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News Items.

At the communion service on Sunday morning the right hand of fellowship was given to six young men who were recently received as members of the Baptist church by baptism.

Miss Katherine Kimball of Simmons 17 is at home for a meeting of the H. S. alumni executive committee.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton is spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Ames of Somerville. Mrs. Ames has been suffering from an attack of grip.

May 16 is the date of the next meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church. Hostess, Mrs. Alice C. Kimball; leader, Mrs. Annie C. Smith. Subject, "Cuba and Porto Rico."

The H. J. Harwood family returned to their home on Harwood avenue on Saturday. Mrs. A. J. Harwood, who is now with Mrs. I. W. Bailey, will join the family soon.

Ernest W. Thayer, a former resident of Littleton, passed away last week in Minnesota. The funeral was held in Melrose and burial in Randolph Friday.

Mrs. Chalker, residing on the James Parker place in Newtown, recently lost some jewelry of the Smyrna mission. The suspicion is that someone of several different hired men employed since the winter season may have appropriated the jewelry.

Miss Olive Greene of the Hartford missionary training school and branch representative of the Smyrna mission, will speak at the seven o'clock meeting in the Congregational church Sunday evening on "Missionary education," especially addressing Sunday school workers.

Jonathan Harwood and Bennett Sanderson leave at this time for the Plattsburg military training camp.

Mrs. Samuel Reed had an ill turn Monday and at time of writing remains unconscious. Her son, George E. Reed, and her daughter, Mrs. Mary R. Boynton visited Mrs. Reed Wednesday.

There will be a whist party Saturday, May 19, in the lower town hall for the benefit of the Catholic mission.

The church friends of Miss Marion Whitcomb gave her a miscellaneous shower at Mrs. J. M. Hartwell's Thursday afternoon when the honored guest was generous, remembered and a jolly social was a pleasant feature of the afternoon.

Benjamin Conant has been admitted to the Harvard unit.

Members of the Special Aid society and high school pupils have made 600 banners to be waved by Boston school children when Marshal Joffre and the other war mission leaders visit Boston today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Houghton and Mrs. Hager attended the final concert of the season given by the Lowell Chord society Tuesday evening. Verdi's opera, "Aida," was presented.

Miss Myrtle Fletcher is at home on

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- Corset Covers—Large variety, trimmed back and front with lace 50c
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- Camisoles—Satin, crepe de chine, organdie and batiste; flesh or white.... \$1.00
- Bloomers—Made of Dove Silk..... \$1.25
- Envelope Chemise—Made of material that will wear; lace or embroidery.... 50c
- Envelope Chemise—Large assortment, trimmed back and front..... 79c
- Envelope Chemise—Fine nainsook or batiste, trimmed front and back \$1.00
- Envelope Chemise—Crepe de chine or batiste; trimmed or plain tailored \$1.98

- Gowns—Good cotton, trimmed with embroidery or lace; some counter soled 50c
- Gowns—Large assortment; trimmed with lace or embroidery; high or low neck 79c
- Gowns—Yoke and sleeves of dainty lace or embroidery; crepe or nainsook \$1.00
- Gowns—Few Vassar samples, slightly soiled; yoke and sleeves of dainty lace and embroidery; flesh or white.... \$1.98
- White Petticoats—Good cotton, mused in handling; lace, embroidered flounce 79c
- White Petticoats—Made with circular flounce of laces or embroidery \$1.00
- White Petticoats—Vassar samples; fine materials; embroidered flounce \$1.50
- White Petticoats—Beautiful white skirts; lace or embroidered flounce.... \$1.98
- Boudoir Caps—Georgette crepe and crepe de chine; all shades 50c

account of an attack of jaundice which has interfered with her school work.

Miss Edith Fletcher of Springfield visited the home people recently.

Whitcomb Wright of Lowell is in town for the summer.

Lieut. George N. Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Barker, and Miss Bernice Arnold, daughter of Com. Solon Arnold, U. S. N., were married at the Barker residence in King street, Sunday afternoon, May 8. Rev. O. J. Fairfield, pastor of the Unitarian church, performing the ceremony in the presence of only a few near relatives. Lieut. Barker is serving on the U. S. S. destroyer Nicholson as executive officer and navigator. His career in the navy has been a subject of deep interest to Littleton friends whose best wishes attend Mr. Barker and his bride in their life voyage.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Smith will occupy one of the Kimball camps while their house is in process of building.

