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WESTFORD

Center. Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Lincoln are entertaining Mrs. Mary Blinclair, of Dexter, Me., at the parsonage this week. Mrs. Blanchard was a former parishioner in Dexter.

Mrs. and Mrs. Elias F. de laHaye, of North Chelmsford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Edith Mary, to Walter M. Steete, of Westford.

We quote the following obituary from a recent number of the Concord Gazette: Mrs. Mary Blinclair, of Dexter, Me., died at her home in Westford, Vt., February 15, 1894. She was 72 years of age. Her husband, Rev. Rufus C. Flagg, was a devoted Christian and a devoted citizen. She was a devoted Christian and a devoted citizen.

Miss Maud Robinson has returned to her school at the Fitchburg Normal school after a week's vacation at home.

Miss Harriet M. Hodgman is staying with her long-time friend, Mrs. Helen K. Frost, also Mrs. Francis Frost, of Chicago, is visiting Mrs. Frost, Sr., who has not been enjoying her usual health lately.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Greig's little son Donald has chicken-pox. The meetings for war relief work are to be continued weekly at the library on Thursday afternoons from 2.30 until 4.30, and they have been well sustained.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company held their monthly meeting on Tuesday evening at the parsonage. The speakers were present and the choir sang many of the old familiar favorites and some not so familiar. Miss Mabel Prescott and Miss Elmer Colburn were the accompanists.

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Mrs. Eben Prescott. The new piano scored its dedication by the light fantastic fingers of Miss Grace Robinson, Lillian G. Wright, Miss Beatrice Ruthland, Miss Lottie Dunn, all to be listed in the Littleton Gleaner.

The next Farmers' Institute by Middlesex North Agricultural society will be held in Tyngsboro on Thursday, March 15, at 10 o'clock.

The directors of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau are invited to a luncheon and conference at the farm and summer home of James J. Storvick, in Lincoln, Saturday afternoon, March 24, at one o'clock.

The next meeting of the Grange, on Thursday evening, March 15, the entertainment will be in charge of the past masters, who have arranged for readings, songs and instrumental music.

At the last meeting of Middlesex North Agricultural society, William J. McNamara, of Lowell, gave a stir-up address on the prohibition of alcohol.

There was an adjourned meeting of the Lowell Milk Producers' association on Tuesday evening at the parsonage.

The storm stormed the electric cars off the track at Banister's corner, where they remained stormbound Tuesday afternoon and all of said evening, and again derailed Wednesday forenoon near Ames Polly's.

Henry O. Keyes died at St. John's hospital, Lowell, Tuesday afternoon, after amputation of a badly broken leg. The cause of the accident was an collision with the Lowell and Fitchburg electric railroad on the Groton road, a little east of the H. E. Fletcher-stone quarry.

Henry O. Keyes was born in Harvard, being one of four children of Mrs. and Perry Keyes, and was educated in Westford, where he was educated and where for many years he has owned a large farm in the north part of the town.

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The Misses Isabelle and Millette Chandler, of East Billerica, have been recent guests of A. F. Tuttle, of Lowell, and Mrs. Harry Saxon and friends, who have been recent guests of Miss Lily Mae Moran.

Monday afternoon, March 12, at the Westford club Mrs. H. Eimer Kimball of Worcester by invitation of the literature committee will give a book review. All who were in attendance last year when Mrs. Kimball gave a most delightful and inspiring program of similar nature will be present and eager to hear every word unless prevented unavoidably.

Members of the Kink's Daughters are reminded of the next meeting at Mrs. J. W. Ireland's Tuesday, March 27, in place of the April meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Houghton, of Lowell, are among those who have visited the automobile show in Boston this week.

Three cottages from the shores of Lake Nagawick have been bought by Daniel and Frank Healy, who have bought one which is to be located on land bought of W. H. Titcomb near their home.

The Unitarian Alliance meeting held in the Unitarian vestry last week Friday, recorded a splendid response to the urgent invitation to join the church and the officers of the church.

Miss Eleanor H. Cummings home recently from her visit in Portland, Me. Misses Eliza and Fannie Powers, teachers in Leominster and Andover respectively, were Friday to Sunday guests of Mrs. F. C. Hayward.

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How These Ship Destroyers Are Laid and Anchored. Mine laying and mine sweeping are two important subordinate functions in a modern navy, and both of these occupations are fraught with danger to those engaged in them.

Before the mine is put into the sea the globe squats, as one might say, between four metal uprights upon a round, flat weight, to which it is attached by a short length of wire rope, the greater part of which is coiled round a drum inside the weight.

When the mine is put into the water the whole contrivance sinks at once to the bottom. As soon as it touches ground the bump releases a little catch, which sets all sorts of wheels revolving, with the result that the four uprights fall outward. They grip the sea bed, and the contrivance is anchored. Then the globe begins to rise, while the rope unwinds until it has reached a fixed length.

Thereafter the unfortunate ship that runs upon it—London Clasp. Why the Angler Dressed in Oilskins Was Not Hired. An ardent fisherman was President Cleveland, and a writer in the New York Sun says of him that he enjoyed angling for the fish that would not bite quite as much as he did for those that would.

Strength of the Condor. The enormous strength of the condor is equalled by his voracity and boldness. This immense bird often dounces upon small animals, but from the shape and bluntness of his claws it is unable to carry anything very heavy, so he contents himself with fixing it against the ground with one of his claws, while with the other and his powerful beak he binds it to pieces.

Thrifty Geese. The solar geese are so fond of collecting materials for their nests that they do not desert from the habit even when they are about to abandon their nests for the winter migration.

The Servant Question. "Beg pardon, ma'am," said the butler, "but your son has just eloped with the cook."

An Expensive Luxury. "Yes," said the literary man, with a sigh, "style is a fine thing for a writer to have, but when his wife's got it too it takes all the profit away."

Studs Again. The men who make white wash blouses in special designs are getting combled by finely tucked ones of thin corduroy through which are to be used colored studs. The latter are of turquoise and amethyst set in rims of dull gold.

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ULTRA FOR SPRING. Fetching Frock For Morning Wear at Home.



SIMPLE GRACE.

Shepherd's plaid, a black and white wool jersey cut once, makes a most attractive spring novelty. White broadcloth and a black satin Windsor tie afford the trimming, but bound buttonholes, two rows of them, help finish the straight front.

A "FIRELESS" WARNING.

How to Handle Food So It Won't Ferment. It is not for economy's sake alone, but for the blessing's convenience of them, that so many of us are welcoming fireless cookers to our homes.

Homemade Jewel Buttons. This is how to make these buttons. Like those they have on blouses sold in the smartest shops: Have a button mold the size desired, cover with material of blouse; then string small sized beads in combination of Persian colors.

A Garter Purse. If you are addicted to the bad habit of carrying your valuables and money with you wherever you go, you should provide yourself with one of the new garter purses.

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Eva Taylor-Lawrence-Grattan & Company. CLARK & VERDI. JOE TOWLE. "The Dream Garden".

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF INSOLVENT ESTATE. Estate of WILLIAM A. WOODS late of Groton in the County of Middlesex deceased, intestate, represented insolvent.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Probate Court. To all persons who are or may be interested in the estate hereinafter mentioned, notice is hereby given that the probate of the will of JONAS L. JENNERSON late of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, and to all persons whose issue or who may be interested in the estate of said deceased, is to be held at the Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of March, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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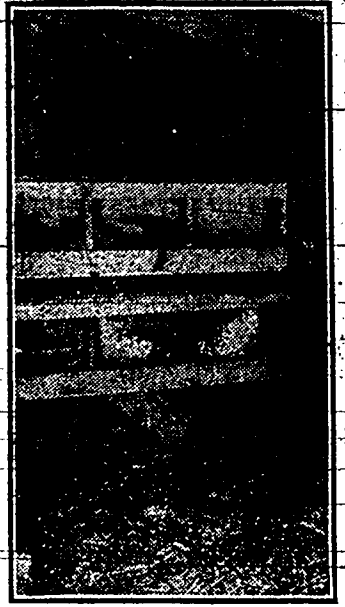
PLANTS. GEORGE E. FLORIST. Designs a Specialty. AYER, MASS. SHRUBS.

