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HARVARD

News Items.
The special music at the Unitarian church will be given by Miss Elvira L. Scorgie, soprano soloist.

The Nashaway Camp-fire Girls will hold an Easter sale of fancy articles, cards, candy and Easter novelties, at the home of Mrs. H. B. Royal on Saturday afternoon, April 15, at three o'clock.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will hold an important business meeting at the Hapgood Memorial rooms on Thursday afternoon, April 20, at 2.30 o'clock.

An evening of dancing and whist has been arranged for by the Bromfield Alumni association to be given in the town hall on Wednesday evening, April 19, from eight to twelve o'clock. Music by Cleaves orchestra. Ice cream and cake will be on sale.

The Scottish entertainment which was given recently in Clinton with such good success, is to be repeated here at the town hall under the auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent society on Thursday evening, April 20. Suppers served at 6 and 7 o'clock; entertainment at 8 o'clock.

The body of Mary Parker, of Lancaster, was brought here for burial on Thursday. Miss Parker has been ill in health for nearly a year, suffering from cancer in the stomach. Her sister, Hattie Parker, has been caring for her. She leaves behind her a sister, a brother, Norman F. Parker, of this town. The deceased was sixty-eight years old.

The next regular meeting of the Grange will be on Tuesday, April 18. The entertainment will take the form of a Mother Goose party. The committee in charge and it is hoped that all will appear in costume.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kingman visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Whitney. Mrs. Kingman is a sister of Mrs. Whitney.

Arthur Calkins unloaded a carload of lime-sulphur, sixty barrels, at Harvard depot on Wednesday for distribution among the fruit growers of the town.

Horace West, of Boston, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. West.

Miss Maud Sears, of Providence, R. I., is visiting this week with her sister, Miss Bernice Sears, at the Kerley house.

Carlton Crothers is back in town again as chauffeur for F. W. Moses. Mr. Moses opens his summer home here this week.

The next meeting of the Bird club will be held on Friday evening, April 21, at Hapgood Memorial room at eight o'clock. The committee appointed to investigate the question of the supervision of the Junior Bird club work will report, and some action on the subject is expected. It is hoped that all members and all who are interested in this work will make an effort to be present.

At the junior class meeting of Bromfield academy on Wednesday the following officers were elected: Beryl S. Bigelow, pres.; Luana Webster, v. pres.; Catherine Russell, sec.; Vera P. Willard, treas.

The pastor will preach the last in the series of sermons on the great imperatives of Jesus at the Congregational church Sunday morning. The public school meets at twelve. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at seven o'clock in the evening; leader, Mrs. Royal. Delegates will be chosen at the morning service for the semi-annual meeting of the North Middlesex Association of Congregational churches to be held in Shirley on Wednesday, April 19.

The leading picture for Saturday night's moving picture show will be "The swift mail," featuring Ralph Lewis, in four reels. The rest of the bill will be completed by a two-reel comedy, "Which shall it be," and another good in "His guardian's duty."

Mrs. Hamilton passed her daughter, Mrs. Fiske Warren, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sumner Pearmain, are in Newport, R. I. for a short stay.

Miss Ruth Atwood of Worcester visited this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gale.

Mrs. Albert Bigelow entertained the afternoon whist club on Wednesday. Kenneth MacLennan, proprietor, Shaboken farm and an expert electrician, has been engaged by a Boston contracting firm to supervise the wiring of a palace of the Beverly set Greece and expects to sail the last of this month for Athens.

One ton of sheep-dressing has been applied to the common by our local superintendent of parks, Henry Waters, with the idea of getting a better green the coming season.

The Evening Whist club observed their annual guest night and banquet at the town hall on Thursday evening. The annual meeting of the council of Boy Scouts met at the memorial rooms on Tuesday evening to transact such business and arrange for the coming year as will be of interest to the Scouts. Rev. H. C. Merrill has been selected as scoutmaster. Mrs. Adeline Burgess is boarding with Mrs. Mary J. McLoughlin in Old Mill district.

The officers of the North Middlesex Savings Bank urgently request its depositors to bring or send to the bank their bank books during the month of April that they may be verified in accordance with the State law.

S. T. Tuton, Treasurer.

Death.
George A. Hook, brother of Mrs. Cobb of the Crossways, who was born in New Hampshire on March 6, 1838, and the first man to establish a hotel brokerage in the United States, died on Monday, April 3, at Hotel Hayes, Chicago, where he had resided many years. Mr. Hook had been in poor health for a long time, but made a brave fight against the grim reaper, and died in the harness, having been at his office all day Monday. He went to his room after dinner and fifty-five minutes later he was found sitting in his rocking chair, where he had passed away. He has been referred to as the dean of a new profession and hundreds of hotel men up and down the country will regret to learn of this veteran hotel man's death. He spent part of one summer in Harvard and thought it one of the most beautiful places in the country. The funeral was held on Friday, April 7, and he was buried at Oakwood cemetery beside his wife, who passed away about ten years ago. Mrs. Cobb, Mr. Cobble, her son-in-law, and Mr. and Mrs. George F. Cobb from this town attended the funeral.

