot being four in favor and forty opposed. Two new names were proposed for membership, Mrs. Silas B. Haynes and Mrs. Delia Sprague.

Mrs. Herbert J. Gurney, fourth vice president of the State Federation of Woman's clubs, a very clever and interesting speaker, gave the address of the great importance that the different periods of drama have exerted and always will exert upon the people of the world, stating that drama being so nearly akin to life itself could not help but make lasting impressions and exert an unbounded influence on the vast populace. When this point is so clear it is very easy to see that the important thing to be done is to so govern the drama that the influence therefrom may be of the right sort. It is with this thought in view that the bill requiring strict examination of moving picture films is hoped to be passed.

Mrs. Gurney could not close her remarks without mentioning the three great movements of the day—the woman movement, the industrial movement and the peace movement, all of which we, as a nation, must face.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Monday afternoon at the usual time and place and the club will be privileged to hear in person Miss Mary Wardwell, of Boston, who will give her last paper on current events. The nominating committee will report at this time.

Still River.

The holiday saw the following visitors: Still River: Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn, of Worcester, at his mother's, Mrs. Edwin L. Vaughn; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullin of Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney and two children and Misses Agnes and Nellie Joyce of Boston with their mother, Mrs. Bridget Joyce; Miss Alice Lincoln, of Somerville, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sprague; Miss Grace Farnsworth of Springfield with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth; Warren K. Harrod, of Worcester, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Harrod; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Higgs entertained friends from Cambridge; Miss Florence Dammun had a friend from Littleton with her over Sunday.

Rev. Frank Reed, of Hill, N. H., was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Sarah C. Scales, Wednesday.

Fred W. Bateman is on a business trip to New Essex this week, and while he is away Miss Eliza Bateman is stopping in Fitchburg.

Owing to scarlet fever at the Fitchburg Normal school Miss Ruth Willard is at home until danger of infection is over.

Mrs. Fairchild and Mrs. Anna Planders attended a meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hunter attended a Grange meeting in Bolton on Wednesday.

W. B. Willard has this week put the new platform for speakers' desk into effect. It is a great improvement which is a great improvement.

Miss Carrie Coffey, daughter of Michael Coffey, has been very ill at a Dorchester hospital, and physicians about gave up hope for her, but a turn for the better took place on Tuesday and it is hoped that she will recover.

A. A. Hutcherson took several in his auto to the auction of Henry A. Bliss' household goods in Shirley on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Gertrude Whitney had a good lot of customers at her Red Maple Inn on Monday, and had such a call for ice cream that she had to make another supply to keep up with the calls.

H. D. Stone and A. A. Hutcherson attended a Masonic meeting in Hudson on Wednesday evening.

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WESTFORD

Center. The holiday was a quiet one in town, there being no special observance. Some householders entertained guests for over the week-end and holiday, while others were away visiting for the same time. Flagg was in evidence throughout the village. Several of our people attended the Concord and Lexington for the day, the patriotic parade at the latter place being reported as especially fine.

The new electric light wiring at the J. V. Fletcher library is completed and is a real improvement, making the reading-room and the whole building a very attractive place in the evening.

Miss Sarah W. Loker has been visiting friends in Keene, N. H., during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Quimby have been guests of their kinspeople this week at the Congregational parsonage, being en route from the south, where they have been spending the winter of their home in West Hartford, Ct.

Every member of the Tadmuck club is reminded of the meeting for next Tuesday at the Congregational church. This is a real reunion of the club family and every member that possibly can should plan to be present. Luncheon will be served at 1.30. Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor is the hostess for the day, and Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant will act as toastmistress and there will be speeches, toasts, reports, good music, etc. The club is fortunate in having Mr. Herbert D. Foss, of Cambridge as one of the soloists.

Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Cambridge, occupied the pulpit last Sunday morning and evening at the Congregational church, speaking most acceptably to good sized audiences at both services. J. Herbert Fletcher is having a large gasoline supply tank installed opposite the east end of the common. The tank has a capacity of 350 gallons and is sunk underground, which we understand is required by law for so large a receptacle.

Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Osgood and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler were in attendance at the spring association meeting of Congregational churches at Lunenburg Wednesday. Funeral services for Mrs. Waldo F. Prescott, whose untimely death took place at her late home in Tacoma, Wash., from pneumonia, were held last week Thursday afternoon from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Spaulding. Rev. Louis H. Buckhorn was the officiating minister and the bearers were William E. Taylor, Harold W. Wright, Albert A. Hildreth and Edward Frisbee. There were many beautiful floral offerings and interment was in the cemetery.

The April meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church met with Mrs. Wm. C. Roudenbach Friday afternoon of last week. The subject for the afternoon was from the winter's study, "Red Man's Land" and was "The red man as teacher and learner." Much work was accomplished on the towel enterprise and the close of the meeting tea was served and a very pleasant social hour enjoyed.

Lieut.-Gov. Grafton D. Cushing, candidate for governor of this state next fall and Adelbert Messer, candidate for sheriff of this county, were guests of the Young Men's Republican club at the town hall last week Friday evening. There was a good attendance present and Mr. Cushing, who is a bright, keen speaker, gave his hearers a most interesting talk on many points of interest to the voter and the tax payer, also answering many questions put to him by his listeners. His talk was well supplemented by Mr. Messer. Erward M. Abbot presided at the meeting.

The residents at the Center very much regret to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Sargent of Graniteville of pneumonia. The young people are busy with preparations for dramatic productions. The C. E. society are to give a play next Wednesday evening and the Boy Scouts are preparing one for a little later.

Mrs. Harry Brennan is reported seriously sick this week with acute indigestion. Mrs. A. H. Sutherland was in attendance at the meeting of the Tewksbury Grange Wednesday evening of this week.

Miss Hazel B. Hartford, who has played the organ at the Congregational church so capably this winter, has now relinquished this duty to the regular organist, Miss May Atwood. Geo. E. Gould, formerly of Westford, was at Concord, Patriot's day with his enterprising refreshment booth.

Mrs. Isles' many friends are glad that she is getting back to normal from her siege with laryngitis. The telephone subscribers very much appreciate the hard skillful work Miss Ethel Isles has done at the central exchange during her mother's illness.

Brush Fires. The excessive dryness of the season is proving a great aid to the careless in burning up woodland. Numerous fires in various parts of the town have kept fire fighters busy. A lively breeze made Tuesday, perhaps, the worst day. About seven a. m. prompt work saved the situation near the Caunter place in Graniteville. About 2.30 p. m. the village force was called to a fierce fire on Rail Tree hill, near Nashobah which evidently was caused by sparks from a passing locomotive. About the time it was under control with help of Carlisle people, whose territory was invaded by the fire. A special train from Lowell brought about a hundred men to help subdue it.

Later in the afternoon a fire just west of Scribner hill in Tyngsboro not far north of the Westford bound-

ary line proved quite extensive and destroyed the building belonging to Miss Ella Burke, a Lowell milliner. About 10.30 p. m. this fire was called subdued. Although eight watchers were left, about three a. m. fire was so briskly burning near Frank Chandler's buildings that, as the Tyngsboro people could not be aroused by the telephone, Westford men were called upon. Either Westford telephone bells must ring louder for the Westford operator surprisingly quickly aroused enough men to fill three touring cars, which went to the scene. A short time was used in effecting the fire.

About Town. The summer camp cottage of Postmaster Charles F. Scribner, of North Chelmsford, was destroyed by fire, including a valuable piano and much else equally of value. This camp is located on the shore of Nabasset pond and the dampness environments at the time of the fire leaves but little room for doubt that it was of incendiary origin. Truly spontaneous originality is doing something these unemployed times. An illustrated lecture on "How to domesticate birds and beast" will be given in the town hall, Tyngsboro, on Monday evening by Prof. J. C. H. Ames, of national reputation. Everybody who does not believe in shooting everything in sight should attend this lecture.

Forge Village. Miss Edith M. Foster has presented St. Andrew's mission a beautiful and valuable gift. The gift is embroidered in gold and is very much appreciated by the church people. Peter Campbell of Rockwood, Me., and Philip MacDonald of Lowell were guests of Misses Minnie and Florence White at the home of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fenimore Morton.

Cameron school was closed on Patriot's day, as was also the mills of Abbot & Co. Mr. and Mrs. George Centerbar, who have been residing at the Ward farm on the Groton road, remove this week to Framingham.

Mrs. Mary A. DeRoehn has removed to Medford, where she will make her home with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Blodgett, formerly of Westford.

Misses Edith and Maud Hunt entertained their cousin, Miss Annie Campbell, of Lawrence over the holiday. Next Sunday morning services at St. Andrew's mission will be held at 9.30 o'clock. There will be no evening service. Sunday school will be held at 3.30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenimore Morton spent Sunday as guests of relatives in Boston. Harry White, of Boston, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fenimore Morton on the holiday.

A social club of young folks is being formed by the young people of St. Andrew's mission. On Saturday evening a meeting will be held at 7.30 o'clock in Recreation hall. In the event of enough young people being present officers will be chosen and the club will meet weekly.

Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett of the Ridges gave a delightful party at their home on the holiday, in honor of the fifth birthday anniversary of their second son, George. Refreshments were served to twenty-seven, the important feature being a decorated birthday cake. The young host was the recipient of many pretty presents, among which was a goodly collection of silver coins.

Patriot's day brought many visitors to the village. Many of the cottages and camps are already taken, and if the applications for camps continue to come in, the cottages will soon be hired for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Titcomb, of Boston, opened their camp and spent the week-end on the shores of the pond.

Messrs. Sargent, Evans and Shattuck of Boston, spent the holiday at their cottage. Sunrise cottage, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tizzer, was the scene of a gathering over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Tizzer entertaining several friends.

At the Rose bungalow a merry gathering of young folks were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Nutting over the holiday. Among the out-of-town young people were noted the Misses Lillian, Marjorie and Carmel E. Rose, Grace and Carol H. Tibbets and Edith M. McPherson, all of Belmont.

Little Miss Doris A. Whigham was given a birthday party by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Whigham, at their home on Orchard street on Wednesday. The afternoon was spent in games by the young people, after which refreshments were served. Little Doris received many presents and will long remember her fifteenth birthday anniversary.

A brush fire on the premises of Mr. Smith, formerly the Bradley place, brought the fire department from Groton on Monday afternoon. The flames were under control before they reached the house.

Graniteville. The baseball season was opened here on last Saturday afternoon when a very interesting game was played between the machinists and the lodge men that resulted in a victory for the stone men by the close score of 2 to 1. Considering that it was the first game of the season some brilliant plays were made. The crowd that kept the crowd on its feet from start to finish. The machine shop boys are not quite satisfied with the turn of events and it is thought that another game will be played at the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester McLenna, with their son Arthur, have recently returned from a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLenna in Norton.

Miss Nettie Hanning spent the holiday with friends in West Acton. There was no services held in the M. E. church here on last Sunday. It is expected that the new pastor will be present on Sunday.

Misses Etta May and Alice C. Mahan, of Lowell, have been recent visitors.

There were several small woodland fires in the vicinity of Pine Ridge Cold Spring and the town farm districts on last Sunday, but no great damage was done. On last Tuesday a forest fire burned over considerable woodland back of Benjamin Counter's house, and it was found necessary to call out the members of the fire company, who worked hard and fast before the fire was gotten under control.

Mrs. James B. Healy, with her daughter Mary, spent the holiday with relatives in Groton. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prinn spent Sunday with friends in Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roche, of Haver-

hill, with Timothy Sullivan and his two daughters, Misses Lillian and Nora Sullivan, of Marlboro, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Healy.

Miss Belle Carpenter, with her brother Joseph, visited friends in Concord recently. Miss Catherine McCarthy spent the holiday with friends in Concord.

Miss Lilly Mae Moran has recently returned from a delightful visit spent with friends in Montague City. Mrs. V. Downing, with her daughter Zelma, are stopping with Mrs. Downing's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ingalls, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingalls, of North Chelmsford, enjoyed an automobile trip to Beverly last Sunday.

LITTLETON

News Items. C. W. Perry, of Hillsboro, N. H., has spent a week with his daughter, Mrs. F. C. Hartwell.