FARMING AND LIVE STOCK

EARLY HATCHING PAYS.

Poultry Raisers Should Breed So as to Produce Eggs in Winter.

Early hatching is the secret of winter egg production, say specialists in the United States department of agriculture. The pullets that are hatched early mature early and are ready to lay eggs in the fall when the supply is scarce and prices highest.



Interior view of a tightly built poultry house suitable for the winter care of laying hens. Note the deep layer of litter on the floor and the laying boxes.

April 30 at the latest. If they are properly cared for thereafter they will begin to lay eggs at the very time eggs are most wanted.

To a great extent the poultrymen of the country have overlooked this simple fact. For one thing, birds hatched later in the spring or summer are not inclined to become broody until late in the following season, and thus an unprofitable circle is formed.

The growing use of incubators has made this comparatively easier. There is no reason why incubators should not be filled in March and early April and the hatching over before May 1.

Some successful swine raisers practice the spraying of their hoghouses, both inside and outside, with creosote oil or other similar preservative liquid. These liquids not only preserve the wood, but also act as disinfectants; they help especially in the eradication of lice and mange.

Early Sowing in Hotbed. Seed can be sown in the hotbed before the snow is off the ground, and the plants will have from four to six weeks' start when warm weather comes in the spring.

FARM STOCK.

- The disposition of a brood sow goes a long way in making her a profitable dam. Don't give the sow corn. Corn makes them feverish and inflamed udders are a bad thing at lambing time. The idle horses should not be fed so much grain as when at work, but they should have a small ration. An ewe that is soon to wean should not be too fleshy. Never close the stable at night until the mud and ice are all cleaned off the horses' legs. Don't overfeed the brood sows and get them too fat. A fat sow never has a good litter of pigs. Keep the brood sows active.

HOW TO START UP YOUR PLACE EARLY IN SPRING.

Look out for rabbits in young orchards. Head them off by means of preventive measures if they have not already attacked the trees. If they have covered the wounds they have made in the bark with grafting wax, with some kind of waterproof paint or even with mud thickly applied. As has been stated before now, a thick coat of whitewash to which has been added enough crude carbolic acid to give the mixture a strong odor will keep rabbits away and will also prevent injury by field mice. The acid in the mixture, carried down the trunks of the trees by rain and impregnating the soil around the roots, will also help materially to keep borers and other larval pests away from the trees.

EXPOSED WATER PIPES.

How to Keep Them from Freezing in Cold Weather. Exposed water pipes are apt to freeze in winter, causing much annoyance, which may be prevented by covering them with the following mixture. To a solution of thin boiled starch add sawdust until the mixture forms a thick paste. A fine sieve may be used to clear this sawdust from lumps. Heavy cord is first wrapped around the pipe, spacing the turns about one-half inch. A one-quarter inch layer of the mixture is smeared on and allowed to dry; then a second layer is put on and smoothed up. The string acts as an anchor to make the coating adhere to the pipe closely. Whitewash or paint may be used to give a finish for inside pipes, but for outside work cover the coating with hot tar. If it is desired to have a very neat covering wrap the sawdust coating with cloth or canvas, applying it in narrow strips like a bandage and painting the outside surface. An even coating of the sawdust is necessary when covering with cloth.

NEW DEATH TESTS.

An Italian scientist describes the following three new methods of determining the cessation of life: The first is the ether test. A drop of ether is instilled into the conjunctival sac of one eye. If this is followed by a reddening of the conjunctiva it affords proof that life is still present. The other eye is used as a control. The second test consists in the subcutaneous injection of fluorescein, which, if the individual is still living, is soon followed by a yellowish coloring of the skin, and mucous membrane of the mouth and particularly of the frenum of the tongue show this coloration most distinctly. A negative result is obtained in cases of marked slowing or enfeeblement of the circulation. The third test consists in direct exploration of the heart by means of a stylet. This is introduced through a small incision in one of the intercostal spaces. Any movement in the heart is communicated to the stylet.

How to Walk and Grow Thin is the Main Question.

Here is a simple method to reduce weight which has been used with great success: Rise early and take a half hour walk in the air, walking a steady but alert gait. On returning home drink a cupful of hot water with plenty of salt. After a light breakfast, leaving the table not quite satisfied, take a hand working vacuum cleaner or carpet sweeper with a long handle and keep up a steady, long reaching movement. This reduces the tops of the arms and removes the fat about the neck. Then take a duster and dust the legs of chairs and stretch to the tops of doors to get a steady bending and stretching movement. The treatment takes about two hours a morning, and by abstemious eating and occasional cupfuls of hot water with salt during the day, also one on retiring, the desired result is obtained and the health improved.

TO WISEND

The annual town meeting was held on Monday in Memorial hall and although a snowstorm raged without, the discussions of the day were carried on in a very friendly spirit among the 100 voters present.

The following officers were elected: Selectmen, overseers of the poor and board of health, Everett W. Seaver, George H. Tenney and William Copeland; assessors, George A. Wilbur, constables, William A. Cooper, Henry B. Hathaway, John E. Templeton; highway surveyors, John Donovan, Clarence King, Thomas Smith; tax collector, Clarence Webster; auditor, Harry L. Whitecomb; sexton, James L. Farrar; trustee public library, Rev. A. L. Struthers; cemetery committee, 3 yrs., Everett W. Seaver; trustees Tucker fund, Richard S. Ely, Perry Sawtell, Richard McMillan; town warden, George King; park commissioner, 3 yrs., William A. Russell; public weighers same as last year, with Harry Knight in place of Miss Clara Sheilden; culvers of hoops and staves, and fence viewers same as 1916; surveyors of wood, bark and lumber, the same, with Clarence Wyman in place of Arthur Blood, George Beckwith in place of C. B. Stickney and W. Booth in place of C. P. Felch.

By a vote of 63 to 32 John E. Temple was elected constable over Harry C. Felch. After the election of the constables a vote of thanks was extended to Michael O'Brien, who retires after serving the town faithfully as constable for the long period of twenty-six years.

Article 1. Voted appropriations for general government \$1,680, protection of life and property \$2,090, health and sanitation, \$340, highways and bridges \$3,721.75, charities \$2,147.50, education \$1,185, library \$222.89, recreation \$275, interest \$350, town debt \$1,400, unclassified \$430. Total amount raised in town budget, \$24,442.84.

Art. 5. Voted selectmen a committee on illegal sale of liquor. Art. 6. License question—No 57, Yes 23. Art. 7. Left with the selectmen concerning prosecuting agent, etc. Art. 8. Voted that money refunded to the town, dog licenses, be used for public library.

Art. 9, 10, 11, passed. Art. 12. Voted to appropriate \$200 for railings along highways of the town. Art. 14. Voted \$100 for oiling public roads. Arts. 15 and 16 passed.

At the time of considering Article 17 T. E. Flarity, moderator, read a letter from Mrs. James Woolley, of East Boston, amounting to twenty-six years, sending the town with a beautiful new flag to be used on Memorial hall premises and on holiday occasions. A rising vote of thanks was given to be extended to the donor in appreciation of her patriotic gift.

Art. 21. Upon motion it was voted to sell the building purchased of J. C. Hodgman and use the proceeds for improvement in the West Townsend cemetery. Art. 22. Voted \$25 be used in the care of graves of civil and Spanish war soldiers not otherwise provided for.

