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Mrs. C. A. Kimbali was pleasantly entertained at luncheon by Mrs. H. Elmer Kimbali, and with her attended the Worcester Woman's club dramatics on Wednesday.

Guy Green's family are all sick, excepting himself. Wentworth has bronchial pneumonia, from which he is recovering; the little girl has bronchist, and Mrs. Green is suffering from fallen arches. A nurse, Miss Wright, is in attendance.

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bad traveling. Mrs. Hartwell presided over the business. A much appreciated musical program was inpely given by Misses Tenney and Flags, who played as having run way up to the Katherine Kimball, who played violin solos, accompanied by Miss Sanderson. Mrs. W. L. Ripley was introduced by Mrs. Charles Kimball of the legislative committee and responded very happily in a very able address on "Women in industry." She was heard with keenest interest and received a rising vote of thanks at the conclusion of her discourse.

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If you have anything to sell by auction try William F. Fitzgerald, auctioneer, Ayer. Three-years' experience

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The Merry Go Bound club will meet on March 11 with Mrs. Myrtle F. Houghton. A costume party for Friday, March 27, is now being planned.

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#### TOWNSEND

At the Grange on Monday evening a Washington and Lincoln program was presented in charge of Mrs. Mary Spring. Readings on Washington were given by Mrs. Emma Senver and Mrs. Margaret Wilson, and a sketch of Lincoln was given by Mrs. Hattle Misner. A piano solo was finely rendered by Albert G. Seaver and a reading in prose of Washington's life was given

Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject will be "Moral and physical health."

The school board has elected John H. Bachelder, of Concord, N. H., to act as principal of the high school, and he will enter upon his duties Monday. The work of Frank Altman, a student of Maine university, who has been serving as substitute principal since the resignation of C. Ross, has been both excellent and satisfactory, and he has also been greatly respected by his pupils and has gained many friends in town during his teaching period who express sincere wishes for his fu ture success. Mr. Altman returns to

Seldom is a small community called to sustain a greater loss, through death, than came to Townsend when the word was received Thursday even-ing that their fellow townsman and ing that their follow townsman and life long resident. Henry Burton Hildreth, had passed to the higher life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph O. Reed at Manchester, N. H., where he and his wife were spending the winter. Mr. Hildreth had been in failing health since last summer, gradually growing weaker until the end came peacefully.

The body was brought to Townsend

The body was brought to Townsend by auto hearse Sunday afternoon and the funeral services held from his late home at 1.30 o'clock, His pastor, Rev. A. L. Sthruthers, in tharge, Mrs. F. B. Higgins and Miss Hattle Sanders sang, "Lead me gentle savious all the way" and "Jesus as thou wilt." The profusion of flowers from friends and organizations were an expression of the esteem in which he was held by the public. The bearers were two brothers from the church, G. L. Whit-comb and A. S. Howard, two from the Masons, T. E. Flarity and G. A. Wil-der, and two from the Odd Fellows, Gil-bert Estes and W. Swinnington. Interment was in the Hillside cemetery Mr. Hildreth was born in Groton March 26, 1839, and was one of a family of ten children, the son of the late Levi and Adeline (Conant) Hil-dreth of this town. When about tweny years of age he came to Townsend and worked at the cooper's trade with his late brother John. Afterward he clerked for W. P. Taylor at the brick store and also in the Joshua Page After the death of Mr. Page he and his brother Charles joined him in partnership. After a few years Henry Hildreth went into business for himself at the brick store. Later he became postmaster, the office being located in the store and later at the present postoffice building. Mr. Hildreth had been connected with the office of postmaster for thirty years with the exception of the two terms during the Cleveland administration, since 1886, when he worked with the late W. P. Taylor then postmaster. He was first appointed postmaster during the Harrison administration under Post-master General John Wanamaker, was reappointed under McKinley, reappointed twice by Roosevelt and one by Taft.

During his term of service the postal savings bank was introduced and the rural free delivery started. It was said of him at the time of his retire-ment that no office had had more efficient service than that under the administration of Mr. Hildreth and he retired with the appreciation and good-will of every patron of the office, realizing the service he had rendered

The deceased was a director of the The deceased was a director of the Townsend National Bank, trustee of the Savings Bank of Fitchburg, a notary public and for twelve years secretary of St. Paul Masonic lodge at Ayer, charier member of the Townsend Grange, past grand of North Star I. O. O. F. and member of E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge and for forty-eight years a member of the Orthodox Congregational church, in all thodox Congregational church, in all

of which he was actively loyal.

He was a man of much general inormation and had always been greaty interested in the affairs of the town and in all movements tending to proterests, honorably serving the town on the school board and other town com-mittees and was always highly respect ed in social and business cicles for his strict integrity and good judgment.

Mr. Hildreth was twice married. September 5, 1880, he married Miss Mary Hart of this town, who died May 18, 1865. January 22, 1871, he mar-ried Miss Susan Hartwell of Shirley Center, who survives him. He is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ralph O. Reed of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. Frank T. Shirley of Swampscott, and by two sisters, Mrs. James Wool-ey of Fast Boston and Mrs. Albert D Turner of this town, who is spending the winter in Orlando, Flat, and by one brother, Charles W. Hildreth, of this

In the passing of Henry B. Hildreth

father this week. The telegram read as follows: "Deeply regrot informing you, message from abroad states, Private Woods enlisted in the Majour message from abroad states, Private Leland Hartwell Woods, Marine Corps, died February 7 of bronchial pneumonia. No particulars are available, but see general information mailable, but see general information mailed you later. Accept my heartfelt sympathy in your loss of one who readily offered his life in the service

ciates. He was a member of Rev. A. L. Struthers' class in Sunday school and was also a member of the Odd Fellows in Hudson, N. H.

The sincere sympathy of the entire

community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Woods, who although they deeply feel the loss of Leland from the home circle, they give loyal expression of their feelings in the words of-

the poem: The little flag in our house
Will wave and wave and wave
Until our boy comes home again,
Or finds in France his grave.
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Because of War's grim chance,
It still shall wave to say; Thank God
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Saturday, March 1, 1919

#### WESTFORD

#### Center.

The private funeral services of Edward A. Hamilin were held from his late home on Friday morning of last week at 10.30 o'clock. Rev. L. H. Buckshorn was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were Fred Bur beck, Robert Prescott, Oscar R. Spalding and Alec Fisher. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

At the Unitarian church on next Tuesday afternoon, the Tadmuck club will observe their annual children's hostess. An attractive program is be- agent for burial of deceased soldiers ing planned, and each member may bring one child under twelve years of sation agent; Alfred W. Hartford, regage. Two young ladies, seniors at the Lowell Normal school, Miss Helen Thissell and Miss Beryl Fradd, will entertain with a story-telling hour

The holiday was a quiet one in this village, there being no special observa-tion of the day, and affairs going on much as usual. Westford was represented at the sunset party at Littleton

Sunday's snowstorm came as somewhat of a surprise, and for a time threatened to bother the branch line Road Superintendent Donald went over the tracks with the schedule. For winter scenery Sunday morning was beautiful. The storm affected the church services. Both services were mantained at the Congregational church, although with small at-

The faithful workers of the Red Cross branch conclude this meetings week. The last large consignment of relief garments was practically completed at Wednesday's all-day meeting with Mrs. H. V. Hildreth and Mrs. G. W. Goode in charge. Mrs. John Feeny, Sr., was hostess for the noon luncheon.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Greig is seriously sick with oneumonia.

Mrs. Nellie E. Carkin is seriously sick with pneumonia and a trained nurse is in attendance. Her daughter, Mrs. Marie Timberlake, of Providence, R. I., is with her mother, taking care of the household. Warren E. Carkin has also been housed two weeks with sickness, but is on the gain.

Miss Florence Barnard, of Brookline, came up for over the holiday to see her mother, Mrs. Annie Barnard, spending the winter with Mrs. Willis

The little son of Mrs. Gretchen Kebler Sargent, who was so seriously injured in a coasting accident, is much improved and has been able to leave the hospital in Boston, where he has been since his accident.

At its last meeting the board of se lectmen appointed Miss Agnes Weir, of Cohasset, public health nurse for the town. Miss Weir has been public as Kelley, with everyone joining in health nurse for the town of Cohasset for the past five years and comes well the choruses. A recitation was given recommended by the state board; also, by William Baker. by Major Sprague, who is in charge of by Major Sprague, who is in charge of the charge of the extra cantonnent zone of Camp a number of those present have been to for by relating some experience of the habbot Worsted is now acting as public health nurse for the time under the direction of the U.S. government. Miss Weir will the engineer. James Sullivan, has Secrist, of the War Camp Community for the U.S. government. Miss Weir will a commence her divise here on April 1.

hour of singing at the evening service in charge of Mrs. Wright, Communion will follow the morning service.

#### About Town.

At the last meeting of the Grange five dollars was voted as a contribu-tion towards the Near East relief fund. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 6, when the following will be demonstrated: "How I would run a farm if I were a man," Edna Sargent: "How I would run a house if I were a woman," William R. Taylor.

The next meeting of AladiesexNorth Pomona Grange will be held in
Odd Fellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, next week Friday. The program
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wounded four times and gassed once ell, next week Friday. The program famous 26th Division. He had been is not yet arrived from its hiding, but wounded four times and gassed once if it is anything like the last meeting. It was while in the St. Mihiel drive we expect it will, it will be a real that he received a wound that put him; eeting. The afternoon will be open out of the fight until the end of the to the public.

