

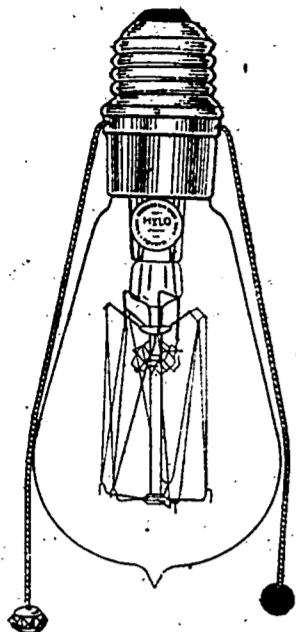
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LITTLETON

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. George, of Allston, have been guests of their father, Herbert, Sanderson, and his sister, Miss Nellie Sanderson, at the common.

The little Hunt baby at the common has been very sick and the infant daughter of Ralph McNiff has been threatened with pneumonia.

F. L. Lewis, of the Simeon Green place, who has suffered from excessive blood pressure, was taken to Worcester for observation and treatment this week. Although a man of only thirty-four years, Mr. Lewis has borne heavy responsibilities and been subjected to great mental strain in his position as a leading official in one of our great railroad systems.

"Gleanings from old Shaker Journals," a newly published book by Miss Clara Endicott Sears, is now in our library ready for circulation. It is fully illustrated and very interesting.

Lieut. George N. Barker, stationed at Philadelphia, is at home for about ten days.

Mrs. J. N. Murray, Mrs. Curtis W. Drow and Mrs. D. H. Woodbury have attended the great dog show at Horticultural hall, Boston, this week. Mrs. Murray's French bull dog, "Lavonne," is there on exhibition.

There was a full vestry to hear the entertainment Tuesday evening given by Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb's Sunday school class. Misses Helen Hume and Edna Hartwell took admission fees, and members of the class had charge of a candy booth. An exceedingly good entertainment was given by these young ladies, Misses Hazel Murray and Kathleen Proctor accompanying the singing by Misses Kathleen Drew and Marcia Wilcox, and the dancing by Miss Charlotte Woodbury. A farce in two acts, entitled "An open secret," was cleverly performed by the following amateur actresses: Misses Mabel Yapp, Marcia Wilcox, Dorothy Smith, Marjorie Proctor, Evelyn and Charlotte Woodbury, Hazel Murray, Kathleen and Marion Drew and Margaret Brown. As previously stated, the proceeds will be used to buy flowers for the church the coming Sundays.

Through literature and personal testimony the ladies of the War Relief organization have learned of the appreciation with which their supplies have been received and used in the great surgical work for wounded and dying soldiers among the Allies in Europe. All the dressings of the Littleton organization (which now numbers over 7000) are sent to Peter Bent Brigham hospital, where they are sterilized and sent direct to the hospitals in France. We know positively that they have been received and that they are helping to save thousands of lives. However, the demand for these dressings, many of which are washed and used over six and seven times, is most pressing. In their grateful and appreciative acknowledgment the workers are most sincere. The local organization has accomplished much under the leadership of Mrs. Albert Lawrence and Mrs. Channing Brown. Those who know most of the need and appeals urge that Littleton people redouble their efforts if possible in this most worthy cause.

One of the star route notices posted at the Littleton general postoffice asks for proposals for bids to carry mail between Littleton depot and Littleton Common, beginning July 1, 1917, and ending June 30, 1921, the bids to be held at the fourth assistant postmaster general before January 16, 1917. For more detailed information see the notice at the general postoffice, Littleton station.

Littleton's grand old man, B. F. Jeffrey, ninety-five years of age, was probably the oldest man in the state to cast his vote on Tuesday and undertake the journey of four miles to and from the ballot box at foot and alone. However, a kind young friend in an automobile overtook the gentleman and insisted upon conveying him to town and back. Mr. Jeffrey accepted the courtesy, but not through lack of ability to walk the distance. He carries his age well, is hale and hearty, and is his own housekeeper and caretaker.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens is at her daughter's in Marblehead this week. Mrs. George Scott, of Taylor street, is about again after an illness of two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Canney are spending the week-end with their son Elmer and family in their new home in Arlington Heights.