Miss Alice Spaulding, of Lexington, was the guest of the C. A. Hartwells of Hartwell avenue recently. The Littleton Choral society wish to bring to public notice the date of their annual concert, Friday evening, May 1, 1915, at 7.30 o'clock. The society are requested to be present at the next rehearsal which will be held at the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening, April 27. As there are only two more rehearsals before the concert, it is essential that all members should attend. Election of officers for the ensuing year also comes up at this meeting.

May 2 is the date announced for Miss Nina Fletcher's concert in Ayer and Littleton people are requested to plan no important local attraction for that evening as many relatives and friends in town will attend her concert in Ayer.

Osman Needham has bought a new Ford automobile.

Ex-senator Claude L. Allen and family, of Melrose, were Sunday and holiday guests of his cousin, William Ames, of Tahattawan recently.

William Bailey, who has been working in the webbing factory, has resigned his position and gone to Somerville to live.

Augustus P. Gardner, of Jamaica Plain, spent Sunday with his parents at the Center.

The Back Log sunset party given Patriot's day was the usual strong drawing card with the children and young people who are fond of dancing. The music was supplied by the orchestra. Mrs. Marshall played in the afternoon to the satisfaction of all concerned and Hibbard's orchestra, always popular with the young people, played for the older dancers in the evening. About eight dollars was netted from dancing fees. A satisfactory sum was realized from the supper which met with the approval of all judges; approximately 150 persons were served. Not a few visitors were present from out-of-town. The number of our own people was somewhat smaller than usual, owing to the fact and the children's ball which preceded the sunset party by only a few evenings.

A. V. Carroll and family, of Malden, came to Littleton for the summer home at Friests' Crossing for the holiday. Mrs. George F. Gould, of Templeton, visited her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Wainwright and family, Wednesday.

Howard Canney, secretary to the principal of St. Paul's school, Concord, N. H., is attending his home people at the Common.

Miss Alice M. Howard, Mrs. E. M. Christie, Miss Margaret Thacher and Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson attended the Women's club reception in Ayer on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Hardy, Jr., has been visiting relatives in Brookline this week. On account of the Social Service Conference to be held in the Unitarian church on Monday, the Women's club has postponed children's day. The date will be announced in this column later.

George A. Cook, auctioneer, will sell by public auction, on Tuesday, April 27, at 10 o'clock, a pair of good work horses, household furniture, etc., the property of David Hall, of Westford. The sale will be held on Saturday afternoon, April 24, at one o'clock.

Death. The deepest sympathy is universally expressed for Herbert C. Bradley, his three little children and his grandparents in the extremely pathetic and untimely death of the young boy at the Groton hospital on Monday morning. She had been operated upon for appendicitis four days previous to the operation at the time was pronounced successful, but blood poisoning followed, and before the public had gained knowledge of that fact her death was announced, causing a shock to friends and neighbors to which they can scarcely be reconciled.

Besides her husband Mrs. Bradley leaves two little boys, Raymond, seven and a half, and Clifton, six, and a little daughter, Doris, one and a half, also, two sisters and one brother. She attended the funeral of a sister in Maine about three weeks ago.

Her own funeral services were held at Albert Bradley's on Groton road on Thursday afternoon, and Rev. J. C. Alvord officiated, offering much consolation and sympathy, and speaking very tenderly of the deceased. The interment was in West Acton cemetery.

Mrs. Bradley, who was Mabelle Inez Farrington, was born in Livermore Falls, Me., July 22, 1890. Eight years ago she was married to Herbert C. Bradley, of Littleton, and came here to live. Shortly afterwards they had a daughter, Doris, and a son, Clifton. Her home for four years or more, when they returned to Littleton.

Although Mrs. Bradley's life was short it was in many ways complete. She had attained to that maturity of thought and activity which hardly comes to that little circle which looked to her for love and care and always found a ready, happy response and cheery smile. The demands of her family were such that she could hardly be expected to mingle to any great extent with the outside world, yet she showed a strong inclination to reach out a helping hand to neighbors and friends whenever the opportunity offered. From the impulses of her generous heart came many kind offices for others.

Her home work she planned so that she could aid help in the church frequently. Her young sons were sent regularly to the Sunday school and

she had already taken the youngest child and accompanied her family in the bible study at the Congregational church. Her interest in other phases of church activities was consistent with her broad sympathies and sweet disposition, and she was never asked to serve in any capacity without giving a welcome and hearty response to the request, and following with efficiency the service, so happily performed that it was a pleasure to work with her. No unkind thought of another was ever framed on her lips, and no feeling of antagonism or even discontent was traceable in her words or actions. It seemed as if her soul were so in tune with the beautiful that her heart and mind knew only the world of peace, joy and perfect harmony.

Self-sacrifice was so natural for Mrs. Bradley that her happiness was never complete unless she was giving herself for the good of others, and in her modest unselfish, but full life she was constantly endeavoring herself to all who knew her, and winning the "well done" approval of the Master.

Social Service Institute. The Social Service Institute, to be held Monday afternoon and evening in the Christian church, will be preceded on Sunday evening by a local union service in the Baptist church at seven o'clock, with an address by Rev. J. C. Alvord, of Boston, secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, and "The churches as community building." Good music will be given. This should prove a good introduction to the institute. Mr. Root will be entertained at the home of Rev. J. C. Alvord, and will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church Sunday morning. For the institute proper a very attractive program is issued. This includes expert and able discussions of the interests of church and town from both sides, namely, "What the churches can do for the community" and "What the community can do for the churches," closing with an illustrated lecture on "New Americans in Massachusetts." The session on Sunday afternoon will begin at 2.30, the evening session at 7.30. Supper will be provided for visitors from other towns.

Children's Ball. A pleasant evening could not have been desired than Friday, the date of the children's ball, given by Mrs. C. H. White, of Shirley, the popular dancing teacher, who has held very successful courses in the town hall this winter. Many parents and other guests were present and were interested in the brilliant and interesting affair. The children were daintily and in some instances elaborately dressed, and were presented to the two charming hostesses of the evening, Mrs. J. N. Murray and Mrs. H. F. Prout, the music of Mudgett's orchestra of Shirley the children formed in line for the grand march which was led by Sally Kimball and Joseph Kimball. A prettier picture than that made by the class of little people in festive dress crowned by radiant faces is not easily imagined. As they had enjoyed the freedom of the floor long enough to dance the different figures taught this winter, their seniors had an opportunity to enter actively into the fun of the evening. The people showed no small amount of interest in seeing their parents join in the dances of former years.

Mr. and Mrs. White, who have come and gone, and to Mrs. White, because of credit for her patient, painstaking, efficient and always courteous services and capacity of teacher. It is hoped that the many children who favor the young people by opening another course here next year. Her ability has been thoroughly tested in her long experience in a quiet, pleasant and tactful manner she secures the best of results.

New Advertisements. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of ALICE M. M. BOYNTON, deceased, testate, in the County of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, and in giving notice upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to CHARLES E. BOYNTON, Adm., Peppercorn, Mass., April 17, 1915. 3133

LOST BOOK. In accordance with Chapter 59, Section 40 of the Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 7855 has been lost and payment on the same stopped. NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK, Sarah T. Tutten, Treas., Ayer, Mass., April 21, 1915. 3133

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES E. STICKNEY, late of Townsend in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by ESTHER M. TAYLOR who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

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

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in a newspaper published in said County, and to publish 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.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventh day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. 3133 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HANNAH L. FARMENTER late of Groton in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by GEORGE T. STEVENS who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor named in his official bond.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, 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.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. 3132 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY JANE WRIGHT, formerly MARY JANE CRAIG late of Troy in the State of New York, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate already administered of said deceased, EARL COLBY CRAIG of Providence in the State of Rhode Island, without requiring a surety on his bond.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. 3131 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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News Items. N. Dana Sanderson has moved into the upper part of the house owned and occupied by his parents on Lancaster road.

Mrs. John G. Conant, in company with Mrs. A. M. Parker, of Littleton, left this week Friday for Upper Montclair, N. J., for a six-weeks visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Manning.

A brush fire at the North, not far from the Almond Holden farm, made things lively for awhile Monday afternoon. The fire started from a pile of brush which Karoline, the daughter of the North, was burning, and before it was gotten under control spread over about twenty acres.

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Closing Studio I wish to announce that on account of other business in view that this studio will close for good JULY 1st. Anybody intending to have Photographic work done of any kind will please see to the same at once as in June I will be very busy on graduation work. The Dempsey Studio Telephone Connection AYER, MASS. ETHEL K. BRUCE PARLOR MILLINERY Phelps' Block AYER, MASS. Phone 15-4 Mourning Goods Phone 35-5 Mrs. E. F. Chandler LADIES' HATTER East Main Street AYER, MASS. Orders Given Individual Attention PRICES REASONABLE Expert Advice in Color Schemes Special Line of Model Hats \$5.00 La Touraine The Perfect Coffee The Flavor of La Touraine is so distinctive, so pleasing, so delicious that those who use it soon become enthusiastic over it. The serving of La Touraine to your family and friends is a matter in which you will take great pride. Everywhere 35c the pound FRESH ROASTED AND FRESH GROUND A Protected Quality delivered in this bag always. W.S. Quinby Co. Boston - - - Chicago Studebaker Five Passenger Touring Car \$300 IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION—A BARGAIN Nickel Plated, Extra Large Headlights, Tires in Good Condition, and ready to run. Inquire at PUBLIC SPIRIT OFFICE, AYER, MASS.

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GROTON

Lawrence academy won from the Brookline high school last Saturday by the score of 2 to 1.

Groton School defeated Lowell Textile last Saturday by the score of 7 to 3.

The alarm sounded on Monday afternoon and a brush fire beyond the Ridges on the Littleton road.

Com. C. H. Berry, of E. S. Clark post has received word from department headquarters that Memorial Sunday will be observed by the veterans on May 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin P. Williams of West Somerville were week-end and over holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown.

Prof. Julian Coolidge, with Mrs. Coolidge, have been guests for a week at the Groton Inn.

Courtney Guild and Miss Guild, brother and sister of the lamented Ex-governor Guild, were over holiday guests at the Groton Inn.

Miss Fanny H. Prescott, of Cambridge, was a week-end and over the holiday guest of the Misses Hutchings of Pleasant street.

Ernest Morse, of Leominster, is to move into the upper part of the W. Ames house on Willow Dale street and will work as driver for J. E. Adams.

Miss Susie H. Shattuck was much pleased to receive one day last week a fine box of extra large muscat grapes and grapefruit sent and grown by Rev. A. J. Hovey, of Calouso, Fla.

John Trayne met with an accident a few days ago while using chemicals burning the palm of one hand and the thumb of the other.

The household economics section of the Woman's club will hold an open meeting in the lower town hall on Friday afternoon, April 30, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. William Peabody is the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Everett B. Gerlich.

George W. Lewis of West Upton was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Clark arrived at the home of his brother, E. H. Clark, on Common street, Wednesday afternoon, coming from California, where they have been staying for the past three or more months.

Harvey Woods was home from Lowell Textile for the April 19 vacation.

Mrs. James R. Hawkes returned from Atlantic City last week Friday not feeling as well as usual, and later, growing worse, found it necessary to call her physician.

Mrs. Herbert Bradley, a young woman from Littleton, operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital, died there Tuesday morning.

The Groton Woman's club extends a cordial invitation to the pupils of the public schools to attend the May party to be given in the town hall on Saturday, May 1, at 2:30 p. m.

The fire alarm was given four times on Tuesday afternoon; two sounded for forest fires, and two for house fires.

Dr. William A. Goble has just been appointed to the research department of the Forsyth Dental institution, Boston, thus making him one of the few salaried men on the staff.

Rev. George M. Howe, Dea, and Mrs. Ansel M. Shattuck, Miss Jessie Shattuck, Miss Vickery, Mrs. Herbert Shattuck, Miss Mary Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Allan E. Woods of the Groton Congregational church attended the Middlesex Union Association of Congregational Churches in Lunenburg on Wednesday.

At the ball games here on Wednesday, Groton School won over Worcester South high by the score of 1 to 0; Lawrence academy won over Groton A. B. by the score of 10 to 5.

Mrs. Frederick May entertained the members of the Neighborhood club they being out in good numbers on Wednesday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hawkes has sold her place on the Boston road to George E. Meyer.

Charles E. Ogilvie has a new Ford auto.