The Agricultural papers report It plowing in some sections of New Jermen under his command received the half sanitation is sending circulars to enhance and us folks who word to go over the top at 5.30 a. m. have only advanced as far as getting. The men had just been paid and had system of sewerage disposal it will be the rest of the world.

Mrs. Harry M. Ingells was called to Nashua last week by the Illness and death of her father. Charles II Mitchell, who died in Nashua last week four weeks ago. on, who died in Assault 188 week Monday at the aut of sixty-two years. He was born in Loods, Mo., and leaves his wife; his aged father, Hefry G. Mitchell: a son, Gilbert E. Mitchell. all of Nashua, and a daughter, Mrs. Harry M. Ingalls, of Westford. His first wife, Clara L. Reed, was a native of Westford, well known to many of the older residents.

The annual farmers' week and corn show at the Massachusetts Agriculural college, Amherst, will be held March 17-20. Ribbons and other less valuables will be awarded. If you wish a ribbon or two apply to Prof. Earl Jones, Amherst, and you will be ribboned proportionate to corn.

out water or food for several days, gassed and burned with liquid fire, with the signing of the armistice he was allowed to sign for Brookside, where there is not even a ruffle of a mill strike.

The W. C. T. U. met last week with Mrs. Janet Wright with a full attendance with national prohibition as congratulatory contributing factor.

The Woman's Branch Alliance and sewing circle connected with the First Parish church will hold the next meeting on Saturday afternoon, March Miss Anstrice G. Flanders will read a paper, subject to be announced.

#### Appointments Made. At a meeting of the selectmen on

Thursday evening of last week, the following appointments were made: H. Sutherland, Alexander G. Lundberg, Leonard W. Wheeler, Willey M. Wright, Isaac L. Hall, arresting officers and keepers of the seals of peace generally; Etta W. Fletcher, J. Willard Fletcher, Sherman H. Fletcher, Harwood L. Wright, Eva F. Payne, weigh-ers of coal; Edward T. Hanley, William R. Taylor, Rudolph Haberman, Arthur L. Healy, J. Austin Healy, Fred A. Healy, John A. Healy, Charles H. Pickering, Emory J. Whitney, Frank Willey, Frank L. Furbush, Frederick A. Snow, J. Clarence Burne, public weighers; Alec McDonald, superinwith Mrs. A. H. Sutherland as tendent of streets; Wesley O. Hawkes, and sailors; Samuel H. Balch, compenistrar of voters; Samuel H. Balch, jan-itor of town house; Charles S. Ripley, keeper of lock-up; Joseph Wall, fish and game warden; Frederick R. Rip-ley, J. Ausfin Healy, Charles S. Ripley, There will be folk dances and games and Miss Edith A. Wright, of the Frost school will assist with this part Wright, Charles A. Blodgett, fence viewers: Edward Fisher, town countries of the countries of the fisher of the countries of the countr sel, Harry L. Nesmith, moth superin-tendent and forest warden; culler of hoops and staves and other minor offices are yet to be produced.

#### Forge Village.

The Ladies' Sewing circle held bean and salad supper at St. Andrew's mission on Washington's birthday. Conspicuous among the many good scraper, after which the car kept to things were the well-known Washington pies. A large number were pres ent and after the supper enjoyed the program arranged by the Sewing cir-The affair was a financial suc-

Miss Marion Blodgett, of Medford. spent the week-end here at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John Edwards. Mrs. Elmer E. Nutting is seriously

ll at her home. All the members of the Ladies Sewing circle attended the Merrimack Square theatre, Tuesday, leaving here

John Venn and Miss Annie Orr were the soloists at the movies last week.

#### Firm Entertains.

The members of the firm of the Abbot Worsted Company entertained the overseers and office force at an informal luncheon at Abbot hall on last week Friday noon. The guests in-cluded the overseers from the Granteville mill and John Abbot presided. Julian A. Cameron and Edward M. Abbot were the other members of the firm present. After luncheon the so-cial welfare of the town was duscussed and many suggestions given out on both sides. This affair was given with the read is anxiously awaiting the the idea of creating a better understanding between the employer and employee. ment of the two villages were dis-off in Boston. cussed and will be acted upon later. At the conclusion the smokes were passed and a social hour was enjoyed Music was furnished by George D. Wilson and Fred Naylor. The soloists were Robert McCarthy and Thom-

the U. S. government. Miss Weir will commence her duties here on April 1. At the annual town meeting \$1500 was voted for a public health nurse.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. O. L. Brownsey's subject will be "Moses' great discovery." At the evening service the first in a series of three Pilgrim lectures will be given. "Foregleams of liberty." There will be the usual half-hour of singing at the evening service of those who know him, and his them and the pears of age specially of his work with the Tank with the Tank went to work when nine years of age specially of his work with the Tank Corps at Gettysburg. Pa. Ali women in the Graniteville mill, and with the exception of four summers which he seems at the Unitarian church of Sunday morning will be on the subscience of "Health—public, private and social." a topic that is being urged for the nation he represented.

It would seem that any self respect-on Sunday morning will be on the subscience of "Health—public, private and social." a topic that is being urged for came up here to start this plant some public presentation at this time by at soripture "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country and his three organizations connected with our national government. It is a singular verification of the work with our national government. It is a own place," that members of our own them we would do well to consider at congress, also sleeted by the poor.

has been in the firm over forty years, and Albert Choate, who acts in the same capacity for the Graniteville mill, has also remained with the same firm about forty years.

#### Returned from Overseas.

Lieut, Albert E. Jones, 11th Info try, has recently arrived from over-seas, and is now visiting with his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. William who have given their all for the war, and surely the small amount asked The next meeting of Middlesex- Burnett, and numerous other rela-forth Pomona Grange will be held in tives. Lieut. Jones saw service in

It was on September 12 that the have only advanced as far as getting the plow into the field, ready for a start.

The men had just been paid and had system of sewerage disposal it will be no time to place their valuables in recessary to adopt. Those receiving safe keeping. They had already been them are asked to study them careful-in the trenches for some time and were live cake all enquiries of any member fadmuck road, sold eggs to the value of \$112.02 during the month of January from 132 hens. The only objection to so large a hen function in the trenches for some time and were live cake all enquiries of any member expecting a few days off. However, of committee they can reach, and the drive started and one hour later force to the town meeting ready to be dead to be a good proposition and they want to so large a hen function in the first day and part of the life of a good proposition and they want layer from the already feets of an invest before he was discovered. It is very one to know about it in advance, was found that his month's pay, we be already to study them carefully safe keeping. nd everything of value belonging

> four weeks ago. Ment. Jones is very modest when speaking about himself, but speaks in the highest terms of the Red Cross nurses and the Salvation Army. carries four wound stripes and bar een decorated for bravery. He carries two of the wound stripes

pocket, he said it saves him from an-

the hospital until he was brought over

dren are also visiting here, and spent the first of the week at the house of Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. William The Boy S. Blodgett, of the Ridges. They will F. S. Kimball to Boxboro last week return to their home in Worceste, the Friday night when they gave an exlast of the week. Lieut, Jones has been given a better position with the Gustafson Eliason, of Brookside same firm in Worcester where he was corner, has just returned from the semployed before going over to settle the big dispute.

#### Graniteville.

The snowstorm of Sunday came as a great surprise, as many here were beginning to think we were to escape for the remainder of the winter any such snowstorm. It surely made beautiful sight while it lasted.

Paul George, of Boston, who is now Merchant Marine, has been a recent visitor here. He has just finished a four-year enlistment in the navy, the last six months of which was spent in the war zone on the U.S. Destroyer stevens.

Mrs. Hannah E. Harrington, who has been absent in Tewksbury for the past few weeks, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Harring-

Albert A. Hildreth, scaler of weights J. A. Healy and his sister, Miss and measures; John W. O'Brien, John Mary A. Healy, have recently return-spinner, Charles H. Pickering, Alonzo ed from a delightful trip spent with relatives in the Province of Quebec Canada.

The members of Court Graniteville F. of A., held a well attended and interesting meeting in their rooms last week Thursday evening. business of importance was transacted and several applications for member ship were received. The court also voted at this time to give a cash prize to the one who would bring in most members during the next four months. The campaign is now on and every member will be active from nov until the first meeting night in July. when the contest closes. Court Gran iteville is also planning on holding a adies' night, to be given at a later

date. Mrs. Carl Hanson has recently re turned from a brief visit spent with friends in Philadelphia, Pa., and other

adjacent points. Word has recently been received here of the death of Mrs. Mary A. Quinn, widow of the late Thomas Quinn, who died in Wordester on Thursday, February 20. She formerly rhursday, reordary 20. She tolkerly resided in this village and was well and favorably known. Her age was sixty-seven years. She is survived by three sons, John W., of Lawrence: Frank J., of North Andover, and Edward J., of Boston; two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Flynn, of Forge Village, and Mrs. Frank L. Furbush, of Granite-The funeral took place from st. Patrick's church, Lowell, last Saturday morning at nine o'clock. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, Lowell. Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherman have een recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. L

The members of Cameron Circle C. of F. of A., held a well attended meeting in their rooms on Tuesday vening.