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North Star lodge, of which the deceased was a loyal member for more than forty years. A quartet of sister Rebekahs, Mrs. Alden Sherwin, Mrs. Ivers Sherwin, Mrs. F. B. Higgins and Mrs. Huay Cowdry, sang very impressively "One sweetly, solemn thought" and "Sometime we'll understand." The floral tributes from organizations, relatives and friends were many and beautiful, showing affection and regard for their departed friend. Interment was in the family lot in Pepperell.

A large delegation of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were present at the funeral and a number of Odd Fellows accompanied the remains of their brother to his last resting place.

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WESTFORD

Announcements have recently come to the Westford friends of the marriage of Harrison C. Hall to Miss Fernie Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chase Ambrose Hall of Oakland, Cal. Mr. Hall and his bride will reside in Oakland.

Mrs. Edward Fisher and daughters have been spending a week with the home people in Swampscott.

The Stiles family have moved this week from the bungalow on Depot street to the James Splinter house on Boston road.

Mrs. Mary Morin has moved into the vacated bungalow which is to be her home for the future.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Holbrook on Wednesday of last week.

Frank E. Miller has a Buick automobile which he intends to make convertible from a passenger to a light trucking machine.

The Misses Atwood are expected home in a few days from Jacksonville, Fla., where they have been spending the winter.

Mr. Gumb, of Lowell, who bought the Spinner property on Boston road, has ground broken and the batters up for a new house on the vacant lot between the greenhouse and Mrs. J. W. Adams' home.

Dan Morgan Smith, speaker for the Anti-Saloon league of America, made an address at the Congregational church on Friday evening of last week.

The meeting of the Tadnuck club on Tuesday afternoon is in charge of the music committee, Miss Gertrude D. Fletcher, chairman.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church held an all-day meeting at the vestry Thursday. A basket lunch with hot coffee was served at noon.

Winter took a fresh grip last Sunday with another snowstorm. There were several inches of heavy, wet snow, although the branch line electricians succeeded in making its regular trips.

The meeting of the Tadnuck club on Tuesday afternoon is in charge of the music committee, Miss Gertrude D. Fletcher, chairman.

The Read farm folks were the first to commence ploughing this spring on April 8, followed closely by the Prairie farm on April 11.

At the recent corn show held at the Amherst State college in connection with farmers' week, the popcorn sent up by Samuel L. Taylor won a third premium.

Word has been received of the marriage of Charles Trull and Miss Christina Park in Detroit, Mich., on Wednesday, April 5.

At the Bower show at the Grand Central Palace, New York city, this last week we noted that the converse of G. A. Drew manager, would honor for a display of twenty-five variations of a solid white variety called Matchless.

Deaths. Miss Lillian E. Tower died last Sunday aged 82 years and 8 months. She was born in Westford on August 11, 1827, the daughter of the late Eli and Mary (Fletcher) Tower, whose home was on the Lowell road, now occupied by Frank C. Drew.

The funeral was held from the home of her sister, Mrs. John Burbeck, on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Louis Burbeck conducting the service. The bearers were: Lillian E. Tower, Frank C. Drew, William J. Fred and Eli Burbeck. Interment was in Fairview cemetery in the Tower lot.

Mrs. Lillian E. (Whidden) Johnson died last Saturday at her home at Whidden's corner, Groton road, aged forty years. She was a native of Westford and educated at the old Nabunasset school, then taught at Whidden's corner on the Groton road.

For several years she was manager of the H. E. Fletcher Company's boarding house on Oak hill, Boston. Her husband, John Johnson, she leaves her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus F. Whidden, and three brothers, Walter A., Leonard F. and Elmer E. Whidden. The funeral took place from her home on the Groton road Tuesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Nathaniel W. Matthews of the First Primitive Methodist church of Lowell.

James M. Boynton, who died in Lowell on Tuesday was a frequent visitor in town when his father, James M. Boynton, Sr., lived on the farm now owned by Charles W. Whitney on the Lowell road. He was a nephew of the late Mrs. David (Boynton) Cummings. He leaves three brothers, Capt. Henry Boynton of Engine 2, Lowell fire department; Fred of the West 63 street house, and Charles of Templeton, and a sister, Mrs. Abbie Noesette.

LITTLETON

Clarence W. Whidden died in Lowell on Monday at the home of Henry W. Barnes, president of the Central Savings bank, and an intimate friend. Mr. Whidden was fifty-two years old and had been a prominent man in Lowell. He was a native of Westford, receiving his education here. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Whidden. When a young man he entered the employ of the Central Savings bank and because of his ability and efficiency he was steadily promoted, becoming treasurer and then president of the bank.

His health, which had been failing, held until ill health caused him to resign in 1914. Besides his services at the bank he was treasurer of the High street church of which he was a member and treasurer of Kilwinning lodge of Masons, and of the Y. M. C. A. building fund. He was a member of Pilgrim commandery and identified himself with the best interests of the Y. M. C. A. and the Vesper Country club.

In 1892 he married Alice daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Brown, of Groton, who survives him, also three children, Roswell B., Charles D. and Eleanor, and four brothers, Graham R. of Lowell, Ralph of Concord Junction, Arthur in the west, and a sister, Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher. The funeral was held from the home of Henry W. Barnes, Lowell, Wednesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. A. C. Ferrin of the High street church.

