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PEPPERELL

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Phelps, of Goffstown, N. H., are guests of Mrs. D. E. Weston and Mrs. N. M. R. Gutzman. Mr. McKean, of Prescott, Ariz., was a recent visitor at Mrs. Caleb Richardson's.

James W. Wilson, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Wednesday afternoon, May 2, at 10 o'clock, the personal property of Calvin P. Lawrence, deceased, at his late residence in South Pepperell—sale positive.

Public Safety Committee.
The finance committee of the public safety committee met last Saturday afternoon, all members being present. C. B. Taft was elected chairman, H. F. Farrell, sec., the balance of the committee being G. T. Keyes, R. Duware and J. A. Saunders. The duties and actions of this committee were thoroughly discussed and it was decided not to wait until some papers at this time, but to wait until some papers previously written by William A. Gaston, chairman of the state committee on finance of the public safety board, and his reply is as follows: "My suggestion is to wait until some crying need for money exists either among your own people or among the citizens of Massachusetts generally, and then to call upon many of your leading citizens for subscriptions. I should suggest personal solicitations in every case."

Rep. Saunders suggested a wait until the bill now passing through legislature is either passed or revoked. This bill will cover the committee so it shall become legitimized and be a town matter, coming from town appropriation rather than from individual subscribers.

The sub-committee of finance of the state board of public safety have issued bulletins stating that the cost of this project cannot be determined at this time and contributions or subscriptions will be held for legitimate disposal.

The chairman of the finance committee wishes it announced to the other committees elected on the town committee of public safety that if funds are needed to carry on their different kinds of work, he will gladly try and fill all applications.

The finance committee is without doubt the most responsible one in this project and steps cannot be taken too hastily, but it is well to note they have done their duty up to date and are ready to act in this capacity in the future.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Mrs. George F. Keyes has returned from a three-weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Stodder, of Brookings.

Mr. Dean attended the camp fire of the G. A. R. post in Hyde Park on Tuesday evening, where he was one of the speakers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbins attended

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READY-TO-WEAR SECTION

MERRIMACK STREET

the funeral of Mrs. Martha L. Whitcomb a former resident of this town, in Bolton on Wednesday afternoon.

Clarence H. Lingham, of Boston, was in town Patriots' day, making arrangements for carrying on the work at the Shattuck place, which he recently purchased. Mr. Lingham is connected with the firm of Ginn & Co., publishers, and will make this his summer home.

The annual maple syrup supper under the auspices of the men will be held on Friday evening, May 4, at the town hall. A patriotic entertainment with a speaker from out of town has been planned.

Mrs. Frank W. Dodge spent the first part of the week in Townsend with her brother Clarence and family.

Miss Francis Wilson, who teaches in East Boston, spent the week-end with her friend, Mrs. Alvin Richardson.

Dea. and Mrs. M. E. Wood spent Tuesday with Mrs. Lewis W. Richardson, enjoying their first visit in her new home.

Edwin Braman returned to the farm last Saturday. He brought with him a boy to assist him in carrying on the farm. William Braman is going to work for his neighbor, Ralph Whitcomb, this season.

Arthur Houghton, of Worcester, spent several days at Walnut farm last week.

The schools closed on Wednesday until Monday, and the teachers used Friday for a visiting day. Miss Mabel Wetherbee visited in Worcester and Shrewsbury; Mrs. Potter went to Milton, and Miss Mary Cahill to Newton.

Mrs. Hines gave an interesting talk at the church to the children at No. 4 school one day this week.

Death.

Mrs. Louisa Hoar Priest passed away Friday, April 20, after a lingering illness of several months during which she has been most tenderly cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Mabel P. Robbins. Mrs. Priest was born in Boxboro December 8, 1823, the youngest daughter of John and Betsey (Barker) Hoar and married Jerome Priest April 20, 1842. They had three children—Leon, Carrie and Mabel, the latter being the only one still living.

Mrs. Priest has always lived in this town and will be greatly missed. She was a most interesting and entertaining woman to visit, perhaps the last who remembered the earliest years of the town. A singular co-incident is the fact that she died on the seventy-fifth wedding anniversary.

Many friends and relatives gathered to pay their last tribute at the funeral services held at the house on Monday at two p. m., Rev. F. S. Rice officiating. She was borne by loving hands to the cemetery just back of the house and laid to rest among a wealth of flowers which included a plaque of callas, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ray and daughters; sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. George Braman; plaque of ferns and red pinks, C. T. Wetherbee family; potted plants and pinks, Mrs. Pate; roses, Arthur C. Whitney and family; plaque of white callas and snapdragons, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hartwell, Miss Cora Hartwell, Mr. and Mrs. John Flood; sweet peas, Mrs. Edith Turner, pinks, Mrs. Maria Whitecomb; callas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Littlefield; plaque of pinks and ferns, Mrs. Samuel R. Myers; pinks, Miss Eva Stearns.

Mr. and Mrs. Chansey B. Robbins feel deeply grateful to the friends and neighbors who by their kind words and deeds helped them in their recent sorrow and for the many favors extended to them during the long sickness of Mrs. Priest.

New Advertisements.

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The new Lamson & Hubbard Cap are very handsome.

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

Chief Riley has been drilling about thirty young men of the town in military tactics.

Harry O. Bangs, Kenneth Horton and John Peneau, who enlisted in the 6th regiment hospital corps, have been sent to Fort Revere, near Boston.

Winnie Weeks was in town Saturday day. He is now the manager of the Worcester office of the Franklin Motor Car Company.

Mrs. Harry Collyer, Misses Nina Holbrook and Sarah Stevenson and Lester James attended the C. E. convention held in Cambridge on last week Thursday.

Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen, Mrs. George S. Wells, Mrs. Ella F. Lawrence, Mrs. Layonne Edgarton, accompanied by Mrs. L. C. Fairchild, of Ayer, attended the Worcester Pomona Grange meeting held in Harvard on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Fairchild assisted in the entertainment, which was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Beatley, of Boston, were recent guests at the home of Mrs. Kate E. Hazen. Mrs. Beatley is a sister of Mrs. Hazen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seymour, with their two children, spent the first of the week with relatives in Worcester.

At the congregational church, last Sunday morning a special feature of the service was a solo rendered by Miss Christine Longley.

Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy is having a three-months' leave of absence from her duties in the office of the President Suspender Company.

Henry William Sampson and Miss Annie Corrigan were married Monday morning at seven o'clock by Rev. Rosario Richard at Anthony's church. At the close of the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bodah, Lancaster road.

The newlyweds boarded a train late in the afternoon for a brief honeymoon. Upon their return they will reside on South street in the house recently vacated by the Ford family. The bride has been employed as assistant in the home of Edward S. Davis. The groom is employed at the Samson Cordage Works.

J. Edgar Eisner, a former Shirley boy, but now of Littleton, has enlisted in the navy and has been assigned to the Battleship Virginia.

A daughter was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Tremblay.

Charles Newton, of Leominster, has rented the tenement in the residence of George S. Wells. Mr. Newton will assume his new duties of meter inspector on May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore and son, of Boston, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond at the Shirley Inn.

William T. Connors, of Boston, was in town visiting friends on Sunday.

Arthur Desmond, of Boston, spent Sunday with his parents at the Shirley Inn.

Walter Knowles was in Boston on Tuesday and Wednesday, attending the convention of the A. O. U. W. in Ford hall.

Joseph Murphy and Miss Margaret E. Logue will be united in marriage at St. Anthony's church on Monday morning.