Gilson.

Private Joseph Pelkey, a Graniteville boy, a member of the famous 26th Yankee Division, has recently reurned from France and has received s honorable discharge from Camp Devens. Private Pelkey has seen lot of action in the world war. He was gassed in one cattle, and last July re-ceived a shrapnel wound in the left rm that sent him to the hospital He considers himself lucky, however, for his two comrades on each side of him were killed. He says that the Germans were never the equal of the Americans in fighting. They were all right when they had the enemy by a three-to-one advantage, but put them man to man and they would yell
"Kamerad" every time. Private Pelkey will make his home with his fathreturn of the rest of his comrades of he 26th Division, when he will join Many ideas for the better- them in the big parade to be pulled

#### LITTLETON

The Alliance will meet in the Uniarian vestry on Friday for its all-day neeting-ten to three o'clock. Diner will be served at the noon hour and at roll call every person present It is of interest to know that quite is expected to answer with some quota-

with our national government. It is a own place," that members of our own theme we would do well to consider at congress, also elected by the people.

Littleton's contribution for the Near East relief fund as reported at the squabbles were cabled across and kular the real estate conveyed by said headquarters in Lowell this week was greatly heartened all energies of the mortgage deed, namely: only about half made up. Many have only about hair made up. Many have not contributed at all as yet, as the appeals have been made chiefly rabid and partisan criticisms of the through the churches, but all should feel that we have a debt of honor to the the third we have a debt of honor to the people of Armenia and Syria ed and anarchistic elements in this bounded and described as follows: and surely the small amount asked from Littleton will be forthcoming if we recall the hunger of the women and the fear in the eyes of little chil dren. Don't wait to be solicited for further gifts, but give or send what ou can spare to some one of the ministers or to George Cook of the Red are paid to attend to and leave the

The committee to look into town committee they can reach, and News Items.

The committee has what seems a good proposition and they want when the total transfer is a good proposition and they want when the control of the committee has a good proposition and they want when the control of the c

first of the week, having reester W. Griffiths was transferred to third degree.

amp Devens and from there received honorable discharge, arriving home Mrs. A. M. Parker of Framingham

has spent a week or ten days with her ister at W. E. Conant's. Miss Elizabeth Brown of Wellesley wering questions.

Mrs. Jones and their two small chil.

Dorls Tenney of Boston was the week-

end guest of her grandparents, the W The Boy Scouts were conveyed by

hibition of signalling, first aid and a Next week Friday night there will Williams' farm into the tenement vabe a public initiation of the Boy Scouts
when a nominal entrance fee will be Mr. and Mrs. Benjami

camping fund for next summer. The mock trial will be given on that occasion

Rev. F. W. Lambertson's subject for Sunday will be "Recruiting the prisons."

G. A. Cook was soloist at the Congregational church last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ora Titcomb of Boston spent the week-end with his mother and his brother and wife. Norman Bonnell came home for the

holiday and Sunday. Robert Booker was the week-end guest of his cousins, Charles Yapp and

Mrs. Ruth Rice and children of Roslindale have visited her mother, Mrs.

John H. Kimball, lately.

M. L. Wetherbee is the new janitor of the town hall. Charles F. Flagg has recently in-

stalled electric lights in his house. The King's Daughters will meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Hartwell,

The United Workers will hold their March meeting with Mrs. C. A. Kimball on the afternoon of March 5.

A reminder—a whist party, under the auspices of the Catholic Mission will be held in the lower town hall or Saturday evening, March 1, at which a small admission fee will be charged. Refreshments will be served.

Harry and Raymond Smith spent Sunday with their Littleton relatives

#### Near Fast Drive.

The drive for sufferers in the Near East, viz: the Armenians and other peoples of Mesopotamia, has resulted locally in raising the following sums: \$108.39 from the Congregational church, \$7.7 from the Unitarian and \$50 from the Baptist church as reported to date, Wednesday. and Revs. Fairfield, Lambertson and Caulkins attended the inspiring meet-ing of the campaign workers held in Memorial hall, Lowell, Monday night, and were thrilled by the ardent ap-peals for these sufferering people to whom America owes a debt of honor

Otto Hockmeyer, campaign chair-man, announced that the drive will continue until the quota is completed in this district. Mrs. R. S. Emrich as the speaker of the evening, gave a powerful, inspiring talk. She and her husband have been in Mesopotamia since 1905.

#### Dirty Politica.

We have read from time to time on the president and criticisms of his conduct in Europe by the supposed representatives of the people at Washington until we have begun to wonder f there could be any situation serious work important enough or any enough to cause the professional politician to forget for a moment partisan politics and conduct himself for a brief season decently and sensibly.

Wilson and have no reverence for the democratic party, but we are not so hide-bound politically that we cannot and the whole world as well. President Wilson has been, since he

started for Europe; accused of about everything from a personal ambition to be in the limelight to the encouragement of Bolshevism. We believe these accusations one and all are without foundation and inspired by jeal-

has conducted himself during his stay in Europe like a gentleman and a scholar and has shown a wonderful faculty in a very difficult position for saying the right thing at the right

tinguished honers showered on him that might have turned any man's head he was at pains in accepting and acknowledging them to distinctly specify that they were considered not a personal tribute, but as an expression of regard for the nation he rep-

Of course all these congressional greatly heartened all energies of the mortgage deed, namely:
League of Nations.

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country to proceed with their deviltry till it will be strange if we do not see some disagreeable results of the lead given by our lawmakers.

If our senators and representatives congress would put in more time attending to the business that rightfully belongs to them and that they president in peace to attend to his important work it strikes us the country would be better off and our gov ernment better entitled to the respect of the rest of the world. V.T.E.

#### HARVARD

tient. Albert B. Conant arrived per will be served following this demee. The Ladies' degree team, Mrs. eived his honorable discharge. Sergt. Ett. M. Ripley, master, will confer the Visiting patrons wel

The Ladies' Picnic club will hold their the middle of last week. Dr. H. B. winter pients on Friday evening. Priest is expected home the first of March 7. Supper will be served at 7.30 p. m., in the lower hall. The en tertainment will be in the upper hall The Unitarian Men's club will hold

their next meeting on Sunday evening, March 2, at the town hall. Supper will be served at eight o'clock. Prof J. C. Graham of the Massachusetts Agricultural college will address the meeting. His subject, "Poultry in small flocks," will be of special interest. The public are invited to this lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Remick have noved into their old home on the

Arr and Mrs. Boulamin S. Keyes

Freight may be shipped to Shirley
Leominster, Fitchburg, Worcester
Gardner, Athol and other places

#### charged, the same to be placed in the are to move to Allerton farm on May 1. Mr. Keyes is to enter the employ of the Misses Cushman as town manager in place of H. A. Skillings, who

goes to live on his farm in Bethel, Me. Herman Thomas has received his discharge from the military service and has entered the employ of the Edison Electric Co. at Waltham.

Miss Rachel Farnsworth and a party of girl friends from the Sargent school spent last week-end and over Sunday

at home here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. George F. Cobb ope their home at "Questend," on Oak hi for the season this week Saturday.

The postoffice was broken into las week Friday night, entrance being made through a window. Only a small amount was stolen.

Mrs. Margaret Puffer, who has been at Fruit Acres for the past week, returned on Thursday to her Hartford Conn., home. Mrs. Thayer accompanied her home and will visit there for a few days. The Red Cross will meet with the

King's Daughters on Thursday, March 6, in the Congregational vestry, for an all-day sewing meeting. Basket lunch There will be no Red Cross meeting on Friday, March 7,

At the motion picture show this Saturday evening, the cowboy actor, Tom Mix, will be seen in "Ace high." Tom Mix has been a cowboy Tom anx has been a cowney nearly all his life. Daring horsemanship will be seen and shooting in all positions. Pathé News and Mutt and Jett car-

New Advertisements Groton, Mass., Feb. 12, 1919. the Middlesex County Commis sioners:

Respectfully represent the under signed inhabitants of the town of Groton, in said County, that Pleasan Street, Elm Street, and the road known as Farmer's Row, also the continuation of said Farmer's Row past the district school and past the residence of James F. Culver, to the Ayer town line, are in need of relocation and specific repairs.

Wherefore, we pray you will relo-cate said roads and direct specific repairs thereon.

FRANK A. TORREY, and fifteen others.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commis-ioners 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 nineteen, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge on the seventeenth day of February A. D. 1919.

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 Town Hall, in Groton in said County of Middlesex on Thursday the twentieth day of March A. D. 1919, at 10.15 A. M., by serving the Clerk of the town of Gro purpose and a firm desire to do all in his power in the present world crisis before said view, and by publishing the same in the Lowell Courier-Citizen, weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by publishing in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper printed at Ayer, three weeks success sively, and by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Groton fourteen days before said and that he make return of his doings In our humble opinion the president herein, to said Commissioners, at the as conducted himself during his stay hearing.

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

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order nereon. Attest, ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN, 8t25

Deputy Sheriff. MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF

### REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale con ained in a mortgage deed from Jos operative Bank, dated August 24, 1916, and recorded with Middlesex Southern District Deeds, in book 4080, page 344, and for the breach of the ince. Mr. Sullivan commands on the sum of theme we would do well to consider at process of theme we would do well to consider at congress, also elected by the people. Its presentation now seems especially sion.

