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Ayer, Mass., Saturday, May 26, 1917.

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FITCHBURG CO-OPERATIVE BANK

TOWNSEND

Center.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject is "Feeding a hungry world."

Rev. C. H. Hannaford of Lancaster will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 6.15 p. m. There will be a flag raising exercise on the Methodist church grounds with Rev. C. H. Hannaford as speaker. Everybody cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. Arthur Barber of Townsend Hill visited her brother, George Litchfield, at Lunenburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jettis of Worcester visited Mr. and Mrs. Leander C. Jettis the first of the week.

At the meeting of the Red Cross workers held last week Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. G. Fessenden, Mrs. J. J. Ewing of the Fitchburg chapter was present and explained very clearly the necessary requirements for forming an auxiliary. The required number of ladies for forming a Townsend branch enrolled at this meeting. At the meeting held this week Thursday afternoon many more women enrolled and they organized an auxiliary of the Fitchburg chapter with the following officers: Mrs. R. G. Fessenden, chairman; Mrs. Edward F. Bliss, vice chairman; Mrs. C. W. Hildreth, sec.; Mrs. Esther Merrill, treas. The membership fee is one dollar. Men may also become members. About one hundred women in town are engaged in this work and those who do not care to join this auxiliary are cordially invited to attend these meetings, as heretofore, with the assurance that their services will still be much appreciated. The meetings will continue to be held at the home of Mrs. R. G. Fessenden on Thursday afternoons at 2.30 o'clock.

In addition to the previous item given of the entertainment program on Memorial day evening there will be illustrated songs and living pictures posed by the sons and daughters of veterans. Miss Annie Griggs and Miss Stella Sonnenberg will render solos during the evening's program. A. G. Seaver, piano accompanist. The proceeds of the entertainment will be given to the Red Cross society.

Mrs. Sawyer, of Sterling, has been spending a few days this week at the home of her brother, George H. Kendall.

Private Harold Miller, Company L, 5th Massachusetts regiment, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Miller.

The Townsend A. A. will present in Memorial hall this week Saturday evening the following motion pictures: "Photograph No. 26," Burton Holmes, Irish and Scotch; comedy, a counterfeiter's vacation; Heart's Weekly; Rupert Julian in "A right to be happy." The profits of this entertainment will be given to the Red Cross.

Mrs. Lillian Hildreth Reed, of Manchester, N. H. is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hildreth.

Spring Styles Are Now Ready In Clothing

BOTH READY-MADE and MADE-TO-MEASURE

Don't be fooled in this matter of clothes. Pay enough to get quality. You get the best when you buy Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothes. Quality in the fabrics—all wool; quality in the tailoring; quality in the lining and "insides"; quality in the thread—pure silk; quality in the style. Considering what you get, they're the most economical clothes you can buy. We'll show you the Hart, Schaffner & Marx label in them; your guarantee of absolute satisfaction; a small thing to look for, a big thing to find.

Hart, Schaffner & Marx Suits \$20 to \$25

Top Coats \$18, \$20, \$22

Style Craft Suits \$12, \$15, \$16.50, \$18

The New Spring Hats, Caps and Shoes Have Arrived

GUYER HATS—Call and See Them

WALKOVER and CROSSETT SHOES

Fletcher Bros.

Opposite Depot

AYER - MASS.

STORE CLOSED TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS 6.30

Rev. A. L. Struthers spent the mid-week in Nelson, N. H., looking after his garden at their summer home.

Supt. H. C. Knight has received a note of thanks for the \$3.50 which the Townsend school children contributed to the Marshal Joffe fund.

Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stone, Dr. Roak, Miss Harrington, all of Waltham, and Howard Mann of Boston, were over Sunday guests at Nissequasick.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz and little son of Jamaica Plain are guests of Mrs. Parquette on Wallace Hill.

An auto party from Winthrop, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilson, Mrs. Hattie Foley and Jimmy Stokes spent Saturday at the Hagar farm.

On Monday in Hillsboro, N. H., N. G. Proctor attended the funeral of Amos J. Proctor, a relative.

Auto Accident.

Last Sunday afternoon a Red touring car, owned and driven by L. C. Clement, and a high powered Cadillac roadster, owned by John W. Hildreth and driven by Donald Dickinson of Fitchburg, collided in Lunenburg woods about a mile and a half from the Cape on the road leading to Fitchburg. In the touring car beside Mr. Clement were George Wilder and a little girl, of Townsend, and Edward Wilbur of Greenfield. As they were passing over a narrow strip of road leading to a short and rather steep hill in which there is a curve, the roadster was seen rapidly coming down the incline. At the imminent risk of overturning, the Red gave the full road. The roadster struck the right front wheel of the touring car, tore off the tire and rim, then curved to the right and finally making a sharp turn to the left pitched down the embankment and came to a standstill in a nearly perpendicular position. There was rejoicing when it was learned no one was hurt. The cars were taken to Fitchburg. Neither was injured beyond repair. The road state inspector will visit the scene of the accident and render a decision.