Art. 23. Tucker fund previously acted. Arts. 24, 25, 26 and 27, for acceptance of the sum of \$200 in trust from Mrs. Lilla M. Sartelle of Worcester, the income to be used for perpetual care of Edward J. Sartelle lot, James E. Sartelle lot and Edward A. Larin lot, \$100 from the estate of Charles A. Sloan, the income to be used for perpetual care of the Samuel Sloan lot, all Hillside cemetery at the Center; \$75 from John W. Bart, of Plymouth, the income to be used for perpetual care of the Friend C. Burt lot, West Townsend cemetery.

Art. 29. Voted to accept from the West Townsend Memorial association the gift of furniture, having a religious and other property belonging to said association, and that said property be kept in their association room in Memorial hall as long as that organization shall continue to exist, after which it shall revert to the care of the town. Art. 30. Voted that Phoebe Weston Farmer (widow), D. V., and Anson D. Fessenden camp, S. V., have free use of the room for their meetings.

Art. 31 and 32, concerning chemical engine and fire protection at the Harbor and concerning moving engine house at the Harbor, was referred to a committee of three, Fred J. Piper, A. C. Josselyn and Harry Knight. Arts. 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, passed.

Art. 38. Voted that the selectmen be instructed to refer uncollected taxes of 1909, 1910 and 1912 to the attorney general. Art. 39. Relating to selling old steamer at West Townsend, was left to the following committee: Fred J. Piper, Warren Elliott, Clarence Webster. Art. 40. Concerning George Washington Memorial building, passed. Arts. 41, 42, 43, 44, postponed.

Mrs. Marion Sears, of Rockport, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce this week. Mr. and Mrs. Abram Hitz, who have been spending the winter months at the home of their son, Ivan Hitz, returned Tuesday to their home at Ingram Port, Halifax County, Nova Scotia.

The selectmen met and organized on Tuesday. William Copeland was chosen as chairman and George H. Tenney as secretary. The following appointments were made: Registrar of voters, John M. Coffey; assessors of boards of health, Dr. A. Atwood, Dr. Richard S. Ely, Dr. H. B. Bayliss and Herman C. Knight; inspector of animals, provisions and slaughtering, Charles B. Shaw; sealer of weights and measures, Oscar E. Maduck; to see that the laws of soldiers and sailors are suitably kept and cared for, Leonard C. Jaffe; field drivers, Joel S. Cook, Fred A. Patch, Benham H. Savage; ballot clerks, John E. O'Brien, George E. Gates; tellers, George M. Streetor, Isabelle E. Hurley, Harry L. Whitecomb.

Miss Marion Wilson, of New York, a naturally gifted artist, presented her unique and cleverly costumed character studies in Memorial hall on Tuesday evening. In the program Miss Wilson gave six of her strongly contrasting character sketches. Every number was excellent and appreciated by all present. The West Townsend orchestra, Miss Edith Tenney, Miss Gertrude Smith, H. L. Struthers and W. Arthur Boutelle furnished music during the evening's entertainment. Proceeds for future entertainments of the Townsend Brotherhood.

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The Dorcas class of the M. E. church held a food sale in the church hall on Wednesday afternoon when a nice variety of home cooking and jellies were readily sold, which netted a snug little sum of \$12.41 toward defraying church current expenses and debt. Mrs. Etta Spaulding and Annie Down were in charge of the sale. Master Marshall Higgins attended the automobile show in Boston on Thursday. "Young Hitz" is quite an auto enthusiast, attending the show every year. He will spend the weekend and over Sunday at the home of his uncle, M. Higgins.

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throughout her talk to the interest in Girl Scouts that is being shown by Mrs. James Storror, of Boston. The scouts expect to have Mrs. Storror here to make an address sometime in the near future. At the address the address the scouts sang "O beautiful country," a song dedicated to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

LITTLETON. News Items. Mrs. Prerley D. Smith will take charge of the Sunday evening meeting. She has secured as speaker Miss Mary A. Armstrong, of West Acton, a very successful C. E. worker. Subject, "Fruits of the C. E. tree."

The all-day sewing bee of the Philanthropic club will be held with Mrs. H. A. Olson, Mill road, Thursday, March 15. The usual day would be Wednesday, but as that is the date of the men's supper the following day will be more convenient. The quartet have exceptionally good music for the morning service of the Congregational church last Sunday.

The monthly supper at the Congregational church next Wednesday evening is the chief event of the month of H. E. Works, who has provided himself with a copy of the office of pastor. A singing, Prerley was taken two weeks ago to the Massachusetts general hospital in Boston, is reported well on the road to recovery. Several X-ray examinations were made and the rays in two places were badly distorted. At last reports the further development had developed, and the young lady was expected home this week Thursday. Her friends will all be glad to welcome her back.

Miss Belle Sawyer is very ill at the home of the Misses Peabody in Peaburyville. Some of her former Littleton parishioners are in possession of the lecture and public address announcement of Rev. Paul Gordon Favor, of Farmington, Me., Civic and patriotic addresses and orations, literary, musical and historical lectures, the attitude of great writers toward religion, serious and humorous, and a series of addresses in the general of which will be the first of the series. The series will be given at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, Littleton, on Thursday, March 15, at 7.30 p. m.

The Ladies' Study club will meet on Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Rodney Richards, who is quite ill at her home in Josselynville, threatened with pneumonia. The Ladies' Bible Benevolent society held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Allen A. Shaw, with fourteen at dinner. They appointed Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Ellen Pratt and Mrs. Lerman Lawrence as representatives to the annual of the George E. Hayward, which was held on Thursday.

George E. Hayward, aged 62 years, 4 months, 4 days passed away at his home on Bayberry hill, early Monday morning after a long illness of several weeks. He leaves a wife and five children: George, M. J. Buffalo, N. Y., and Isabelle, Russell, Beth and Ralph of this village, and a sister, Miss Lizzie Hayward, of Peabury, who has been at the Hayward home on Bayberry hill for the past month. The funeral services will be held from his late residence in Peabury at three o'clock.

Mrs. Landsey, of E. River, is stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed. Mrs. William W. Webster has been assisting Mrs. New in the care of Mrs. Henry Harlow this week. Two of the children of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. A. Buffalo, N. Y., are sick last for the week.

The Ladies' Study club met on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Winchester at Peabury. Where a number of papers were read and resolutions were adopted. In the evening a number of the members of the club were present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver.

Mrs. Sears, of Peabury, is spending a few days with friends in Nashua, N. H., and vicinity. Mr. Tatro and family, from the Center, have moved into the Walter Wilder cottage in Josselynville.

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GROTON

The Groton Branch of the Special Aid Society for American Preparedness during the past year has sent six complete hospital equipments to the Massachusetts Branch of the Red Cross and has assisted in paying the expenses of the same.

Miss Catherine Bancroft Beatty, a former teacher of Lawrence academy, in speaking at a meeting of the Roxbury Elm Hill Equal Suffrage League, advocated that men and women take new family names when married.

On last week Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs. James Harrington was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Walter Tuttle, South Acton.

The annual parish meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, at 7:30 o'clock in the Unitarian church. Miss Gladys Swallow has been enjoying a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron P. Swallow.

At the close of the morning service last Sunday, Rev. H. E. Tucker, pastor of the Baptist church, presented his resignation, to take effect on or before June 15.

Miss Nita Huebner has been at home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Huebner. Mrs. Albert Hart returned to her home in Newport, N. H., last week Wednesday after an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. James Bennett.

The desire to have a district nurse in Groton is being discussed by the members of several clubs, and it is hoped that in the near future arrangements can be made to this end.