The honors in the senior class of the high school were as follows: Miss Virginia Woods, valedictory; Miss Hope Nichols, salutatory; Miss Irene Peabody, essay.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Williams, of Chicopee row, left on Monday for their place in Fitch's Bay, Canada, where they go to make quite a lengthy stay.

The operator at central put in two hours or more of hard work on Tuesday afternoon.

The latest attraction just now in Groton is Fred McDonough's twin hooses.

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There are three groups of ducks—the mergansers or sheldrakes, which are the most numerous.

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Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver entertained a party of Lowell friends over the holiday.

Messrs. Altmiller are enjoying their new Hudson Six.

Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton, of Chelsea, and Mr. and Mrs. George Morton, of Lexington, were holiday guests of Mr. Knowlton, who recently purchased the Brown estate.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fletcher, of Fitchburg, with their family and guests, spent Patriots' day at their summer home in South row.

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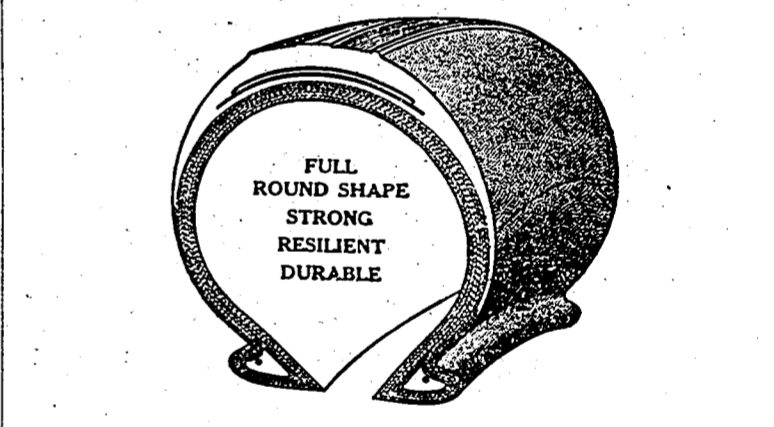
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visited his grandfather, Thomas Marshall, and Miss Marshall the first of the week.

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Miss Forbes, teacher of second and third grades in the union school, visited friends in Providence and stayed during the week-end an holiday.

The G. H. Barkers returned home last Saturday after a pleasant winter in St. Petersburg, Fla. At Washington they stopped a few days and visited their friends.

Mr. Amelia Wakefield is visiting Miss Dewey and Mrs. McLaughlin in Brookline.

Ten men of the Littleton fire department were called into service on Thursday to fight a forest fire in the last two years, is concluding by the sale of ice and cake a small but satisfactory sum of money was netted.

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Saturday, April 24, 1915.

AYER

News Items: Charles F. Bruce, of Worcester, a former well-known citizen of Ayer, was in town on Monday.

Patriots' day passed off quietly. The perfect weather brought many out-of-doors to enjoy various sports and pleasures. The principal attractions were the shoot of the Ayer Gun club, the baseball game between Littleton high and Ayer high school at the town park on Tuesday evening, and the special moving picture exhibitions given by Poulus Bros. The Fitchburg and the Lowell electric cars did a tremendous business and throngs also came on the steam cars. The day also marked the annual inspection of many of the summer camps in the resorts in this vicinity, some being in the camps over the week-end holiday. Many others also obeyed nature's call to the wild.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the United States District court against the Powers-Dundas Company, a manufacturer of Central Falls, R.I. Three Massachusetts creditors, alleging liabilities of \$22,268.08, joined in the petition. They are the B. & H. Rubber Company, \$10,570.42; Ayer Tanning Company, \$1,641.04. On Wednesday of last week Herman W. Powers filed a petition in the superior court for the appointment of receivers for the firm, and Norman F. Case of Providence and Chester C. Burnham of Boston were named as receivers in the United States court after the involuntary petition had been filed.

The third and fourth degrees will be worked at the Ayer Grange on Wednesday evening, May 5, under the supervision of George A. Witherell, of Waltham.

The Woman's Alliance are invited to a neighborhood meeting to be held in the Unitarian church in Groton on Thursday afternoon, April 29, at 2:30 o'clock. Miss Anna Bancroft, president of the National Alliance, will deliver the address of the meeting.

There will be an early service of holy communion at St. Andrew's church at 7:30 Sunday morning. The second service will be in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. Morning prayer will be held in Forge Village at 9:30.

Miss Nina Fletcher, who is to give a violin recital in the town hall on Monday evening, May 3, will be assisted by Helen Pratt Kelley, lyric soprano, and John Craig Kelley, accompanist. Mr. Kelley is the pianist who appeared a number of years ago in the series of artists' concerts given in town. Mrs. Kelley has a beautiful voice and has sung often in and around Boston. Tickets go on sale at Hill's drug store on Thursday, April 29. Miss Fletcher has won an international reputation as one of the most noted violinists in this country and abroad. Her orchestra of young pianists in their concert tours both here and abroad, among them Madam Schumann-Heink.

Jobt. Murphy's Sons Co. have installed an electric motor for E. W. Carley for his ice cream business.

The Unitarian Girls' club gave a very pleasant dance Monday evening in the town hall. It was in charge of Mrs. Stella Hill, Mrs. Bertha Aulhiser, Mrs. Winifred Proctor and Mrs. Cora Murphy. The hall was very finely decorated with flags and curtains. Good music was furnished by Bonnett's orchestra of young pianists. The whole affair was well managed and very successful. Everyone of the large gathering had a good time. Refreshments were served by Caterer Carley.

At the morning service of the Congregational church next Sunday the pastor will speak on the subject, "The sprines of action." The subject in the evening will be "The transforming power of christianity." The topic for the C. E. meeting will be "The Bible, the world's supreme book."

Remember the lecture, "The wonderland of America," illustrated with slides in colors and black and white by Rev. Joseph B. Kettle, in the Congregational church on Tuesday evening, April 27, at eight o'clock. Mr. Kettle takes us through Colorado, the Grand Canyon of Arizona, Yellowstone park and the Yosemite valley of California.

A social dance will be held at the Sandy pond schoolhouse on Tuesday evening, April 27. Music by Perry's orchestra.

The Unitarian Girls' club will hold its second annual May basket and home-made candy sale in the Unitarian vestry on Tuesday afternoon, April 27, at 3:30 o'clock.

At the Baptist church next Sunday preaching at 10:45 by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas; subject, "Expansion." Sunday school at twelve. Song service at seven o'clock followed by sermon; subject, "The other man."

The selectmen will give a public hearing at the selectmen's room in town house at eight p. m., Tuesday, April 27, upon the applications of William Brown and George H. Hill for a sixth class liquor license and upon the applications of the National Express Co. and Kidder's Express Co. for a license to transport, etc. liquors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wallace entertained twenty-eight members of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters Thursday evening at a william party. Mrs. A. B. Fleet and William Prescott were the winners of the first prizes and Mrs. Minnie Fowler and Walter Winslow made way with the booby prizes. Ice cream and cake were served and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

"The lady of dreams," in two parts, will be the headliner at the moving picture show this Saturday. "A maid of war," "Love will cut," and "Broncho Billy and the escaped bandit" are also good pictures. Special attraction—"The three black trumps," a story of daring aerial feats. Afternoon at three, evening at eight.

Charles Bartz wired a house belonging to Fred Pollanese in Lancaster this week for electricity, and a tenant of Mrs. S. Wilson Smith, occupied by John Foley on Third street. He was assisted by John M. Wallace.

A number of members in Ayer of the Masonic order of Scottish rites attended the banquet held in Nahsua, N. H., Wednesday evening in connection with the three-days' session of the New Hampshire consistory, April 20, 21 and 22, in that city, and there were others who attended the different days.

A minstrel show, given under the auspices of the George J. Burns hook and ladder company, by the boys of the Shirley Industrial school, will be given in the town hall on Thursday evening, April 29. The program consists of solos, both vocal and instrumental, clog dances and character sketches. The boys have always made a hit in town with their shows and this year's program will be as lively as ever. U. H. Barrows has the personal direction of the show in his charge and all who know his work in this line will show prepared to see a first-class show. Tickets go on sale at Blodgett & Markham's store at nine o'clock on Monday morning.

James Curran, a member of the telephone company, had a narrow escape from serious injury Thursday while at work changing wires on a pole near the Main street entrance of the subway. In the course of his work a telephone wire, which had become loosened, fell onto the feed wire of the Lowell and Fitchburg Railroad company's wire. The feed wire was charged with electricity which was communicated to the telephone wire. Mr. Curran was severely burned about the hands and will be unable to work several weeks. Dr. Sullivan attended him.

There was quite an exciting time on the North Shirley road on Monday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Baker, of Fitchburg, riding in an automobile were held up by an unknown man. In answer to Mr. Baker's questions the stranger said that he was a special officer detailed to look out for criminals and that he was a member of the Chief Beatty, of Ayer. The chief and Officer Thomas C. Burrill, of Shirley, went immediately to work on the case and think they have located the hold-up man's hide-out. The hold-up man is believed to be demoted.

David S. Harvey, who recently died in Philadelphia, was a former well-known resident of Ayer, where he lived for many years. He was a member of the George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., of this town. He was about eighty-five years of age.

There came near being a serious accident at the railroad station this week on Friday afternoon. When the air brakes on the inward bound Lowell train failed to work properly, the train was being pushed into a station from the southern yard as usual by shifting engine. When the air brakes were applied they did not respond with sufficient force to materially aid in checking the speed of the train. The train dished and a bumper post putting that safeguard out of commission. The passengers and employees on the train were shaken up and one of the passengers was injured. The hold-up man's car, injuring his head. There was no one seriously hurt.

The fire department responded to an alarm from box 27 at 2:20 Thursday afternoon. The fire caught in the grass near the Lowell and Fitchburg car barn and rapidly spread. The fire was put out, however, before the arrival of the department. The roof of the house occupied by Mrs. Petersen caught fire, but was put out without damage.

The funeral of Mrs. Emily M. Nutting, a former resident of Ayer, was held last Sunday from the Congregational church at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. S. Strong officiating. The quartet, consisting of Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Frank Harlow, S. Bassett Dickerman and Augustus Loveloy. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in Woodlawn cemetery. The funeral was largely attended.

M. O'Keefe, of Boston, was in town this week on Friday afternoon looking for a location in this vicinity. He is at the head of about 100 or more grocery stores throughout the New England states.

The Ayer high school baseball team defeated the Littleton high school team in the first game of the season at the town park on Patriots' day. The score was 3 to 6.

Jennett Russo, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Russo, fell at her home last week Friday and partially broke her collar bone. She received a second fall on Sunday and completed the break. Dr. Hopkins was called and set the bone.

Deaths: Died in Ayer Thursday evening, April 15, Mrs. H. Lillian Harrington, aged 74 yrs. and 8 mos. Hannah Lillian Steele was born in Amherst, N. H., the only child of Abel and Elizabeth Steele. She was first married to Simon Hammond of Harvard and to them were born three children—Ruby L. Lizzie E. and John H., all dying in their teens. Mrs. Hammond's death occurred soon after the death of the youngest daughter.

In 1890 Mrs. Hammond married George A. Harrington of West Groton. She was soon called to part with her youngest child, her only son John. He died in January, 1891. Two years later Mr. and Mrs. Harrington came to Ayer. The funeral services occurred on Monday, April 19, in the Methodist church. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends; also, members of the W. R. C. of the W. C. T. U. and Vesta Rebekah lodge. Rev. A. D. Stroud, a former pastor officiated. His text was taken from 1st Corinthians 15, 38, and his remarks were most appreciative of the life of Aunt Lillian as she has been familiarly called; the ritual of the W. R. C. concluded the church services. There was the profusion of beautiful flowers, set pieces and sprays from relatives and friends and the W. R. C. of W. C. T. U. and Vesta Rebekah lodge. The interment was in the family lot in the Harvard cemetery. She was laid beside her husband and the children she so dearly loved. The committal service of the Vesta Rebekah was given at the grave by a delegation of ladies from Ayer.

As we leave her in that quiet city of the dead we hope and believe that for Aunt Lillian there is peace and a blissful reunion with her loved ones.

Thomas F. Meehan, a life-long resident of this town, died at his home on West Main street this week Friday morning, April 23, aged fifty-three years. Death was due to a complication of diseases from which he had suffered for a long time. He was obliged to give up work only two years ago and while there has been some improvement in his condition from time to time, he had never made any substantial gain. He contracted a cold a few days ago which aggra-

vated his condition. The end came rather sudden. He had been unable to work during the previous day and was able to be about the house until late in the evening, a few hours before the end came.