The road on which the collision occurred is much used by automobiles and is unquestionably unsafe where the accident occurred. At this same place a few weeks ago a serious accident was barely averted as the turn bars on a tree amply testify. It is hoped that this will be a warning to the town in which the accident occurred to get away at least the crash and place guard rails along the embankment.

Military Camp.

Representatives of the government have been holding interviews with people in this vicinity who own land along the river relative to its use for military purposes. It has been recommended that land a thousand feet or more in width and in length extending along the left bank of the Squannacook from the Harbor bridge to West Graton be leased for a government reservation to be used for high artillery practice. Plans to be placed just south of the town in this village and the reserves to be on the side near the buildings of George Adams North Shirley.

On last Tuesday a meeting was held in Ayer and a young land along the river were reported to be present, but no one was found willing to lease land for the terms proposed—some dollar an acre. The meeting was dismissed without further action.

New Advertisements

BOY WANTED. A boy work well learning a good trade. CHARLES PERRIN, Plumber, West St., Ayer.

FOR SALE. A 1st class Express wagon, 18 inch axle, in first class condition, with new tires. JAMES B. GRIFFIN, East Main St., Ayer.

PORD TOURING CAR FOR SALE. In first-class condition. If you are in the market for a good Ford car don't miss this chance. JAMES GARNETT, Maple St., Ayer.

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BY PARCEL POST

1 lb. High-grade Tea, any flavor
1 lb. Fresh Roasted Coffee
1 lb. Can Purity Baking Powder

ALL FOR \$1.00 BILL

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45 inches wide, in marquisette or voile, embroidered with splendid designs.
regular price \$1.50, only 89c per yard

Swiss Flouncings, 79c. grade, only 59c per yard

East Section

Center Aisle

The Best Shirts of the Day for

\$1.00

OUR ANNUAL MAY SALE OF HIGH GRADE SOFT SHIRTS

Discriminating buyers find in these spring sales an opportunity to provide for their summer needs, and in spite of the higher cost of all materials these shirts show remarkable values. Materials—woven colored madras, mercerized cheviots and fine percales, neat patterns in fast colors and plain whites; cuffs soft or laundered. Choose from an assortment of about 100 dozen. Regular prices \$1.50 and \$2.00. On sale now at \$1.00 each

East Section

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Don't Fail to Visit Our Underprice Basement on Your Shopping Tour

EXCLUSIVE VALUES ARE ALWAYS FOUND IN EVERY SECTION

MEN'S FURNISHINGS SECTION

MEN'S UNION SUITS

At 49c Suit—Men's union suits, jersey, white and ceru, mesh and fine nainsook, full assortment of sizes; 69c. value 49c Suit

At 79c Suit, 2 for \$1.50—Men's union suits, fine jersey, white and ceru. Porosknit and fine white nainsook, regular \$1 value 79c Suit, 2 Suits \$1.50

At 95c Suit—Men's Otis jersey union suits, ceru, short, ankle length, regular \$1.50 garment 95c Suit

Basement

WOMEN'S READY-TO-WEAR SECTION

House Dresses

House Dresses—Ladies' house dresses, American Lady make, large variety of new summer styles, fine percale and gingham \$1.00

House Dresses Ladies' house dresses, made of very fine percale and gingham, all new styles; regular, stout and extra sizes \$1.25

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Geo. F. Brown

RELIABLE CLOTHIER AYER, MASS.

Spring Clothing

FOR MEN AND BOYS



We are offering unusual attractions this Spring for the man who is interested in good clothes. Our constant aim is to give good clothes, and therefore good satisfaction to our customers. We have a large number of satisfied customers and we are after a still larger number. One of the factors in our success is our reliability. It is worth a great deal to any customer to feel that the store you are dealing with is reliable.

You will find here only reliable merchandise made by leading makers of good clothing, including that well-known and reliable Boston house of

A. Shuman & Co.

We warrant our goods just the same as ever. We have been careful in the matter of dyes and have only the old fast-color materials in our stock. You can rely on the wearing quality of the colors you buy here. We have the new things in Style and Fabrics that are sure to interest you.

Come and look over our stock of New Spring Clothing and be convinced of the great values we are offering for the low prices asked.

SUIT PRICES—\$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.00

New Hats for Spring

All the new shapes and new colors in the ever popular Soft Hat are here. For the correct Hat be sure to come here. We carry that reliable make of Hats and Caps

LAMSON & HUBBARD

None Better in the Land

The new Lamson & Hubbard Caps are very handsome.

Men's Soft Hats \$2.00 and \$3.00

Men's Caps 50c, 65c and \$1.00

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Men's Gun Metal and Dark Tan High Cut and Oxfords

Made in the very latest styles in a good variety of toes. You will find here the thoroughly reliable makers of good shoes, such as Douglas, Curtis and Richards & Brennan. Our Shoes are thoroughly reliable and the price not excessive, in spite of market conditions.