Delegations from the different organizations he was affiliated with were present at the services. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery.

Forge Village. Miss Helen Peabody, of Groton, gave an illustrated lecture on Thursday evening at St. Andrew's mission. Her subject was "The Philippine Islands," and the large audience which was present listened with great attention.

Rev. William M. Ford has been conducting a mission at St. Andrew's church this week. The mission opened on Monday evening with an illustrated lecture on the life of Christ, for the benefit of the Sunday school children. The services were all well attended and a special sermon was preached each night.

The many friends of Mrs. Annie Murray of Ayer, formerly of this village, will be glad to learn that she expects to return home on Sunday afternoon being confined to the Groton hospital for several weeks. Miss Murray was operated upon at the hospital for appendicitis.

There will be special Palm Sunday services at the mission chapel on Sunday.

The local baseball team is getting in practice work on the ball grounds of Cameron park. They played their first game on last Saturday afternoon.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Healy was christened Robert Bernard in St. Catherine's church on last Sunday. The twin baby boys of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. LeDuc were christened Gilbert Francis and Robert Edward LeDuc.

Mrs. Mary Burke McDermott, of Lowell, who has many friends in this village, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDermott.

The Graniteville bowlers met the Westford bowlers in the first of a series of matches on the Lowell alley on last Saturday night and in this contest the Graniteville team scored a victory. These two teams will meet again this week.

Mrs. Peter Healy, with her daughter, Mrs. Lillian E. Johnson, left last Saturday for their new home in Chicago, where they will join Mr. Healy and John, another son of Mrs. Healy, who are living in Chicago.

A few of Mrs. Healy's intimate friends held an informal party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Healy on the eve of her departure and after extending their best wishes for a successful trip and to be glad to have her new home Mrs. Healy was presented with a beautiful stocking of socks of their affection.

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NEWS ITEMS

The Unitarian Sunday school will take a collection Sunday for the missionary work of the American Unitarian association, and the young people's society at their meeting will probably contribute to the cause.

Mrs. Henry Works spent last week visiting friends in Waltham, Boston and Somerville. She attended the convention of the Daughters of Veterans and also a meeting of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Delegates to the spring meeting of the Union Association of Congregational churches in Shirley, April 13-15, were chosen at the Thursday evening meeting.

We learn of four new houses to be built in town very soon. There is to be a bungalow erected on the Robinson lot near the station.

Miss M. H. Kimball was very delightfully entertained as the guest of Mrs. H. Elmer Kimball at the Worcester Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon.

Tickets are on sale for the Marion Hertha Clark entertainment to be given in the town hall on April 23. The program is "Daddy Longlegs."

Roy Cunney has been engaged to marry Everett Kimball's home building on Harwood avenue, and Wallace Robinson's house at the corner.

A large and very successful meeting of the Alliance was held with Mrs. F. B. Priest, of Foster street, last week Friday afternoon.

The Grange will meet on Tuesday evening, April 18, on account of the illness of the Rev. Dr. L. C. Loring.

Mrs. and Mrs. Curtis Brown were entertained at the supper party given by Mrs. H. E. Hager, of Foster street, last week Friday afternoon.

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LITTLETON

News Items.

Mrs. Lewis Peterson, of Northfield, Me., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. Hill.

Dea. W. H. Tenney, Miss Eleanore Tenney, Rev. H. L. Caulkins, Mrs. Caulkins, Miss Marjorie Dodge, Miss Olive Plagg and Miss Elsie Whitney attended the interdenominational Sunday school convention in Ayer last week Thursday.

The Nature Study class met in the high school building last Saturday afternoon and thirteen enthusiastic people were present. Mrs. J. H. Hildreth, Jr., presided, giving an interesting talk in which she outlined happy possibilities for the class. She exhibited bird houses and offered suggestions for their construction. The first flower of the season, the skunk cabbage, adorned (?) the speaker's desk. Miss Gertrude Anderson read a paper on birds and flowers as seen through the nature lover's eyes in which the frequent reference was made to the naturalist, John Burroughs. "Birds and their service to man" was discussed by Mrs. Florence Wilcox and a reading on the subject of birds was given by Mrs. H. P. Proctor. Charts containing pictures of some of our common birds were exhibited.

George W. Canney has set the fashion for the residents of the common in the construction of a three-tenement bird house that has won the admiration of his neighbors as well as his feathered friends who have been inspecting it.

Mrs. George H. Patch, of South Framingham, spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. A. W. Knowlton.

W. A. Monte, Dartmouth '15, was a week-end guest of Heywood Knowlton.

The dance committee for the Back Log sunset party of April 19 announce Hackett's orchestra of Fitchburg, four pieces, for afternoon dancing and the same for the evening. Children have the floor from 4.30 to 6.30 in the afternoon; supper will be served at 6.30 o'clock, and the other people will dance from eight to twelve o'clock.

L. W. Bartlett and daughter, of Greenfield, are spending Saturday and Sunday with Littleton relatives.

A union service will be held in the Baptist vestry on Good Friday evening, April 21, at 7.30 o'clock.