Walter A. Cole, employed as carpenter at the Samson Cordage Works, fell from a ladder while at work on Monday and broke a rib.

Miss Hazel Ballou left the latter part of this week for a visit of one week in Washington, and New York city in company with a number of pupils from the Fitchburg high school, of which Miss Ballou is a senior.

Mrs. Margaret Brockelman, Mrs. Ella F. Lawrence and Miss Alice E. Howe attended the meeting of the Alpha Past Grands association held in Clinton on Tuesday.

Miss Gertrude O'Neill, of Ayer, substituted on Monday for Miss Nellie McNiff, teacher of the intermediate grades. Miss McNiff was bridesmaid at the McNiff-Kilday wedding in Ayer on Monday.

Old Shirley chapter held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening in the Congregational vestry. The entertainment consisted of a talk on birds and bird houses, illustrated by many interesting pictures. The talk was given by Miss Rouilland, from the Massachusetts Audubon society. At the business session of the meeting delegates were chosen to attend the state conference to be held in Worcester on May 8. The delegates were the regent, Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen, and Mrs. Hattie W. Evans. The alternates are Mrs. Elmer H. Allen and Mrs. Charles H. Miner. The chapter voted to give two prizes, \$3 and \$2, to the boy or girl who under sixteen years during the coming summer make the best showing in gardening, the dimensions of the gardens to be 15x15 feet.

The public schools of the town closed this week Friday for a vacation of one week, to reopen on Monday, May 7. Pupils attending the Fitchburg high school will enjoy the same vacation.

Miss Florence McNally, of Cambridge, spent a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Harkins.

Mrs. Edward H. Torrey, of Concord, was a guest this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Provost.

William Jubb has returned home from a trip of several months down south.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church will hold a food sale in the church vestry on Wednesday afternoon, May 2, at four o'clock.

Private Herbert Dadmun, son of William Dadmun, of this town, who was kicked by a mule on last week Friday while assisting in loading a number of mules in Fitchburg, sustaining a fractured rib and other minor injuries, has been discharged from the Burbank hospital and is now at the armory with the 6th regiment supply company of which he is a member.

The Special Aid society met for work this week Friday afternoon. These meetings are well attended and much work is being put through.

Mrs. Jennie S. Knowles and Miss Bessie M. Dadmun attended Prosperity Rebekah lodge of Leominster on Tuesday evening and witnessed the initiation degree.

Miss May Stebbins, junior at the Fitchburg high school, has discontinued her studies and is substituting at the telephone exchange.

At the Sunday morning service at the Congregational church the pastor will take for his subject "The true idea of God." Service in the evening at 8.30 with sermon.

"Dad's girl," the pleasing play produced by Mrs. Fairchild recently for the Ayer women's club, is to be presented with the same cast of players for the Special Aid society on Wednesday evening, May 16, at 1. O. F. hall.

Wedding.

Miss Grace Ellen Tewksbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Tewksbury, Center road, and Percy Edward Gale, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gale, of Fitchburg, were united in marriage on Thursday afternoon, April 19, at two o'clock. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride in Shirley by Rev. G. E. Woodman, of West Boylston, who was until recently the pastor of the Congregational church here. The double ring service was used. The affair was decidedly quiet and informal in character, only immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion with potted plants, laurel and wild foliage. A reception followed the tying of the nuptial knot.

The bridal couple left early in the afternoon for a honeymoon of about a week, departing hurriedly in an automobile, and was speeding on their way in the direction of Worcester before those present at the wedding even knew they had left the house.

The wedding attracted considerable local interest as the young couple were especially popular with the townspeople.

Miss Tewksbury has been employed as stenographer for the Shirley Electric Company, and is decidedly accomplished and attractive, and was active in the social and sporting life of the town. A sweet and kindly disposition was one of her valuable assets that has made for her a host of loyal friends.

The bridegroom is employed by the Shirley Electric Company and is recognized as one of the practical young men of the town, ambitious and progressive.

Upon their return the newlyweds will reside at the home of the bride, where they will occupy a flat recently remodeled and equipped with all the comforts of home.

Owing to the war the wedding was simplified in every way possible, even the bride and groom, and the attendant and elaborateness in every form was eliminated. There were many useful and pretty presents.

New Advertisement.

Chester W. Clark

of Wilmington, is a candidate in the fifth congressional district for delegate to the constitutional convention.

As representative in the Massachusetts Legislature in 1911, Mr. Clark served on the committee on the judiciary, and on the special committee which set during the summer of that year and revised and consolidated the Public Statutes.

As senator in 1904, he served as chairman of the committee on constitutional amendments, and as a member of the committee on the judiciary, the committee on street railways, the committee on bills, and the special committee on the relations between employers and employees.

As senator in 1905, he served as chairman of the committee on the judiciary, and as a member of the committee on public lighting, and of the committee on taxation.

As senator in 1906, he served as chairman of the committee on the judiciary, and as chairman of the committee on public lighting, and as a member of the committee on public libraries.

From Mr. Clark's experience in public affairs, and from his character, ability, and standing, we can assure the voters that he is a desirable man to whom to entrust the important functions of the office of delegate to the convention. We believe that he would regard the needs and welfare of all the people, and that his services would be valuable to the commonwealth. We therefore ask your votes for him to be one of the four delegates from the fifth congressional district.

HERBERT C. BARROWS, Wilmington, Chairman Board of Selectmen.

JAMES E. KELLEY, Wilmington, Chairman Democratic Town Committee, Chairman Board of Assessors, and Town Clerk.

ALONZO G. WALSH, Lowell, Former President Board of Trade.

CHARLES S. PROCTOR, Lowell, President N. E. Paper Jobbers' Association.

JOHN N. COLE, Andover, Ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILFORD D. GRAY, Mayor of the City of Woburn, and instructor in the Boston University Law School.

JOHN G. MAGUIRE, Woburn, Associate Justice of the District Court, and former member of the Legislature.

ARTHUR J. COUGHLAN, Maynard, Postmaster and former member of the Legislature.

HARLEY J. DWINELL, Maynard, Vice-President Maynard Trust Co.

EDWIN J. CASTLE, Former Senator.

BENJAMIN DERBY, Concord, Member of Board of Selectmen.

C. HAYDEN WHITNEY, Concord, Former member Board of Selectmen.

HORACE F. TUTTLE, Acton, Town Clerk.

HERBERT E. FLETCHER, Westford, Former member of the Governor's Council.

RUFUS HOWE, Hudson, Former member of the Legislature, and former Chairman Board of Selectmen.

FRANK A. TORREY, Groton, Former member of the Legislature and member of Board of Selectmen.

WALTER PERHAM, Chelmsford, Member of the Legislature.