Men's High Cut \$3, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$6

Men's Oxfords \$3, \$3.50, \$5, \$6

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You will find here a splendid display of the New Spring Shirts. You will find both the soft and stiff cuff styles in great variety of patterns.

We guarantee the colors in all our Shirts as perfectly fast. We have only the old fast-color materials in our Shirts. Come in and look them over.

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WESTFORD

Center. Samuel H. Balch is the newly-appointed man for carrying the mail between Westford depot and the Center, succeeding Mrs. Frank C. Bannister, who recently resigned after a service of eight years.

The already overtaxed fire-fighters were called to a bad woodland fire on Monday afternoon in the vicinity of Forest road, which burned over considerable territory. The heavy rain later in the week has been very welcome as a preventive of woodland fires.

Mrs. Gertrude C. Skidmore, of Somerville, was in town the first of the week.

The reading circle of the Tadmuck club met last week Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant at Parkville. There was a drama attendance present to read the third in the series of contemporary dramas. The play, "The White and the Lost Angel," by Henry Arthur Jones, was the study of the afternoon.

A group of Westford Grangers were in attendance at Acton Grange Tuesday evening to witness the conferring of the third degree on a class of candidates by the ladies of the staff and the fourth degree by the regular officers, followed by a harvest supper.

Mrs. George H. Holt, of Chelmsford, who was taken ill and seriously threatened with pneumonia while visiting Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher, is improving each day although not able to return to her home.

The newly-purchased Victrola, with some well chosen records, has been installed at the academy and is much appreciated by the pupils.

A delegation representing Westford Cavalry association, in attendance at the funeral of Webster C. Robb at Acton, last Sunday, the deceased being a member of this association and having many friends in this town.

Miss Marjory Seavey returns this week for the summer vacation from her studies at Boston university. Mrs. Moran, who has been acting as a housekeeper at the Seavey household during the winter, returns to her own home.

On Friday evening, June 1, there will be a meeting at the town hall of the Westford Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls of Boston, to which the public is invited by payment of a nominal fee. A good attendance of interested friends is hoped for this demonstration and explanation of the plans and purposes of these two organizations.

Mrs. Louis H. Buckhorn and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth have been in attendance at "anniversary week" meetings in Boston this week, sessions full of interest to all loyal Unitarians.

An up-to-date new switchboard is being installed this week at the central telephone office to supplement the one already in use. At the time this first one was installed it was considered quite adequate for its use at that time and for considerable expansion.

This was when the telephone was installed in a general household and not as a part of the equipment in almost every well established household. The addition of this new switchboard is expected to be a blessing for the maintenance of the excellent standard of good service at this office.

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and came to America when three months old with his parents, Joseph and Hannah Naylor, being one of seven children, of whom four are living. On May 19, 1857, he married Miss Amanda Melvina Deaver. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Parker, of Groton, who will be remembered by the older residents of Groton as well as by your correspondent as a gentleman of exceptional culture and geniality.

For the benefit of the "scared ones" and the "hold-backs" in the spring against early planting of corn, the department of agriculture sends out some advice based on proven facts. Seed corn of strong germination can be planted several weeks earlier than ordinary seed. Ordinary seed will rot where proper seed will not. Valuable planting in connection with seed of strong germination are its ability to stand planting earlier to utilize more fully the growing season to mature earlier and to produce a larger and a better matured crop.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of FRANK H. HILDRETH late of Peppercall in said County, deceased: Whereas, ARTHUR P. WRIGHT administrator of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the order named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution: You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fifth day of June, 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 ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, on the fourth day, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks, in The Peppercall Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on the day of the hearing before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of LUCY A. BROADEN late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate: Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CARRIE L. LYNDIS of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond: You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fifth day of June, 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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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of MARGARET WILSON late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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about town. A few additional and interesting facts in regard to the late Samuel Naylor, which were not available last week, will more fully complete the sketch given last week. He was born in Kendall, England, on February 11, 1815,

PEPPERELL

News Items
Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Perry of Beachmont visited relatives in town over Sunday.
Mrs. Jennie McDonald spent Thursday of last week in Boston, going with Mrs. Fred Banoroff and family by auto.

About Town

The service at the South road schoolhouse will be held as usual on Sunday afternoon, May 28, at three o'clock.
There will be an entertainment at the South road schoolhouse on Thursday evening, May 31, at eight o'clock.
Pepperell Red Cross Branch
A business meeting of the Pepperell Red Cross branch will be held on Monday afternoon, May 28, at three o'clock at the chapter house.

HARVARD

News Items
At the town hall on next Thursday evening a grand musical concert will be given by the Ayer Male Glee club of sixteen voices.
Mrs. White announces the date for her annual children's ball for June 3.
Stedman Stuart, formerly of this town, now of Littleton, was a guest on Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. West.