A copy of Robert Frost's "North of Boston" is now in the public library ready for circulation. There have been many calls for the book from the regular library patrons.

New Advertisements.

PETITION of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to Attach its Wires and Fixtures to the Existing Poles of the Ayer Electric Light Company.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that the Ayer Electric Light Company has heretofore received locations for and has erected a line of poles along and across the public way or ways herein after named, and that it is desirable that the wires and fixtures of said The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be attached to said poles.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that without notice or hearing it may be granted permission to attach its wires and fixtures to said existing poles of said Ayer Electric Light Company shown upon the plan hereto attached marked 12, dated 1-22-16, proposed attachments of N. E. T. & T. Co. and said Ayer Electric Light Company owner of said poles, hereby assents to and joins in the petition aforesaid.

The following are the streets and highways above referred to, and the places where they intersect:

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, by GEO. H. DRESSER, General Manager.

AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT CO. By L. WHITCOMB, Supt. Dated this 22nd day of January, 1916.

PETITION of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for Pole and Wire Locations.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that it desires to construct a line of poles, wires and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and portable fixtures, along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires together with such sustaining or portable fixtures as it may find necessary said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked 12, dated 2-19-16, proposed pole locations and relocations of the N. E. T. & T. Co. of Massachusetts.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wires owned by the town, and used for municipal purposes.

The following are the streets and highways above referred to: Groton Road, from the Ayer-Groton town line, southwesterly, two locations and forty-one relocations.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, by GEO. H. DRESSER, General Manager. Dated this 9th day of February, 1916.

THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts:

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully asks your Honorable Board for permission to lay and maintain underground conduits and manholes, with the wires and cables to be placed therein, under the surface of the following streets: Main Street, from West Street to near Washington Street.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground conduits, manholes, cables and wires on the above or intersecting streets for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distributing purposes.

Plans showing location of conduit, constructed to be filed after completion of the work.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ayer, April 8, 1916.

Ordered that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petitions on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of April, 1916, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer at which time and place all persons interested in said petitions may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attached copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and the Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least seven days prior thereto; and that the clerk of the board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days prior thereto to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the ways upon, along, across or under which the lines or conduits are to be constructed, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

JOHN D. CARNEY,
DOUGLAS C. SMITH,
LYMAN K. CLARK,
Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy of petitions and order thereon. Attest:
LYMAN K. CLARK, Clerk.

TOWNSEND



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Mrs. Cora Marr, from Waltham, has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Elbridge Hapgood.

Mrs. Nellie Newell is assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Morgan.

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New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE S. WRIGHT late of Pepperell 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 CHARLES H. BANISTER and GEORGE H. BIXBY who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surty on their official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of April, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are 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 on 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, fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.
219 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 ELIA C. AYERS late of Shirley 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 FREDERICK W. HOLDEN who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, or some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined the trust.

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And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in Shirley Oracle, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on 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 twenty-eighth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.
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ing on "The general legislation of the day. Mr. Kimball spoke of the many bills which are yearly presented in the legislature, many of which are what is known as freak bills, some of which are utterly absurd.

The most important question before the state, and to which much attention is devoted, is the tax question which interests everybody within the limits of the commonwealth, as every one pays taxes directly or indirectly.

Mr. Kimball referred to the constitutional convention which is to be held next year in which the basic law of the state will be revised.

Mr. Kimball stated that it was a good thing to have a good contest between candidates of rival parties as this brings out the best points in a man.

The speaker was very cordially received and at the conclusion of his remarks was thanked in a hearty manner by the board.

The rapid growth of savings bank insurance, which is under the management of the state, has attracted many savings banks throughout the state to become public agencies.

The first and second degrees were conferred on several candidates at the regular meeting of the Grange Wednesday evening.

On the importance of selecting the ticket committee, which will be divided into sections, each division having a certain part of the town to canvass for the sale of tickets.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lawton announced their engagement to be married on Wednesday, April 19, at the family gathering at the home on the Harvard road.

Four candidates were initiated at the meeting of the A. A. Filibrown lodge on Thursday evening.

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Thursday night to view the body of Letitia Levey, daughter of Nashua, who was instantly killed by the derailing of a motor driven section car which struck her as she crossed the tracks.

At the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Club on Thursday evening, the clubhouse on High street, these officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

Paul W. Carrigan, who has been spending a vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Carrigan, returned on Wednesday night.

Miss Annie Murray has returned from the Groton hospital, where she was recently operated upon for appendicitis.

Mrs. George Greenwood, of Boston, daughter of Peter Tarbell, is seriously sick.

Mr. L. J. Taylor has enlisted the services of Congressman John Jacob Rogers, of Lowell, in an endeavor to find her father, whom she has not seen since she was a child.

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Wood's hotel in Whalom Park during the winter season. He was married in marriage to Miss Grace Park, daughter of George B. Turner, the dry goods dealer in Nashua, 19, 1908.

Mr. Lentz was an extensive traveler and during his life had visited practically every state in the union.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace A. Lentz, and a brother, Mr. Morris Lentz, of Albany, N. Y.

The funeral will be held from his late home this Saturday morning at eleven o'clock.