The Sweatt, the master mechanic its presentation now seems especially sion.

The distribution of the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described, sion. o'clock in the afternoon, all and sin-

A certain tract of land with the

Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof at a stone post on the State Road; thence southerly on land Orthodox Congregational 'hurch in Ashby and land now or late late of David H. Damon; thence east erly by said Damon land; thence southerly by said Damon land by the line of a wall to a corner; thence easterly by land now or late of the estate of F. W. Wright; thence northerly by said last named land to the above named State Road; thence westerly by said State Road to the stone post first mentioned. Containing wo acres, more or less.

The premises will be sold subject o any unpaid taxes or assessments. TERMS, \$100 in cash at the time nd place of sale; and balance within n days thereafter at the Banking Rooms of the mortgagee on delivery

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Garage 39-3

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War Tax Model Price Freight Total \$525.00 \$22.20 \$560.60 \$534.96 \$500.00 \$22.20 \$12.76 Runabout \$509.32 \$475.00 \$22.20 Chassis Counclet \$650.00 \$22.20 . \$16.58 \$688.78 Sedan \$775.00 \$22.20 \$19.77 \$816.97 \$550.00 \$22.20 \$586.23 Truck \$14.03 \$22.20 Town Car \$750.00

Am authorized to state, under present conditions, there can be

no change in prices on Ford cars. FORD ONE-TON, WORM DRIVE TRUCKS and TOURING CARS

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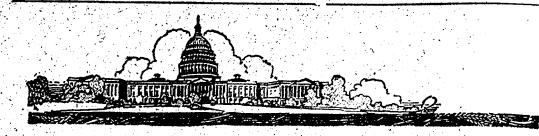
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#### SHIRLEY

Mrs. Richard Grenfell and daughter Marjorie, of Dorchester, have been spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman. Mr. Grenfell will join them Sunday, coming from

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold their regular month-ly supper on Wednesday evening, March 5. The menu will consist of cold meats, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, hot rolls, fancy and plain pies, coffee and pickles.

The D. A. R. held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Abbie J. Wells.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Goodheart at the parsonage. A short business session with sewing kept the ladies busy. At 4.30 all work was laid aside when Mrs. Goodheart invited all to the diningroom, where tea, sandwiches and wa-fers were served. The next meeting will be held in two weeks with Mrs.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church observed ladies' night on Tuesday evening in the church vestry after a brief business session. Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. Miss Ethel Peabody gave piano solos.

home with sickness.

Mrs. C. R. Whtie will hold her usual dancing class in Odd Fellows' hall on Saturday afternoon at one o'clock.

There will be a dance in Odd Fellows' hall on Saturday evening at 7.30 for the entertainment of soldiers, uner the auspices of the Girls' Service club.

Owing to the storm last Sunday no service was held in the Congregational church in the morning. Services were held in the evening.

Johnson, of Boston. Athol last Saturday and Sunday.

young sons, Paul and Neal, of Lowell, brook, Mrs. Clara H. Miner, Mrs. Ella spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jere-spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jere-miah O'Nell, parents of Mrs. McMil-tee of Mrs. Miner and Mrs. Holbrook

Charles H. Weare, Jr. Private W. L. Emerson arrived last

and last Sunday arrived at his home Field Artilery, 26th Division. Mrs. Nina Kittredge spent the week-

end and Sunday with reatives and friends in Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Beach, of

Somerville, spent the week-end in town with friends. The former, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beach, was formerly a resident of Shirley.

The parishioners of St. Anthony's church will hold a fair in the base ment of the church on Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 3 and 4. A special feature will be a sociable basket party, to which the public is most Derby, of North Leominster, last cordially invited; admission free.

Pleasantly Surprised. Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Whitaker, was decoyed out for a walk by her father on Tuesday evening, giving an opening to alslip into her home, where they awaither return. She was taken comfind her friends gathered there. In behalf of those present Miss Doris S. Knowles, in a few well chosen words, Anna Fissett. John Will, Milly Parker, Warren and Nina Birchstead, Virginia : Wheeler, ' Edward Will. Gene-Coddington, Leonard Jubb and

Doris Knowles.

Post of February 26:

Clipping. The following, dated Concord, Feb-uary 25, was taken from the Boston

Charles F. Edgarton of Elm street, wealthy 65-year-old widower, and re-tired manufacturer, and Miss Alice Gertrude Flynn, 44, of Main street, Shirley, his bookkeeper for twenty-five years, will be married here Saturday norning, it was learned today.

Mr. Edgarton, who is reputed to be a millionaire, was proprietor and president of the President Suspender Company of Shirley, until he sold his interest a month ago to retire. cern was founded by his father two generations ago, and has a national

The ceremony will take place at the residence of Rev. L. B. Mac rector of the Unitarian church. Mr. Edgarton's wife died about six

years ago. He has a married daugh-ter, Mrs. Philip Davis, who was prominent in the younger social set prior to her marriage last August, and a son

Miss. Flynn has been in the employ of her prospective husband's concern ever since she was nineteen years of age. She is well known in Shirley and lives on Main street in the house in Michael Cotter is confined to his which she was born. She is active in social activities connected with war work, especially the Red Cross.

J. Howard Leman, of Boston, bought Mr. Edgarton's interest in the concern

Miss Flynn has a brother, P. J. Flynn, of 28 Mansfield street, Allston, whose oldest daughter is named Alice Gertrude, for her aunt,

About Town.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., held a regular meeting on Tuesday evening Misses Kathleen Miner and Dolly Knowles spent a few days this week following were chosen as alternates pent a few days this week latter's sister, Mrs. M. J. for the continental congress in Washington, April 14-19; Mrs. Abbie J. Wingdom, Wingdom, Mrs. Sylvester Thomas visited friends in Wells, Miss Helen M. Winslow, Mrs. thol last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James McMillan, with Mrs. H. W. Evans, Mrs. Nellie W. Hol-Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pevear, with daughter Ruth, of Swampscott, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Several other Tress of substituted in her place.

business were acted upon. There was no entertainment. Dr. T E. Lilly and family, Mrs. d last Sunday arrived at his home Charles A. McCarty and Mrs. L. J. Shirley. He was with the 101st Edgarton were among those who went to Boston on Monday to witness the

arrival of President Wilson. Mrs. Hittie W. Evans, Mrs. Charles

H. Tewksbury and Mrs. Clara H. Miner have been indisposed during the past week, but all are reported as improving rapidly,

Mrs. Elmer H. Allen is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Dana Somes, of Boston.

Center.

Mrs. George Holden, of Clark road risited her daughter, Mrs. Clifton

Miss Mary Grout, of Fitchburg, spent last Friday and Saturday with Miss Eleanor Longley.

Miss Vera Bradford returned to Everett on Sunday after spending a week's vacation with her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. Miss Christine G. Longley. Chompson's Island, who is spending a few days at the home of her mother. Mrs. Abbie Longley, is suffering from

an attack of laryngitis.

The dance held last week Friday ering for the purpose of getting betpresented Kuth with a set of Bobsey Twins books, a pair of Indian moccasins and a box of candy. Plane and ter netted eight dollars for the local Victrola selections and games were enjoyed during the evening. Mrs. Whiteaker, assisted by Miss Eula Whitney, Percy Farnsworth and Miss Loraine Hayward, a clarinet and difference of the district will solo by Rev. L. A. Whisten and a cor- an addition to the high school building and difference of the annual school ering for the purpose of getting better meeting to be held on Saturday after-acquainted with each other, and noon, March 8, at two o'clock, has been posted. Besides the usual articles will and Miss Loraine Hayward, a clarinet take any action in regard to building solo by Rev. L. A. Whisten and a coran attack of laryngitis. loyed during the evening. Mrs. Whitnished by Mrs. Gertrude Farnsworth, and Miss Loraine Hayward, a clarinet take any action in regard to building aker, assisted by Miss Eula Whitney,
error refreshments. Those present Wood. Considerable excitement was net solo by Frank E. Lancey. The or build a new building for grades one were Richard Lilly, Howard Allen, caused when the lights went out all rest of the evening was given over to and two, or what action the district Alice Cole, Louise Thomas, Alice Mc- over town during the dance and re- sociability, and everyone seemed to will take to raise and appropriate a Devitt, Thomas Daly, Moody Parker, mained out for nearly half an hour. lenjoy it very much.

Mrs. Lester G. Holden is spending

few days this week with relatives in Brookline, N. H. The pupils from the Center, who are attending Fitchburg high school, are

enjoying a week's vacation William Wilkins, at Woodsville illed his icehouse last week with

twelve-inch ice from Mrs. Hattie P. Holden's pond. Mrs. Gideon C. West, who has been Boston, taking treatment for her eyes, has returned to her home on

Hazen road. Rev. Roscoe Thomas, of Groton School, conducted the service at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon ccount of the storm the Sunday

school classes were omitted. Raymond Bradford, of Watertown and Miss Helen Bradford, of Somerville, spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. For the first time in eight all together again, and in honor of the occasion they entertained a few of the young people from the Center on Saturday evening. 'A pleasant evening was spent with music and games, and refreshments were served.