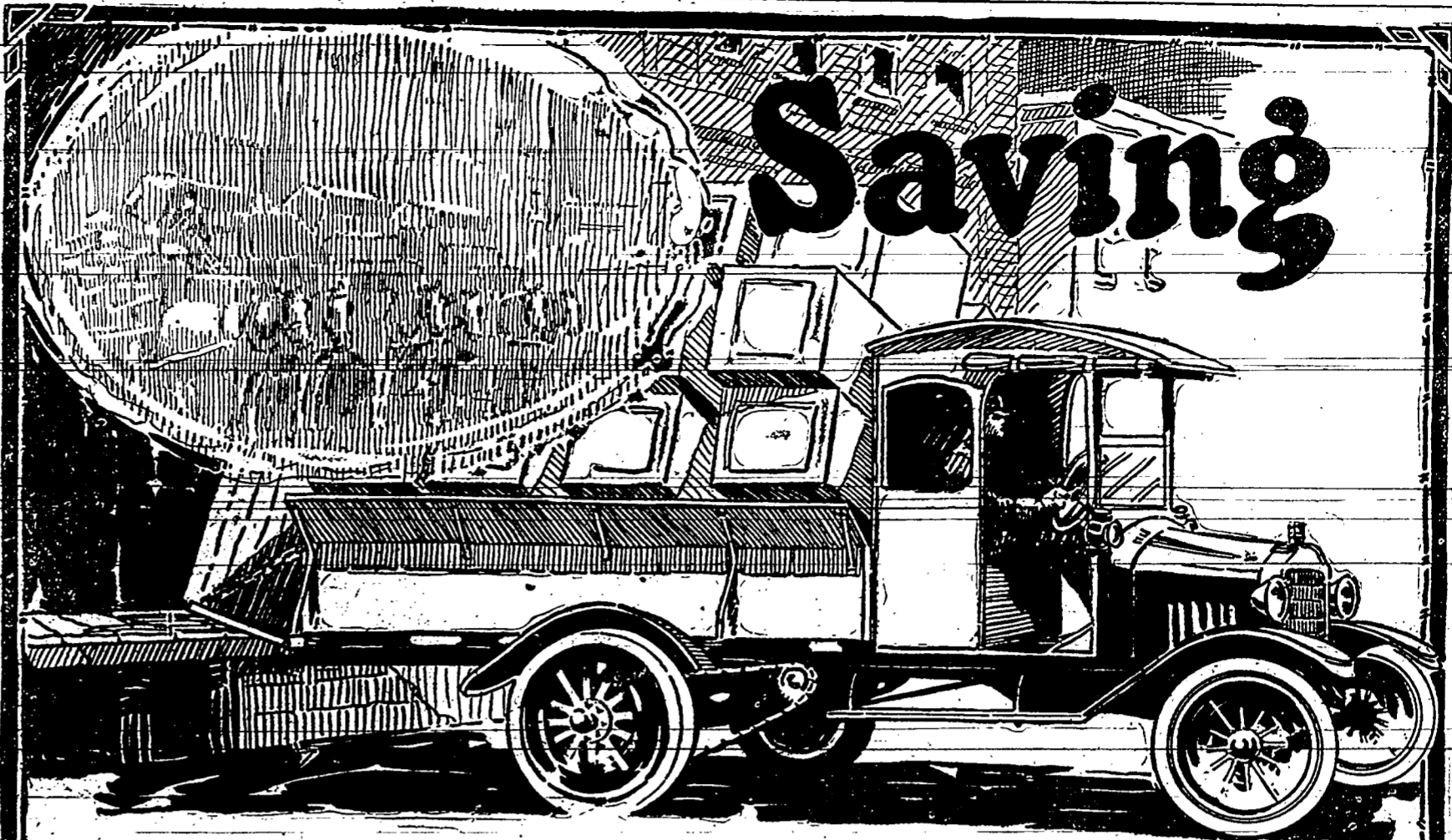
JUSTIN L. MOORE, Chelmsford, Chairman Board of Selectmen.

OLIVER K. PIERCE, Ayer, Former member of the Legislature and former Chairman Board of Selectmen.

WALDO E. CONANT, Littleton, Former member of the Legislature.

EDGAR H. HALL, Acton, Former member of the Legislature.

ALFRED SAOER, 6 Stevens Street, Methuen.



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of maintenance when Smith Form-a-Truck is running is not only far less than for horses, but less than for any other form of hauling or delivery.

A Big Guarantee And you can put Smith Form-a-Truck at work in a few hours. Simply attach it to any Ford, Maxwell, Buick, Chevrolet, Dodge Bros. or Overland power plant. The truck construction is permanent—fully guaranteed—the mechanical equal of the highest priced truck you can buy.

Rear Axle Carries Load You know the service value, the economy standard of the famous power plants with which Smith Form-a-Truck can be used. And the power plant only pulls the load. The Smith Form-a-Truck carries it—90% of the entire load rests on the sturdy Smith Form-a-Truck rear axle.

Be One of 30,000 Don't put up with wasteful expense in your hauling or delivery for another day. Get your order in for Smith Form-a-Truck now. Be one of the 30,000 sure of getting delivery this year. Join the 10,000 present satisfied users.

If you have any doubt, ask for a demonstration. It will be a revelation to you to see the actual money saving Smith Form-a-Truck will make for you.

E. O. PROCTOR CO. AYER, MASS.

Advertisement for Lowe Brothers Hard Drying Floor Paint, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman and text describing the product's benefits.

DAY OLD CHICKS From my Bred-to-lay R. I. Reds and Barred Rocks, \$15 per 100. O. B. OLSEN Townsend Harbor, Mass. Telephone Peppercell 59-12 25ft

FOR SALE—Canopy Top Surrey, Express Wagon, Road Car, Truck Wagon with low wheels, Harness and Horse Goods, Wheelbarrows, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators and Planters—All kinds of Farm Implements. I have 5 Mowers ordered before last advance in price which I will sell while they last at a low figure. Be sure and order your goods early for the freight blockade is growing worse all the time. F. B. FELCH, Carriage, Harness and Implement Dealer, Ayer, Mass. Telephone 46-2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of MARY LILLIAN BROWN late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex deceased, testate and as such she herself that trust by having bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to FRANKLIN FREEMAN, Administrator Leominster, Mass. April 17, 1917

Advertisement for Millinery, R. M. GRAHAM, Nutting Block Ayer, Mass., Quality Tire Repairing, and The Quality Tire Shop, Park Street AYER, MASS.

Advertisement for Horse FOR SALE Harlow & Parsons Tel 130 AYER, MASS. Established 1875

Saturday, April 28, 1917.

Owing to the crowded condition of this week's issue quite a number of articles have been left out and others considerably shortened.

GROTON

Lawrence academy defeated Worcester North high on Wednesday by the score of 9-0.

The interests of the campaign started by the village improvement section of the Woman's club to raise funds sufficient to support a school and district nurse, the town has been organized into districts and to be passed by members of the district that every resident may be reached.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bywater are receiving congratulations on the birth of a nine-pound boy, born at the Groton hospital on April 12.

Roy Johnson, Harmon MacKell and Ralph Lawrence have enlisted in the national guard and went to Boston on Thursday morning to be assigned to a company.

Roy Cunningham has been busy this week moving into the Dr. Priest place on Main street, which has been undergoing repairs.

Charles H. Chapman and family, of Winchester, were in town this week.

Leon Bowers, of Brookline, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bowers, has enlisted as a member of the coast patrol.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Williams spent Sunday with Mr. Williams' aunt, Mrs. Olive Howe, of Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. Charles Barts, of Greenfield, who is sick at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Woods, Ayer, who has a consultation last week with Dr. MacAusland, of Boston, when it was decided to put her in a cast.

Groton School had an easy time with Middlesex here, Wednesday, winning a one-sided contest, 6 to 1, in what should have been a shut-out.

Miss Helen Forbes returns to Fitzwilliam Sunday after a two-weeks' vacation at home. Miss Gertrude Forbes spent April 19 at home, returning to Worcester on Friday.

The Community club met last week Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. William T. Taylor. There was a good attendance and a most enjoyable afternoon spent in a social way, with readings and refreshments.