LITTLETON

News Items
Arthur Wright, of Abington, was in town last Saturday.
Dr. J. N. Murray, F. S. Kimball, G. H. Kimball, Mrs. and Mrs. A. Kimball and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Whitcomb were among the Littleton people who attended the funeral of Webster Robbins in Acton on Sunday afternoon.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

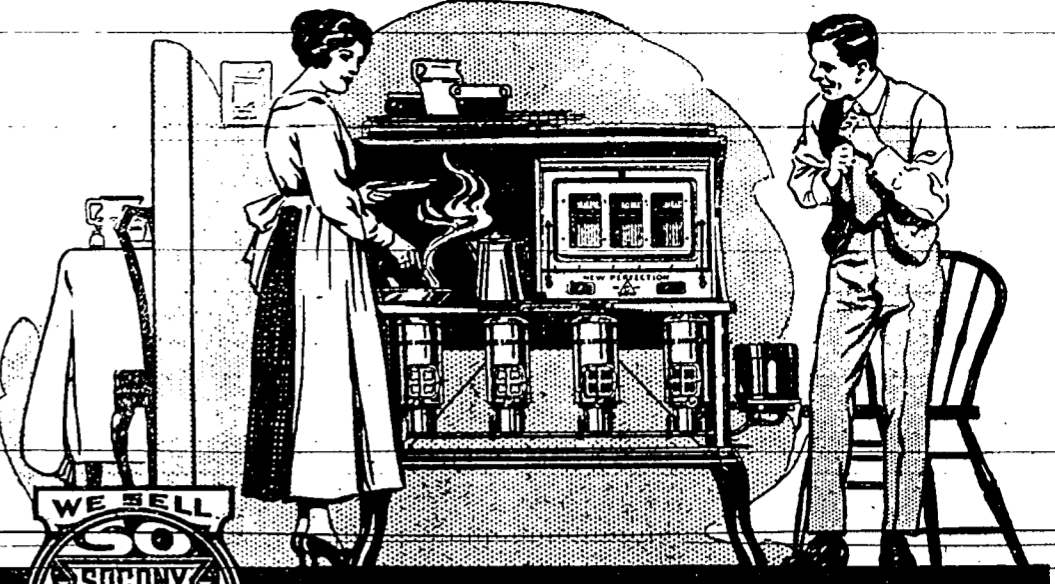
News Items
Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ginkras have received cards announcing the birth of a son, Lawrence, to them on May 11.
A meeting of the Loyal Workers was held at the Seaver homestead on May 16, and the name of Mrs. Ellen Sweet added to the roll of membership.
Joseph Wright had a fall at his home recently, and is suffering from an injured right shoulder.

LUNENBURG

News Items
Wednesday morning, May 24, was a beautiful day, but the early part of the day was very disagreeable.
The first of the summer conference and services will be held in the Methodist church on Sunday, May 27, at ten o'clock.

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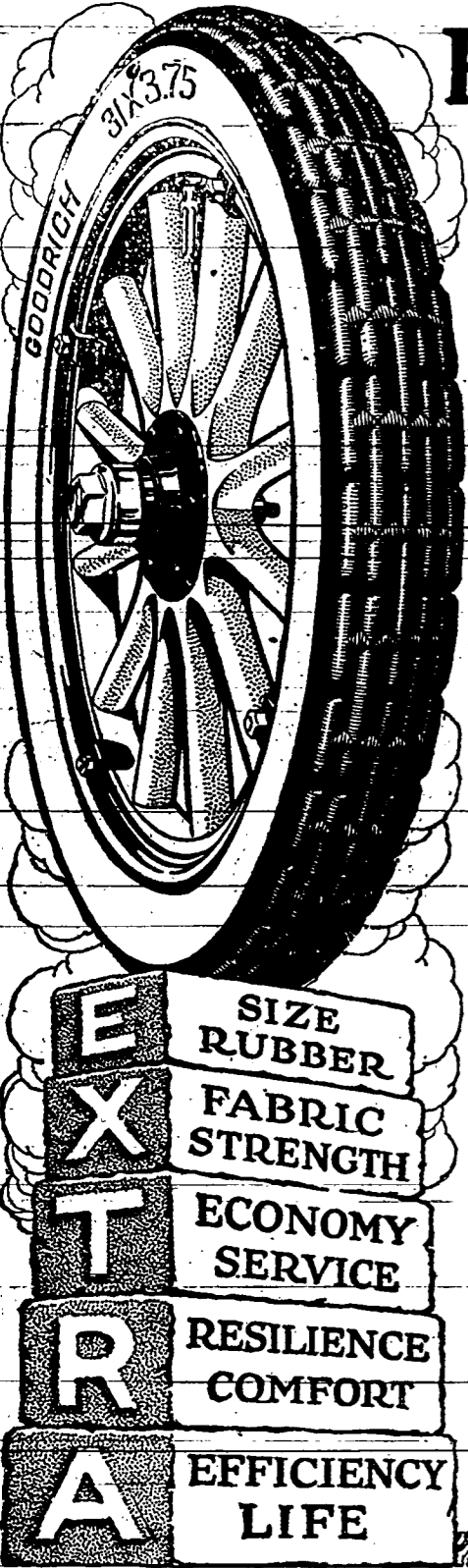


Advertisement for Standard Oil Company of New York, featuring 'New Perfection Oil Cook Stoves and Ovens' and 'An Early Breakfast' slogan.