Mrs. Grace Lawrence is spending the week-end with her cousin, Mrs. Fitz, and is located at the City Woman's club headquarters.

Many Littleton Grangers went to North Leominster on Thursday for the Pomona Grange meeting and remained in the evening for the exemplification of the Blue degree. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hill, Mrs. Clyde Crane, Mrs. V. T. Esten, Mrs. Charles A. Kimball and Mrs. John H. Kimball were among the number who represented Littleton Grange.

The little Regan girl at the common has had an operation performed on her instep, giving greater freedom, and is feeling well. The King's Daughters have sent her a sunshine box which will be very much enjoyed and appreciated.

In an auto trip over the Mohawk Trail, the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Foley and Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew Foley encountered six feet of snow, and traveling was so dangerous that chains had to be placed on the wheels. George Hall, of the J. F. Thacher force, who has been laid up for a short time this week with a very painful illness.

The annual fair and supper given in the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening were liberally patronized by people from all parts of the town. A ready sale was found for all the goods spread upon the various tables. About 100 guests enjoyed the supper, a large number remaining for the concert and concert following. Nearly \$100 was realized from the evening's efforts.

Sunday is World's Supper day and will be appropriately observed by a union service in the Baptist church in which three of the village pastors will participate, and also others who are actively interested in the temperance cause. A variety of musical features are expected to add interest to the occasion.

Clipping. The Congregationalist this week let us quote concerning a former pastor of Littleton:

"Rev. Paul G. Favor, who began his pastorate at First, Farmington, November 5, had on his two former pastorates, at Littleton, two years, and Prospect Hill, Somerville, seven.

"That which will stand out most distinctly in the memory of the parishioners, perhaps, is the personality of the man himself. To the former he came fresh from the seminary, and indeed, before he graduated from the seminary, he had been brought the freshness and zest of youth, with an eager interest and enthusiasm not only for the problems of theology but sociology and spirituality as well, an enthusiasm which seems contagious and incapable of waning with age. An unusual gift, his cultivated musical ability, has made it possible for him to serve his churches effectively as choirmaster, singer and even in emergencies, as organist. This ability gives him a rare point of contact with his people. The churches are able to do what Prospect Hill, under Mr. Favor, has done the last few years in maintaining three live and growing young people's meetings on Sunday evenings, Junior and Young People's C. E. societies and the Prospect Hill club.

The organization of the Somerville Federation of Churches in 1915 gave him a new opportunity, as its first president. He struck out in new lines. Having no evening service, he carried the message of the new organization to some twenty other churches. He wrote it up in the local papers. In response to the call for state-wide co-operative evangelism and spirituality the Federation placarded the city with a striking poster in black and red. The opportunity afforded by a "Know-your-city-week" was utilized for an effective exhibit presenting the achievements and aims of the federation and a tabulation of the membership of its constituent churches and their Sunday school.

These distinctive features of his work rested upon faithfulness in all lines, the resolutions adopted by the church testify."

SHIRLEY

News Items.

The net proceeds of the Congregational fair was about \$200.

Mrs. C. R. White will hold her dancing class as usual on Saturday afternoon at one o'clock.

Mrs. Forrest Hooper spent Friday of this week in Boston.

Rev. C. K. Tracy, of Stratford, Vt., will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45. Mr. Tracy comes as a candidate.

Center.

The meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening was master's night. Harry N. Brown having charge of the program. An excellent program was given consisting of songs by the Grange; piano solo, Helen Wood; reading, Mrs. Bessie Buxton; talk, M. W. Carey; piano duet, Mrs. Waldo Farnsworth and Hele Wood. Several from the Grange attended the meeting of the Pomona Grange in Leominster on Thursday.