Mr. Meehan was employed for years in the furniture shops here, where he worked as a painter. Later he secured employment on the old Fitchburg railroad in the local yard in connection with the freight cars, including that of switchman and brakeman. Later he was employed on the Boston and Maine railroad when that corporation absorbed the former road. For several years prior to his illness he was employed as a towerman in the large switch tower in the south railroad yard.

He was always very popular with his fellow employees and the people generally, and made many friends by his quiet, genial ways.

He leaves five children, William T., Charles, Frank and Miss Mary Meehan, all of Ayer, and Mrs. Lillian Gravel, of Worcester.

Mr. Meehan was a member of the North Shore branch of the H. Ayer Junction Aerie, F. O. E., Division 7. A. O. H. and of the Irish Catholic Benevolent society. He was a member of the townermen's union.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from St. Mary's church.

Frank S. Chick, vice president and general manager of the John H. Pray & Sons Company, died very suddenly on Thursday at the home of Harry E. Converse in Marion, where he had been visiting. Mr. Chick was ill less than four days. Death was due to acute uremia.

Mr. Chick was born in Groton, now Ayer, 59 years ago, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Chick, both now deceased.

He received his education in the public schools of Ayer and went to the Groton school, where he was a member of the Groton club, Boston Press club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Frank S. Chick was the son of Rev. John Milton Chick, who was pastor of the Baptist church here, coming to the town from New Ipswich, N. H. The Chick residence on East Main street is still in the possession of the family. Mr. Chick joins the residence of Oliver K. Pierce.

Thomas Hillery, of School street, died this week Friday afternoon, two o'clock after an illness of about ten days. He was about sixty years of age.

District Court: Luther H. Hall, of Lowell, has been summoned into court this Saturday morning to answer to a complaint for operating an automobile in Groton without a license.

Matt Ecklo, of Townsend, was arraigned this week Friday on a complaint charging attempted rape. Probable cause to believe him guilty was found and he was held in lieu of \$500 for his appearance before the superior court in June. The prisoner was arrested last December by the Groton police in connection with the crime and placed in the lock-up in Townsend. That night he made his escape and had been at large until Thursday of this week when he was arrested by the authorities. Charles F. Worcester, associate justice, represented the government at the trial. The prisoner is a young man and has a wife and four small children. Mrs. L. A. Mitchell, the victim of the assault, is past seventy years of age and lived alone in a door, according to her testimony.

Judge Atwood has rendered a decision on the inquest in regard to the death of Joseph DeLaas held this week in which the jury found that as can be learned no unlawful act of any person contributed to his death.

Gun Club Shoot: The Ayer Gun club had an all day shoot at their grounds at the old trotting park on Monday which attracted not only the members of the club but several from out-of-town clubs. There were also quite a number of spectators to watch the interesting event.

In the morning there was a twenty-five bird handicap event for a cup which resulted in three ties. Draper, Burrill and Pillman with twenty-five each. In the shot-off to break the ties Burrill won with a perfect score of four birds with a score of 38. Burrill was second and Draper third. Burrill was awarded the cup. The individual scores of the contestants for the prize were: Sublet 24, Pelletier 23, Fisher 23, Fisher 23, Reynolds 22, Carley 21, Carlson 20, Ryan 15, Blodgett 14.

Another match shoot of twenty-five birds for the handicap trophy was presented by the Du Pont Powder Company of Wilmington, Del., was an interesting event. The individual scores were: Kidder 18, Burrill 18, Reynolds 17, Fisher 17, Pelletier 17, Sabine 17, Pillman 16, Pelletier 14, Barry 12, Hyde 11, Fisher 11, Ryan 10, Boutwell 4.

In the fifty-bird event which followed there were three classes, A, B and C. Draper was the winner in Class A and was awarded the prize, a shell bag. His total was 42. Kidder was second with a score of 38 and Reynolds was third with 36 birds to his credit. In Class B, Burrill won the prize, a tobacco pouch, his total being 38. Sabine and Pillman were second and third respectively with scores of 32 and 30. In Class C, Boutwell, with a total of 30, carried off the first honors with 38 birds. He was awarded the prize, a kick bag. The remaining contestants and their scores were: Pelletier 29, Carley 28, Ryan 23, Barry 20.

The highest score of the day, known as "high gun," was made by Draper in the Leominster Gun club. The prize was a box of cigars.

Inquest: The inquest on the death of Joseph DeLaas, who was found dead on one of the cars of the Portland freight here on the morning of April 12, was held in the district court-room on Tuesday morning, Judge Atwood presiding.

Thomas F. Mullin, probation officer, told of the efforts in trying to find some relatives of the dead man who might take charge of the body and of other investigations that might lead to the identity of the man. In Presque Isle, Me., it was thought he might be known, as many papers in

his pocket led to the belief that he had relatives or friends there. Aside from the information regarding the man's name there was nothing definite learned.

Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley, of Ayer, medical examiner, was called to the south railroad yard shortly after the body had been discovered, and of the examination made of the body. The doctor said that the body was in a very good condition and lying on the back. The legs were drawn up and both hands were in the coat pocket. He found a scalp wound on the forehead, which was the skull in the rear. In his opinion the doctor stated that the man was not dead over eight hours. The wounds were not inconsistent with injuries that might be received by the head coming in forcible contact with an overhead bridge.

Gilbert H. Powers, the conductor of the train on which the body was found, told of the body being on the freight until some hours after the train arrived here. So far as he knew there were no other persons on the train except the regular train crew. It is possible that the man, whose dead body was found on the train when it reached Ayer, might have boarded the train at one of the stations where the train stopped, or he might have got on at some of the steep up grades between Deering, Me., and Ayer, on the train at one of the stations where it stopped.

Conductor Powers said that the train left Deering Junction, Me., at six o'clock on the night before the body was found. The train was making the distance between the two points averages eight or eight and one-half hours.

Sidney Wetherell, a brakeman on the Concord, N. H., and Ayer freight, said that he discovered the body at about 4:30 o'clock on the morning of April 12, at the station at Ayer. He notified the yard men and the medical examiner was immediately summoned.

This closed the evidence and the hearing was adjourned.

Concert: The concert by the Groton School orchestra and Glee club, given for the benefit of St. Andrew's church in the town hall on Thursday evening, was a decided treat. The only regret is that there were not a larger number of the orchestra were exceptionally spirited and the continued applause of the audience showed their appreciation.

The Glee club sang unusually well, possibly owing to their patronage of the candy table. "Tom, Tom, the piper's son," the favorite of the young people and "Daddy's little honey" was the next to receive the greatest amount of applause. The violin duet by Mrs. Sabine and Miss Stone was especially enjoyed. The program was unusually good and all taking part deserved and received much applause.

John W. C. Sawyer, the president of the W. R. C., presided and had charge of the evening's entertainment. She, in behalf of the organization, cordially welcomed and hoped that they would enjoy the entertainment provided for them. Com. H. S. Clark of the G. A. R. post, and Mrs. Newton of the W. R. C. of Groton, O. H., who is now stopping in town, occupied seats on the platform.

The program consisted of selections by the Groton club, including Misses Ethel Andrew, Winifred Cochrane, Esther Stone, Bertha Stone and Mrs. Marjorie Winslow, with vocal solo, accompanist; selections by Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. Daisy G. Beckford, Mrs. Emma Wood and Miss Mary Johnson; a series of songs by the Groton club, including Gladys Phelps, Shirley; reading, Mrs. S. R. Dickerman; vocal solo, Mrs. Daisy G. Beckford; poem, Mrs. Lucie B. Richardson; and piano solo, Mrs. Blanche Wells, Shirley. The entertainment concluded by all singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

The club was very lavishly decorated with the national colors and refreshments were served by the hospitality committee. A general social time followed with whist, the principal feature.

A. W. C.: The women's club observed its annual Federation day in Hardy's hall, April 23. The guests present from Littleton, Shirley and Groton. The program opened with a piano solo by Miss Madeline Whitney. Mrs. Edward Newton spoke on "Appreciation of music" and Mrs. T. W. Worthy on "The social significance of contemporary literature." Tea was served during a social hour with Miss Esther Stone and Mrs. Juliette Allen pouring. The following notices were given: The Topics of the Day class meets with Mrs. Joseph Graves Tuesday, April 27, at 2:30. The Literature class meet with Mrs. Clara Hill Wednesday, April 28, at three o'clock with readings from "Social forces in England and America."

The part class meets with Mrs. Sarah Barker Friday, April 30, at 7:30. On Thursday, April 29, there will be an evening lecture, open to women on "Planning the clothes budget" by Mrs. Inez R. Lynch—a very neat and Hardy's hall, instead of the traditional vestry, as announced, and will begin at 7:30. The ladies' quartet will sing.

Hot Stove Club: Someone has started the rumor that the club has disbanded, which report is hereby officially denied. The reason given for the rumor is that the fire in the stove which warms the heat for the club meetings has been very noticeable by its absence during the past several days. The reason given is that the janitor having failed in his duty as a fireman has lost his license and no one as yet has been found to take his place. The proprietor of the store, however,

volunteered to assist in the matter of furnishing heat and during the cold periods, and a committee which are still with us, it is hoped, will be able to do it to do its worst. This arrangement is not entirely satisfactory to the club members, but grateful for such a thoughtful act and trust to the arguments to make up the deficiency in the heat supply.

The executive board of the club is about to recommend plans for an active campaign against winter suffering on the ground that there is suffering enough in the world already. As the meeting of the club members secret the truth of the matter cannot be learned at this time. Members are again requested to be present at the meetings as important matters for settlement are still coming up.

While the club was engaged in the transaction of business at a recent meeting a stranger entered and in a voice that sounded like a cracked phonograph record, asked when the last electric car left for Lowell. "You've got me," said one of the members. "You'll have to ask some one else that question as I am unable to tell when the last car will run." The stranger said he meant to ask when the last car left that night, when he was promptly informed of the time.

A good deal of difficulty is found by the club in pronouncing the names of persons which are the names of important battles in the European war, especially the city that has recently fallen after a six-months' siege, whose name resembles the alphabet after it had been spelt out. It is a healthy attempt to pronounce it, but are willing to take chances with the other names.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items: Mrs. Anna Page received a telegram Wednesday announcing the sudden death of her step-son, Frank Page, of New York city. Mr. Page was a frequent visitor here and his visits will be much missed. He was a prominent hotel man at Rockaway Beach. Mrs. Page being unable to attend the funeral her nephew, C. H. Mead, will represent her and carry her share of the bereaved family.

George Burroughs has bought the cottage formerly owned by Mrs. Mary W. Fowler and used by her and her friends as a summer home. In a very attractive prospectus sent out Mrs. Fowler describes the cottage as a very desirable one now owned in Pleasant Valley, Conn.

As a result of the inconvenience experienced last season by lack of having driven wells put in Irving Clark and Arthur Brown have them, and Mr. Swanson is the next on the list.

Those fortunate to have apples now are getting top notch prices. C. T. Wetherbee and Burpee Steele have a large quantity of apples in good condition. Our local cabbage king, Albert Littlefield, also was fortunate in holding his cabbages until the rise in price.

Mr. Withington visited William Braman at the Clinton hospital on Wednesday and found him getting along well. It was a very severe case of appendicitis and it is now four weeks since he was taken to the hospital. He will probably be able to come home for some time yet.

Oliver Shattuck has gone to Panama. John Withington and family, of Westminster, spent the holiday at John Colebrook's.

A baseball game between the married and single men was played at Burroughs' field Monday afternoon. Although possibly lacking in some scientific points it was full of interest and enthusiasm. The single men were victorious.

On last week Friday Marshall E. Wright died very suddenly at Concord Junction. For several years he lived here on the farm now owned by H. W. Fifield. Five years ago he left to become an officer in Concord reformatory. He and his wife are very pleasantly remembered and his wife will have much to say for her former neighbors and friends here.

SHIRLEY

News Items: The remains of Mrs. Michael Moran of Leominster was brought to this town on Thursday for burial in St. Anthony's cemetery. High requiem mass was said at St. Anthony's church at nine o'clock. Mrs. Moran was formerly Miss Della Brasser, of this town, where she was well and favorably known.