It is a great afternoon with the neighborhood club, they have extended a cordial invitation to the members of the Community club to meet with them at the home of Mrs. Theophilus Smith, and therefore the next regular meeting will be omitted.

Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Peabody have been receiving congratulations upon the birth to them of a daughter, at their home in Lawrence, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Peabody, who have three children, are the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parkman. The wedding was at Emanuel church late in June. Mr. Peabody is the only son of Rev. and Mrs. Peabody of this town, who have five daughters. This is more than usual a happy event, as it is the first grandchild in both families.

The last meeting of the C. E. society was led by H. K. Richards, who took for his subject, "How to become a Christian." This was a very helpful meeting to all who attended. The fifth chapter of Acts was also studied.

The ball game between Lawrence academy and Fitchburg high was postponed from last Saturday on account of the weather.

Groton Grange held a special meeting last Tuesday evening in the interest of production and conservation of food and wishes to be of assistance to the town in this work.

Clayton McKean and family were in town to attend the funeral of Mr. McKean's father which took place on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barron entertained guests over last week-end. Miss Edith Wright of West Groton and Miss Williams of Framingham Normal school.

Groton A. A. was defeated Thursday afternoon of last week in a slow ball game by Lawrence academy by a score of 5 to 7.

Rev. Edmund Peabody of Groton School has been appointed by Bishop Lawrence a member of a committee of three on the production and conservation of food, to work in conjunction with the state house committee.

The Book and Thimble club held its regular meeting Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ellen A. Barrows. The Danish West Indies was the subject of the afternoon.

Lewis Proctor and H. Grace Landry of Lowell will spend Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. W. P. McKean.

Seven night men came to town Saturday night and took their usual places on the bridges and on the highway starting at half past one on the Saturday night and continuing on the highway until about 4 o'clock on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barrows and his family were in Groton on Saturday morning, on their way to the State fair at Lowell.

The feeling is widespread that the end of this war will be a relief to the people. It is hoped that the war will be a relief to the people.

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There have been 21 working meetings of the sewing school with an average attendance of 53 1/2, the largest number at any one time being 61, and the smaller 30. The children have finished over 100 dresses, beside petticoats which have been handed in for the unfortunate children of Belgium.

The girls in general have shown much interest in the work. The teachers have been most regular and devoted and the committee are very grateful to them for their faithfulness. The souvenirs which are given to all the girls who have attended the school more than six times, came from Waltham and it is hoped that they will always remind them that in this great year of our country's joining the war they have been working for those who have already spent three terrible years of fighting and suffering in the same manner as they are now.

Subject of morning service at the Baptist church "Peace." Sunday school at twelve. Evening prayer service at seven. Subject, "Nathaniel." Religious meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

The first part of the Boy Scout meeting last week Friday evening was devoted to military drill. After the opening exercises there was a review of the history of Groton to 1702; the remainder of the evening was devoted to the reading of the period from 1702 to 1776. The history of Groton is one of the requirements for the merit badge "pathfinding." Robert Jacob and Alderson Bailey, Jr., have completed the work required for the merit badge on birds. Every scout is to have a garden or work on some garden during the coming season and thus assist in producing food for the nation and thus they provide for their own needs they will leave so much in the market for the government.

Waldo Harrington, of Newton Highlands, was in town last week, calling on relatives.

Miss Ogilvie, who is a teacher in Boston, has been enjoying a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Ogilvie, Hollis street.

Charles Shattuck, the noted checker player, attended the meeting of the Wells Memorial Checker club in Boston on Patriots' day, playing A. H. Corbin, winning 1, losing 1, and 2 draw games.

James W. Wilson, auctioneer, will sell on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at two o'clock, a two-story house and barn on Willow Dale street, Groton, belonging to Wheeler W. Ames.

Grange. About sixty were present at the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening. After the regular opening exercises a recess was declared, when Mrs. Wallace Brown, master, introduced the speaker of the evening, W. B. Lincoln, who gave a very interesting talk on the production and conservation of food, telling the Grange members of the work already accomplished, in being of assistance to all those who are in need of land to plant, and the value of fertilizer and the many valuable points in regard to the movement and was glad to receive any advice or suggestions the Grangers might offer him that would be of benefit to the chairman of this department under public safety. A committee of five were appointed to represent the Grange to assist in this work—Elmer Sawyer, William Bixby, Lyman Cook, George Smith and Kennis Fletcher.

The program of the evening consisted of a charade given by the West Groton members, with piano solos, after which boxes of lunch sufficient for two hundred were served by the Lyman Cook, which amounted to \$21.50. After the sale all marched to the music of the orchestra to the banquet hall below, where hot coffee was served and the contents of the boxes enjoyed. A dance in the upper hall concluded a very pleasant evening.

Benefit Sale. A rummage sale for the benefit of the Surgical Dressings for the French Wounded will be held in the town hall on Wednesday, May 2, from 10 o'clock to five o'clock. Articles for sale—clothing of all kinds, boots and shoes, furniture, bric-a-brac, books, pictures, china, glass and toys. Every family is asked to give at least one of the above articles to the sale. The proceeds of the sale will be of a large variety and sold at very reasonable prices. A good opportunity is here given to buy things for your homes, your children and yourselves. There will be tables of ten cents and five cents, fifty cents and one dollar articles as well as some at higher prices. A man with a wagon will call at each house on Monday for the articles and Mrs. Wharton and Mrs. Bailey will be at the lower town hall on Monday and Tuesday from ten to four p. m. to receive any articles people may wish to bring themselves. It is hoped everyone will come as they will be sure to find something they want and to help this splendid work. For further information inquire of Mrs. W. P. Wharton, president of Mrs. J. A. Bailey, Groton 1917.

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Obituaries. Friends in this town were sorry to learn of the death at Waltham on April 10, of Mrs. Annie M. (Mackin) Crowley, aged 66 years, formerly of this town. Mrs. Crowley was the widow of the late Thomas M. Crowley, who lost his life in the Baker Bridge disaster eleven years ago. Her early life was spent on Cape Cod in Sandwich. She was married on September 20, 1873, at Waltham to Thomas M. Crowley. They had three children, two sons and one girl and four boys died in childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowley moved to Groton while the children were small and resided for many years in the Boy's Bakery. After the children grew up, they returned to Waltham. Mrs. Crowley was a devoted wife and mother, a good friend and neighbor, with a cheerful, generous nature and highly respected and loved by all who knew her. She became blind nine years ago and six years ago suffered a shock, which made her an invalid.

Her oldest daughter, Annie (Crowley) Mogan, died in childhood three years ago, leaving her husband, an infant son and two little girls. Her mother never recovered from the shock of her death and failed rapidly since then.

The funeral services were held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Vaneay, 543 Main street, Friday April 12, at 8:30 o'clock. High mass at nine o'clock, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Foley. Interment in St. Christopher Reardon of Dorchester and Frank, George, James, John and Charles Clabby of Waltham.

Mrs. Crowley is survived by one son, Frank M. Crowley, and three daughters, Mrs. Mary Josephine Crowley, Mrs. Mary and Mrs. Harry Phillips and several grandchildren. Among the floral tributes were the following:

Large pillow white carnations, pink roses and callia lilies, inscribed "Mother," from the family; large pink and white carnations, inscribed "Grandma," from the Phillips children; large spray white carnations, inscribed "Grandma," from the Phillips children; large spray white carnations, inscribed "Grandma," from the Phillips children; large spray white carnations, inscribed "Grandma," from the Phillips children.