C. E. Bradford, who has a position In Connecticut, spent the week-end at

The next meeting of the Grange, or Tuesday evening, March 4, will be "Education night," and will include a reception to the superintendent of in Shirley, and it is hoped that there place in about a morth. The date will be a full attendance in order to make the attempt successful. The last of March. business meeting of the Grange will be held at 7.45, after which the meet-

ing will be opened to the public. Raymond Wood, who is chopping cossful and enjoyable gathering at the wood for Frank Farnsworth over the town hall on Friday evening of last Lunenburg line, cut his foot with an axe quite badly on Tuesday morning. Miss Eileen E. Farrell, teacher at

Robert H. J.: Holden attended a frabanquet in Boston on Thursday evening.

soon to be given at the French theatre New York, was a visitor in town on Monday, The boys about the Center and the

North are making plans to form a roop of Boy Scouts. Miss Christine G. Longley, who has een ill with laryngitis, is able to be

out again. Word was received last week of the arrival at Newport Nows, Va., of Thomas H. Evans, who has been in

#### LUNENBURG

service overseas.

News Itoms. supper on Wednesday evening, February 19. Everybody who attends this church is invited to this annual social and gladly welcomed. As a result it was well attended and 150 people, large and small, old and young, sat down to a most bountiful supper of rolls, hot scallops, salads, pies, cakes and hot coffee. The program was and hot coffee. The program was quite informal, as it was intended

On Tuesday, evening the Methodist church held a mite box opening, sup-per and social, which was well attended and much enjoyed by all present There was singing by Mrs. O. L. Monson, which is always a winning num-Alice Peabody and Mrs. Barton of Fitchburg.

A very heavy snowstorm began on Saturday, continuing with unabated force until two o'clock Sunday afternoon. No street cars came into town on Sunday until 6.30 in the evening. when the snowplow came down and cleared the track, and no mail was re-ceived on Monday until 4.45 in the afternoon, when the Fitchbrug and Leominster car brought the morning and the evening mails together.

All available teams in town have been very busily engaged in hauling logs to the mill, and wood from the woodlots for some time, especially since the heavy snowstorm, as much of t could be reached with sleds a great leal easier than with wagons.

The board of registrars held their final session for the season last week Friday and four names were added to the voting list—Louis R. Damon, Joseph W. Lynds, Orville D. Martin and Manson D. Heath,

The town reports are now ready at the store. Let everyone get their book and be studying up their lesson, for own meeting comes on Monday.

There are several cases of measles n town and some of the victims are quite seriously ill with the disease Quite a number of children are being kept out of school because one or more members of the family are sick with

A little daughter came recently to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Q. Emerson. She will bear the very pretty name of Phyllis Lucille.

Miss Fannie C. Graves has returned from her recent visit in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Brown are ex-

pected home this week from their so-journ in sunny Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Demers and family have moved from Miss Jennison's cotage into Mrs. A. K. Francis' tenement near the upper common, in the center

The fund for the Armenian relief is slowly increasing, and at present writing amounts to \$179. As this is onsiderably short of the sum assessed to Lunenburg the subscription will remain open a few days longer, and contributions will be gladly received by Principal J. A. Harwood. At the weekn Sunday morning to add to the

ectures.

Lunenburg has been highly favored with lectures, illustrated by stereoption views, recently, there having been three in less than a week.

On Wednesday evening of last week after the business session at the Grange there was an open meeting. o which everybody was invited. The lecture was given by John Schaffner, Jr., of the U.S. Bureau of Entolomoiogy, upon the s bject of "Moth pests." dealing particularly with the brown-tall and gypsy moths. The pictures showed the work of these pests and the ravages they make, and the meth-ods used for their extermination; also, showing the progress being made in the cultivation of parasites as one of the means used to get rid of them. and diseases which have been generated to assist in carrying them off. The second lecture, with stereopti

on views, were given in the town hall last week Friday evening before the Woman's club, the occasion being "gentlemen's night," when every memer is entitled to the privilege of inviting a gentleman, be it father, husand, son or friend. The subject of the lecture was "General Allenby's entry into Jerusalem." by Rev. A. J. Gammack, of Fitchberg. The pictures were very clear and interesting.

structive. schools, teachers, school committee and parents. Rev. Lionel Whiston, of the Congregational church, Lunen-opticon. In spite of the heavy snow Mr. an burg who spoke so pleasingly at the storm, nearly blocking the roads in meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester many places, there was a very good many places, there was a very good attendance. The lecture was on "Moinursday, will be the speaker of the evening. A collection will be taken for the benefit of the educational aid fund. The purpose of this meeting is to bring the parents and the sebest because were generally concerns. to bring the parents and the school leads nito closer relationship will be sepected there will be another lecture of a similar character at the same

L. W. C. The Woman's club held a most sucweek-gentlemen's night. There was large attendance of nembers, nearly everyone bringing her gentleman with her. A most delightful program had been prepared, including two groups of songs, and two encore numbers by Thomas F. E. n. of Worcester, an illustrated lecture by Rev. A. J. Gammack and an interesting talk by Miss Mabel Ellis of he U.S. public visiting nurse health service, and now engaged here by

large audience by er, sweetness and : en by the variety o songs he gave. He received repeated

gram delicious At the close of the refreshments were d and an hour iven to social com-

#### HOLLIS. N. H.

News Items.

assection of the There will be a Grange, March 15. J Erlfred Hall, Yashua, deputy it spector. Mr. and Mrs Jobs is Woods receiv-

The Congregational church observed ed a letter from their son-in-law on its annual home-coming and family February 23, saving that an official supper on Wednesday evening, Feb-telegram had be a precived announceing the death of their grandson, Le-land Hartwell Woods in Germany, February 7, of bronchial pneumonia He was born in Hollis on February 8, 1897, son of Frank A. and Cora A. Wood. He enlisted in June, 1918, and went overseas in November, and was in the U. S. Marines. Company 95, 6th

Regiment, 2nd Division. The warrant for the annual school sum of money for same.

John Bell, son of Dr. and Mrs. 'rank Bell, is spending a week's furough with his parents. He was chief electrician on the fil-fated Covingto and at the time she was sunk he tost everything. He was in Brest for a [1P.S.C.2071] ber in an entertainment, and readings time, then was ordered on board of one of the destroyers, and came home on her several weeks ago, and has been in Philadelphia since he landed,

> There was a large attendence at the C. E. supper last week. A bountiful supper was served, followed by an entertainment given by Miss Morton's pupils, readings by Ralph Bascom and others, and then there were games for young and old.

Charles Keyes has bought a hay-baling machine. He is now baling hay in Groton.

Louis Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs harles Brown, is at home, having been discharged from the hospital in Philadelphia, where he has been for several months as the result of an automobile accident.

Lena Ladd, Ida Clement, Daniel Goodwin and Ernest Woodin we home over the holiday and Sunday. On account of the severe snowstorn there were but thirty-five at church on Sunday,

Charles Hayden has been drawn a juror.

There is an article in the town war-rant to see if the town will purchase a motor truck for the use of the fire de Ensign Harvey Powers has charge

of the construction and repair work at the Anacostia naval air station, and will fly only four or five times a month at present. He writes he is very pleasantly situated. There was a chimney fire at the

parsonage on Monday morning. It is reported that several out of cently looking over farms with a viev

o purchasing. Mrs. George A. Frost, who has been

in St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, has returned home. Miss Lucinda Read, who fell at the teachers' convention in Milford and injured her hip, was taken to a hospital in Nashua last week for an X-ray

y meeting it was voted to take up a and Mrs. Ralph Tenney. Her aunt, ollection in the Congregational church Miss Agnes Tenney, returned home

The junior high school class give an entertainment in the town hall on Friday night.

At the meeting of the Woman's club next Monday, at the parsonage, roll call is to be answered by current events, and it is hoped all members will be prepared.

A little son, Kenneth Wilson, Jr. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, nee Loraine Bell, February 19 in Fitchburg, Mass. Little Glenna Foster, granddaugh ter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hardy of this town, and daughter of Perley and Louise (Hardy) Foster, celebrated her first birthday on February 15 fr

Concord. She received a cablegram from her father who is with the Y

wwn farm, purchased of William O. Weeden.

Weeden.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hardy celebrated their fortieth anniversary on February 20 very quietly, a few friends calling.

There are two Hollis boys coming home in the 26th Division. Lather Tarbell and Burton Clement.

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Farmers' Institute.

The farmers' institute, monitioned in last week's paper, held here Monday, February 24, in co-operation with Hillsborough County Farm Bureau and Hollis Grange, gas most interesting and helpful, and many availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the open meetings in the afternoon and evening. The program consisted of music; invocation, Rev. Robert M. French: Address of welcome, Nelson Parkhurst, master of Hollis Grange; address, "Problems of the sisted of music; invocation, Rev. Rob-ert M. French: #ddress of welcome. Nelson Parkharst, master of Hollis Grange: address, "Prodems of the New Hampshire poultryman." James C. Farmer, deputy commissioner of agriculture; recitation, Nev Robert M. French; address "Our of portunities." Mrs. Esther E. Pittee, Newton Highlands, Mass.; address, "Apple law for New England.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSA-CHUSETTS

Public Service Commission

February 26, 1919. LOCOMOTIVE WHISTLING AT SHIRLEY

The Public Service Commission will give a public hearing at its office, No. I Beacon Street, Boston, on Monday, March 10, 1919, at 10,30 o'clock in the forenoon, upon the petition of the 3t selectmen of the town of Shirley and others for the prohibition of whistling of locomotives on the Boston and Maine railroad at certain grade crossings in the town of Shirley,

By order of the Commission, Assistant Secretary.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

Ayer, February 26th A. D. 1919.