Advertisement for Vernicol furniture, featuring an illustration of a woman cleaning a chair and the text 'A Touch of Vernicol and Your Furniture Is New Again'.

Advertisement for I. G. Dwinell, featuring 'Mrs. E. F. Chandler Ladies' Hatter' and 'Spring Millinery'.

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TOWNSEND

Center.
There will be a celebration of the independence of the late William H. Pratt, Main street, Townsend, Cent. Mass., May 28, commencing at ten o'clock A. M.

Miss Ann Marshall of Fitchburg is invalid, suffering from rheumatism, the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary H. H. Pratt.

Miss Carrie Walker of Townsend has been spending a few days of the week at East S. H. Pratt's, N. H., while there she attended to a friend.

Miss Kate Spaulding is now in the home of Mrs. S. S. H. Pratt, Ayer, Mass., following from a recent visit to Townsend.

The "Cherry Blossom" program will hold a musical at the home of Mrs. W. H. Pratt, Main street, Townsend, May 28, at 8 o'clock P. M. The purpose of the program is to raise money for the Townsend school.

Miss Jean Spaulding of Townsend is now in the home of Mrs. S. S. H. Pratt, Ayer, Mass., following from a recent visit to Townsend.

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Joshua Gray from Concord has purchased the home of Mrs. A. H. Winslip on Bridge street and has taken possession.

LITTLETON

News Items.
A necessary change in the hour coupled with unfavorable weather conditions prevented the 27th annual demonstration from being as useful as it was intended to be. A number of the older school children, however, with teachers and others interested, gathered in the drizzle on Tuesday afternoon at the garden which had been selected near the Common, and Mr. Upton of the Farm Bureau, very efficiently demonstrated the most approved methods of planting potatoes, beans, corn, beets, lettuce, cucumber, squash and the cultivation required for the various crops. The movement for "doubling the food supply" is also emphasized by a striking new poster in the garden, which states that the planting list supports the fringes.

The annual memorial service of the Oddfellows will be held in the Baptist church, Sunday morning, with special music by the choir and sermon by the pastor, Rev. H. L. Caulkins.

The Franklin class held a supper on Thursday evening at the Baptist vestry, and the members of the class were present.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Corning Edwards of New York city and Littleton announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen—Alfred Gilman, to Bradley Hawkes Patterson of Springfield, Miss. Gilman has been a member of the Metropolitan Opera school of New York. Mr. Patterson, who has recently enlisted in the naval coast guard, is connected with the house of Hayden Stone & Co.

Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, director of the drama, "The House of Rimmon," and chairman of the Special Aid society, reports net receipts for Tuesday evening's entertainment, about forty-two dollars. This has been given to N. B. Conant, chairman of town finance committee, to swell the war relief fund.

At the Unitarian church Sunday morning Rev. O. J. Fairfield will give as his sermon some report of the enthusiastic meetings of anniversary week with their message and call to a more efficient life. At this service, as announced last Sunday, a collection will be taken to further the religious and recreational work carried on in the Y. M. C. A. "huts" in the army camps. This work is of special interest to us at this time in view of the coming to Ayer of the training camps of soldiers.

Among those of Littleton attending the Unitarian meetings at Boston this week were Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Russell, Mrs. G. A. Adams, Mrs. H. H. Ewins, Orlando Bowman, Rev. H. H. Ewins, C. Brown and Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Fairfield.

Mrs. F. S. Kimball and Mrs. G. H. Kimball are spending Saturday with their niece, Miss Helen Mitchell, at Wesley college.

Seventeen members of Littleton Grange went to Acacia Grove in G. A. Barber's auto truck Tuesday evening, and witnessed the exemplification of the third and fourth degrees. They were very hospitably received and entertained.

George Wood, who is now operating a sawmill on the Adams land, has been granted the land at the Common at present owned by the Littleton Associates (formerly called the Conant & Houghton Syndicate) on which he, and the syndicate, will erect an up-to-date garage. The house on the site is on the Adams land, about where the house of the late J. W. Adams was located.

Memorial day will be observed in the usual way on Wednesday, May 30. Littleton veterans will join the E. S. Clark post at Groton in the forenoon, and E. S. Clark post will accompany the G. A. R. men of Littleton in the afternoon. The procession will be formed in front of the town hall at two o'clock, and will be attended by the Shirley Cornet band. Following the decoration of graves the procession will return to the town hall for the G. A. R. exercises, patriotic music and an address. It is expected that Senator James McFramingham, chairman of military affairs, will be the speaker. All citizens and public schools are invited to participate and bring flowers.