Mr. Stephen Reardon and family, flat bouquet pink carnations, Miss Alice Bradley; flat bouquet pink and white carnations, Mrs. Charles Gage and Miss Orpha Drew; large casket bouquet carnations, Mrs. and Mrs. James Barron; large spray white carnations, Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph Tierney; large spray pink and white carnations, Mrs. and Mrs. Ella Thompson and Mrs. L. Nichols.

Plants Thirty Acres. Groton School is planning to be of economic service to the nation. Plans already made call for the planting and cultivation of thirty acres of the school grounds with potatoes, corn and beans. The portions of the school grounds to be ploughed include the circle and the new athletic fields. The ploughing has already been begun by hired labor.

The general labor, such as planting, weeding and hoeing is to be done by the voluntary services of the boys of the school. This will be probably to work in squads of twenty each. One such squad will be needed for the last two weeks of this term, two others during July, and probably one more during the early part of September.

Some of the alumni are financing the project.

Blagden Aids Groton Eight. Definite assurance that the eight-gated race will be rowed with Phillips sextet academy, May 26, on the Nashua river, has been received. Excelsior has been sportsmanlike in agreeing to Groton's suggestion to devote only four afternoons a week to practice owing to the military training activities which require the candidates to drill twice a week. It is hoped that the race will be a success and that the school will be a credit to the town.

F. M. Blagden, who was graduated from Groton in 1905, later attending Harvard, has been selected as captain of the varsity crew, recently coached the Groton eight. The launch Katydid has been renovated and equipped with a new engine.

SHIRLEY. Dr. W. E. Bryant has bought the dentist office of Dr. P. F. McIntire at Ashburnham and will practice there part of the time.

The Samson Cordage Works have posted a notice of the factory which informs all the employees of a 10% increase in wages, which makes about 40% increase in the past two years. The company has also promised a bonus which will tend to help quarterly.

The election of delegates to the constitutional convention takes place next Tuesday. Buses closed at seven a. m. and may be closed at two p. m.

Mrs. Myra Edith with daughter Miss Stella Edith, who have been residing in Fitchburg the past winter, return to their home on Chapel street about May 1.

Miss Hazel E. Cummings returned last week from Fitchburg after spending a pleasant vacation with relatives and friends, during which time she attended Paderewski's recital, Boston.

HARVARD. The Red Cross Guild can report an encouraging number of enrollments and generous contributions during the past week. A large supply of out garments from Mrs. K. M. Sears and \$50 from the Ladies' Guild club have been received. Work is still being distributed from the Guild's headquarters, where members of the advisory board are on duty daily from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

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Red Cross Guild team and exchange bids fair to be a most successful enterprise for making it an attractive resort and the plans for May 12 sound especially interesting.

A meeting of the Woman's club will be held at the town hall on Monday, April 30, at 2:30 o'clock. This is an open to all. Dr. Bowers of Clinton will speak on "Tuberculosis." The meeting is to be observed as the club's Red Cross Donation day and Red Cross Guild badges will be on sale. Supplies for the Red Cross Guild team and exchange are solicited. Staple products which may be kept for use during the season, newspapers, which will be sold for the benefit of the Red Cross and cotton rags, which are to be snipped and cotton cushions are among the things which might be contributed.

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Alfred R. Willard arrived home on Tuesday evening from Montreal, Canada, where he has spent the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Harry Wright.

Nashua Camp gave a three-act comedy, "Religious Shows and Outlook" Friday evening at the town hall, followed by a social dance.

We are grieved to report the condition of Mrs. Dill, who has been critically ill, is not as satisfactory as could be hoped for. It is feared her condition may prove serious.

Miss Kelly of Boston was a guest last week with her sister, Mrs. L. W. Hall.

W. Lawrence Parsons reports orders for the filling of several large silos here in town next fall. Looks as though the farmers are waking up to the need of raising their own feed for their dairy herds.

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AYER

News Items

The annual meeting of the Ayer Branch Alliance will be held at the Unitarian vestry on Thursday afternoon, May 3, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. S. M. Baker, Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, Mrs. Joseph Graves, Mrs. Lois E. Torrey and Mrs. E. A. Wyman, hostesses, will entertain.

Rumors are again in circulation that the Boston and Maine R. R. intend moving all the buildings on Merchants row to make room for additional tracks.

Chauncey Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davenport, enlisted in the U. S. navy in Boston last week. He is now in Newport, R. I.

There will be a federation meeting of catholic societies of this district in the town hall on Sunday, April 29, to which all are invited.

As a delegate, he will bring an intelligent interest and knowledge to the discussions which are likely to occur.

Public Safety Meeting. A meeting of the committee on public safety was held in Memorial hall, Tuesday evening, April 24.

Ready to Give Assistance. The committee on food production and conservation is now organized and ready to give definite assistance to any who wish to procure land for planting.

Cash Discount Store Spring Waists. We have a large assortment of New Spring Waists at very reasonable prices. Muslim and Voile Waists \$1.00-\$1.25 Embroidered Voile Waists \$1.98-\$2.98 Wash Silk Waists \$2.25-\$2.98

New Spring Neckwear. Just received a large assortment of New Muslin, Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepe Neckwear. Prices—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

H. H. Proctor AYE, MASS. A CYCLONIC STORM OF MERRIMENT Charlie Chaplin Mabel Normand Marie Dressler In the Screamiest Comedy Picture Ever Produced Tillie's Punctured Romance BET YOUR FRIENDS THAT THEY'LL LAUGH—YOU CAN'T LOSE

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Ayer Ice Co. FRANK S. BURCH, Prop. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. In said county of Middlesex, without giving a surety bond, I, the undersigned, do hereby direct to give public notice, hereby directed to give public notice, hereby directed to give public notice, hereby directed to give public notice.

Notice. Owing to the increased cost of necessities pertaining to our business, I am forced to increase my prices of ice as follows: TO TAKE EFFECT MAY 1, 1917. Drug Stores, Grocery Stores, Fruit Stores, Restaurants, Bakers, etc.

Notice. The Ladies' Benevolent Society held a social on Friday afternoon, April 27, at the school house. The program was patriotic in character with a salute to the flag and patriotic songs.

TRY IT—YOU CAN SOLVE IT



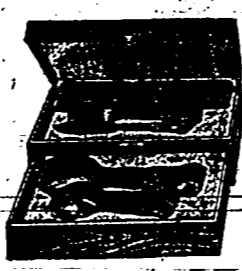
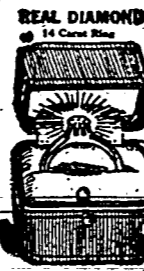
There Are Ten Faces in This Picture Can You Find Seven of Them?

Free Prizes

In order that the readers of this paper will be better acquainted with our firm and the wonderful line of pianos we handle, we will give away ABSOLUTELY FREE to the persons sending in answers to this UNCLE SAM PUZZLE the list of PRIZES below. Read directions below.

- DIAMOND RING, 14k Setting
- LADY'S GOLD WATCH 20 Year Case
- CHEST OF ROGERS' SILVER 32 Pieces
- BICYCLE
- SEWING MACHINE
- BRASS BED
- SILVER TEA SET
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- GENUINE IMPORTED STONE SCARF PIN
- BASEBALL GLOVE
- GIRLS' ROLLER SKATES
- BOYS' ROLLER SKATES

IF YOU CAN SOLVE THIS PUZZLE



To the 15 nearest correct artistic answers will be given absolutely free the 15 prizes in the order named. Remember, that neatness as well as correctness is taken into consideration by the judges in making the awards. Only one answer from a household will be allowed. Limited to those residing in New England. Winners will be notified by mail. All answers must be in our hands not later than May 4th. Mail or bring your answers to our salesroom.