Atty. Emerson Baker, of Fitchburg, was in town on Thursday afternoon and in company with the Ayer and Shirley police went to the north part of the town and identified Romulus Carchai, a young Italian, about seven years of age, a student at the Center public school, as the one who endeavored to hold him up last Sunday evening as he was returning to his home in Fitchburg in company with his wife and son in their auto. Carchai will be arraigned in the district court in Ayer this week Saturday. Other complaints of like character have now been made against him. Young Carchai resides with his parents in what is known as the old tavern at Bull Run, so-called, at North Shirley.

Itee, Sheard Billings, of Groton School, will preach in Trinity chapel at the Center on Sunday afternoon at 3:15.

Alturlian: The Alturlians held their regular meeting at the club-room on Thursday afternoon, the president, Mrs. Myra E. Ely, presiding, the meeting opening with a song. Reports and correspondence were read by the secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Lilly. Mrs. Martha J. Conant, chairman of the civic committee, stated that flyers would be sent out requesting aid to assist in "cleaning-up day," May 2 to May 8. Much interest is felt in the work. Mrs. Conant also announced that the civic committee will hold a food sale on April 30 at the club-room. The club magazine, No. 8, was then presented by the editors, Mrs. Amy C. Wheeler and Mrs. Inez R. Lynch—a very neat and pretty magazine with hand-painted covers, containing contributions from different members with brief sketches of Sarah Bernhardt and the Morgan family. Also, a glimpse of a member of Nova Scotia from a member who spent a vacation there. The committee received a rising vote of thanks for their interesting magazine. Children will be observed at the Odd Fellows' hall on May 6. The meeting closed with singing. Miss Grace M. Kilburn at the piano.

LITTLETON

News Items: At the regular meeting of the Grange on Wednesday evening, Geo.

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TOWNSEND

Center. April 26 at the Grange is "Bird night," in charge of Herman C. Knight. C. W. Hildreth attended the funeral of M. Henry Drury at Winchendon on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hildreth went to Manchester, N. H., by auto on Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Reed. Mrs. A. D. Turner arrived in town on Wednesday evening after making a visit in Newton on her return from the south. A little daughter was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Wilson last week Friday morning. The hospital patients from our town are all reported as doing well. Mrs. Martha Baxter is very ill with pneumonia at her home on Highland street. A special meeting of the directors of the Townsend National bank was held on Monday afternoon to elect a president and director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Clarence Stickney. H. S. Hill was elected president and Charles B. Stickney, vice president. Walter F. Rockwood was elected to the board of directors. The annual meeting of the Monday club was held on Tuesday, with Mrs. A. S. Howard, hostess. The business of the hour was the election of officers and discussion of plans for the new year. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Elizabeth Fessenden, v. p.; Mrs. Louise S. Tenney, sec. and treas.; Mrs. A. S. Howard, Mrs. Eunice Bruce, Miss Clara Sheldon, directors. Refreshments were served by the hostess and a social hour was enjoyed. The club year closed until the first Monday in October. Rev. E. C. Charlton, the new pastor, will occupy the Methodist pulpit on Sunday following.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' topic will be "Housecleaning." C. E. evening topic, "The bible, the world's supreme book." About eighteen attended the spring meeting of the Middlesex Union Association of Congregational Churches held with the Congregational church in Lunenburg on Wednesday. Delegates from the Townsend church were Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. George G. Clarke and Dea. Albert S. Howard. At the regular meeting of the Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of T., Tuesday evening was organized in honor of Patriots' day, consisting of patriotic readings and musical selections. North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., conferred the third degree upon a class of four candidates Wednesday evening. After the working of the degrees a delicious banquet was served under the auspices of the sister Rebekahs, Mrs. Agnes Woods, chairman of the committee. Visiting brothers were present from New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jeffs, of Worcester, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Leander J. Jeffs in honor of Mrs. L. J. Jeffs' birthday anniversary Saturday. Mrs. Jeffs received relatives and friends congratulations, gifts and a shower of cards. Miss Arline Clarke, president of the Congregational C. E. society, and Miss Helen Whitcomb attended as delegates the Worcester County C. E. convention held in Gardner on Monday, day and evening sessions. As the county convention was organized in Gardner twenty-six years ago, it was very fitting that the present day C. E. convention should be held there on the anniversary date. Miss Clarke will give a report of the convention at the C. E. meeting on Sunday evening. Mrs. Walter Leroy Smith, of Malden, state organizer of the Parent-Teachers' association, will address the public in Memorial hall on the evening of April 30, at eight o'clock. A very cordial invitation is extended to all. Mrs. Smith and the local authorities are especially desirous of organizing a Parent-Teachers' association if sufficient interest is manifest. They particularly invite the fathers as well as the mothers to be present. Rev. Waldo Burgess and family are to leave town the first of May for Los Angeles, Cal. About a year ago Mr. Burgess suffered a nervous breakdown resulting from the grippe. He was obliged to give up his pastorate in Western Massachusetts and came to Townsend, the home of his boyhood, for rest and recuperation. While much improved in health he feels that a change to southern California will be beneficial. Mr. Burgess anticipates taking a small parish through the interest and influence of Rev. George F. Kennon, former pastor of Lowell Unitarian church, now of Los Angeles, Cal. During the stay of Mr. Burgess and family in our town they have won many friends who hope for the re-igniting of Mr. Burgess' health, for success in his chosen work and prosperity in their new environment. Holiday Guests. Among those who spent the holiday at their homes or with friends and relatives here were Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Hart, of Brookline, with Mrs. Abbie Bruce; Mrs. Meade; Mrs. Abbie Bruce; Miss Burdette; of Methuen, with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Meade; Fred Bent, of Lynn, with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Finnekin; Miss Harriet Miller and Miss Nellie Barker, of Attleboro, and little Alice Eldredge, of Plymouth, at H. J. Miller's; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clark and family, of Lynn, at George E. Clark's; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sidwell, of Methuen, with Mrs. M. J. Merrick; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Haynes, of Medford, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Haynes; Dr. Ernest Hill and family, from Mills, at the Park hotel; guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Farrar; Mrs. Blanche Wheeler, of Boston, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hildreth; the Misses Margaret and Burton Seaton and Grace Mansfield, of Lowell, and Miss Lora of Gardner, at the Seaver homestead on South row; Miss Viola Misner, of Fitchburg, at F. B. Higgins'; Mr. and Mrs. George Page, of Taunton, with Mr. and Mrs. George Gates; Miss Florence Copeland, of Beechwood, and Harry Spaulding and friend, of Boston, at Miss Spaulding's; Miss Bessie McGuire, of Boston, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGuire. Townsend Hill Notes. Dr. Cole and family left town last Saturday for Worcester and West Brookfield. Miss Alberta Barber is ill with a gripe cold and not able to attend to her school duties in Mason, N. H. Miss Ethel Hinds, of Everett, and Mr. Ladd, of Lynn, spent the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hinds. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and friends from Woburn have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morse. Winfield Morse and family, of Brockton, enjoyed the holiday vacation at John Morse's. Morton Campbell and his mother attended the funeral of a relative in Fall River on Tuesday. Miss Forestine Hinds, who has been south this winter for her health, has returned to Boston very much improved. She is soon expected on the hill for a visit at her father's, A. J. Hinds. Mrs. A. J. Hinds is quite ill with the gripe. Harbor Items. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Colcord and son Reginald, of Medford, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Jones at Seven Pines. Clarence LaFontaine and Frank Conant have each bought a new horse the past week. Frank H. Cutting, of Malden, has arrived at Seven Pines for the summer. Stephen Keefe witnessed the first ball game in Boston between the Boston Nationals and Philadelphia Nationals. Oliver Proctor visited his sister, Mrs. E. L. at the Center, recently. Mrs. K. E. Kirby and daughter, of Fitchburg, returned to their home on Wednesday after spending a week with her cousin, Mrs. A. C. Josselyn, at Pinecroft. Miss Annie Keefe spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Keefe. Mrs. Emma Spaulding, of Boston, spent Monday with her niece, Mrs. Emma Josselyn. W. I. Whitlock, of the Center, has purchased the old Conant place on the back road to the Center. Mr. Fletcher and family, with friends, spent a few days at their summer home on South row last week. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keefe, who has been spending a few weeks with friends in Worcester, have returned to their home, Christlebrook. Mrs. Tatro, of Leominster, spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence LaFontaine. Mrs. Esther Bailey and daughter, of East Boston, returned home on Monday after spending several days with her brother, E. D. Bagley. Owing to the illness of several of the members of the As You Like It club, they did not meet on Tuesday. Stillman Anderson, who has been spending some time with his family in Dorchester, has returned to his duties at Hickory farm. Miss Blanch Baldwin, principal of the Judson school in Malden, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin. Mrs. Margaret Knight, of Worcester, was home for the holidays. The Monday club was entertained at the home of Mrs. A. C. Josselyn on Tuesday. Work will begin on the new barn at Hickory farm on Monday, the material being all drawn ready for work. William H. Robinson is assisting Horace Searies in painting his buildings. Mr. Sullivan, of the Center, is working at the Old Homestead. Gilman Conant and Howard Doran spent Sunday with friends in Fitchburg. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dole and family, of Medford, spent a few days at their summer home the past week. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blake, with their son Donald, spent the holidays with their son, R. C. Blake, at Hickory farm. Miss Hester Burdett, who has been under the doctor's care, is again about her duties. Mr. Anderson spent last week at Dr. Peters' residence in Dorchester. Miss Kate Spaulding has been visiting in Edgewood. Carl Newhall gives favorable reports of his college course at Boston university. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown and little son Harold were recent guests of Mrs. Ida Brown and family. River Proctor, who on the second day of July will be ninety-two, dined with his sister, Mrs. Sarah M. Ball, on last week Monday in observance of her ninetieth birthday. At the last meeting of the As You Like It club at Mrs. A. W. Gray's, Mrs. Townsend, of North Adams, the guest of the afternoon, gave a discourse on Russia and Germany, in which countries she has traveled extensively. Miss Katherine McNeal has been with Mrs. B. C. Cummings during the latter's recovery. Mrs. Reed, of Mason, was a recent visitor with her daughter, Mrs. Strout. Mrs. Blood, of Gardner, was a recent guest of her sister, Miss Emily Lawrence. Through remodeling, Frank Conant has added to his home a commodious dining-room. Mr. Conant is also building an annex, 50x12, to his barn, which when finished will contain up-to-date traps for his herd of cattle. W. H. Watson went last week to Lake Winnepesaukee to remain several days on a fishing trip. On her return from a visit with her sister in Spencer Mrs. Willard Gray was accompanied by a young niece, who will remain with her for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor and son, of Needham, have been recent guests of her mother, Mrs. Strout. Mrs. Esther E. Bailey and daughter Sybil have been visiting Mrs. James Bennett. Mr. and Mrs. Keefe, of Christlebrook, spent last week visiting in Boston, Medford and Worcester. The Ladies' Aid held its regular meeting at the home of its president, Mrs. Buckley, last week Thursday, and quitted on the pink and white hour glass quilt which is more than half done. Miss Myra Morris read a lively paper on the past, present and future of Townsend Harbor. Resolutions. The following are the resolutions on the death of Salathiel K. Walker, of Leominster: Whereas, In the providence of God our brother, Salathiel K. Walker, has been called home to join the great Grange above, to which so many of our patrons are hastening and, wishing to record our testimonial to his worth, and our appreciation of his life, and our recognition of the relations of life the principles of this order—in Faith, in Hope, and in Charity, with Fidelity; therefore, be it Resolved, that in the departure of our brother, this Grange loses a worthy member, that we deplore his loss and will miss his gentlemanly presence