Sailing from Spain on the steamer with United States Ambassador Gerard for Cuba was Twining Lynes, teacher of music and organist at Groton school. He has been spending six months traveling in Europe with a student of the school.

Other Groton matter on page 6. Roy Cunningham and Frank Woods will spend the week-end in Boston and during their absence will attend the automobile show.

Tuesday evening, March 6, the school committee met at the Butler school organized with H. H. Gay as chairman and Walter Powers as clerk. The other members of the committee are Mrs. Albert B. Farwell, Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, Stephen W. Sabine and Everett B. Gerrish.

An entertainment will be given for the benefit of the Polish Relief fund at the home of Mrs. Warren Sturges on Friday evening, March 9, at 7:30 o'clock. The program will include a song recital by Madame Lyoka of the Russian Opera House and a Russian play, "The snow-white" by Miss Constance Mackay.

The public is cordially invited to the open house of the Gamma Beta society on Friday evening, March 16. Exercises consist of a debate, recitations, the Lawrencian and special music. Miss Alice Willoughby will give violin selections.

The play that the senior class of the high school is to be given on Saturday evening, March 17, at the town hall, is an unusually attractive one, "Much ado about Betty," with the following in the cast: David Sargent, Ralph Lawrence, Stafford Joseph, Joseph Ralph Sargent, Roy Bennett, Robert Bixby, Harry Davis, Gregory Smith, Leonard Dodge, Ruth Mellich, Ruth Bixby, Constance Jacob, Alice Moison, Ethel Patterson, Alice Kapp, Beatrice Murray.

The next meeting of the Grange comes on March 12. The subject for discussion will be "What are the advantages derived by a Grange from the ownership of a Grange hall?" Mrs. George W. Smith, Mrs. Ella E. Gilson, William V. Bixby and Frank B. Patterson, farce, "Aunt Betsy's beaux," after the discussion in charge of a committee including Edward L. Duffy, G. Leslie Blood, Vernon P. Davis and Martin B. Patterson.

The Townsend Grange celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary Monday evening, March 12, at the home of Mrs. George W. Smith. The Grange has been accepted and many are planning to attend.

Evening praise service at seven o'clock, subject, "Every life a plan of God." Regular prayer meeting of the church on Wednesday evening at 7:30. The Groton School boys gave a tree exhibition of gymnastic feats in the town hall, Shirley Center, last Sunday evening. This was a very pleasing entertainment and well attended.

Mrs. William Ward, of Wellesley Hills, is a guest of Mrs. David Gibson. A. G. Miller, who has been spending the winter in Washington, has returned to his home in Groton.

The members of Groton Grange who attended the meeting of Lanesburg Grange on Wednesday evening, February 23, report a most enjoyable time. There were about 150 present, including guests from many surrounding towns.

Groton Cornet Band. A benefit photograph, Lew Fields and Vivian Martin, "Lew," a Shubert comedy, both interesting and delightful, will be presented on Tuesday evening, March 13, at the town hall.

There's a laugh in every ten feet of film and it's fun to see and enjoy a real Broadway production. Two of those popular baseball reels will also be shown, "You know me, Al." They are right up to the minute and you may see many of your favorite last fall on the diamond.

The first of the series of military whistles was held at the town hall on Wednesday, March 1. Eighteen whistles were filled. The profits realized cannot be exactly calculated at the present moment, but it is hoped that they will amount to about seventy-five dollars on the series.

The military whist is familiar in Groton. Each table is decorated with a banner, with fifteen little pennants of the same color attached to it. The players at each table are the defenders of that fort, and conduct a joint offensive and defensive campaign.

Among the prizes, the one awarded to Michael J. Demahy was a watch box of which the pendant was a real, though small, potato set with a diamond and platinum. This was not one of the colorful prizes. The large and small prizes were won by Mrs. Fannie A. Woods, who assisted the chairman during the evening.

West Groton. The town hall is the scene of a social gathering of the residents of West Groton. A large number of people are present, and the evening is spent in a most enjoyable manner.

Friends and relatives present from out of town were Mrs. Keegan, the Misses Gorman and Miss Hayden, of Lowell; Peter Lydon, of Cambridge; Mrs. Thomas Heaps, and Miss Anna Heaps, of Norwich, Conn.; Mrs. Chester Hill, of Fitchburg.

Elizabeth (Bohannon) Downs was born in Ireland fifty-six years ago, a member of an old County Silko family. She came to this country in 1888, where she met John Downs, of West Groton, who later became her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill are enjoying a visit in West Groton at the home of Mrs. Georgeietta C. Dill, whose serious operation at the Malden hospital has left her critically ill.

Misses Dorothy and Edith Peters started on last Monday for a month's visit to Warren, Ariz., where they will visit Howard Putnam, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Putnam, of this town.

George Tooker, who is at work in Springfield, is home with his sister for this week-end and Sunday. Rehearsals are in progress under the direction of Mrs. C. Merrill, for a comedy to be given by the Boy Scouts on Friday evening, March 30.

Four suits, aggregating \$115,000, were filed Wednesday in the East Cambridge court against the Boston and Maine Railroad Company by relatives of Dr. J. J. Conroy, a resident of West Groton, who was killed in a collision with a train at Still River crossing on January 21.

The following clipping from the New York Times will be read news for all at Still River and vicinity: At her home in West Groton, Mass., on the morning of Saturday, March 3, Mrs. E. E. Eddy, wife of E. E. Eddy, of the Lincoln Memorial university, sister of Isaac Eddy Brown and Mrs. Lida (Brown) McMurphy of Illinois and Elm Hill, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Adelaide (Fairchild) Newcomb of Rutherford, N. J., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Eddy, of West Groton, Mass., on the morning of Saturday, March 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Robinson, of Fitchburg, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Robinson. In a welding process of German invention, other than employed to deposit all of the molten metal at the desired place.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, a high mass at nine o'clock in the morning at the Sacred Heart church in Groton for happy repose of her soul, Mrs. Whalen officiating. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery. A large number of friends were present. The bearers were John McCann, John Lusk, John Doherty, Joseph Doherty, Edward DeRoche and Timothy O'Connell.

Pay-Up Now. If you have \$5 or more or less for which you have no pressing need go and pay a debt with it. That is the best use you can make of money, unless you are naked or starving.

What Kapt' Har Young. I know a little lady, slim, bent, but unlined by the years, who sits absordedly through all of the fashion openings of the great shops and watches breathlessly as the models in their marvelous gowns file past her chair.

What Thrift Means. Thrift is positively essential to success, and every American wants to be successful. A man should put his own name on his list of creditors.

Canvas Water Bags For Foresters. A canvas water bag that can be carried conveniently on a pack horse is used by members of the United States forest service when it is necessary to transport water to places remote from a regular supply for drinking and cooking purposes.

Fifty-Fifty. "My son," said the father impressively, "you are leading an absolutely useless life. For the last ten years you have done nothing but squander time and money."

Feminine Discussion. "He is rich" "In that case I think I shall marry him." "He is rich in philosophy." "Um! In that case he won't mind it so much that I am going to turn him down."—Kansas City Journal.

Too Suggestive. First Tramp—I wish I could get off dese fast freight for a ride in a first class coach. Second Tramp—Ev'ry cloud has its silver lining. In de passenger coach dere is an ax and saw to remind you of a wool pile.—New York Times.

Used the Log. "We were three days from port when the engineer reported that there was no more coal in the bunkers." "What did they do then?" "The captain ordered them to 'split up the ship's log to keep the fires going.'"—Exchange.

Can't Avoid Them. "Don't you find it hard these times to meet expenses?" "Hard! Man alive, I meet expenses at every turn!"—Boston Transcript.