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Board of Trade Meeting. Senator Charles A. Kimball, of Littleton, spoke at a meeting of the Board of Trade on Wednesday evening.

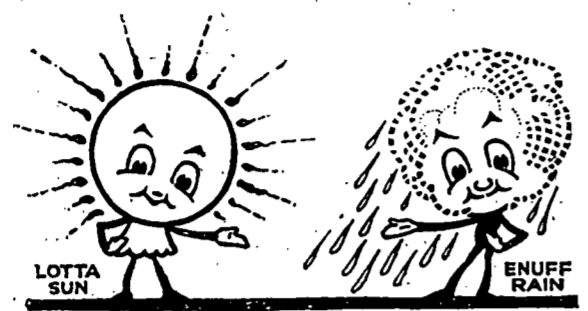
Chautauqua Plans. Additional facts about Chautauqua week, which were omitted from last week's issue for lack of space are given below.

Death. John Frank Lentz died on Wednesday evening from the effects of phthisis.

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SHIRLEY
News Items.
Thomas Conant, of Worcester, spent last Sunday with Edmund B. Winterbottom.
Miss Margaret Love has arrived home from Deland, Fla., where she has been for the past three months assisting in a large hotel.
Miss Mary Gleason, who is teaching school in Brookfield, spent this week at her home on Chapel street.
Miss Emma Smith, of South Boston, spent the week-end and over Sunday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Smith.
Misses Lena Tewksbury and Annie P. and Nina Hooker arrived home the latter part of last week from St. Augustine, Fla., and report a most delightful time.
Miss Regent Desmond, of Charlestown, spent this week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond, of the Shirley Inn.
Miss Jesse M. Goodwin, of Chicopee, has been the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Tewksbury.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French, with his wife Ruth, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end and over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, parents of Mrs. French.
Mr. and Mrs. George W. Daleh spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Worcester.
Berley Hueston has rented the house now occupied by the Babbs family on Leominster road.
Miss Gladys Phelps has accepted a position at the office of the Samson Cordage Works.
Stanley F. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. White, of this town, has accepted a position as chemist with the American Systematic Dye Works of Newark, N. J. and left town last Sunday to assume the duties of his new position.
Avisie Marion, night watchman at the factory of the President Suspender Company, went to Clinton hospital on Tuesday where he was operated upon for appendicitis. The day watchman, Charles H. Tremblay, will take Mr. Marion's place as night watchman during his absence, and John H. Lague will substitute for Mr. Tremblay as day watchman.
Rev. G. E. Woodman returned home last Saturday from Portland, Me., where he and his wife were hurriedly summoned two weeks ago owing to the critical illness of Mrs. Soule, mother of Mrs. Woodman, whom the attending physicians declare cannot recover. Mrs. Woodman did not return home with Mr. Woodman. Both have the sympathy of all in their affliction.
The annual meeting of the Congregational church was held on Monday evening in the vestry. John G. Conant was chosen as moderator and the following officers and committees were elected for the ensuing year: Joseph H. McWilliam, clerk; Harding M. James, treasurer; John G. Conant, John M. Stevenson, Walter Knowles, parish com.; Miss Alice L. Wright, Mrs. Martha J. Conant, Miss Mary A. Tark, finance com.; Mrs. Minnie James, Miss Annie Hunter and Mrs. Ruth Phelps, membership com.; Miss Mary A. Park, Mrs. Bessie Collier, Mrs. Helen McCoy, music com.; Elmer H. Allen, auditor.

The presidential primaries will be held in the engine hall on Tuesday evening, April 25, from 6.30 to 8.30.
The general committee in charge of the celebration of the anniversary to be held by the Odd Fellows of Central Massachusetts in Leominster on Wednesday, April 19, held a special meeting the first of the week and appointed a committee to interview the merchants of Leominster and invite them to decorate their stores along the line of march in honor of the occasion. A large banner 40x4 feet, with the words "Welcome I. O. O. F. 1916," in letters four feet in size will be placed in position the latter part of this week and will occupy the space between Foster's block and the liberty pole. It was also voted to make a special feature of the fact that Peter Tarbell, of Ayer, is the oldest Odd Fellow in Massachusetts, and probably in the United States, being ninety-two years of age, and having been an Odd Fellow since he was twenty-one. He will be the center of attraction in the parade, riding in an open barouche drawn by two span of horses.
Palm Sunday will be observed at the Congregational church with an appropriate sermon by the pastor. The Sunday school is planning a very elaborate Easter concert.
It is estimated that over 200 delegates will be present at the conference of churches of the Congregational church on Patriots' day, and a fine array of speakers will be present. The ladies of the church have formulated plans for the reception and welfare of the delegates and have also arranged for a most inviting menu for the dinner hour.
Rev. G. E. Woodman will be one of the speakers on Tuesday evening at the holy week union services in Lancaster.
Miss Lora Burnham, of Beverly, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albe Annis.
Thomas C. Burrill has found a man's new suit of clothes, new shirt and belt. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Gilmartin on Tuesday.
Harold Lindry has given up his position with the Norton Grinding Company of Worcester and has started to work again for G. M. Ballou.
Sister Chestrough is confined to her home with sickness.
Mrs. Minnie L. Allen left this week Friday for Washington, D. C., to attend the D. A. R. congress which opens in that city next Monday for one week. Mrs. Allen will be gone ten days and before returning home will visit New York city, Baltimore, and make a brief visit to Virginia. Mrs. Allen is alternate from Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R.
The supper and entertainment at the Universalist church on Tuesday evening was well attended and much enjoyed. A substantial supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of Mrs. Lydia E. Binney, chairman, Mrs. Hattie W. Evans, Mrs. West, Mrs. Laura Ballou and Mrs. Lavonne Edgerton. The entertainment at eight o'clock was under the direction of the Social Service club of the church and proved to be very enjoyable.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen left this week Friday for Washington, D. C., via New York city. Mrs. Hazen