from our midst. It is hard to say "Thy will be done," yet after months of persistent weariness we should not begrudge him his well earned rest. Resolved, that we place a copy of these resolutions among the records of the Middlesex-Vorceser-Boston Grange No. 8, also printed in the Fitchburg Sentinel and Turner's Public Spirit, Ayer, and a copy sent to the bereaved family of the deceased. Grace M. P. Brock, Leominster, Blanche M. Brown, Groton, Arthur W. Rockwood, Lunenburg, Committee. West. Dr. Hugh A. Heth, from the Baptist association headquarters in Boston, occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church on last week Thursday evening, giving a very interesting address on the work of the churches in the out districts and among the foreigners. Miss Mabel Simonds, from Fitchburg, proprietress of the Townsend tea rooms, arrived on Monday at the tea room to prepare them for the summer's work. Mrs. Herbert Wise, who with Mr. Wise have been spending the winter in Boston, was at her home here the first of the week for a day. They expect to return home here the first of May, but at present Mr. Wise is in the hospital, where he underwent a serious operation. Mrs. William Neale, from Derry, N. H., was in town last week on a brief business trip. There was no school here last week Thursday, the teachers visiting schools in Fitchburg. Miss Bertha Hornig, from Ayer, was a guest of Miss Alice Seaver on last week Thursday. Three of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovering are quite sick with tonsillitis. G. E. Walker, of Josselyville, is for the present with his mother in Waltham. Mrs. Kirby and party, from Boston, were at the camp at Vinton pond over the holiday. Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson and daughter Gertrude spent a few days with relatives in New Ipswich, N. H., last week. The Ladies' Mission Circle will meet on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, Elm street. George Roebuck, from New York, is at the Roebuck cottage on Main street, where his family will join him in a few weeks, being detained in the city by the illness of their oldest child Margaret, who is in the hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Roebuck has been very ill all winter and has arrived here much earlier than usual in order to recuperate. Mr. and Mrs. Holliston, from Orange, have arrived at the Hamilton cottage on Stevens' hill, and Foster Hamilton and family have moved into the Wilder cottage in Josselyville. Mrs. Vestella Norris, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. William Robinson, has returned to East Westmoreland, N. H. Miss Beatrice Haynes, of Josselyville, has been quite ill, but at last reports is much improved. Miss Clara Hosley has returned from a visit to relatives in Lancaster. Fred Tenney spent the week-end with friends in Boston and vicinity. 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The Ladies' Study club will hold their last meeting, a business and social meeting, at the reading-room on Monday evening. At the close of the annual business meeting the social part will be enjoyed with lunch and a program provided by the members of the club on the program committee, Miss M. Ellnor Tower, Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. George Seaver. The Ladies' Mission Circle held regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, of Elm street, on Wednesday afternoon with six members present. The meeting was in charge of the vice president, Mrs. Justine C. Hodgman, who was elected president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. McKean, and Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence was elected vice president in place of Mrs. Hodgman. The program was composed of the study of the "question box" in the March number of Missions. The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society meeting, which has been twice postponed on account of death, was again postponed on account of the funeral of L. F. Wood at the Baptist church on Thursday afternoon and will meet with Mrs. Fred A. Patch on Wednesday, May 5, the meeting being omitted for this month entirely. Mrs. George A. Seaver has returned from a fortnight's visit to her daughter in Deerfield, N. H. Mrs. Hattie Blood is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Kittie Bell, from Boston. Augustus Stevens, of Stevens' hill, is reported as being very seriously ill with the gripe. Threatening Fire. For a time on Tuesday afternoon the village was threatened with a serious fire. At about three o'clock an alarm was sounded by the whistles of Fire Chief Tyler, from the fire house just above Josselyville, and in about an hour, after a hard fight with the wind against them, another alarm was sounded, calling more men to the scene. The fire then had burned a piece in the Clark woodlot and was threatening the copper shop of Clarence Stickney. When apparently under control, it suddenly flared up and broke out fiercely nearer the village and a third alarm was sounded, this time by the church bell, indicating buildings in danger. The fire then broke out at the Center, was on the scene and the engine was ordered, but fortunately by the going down of the high wind which had been blowing all day, it did not spread beyond the control of the department. A large fire set by the railroad, just north of this village in Mason street, which had been burning for some time, had been beyond the control of the department. A large fire set by the railroad, just north of this village in Mason street, which had been burning for some time, had been beyond the control of the department. Holiday Guests. Mrs. Swift and little son Douglas, who have been working with paper cottages on Stevens' hill, and Foster Hamilton and family have moved into the Wilder cottage in Josselyville. 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Littleton. News Items. J. M. Hartwell, the local Ford agent, reports sales this week to W. A. Munson and Osman Needham of Littleton, Blodgett Brothers of Westford, and E. S. Durant of Pepperell. At the fifty-third annual meeting of the North Middlesex Temperance Union last week in Westford, Rev. Herbert L. Caulkins, of Littleton, was chosen president, succeeding Rev. Harrison L. Packard, formerly of Littleton. Misses Ruth Robinson and Gladys Woodbury and Whitney Caulkins were among those attending the C. E. convention in Malden last Monday. The gentlemen of the Back Log club will present "She stoops to conquer," a comedy in five acts by Oliver Goldsmith, in the town hall, Thursday and Friday evenings, April 29 and 30, with the following in the cast: C. F. Water, Ivo Russell, E. F. Jacobs, E. H. Priest, R. A. Priest, J. M. Hartwell, F. B. Priest, J. W. Ames, George Howard, J. H. Remick, Dr. James D. Charles, Fred Zapp, A. T. Bradley, W. Robinson. Reserved seat tickets are on sale at Conant & Company's, Littleton Common, and J. P. Thacher's, Littleton depot. Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Lapham, of Carleton, celebrated in a quiet way their golden wedding anniversary which occurred Sunday, April 18. Mr. Lapham, son of William and Elizabeth Brown Lapham, was born in Littleton on April 17, 1844. He enlisted in Co. K, Sixth Massachusetts regiment, in 1861, and re-enlisted in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Lapham have four sons, two living in Carleton and two in Concord Junction, and seven grandchildren, all of whom were present at the old homestead on the occasion of the anniversary. Rev. E. Tallmadge Root, secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, will speak at the Congregational church on Sunday morning. A neighborhood meeting of Alliance workers is to be held in the Unitarian church, Groton, next week Thursday afternoon. The address will be given by Miss Anna M. Bancroft, of Hopedale, the efficient president of the National organization, and an attractive speaker. A number of the members of the Littleton Alliance plan to attend. Mrs. Lucy A. Pickard spent the first of the week with relatives and friends in Chelmsford. Mrs. Charles A. Kimball was the guest of Mrs. Adeline Ray Kerwin in Waltham on Wednesday. Edward Esten, Tufts college 1916, has been at home during his vacation of one week. Miss Emily Adams, of Weston, has spent her week of vacation from school duties with her sister, Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb. She has been sick with the prevailing cold and sore throat, necessitating the services of a doctor. Adams, Whitcomb, John and Beulah Kimball, Hayward Houghton and C. W. Hunt's youngest son have been suffering from the gripe. Mrs. J. M. Merrill, of the Fuller farm, is convalescent. James Neagle was rounding the corner at the Phelps place in the Center last Sunday when a large touring car ran into his auto, removing a wheel and causing other injuries to Mr. Neagle's car. The occupants were not hurt seriously. Mr. Neagle's chest was somewhat sore and lame as a result. Few places in town are more dangerous than that in which the accident occurred, and there is only one way to avoid collisions at this corner, viz., by going slowly and keeping well to the right. John Pingrey is the possessor of an automobile which he bought of Mr. Little. Rev. A. F. Newton, of Dunstable, is expected to give the Memorial day address in Littleton on May 30. E. P. Sheehan has recently purchased a new five-passenger Buick. Misses Ellen and Mary Downing, of Cambridge, were Sunday and holiday guests of E. P. Sheehan and his sisters. P. C. Edwards, of New York, has been in town a few days this week. He was entertained at C. F. Johnson's.

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1. A corn used by the cook? 2. A corn in which mice like to reside? 3. A corn that flies? 4. A corn dear to the heart of a southerner? 5. An ornamental corn? 6. A corn in which florists delight? 7. A corn used in building? 8. A corn that children like? 9. A corn used by carpenters? 10. A corn found on a tree? 11. A corn used by musicians? Answers.—1. Cornstarch. 2. Corncrib. 3. Corn crake. 4. Corn cake. 5. Cornucopia. 6. Cornflower. 7. Cornerstone. 8. Popcorn. 9. Cornice. 10. Acorn. 11. Cornet.

A Remarkable Fish. The flyshooter is a small, fresh water fish plentiful in the shallow streams throughout India and near some of the islands off Asia.

In his native element the flyshooter never needs to be fed as long as there are flies to swat, for his ammunition is inexhaustible and he always has his gun with him. He is quick to detect a fly resting on the foliage overhanging a stream, and once seen the doom of the fly is sealed. Cautiously getting beneath his intended victim, the flyshooter rises to the surface, takes steady aim and eject from his tubular lips a liquid pellet which rarely fails to hit the mark. Struck by the brilliant bullet, propelled by great force, the fly is stunned and falls into the water to be quickly swallowed by the nimble fish, who then keeps well beneath the surface until he spots another victim. The flyshooter is known to have brought down flies at a range of more than four feet.

The Silkworm's Work. If every particle of the natural silk in the world, estimated at 110,000,000 pounds, were extended in one thread, such as is turned out by a loom, it would make a line that would traverse the entire earth at the equator 14,000,000 times, or 344 times the distance between the earth and the sun. The speed of light is 186,000 miles per second. But even at this degree of swiftness in traveling a ray of light would take about two days to travel a distance equal to the length of this thread. The colossal task of the silkworm can be gathered from the fact that about six filaments spun by the worm in its cocoon must go to form a single silk thread such as the loom spins into fabric.

Roots Intelligent. Roots travel amazing distances in search of their trees' requirements. A lumber merchant, excavating for a sewer in England, found an elm root one and one-quarter inches in diameter and sixty-three feet long, running through a bed of sawdust from the tree to the nearest water. The aggregate length of root thrown out by some plants is almost incredible. A cucumber will within its short life of about half a year throw out from ten to fifteen miles of roots. Clover roots will go straight down to a depth of six to nine feet in search of moisture, and coltsfoot, one of the most powerful and persistent of weeds, sends its suckers down to an even greater depth.—Philadelphia Record.

Dr. Diddle's Donkey. Seat all the players in a line and ask the leader to state that Dr. Diddle's donkey walks in an awkward way. The next player must form a sentence retaining the words Dr. Diddle's donkey and awkward, although he can have the animal engaged in any way that to him seems best, such as kicking, braying, eating, drinking, dancing, grazing, etc. The players other than the one giving the sentence may laugh as much as they choose, but the one speaking must pay a forfeit if he stutters. The task of framing sentences with the four words goes down the entire line of players.

Boy Scout Compass Game. Competing scouts start from a base line, each with a different compass bearing given him, to a flag some distance away—not necessarily straight in front of the scout. Each competitor has a basket over his head or a broad brimmed hat with paper or linen hanging down all round, so that he can see only the ground at his feet and the compass in his hand, but cannot look ahead. By walking exactly on the given bearing he will reach the allotted point—it may be a flagpole, or a mark or stone, or a coin on the ground.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Walter Batchelder and family are moving in to Dr. Hazard's house, recently vacated by Fred Snow.

Harvey Powers is at home for a short vacation. Mrs. Charles Hale is very poorly. She had a very bad nose bleed the middle of the week and Dr. Wallace was called.

Dr. Edward G. West, of Roxbury, Mass., spent the week-end with Francis K. Sweetser. The fire department was called out on Sunday to a brush fire near Mr. Small's at Fog End. The fire got within six feet of the barn before they got it under control. Some fellows carelessly dropped a match, the fire resulting. They have promised to pay all damages.

Tuesday a still alarm was sent in from South Merrimack. The woods, about three-quarters of a mile from the railroad crossing, caught fire. Mr. Harris' barn caught fire three times, but was soon put out.

The Grange held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. They voted to prepare the fair as usual and hoped all would be ready for the fair. Five visitors from Pepperell Grange were present. The following program was given: Topic for discussion, "Gaming laws are they written for the farmer or the sportsmen?" Francis K. Sweetser opening the discussion, followed by Charles A. Cornell, S. F. Woods, Albert C. Wetmore, Charles E. Hardy, George H. Hardy and Harold E. Hardy; essay, "The value of birds to the farmer," Mrs. Robert M. French; reading, Mrs. Martha J. Wood; music, vocal, piano, harmonica and lute, Grace and Clara Smith, Doris Smith, Herman Stickney and Louis Brown. Mr. Nash, of Pepperell, favored with a vocal solo.

John Bell is spending a few days in town. Luther Tarbell spent the week-end at Charles E. Hardy's. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Harrison, of Stoneham, Mass., spent the week-end with Francis K. Sweetser. Miss Ida Clement was home from Boston for the week-end and Patriots' day.