Mrs. Caroline A. Hosmer's eighty-second birthday received pleasant recognition on Thursday. On the same day Mrs. Wilbur Bruce of Townsend gave her father, S. F. Pinkry, a happy surprise by coming home and helping celebrate his seventy-fourth birthday.

Mrs. A. T. Kimball and Mrs. A. W. Knowlton were birthday guests of Mrs. Lucy A. Pickard at her home in Ayer Thursday. Other Littleton friends called and extended congratulations.

Rev. William Channing Brown is away from home on a two weeks' trip, visiting churches and a general overhauling of his farmhouse in preparation for his occupancy.

The surgical dressings committee will meet next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Channing Brown.

Tickets for "The House of Rimmon" are now on sale at Conant's and J. P. Thacher's stores.

Rehearsals for the Woman's club play are progressing very satisfactorily and the entertainment promises to be of merit equal to that of other performances given by the same organization. There is much enthusiasm among club members.

Miss Emily Robinson, teacher, spent last week with her home people and was accompanied by Miss Helen Benson of Falmouth, a fellow teacher, who was a guest of the family several days.

Miss Elsie Whitney is recovering from German measles.

Walter Gleason has moved into his house at the Center.

The Carey family of Harwood avenue contemplate moving to Waverley when they find a house to their liking.

Mrs. P. M. Harwood is reported comfortable at the depot hospital.

Mrs. S. E. Hubbard is convalescing at the depot hospital.

Hugh Mitchell of Bowdoin is expected to leave in a month for France where he will serve in the ambulance corps.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Thomas Downs, West Green, Mass., took place at the depot hospital.

New Advertisements.
LOST—On the 11th of May at the station between Lowell and Boston a pocketbook containing sum of money and railway tickets. Finder will please deliver to the station or to THOMAS DOWNS, West Green, Mass., brakeman on the Green Mountain line.

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TOWNSEND

Center. The May meeting of the Birthday club was held last week Thursday in the Congregational church meeting. There were fifty-four in attendance. Including members and guests. At the business meeting it was decided to join with the ladies who are doing housework those who wish however to continue the Birthday relief work. During the literary program piano solos were rendered by A. G. Seaver and vocal solos by Miss Louise Whitcomb. A farce was also enjoyed entitled "The Women's Vote". The characters were well impersonated by Mrs. Fannie Meade, Mrs. Agnes Woods, Mrs. Lilla Seaver, Miss Charlotte Struthers and Miss Alice Seaver. A social hour followed with the serving of refreshments by the hostesses Mrs. Meade, Mrs. Lilla Seaver, Miss Seaver and Mrs. Angie Estes.

playing with the band at the operatic concert this summer as she did during the last season. After the concert dancing and other pleasing features were also enjoyed. In the ring pitching contest for ladies the prize, thermos bottle, given by Mrs. R. G. Fessenden, was won by Miss Olive Clark; for men, thermos bottle, given by Mrs. C. Fessenden, was won by Charles Frye. A broom with the handle wound with ribbon, given by Fred J. Piper, was awarded George V. Powell for guessing the nearest to the weight of the ribbon; Roswell Lancy, box of soap, given by W. Hildreth, for guessing weight of a lead ball. The candy table in charge of Mrs. F. D. Bliss and the ice cream given by the Grange society, the floral arrangement as did also the flower table, cards and roses that were generously donated by Mrs. A. L. Fessenden. The hall was appropriately and attractively decorated with the national flag, the large flags hung from the ceiling, loaned by the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge, was the flag recently presented to them by Mrs. W. D. Osgood. The band paid all expenses incident to the concert by Robert C. Fessenden, excepting the printing, which was paid by C. H. Altmeppen. Over \$156. the gross proceeds of this benefit concert, was turned over to the committee on public safety.