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TOWNSEND

On last week Wednesday afternoon a poverty whist party was held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Wallace. Each guest was assessed a quarter for admission and fined if appearing with any jewelry adornments or fine apparel. The sum of ten dollars was realized in this unique way to be used for Red Cross work. There were eight tables of whist. Mrs. Adelle Gates Page winning the highest score. Mrs. Eva Ely received the consolation prize. The Misses Helen and Caroline Kendall, of South Boston, pleasingly entertained with readings. Miss Helen Kendall giving two readings in Spanish. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The score cards were of brown paper, decorated with red paper cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver and Albert G. Seaver went to Lawrence recently to attend the entertainment given at the Home for Aged People by G. Paul Smith Beare Company. Albert G. Seaver provided the musical part of the program.

Rev. A. L. Struthers, Deacon A. K. Tyler, Miss Lucy Shedd, Miss Kate Spaulding and Mrs. Mary Davis attended the meeting of the Middlesex North Association of Churches held in Westford last week Wednesday.

Fred Bent, of Lynn, has been the guest of John D. Finnegan and C. W. Hildreth.

Harry Spaulding, of Boston, spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Spaulding.

Miss Grace Tarbell of Jamaica Plain spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tarbell.

Friends of James A. Dixon are glad to know of his return to his home after a successful although serious operation at the Memorial hospital in Nashua, N. H.

A large flag pole has been erected on the G. & A. D. Rescued Company's mill. Old Glory was unfurled in the breeze twenty-five feet above the second story.

James Wootley, of East Boston, has been in town this week, opening his summer home on Brookline street preparatory to returning to it in the first of May.

The first week of the evening of the Grand Fair at the Lyceum commenced on Monday night, and will continue to the 10th of May. The fair will have charge of the Lyceum building to the 10th of May.

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On Monday evening Dr. Chilton received telegram from Bishop Hughes notifying him of his appointment to one of the Methodist churches at Haverhill, N. H. He will preach there next Sunday, returning to town for his household goods the first of next week.

Miss Estelle Farrar was tendered a linen shower last week Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cowdy in honor of her approaching marriage to Arthur G. Eastman. Miss Farrar attended what she supposed was a choir rehearsal and upon arriving was completely surprised to be ushered into the parlor where friends and neighbors and members of the C. E. had gathered. In behalf of the company Mrs. Cowdy by an original poem presented Miss Farrar with an imitation made house box filled with fine linen and useful gifts. Miss Farrar responded with words of thanks and appreciation for their kindness in planning this pleasant surprise for her. A social evening was enjoyed by all with music and games and the serving of refreshments by the hostess. The day was also the ninth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cowdy.

Mrs. Herbert Cook and two young sons, Warren and Josiah, who have been spending the winter months with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Seaver, have returned to Oak Bluffs.

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which was very successful; Warren Tucker, of Lowell, spent the day with his daughter, Estelle Tucker; Miss Mabel Thompson spent the day with her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch; Miss Agnes Thompson, of Fitchburg, has also been a recent visitor at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman and Miss Gladys Rawson attended the Y. P. S. C. E. convention in Fitchburg on last week Thursday.

Miss Martha Jones, who spent the winter at Squannacook Inn, has returned to her cottage for the summer.

Mrs. Alden Sherwin entertained her brother from Quincy last Sunday, and she and her little daughter Dorothy accompanied him in his automobile on his return and will spend a few weeks at her parents' home, while her husband, who is in the 6th regiment, Company B, is employed guarding the East Boston docks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Webster, former residents here, visited their relatives on Stevens' hill on Sunday.

Miss Lena M. C. Thompson, who teaches in Norwood, is enjoying a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and son Richard, from Winthrop, are also spending a season with them.

Mrs. Sarah Hodge moved on Monday from the John Campbell house on Elm street, where she has lived many years, into the Wagon cottage on Main street, left vacant by the death of Mrs. Margaret Wilson.

Everett Pierce, of Brookline, and auto party, spent Sunday with Mrs. L. C. House.

Miss Sarah Lucas, teacher of the grammar school, spent the week-end with relatives in Boston, returning on Sunday afternoon.

S. Leroy Shapleigh and little daughter, from Somerville, are spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Foster.

A social meeting of the Ladies' Study club was held at the home of Mrs. J. J. Ross on Monday evening in charge of the program committee, Mrs. Albert H. Wilson, Mrs. Herman L. Stuckney and Mrs. C. J. Ross. A large number of guests as well as members were present and heartily enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Oscar Lovings, the president, presided, and an enjoyable program was given by the different members. The next meeting will be the last on the program and will be a business meeting at the reading-room on Monday evening, May 7, at eight o'clock, and all the members are urged to be present.

Two marriages were solemnized at the Baptist parsonage on Patriots' day. Rev. Joseph McKean performing the ceremony for Raymond Daniel Frye and Lillian Isabelle Floyd, both of the city, early in the evening, and later, Miss Charlotte Belle Hobart of this village was united in marriage to Richard A. Keefe, of Townsend Harbor, the double ring service being used. Miss Hobart is a native of Madison, N. H., but has spent the greater part of her life in this village at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Robbins, and the groom is a well-known resident of the Harbor, and both are very popular young people of the town and have a host of friends who wish them great happiness. They will make their home at the Harbor, where Mr. Keefe is employed.

Miss Maude Hodson, of Melrose, is a guest of Mrs. Charles R. Morgan, and Miss Whitney, who has been spending a few days with Mrs. Morgan, has returned to Boston. Mrs. Fred Howard, of Stoneham, also spent the week-end with her.

Mrs. Collier, of the Center, who was recently afflicted with a paralytic shock and taken to the town farm for care is boarded at the home of Mrs. Mary Tucker, where she is cared for.

Brookline, N. H.

News Items:

We live to help each other, and the good that we can do—Bradford. This is the motto formally adopted by the Potomac Boys' Brigade, an organization of young boys affiliated with

the Congregational-Methodist Sunday school last Sunday at a special meeting. The objects of the brigade are to teach moral discipline, civic pride and good citizenship, loyalty to the country, kindness to dumb animals and birds and courteous manners. The brigade were chosen as follows: Milo Porter, pres.; Lawrence Corey, v. p.; George Standley, sec. and treas.

Mrs. Arthur Goss and daughter Hazel and Mrs. Herbert Corey went to Keene last week Friday to attend the Methodist church conference which was held there, returning on Tuesday.

Joseph Wilson and family, who have been away all winter, have arrived at their home here for the summer season.

Some of the holiday visitors here on April 19 were Clarence Stuckney, of Boston; Franklin Perkins of Worcester; Morton Klein and family, of Fitchburg; and Miss Matilla Betterley, of Worcester.

On last week Friday night, about eleven o'clock, a fire of unknown origin almost completely wiped out the home of Joseph Yarrick on the Holliston road. As Mr. Yarrick has been away all winter and had not yet returned for the summer as is his usual custom, and the house has been unoccupied, the cause of the fire is most mysterious. Most of the furnishings were destroyed and it is not known at this writing what the estimate loss will be.

Death.