Ralph Powers spent the week-end in town. Miss Abby Flagg and three friends spent the week-end and holiday in town.

Last Saturday Nississit Camp-fires No. 1 and No. 2 met at Peter S. Brown's. In his pasture, near the house, a fire arch has been found. The Camp-fire Girls held a "bacon hot" and enjoyed themselves very much. The music was given by the band. The better they liked it. They spent the rest of the afternoon playing hide and seek in the barn.

Will Verder and family spent the week-end at Harry Verder's home. By order of the school board and principal the Junior class is to give their masquerade ball advertised for April 30.

The Boys' club, accompanied by Mr. French, hiked to the Shattuck ranch in Pepperell last Saturday. Miss Lena Ladd spent Sunday with her parents.

Fire threatened to burn over Parker's swamp recently, but was soon under control and only five acres burned over.

The only service for Fast day is the usual V. S. G. E. meeting on Wednesday night. The topic is that printed on the topic cards for June 9, "Body under, soul on top."

Frank Spaulding is entertaining a large house party this week. After four years and more of suffering Charles W. Hardy passed away on Tuesday evening. He is the last of a family of five, he being the youngest. He is survived by two sons, George and Fred Hardy. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Lovejoy has gone to help take care of Miss Abbie Reed. Miss Grace Hayden spent a week at home. Sunday the five brothers and sisters attended a funeral in Worcester.

The W. R. C. will give "Rebecca's triumph on Saturday evening, May 1, instead of April 24, as printed last week.

The blaze from the Mason fire could be seen very plainly here on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday afternoon the woods near the old Cameron place caught fire, but was quickly subdued. The house came near being burned, and the flames almost reached the wood lots on Pine Hill.

There was an unusually small number present at the Woman's club meeting in the ladies' parlors this week. Mrs. Leonard Hardy furnished the music for the afternoon. The program was rather broken up, but a pleasant afternoon was spent.

Burton Clement is at home from Middleboro college for a short vacation. Mrs. Freeman Rideout, living near Hollis depot, died Sunday morning. The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon. Her remains were interred in the Dunstable cemetery. Tuesday night the husband, the deceased, Freeman Rideout, died, and funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon. The remains were also interred in the same cemetery.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. Two new windows have been put into the grammar school room in the Daniels Academy building, making the room much lighter and providing better ventilation.

Anti Sini and family, who moved into the town about a year ago, have moved back to Rockport, Mass. Dr. Holcombe is making improvements on his residence and building a new garage.

Rev. Mr. Dockrill went to Goffstown last Saturday to officiate at the funeral of one of his old parishioners. Mrs. John Whitcomb was a visitor at M.H.S. on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Smith has returned from a six weeks' visit at Groton, accompanied by Mrs. Marshall Swallow. Mrs. Swallow made calls on a few friends before returning to Groton.

On the afternoon of April 13 the Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Mary Gerrish. Mrs. Hattie Pierce and Mrs. Luther Lawrence entertained the ladies with readings. Mrs. Mansfield of Lominster was in town last week Wednesday, visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Holcombe. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall with their baby son of Fitchburg was in town for the week-end and holiday. Thomas Shaw of Somerville, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cady for the week-end and holiday.

LUNENBURG

News Items. Edward O'Hern's household goods left town on last Saturday and he and his family left on last Monday for the Weirs, where he has taken up his new position.

Alpha Hall is building a new garage on his place with the expectation of having a new auto in a few days. Judge Parker was a visitor for the week-end at his summer home here.

Mrs. Steven Barnaby and two sons, Starr and Chester, have returned from their winter sojourn in Florida. Alice Whitcomb, Harry Corey, Mrs. Herbert Corey, Mrs. Arthur Goss, Miss Hazel Goss, Marion Holcomb, Albert Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Payson Burge and Mrs. G. E. Cady attended the Hillsboro County Pomona Grange meeting at Nashua last week Friday.

Wilfred Soucy was a visitor at Nashua on Thursday and Friday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Betterley, of Worcester, Mass., spent the week-end and holiday in town at the home of his father, Mrs. George Betterley.

Alice Whitcomb is in Fremont for a few days. The Misses Mary Brown, Elizabeth Whitcomb and Marion Stiles were home for the week-end and holiday. William Wheeler, of Raymond, was a recent guest at the home of his brother, Silas Wheeler.

Mrs. Tower, of East Weare, was a visitor in town last Saturday. E. H. Hadley and family, motored from Cambridge last Saturday to spend a few days at their summer home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock, of Townsend, and Charles Deas and Mrs. Mary Hartwood, of Milford, were Sunday visitors in town. George Bridges entertained his son Theodore and family, of Attleboro, Mass., over Sunday and Monday of last week.

Mrs. Clark Barnaby is entertaining Mrs. Daniel Grove for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barnaby were in town recently, visiting with their parents before leaving for Philadelphia, where they are to reside. Mr. Barnaby is in the service of the government in town. Robert G. Taylor, of Charlestown, Mass., but who is now when ordered to his present post of duty.

Perley Kay and family, of Boston, are at their summer home for a short stay.

News Items.

Rev. William D. Goble, the pastor of the First Baptist church, Fitchburg, has been elected to deliver the Memorial day address at the town hall.

Rev. Alfred Noon came home from the conference in time to occupy his pulpit as usual on Sunday morning and delivered a very interesting sermon upon the topic "Revealing a secret." In the evening Warren Lewis, of the Epworth league meeting at seven o'clock upon the subject "Seizing one's chance to save another." He showed the necessity of the congregational church as a most interesting and profitable sermon Sunday morning, taking for his text, "In the Christian Sabbath." In the evening Warren Lewis was the subject of the C. E. meeting and the "highest things" was made very interesting, showing that the leader had bestowed much thought upon the subject, and gave many references from the bible and from other sources to prove not only the advisability, but the necessity of "remembering the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

The four-act drama, "The heart of a hero," given by local talent in the hall last week Friday evening for the benefit of the Epworth League Military band was a decided success. The hall was crowded with a very enthusiastic audience, which showed great appreciation with sincere and frequent applause. In the evening Mrs. F. C. Cross gave selections from "The Heart of a Hero" and Mrs. Robert Eaton recited some of Van Dyke's poems. Refreshments were then served by the hostess. The next meeting will be in the Methodist chapel and the lecture will be by Rev. Robert F. Leavens.

Mrs. Mary Louise (Coburn), widow of Willard M. Kennan, and sister of Mrs. Abbie E. Billings of this town, died at the old Ladies' home in Fitchburg on Saturday, April 17, aged 89 years, 11 mos. 18 days. Mrs. Kennan will be remembered by many in town here. Having the hunting house, so-called, and her aged mother, Mrs. Louise Coburn, living with her. She was born in Tyngsboro, but had lived in Fitchburg for many years. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Abbie Billings; a son, of Somerville; a daughter, two grandsons, six great-grandchildren, two nieces and other relatives. The funeral was held in Fitchburg on Tuesday morning, conducted by Rev. J. L. Cross, pastor of Rollstone Congregational church, where she was a member, and the body was taken to North Chelmsford for burial beside her husband.

Alvan T. Simonds has moved into his fine new house just finished by S. H. Francis & Co.

Harry Norman Brown spent Sunday with old friends in town. Mrs. Mabel Eaton, of Boston, and her friend Miss Alice McGee, spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Eaton's mother, Mrs. Augustus Taylor.

People in town are very glad to learn that Rev. Alfred Noon is to be transferred to Lunenburg for another year.

Carl E. Brown has received his appointment as postmaster and expects to take charge of the office as soon as his official bond is filed. Mr. Lewis has held the office for five years. It is quite probable that the post-office will not be moved from the store of Lewis & Co., as Mr. Brown and Mr. Lewis are partners.

Interesting Convention. Patriots' day passed off very quietly here, the only observance being the closing of the stores, market and post-

YOUR CHILD'S COUGH IS A CALL FOR HELP

Don't put off treating your child's cough. It not only saps their strength, but often leads to more serious ailments. Why risk your child's health to a cough? Why not get in for its remedy your child needs. It is made with soothing, healing and antiseptic balms. Will quickly check the cold and soothe your child's cough away. No odds how bad the cough or how long standing. Dr. King's New Discovery will stop it. It's guaranteed. Get a bottle from your druggist and try it.

office after eleven o'clock, and a few citizens who took advantage of the holiday to give and receive visits from friends out-of-town. A large delegation of Christian Endeavorers attended the twenty-sixth annual convention of Worcester County C. E. Union at the town hall and society, over 1000 registering before the dinner hour. Others came later, until the auditorium of the fine, large Congregational church, with its vestry, large and small, its rest-rooms, class-rooms and all were filled with earnest, happy delegates eager to hear the many good things which the fine speakers brought them. Pencils and notebooks were in great demand that as speakers as possible might be retained and carried to the home societies.

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Saturday, April 24, 1915.

PEPPERELL

About Town. Horace I. Whipple, of Ipswich, was in town yesterday, calling on many friends. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Harmon, High street.

Dr. and Mrs. Hill, of Mills, were in town Monday, calling on Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce. Mrs. Hill, accompanied by Miss Eva Morse, with her children, came with the doctor by auto to visit at her old home in Townsend last week.

Ray Willoughby came from Lexington Saturday to spend Sunday and the holiday at his old home.

Mrs. Earl Menon has been at the home of her father, H. W. Shattuck, Oak Hill, for a few days.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stinerford on Monday. Some one has suggested that the parents might name her, very appropriately, Pauline Revere.

Mrs. J. E. Lewis entertained Mrs. Maude Hubbard and Mrs. C. Sprague Sunday and Patriots' day. Mrs. Hubbard will remain for a longer visit during the week, her son returning home on Monday afternoon.

The high school team played the Lawrence academy second team at the Groton school on Monday. The Groton team was victorious, resulting in favor of the Lawrence academy boys—11 to 10.

Miss Edna Kittredge was in Boston on Friday of last week, going to consult a specialist, as she has not recovered fully from her attack of the grippe last winter.

Mrs. George Herrig and daughter Rachel were at Woodside with her parents over the week-end and holiday.

Miss Elsie Northrup came from Manchester, N. H., on Saturday for a visit over the holiday at the homes of J. J. Willoughby and Mrs. Carroll Robbins.

Ten boys of the fourth and fifth grades were taken to the woods on Friday afternoon for the study of birds in which to write down the number and species of birds which they found. The little party went as far as the Babbatset driving park and were delighted with their experience. Mrs. Harris, or some one else of this committee, will take the girls of the same grades next time.

Miss Carrie Foskett, of Newtonville, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willoughby over Sunday and Monday.

D. W. Hazen, of Pleasant street, met with quite an accident on last week Thursday. While engaged about the saw in the box shop of the Nashua River Paper Company, his hand was thrown against the saw in such a way that one finger was nearly severed at the first joint. Two others were also badly injured, giving him a painful hand, although he is still able to write.

The marriage of Oscar McDonald to Marguerite Blou, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Blood, took place on Thursday evening of last week at the Congregational parsonage. Rev. J. E. Lewis officiating. The groom is a grandson of the late Bradford Shattuck, and formerly lived with him. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald started on last week Friday for Boston and other places of interest on a short wedding trip.

Walter Reed was an over Sunday and holiday guest at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. E. Reed.

Charles Harris, of Lowell, was a guest over the holiday at the home of his nephews, A. H. Harris.

Arbor day, Saturday, April 24. Have you got your tree ready to plant? The Ladies' Aid society will hold their regular meeting in the ladies' room at the church on Wednesday afternoon, April 28.

Mrs. M. E. Reed will take a few days' rest during the week of school vacation, going to Boston to be with her sons.

Schools closed this week Friday for extra vacation. Most of the homes or to visit friends on Saturday morning.

Michael Fitzgerald moved on Thursday from the tenement they have occupied at Elm village to the Whitecomb place, just off Park street. He somewhat intends to purchase the small farm for poultry raising.

There will be a full rehearsal of all taking part in the May party on Wednesday afternoon, April 28, at the usual time, Prescott hall.

Miss Nellie Tully of Beachmont was a holiday guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Davis, Nashua street.

Mrs. Fred A. Parker is recovering slowly from her recent attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Luella (Wheeler) Heath, who has been staying with her father, is assisting at Mrs. Parker's.

