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WESTFORD. The schools close this Friday afternoon for the two weeks' vacation and will reopen January 7.

There will be Christmas festivities for the children of both Sunday schools on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hildreth of Munson expect to spend the Christmas vacation with Westford relatives.

The local branch of the Red Cross has held its regular meetings this week Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Cornelia A. Day took place Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock and was well attended by relatives, neighbors and friends.

The monthly entertainment for December at the Congregational church took place Thursday evening of last week.

The canvass for members for the Red Cross is being actively prosecuted.

The annual report of the town clerk was made at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

There was a family gathering for Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wright.

The weekly drill for the home guard took place at the town hall on Tuesday evening.

Illustration of a hand holding a scroll with the text: 'A great nation bound in the fetters of autocratic power and dominated by an ambitious and unscrupulous Emperor who desires the conquest and subjugation of the entire world.'

Advertisement for Thomas Ince's 'Civilization' showing 3 Shows at PAGE'S HALL, Ayer. Includes text: 'With This as Inspiration Thomas Ince Has Produced the Greatest Life Drama That Ever Was Enacted for the Eyes of the Spectator.'

pneumonia. Her illness was of many months duration. Cornelia A. Fletcher was born in Westford on June 8, 1841; and was the oldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sherman D. Fletcher.

The records were kept by individual teachers and not as a school record. By research in college records, the library at Harvard university and the Boston public library, New England genealogical room in addition to circulars sent to students as far as addresses could be carried.

Associate members of the legal advisory board for Division 15 of Massachusetts have been appointed for helping all registrants answer the questionnaire, which has to be made out according to the requirements of the selective draft law.

very different from the simple arrangement of the civil war days. The advisory board for Westford is composed of Charles L. Hildreth, chairman, Charles O. Prescott, William H. Taylor and Edward Hanley.

The children of the Unitarian Sunday school will give the usual Christmas entertainments at the church next Monday afternoon and evening.

This paper last week had a pathetic quotation from a London paper in regard to the height of our boasted civilized christianity in killing deer—all kinds of deer, male, female and nursing infants of all ages; do not scare these animals into the open where if they don't meet instant death they meet broken legs, painful wounds and zero weather starvation—an unjustifiable cruelty, but little removed from the inhumanity that sinks a rebel ship or bombards a hospital.

Many thanks to Hoover. We are to be donated three pounds of sugar per individual per month. This will be an increase of two pounds and fourteen ounces and a half for the last few months.

The first corn, wheat and rye to be ground at the new mill of Charles Wright was from the Old Oaken Bucket farm. Brethren, we have got to go back to old-fashioned grain raising.

At the Old Oaken Bucket farm last Sunday the thermometer registered ten degrees below zero.

Quite recently the Rural New Yorker commented severely on the appointment of E. G. Lewis as food administrator for California by Mr. Hoover.

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Mark W. Jenkins has closed his blacksmith shop at Chamberlain's corner and moved to Lowell for the winter. He is in the employ of the Boston and Maine railroad.

The Bay State Electric railroad has gone into the hands of a receiver. This line extends from Nashua, N. H. to Newbury, N. H., and over 900 miles of track is involved.

To show that the national and state appeal to be patriotic and raise more victuals, and the activities of the Middle West Farm Bureau are urged to more and better planing the following statistics will show that the farmers did some lifting.

In Memoriam. The writer feels that he ought not to refrain from a brief allusion to the death of Mrs. George T. Day, remembering her back in her Westford school days under the instruction of such teachers as Luther E. Sheppard and Governor John D. Long.

Dr. F. R. McGrail. Formerly of Pepperell, with Dr. R. H. Wylie, Dentist. Barry Block, Ayer.

The gatherings of her youthful days and the increments of the passing years of mature life was hers as an individuality to the last as a visibility and hers into the invisible future. To such a life we say no farewells.

Two soldiers from Camp Devens, during the darkness of evening and the gloom of daylight and darkness, ran over the railroad embankment with their automobile at the narrow roadbed on the Lowell road.

The new war thrift stamps have arrived here and the Abbot Worsted Co., with true patriotic principles, has through its agent, E. M. Abbot, set the ball rolling by recently issuing to each of its employees a thrift stamp book.

Attention is called to the large amount of work that is being done by the Red Cross and the great amount that is expected in the future.

The six Carnegie medal scholars at the Lowell high school last June in a class of nearly 300, has taken further honors.

Mr. Joseph Provost was operated upon last Sunday for an abscess in the ear. The operation was performed by Dr. French, of Lowell, assisted by Dr. W. H. Sherman of this village.

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Advertisement for Homer's Gifts for Christmas. Lists items like Gold Beads, Gent's Watches, Solid Gold Brooches, etc. with prices. Includes slogan 'A Small Deposit Secures any Article'.

Advertisement for Ayer Electric Light Co. Promoting electrical gifts for Christmas. Includes slogan 'Give Something Electrical This Christmas'.

Advertisement for John H. Sanderson. Offering jewelry and watchmaking services. Includes slogan 'Don't Fail'.