After giving their services free for the patriotic meeting, April 19, and the concert Tuesday evening and the Red Cross entertainment last week Friday evening the band will have contributed thirty dollars to the treasury. All honor and praise is given the band for their willingness and loyalty in the cause. Benefit Entertainment. The Grange audience was present last week Friday evening at the benefit entertainment given in Memorial hall under the auspices and efficient management of the ladies who are working for the Red Cross, with Mrs. R. G. Fessenden, general manager. The Townsend center was present, royally giving services and rendering a concert program, the telephone solo, "Somewhere a voice is calling" and "The Grange," by John J. Piper, receiving a preciative applause. Miss Stella Farrar, a favorite soprano soloist, sang "The Star Spangled Banner," accompanied by the band, the audience joining in the chorus. After the program Miss Farrar's singing of the war song, "Keep the home fires burning until the boys come home," met with hearty response from the audience. Miss Annie Griggs accompanied her on the piano. Marguerite B. Sherlock, an accomplished pianist, was in charge of the entertainment with miscellaneous readings and war sketches. The entertainment closed with the singing of "America" by the audience accompanied by the band. The hall was prettily decorated with flags, red, white and blue, and bunting. The bunting used was kindly loaned by Daniel Harley, Fitchburg. The hall decorations were in charge of Mrs. Fessenden and Olive Clark. The war posters from France displayed on the walls were kindly loaned for the occasion by Mrs. J. R. Smith, of Greenville. Finished garments and knitted articles made by the Townsend women for the Red Cross were exhibited on a table in front of the stage which was in charge of Mrs. R. G. Fessenden and Miss Bessie Stewart. The display consisted of 24 convalescent gowns, 16 surgical shirts, 13 pajamas, 2 nurses' mits, 2 sleeveless sweaters, 2 scarves, a helmet, 2 stump covers, 3 socks and 4 pairs of wristers. Much credit is given the ladies for the amount accomplished along this line of the Red Cross relief since beginning the work six weeks ago. The following tables received liberal patronage: Cards in charge of Miss Lizzie Whitcomb and Mrs. H. J. Miller, presided over by Misses I. Maude Donnell, Olive Clark and Helen Dolgon, cake, in charge of Mrs. V. Barber, Mrs. R. Lancy and Mrs. F. Ballou, ice cream, in charge of Mrs. O. L. Drake, assisted by Misses Amy Elizabeth and Ann Whitcomb; useful articles, in charge of Mrs. Mary White, assisted by Miss Alice Davis, cake and punch, in charge of a tea wagon in charge of Mrs. Fred Tenney, costumed as a French maid. The punch was given by Mrs. A. D. Fessenden, the 190 daffodils, given by Mrs. J. R. Smith, were sold from a basket by Misses Mildred Ballou and Charlotte Struthers and the oranges, given by W. F. Rockwood, were sold from a basket by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hildreth. A beautiful bouquet of Ophelia roses was given by Mrs. James A. Doane as a prize to the one guessing nearest the length of ribbon in a bottle. Walter Leon and George Slinger tied in the contest and divided the bouquet. A flag pole and holder, given by A. D. Bagley, was given as a prize to the one guessing the number of beans in bottle (beans were also given); R. B. Adams and Leon Watkins tied in the contest. An attractively decorated cake, given by Mrs. A. L. Fessenden, was offered as a prize to the person guessing nearest the correct weight; resulted in Mrs. Miss Evelyn Sanders, C. W. Hildreth, Robert Misner and S. A. Woods; the cake was divided into fourths. A broom, given by Fred J. Piper, was given to Carl F. Mudvett, who guessed 16 feet, inches of twine used in binding the broom. The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. C. J. Ross and Mrs. R. G. Fessenden; the stage and table decorations, Mrs. C. W. Hildreth, Mrs. J. R. Smith, Mrs. Elmer Wallace and Miss Alberta Barber; the ushers, Misses Agnes Farnsworth, Louise Whitcomb, Mildred Ballou, Charlotte Struthers, Gertrude Higgins, Florence Lancy. In charge of Mrs. Fessenden. The net proceeds amounted to \$18.25 and in addition to this a check for \$18.75 was received from a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Smith, who have been in town for the past week, packing their goods left for New Boston, N. H., Monday, their goods going by auto. James King, one of the old residents of the town is seriously ill with pneumonia at the home of his sister, Mrs. William W. Webster, of Josselynville. Mrs. Mae Stanton is boarding a five-month-old infant at her home in Josselynville. Wilbur Z. Sherwin and Herbert Wise are among the victims of the prevailing severe cold this week. The three teachers who have been boarding at the Soldiers' home during the winter, have gone to housekeeping in the south tennement of the Deacon Wood house on Main street. Mrs. Alexander Reed and her little grandson, Fred Dwinell, Jr., left on Tuesday morning for the latter's home in North Easton. Adron Winslow, son of Mrs. A. D. Winslow, has taken position in Ayer. Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean and Mrs. McKean's family, who have enjoyed a brief visit to Fitchburg and Mrs. McKean's home in Winchendon the first of the week. Miss Alice Seaver has been confined to her home for the past week with a severe attack of bronchitis. Mr. and Mrs. William W. Webster are adding a new verandah and making a number of interior improvements to their home in Josselynville. The Ladies' Study club held their last meeting of the season at the reading-room on Monday evening with fifteen members present, the president, Mrs. Oscar Lovering, presiding, and the following officers and committees were elected: Mrs. Oscar Lovering, pres.; Mrs. Mable Wilson, v. p.; Mrs. I. P. Sherwin, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Charles Hodgman, Mrs. Joseph McKean and Mrs. Fred A. Fessenden, program committee. At the close of the business refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. Mabel Wilson, Mrs. Harriet Stickney and Mrs. C. J. Ross, the present program committee. The evening was enjoyed by all and the meeting adjourned until next October, at the call of the program committee. Mrs. Charles E. Patch is recovering from a severe cold and Mrs. Alice Stickney and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman are among the many victims of the gripe, which is very prevalent here these cold days. Mrs. George Ball, of Concord, and children, are spending a few days at her home on Main street. Mrs. Ellen Pratt is visiting her son and family in Leominster. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard, of Stoneham, spent the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles R. Morgan. Carl Willard took an auto trip to Dorchester and Belmont last Sunday and on his return was accompanied by his mother, who has been spending the winter in those two towns. Abbott Hodgman has been on the sick list for the past week and his brother, Charles Hodgman, has been assisting him on the milk route. "The true meaning of baptism" will be the subject of the morning sermon at the Baptist church Sunday, and in the evening, appropriate to "mothers' day," the subject will be "What we owe our mothers." Y. P. S. C. E. topic will be "Fellowship with God," and the leader will be Mrs. Fred A. Patch. The Ladies' Mission circle will hold their regular monthly meeting on next Wednesday afternoon, the topic being "The gospel of the afternoon." Warren Tucker, who recently came here from Lowell to join his family, has entered the employ of Damon & Richardson. Mrs. Lillibridge, from the Center, is assisting in the care of James King, who is dangerously ill with pneumonia, and his niece, Mrs. Ernest Kaddy, of Cambridge, arrived Wednesday. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood met with the president, Mrs. Harriet Stickney, Tuesday evening, and besides the regular business plans were discussed for the public meeting to be held some future date with a speaker on "Household economics," after which a social hour was enjoyed. An extra meeting of the Ladies' Whist club was held at the reading-room on Tuesday afternoon which was well attended and much enjoyed, and during the afternoon an ice cream cake was served. A business meeting will be held on next Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson and daughter expect to move the first of June from their tenement over Boutwell's residence on the tenement on lower Main street, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Smith. Wednesday afternoon, about two o'clock, the agent for Fleischman's Yeast Company, from Ayer, was arrested by Constable H. E. Hathaway for intoxication and taken to the center, where he was locked up until Thursday morning, when he was taken to Ayer to appear before the court. He was driving or attempting to drive his auto, endangering not only his own life but the public safety. It has been too intoxicated to crank his car he probably would have gotten away, but he made but little resistance to the officer and finally accompanied him quite peacefully. In court he was fined twenty dollars. GROTON An Appeal to Groton. Through the New England Belgian Relief Commission the citizens of Groton are asked to help save the children of Belgium from starvation. For two years and a half Herbert Hoover and about a dozen other Americans have organized and carried on the work that has kept the Belgian children alive. The German government consented to the credits and the British and French governments have shown their confidence in the work by turning over to the commission \$1,000,000 a month for the purchase of supplies. Out of \$270,000,000 which has been spent, America has given only \$10,000,000, while the British have given the profits of about \$40,000,000 out of their supplies bought here. The Belgians living in England have given from their earnings \$20,000 a month and \$9,000 Belgians have volunteered their services to provide the machinery for actual distribution. Through these means a ration that contains fifty per cent of the normal nourishment per person has been furnished to the Belgian people. This will keep adults alive, but it does not suffice for the children. The near-starvation diet has left the little children prey to tuberculosis, and a wave of diseases has swept over the country. The children must have more if they are to survive. To give this necessary nourishment it is planned to supply a supplementary meal each day in schools and other places of interest, once a day dependent on the commission. The meal consists of a specially prepared biscuit and a cup of soup. It costs about one cent per child, but it means the difference between continued vitality and slow starvation. Though the American members of the commission are no longer in Belgium, Mr. Hoover directs the work, as do the commission's headquarters from its offices in Rotterdam and London. This appeal to us is as follows: New England is asked to assist the children of the region of Louvain for one year. A town or a group of persons is asked to take care of the children of one child for example, \$1200 from an American community at one dollar a month per child, for the 1917 children of Belgium. This is a cause which can but appeal to everyone. It is so planned that one can share, for if one person cannot give the amount necessary to care for one child, several persons may unite and become together a foster parent of one child in Louvain. An opportunity will soon be given every household in Groton to contribute towards this object, and further information on the subject may be obtained from the following members of the committee: Miss Nellie M. Richards, Rev. Dr. Whalen, C. Warren Sturges. DON'T LET YOUR COUGH HANG ON A cough that racks and weakens is dangerous; it undermines your health and may lead to tuberculosis. Buy at once with Dr. King's New Discovery. This soothing balsam remedy heals the throat, loosens the phlegm, and the antiseptic properties kill the germ and the cold is quickly broken up. Children and grown-ups alike find Dr. King's New Discovery softens the throat and as effective. Have a bottle handy in your medicine chest for gripe, croup and all bronchial affections. At drug-gists, 50c. New Advertisements. FOR SALE—A 1917 Cyphers Incubator, 300 egg size, price \$300. Also, a small Henner, price \$50. Also, SHATTUCK, East Pepperell, Mass. 1135. FOR SALE—Beagles—Two trained hunting female dogs and one trained young male dog. Reasonable prices. S. W. SABINE, Farmers' Row, Groton, Mass. 1135.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank at Ayer, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business on May 1, 1917.