Levy on execution, the same having been attached on mesne process, and will be sold on the premises of the Liberty Theatre Apartments, on West Main Street, in said Ayer, by public Auction, on Saturday, March 8th, 1919, at two o'clock in the afternoon the following described property, to wit: 12 Iron Beds, 12 Bed Springs, 12

Mattresses, 12 Chairs, 16 Pillows, 7 Rocking Chairs, 11 Bureaus, 12 Wire Waste Baskets, 11 Tollet Sets, 13 Mats, 8 Stands, 8 Oll Stoves, 4 Iron Cots, Iron Cot Springs, 4 Iron Cot Mat tresses, 4 6x9 Art Squares, 4 Brooms 1 Carpet Sweeper, 1 Floor Mop, 2 Mop Sticks, 4 Galvanized Slop Jars, 1 Floor Brush, 1 Brass Lamp Fount, 5 Hall Carpets, 24 Window Shades, 11 Pair Over Shades, 2 pair Sash Curtains, 20 Window Screens, 12 Cuspidores, 4 Earthern Jugs, 1 Five-Gallon Oil Can, 1 three-foot Step Ladder.

ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN.

Deputy Sheriff.

Injured her hip, was taken to a hospital in Nashua last week for an N-ray rexamination. It was found that the hip bones were crushed together, one being imbedded in the other, but it is thought that though the injury is serious she will get up from it all right.

If Henry Mayon had the misfortune to cut his foot while chopping at the Rogers place on Tuesday morning.

Anne Hardy, of Arlington, Mass., has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tenney. Her aunt, Miss Agnes Tenney, returned home with her.

Rodney T. Hardy, of Arlington, Mass., entertained a party of men at his bungalow over the holiday and Sunday.

James Savage, who has just resigned as clerk of the police court in Lowell, after having held the office for thirty-five years, taught school here a good many years ago. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1873, and it was in his freshman year that he taught here.

The junior high school class give an entertainment in the town hall on Fri-

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### Amos D. Mahony

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band, son or friend. The subject of the lecture was "General Allenby's entry into Jerusalem." by Rev. A. J. Gammack, of Fitchborg. The pictures were very clear and interesting, and the lecture entertaining and instructive.

At the Congregational church on Sunday evening, in the vestry, came the third lecture, filustrated by sterebulled in the vestry came that third lecture, filustrated by sterebulled in the vestry came the third lecture, filustrated by sterebulled in the vestry came where third lecture, filustrated by sterebulled in the vestry came where third lecture, filustrated by sterebulled in the vestry came where the place of Arthur Boulton, who leaves the first of April to go into his own farm, purchased of William O. Weeden.

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In Board of Gas and Electric Light

Commissioners Boston, February 13, 1919 On the joint petition of the Shirley Esther A. S Electric Company, the Tyngshoro Electric Light Company and the Pepperell Electric Light & Power Company of the determination and approved of the Board required by the provisions of Chapter 742 of the Activities 1914 for the consolidation of said expectition.

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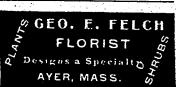
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#### Saturday, March 1, 1919 **GROTON**

News Items.

The Groton School Dramatic club was to present the drama, "A pair of ." in the town hall, Monday evening, February 24, but on account of illness of one of the cast it has been postponed to a later date.

William P. Wharton, Samuel H Raddin, Frank D. Lewis and Dr. F. E. Gilson attended the big four-days meeting of fruit growers recently held in Horticultural hall, Boston.

Benjamin Barr, aged eighty-one years, passed away on Thursday, February 20, at Dr. Ayres' hospital, where he had been a patient for two weeks. Mr. Barr came to Groton a number of years ago, and had made his home with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Barr, of Willowdale, coming here from Needham, his home town. He had been in falling health for some time. The funeral was held in Needham last Saturday afternoon, where he was burled beside his wife, who

Mrs. Odber Folkins, who has been a patient at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, returned to her home on Sunday after-

passed away several years ago.

Mrs. Forrest O. Andrews and son recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Andrews, of Pepperell.

Miss Ada Bradley, of Boston, spent week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley.

Paul Wilson and family enjoyed a pleasant day last week Friday with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Clay-ton McKean, at their home on Chico-

June Sanderson is the name of the little daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sanderson, of Ayer, on Monday, February 17, at Dr. Ayres' hospi-

Mrs. Maynes, who has been suffering with an abscess, is a patient at Dr Ayres' hospital.

On last week Wednesday Mrs. Frank Torrey, president of the Woman's club, and Mrs. Clarence Ebert, delegates attended the mid-winter federation meeting held in East Boston.

Thomas Gardner, of Pepperell, injured his finger quite badly while at his work and returned to Pepperell where his wound was dressed, as the local physicians were all busy.

J. R. Hawkes writes her friends that she is spending the winter in New York city. She has been greatly missed here in town by her many friends.

There were 175 who dined at the Groton Inn on Saturday evening.

Other Groton matter on page seven The lecture by Peter MacQueen, which was announced to take place on March 6, has been changed to Tuesday evening, March 4, at 7.30 o'clock This will be an illustrated lecture with many views on the subject, "The war and the peace." Mr. MacQueen was at the front and witnessed the battle of Verdun, when he was a correspondent for Leslie's Weekly.

Miss Miriam Knapp is ill at her home with a severe cold.

The young men of Groton are holding a dancing party in the town hall on Monday evening, March 17.

Miss Ruth Blood, of Arlington, has recently been the guest of Miss Mildred Brown in Springvale, Me. David Murphy, who has been occu-

pying the Bancroft house on the Lowell road for several years, is soon to move into the residence on Powder House road recently vacated by C. W. Ware. The house is being freshly papered and painted. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jaquays return

ed Monday from their wedding trip and will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Folkins until Mr. Jaquays receives his discharge from Camp Dev-

F. L. Howes is remodeling his house besides putting in a new heating sys-

ment at eight o'clock. The Alliance will meet in the afternoon at 2,30 o'clock.

Miss Marion Breckenridge, of Wor cester, spent the holiday and week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Breckenridge.

Guy Swallow, who has recently been with influenza, has been suffering a relapse in Nashua, where his mother went to care for him two weeks ago. Last Monday he returned with her to his home, where he is recuperating. Upon their return Mrs. Swal low was taken ill and has been con-fined to her bed the past week. Miss Gladys was at home over the week-

Miss Doris Peabody has returned to her work in Boston after being home two weeks with a severe cold. Mrs. Blanche Brown, district deputy president and suite, installed the

officers of the Acoma lodge of Pepperell on Tuesday evening. Major General Bancroft has been

staying at the Groton Inn a few days

this week, Mrs. Odber Folkins is slowly gaining being able to sit up a little each

Charles Shattuck, Groton's noted checker player, attended the annual checker meet at the Revere House. Boston, Washington's birthday. This

marked the twentieth anniversary of his attendance. After the meeting was over, Boston vs. New England. Mr. Shatuck played in the "knockout tournament" with M. Kiley, champion of Quincy, losing two games, winning one and one draw. He also played with J. J. Lannin, ex-owner of the Boston Red Sox ball team. Such men as Mr. Hanson, the Pacific coast champion and S. Levine, the state champion, were entered in this tournament. Among the speakers of the day was Lieutenant Governor Cox. Mr. Shattuck was also present at the reception given to Governor Coolidge

at the State House. The meeting of the Grange on Tues-day night was well attended. A splen-did program, in charge of Mrs. Isabel Hill, was carried out. The subject being "A night with Whittier and Longfellow," Mrs. Hill gave a fine paper appropriate to the subject. Miss Edith Wright recited "The village blacksmith"; William Bixby, of West Groton, recited "Barbara Fretchie." Vocal solos were then given by Miss Addie Robblee, including Whittier's "Corn song" and Longfellow's "Twilight." Miss Claribel Vickery gave a reading, "The captain's well." Other of the evening were by Mrs. William Souther and Mrs. Hill. The camp las Grange received the sad news of the ling fine.

death of James Starr, of Green Cove Springs, Fla. The charter will be lraped for sixty days in his memory Lieut. Townsend, who has resided in Groton for some time, stationed at Camp Devens, marched with his resinent which escorted President Wilson last Monday.

Burton Robinson, one of the young fishermen of the town, enjoyed a delightful afternoon Thursday accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Wm. B. Robinson, in fishing through the ice on Baddacook pond. They were successful in catching 24 pickerel between twelve and four o'clock, which weighed 17% lbs. Four of them weighed 2 lbs. each and one tipped the scales at 3% lbs.

scales at 3 \( \frac{3}{2} \) TDS.

Miss Helen Forbes is having a week' vacation spending it with her mother aunt and family in Allston. On Monday they saw President and Mrs. Wil son during their visit to Boston.

The First National Bank of Ayer requests all purchasers of coupon bonds of the fourth liberty loan to call and receipt for them promptly.

receipt for them promptly.