After an illness of almost three months Mrs. Ralph Perkins passed away at her home here on the evening of April 21. Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Perkins, as she has always been more familiarly called by her dearest and numberless friends, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman E. Wright, and was born in this town on October 29, 1850. On January 31, 1905, she became the wife of Ralph R. Perkins of Milford. She has for years been a member of Brookline Grange, holding many offices, being tireless in her efforts to aid when her help was needed, and as she was very capable, her opportunities to give were many. She was also for a time a member of the Loyal Workers of the Methodist church. In her home life she was a good daughter, a loyal wife and lovely mother.

Left to mourn her loss are her husband, Ralph Perkins; her seven-year-old daughter Thelma, her father, Freeman Wright, a brother, Richard Wright; several aunts and uncles, cousins and scores of loving friends, who will miss her greatly.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, services being held at the Congregational church. The edifice was filled with relatives, friends and members of the Grange, all joining in paying a last tribute to her memory. Services at the church were conducted by Rev. Charles Dockhill. At the South cemetery, where her body was laid to rest, beside that of her mother, the burial ceremony for the dead was held by Brookline Grange, with Clarence Russell acting as master, and Mrs. Clara Russell as chaplain. There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes mutually testifying to the love and respect in which she was held. The bearers were George Rockwood, Walter Corey, Fred Rockwood and Arthur Brown.

Grange.

There was quite a large gathering of Grangers at the meeting of Hillsboro County Pomona Grange which was held here on last week Wednesday. The meeting was well attended and kept many more from attending. The meeting was called to order shortly after eleven o'clock in the morning by the master, A. W. Putnam, of Lynde-boro. What was left of the forenoon was devoted to business and a reading by Mrs. Minnie Belle Milford. At 12:15 dinner was served in the upper hall.

The afternoon session was open to the public and was much enjoyed, the program being an especially good one and consisted of the following: Song, choir, essay, Mrs. Clara Russell; reading, Edna Hall, vocal solo, Delbert Porter; reading, Mrs. Hattie Pierce; cornet solo, Harlan Whitcomb; reading, Mrs. Lucy Putnam; farce, "The Jockey wheel," Mrs. Clara Russell; song, Mrs. Hattie Pierce and Mrs. Edna Hall; imitation of life and drum corps.

Mrs. Edith Cragin, who also gave a Harmonica solo; vocal solo, Mrs. Lucy Putnam, and a most interesting address on the Boy Scout movement; Rev. Edgar Wolfe, of Milford. The principal speakers on the topic of the day, "Should the Grange take a more active interest in the temperance cause?" were Mrs. Mary Barber, Arthur Goss, Dr. Holcombe, Elmer Parker and Herbert Burns.

On Wednesday evening of last week Brookline Grange held a special meeting, initiating a class of five in the second and third degrees. At the meeting on Wednesday evening of last week the fourth degree was conferred on the district deputy for the spring inspection.

An unexpected pleasure was furnished the Grange on this occasion in the form of a most interesting address by Miss Helen Crogier, of Temple, on the Camp Fire Girls movement, its aims and objects.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Mrs. C. V. Flagg, hostess, will open her home to the United Workers Wednesday afternoon, May 3. Mrs. J. W. Dadds will be the leader and the subject to be presented is "Recent developments in Spanish America."

Mrs. N. H. Hartwell visited in Keen, N. H., last week.

The high school baseball boys came home from Westford on Tuesday jubilant over the victory which they scored, 11 to 8 being their happy refrain.

The sale conducted by the Philathea class last week Friday afternoon netted some over fifty dollars.

Morton E. Patch succeeds Mr. Eisinger at the Hartwell mill, and with his wife and two children recently moved from Henniker, N. H., to the Hartwell tenement house vacated by the Eisner family.

The new flag will be unveiled at the Congregational church on Sunday morning. The choir will render "To the O country," "O native land" and "Angel of peace." Mrs. Flora Kimball's class of boys will unveil the flag and salute. The choir will respond with "The Star Spangled Banner." George A. Cook will give the speech on reading at the home of Hon. A. Kimball will accept in behalf of the church and speak on the appropriateness of a national flag in the church. The pastor will preach on "The symbolism of the flag." There will be singing of patriotic airs.

The young people's meeting at the Baptist church last Sunday evening was large and interesting. After a discussion of the topic, "How lying undermines character," one new member was received and reports from the county C. E. convention held in Cambridge on April 19 were heard. This society was represented by fourteen of its members.

Otis H. Forbush will sell by auction on Saturday morning, April 28, at ten o'clock, 60 shoats, 29 veal calves, 2 horses, 40 cattle and hogs belonging to Dexter L. Sprinney, East Acton.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of PATRICK CROWLEY late of Groton, deceased.

Whereas, certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to the Probate Court, and whereas, FRANK A. TORREY who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of May A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventh day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

WHITE WYANDOT EGGS FOR SETTING—15 for \$1.10 for \$5. Have had my hens tested for white diarrhoea by the Massachusetts Agricultural College, and removed all reactors from my breeding pens. Have cockers from pens of man who took most of the prizes on White Wyandots at Boston Poultry Show this year. ACUSTIN PETERS, Harvard, Mass. 4131.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ELLA H. AMES late of Townsend, deceased.

Whereas, certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to the Probate Court, and whereas, EDWARD F. KIMPA who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of April, 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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is to make sure that our Constitution is remodeled by able, experienced, independent, liberal-minded men who are pledged to no interest except that of the people, and whose endeavor will be to perfect our Constitution by preserving our fundamental rights and the vital institutions of free government.

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| JOHN L. BATES, of Brookline | X |
| WILLIAM H. BROOKS, of Holyoke | X |
| CHARLES F. CHOATE, Jr., of Southborough | X |
| CHARLES W. CLIFFORD, of New Bedford | X |
| LOUIS A. COOLIDGE, of Milton | X |
| JOHN W. CUMMINGS, of Fall River | X |
| EDWIN U. CURTIS, of Boston | X |
| FRANK E. DUNBAR, of Lowell | X |
| SAMUEL J. ELDER, of Winchester | X |
| WILMOT R. EVANS, Jr., of Everett | X |
| ABBOTT LAWRENCE LOWELL, of Cambridge | X |
| NATHAN MATTHEWS, of Boston | X |
| MOORFIELD STOREY, of Boston | X |

Voters in the Fifth Congressional District should also vote for the following Congressional District Delegates

VOTE FOR FOUR OF THESE FIVE

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| CHESTER W. CLARK, of Wilmington | X |
| EDWARD FISHER, of Westford | X |
| HAMLET S. GREENWOOD, of Lowell | X |
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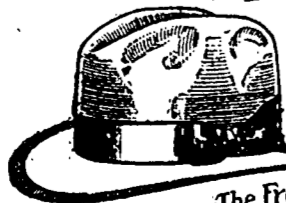
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The surgical dressings committee will meet next week Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Adella M. Parker.

Francis Conant and family were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith at the home of Mrs. Conant.

Mrs. P. M. Harwood is at the Clinton hospital for treatment.

Mr. Hibbs, State Grange deputy was a recent guest of the F. S. and G. H. Kimball families.

Henry Eisner has moved his family to the Harry Barker home at the common and accepted a position in the factory.

The Alliance held a successful sewing club meeting Friday afternoon.

Ralph Conant and family, of Newton, spent the week-end and Sunday with the W. E. Conants.

Mrs. F. H. Hill, who has visited with her sisters in Portland, Me. for several weeks, returned home last Saturday.

Newspapers for the Alliance will be collected the first week in May. Please have them tied in bundles and ready for the collector.