is the duly elected representative and regent from Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., to the national D. A. R. congress which holds a week's session in that city, commencing Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Hazen are planning to visit all points of historic interest before they return home.
The officers of the North Middlesex Savings Bank urgently request its depositors to bring or send to the bank their bank books during the month of April that they may be verified in accordance with the State law.
S. T. Tutin, Treasurer.
Miss Bernice Ryder, of Colby college, New London, N. H., has been visiting Miss Gladys Phelps.
We are sorry to report that Mrs. Mary M. Nickless is confined at home with a very severe case of pneumonia being stricken on Wednesday night. A trained nurse, Miss Culum, of Ayer, is in attendance.
Appointed Chief of Police.
At a special meeting of the selectmen held the first of the week Thomas Riley, of West Groton, was appointed chief of police at a salary of fifteen dollars a week. The matter came up at the regular meeting of the selectmen last Saturday evening, but not until the first of the week did they fully decide upon Mr. Riley. There have been a large number of applications filed with the selectmen and considerable discussion has been held over the question since it was decided in February at the town meeting that the town was to have a regular police officer. The selectmen, however, did not think it wise to rush matters without first looking the ground over carefully and doing what was absolutely best for the interest of the town and the welfare of its residents.
Mr. Riley is at present employed in the paper mill at West Groton, but he will resign from his position there and assume his duties as police officer on May 1. He was formerly chief of police in Groton and is considered an efficient officer. For nearly five years Thomas C. Burrill has been the town's most active constable.
New Advertisement.
NOTICE.
The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room for the purpose of Registering Voters for the coming Primary Election and correcting the list of voters. Saturday, April 22, from 7.30 to 9.00 o'clock P. M.
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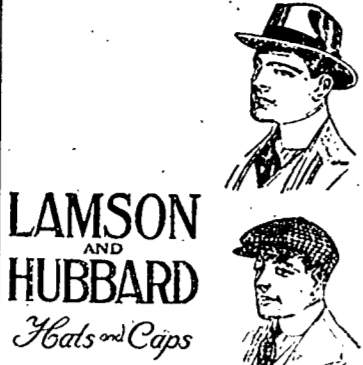
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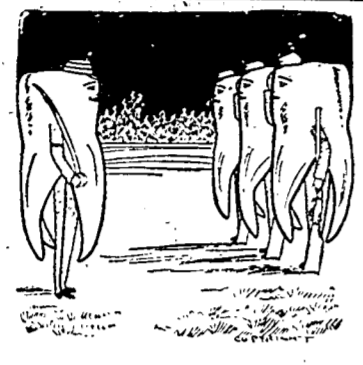
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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
William T. MacMaster has been in
Townsend recently doing some work
in the painting and papering line.
Mrs. Flora Ord returned home
from Florida the first of the week.
She liked her work at the hotel where
she was employed very much and af-
ter a short stay at home she expects to
take up the same line of work
again.
Mrs. Albert F. Hildreth and son
Henry have returned here after a
ten days' visit with her relatives in
Francestown.
The W. R. C. held their regular
meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Sev-
eral members attended the meeting
and the usual order of business was
attended to. A very interesting re-
port of her trip to the W. R. C. con-
vention held in Concord on April 6
and 7 was written and read by Mrs.
Clara Smith, who went as delegatee.
John Bacon, superintendent of
schools, was in town in his Ford run-
about on Monday. The schools were
dismissed early in the afternoon as a
teachers' meeting was held in the
building.
Mr. Merrill, principal of the high
school, and his wife, are living in the
Abbey Flagg house on lower Main
street.
Joseph Dupre, who worked for sev-
eral years for S. Fred Woods, is now
employed on Stanley Clark's farm at
Patch's corner.
Miss Clara Smith has been out of
town during the week.
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Scott has been very sick and
for a time it was feared he would have
pneumonia, but is much better at present.
John Nute spent a few days last
week with his little daughter Althea
at Francis A. Lovejoy's.
Mr. and Mrs. Perley A. Lund have
named their little daughter Mar-
jorie Evelyn.
Alice Perkins returned from Brook-
line after spending two weeks with her
sister, Mrs. Roland Austin.
Mrs. Jessie Lund attended the Pro-
noma Grange meeting in Nashua on
Friday of last week.
Mildred Irene Lund returned home
last Sunday after spending a week in
Fondubie with her brother Arthur
and wife.
Perley Foster was a week-end
visitor with Charles E. Hardy.
All the schools opened on Monday
after the usual spring vacation of two
weeks.
Gertrude Bennett spent a few days
last week visiting with an aunt in
Nashua, returning home on Sunday.
Albert F. Hildreth spent the week-
end in Francestown with Mr. and Mrs.
Huntington, where his wife and son
Henry were visiting.
Graham Bond has gone to work at
Wilson's poultry farm.
Aurora Lodge, I. O. O. F., have voted
to observe the ninety-seventh anniver-
sary of the order on the evening of
April 27. A committee of Avelon Re-
beck, lodge, together with a commit-
tee from the I. O. O. F., will make
arrangements for the evening's enter-
tainment.
Miss Frances French has returned
to her studies in Wheaton college after
spending a winter's vacation with
her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Robert M.
French.
Robert Bean, who makes his home
with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wheeler,
went to Boston last week to spend the
week with his father.
The next meeting of the Hollis Fair-
growers' association will be held on
Saturday evening, April 29, in Grange-
hall, and the by-laws will be up for
amendment. The program of the evening
of the county organization.
George Frost, who has been on the
sick list for several days, is out and
about again.
At the last meeting of the Hollis fire
department, the company was re-
organized under the direction of the
board of fire officers, Charles E.
Hardy, M. J. Powers and Wesley W.
Ladd. The following officers were
elected for the ensuing year: Hand
engine commander, Charles E. Hardy;
captain, Walter S. Flanders, 1st lieu-
tenant, Charles A. Boulton, 2d lieu-
tenant, Francis M. Cove, 1st lieu-
tenant, Lewis Brown, 2d lieu-
tenant, and treasurer, of department, Leslie
B. Locke, stew. George A. Ladd, Har-
old E. Hardy, finance com.