Little Anna Drumm went to Worcester last week to visit over Sunday and Monday with her aunt, Mrs. Myron Murphy. It was her first visit away from home alone.

George Irving Tucker, the small grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Tucker, Nashua street, will remember his sixth birthday with pleasure for a long time. It occurred on Tuesday, April 20, and six little guests were invited by his grandmother to her home, where they were feasted and well entertained by her and the mother, Mrs. Raymond C. Tucker. The table was finely arranged, an ornamental birthday cake being one of the attractions. This bore the making "George," being cut so that each little guest had a letter. There were also individual cup cakes beside each plate, decorated with a tiny colored candle.

Mr. and Mrs. George were well remembered by gifts from his little friends and his relatives.

Charles Pillsbury will have accomplished his part of the necessary digging to get down to his house on Chase avenue this week. He was obliged to lay 530 feet of pipe on private land. When he commenced the trench he encountered some rocks which began to fill with water, even in this dry time, and he was obliged to rig up a pump at the lower end. He

will certainly earn the advantages of the town water by the time he gets it connected.

Miss Mary Tams of Sherbrooke, Quebec, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rainford Deware.

Another large maple has been placed on the lawn in front of William Deware's residence. The two maples will be quite an addition to his grounds, which have formerly been rather bare looking. If they can be made to live in this dry time.

Miss Florence Ames, stenographer in the bank at Winchendon, visited at the home of her parents over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nash and daughter from Chelsea were guests at Ashmont farm the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash, from Friday of last week until Monday evening of the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Martin of Worcester and child were holiday guests at the home of Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw.

Principal Whitmarsh of the P. H. S. recently chose a girl from each class to write to the captains of the basketball and tennis teams of the schools of surrounding towns to arrange dates for games and a possible tournament later.

Nettie Kimball has been out of school for the past week, having trouble with her eyes. She was taken to Nashua to be fitted to eyeglasses this week.

At a recent meeting of the board of selectmen licenses for the sale of liquor were granted to Thomas F. Graham & Co., first class, retail, and to E. Reagan & Co., fourth class, wholesale.

Much sympathy is felt for S. M. Nokes in his recent loss by fire. His building was nearly destroyed, but with praiseworthy courage he started up on the roof in the middle of the fire, least injured and save the ice.

The resignation of J. J. Monteith as chief of police having been accepted by the selectmen, taking effect on Tuesday, April 20, they have appointed a new chief, George L. Andrews, Roxbury, who entered upon his new duties on April 21.

Mrs. D. H. Handley went into Boston Wednesday to spend two weeks with her son.

Thomas Tarbell of New York city was a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tarbell, last week.

Mrs. Lucretia Spaulding suffered an attack of stomach trouble last week, requiring a physician. The trouble seemed to be caused by a strain and taking cold afterward.

Mrs. J. A. Saunders is still suffering from the nasal and head troubles for which she was recently operated upon at the Nashua hospital. She is still under treatment of Dr. Kittredge.

The state census is being taken in town by William Breen and Frederic Pendergast. Some are predicting that the census will be for some time, three thousand or more here, reverting to the old question of five years ago when some claimed that only an error cut the census lower than 3000.

A delegation of twelve members of the Nashua order of Scotch Rites in this town attended the banquet held in Nashua, N. H., Wednesday evening, in connection with the three days' session of the New Hampshire conference of the order, held at the Nashua hotel, April 20, 21 and 22, in that city.

Lyman Robbins attended the funeral services held for the late Mrs. Freeman Rideout of Dunstable, Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Rideout were the only survivors of the family, about eighty years of age. It seems singularly sad that within a few hours of the service held for his wife, Mr. Robbins also passed away.

Mr. Robbins' father and uncle are among the few surviving relatives of the late Mr. Rideout, who is well known in this town.

Leo Pillsbury came from North Andover with a friend by auto to spend the holiday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Monk of South Braintree were guests at the home of Frank W. Ames, Shirley street, over Sunday and the 19th.

Joseph Lawrence is spending a few days with his cousins, the Misses Lawrence, on Park street.

The services at the Methodist church last Sunday were peculiarly interesting, being in charge of the College District committee. Rev. J. Moore, secretary of the Worcester Y. M. C. A., was in charge and was assisted by Charles R. Hicks of Clark college. The music in charge of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash was also very effectively rendered, adding much to the service. The special features were an anthem by the young chorus choir, twelve voices, and the solo and chorus, by O. M. Nash, and the choir. This is particularly worthy of mention because of the manner in which it was rendered and because of its history. The words were composed by Katherine Lee Bates and the music by Will C. Mackay, both of the same church in Portland, Me., whose instrument in City hall is second in size in the United States.

Kitty Murray of Auburndale is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Murray, suffering from trouble with her eyes. She will probably remain the rest of this week.

Mrs. Leander Stewart returned to her home on Oak Hill last week, after spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Marston, at McGroes.

Paul Kimball of Middleboro spent Sunday and the holiday with his parents in town.

The friends of Thomas Byrnes, who formerly resided in town, who remember his ability as an amateur boxer, read with interest the account of the recent game at Derry, N. H., where he is now living. The contest between himself and James Daley of Manchester, N. H., lasted eight rounds, the decision being given in favor of Byrnes.

Mrs. P. R. Stratton and Miss Elizabeth McNay went to Fitchburg on Monday to attend the Worcester District Epworth League convention. They returned home on the evening train.

Mrs. Frank Fuller of Pittsfield, Me., with her two younger children came Saturday for a two days' visit at the home of Mrs. Joseph Donnelly and J. N. Annis.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chase are receiving congratulations as grandparents of a little girl, born to their daughter, Mrs. Bernice Bailey, at Hanover, April 8.

F. W. Buss and family moved on Tuesday into his new cottage on River street.

Mrs. Rose Davis of Groton spent Friday of last week with her friend, Mrs. J. N. Annis.

Miss Lilla Stratton, who has been spending her Easter vacation in town with her parents, has accepted a new position in a school near Farmington, Me., and left here Saturday for her new duties.

Many of the P. H. S. girls who take an interest in sport attended the ball game at Groton on Monday afternoon. Misses Helen Harriman, Doris Butler, Agnes Dansereau, Helen Hartwell and Marion Thompson went by train, though some took the six miles as a "hike."

Arthur Tisdale, a former night operator, now at Ayer, was in town on Monday, the guests of A. H. Harris.

Mrs. N. S. Pike had a sudden attack of illness on Friday afternoon last. Mrs. A. Pike was hastily summoned from the guests whom she was entertaining at "five hundred," and a physician called. Dr. Head quickly responded and, after giving restoratives, removed her to the home of her son by auto. She is now convalescent.

Eugene Pierce of Cambridge spent Sunday and Patriots' day with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Duran, Pleasant street, former neighbors of his in Nova Scotia.

George Searies of North Chelmsford was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. C. Pillsbury, over the holiday.

Mrs. P. J. Tierney of Fitchburg made a short call on relatives and friends in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Starr have come north from Green Cove Springs, Fla., and were in town Thursday forenoon for a few hours. He understood that they will spend a part of the summer here and the rest in Lovett, Me. Mr. Starr is decidedly unimpaired from his attack of yellow fever poisoning, but still shows the effects of it.

The Main street school ball team and the Groton street school team having played two games which resulted in a tie, the rubber was played on Thursday afternoon at the playground. Judging by the cheers it was a rather exciting game. It resulted in favor of the Groton street team by a score of 12 to 10.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shattuck, accompanied by their sons, Ralph and George Arthur, and guest, Frederick Belcher, of Winchester, went to Ashburnham and spent Sunday at the home of Miss Elizabeth and view the ruins of the boys' dormitory at Cushing academy recently destroyed by fire.

Quite a company of Grange members from town attended the meeting of Hillsboro County Pomona Grange in the K. of P. hall, Nashua, on Friday of last week.

E. S. Durant had a new Ford touring car come Thursday which he will use in connection with his livery service during the summer.

May Party. The second annual May party will be held at Prescott hall on Friday evening, April 23, at eight o'clock. In addition to the May pole dance there are to be many attractive new features in the program. These are the Spring Garden chorus; May Queen, with her attendant flowers; dream fairies; lullaby march; peckaninies; archery drill; minuet; pink poppy dance; soldiers; moon boat. There will also be a May Queen coronation, the accompanist being Miss Helen M. Robbins. There is to be dancing from nine o'clock until one, with music by Robbins' orchestra. The program will be repeated on Saturday afternoon, May 1, at three o'clock, and as has already been announced the proceeds are to be given to the District Nurse association.

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The ice cream cones and cake found favor with many in the audience when offered for sale at the conclusion of the program.

Methodist Conference. Rev. P. R. Stratton, who attended the annual session of the Methodist Conference at the Methodist Episcopal churches, held in Boston last week, returned here on Tuesday. The illness of the wife of Bishop William A. Quayle, who presided at the session of the conference to close Monday noon, instead of at night, as usual. It was noted that one of the reports accepted by the conference on "Methodist missions in the world" was prepared by Rev. James Mudge, a former pastor of the church in this town.

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Y. M. C. A. Deputation.

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About seventy-five young men and boys gathered on the playground at 2:30 o'clock last Saturday, and after a few athletic events there, a part of them went on a hike to Heald's pond and Peppercorn Springs. About thirty men and boys gathered at Central hall at 6:30 for a bountiful supper furnished by the good people of Pepperell and served by a committee of women from the Epworth society. Dudley L. Whitmarsh, principal of the high school, presided, and after supper introduced the speakers in a pleasing manner.

The general topic was a presentation of "Not in the curriculum activities," the literary, musical, athletic and religious associations of college students. The speaker, Mr. Wood, stressed the various churches and Sunday schools on Sunday morning, where they are assisted in the services.

A 3:30 "Life purpose" meeting was held at the Congregational church and high ideals were set up. At seven o'clock there was a closing union meeting in the Congregational church with a large attendance. The music was led by the Epworth society under the direction of Mr. Moore. Each member of the deputation gave a short address. Their topics were Bible study, prayer, social service and missions. The leader said that the best product of Pepperell should be its boys and that more should be done by church and home and community for their culture and character.

An offering was taken, which proved generous enough to cover the expenses of the deputation, and any surplus will go to the Federation of the Churches.

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The High School Alumni will meet at the home of the president, G. Harold Tower, on Tuesday evening, April 27, at eight o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

The Woman's club held its annual meeting at Saunders' hall Tuesday, April 20. There were reports from all the officers and chairman of committee, followed by a very interesting paper by Mrs. C. Woodcock on "Quaint nooks and corners." The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. L. Latta Boynton, president; Mrs. C. Parker, vice-president; Mrs. Louise Lunt, vice-president; Mrs. Anna G. Wright, rec. sec.; Mrs. Alice W. Miller, cor. sec.; Mrs. May B. Tarbell, treas.; Mrs. Abbie C. Woodcock, auditor; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Handley, Mrs. Eva B. Gage, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Taft, directors, two years.

Church Notes. The newly-appointed pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Beers, will move into the parsonage with his family on Friday of this week and will be expected to assume at once all of the duties of a Methodist preacher. He will preach his first sermon here next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The Sunday school will be held at the noon hour and the Epworth league prayer-meeting will be held at six o'clock. At seven in the evening there will be a praise service with preaching by Mr. Beers. The Tuesday evening prayer meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Stratton will move from town the latter part of this week and will go at once to take up the duties of his pastorate at Liberty Street Methodist church in the city of Springfield.

Rev. J. B. Lewis will preach in the Congregational church next Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock. In the evening at seven o'clock he will give a stereopticon lecture. There will be several illustrated songs. This service will be repeated at Oak Hill hall on Monday evening. There are to be services at the town farm on Sunday at three o'clock, conducted by Rev. Mr. Lewis.

New Advertisements. NOTICE. Beginning Tuesday, March 2 I will call for old delivery papers weekly. Please give me a trial order. Call for rates on application. LLOYD E. BANCROFT, Pepperell, Mass.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of HANNAH LILLIAN HARRINGTON, late of Ayer in said county, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by CLARA L. ROBERTS, who prays that she, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond, be and she is authorized to appear at said Court, to be held at Cambridge in said county of Middlesex, on the 29th day of May, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be admitted to probate. And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, in the last publication to be on a 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. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this twenty-second day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. W. E. BOEHLIS, Register.

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