The Community club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Robblee, with nearly every member present. The members responded to the roll call with quotations. Mrs. Robblee and her daughter Adelaide gave vocal selections. Sewing for the Red Cross was in progress. Later in the afternoon delicious refreshments were served by the host-

refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Silas Northrop on Wednesday, March 12.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning Rev. Sumner Bang's subject will be 'The great need of the world; the great missionary example; the great missionary example; the great missionary call"; evening subject, "The religion of certainty."

The annual men's supper will be silitis.

The annual men's supper will be held in the vestry of the Unitarian church on Thursday evening, March 6, The entertainment, also

narge of the men, will include a farce, 'April fool." Harry Robblee has purchased a herd of imported Guernseys from Singiton farm, R. I., to be used at Mr. Howes' farm in Cohasset.

A clipping will be found in the Pepperell columns concerning the death of James Starr in Florida.

The remains of Caroline H. Ban-croft, aunt of Major General William A. Bancroft, were brought to Groton on Wednesday morning for burial. She died in New York city from heart disease at the advanced age of ninetyeight years.

The body of Charles Corey, of Townsend, a former resident of Groton, was brought to town Wednesday morning for interment in the Groton cemetery. He died from pneumonia at the age of 70 years, 10 months, 23 days

If you have anything to sell by auction try William F. Fitzgerald, auctioneer, Ayer. Three-years' experience.

One of the most enjoyable parties ever given at the Baptist church was held on the evening of Thursday, February 20. There were seventy-nine present, including grown-ups, young people, children and bables, in fact a "get together social" of the members of the church and those who worship there. As the date chosen for their gathering was so near the anniversary of Tuesday after spending several there. As the date chosen for their gathering was so near the anniversary of the birth of Washington, patriotic

of the birth of Washington, patriotic decorations were used.

The vestry was indeed a pretty sight with large flags draped upon the walls and about portraits of our honored dead and President Wilson for a background, with festoons of red, white and blue much in evidence. The tables, six in number, were artistically decorated with flags, cherry trees (one of which was in fruit) and candles with red shades. Hatchets, done in water color, were used as place in water color, were used as place cards, bearing the words, "Get togeth-

cards, beating the words, "Get together social, Baptist church, February 20," on the blade, and the person's name on the handle, who kept the same as a souvenir of the occasion. The principal feature of the evening was the supper, which was planned by the hosts and hostesses of the several tables. When supper was announced the scheme of decoration, with tables daintily laid with china glass and silver from several homes. glass and silver from several homes, with a delicious menu at each table, was a most tempting sight. The whole affair was a social success in every

A sociable will be held in the vestry of the Unitarian church on Thursday evening, March 6. The supper and entertainment are in charge of the gentlemen. Supper a 6.30: entertainment at eight o'clock. The Alliance true.

Miss Julia Joseph, of Winchendon, as a guest of Miss Ethel B. Moors wer the holiday and week-end. The Washington birthday party in

The Washington birthday party in the town hall on last week Friday evening was a very pretty affair. The hall was decorated with trees, flags and pictures of Washington. The music by Newell's orchestra was specially good. Refreshments of cake, coffee and ice cream were served in the lower hall at intermission. The matrons were Mrs. F. F. Woods, Mrs. Needham and Mrs. T. G. Smith.

Mrs. Nichols, of Everett, has been

Mrs. Nichols, of Everett, has been a guest of Mrs. F. F. Woods the last week and called on some of her old neighbors.

Little Valery Torrey, daughter of dr. and Mrs. Fred H. Torrey, cele-trated her birthday on Wednesday by intertaining a few of her little friends tefreshments were served and they il had a fine time. Valery was five ears old and had many gifts to add to the pleasure of the afternoon.

The military whist party held in Odd Fellows hall, Tuesday evening, was a very pleasant affair. There were fourteen tables and the prizes were won by Mrs. H. A. Johnson, Mrs. Fred. H. Torrey, hand mirrors, and Appleton Torrey and Fred H. Torrey, ash trays. Fred Dodge came from Attleboro a spend the holiday with his sister on Hollis street.

Roy Bennett came from the Poly-echnic institute, Worcester, to attend he dance and over the week-end.

Miss Georgianna Boutwell is to great dinner to the returned soldiers. There are several now in town and some are back to their positions held before the war.

On last week Thursday evening the annual parish supper was held in the Unitarian vestry, where matters relating to the parish meeting to be held on March 10 were discussed. J. H. Miner has been sick in bed nost of this week with a heavy cold,

John Condon has been an inmate of he hospital. Miss Edith Messenger is under the venther and is resting from her duties

n Shirley.
Albert Warren, who was reported in these columns last week as having met with an accident, is improving.

Winthrop Sheedy arrived home from camp last week and is said to be look-

be out.

West Groton. The monthly business meeting of the Red Cross Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Adams on Thursday afternoon, March 6, at three o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid society was enter-tained at Mrs. George Bixby's Thurs-day afternoon.

Very pleasing Washington exercises ere held in the various rooms at were held in the various rooms at Tarbell school on Friday afternoon, February 21. Quite a number of par-ents and friends were present.

Miss Ruth Mellish spent the holi-day and over Sunday with her friend, Ruth Bixby, at Wellesley Hills.

David Thompson of Mattapan was n town last week visiting his brother, Clarence Thompson. Mrs. Jennie Brown of Leominster was in town Saturday visiting her friend, Mrs. Frank Powell, and calling upon

Irene Malley has been ill with ton-silitis.

silitis.

Some of the holiday guests were Mrs. M. J. Shepley at W. F. Lane's, Lorraine and Marjorie Stone at Geo. Strachan's, all of Waltham; Gregory Smith of Tufts college at P. E. Smith's; Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Strand of Cambridge at L. G. Strand's; Miss Nellie Hill of Boston at Mrs. Charles Hill's; Mrs. Fernald of Framingham at G. S. Webber's.

Webber's. Rev. William Ganley spent Monday in Boston. In the morning he was fortunate enough to get a very good ylew of President Wilson and in the afternoon he attended a Lowell lecture.

News Items.

The twelfth annual concert of the high school will be held in the town hall on Monday evening. The program will consist of two songs, as follows: "When the flag goes by." mixed chorus; "Knitting," girls' chorus; and "To arms for liberty," a pageant of the war. This pageant will be the feature of the evening, and will be given un-der the direction of Misses Fannie Palmer and Marjorie Patten, with Miss Ruth Griffin, A. H. S. '20, as pianist. The theme is patriotic and all the

on Tuesday after spending several weeks visiting in Washington, D. C. Miss. Hume visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moses in Providence on her way home.

Mrs. Ella Sheldon, who has been spending the past few weeks at her home in Ashby, returned to her rooms on Washington street this week.

The chef at Gaynor's restaurant concluded his duties there Thursday night. It is reported that for a time the other employees threatened to valk out with him.

The program for the high school rhetoricals held in the high school building this week Friday afternoon was as follows: "Dad says so, any how," Helen Grayden; "Jane's gradu-ation," Vivian Thompson; "The flag," Nicholas Murray; "Filipo," A. Sculane; "Edith's burglar," Elizabeth Mc-Govern; "The eve of Waterloo." liam Stone: "An optomist," Irene Crowley: "Lizzie Wilson's spots," Alice Donohue and Etta Green: "The true Donohue and Etta Green: "The true American." Frederick Huntington: "Mary Phelan — friend," Dorothy Chandler: "At the telephone." Esther Washburn: "The gramephone at Fondu-lac," Russell Chase; selection from "Anne of Green Gables." Edessa Crawlord amounts: Misses Marion Dwinell and Lina Sherlock, Pleasant street and ford; "By courier." Paul Mullin: "Miss of Jack We Carthy Towns of Jack We Endicate Peabody; subject, A Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Smith are telephone, and Jack We Leading and Selection from Jack We Leading The Jack We Le

A large milk truck, heavily loaded with cans of milk, belonging to the Dell Dale farm, Littleton, became stalled on the railroad crossing between littleton and Ayer, near Pingryville, Wednesday morning, and was completely wrecked when hit by a train which both driver and flagman wer-unable to flag. The truck belong unable to flag. ed to F. T. Hutchinson, of Littleton and the engine stalled when the truck was directly over the railroad track The driver saw that a train was approaching and both he and the flagman endeavored to signal it to stop but the engineer failed to realize that the truck was stalled until too late.
The truck was completely wrecked and the milk cans were hurled in all direc-

The attraction at Proctor's Strand this week Saturday is Mae Marsh in The bondage of Barbara." In this newest and most fascinating Goldwyn picture. Miss Marsh becomes a boy to save the family honor. Who robbed the bank? The thrilling dash to free the prisoner. The notorious fare deni surprises galore. The swiftest moving drama in many months. Shown the bank? The thrilling dash to free the prisoner. The notorious faro dent surprises galore. The swiftest moving drama in many months. Shown last week at the Boston theatre. Charlie Chaplin in "The cure." a two-recter. The latest Gaumont News The last two weeks you have seen in this news what appeared the next day in the Boston Sunday papers—"going some."

The Woman's Alliance will hold

their March business meeting with Mrs. E. A. Whitney on Thursday af-ternoon, March 6, at 2.30 o'clock. Hostesses, Mrs. George J. Burns, Mrs. U. E. Fisher, Mrs. Ella Sheldon, Mrs. Mary J. Harlow and Mrs. E. A. Whit-The regular meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held on Wednesday evening, March 5, at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Normand. Hostesses—Mrs. Normand and Miss Clara Shel-

word has been received that both Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison, who are at Plymouth, Fla., for their health, are improving. Mrs. Morrison, who has been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, is still confined to her bed. don.