Miss Marion L. Holden, of Templeton, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

Shirley Grange neighbors with Wachusett Grange on Friday evening. A good number from here are planning to attend.

Alliance.

Quite the largest Alliance meeting of the season, and one of the most enjoyable from every point of view, was held last week Thursday at the home of Mrs. C. E. Lynch on historic Round Hill. Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman presided and gave an interesting report on the work of the Alliance during which she attended as a delegate.

The only important items of business were the voting of a gift of five dollars to the scholarship fund of Proctor academy, Andover, N. H., and authorizing a letter sent to Miss Bancroft, urging her to accept another term as president of the whole Alliance. A letter was read from Mrs. Mary Tucker thanking the Alliance for remembering her birthday with a gift of a book. Mrs. Lynch then read

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a short story called "Granny's birthday," which was a chapter from an unpublished book of which she was the author. This was in a humorous vein and was very much enjoyed, the number remaining of Granny being drawn with rare fidelity.

Choice selections were given on the Victoria and a social period then followed, during which refreshments were served by the two nieces of Mrs. Lynch, Miss Mary A. Hobbs and Mrs. Kate Chisholm, assisted by Miss Ethel Holden and the hospitality committee of the Alliance. The meeting adjourned for two weeks to meet with Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, at which time an address will be given by Mrs. Lillian Rose Pratt, of Fitchburg.

TOWNSEND

Center.

Monday Miss Carrie Walker of Townsend Hill attended the reunion of the Z.Z.S.Z. club held at the home of Mrs. Frank Kenney, Fitchburg. The meeting was held in honor of the recent engagement and announcement of Miss Walker and also in honor of the birthday anniversary of Miss Katherine Ott, another club member. A delightful supper was enjoyed with the serving of the bride and birthday cakes containing the usual favors.

Thursday a delegation of Grangers were conveyed in Morton Campbell's large Pierce Arrow auto to the Pomona Grange meeting held at Leominster.

On account of repairs being made at Odd Fellows' hall the next meeting of Townsend Grange will be held Monday evening, November 13, in the Congregational church vestries. Election of officers and collation.

The Phebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., held their annual inspection in Memorial hall on Tuesday evening with the assistance of Miss Nellie M. Goodman of Roxbury, and Mrs. Mabel H. Gooding, department inspector from Malden, were present. Representatives from the Townsend Memorial association and members of Anson D. Fessenden camp, S. of V., were also present. Supper was served in the banquet room.

Tuesday afternoon the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the B. F. E. church was with Mrs. W. E. Taylor. Afternoon subject, "India." Mrs. Walter Farrar and Miss Emilie Lawrence also gave reports of the recent missionary convention in Worcester.

The Methodist Epworth league held a business meeting and social Wednesday evening in the Methodist church hall. After the business meeting a social hour with the serving of refreshments was enjoyed in charge of the president, Lester Spofford, Miss Nellie Weston and Mrs. Florence Gunn.

Charles W. Hildreth entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Turner and Mrs. Angie Hildreth Lang as supper and evening guests on Thursday. The evening was spent socially and with pleasant family reminiscences. Mr. and Mrs. Woolley leave town the first of the week for their city home in Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. Turner leave Tuesday for Massachusetts Villa, their winter home in Orlando, Fla.

This week Saturday the Nissequasset Campfire Girls and the Scout cook patrol Scouts are planning a hike to the Waldo Spaulding cabin on the edge of the Pepperell woods. An out-door dinner and general good time will be enjoyed. Rev. C. C. Charlton, scoutmaster, and Mrs. L. C. Clement, campfire guardian, will accompany them.

Fred Wood and family closed their summer home on the Fitchburg road Friday and returned to their home in Baltimore, Md.

The passenger-carried on the lines operated by the New York Consolidated Railroad as lessee of the New York Municipal Railway under the dual system of contracts numbered 18,073,364 in May, against 14,423,113 a year ago.

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The interment was at Woodland cemetery. The floral offerings were very beautiful...

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