James Blake of Pepperell, is staying with his sister, Mrs. Joseph Stineford.

Miss Kathleen Linton, from Cambridge, is keeping house for S. B. Hubbard, Mrs. Hubbard, who is doing well, is expected home today.

Mrs. Grace Lawrence plans to return from Florida at this time and will probably arrive May 26.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton and their children, Miss Lucy Houghton, in their trip to the warm part of the state a few days ago, motored to East Lovell, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winford E. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Whitecomb and Miss Marion Whitecomb attended the wedding of Miss Lucy Houghton, in a church on Highland avenue, Somerville, last Saturday evening, for which a thousand invitations were issued. Rev. Chester A. Diamond performed the ceremony. Mrs. Herbert M. Whitecomb, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor and H. M. Whitecomb, brother.

Walter H. Burgess, of Chicago, a former Littleton boy, has passed his examinations and has been assigned to the officers' reserve corps. He will be sent to Camp Devens, today, if his examinations materialize.

Road Commissioner Yapp is busy engaged with men and horses in repair work on the Littleton roads.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Unitarian church this year.

Mrs. C. J. McEnnis is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis, one of the popular maladies of the season.

Misses Gertrude and Fannie Sanderson were guests of cousins in Dedham during the early days of the week.

Mrs. A. H. McDonald's mother has been visiting her several weeks.

Mrs. E. C. Jones is entertaining her mother for a few weeks.

Leander Fisher has been taking a vacation which he spent with his parents and his sisters at their home in Cambridge, returning after the absence of four weeks. His health is much improved.

Mrs. David Hall has moved into the First house, occupying the tenement recently vacated by E. W. Stone.

There will be a public exhibition of sewing and manual training work in the town hall next Friday afternoon, from two to four o'clock. Everybody who is interested in this work of the school children is cordially invited to be present.

Miss Helen Ames has enlisted in the German (measles) ranks and Miss Lillian Robinson has been pressed into service as her substitute.

The Odd Fellows will hold their annual memorial service at the Baptist church on Sunday morning. Rev. H. L. Caulkins will preach the sermon. Members are requested to meet at the hall at 10:15.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton and Miss Lucy Houghton motored to Barre and Amherst for the week-end and Sunday, visiting relatives in Barre and the Chandler family in Amherst.

A Change of Tune.
After preaching economy and conservation of resources to the working people for these many moons certain Wise Men of the East have suddenly discovered that working people are actually been taking their own advice to an alarming extent and in consequence of this practice of economy business is not as good as it was. Dealers are complaining of loss of trade and consequently loss of profits and manufacturers in certain lines are curtailing production for want of orders, and the dickens is to pay with business generally because we have taken the oft reiterated advice of economic writers too literally.

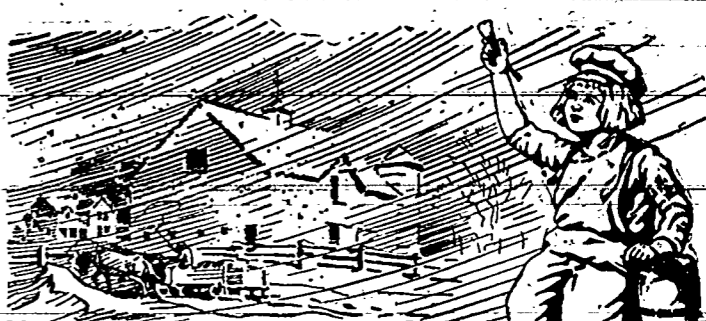
Now goes forth the order from headquarters to the press of the country to plead with the people to loosen up and save the business men from bankruptcy. At least it is so stated when pathetic editorials appear simultaneously in the Boston and New York daily press, pleading with their readers to go spending money to save the situation. Probably the press of all the large cities are singing the same tune. The advice now is slightly mixed. They one and all say conserve food to the last ounce, but spend money freely for other things.

Judging from our own experience the wave of so-called economy that has struck the working people is not the result of newspaper or other advice, but the result of necessity. The man earning small wages with a family to support is not going to conserve strictly to the necessities of life to make ends meet. He has to do without many of the comforts of life, to say nothing of luxuries.

In the best of times when prices are reasonable he can only buy back as much of what he produces as his wages will pay for and in times like these when prices have doubled, and in some cases trebled, while his wages have not increased in anything like the same ratio, he must conserve as much as he can. For this reason these exhortations to loosen up will fall flat in the case of the wage-worker.

The bill introduced in Congress giving the president power to assume control of the food situation and put a stop to speculation in foodstuffs sounds good, but the assurance that goes with it that these things will be done in a way not to disturb business make a long-suffering people look at it with suspicion as a measure to quiet the people while the old-time rascally goes merrily on. Congress "moves in a mysterious way" and wonders to perform, and something may come of the movement, but how the speculation in food stuffs can be ended without very seriously disturbing the business of the food speculators is a problem too deep for us to make us feel right jolly if we could have faith to believe such speculation would be ended and we would not lose any sleep over any disturbance of the business of the food robbers that might occur in consequence.