John Parkhouse, who has driven a
team several years for Westchester
Bros., and who recently underwent a
serious surgical operation, is reported
as much better.
Franklin P. Colburn and daughter,
Miss Minnie, have returned to their
home in Hollis after spending a pleas-
ant winter in Miami, Fla.
Quite a bit of snow fell on last Sun-
day and the wind blew a gale. An ac-
count of the storm the attendance at
church and Sunday school was not so
large as usual.
Mr. and Mrs. William Caravan, of
Malden, Mass., were at their summer
home here a few days recently.
Arthur Hale, of Cambridge, Mass.,
spent the day last week Sunday with
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hale,
and sister Maid, making the trip
in an auto.
Fred Campbell, of Townsend, who
distributes the Sunday papers about
town, did not come until Monday of
this week. He got as far as West Hol-
lis on Sunday and thought he could
not get around on the route on account
of the storm. He has just returned
from Groton, Vt., where he and his
wife have been visiting for a week
with her parents.
Obituary.
The death notice of Charles M.
Stratton was given in last week's
issue, and a few words in regard to his
life will be found in the following:
Mr. Stratton was one of the oldest
and best known citizens of Hollis. He
was in his eighty-fifth year and had
been afflicted with rheumatism for
several years, making it very difficult
for him to get about, but he man-
aged to get to the store daily and to
his neighbors by the aid of two canes
until within a few months ago. He
was obliged to take his bed early in
January and remained there until his
death.
Mr. Stratton was born in Amherst,
N. H. His younger days were spent
in Boston and for several years he
was a haberdashery in Cambridge,
Mass., which was a most successful
undertaking for him. Later in his
life he came to Hollis, where he
bought and occupied the Bert S.
Brown farm. Later on he bought the
John H. Cutter place and lived there
where he resided for several years.
A few years ago he sold this place to
Mrs. Mabel Guthrie, as he had al-
ready bought the Dr. Perley A.
Powers place and was living there,

and here he lived until the time of
his death.
He was married several times, but
his wives being all deceased, his
daughter Louise kept his home and
cared for her father very tenderly.
He was a quiet, retiring man.
He has been on the board of selec-
tion men; served the town as surer and
often times held other offices in the
town.
The deceased is survived by two
sons, Edwin H. of this town, who lived
with him, and Lyman Stratton of
Mississippi; two daughters, Miss M.
Lowe, a widow, a mother-in-law,
and Miss Jennie, who resides in
Boston schools.
S. M. Spalding and Charles M.
Stratton, two of the oldest citizens of
Hollis, who were buried on the 13th
on Tuesday and the 14th on Friday
of the same week, will be greatly
missed by the townspeople.