The Alliance will meet in the vestry on Friday afternoon for its May meeting. The literary program will be in charge of Rev. O. J. Fairfield on the topic "Religious news and outlook."

Reports will be given by Mrs. Margaret Brown. This is the annual meeting with reports and election of officers so a full attendance should be present.

Mrs. A. M. Parker, Miss Mary Marshall, Miss F. A. Sanderson and Miss M. H. Kimball attended a session of the senate at the State House Wednesday, and listened with interest to a brief, crisp discussion of the bill to authorize a motor vehicle commissioner, and the consideration of other bills.

Through the courtesy of Senator Kimball the party was presented to president of the senate, Mr. Wells, and other senators, and admitted to different parts of the state house. Miss J. S. Conant, one of the party that motored to Boston, spent the day with her niece.

Mrs. Walter Kimball, Mrs. F. S. Kimball and Mrs. A. W. Knowlton represented the Forget-not circle at the King's Daughters' annual convention in South Medford, Thursday, making the trip in Walter Kimball's car.

Mrs. P. M. Harwood, who was operating on at the Clinton hospital a few days ago, is doing well.

Rev. J. C. Alvord will speak on "Our duty to our flag" at the Sunday evening meeting, instead of using the subject previously announced in the calendar.

The Philathea class held a quilting bee at the vestry on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ford entertaining and presenting the ladies with bouquets of May flowers. One of the quilts for quilts, a beautifully made log cabin variety, was donated by Mrs. Justin Merrill.

"The Peabody pew" will be repeated by request in connection with a supper given under the direction of the Congregationalist of April 12. The same issue contained an article on the special addresses given recently by Dr. X. Smith before the Y. M. C. A. of Springfield.

L. W. C.

Children's day at the Woman's club proved a popular afternoon. The usual number of club members in addition to most of the elementary school children filled the auditorium of the Unitarian vestry and all listened with deepest interest to the program.

The nominating committee reported as follows: Mrs. Margaret Parker, pres. Miss Marion Flagg, v. p. Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor, rec. sec. Mrs. Alice Whitcomb, cor. sec. Mrs. Edith Jacobs, treas.

The president announced that the club would purchase a number of incinerators and have them placed in convenient localities where they are needed, asking everybody to deposit therein the waste papers, boxes and other rubbish that has found its way to the roadside, and encourage others to do the same by setting the town look more tidy. Shepard Brothers offered a proposition by which they agreed to give moving picture shows allowing the club to make the selections from lists approved by censors.

Mrs. Alice F. Haysell, chairman of the children's day committee, gave a brief introduction, read a poem and gave the literary program into the hands of the school teachers. The following entertainment was well given and kindly applauded: Song "Mass Amos" school recitation, "Lazarus and Kings" exercise. West primary recitation, Lawrence DeLancey, West primary pupils, recitations, Josephine Hullbrook, Alice Wood, Clifford Hunt, song, Miss Ames' school, "Boz" dialogue, Miss Boston, school recitation, Margaret Knox, songs with harmonium, Alice and Walter Wood recitation, Jane McGowan singing, Miss Ames' school recitation, Julia Powers, song, Josephine Hullbrook and Alice Wood, song, "The Song of the Lark". The children and their teachers received thanks for the assistance. Ice cream and cake were served to the young guests and the meeting was declared adjourned.

The club treats Mrs. Harry Robinson requests that all bills against the club be in her hands by the first of May. The annual club membership fee is due at the annual meeting of May 14.

SHIRLEY

Center. Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Adams have back from Boston to their home on Center road, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenderson and family of Wareham were guests last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ayers. Mrs. Fenderson was formerly Miss Mabel Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow returned home after a trip of several weeks to Florida.

Edward G. Adams of Roxbury spent last Thursday at the home of his father, Albert Adams.

Miss Margaret Longley of Boston spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Abbie Longley.

Mary Groat is confined to her home with the German measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snow of Brookline spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow.

Mr. Mansfield, the owner of the former Church farm on Parker road, was in town last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clark of Springfield spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, going to Boston on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hatch and family have moved into their new home at the North recently vacated by Mrs. Jennie Hargraves.

The annual parish meeting will be held at the First Parish church on Saturday afternoon, April 28.

Miss Mildred Evans returned this week to her school in Boston after a week's vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ella Evans.

Miss Gray, Read, Miss Ethel M. Hadden, Mrs. C. E. Hadden, Miss Helen Bradford attended the C. E. convention at Fitchburg last Thursday.

Forrest B. Wing returned Sunday to Harvard college after spending a week's vacation with his grandfather, Albert Adams.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman and family, of Brookline, who expected to move last week into their summer home on Center road, have postponed moving for a few days on account of the illness of the children.

Rev. Grover Harrison preached an excellent sermon at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. C. E. Beck of Groton School, sang a solo with organ accompaniment by Mr. Thomas G. Longley. Mr. Harrison will conduct the service on Sunday afternoon at 3.15. An effort is being made to secure a confirmation class, and Mr. Harrison will be glad to hear from anyone who is interested.

The next meeting of the Girl Sewing guild will be held on Saturday afternoon, April 28, with the Misses Longley.

Robert H. J. Holden has returned to his work at Harvard law school after spending this week's vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hattie P. Holden.

The next meeting of the Grange will be educational aid night, and will occur on Friday, May 4, instead of on Tuesday, May 1, and will be open to the public. The lecturer, Thomas H. Evans, and the Organist, Miss Mary Henry E. Groat, Mrs. Jessie Dunn and Mrs. Bessie Buxton, have charge of the program for the evening, which will probably include "The Dutch deaconess" which was given at the last meeting of the Grange by the Woodsville members.

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Attest: I, F. M. G. Sheriff of the County of Middlesex, Massachusetts, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as filed in my office on the 11th day of May, 1917.

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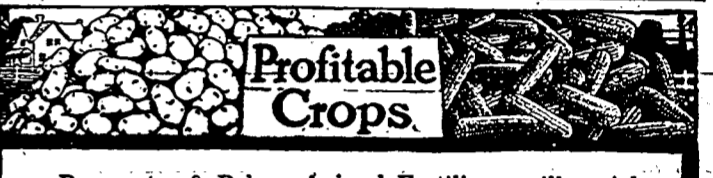
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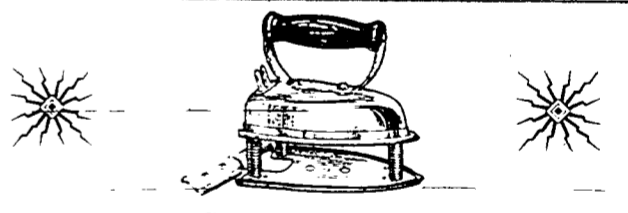
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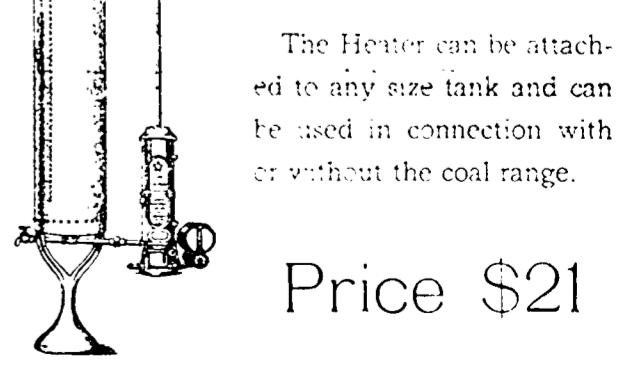
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