Outs H. Forbush will sell by public auction, cows, heifers, bull and hogs at the farm of J. A. Murchie, Boxborough, on the topography to Stone. The sale will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 26, at one o'clock. Also, on Monday morning, May 28, at ten o'clock, the personal property belonging to Lemuel Clark, at the farm known as the J. H. Smith farm, Causeway street, Mass., about two miles from Stone Center.



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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 2, 1917.

A true copy. Attest: ALBERT A. FILLBROWN, 3138 Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the next of kin and all others interested in the estate of WALTER E. PIERCE late of Pepperell in said County: 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 on 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. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the 29th 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 once in each week, for three successive weeks in The Pepperell Citizen-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering or mailing 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 HARVEY TILSTON late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, intestate. Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to PARKER E. 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, on the 29th 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to publish this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Pepperell Citizen-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Bridget A. M. Ayers to J. Ward Healey, of Leominster, in the County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated November 19, 1908, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 3466, page 117, and for the breach of the conditions contained in said mortgage deed, and same, will be sold at public auction on the premises, on Saturday, June 16, A. D. 1917, at three o'clock in the afternoon all and singular, the following described real estate, being the same premises described in and conveyed by said mortgage, viz: A certain lot of land situated in the easterly part of Pepperell, Massachusetts, on the westerly side of the River Road, so called, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point at the southeasterly corner of the premises at land now or formerly owned by George A. Mahony; thence running westerly by said Mahony land and land now or formerly of Thomas H. Murry and land of the heirs of Thomas Murry to a stone post at land now or formerly of George B. Haskell; thence northerly by land of said Haskell forty-one (41) feet to land now or formerly of James A. Elliott; thence northeasterly by land of said Elliott sixty-nine (69) rods to a stone bound at said River Road twenty-nine (29) rods to the place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed by Lemuel Parker to Patrick Foley by deed dated April 1, 1864, recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, book 936, page 254.

Said premises will be sold subject to all taxes, assessments, and priorities of whatever name or nature that may exist against said property. Terms of sale, \$100 cash or certified cheque at the time and place of sale, and balance upon delivery of deed within ten days at the office of said J. Ward Healey, 42 Main St., Leominster, Massachusetts. 337

J. WARD HEALEY, Mortgagee.

To the County Commissioners of Middlesex County:

The Nashua River Paper Company, desiring to erect and maintain a dam across the Nashua River in the town of Pepperell in the said County on or near the location of the said dam, and a height 208.56 feet, two hundred and eight and 56/100 feet above base level, whereby a way called Canal Street in the said town between Saunders Corner and the bridge of the Fitchburg Railroad Company will be injured, hereby petitions your honorable board, pursuant to the Revised Laws, chapter 196, section 13, to change the grade of the said way.

NASHUA RIVER PAPER COMPANY. By GEORGE T. KEYES, President.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, to wit, by adjournment at Cambridge on the tenth day of May A.D. 1917. On the foregoing petition, ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Office of the Nashua River Paper Co. at East Pepperell in said County, on Wednesday, the twentieth day of June, next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, by serving the Clerk of the town of Pepperell with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in the Clarion, a newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

WM C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk Copy of petition and order thereon. Attest: WM C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk

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Harding James and family spent Sunday in Wilmington, going to their aunt, Mrs. James' mother, Mrs. Henry Addison returned with them for a visit of two weeks.

Mrs. Carrie Bruce, of Abiston is in town for a brief stay. Mrs. Bruce expects to leave soon for the Highland sanitarium, where she hopes to regain her health.

A number of young people attended Mrs. White's White Day affair in Harvard last Saturday afternoon going in the train to the city. Mrs. White's party was a success in G. M. Ballou's truck.

C. Russell Miner, formerly of this town, but who has resided in Harvard for the past two years, has moved his family to Turner's Falls.

Mrs. John H. Riley, with daughter Rose, returned to the city and the first of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, in Groton.

Mrs. W. H. Miner, of South Weymouth is visiting her mother, Mrs. Charles Dyke, for two weeks.

The selectmen have arranged with the Shirley Cornet band for a series of four outdoor concerts during the coming summer.

The people of Shirley are doing their bit in the line of gardening, several citizens owning large tracts of land offering it to those not having land to plant, the same being accepted and utilized.

Members of the Special Aid society met last week Friday afternoon in the Church street schoolhouse for work on surgical dressings. Mrs. Herbert Parker, of Lancaster, and Miss Clifton, secretary of the Red Cross of Shirley, and other members on Red Cross and special aid work, were present. Mrs. Parker, secretary of the Red Cross of Shirley, announced the sum of fifty dollars received from the Red Cross of Shirley, with the sum of seventy-nine dollars received from the Whit party, brings the total to \$129. This sum, with other donations, will be used to buy material to use in their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French and their two children, Fred and Margie, of Fitchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, parents of Mrs. French.