His Delightful Bull. An Irish editor in speaking of Ireland and her woes said: "Her cup of misery has been for ages overflowing and is not yet full." Idleness is the sepulcher of a living man.—Holland.



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Boxborough. Mrs. Sarah Warren, who has spent the last few years with her niece, Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee, has gone to Littleton to live.

Special Town Meeting. A special town meeting was held at the town hall on Monday afternoon, March 5, Sherry chosen moderator. Voted to pass over the article to see if the town would accept and adopt the by-laws as compiled by the By-Laws committee.

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HARVARD

News Items.

The next meeting of the Bird club will be held on Wednesday, March 14, at the Harvard Memorial room at eight o'clock. The meeting announced last week could not be held on account of bad weather.

The fourth meeting of the music study class in connection with the Woman's club was held on Wednesday afternoon, February 21, at the home of Miss Etta M. Hubbard.

The Grange conferred degrees at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening. The men's degree staff, consisting of Fred Wingham as master, conferred the second degree.

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Miss Alma Gionet has just arrived from New Orleans after finishing a week's work at the Gionet home.

The Alturian club will meet next Thursday with Mrs. John G. Conant. The meeting will be in charge of the Music committee.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. George S. Wells at three o'clock p. m.

Rev. Douglas H. Corley will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday morning, March 11. His subject will be "The mountain top."

Miss Agnes Jones of Needham spent the week-end and over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Tewksbury, Center road.

Irving Jones of Harvard is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart in Grotton.

A son was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. William Daly, of Ayer, well-known in town.

John Walsh started to work Monday after an absence of two weeks from his duties at the President Suspender Co., caused by blood poisoning in one of his fingers.

Mrs. Charles A. Ford is confined to her home with sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. William Waller are spending a few days in Lowell and Providence.

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The men who are employed in factories to sharpen the best grade of knives hold the blade at an angle of about 45 degrees and really sharpen only the cutting edge itself.

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From Farm to City
 How a Country Boy Became a Lion in Society.

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

Sam Atkins was a farmer boy. Sam had met Jennie Williams at a barn dance, and then and there had commenced the union of hearts that grows stronger quickly when planted in youthful breasts. Jennie was a good girl, a pretty girl and in every respect worthy of Sam.

One day Sam was running his car on the road and just about to turn into the farm gate when he heard another car coming behind him. Looking backward, he saw that it contained a woman who was grasping the wheel, she being the only person in the car. She was approaching a turn in the road just beyond the Atkins farm, and her eyes were fixed in terror on it. On the outer curve was a slope, which it was evident she dreaded for as she passed Sam she was crying: "Over the bank! Over the bank! Over the bank!"

Sam was off the road, so that he escaped the car, which was evidently beyond the lady's control. As soon as she had passed him he gave chase, passed her, shut off power in his machine, jumped out and as the other car went by him jumped on to the footboard. Once there, he stopped the car just as it was about to plunge over the slope.

Then he saw that the woman driving it was a lady in an immaculate costume, the car being a handsome one and containing the richest upholstery and wraps. She flinched the moment the danger had passed and remained unconscious for half a minute. During this brief interval Sam cast a glance at his own modest car, which had been wrecked against a tree, then at the sumptuous appointments of the one he had saved.

"Why didn't you shut her off?" said Sam.

"I was paralyzed with fear."

"Do you think you can get on now?"

"I wouldn't try it again for the world. I've been taking lessons. This is the first time I have been out alone."

Sam took the wheel and drove the lady to her home, a magnificent country place suited to the requirements of a multimillionaire. She invited him into the house and said to him:

"But for you I would now be lying crushed under my car. Your car has been wrecked—I will see that a new one is sent you of such make as you may choose. This is simply to replace your loss. For saving my life ask any boon, and if in my power it shall be granted."

Sam protested that he had done nothing that any one else would not have done under the circumstances and the lady owed him nothing. She persisted, and he said that he had always had a fancy to mingle for a brief season among persons of wealth. If the lady would give him an opportunity to attend a ball she would have repaid any debt she might owe him.

She looked him over from head to foot, evidently taking in his natural fitness for taking a place among the elite, then went to an escritoire and wrote a check for \$1,000, payable to bearer, and handed it to him.

"The first thing you will need," she said, "is clothes—I mean clothes for daily wear and for evening dress. Draw the money on this check and dress yourself as a city man. Then go to a dancing master and have him teach you what he can of etiquette and anything else you may need to fit yourself to appear in society. As soon as he reports to me that you are sufficiently equipped for the purpose I will give a ball at which I will introduce you to society."

Sam held the check in his hand, doubtful whether to accept or return it. The lady said what was on his mind and told him that if he would be unkind and ungenerous in him to refuse her the privilege of rewarding him for preserving her very existence. So Sam yielded. She then wrote the name and address of the proprietor of a fashionable dancing school and, after giving him such a luncheon as he had never sat down to before, sent him off to prepare himself for an appearance in a ballroom.

Sam went right away to his sweet-heart and told her of his adventure and its result. Jennie looked grave and told him that he would never be satisfied again with country life, that he would aspire to marry some girl whom he would meet in high life and all would be over between him and his country love.

Sam protested with big lips, but not by his looks. So wrapt in the future was he that he scarcely heard what Jennie was saying. They parted, Sam to go to the city to buy new clothes and find the dancing master, Jennie to her room to weep.

Now, Jennie was an excellent seamstress and was doing some sewing for a Mrs. Treborne, a wealthy woman who spent her summers at her country residence, half a dozen miles from Jennie's home. Mrs. Treborne would send her out for Jennie in the morning and send her back in the evening, the girl spending the day at such inferior work as was required. The day after the parting between the lovers Jennie went to her daily work and appeared so disconsolate that her employer asked her what was troubling

her. Jennie told her story and received sympathy. A day or two later while Jennie was plying her needle Mrs. Treborne said to her:

"Jennie, how would you like to go to the ball that your sweetheart is to attend?"

Jennie looked up at her questioner with a radiance that was a more speaking reply than words. Then her employer said that she had been thinking of the matter and resolved to do for her what was to be done for Sam. She told Jennie to drop her work, go home and prepare for a removal to another locality.

Mrs. Treborne sent Jennie to her daughter in the city with a letter unfolding her plan and asking her to prepare the girl for an appearance in society. Miss Sophie Treborne, a girl of twenty, at once fell in with her mother's plan to give Jennie the advantage that was afforded her lover. Miss Treborne made inquiries among her friends and learned that the lady whose life Sam had saved was a Mrs. Idleton; a leader in society and an acquaintance of the Trebornes.

It was a month after Jennie and Sam entered upon preparation for an entry into fashionable life that the dancing master reported to Mrs. Idleton that Sam Atkins was well prepared to attend a ball in high life as he could be, except by a long period of coaching, and even then he would smack of the country. The result was that Mrs. Idleton issued invitations for a ball at her city residence. Sam was to be the guest of honor as an acknowledgment of Mrs. Idleton's gratitude for having saved her life when her automobile was running away with her. The Treborne family were invited, including their guest, Jennie Williams.

The Idleton ball was one of the very largest of the season. It was not given at the town residence of the Idletons, but at Swinton's, a fashionable restaurant with entertaining rooms on the higher floors. Miss Treborne left Jennie in care of her brother and sought the hostess, who was receiving with the guest of honor beside her. An introduction between Sam and Miss Treborne resulted, and the girl remained with him till the dancing began, and he was obliged to ask her to be his partner.