Table with 2 columns: Resources and Liabilities. Resources include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, unsecured U.S. bonds deposited, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

Smith Form-a-Truck \$350 F.O.B. Chicago. Illustration of a truck with a driver and a passenger. Text: Let these Men Be Your Judges. More than 10,000 users of Smith Form-a-Truck in over 450 lines of business are setting new economy standards—new records of delivery and hauling service. Let these men point out the way to you.

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GROTON

News Items. Royal R. Heuter starting for the Officers' Training camp at Plattsburg, having received his commission as first lieutenant in the reserve corps a few days ago, was fatally injured Saturday evening when the taxicab in which he was a passenger was struck by an electric car in Auburndale. Lieut. Heuter was removed from the wreck suffering from a fracture of the skull, broken arm and internal injuries and died about an hour later at the Newton hospital without regaining consciousness. He was thirty-two years of age and leaves a wife, who is a sister to Mrs. Frank Palmer of this town.

At the rummage sale for the benefit of the Red Cross, which was held in French wounded, which was held in the town hall on Wednesday, May 2, a sum of \$200 was realized. The residence on Powder House road owned by Michael Sheedy was damaged by fire early Thursday morning. The fire, which started in the cellar, was confined principally to the cell, though the main body of the house was also affected.

West Groton. George Fessenden, who, with his family has occupied the A. P. Blood house during the winter, has removed to Vermont, having purchased a farm in that state. Mr. O'Brien and family have moved from one of the Adams houses on Main street to the house vacated on Monday by Mr. Fessenden.

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GROTON

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Assessors will meet in the Selectmen's Room, Monday and Tuesday evenings, May 14 and 15, from 7:30 o'clock to 10 o'clock to receive returns of property for taxation.

OSMAN NEDHAM, NELSON B. CONANT, EDWARD P. SHEEHAN, Assessors of Littleton.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

Whereas, at a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County, at Cambridge on the first Tuesday of January A.D. 1917.

On the Petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Littleton, in said County, praying that King St. from Littleton Station to Littleton Common be relocated and specifically repaired, it was adjudged that said relocation and specific repairs are of common convenience and necessity.

Said Commissioners therefore give notice that they will meet at the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Littleton on the 20th day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to locate accordingly and direct specific repairs thereon.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk. May 3, 1917.