BROOKLINE, N. H.
News Items.
The social which was given by the
Federated Sunday schools in the par-
ish of the Congregational church on
April 3 was well attended and highly
enjoyed by all present. The enter-
tainment was especially good and con-
sisted of the following: Vocal solo,
Llewellyn Powers, accompanied by Mrs.
Powers on the piano; vocal solo, Mrs.
Stekney; reading, Mrs. Clara Russell;
song, double quartet, composed of Mrs.
Wm. B. Cole, Mrs. Arthur Brown,
Miss Grace Whitcomb, Miss Marie
Stiles, Chas. Stekney, Arthur Brown,
John Whitcomb, Wallace Jenness and
George Cady; violin solo, Llewellyn
Powers; reading, Mrs. Perkins;
song, double quartet, poem, Rev. Chas.
Doekrell. This program was followed
by addresses by Dr. Holcombe and Mr.
Doekrell after which refreshments were
served.
Mr. and Mrs. Paxon Burge, Mr. and
Mrs. Albert Peirce, Mr. George Cady,
Arthur Goss and Wallace Jenness at-
tended the meeting of Hillsborough
Country Club in Nashua on
last week Friday.
Misses Frances and Jessie Farnes-
worth have returned to their school in
Merrimack after a vacation of two
weeks spent at their home.
Mrs. George Nye last week enter-
tained her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Nye,
of Sandown.
Mrs. George Falconer of Milford
has been attending her mother, Mrs. Car-
rie Whitcomb, who was taken sick on
last week Thursday.
Mr. Peter Bouchard spent last week
Thursday and Friday visiting her son
Peter, Jr., at his home in Nashua.
Garrick Burke of Centerville on the
Cape is visiting his sister, Mrs. Charles
Gillon, who has been quite ill, but is
slowly recovering.
Mrs. Wilnah Cardinal, accompanied
by her son Arthur, spent last week
Friday and relatives in Cam-
bridge and Boston.
The Loyal Workers to the number
of twelve met at the home of Mrs. Mol-
lie Wilson last week Wednesday af-
ternoon. The circle is to hold a social
and entertainment at the town hall on
April 28.
With the roads leading out of town
all day and in good condition,
the snow storm of Sunday and Mon-
day puts them in a disagreeable condition
for traveling.
Mrs. George Nye and Mrs. Minnie
Greve were visitors in Nashua and
Merrimack last week Friday.
Miss Frances Farnsworth success-
fully conducted a social and dancing
party in Tarbell's hall on the evening
of April 7.
Miss Annie Millard of Groton was
the guest last week Monday of Mrs.
Viola Dodge.
Mrs. Walter Corey last week Wed-
nesday entertained her mother, Mrs.
Julia Lawrence of Prims.
Mrs. Herbert Corey, Mrs. Arthur
Goss and Miss Hazel Goss went to
Milford Saturday afternoon over
Spring and attend the Methodist con-
ference.
Mrs. Belle Hall, accompanied by her
daughter, Miss Blanche Hall, were vis-
itors in Nashua last week Thursday.
Miss Eva Corey and her friend, Miss
Gage who have been home on a ten
days' vacation, have returned to their
studies at Tilton seminary.

SHIRLEY
Center.
Miss Christine G. Longley returned
last Saturday to Halifax after spend-
ing a two-weeks' vacation at the home
of her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley.
The next regular meeting of the
Girls' Sewing guild will be held at
Miss Ruth M. Graves on Saturday af-
ternoon, April 15.
No service was held at Trinity
chapel on last Sunday afternoon on
account of the heavy snow. H. G.
Dort, of Groton School, will conduct
the service on Sunday afternoon at
3:15.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton and
family, who spent last week at their
summer home in Brookline.
The next meeting of the Grange, on
Tuesday evening, April 18, will be
"patriotic night." The committee in
charge of the program for the evening
is Thomas Evans, William Jabb and
Dean Hewes.
Miss Margaret Longley, of Boston,
spent the week-end at the home of
her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley.
Albert Adams and Miss Mary Ad-
ams, who have been spending the
winter in Brookline, returned last
week to their summer home on Center
road.
Robert H. J. Holden arrives home
this Saturday for a week's vacation
from his work at the Harvard law school.
C. C. Lane and Miss Clara Shaw, of
Cambridge, were in town last week
Thursday to determine the extent of
the loss occasioned by the recent
breaking into of Mr. Lane's summer
home. A certain number of articles were
found unpacked and strewn, but it
is understood that there was very lit-
tle missing or damaged. In addition
to the breaks at the homes of Mr.
Lane and Miss Shaw, it is also re-
ported that the summer home of Mr.
Festings, at the North, known as the
Cronin place, was recently broken in-
to, but the extent of the damage is
not known.
An automobile belonging to a West
Groton party became stuck in the mud
on the road from West Groton to
North Shirley one day last week, and
at last reports was still there.
The home of Miss Elisha Kirby was
the scene of a double surprise party
on last week Friday evening, when
about thirty of the young people sur-
prised Miss Mary McPartlan and Miss
Brown. Later on the birthdays of
John H. Bradford, whose birthdays oc-
curred within a few days of each other,
Miss Bradford was presented with an
umbrella and Miss McPartlan with a
chocolate set. Both were genuinely
surprised. The evening was passed

with games and music, and refresh-
ments of cake, coffee and candy were
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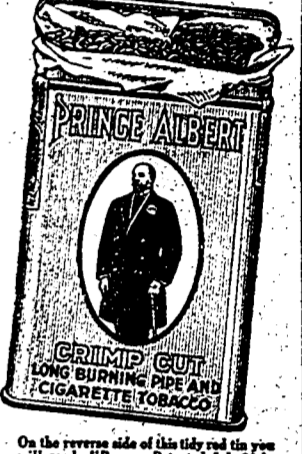
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