Mrs. Idleton had arranged to open her ball with an old square dance, the dancers, Miss Treborne led Sam from one end of the ballroom toward a set forming in the center, and her brother conducted Jennie in the same direction. The music started up as soon as this set was formed, and Sam, being out of his natural element, was so flustered that he saw no individual present but a medley of men and women moving about. The first he saw of Jennie was in the figure where one couple confronts another and all bow. Sam was about to bend his body before a lady when—

"Was he dreaming? Had he gone daft? Had he died and been born into another world?"

There before him, robed in a cloud of silk and lace, smiling at him, was Jennie Williams.

He was brought to himself by his partner tugging at him to turn his back on Jennie and bow to the opposite couple.

Sam did not recover from his surprise during the dance. He blundered at every turn; but, fortunately for him, others blundered as well, for the dancers had not been danced before in years, and nearly all the dancers were unfamiliar with it. It was not till the last figure in the dance, the grand chain, that Sam recovered his senses. Then, while passing round, grasping the hand of one lady after another, he came to Jennie. The hand pressure, the loving look, she gave him not only sobered him, but warmed his heart to her as never before. He had seen her dressed in the plain costume of a country girl; now she appeared with all the advantage of an artistic costume.

When the dance was ended Miss Treborne took her brother's arm and walked away, leaving Sam and Jennie standing together. Jennie, who had acquired the manners of a lady even to a greater degree than Sam had acquired those of a gentleman, rested her fingers lightly on Sam's arm, and together they went to seats lined against the wall. There Jennie told her story.

Sam was later called away to be introduced as the lion of the evening; but, despite the flattering words that were said to him, he was bored. There was a hollowness in everything about him that repelled him. Nothing seemed sincere.

Sam remained there a week, and it was the most miserable week of his life. It seemed that all his time was taken up trying to avoid breaking in upon good manners. He was introduced at clubs, but he did not see that the men he met there had anything to do but drink cocktails and smoke. He was taken to functions, but it seemed to him that the people there were manikins for showing the fashions. At the end of the week he told Mrs. Idleton that she had repaid any debt she might owe him and he was pining for a breath of country air. She offered to send him home in her auto, but he preferred to "get a hitch" on a market wagon.

Jennie had returned to her home the day after the ball. The day Sam returned she was taking a walk down the road when Sam, who had donned his country clothes, came along in the wagon. Seeing her, he jumped out and folded her in his arms.

"Jennie," he said, "the only advantage city people have over us is in their clothes. In all other respects we have the advantage of them. I'm going to save up and buy you a swell costume and dress you up in it once a month. At all other times I'd rather have you as you are."

BROOKLINE, N. H.
 News Items
 Henry Green, of Boston, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

While playing about his home with other children, one day last week, Donald Porter, youngest son of Delbert Porter, fell and broke his right leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall of Ayer were the guests last week Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Hall.

Mrs. Arthur Brown and son Harold have returned home from a couple of weeks' visiting among friends and relatives in Fitchburg and other places.

Miss Grace Whitcomb was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Howard, in Millis, Mass.

Arthur Goss spent last week Thursday in Nashua.

Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb entertained her daughter, Mrs. George Fabner, of Milford, last week.

There was an auction sale of household goods, animals and farm implements at the home of the late Charles Burnham last Saturday. The family is planning to leave town.

Warren Shattuck, who has been away at work in a lumber camp in Lincoln most of the winter, returned last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell attended the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, of Hollis, on February 27.

Miss Emma Gilson, of Groton, spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Powers entertained the nephew, Alfred (Cork) of New York, Thursday and Friday of last week.

Rev. E. R. Stearns, of Concord, secretary of Home Missions of the Congregational churches of New Hampshire, preached the morning sermon last Sunday.

Miss Mary Brown, who teaches school in Waltham, Mass., celebrated her week's vacation at her home here last week.

The mock town meeting conducted by members of the Grange at their meeting on February 28, furnished much fun for the members present, and a good time followed the closing of the meeting.

Little Leon Greenley is only three years old, yet he goes to church most every Sunday with one of his aunts, and as a rule he acts with all the dignity and decorum that go to church with him. One Sunday recently he became a little restless before the sermon was ended, and his aunt was compelled to try sundry ways to keep him on his good behavior. On reaching home, he exclaimed, "Oh mamma, we were just commencing to have a awful good time when it was time to go home."

The ice company had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse last week.

Mrs. Perley Pierce entertained her fellow members of the South Brookline Social club last week Thursday. The club is growing rapidly, and much of interest is introduced at these meetings. Mrs. Edna Shattuck is to be the hostess this week.

Mrs. Julia Lawrence has been engaged to care for Mrs. Sarah Shattuck, who is still quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Rourke and daughter spent last week visiting with their relatives in Cambridge, Mass.

LUNENBURG
 News Items
 The meeting of the Boy Scouts planned for Monday evening was postponed until Monday evening, March 12.

The Old Home Wives association will hold a meeting and entertainment in the town hall on Saturday evening of this week to which everybody in town is invited. There will be no admission fee, and it will be free, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance to encourage those who give the entertainment.

Mrs. Adin C. Estlin, who suffers from illness was confined in these columns last week, and on Friday morning, March 2, after three weeks of confinement, she was able to get up. She was held on Sunday at the Congregational church, Rev. E. B. Saunders conducting the service. The pastor of the church offering prayer for her. Guy Bolles sang two selections. The first a beautiful hymn, "How wonderful is the love of Jesus," and the second, "The dear old home." The bearers were Joseph A. Harwood, Norman G. Bagelov, Oliver Mellette and Clayton E. St. Bart.

The North cemetery, the family of the late Mrs. M. J. May of Brookline, who in so far as is known, has been buried at home, was buried last week.

LITTLETON
 News Items
 The regular spring vacation of the schools is scheduled to begin March 16.

Miss Lucy Adams returned to her position as teacher in Waltham this week after a long enforced vacation.

Blackbirds, robins, and bluebirds were seen in town to-day. They must have taken to the sheltered eaves Monday in face of the drifting snows that piled up unmercifully throughout the town.

Miss Gladys Kimball was at home from Gardner two days last week.

Everett Kimball went to East Orange, N. J. last week Friday and accompanied his wife home two days later.

A company of ten members of the Neighborhood club met Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. George A. Cook. A variety of timely subjects came up for discussion and the evening passed very pleasantly.

Hon. E. A. Patch has been confined to the bed with a bronchial cold.

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Art. 5. Voted to pay tax collector 1 1/2% for collections.
 Art. 11. \$200 appropriated for cutting brush by the roadsides.
 Art. 12. Voted to free use of the town hall for basketball under restrictions to be imposed by the selectmen.
 Art. 24. Free use of the lower town hall granted to the daughters of Veterans.
 Art. 13. Voted to appropriate \$1000 for permanent road building, to be expended under the direction of the county commissioners.
 Art. 14. Voted to buy two sidewalk show places, one for the Whalom district.
 Voted \$800 for a new roof on the center schoolhouse. Voted to purchase twenty Badger fire extinguishers at \$9.25 each. Voted \$350 for a drilled well at the North schoolhouse.
 Voted \$300 to furnish a supply of water for the garden in front of the Rutter library, and \$25 for an additional electric light in the village square. It was also voted to extend the lighting system on Massachusetts avenue to the residence of Frederick W. Whitney and on the Leominster road to the residence of Amos S. Mills, and money was appropriated for the work.

There was quite a lively discussion upon the feasibility of the town buying out the rights of the existing water company, but the question was finally defeated—67 to 42.

At 2:30 in the afternoon the polls were closed and all thirty-six articles in the warrant had been acted upon before the count was completed, and announced about four o'clock.