Twelve members of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge attended the special meeting on Monday evening of the Rebekah lodge in Ayer on Monday evening, the occasion being an official visit by the president of the Rebekah assembly, and other grand lodge officers. The degree was exemplified, after which about seventy-five partook of a fine supper, consisting of salads, baked beans, rolls, pickles, fruit, ice cream and coffee.

Percy Gale has returned to his position as lineaman of the Shirley Electric Company.

Howard M. Fuller, of Groton, has returned from a Providence hospital and is recovering in health.

Miss Madolin Whitney, announces the opening of "The Harvard Tea Shop" May the thirtieth.

Alte Annis has received word of the critical illness of his nephew, Warren Colburn, of Malden. The latter, who is well-known in Shirley, is a young man of about twenty years of age, and one of the volunteers in the army, but was rejected owing to throat trouble, and went under an operation to become acceptable. Following the operation hemorrhages set in and the attending physicians have faint hopes of his recovery.

The executive committee of the Middlesex local C. E. union held a meeting in the Baptist church Monday evening. Representatives were present from out of town and several from Shirley. Refreshments were served and the meeting was profitable and pleasantly spent.

Miss Alice E. Howe attended a meeting of the Alpha Past Noble Grand association of B. B. B. in Pepperell on Tuesday. Miss Howe is secretary of the association.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church in Shirley was held Wednesday afternoon in the church vestry, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Alice L. Wright, president; Mrs. Charles H. Tewksbury, vice president; Mrs. A. Hunter, secretary; George S. Wells, Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, Mrs. John G. Conant, nominating com.; Mrs. S. Louise Butler, auditor; Miss Annie B. Hunter, missionary committee. The board of directors were re-elected with the exception of Mrs. Tewksbury, resigned. Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence was elected to fill the vacancy. There was a large attendance of members and visitors present, including a number of young people. The meeting closed with the singing of hymns and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The fifth and last in a series of five military whist parties was held at the home of Mrs. George S. Wells Wednesday evening. The winners were Mrs. and Mrs. Charles McDevitt, Helen Desmond and Gertrude Bond, each with 74 points.

Details have been perfected by the town clerk and the board of selectmen for the registering of every man eligible for the selective draft on June 5. It is compulsory for every male resident to register that day who is twenty-one years of age and under thirty-one, thirty-first birthday. There are about 200 such men in the town of Shirley.

A number of notable speakers will be summoned to the district court in Ayer on Saturday morning of this week and charged with violation of the law as a result of the work of chief Justice Leland in Ayer.

George H. Farmer and Walter Knowles, special officers on the street road in North Shirley.

The case of John Langdon, charged with the illegal sale of liquor, was called in the district court in Ayer last Saturday morning and was postponed for two weeks. Walsh & Walsh of Fitchburg, are counsel for Langdon, and John M. Maloney for the town of Shirley.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. Douglas H. Corley will preach upon the subject, "The Power of the Holy Spirit." Prayers will be read by the pastor at 6.30 in the evening in the vestry.

The Betsy Ross patrol of Girl Scouts held their regular meeting Monday evening with their captain, Mrs. Mary E. Lilly. Plans were made to take up knitting.

Harriman Langley and son Wade arrived at their home in Shirley on Tuesday from Washington, D. C.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening with Miss Gertrude Conant. Committees were appointed to arrange flowers and make a wreath for the graves and memorial stone in the Center cemetery, Memorial day. The June

meeting in the form of an outing has been arranged for and notice will be given later when it will be held. Mrs. Conant and family will be held in and around Shirley. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Conant and daughter.

John Clifton Wear, of Watertown, spent the weekend and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wear Sr.

Mrs. David L. LaFollette, chairman of the Special Aid society, will give a demonstration of class packing on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock in the training schoolhouse on Lancaster road. The exercises will be in the afternoon.

Memorial exercises will be held jointly by the grammar and intermediate schools on Tuesday morning, May 29, at ten o'clock in the grammar school-room.

The G. A. R. will arrive at the Center cemetery about 9.30 and will hold a memorial day.

A lively fracas. A most exciting time took place in Shirley and Lunenburg early Tuesday morning, which required the aid of frontier scrap in the far west. In the fracas were two members of the national guard and seven young men from Lunenburg, who are all held under bonds following a fracas which ensued from their alleged attempts to gain admittance to the Levi Sawyer house in the extreme south section of Lunenburg, near Shirley bridge, and the Shirley line. The seven Leominster men threatened the inmates with rifles if not admitted.

After an exciting chase all participants in the affair have been rounded up by the Shirley and Lunenburg police. The seven Leominster men were captured about 2.30 Tuesday morning and taken to Fitchburg by Chief Harrington of Lunenburg. They pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Judge Thomas F. Callagher in the district court on Tuesday morning and were held under \$100 bonds for their appearance on Friday of this week. They were unable to furnish the bonds and were committed to the South Fitchburg house of correction to await trial.

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