A true copy. Attest: ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the next of kin and all others interested in the estate of HARRY TILLEY, late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, JOHN L. BOYNTON the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court for allowance the second account of his administration of said estate and application has been made for a distribution of the balance in his hands among the widow and next of kin of said deceased, and he has been cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth day of May A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why said account should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

And the petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same in each week for three successive weeks in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on the day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering or mailing post-paid a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of HARRY TILLEY, late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court for grant of a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to PARRETT J. KEMP of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third 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 on the day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

LITTLETON

News Items

"The house of Rimmon" by the educational committee of the Women's club, will be given in the town hall on Tuesday afternoon, May 15, at two o'clock to the club women and out of town guests. Membership tickets must be shown at door.

A landscape gardener who visited the grounds of St. Anne's church last week, will make plans and offer suggestions for the improvement of the same.

Miss Dorothy Roberts, of Lynn, visited former neighbors at the Common this last week.

A son born to Mr. and Mrs. John Lund, April 29, has received the name of John Lawrence.

Rev. Nehemiah Boynton, of Brookline, N. Y., is chaplain of one of the regiments.

Harold Libby has enlisted as an engineer. Richard Dodge enlisted in the navy this week. Richard Gardner, of Nashua, N. H., has joined the navy.

The Alliance will hold a food sale this week Saturday afternoon in the Unitarian vestry at three o'clock.

At the annual meeting of the A.H.U. a good meeting of the members. Mrs. C. Brown was re-elected president. Mrs. H. P. Proctor, v. p. Mrs. P. L. Brown, treasurer, and Mrs. Ivo Russell, sec., to succeed Mrs. George Howard.

Mrs. George Gardner, of Nashua, N. H., has spent several days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb.

The lectures on gardening given under the direction of the Farm Bureau in the town hall on Monday evening were received with much interest by the audience. A good display of pictures to illustrate what and how to plant and the care of a garden. Both speakers gave many practical hints and even suggestions as to the good markets offering reasonable profits.

The annual meeting of the Woman's club is slated for Monday, May 14.

The Walter Gleasons have moved into their new home, the house formerly owned by Miss H. W. Willis.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items

The South Brookline Social club was entertained on last week Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harry Whitney.

Leonora Bradley, who has been spending the winter in New York, Boston and other places, has returned to her summer residence in South Brookline.

Mrs. Edward E. Parker and her sister, Mrs. Whitmarsh, of Nashua, are at the home of Mrs. Parker here for a short visit.

Ruth Andrews, of Somerville, Mass., spent last week at the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. John Andrews.

The Loyal Workers held a meeting last week Wednesday at the Seaver home. Two new members were added to the roll of membership.

Mrs. Charles Dunbar spent Thursday and Friday of last week visiting at the home of her son in Fitchburg, Mass.

Mrs. Ellen Sweet has returned to her home here for the summer, having spent the last week-end in her parents' home.

Brookline boys expected to go to Pepperell last Saturday to play a game of baseball with a team in that town, but the weather was so unfavorable that the game has been postponed to a later date.

Willis Ball entertained Wesley Messer, of Pepperell, the latter part of last week.

Joseph Wright spent the week-end with his niece, Miss Ella F. Phelps, of Ayer.

Andrew Marshall took a business trip to Boston and Cambridge, Mass., last Saturday.

A new bungalow is being erected in the south part of the town, and it is rumored that the wedding bells will soon be ringing for one of our popular young men.

LUNENBURG

News Items

Mrs. Etta Rockwood entertained her daughter, Mrs. Clara Haseltine, of Townsend, last Sunday. This week she is entertaining her little granddaughter, Alice Haseltine.

William Shattuck was called to Manchester for a few days last week to serve on the petit jury.

Miss Hazel Goss was one of the candidates in a clear recently initiated in the Mayflower Rebekah lodge of Wilton.

Grover Farwell went to Grafton, Vt., last week to settle up the affairs of his late uncle, William Farwell, who resided in that town at one time.

Patrick Galvin and Michael Riordan spent the last week-end visiting friends and relatives in Boston and Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rockwood last week entertained Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of West Acton.

Rev. Charles Dockrell left for his new home in Arlington, Mass., Monday morning. His household goods were taken there by auto truck last week Friday.

Mrs. Silas Wheeler and children spent several days last week in Milford. Mr. Wheeler has been employed there for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown are entertaining Mrs. S. Fuller, of Northridge, Mass.

Miss Juliet Gibson has arrived at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Russell. Mrs. Russell, who has been spending the winter with friends in Townsend, is expected home this week.