The officers elected were as follows: Selectman, 3 yrs., Ernest G. Carswell; moderator, James L. Harrington; town clerk, Edwin C. Smith; assessor, 2 yrs., George H. Whitman; 1 yr., John Woodredde; town treasurer and collector of taxes, Edwin C. Smith; school committee, Mrs. Loren H. Brown; constable, James L. Harrington; tree warden, James S. Gilchrist; auditors, Edward F. Spencer, Aaron W. Watson; library trustees, Ebenezer Bailey, Fannie C. Graves, electric light commissioner, Phil H. Burdwell. Vote on license question, No. 116, Yes, 29.

The W. O. T. U. served dinner at noon which was very well patronized.

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PEPPERELL

News Items. The announcement appeared this week in the Nashua paper that Thomas F. Graham, joint-owner of the Tremont House in Nashua, is to open the New Prescott hotel on April 15. It was found unprofitable to run the hotel on account of not receiving a license and it has been closed since November 1. The item claims furthermore "this year the majority of the selectmen elected favor granting a license, and the place will be reopened."

Miss Clara M. Shattuck spent a part of her school vacation with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Tucker, at Woodland farm.

The Pepperell troop, Boy Scouts, will hold their regular meeting in their room at the town house on Wednesday evening, March 14.

Only ten days more and "spring" opens according to the almanac. But according to our feelings the past week, when the thermometers went below zero, it seems quite winterish.

Miss Ida Shattuck, who has been visiting with friends in Everett, is taking a trip south, to St. Augustine, Fla.

Miss Mary Wood passed the week of her school vacation with friends in Boston.

Mrs. Fred Deware, accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Deware, on her visit to the hospital in Nashua on Thursday, found her husband improving from his recent operation for appendicitis.

At the Federation meeting of Tuesday evening, March 6, there was not a good representative gathering from the three churches, and the business planned was not all carried out. The president, Rev. D. R. Child, was unavoidably absent, and the vice president, Rev. W. H. Beers, presided over the meeting. It was voted to hold the next Federation service at the Congregational church the last Sunday in April. It was also voted that the board of churches invite Prof. E. I. Morgan, of Amherst college, to address them on "Community planning."

Forrest Winch has taken the Kemp house at the corner of Main and River streets, and will remove there with his family from their home on Townsend street.

Students of the Fitchburg Normal school, who were to return to their studies on Monday morning after a week's vacation, were prevented by the big storm and returned on Tuesday.

Mrs. Susie W. Dorr is spending her week's vacation with Mrs. Charles Balmforth, and family, in Wollaston.

A small party of the Boy Scouts made up of some of the hardier ones, with their scoutmaster, Mr. Child, took their hike on Tuesday morning as planned, notwithstanding the difficulties presented by the storm of Monday. They proceeded a short distance down River street, and selecting a favorable compass in a wood, started fires and cooked their dinner. The difficulties mentioned probably made the experience more valuable. Three boys passed the tenderfoot test.

The nurse at the Methodist church last Sunday morning was much annoyed by the dust, "by products" rendered by the Messrs. Helen Hartwell and Gertrude Cherry being essentially "by products."

George Thayer, of Nashua, who received the news of the critical illness of his oldest sister in Belmont, N. H., and who had been the last of the week unless his news of her improvement.

Chief Smith was in Pepperell, Wednesday, March 7, attending the case of James H. Conroy, in the terms of his sentence, which specified that he should "keep his residence outside of Pepperell" when his thirty days sentence had expired. He was held in the town jail until his sentence expired, and then he was released.

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The March committee of the Ladies' Aid society are planning to hold a Lenten dinner in the Methodist vestry on Thursday, March 29.

Mrs. Frank Robbins, who has been having an attack of the grippe, was worse on Tuesday, her trouble being pronounced pleurisy, by her physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell returned to Middleboro on Tuesday after spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tucker, where their little daughter Elizabeth is staying.

In a communication received by Mrs. Millicent Richards, from Mrs. Jacobs, the niece of Miss Fannie Shattuck, her report of her condition seems very encouraging. She is still at the Robert Brigham hospital on Parker Hill, Boston, and is now able to sit up about two hours each day. Her general health continues good, and she is hopeful that she will be able to return home when warm weather comes. Her physician encourages her, also, that with a certain course of treatment she may be able to get about on crutches by April first.

Leslie Parker has been at his home in town for the past few days from Dean academy, being on the sick list.

R. H. Lawson cut his hand quite badly on a piece of zinc at the Pepperell card shop last week. Dr. Quia dressed the injury and Mr. Lawson is taking an enforced vacation of a week.

Mrs. J. W. Child, of Hudson, N. H., has been a visitor in town recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford, Cottage street.

We note that Dartmouth college, in which we are interested through our Pepperell boys, who are students there, declared last Friday in a committee was appointed to formulate plans. Governor Keyes has offered the college all possible aid from the state military department.

The blizzard of Monday tied up most of the autos for a few days, but those actually obliged to deliver groceries and milk and general merchandise.

Miss Edna Tarbell has been taking a short vacation this week from her duties at the store of A. A. Tarbell. She went to Brockton, Mass., to visit friends, returning on Thursday.

Miss Della Kemp, from Cambridge, was a week-end guest in town. On her return Tuesday she was accompanied by her sister, Miss Ethel, for a short visit in the city.

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of many handsome gifts of silver and other articles.

Among the teachers who spent their vacations on the coast at the homes of Miss Grace Weston went to Bridgewater; Miss Dora Wilson to Lunenburg, Vt.; Miss Ruth Tucker to Reading, and Miss Dorothy Jeslyn to Worcester.

Mrs. M. E. Swasey, who has been visiting for some time with Mrs. Gilchrist in Winchendon, returned home on last Saturday.

Mrs. T. E. Butler, from Swampscott, was a visitor in town last week Thursday. On her return home, Saturday, Miss Doris Butler accompanied her home to spend her week's school vacation.

Mrs. Copp, who has been quite ill with the grippe and tonsillitis at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Humbert Oulton, is improving.

The Pennekamp-Camp-fire girls are to have a series of social evenings on Wednesday evening of last week they met with their guardian, Mrs. Beers, at the home of Miss Alice Lawson, by invitation. The business part of the evening included plans for the Camp-fire birthday anniversary, which comes on March 17. A fine assortment of home-made candies, with cocoa and wafers, were enjoyed by the guests. These social evenings at the homes of the members of the club are proving very successful. The club meeting of the kind was introduced by Miss Helen Hartwell at her home two weeks preceding this gathering, and was equally enjoyed.

The Paugus Camp-fire girls met with their assistant guardian, Mrs. B. Lewis, at her home on Friday afternoon of last week.

Fred Benner, of Winchendon, visited friends in town over the week-end.

Rev. William H. Beers was called to South Athol on Friday of last week to attend the funeral services of a former parishioner, a lady of eighty-four years.

Benjamin Greenough was in town on Wednesday last week for a short stay at his old home on River street.

The oyster supper served by the men of the First Parish church in Central hall last week Thursday evening was very well attended, although not quite as large a gathering as usual. The supper was prepared and served by the men, the preparation of the pastries beforehand being all that was asked from the ladies. The committee, Frank T. Wright, William N. Forrester, John Frossard, Fred Bennett, Fred White and Arthur P. Wright, were assisted by Addison Woodward, chief in the oyster stew making; by Leon Richardson, who prepared younger coffee, and by several waiters. Everyone expressed themselves pleased with the supper and promptness of waiters. Following the supper, progressive whist, in charge of A. P. Wright and E. J. Darling, was enjoyed by many.

Eleven tables and the winners of the souvenirs were Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge and Mrs. Henry Tarbell, the consolation souvenirs being awarded to Miss Florence Kemp and Addison Woodward.

Paul Russell, sub-master of the high school, passed his week's vacation with friends in Boston.

Communications recently received from Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Damon, who are wintering in Florida, at Daytona and Jacksonville, state that they will be in town on Monday, March 12, in connection with the inauguration festivities. They intend remaining there and in New York until about April 1, when they return to their home in Nashua, N. H.

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James J. Shea, who came here last fall from Groton, and opened a blacksmith shop at the place conducted for one year by the late S. S. Pike, has now purchased the business of P. W. Flynn, near Railroad square. Mr. Shea will commence service at the shop on Monday, March 12.

Master Walter Dadmun of Shirley and sister Helen spent a part of their school vacation last week with their grand-aunt, Mrs. David Weston, Pleasant street.

Mr. Spurgeon Cuthbertson returned Tuesday from Stratford, Conn., where she went with her mother, Mrs. Woodward, on Saturday. Mrs. Woodward will spend some time there with another daughter.

The March committee of the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church served an appetizing supper in the vestry on Wednesday, the menu including beef, leaf, rolls, beans and relishes, jellies and pies with coffee. It was served under the direction of Mrs. Eliza M. Wood, and the patronage it received in the entertainment, given by the young men of Howard Shattuck, Gerald Willett and Fred Nutting, they outdid their former efforts in the minister's line. The supper was a pleasant success. The original part of the program, the jokes, were well thought out and well received by the large number of about thirty, who were present. The speech at the end of the evening was a most interesting one.

Some of the members of Acoma Rock-ledge lodge of the visiting committee of the sick intended to go to Brockton to see the doctor, but on account of the illness of Mrs. Sarah Shattuck, who is ill, Mrs. Julia Lawrence, the nurse, is with her at present. Her son, Charles Shattuck, from Wakefield, visited her last week. Mrs. Shattuck is on High street for years with her husband, the late C. S. W. Shattuck.

The address of Mrs. James J. Storow on Wednesday afternoon drew a large assembly of interested women and girls at the meeting in Central hall, for the purpose of studying the work of the Home Department of the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Storow won her entire audience. Mrs. Storow had the closest attention of the audience for over an hour, speaking on the three topics in which she has had a vital interest. At present, these were the work of the Girls' Scouts, the Home Department of the Y. W. C. A. and Preparedness for women, the three being more or less closely allied. She spoke on each subject by request. Her address on each subject was thoroughly appreciated and for the benefit of those who could not be present will appear in our columns next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dawson of Nashua, N. H., with their little daughter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Linnville Shattuck over the week-end.

On account of the rain storm of Thursday of last week the East Village club postponed their meeting to Wednesday with Mrs. S. M. Nokes. The meeting will be held there on Wednesday afternoon, March 14, or if too stormy on the following day.

The teacher of cooking and sewing in the public schools, Miss B. Nash, will be present at a demonstration of cooking and an exhibition of sewing at the Tarbell street school building Thursday morning, March 22.

Mrs. J. B. Lewis and her niece, Miss Anna Peabody, visited in town of this week in Cambridge and Boston.

An announcement was received by relatives in town of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Kittredge at Cambridge, March 6, Oscar R., Jr.

Mrs. James Storow, who was in town on Wednesday from one o'clock to four, was met and entertained by Mrs. Frank Parker, captain of the Girl Scouts, who is much interested in the work. An adult patrol is being talked of, which may include even quite elderly women.

Several members of Prescott Grange, who were planning to attend the meeting of the Massachusetts Grange at Littleton on Thursday, were detained at home by the rain.

Franklin Attridge spent a part of his school vacation at Nashua this week with his cousins, the Gagnon children.

Miss Barbara Bancroft has been assisting at the Lawrence library a few days this week. Mr. Shattuck was confined to his home on Wednesday by an attack of acute indigestion.

A message was received in town on Sunday, concerning the illness of Mrs. Winslow Parker at the home of her son, Frank Parker, Rosindale. Mrs. Parker has been in bed since she was struck with her brother near Boston since Christmas. She is at present under the care of a physician, who gives her symptoms as a blood pressure rather too high and weak arteries. It is hoped she will be able to get up, she is recovering from this condition.

Miss Lottie Woods and Miss Emma Spaulding are attending the millinery openings in Boston this week. Miss Woods is exhibiting in the milliner's contest and exhibition given by the New England Textile Manufacturers' Association of which she is a member.

Louis Folsom, who has been conducting a retail order business for ladies' and gentlemen's clothing for some time past here in town, moved his stock of goods here on Thursday. He was formerly in business in Nashua, N. H. The goods were placed in A. A. Tarbell's block, just renovated after the fire of a little more than a year ago.

It is rumored that two Chalmers cars have been placed by Head & Emmelle, and that when spring opens will be seen on our streets, driven by Dr. F. R. McGrath and E. J. Darling.

Church Notes.

On Sunday morning Mr. Beers of the Methodist church will preach in exchange with the pastor of the Unitarian church; Mr. Child occupying the Methodist pulpit. At 6.45 the Epworth league will hold a service; the leader, Miss Mary Clark, subject, "The grace of sympathy." At the service at 7.30 the pastor will preach as usual.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held on Tuesday evening, March 13, at the Methodist vestry. The newly-appointed district superintendent, Rev. C. E. Spaulding, will be present and preach at eight o'clock. Several of the townspeople who are his former parishioners in other cities will wish to meet him.

At the Congregational church the pastor will preach at 10.45 and seven o'clock. Sunday school at noon. Junior meeting at 3.30.

The following officers are to serve the Sunday school for 1917: Marshall Meriam, superintendent; Miss Clara M. Shattuck, secretary; Helen Ford, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Pond, treasurer; Mrs. C. Lane, primary dept.; Miss Mary Wood, junior dept.; Mrs. A. A. Pelton, sup. Home department; Mrs. P. J. Hayes, sup. cradle roll; Mrs. M. B. Lewis, sup. sewing; Mrs. Boynton and Marshall Meriam, auditors.

The fifth anniversary of the Camp-fire girls will be observed at the Congregational vestry on Saturday afternoon, March 17, from three to five o'clock. Light refreshments will be served by the other churches in town.

On last Sunday afternoon, at the South street schoolhouse, nearly twenty-five were present to enjoy the services of the Y. W. C. A. of the Groton School. He was assisted by Mr. M. E. Lewis, one of the students, and Rev. B. Lewis made a brief address. Sunday school following the service, well attended. Miss Maynard and Miss Aspinwall.

About Town.

Mrs. J. A. Lawrence, nurse, is in Brookline, N. H., caring for Mrs. Sarah Shattuck, who is very sick with pneumonia, it is thought.

In a fire that destroyed property in the business section of Dawson, Yukon territory, January 22, "has a new color, the color of the Dawson bar and one of the most prominent men in the Yukon Territory, was burned to death in the Yukon hotel, when the thermometer was twenty degrees below zero. Mr. Taber had returned and was out of the burning building by flames and smoke. Taber was a former member of the Yukon legislature and had been selected to serve again this month. Mr. Taber is the husband of the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Lovelock, of Groton View Place. Mrs. Taber was prostrated by the sad intelligence of her husband's death, and is under the care of two doctors and a trained nurse in her apartments at the Hotel Plaza, San Francisco, Cal.

The Women's Veteran Fire association met Tuesday evening, March 6, and voted to hold their annual oyster supper in a few weeks. Date will be given later.

Mrs. S. W. Clapp is the nurse in charge of Mrs. Walter Sherwood and Mrs. B. Lewis. Both are doing well.

Mrs. Fannie Roe is visiting this week in Pepperell and leaves soon for Somerville for a visit with her sister.

Miss Elva Sherwood is assisting in the home of Mrs. Leon Richardson this week.

James Lawrence of Ayer spent the week-end at his home here.

Death.

Mrs. Martha Ann Spaulding, widow of the late Gilman Warner Spaulding, passed away March 3 at her residence.

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