The public safety committee called a meeting of the townspeople on the evening of May 1 to discuss ways and means of preparing ourselves to meet all emergencies arising from the war, and planting and aiding in Red Cross work.

Several large land owners have offered the use of some of their land to those who desire to plant, but have no place of their own. The different committees are ready to aid all who desire their services in procuring seed and help in preparing the soil.

LUNENBURG

News Items

The property known as the Eagle House, and other lands the home of Old Billows and family, situated in the center of the town, and facing the upper common, will be public auction on next week Wednesday in order to settle the estate of the late Charles H. Loring.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner who have been occupying the Congregational parsonage for several months vacated it this week for more extended quarters on Pearl Hill.

The well known Messrs. Hines and Thayer, for Mrs. Charles S. Alexander, reached a depth of seventy feet when water appeared in such quantity that it seemed safe to believe it permanent and of sufficient quantity to meet all demands.

The well known home of Frank F. Fitchburg, where the same gentlemen are now engaged in drilling a well.

The first ball game of the season was played at Marshall park last week Wednesday afternoon. Lunenburg high school defeated the high school of Townsend 8 to 5. The next game will be played with Townsend high in Townsend this Saturday.

William Aker, of Springfield, formerly of this town, was an over Sunday guest here, returning to his home on Monday morning.

Much interest is felt in the gardens for the school children and many are entering into the work with enthusiasm. Many of the grown people are also planning for a larger crop

than heretofore, and many plots of land which have usually produced only hay, are being plowed and will be planted as soon as the ground gets warm enough for seed to grow. It is so early that seed would only rot in the ground.

The Ladies' Sewing circle of the Congregational church held its annual meeting on Wednesday of last week and elected the following officers for the year: Mrs. Alice B. Barber, president; Mrs. Marie E. Hadley, v. p.; Mrs. Edwin C. Smith, sec. and treasurer; Mrs. Mary J. Bicklow, auditor; Mrs. George Jewett, chairman work com.; Mrs. Ella Guendrich, custodian silver and dishes; Mrs. Warren Lewis, corresponding com.; Mrs. E. S. Marshall, Mrs. C. E. Brown and Mrs. N. G. Bicklow, visiting com. It was voted to pay twenty-five dollars toward church expenses.

L. W. C.

The meeting of the Woman's club in the town hall of last week Friday afternoon was attended by a large audience of members and other ladies from the town nearly every seat in the hall being taken. The entertainment was a canning demonstration by Mrs. Florence Warner of the Worcester County Farm Bureau, and was very interesting to everyone. Several gentlemen in the audience as well as the ladies availed themselves of the privilege granted for asking questions and took notes as assiduously as any one. An oil stove was used for heating water for the canning. The canned, and pineapple, asparagus and dandelions were put up in full view of the audience, Mrs. Warner standing upon a raised platform and doing the work upon a table in front of her so that everyone in the hall had a fine opportunity for seeing every detail, and asking questions upon any point of interest or expressing doubt if they had any, and Mrs. Warner very kindly answered everything to the credit and satisfaction of all. The question was asked if there was likely to be a shortage of cans this season, and Mrs. Warner promptly replied in a decided negative, saying that the farm bureau had already secured a supply of cans, jars and also tin, and if people could not get them in the stores they could order them from the bureau.

A rising vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Warner for the practical demonstration and the pleasing manner in which it was given.

Farmers' Meeting.

There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of the farmers of Lunenburg in the town hall on Monday evening, for the purpose of discussing and taking action upon some system of co-operation among the farmers of that community. Dr. Austin Peters, the president of the board of directors, and Gustav B. Schultz, the manager of the Ayer Farmers' Co-operative Exchange, were present, both of whom addressed the meeting upon the advantages of co-operation among the farmers and the facilities of the Ayer Exchange for doing business.

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PEPPERELL

News Items. Concerning the accident to the young man from Lawrence academy...

Miss Effie Winslip, accompanied by friend, came from Middleboro to spend the week-end at her home...

Miss Mabel Spooner has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. N. Tower, returning to Annisquam on Wednesday...

Dr. H. H. Cleveland was at his summer place, Hillcrest, over Sunday, motoring from Wellesley...

A very pretty wedding took place at the rectory of the Immaculate Conception church, Wednesday, when Miss Margaret Katherine Malley...

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