. Vern Pillman has closed his bowl-

Mrs. W. A. Lawrence has been pooring for a few days, but is now able to ge out again.

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West Groton.

The monthly business meeting of

The seventh grade was dismissed on Tuesday morning because of the fillness of their teacher, Miss Robinson.

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Mr. and Mrs. U. H. Barrows received a wireless telegram on Tuesday from their son George that he was on the U. S. S. Grant, which arrived in New York on Wednesday. He went across in Company F. 301st Ammunition Train, 76th Division, and returned in the 164th Infantry band, Hendquarters Company, 41st or Sanset Division. He is now located at Camp Dix. They had a very stormy trip and were delayed five days, owing to assistance given to other vessels.

Happy Jack's firift record this week is fifty thirft and three war stamps.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended a parents' meeting in Channing hall. Boston, Tuesday afternoon.

Boston, Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. F. B. Crandall and Mrs. Susan M. Barker, from the Unitarian church, attended the second meeting of the committee for the relief fund of the Near East last Monday evening in Lowell. The time for reaching the quota for the Lowell suburban district, which includes Ayer, has been extended. The original time limit was February 24. The quota for Ayer, which the churches of the town were asked to raise, was \$60. The only contribution credited to Ayer was \$68.10 from the Unitarian church. The general committee has decided to conduct a secular campaign to finish the work left undone by the religious forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Duncklee

left undone by the religious forces.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Duncklee returned home from the south this week Thursday and are now at the home of Mrs. Duncklee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bales, Nashua street.
Mr. Duncklee has just received his discharge from the army and expects to remain in this town.

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It may be of interest to many of the older residents of this vicinity to learn of the passing away of Edwin D. Brigham at the Burbank hospital, Pitchburg, last Saturday morning at the age of 68 years, 3 months, nine days, following an illness of a few weeks.

Mr. Brigham was born in Marlboro Mr. Brigham was born in Marlboro, the son of the late Levi S. and Elizabeth Davenport Brigham, who moved from the old homestead in that town to Ashby in 1866, and in 1861 came to the farm in the Sandy pond school district, on the Westford road, now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Tatro, where he, with the family, resided until his death, which occurred in April 1891. Mrs. Brigham passed away in November of the same year. Edwin received his early education at the Sandy pond school. He left home in 1871, spending several years near Woonsocket, R. I., where he was married to Elizabeth Wanstrum, who died three years ago and drove a scating team for the Boston Chair Co. Later, he bought out the Ashburnham ice business and in connection with it took on the coal business which he handled successfully for

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ness which he handled successfully for many years.

The oldest son, Charles, died several years ago. The youngest son, Fred, of Ashburnham, and two grand-children survive him. He is also survived by two brothers, Lowine E., who lives in Westminster, and Bert B., of Westboro. Westboro.
The deceased was a member of Nau

keag lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Gard-ner Encampment, and of the Sandy Pond School association. The funeral was held from his late home in Ashburnham last Monday afternoon with the Odd Fellows' service. Burial was in the family lot in the new cemetery.

Unitarian Church,

Sunday services—10.45, regular offices and sermon; preacher, Rev. F. B. Crandall; subject, "Going to churchmotives, old style and new." 7.30, evening prayer and sermon; offertory, "Pie Jesu," Mrs. Beckford; preacher, Rev. Endicott Peabody; subject, "A practical plan for the co-operation of churches for spiritual ends."

and Irene McCollester. Nashua street and west, \$11: Miss Marjory Fletcher. Washington street, \$3.60: Misses Beryl and Gladys Proctor. East Main and adjoining streets, \$5.90: Mrs. Susan M. Barker, business, sential and additional streets. Barker, business section and scatter ing, \$26.85; a total of \$68.10.

#### **BOXBOROUGH**

vews Items The Ladies' Social circle held an entertainment in the town hall on Friday evening of last week. Boy Scouts from Littleton were present and gave a mock trial and did signal work in which the audience were much interested. A solo was very pleasingly rendered by Miss Ethel Spencer of Waltham. Miss Elizabeth Perkins ested. Waltham, Miss Elizabeth Perkins played a piano solo and Miss Helen

Mrs. W. H. Furbush, instead of the usual sermon. The money taken in the collection was for the Inter-church in which fourteen denominations are uniting in a campaign.

A fire destroyed the buildings or

Roy Bennett came from the Poly technic institute. Worcester, to attend the dance and over the week-end.

Miss Irene Peabody was home for the holiday; also, Virginia Woods, and the production that will make your the holiday; also, Virginia Woods, and the production that will make your the holiday; also, Virginia Woods, and the production that will make your the holiday; also, Virginia Woods, and the production that will make your the holiday; also, Virginia Woods, and the production that will make your the holiday; also, Virginia Woods, and the super production that will make your the holiday; also, Virginia Woods, and the super production that will make your the holiday; also, Virginia Woods, and the super production that will make your the holiday; also, Virginia Woods, and the super production that will make your the holiday; also, Virginia Woods, and the super production that will make your the woods and her son, Russell Thaw, in "I want to forket"; Wednesday, Emmy Weil and her son, Russell Thaw, in "I want to forket"; Wednesday, Emmy Weil Mrs. B. C. Steele, chairman; Mrs. B. E. Whitcomb, vice chairman; Mrs. B. has recently been given to the chapter. No instructions have been received

about future work. At the special town meeting held nesday evening, after choosing C. T. Wetherhee as moderator, the memorial committee showed a plan of the proposed tablet. It consists of a grante boulder resting on a base. names of the boys are on a bronze tablet surmounted by the town seal, set in the boulder. It is expected it will e placed in front of the church facing the state road. Voted to raise and ppropriate \$500 for the memorial.

Mrs. Percy Morton and daughter Betty of Watertown are at Mrs. Liver-Tie h age recovering from the

Mrs. W. H. Furbush entertained tho following guests over the week-end:
Mr. and Mrs. Gage, Miss Irene Kelley,
Miss Fearl Mallare, Miss Mary Burke,
Richard Gage and Melvillo Wood, all
of Braintree.

Luther and Flint Furbush both re-ceived their discharge from Camp Devenz last week.

The next week.

The next meeting of the Borough Pomona Grange will be held at Marlboro in Oddfellows' hall on Wednesday, March 12. Deputy George Twicker will speak on tractors and improved machinery. Wifred Wheeler will speak on agricultural development of the state in the afternoon.

The next money extension school will

the state in the afternoon.

The postponed extension school will be held here at the town hall on March 4 and 5. Dinner will be furnished by the Grange. The program looks interesting and it is hoped everyone will turn out and enjoy it.

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#### HARVARD

News Items. Chaplain S. R. Robbins of Plymouth will preach at the Unitarian church on Sunday. Church school at twelve. A daughter was born on Wednesday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Foss in Somerville.

After several months of service with the military forces Miss Janet Doe has returned to her home in Old Mill. Our district nurse, Miss Ross, is liv-ing at the home of Dr. H. B. Royal, where she can be reached by telephone 56. She will also be at the Hapgood Memorial rooms every afternoon ex-cept Saturdays and Sundays, from two to four o'clock, for consultation with

any who wish to see her. Hamilton Warren spent last Sunday in town as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacLennan.

In addition to the work of the third and fourth degrees at the Grange on Tuesday evening there will also be in-spection by the state deputy. A real old-time harvest supper and social will be one of the attractive features of the evening of the evening.

of the evening.

The annual parish supper of the Congregational church has been set for Tucsday evening, March 11.

On Monday, March 3, Miss Anna M. Scorgle, of Cambridge and Still River, will give a talk to the Woman's club on folk songs from our southern mountains, illustrated by her sister. Miss Elvira Scorgle; Miss Helen. E. Stone. accompanist.

Stone, accompanist. If you have anything to sell by auction try William F. Fitzgerald, auctioneer, Ayer. Three-years' experience.

Still River.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stone, Miss Helen Stone and Charles Thorning attended ladles' night at Thorning attended ladies night at Trinity lodge of Masons, Clinton, Tuesday evening. Quinsigamond quartet and a lady reader from Worcester, and a planist from Clinton furnished the entertainment, followed by a lunch.

Owing to the storm of Sunday there ere no services at the Baptist church Lawrence Bigelow has been very !!! with bronchitis, but is now recovering. Mrs. Graham and daughter Doro-thy are the latest victims of the in-

Chester Willard made a business ip to Cambridge and Boston on trip to C Thursday.

#### LITTLETON

Miss Lucy Adams has been spending ner week of vacation with her sister Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb.

Miss Helen Jones, of Waltham, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Florence Whitcomb, this week. Miss Florence Whitcomb spen rom Thursday to Monday with riends in Somerville.

The Girl Scouts will meet on Thursday afternoon as usual. Mr. Foster, the new member of the high school teaching staff, will assist in the drilling of the scout girls later. Miss Kimball, who has been acting captain, has received her commission now from headquarters.

Mrs. Brooks is visiting her friends

Miss Hester Burdett and Mrs. Adney Gray spent Tuesday in Boston. Louis Josselyn was among the for-tunate number to accord Presiden Wilson'a welcome.

A letter from France this week from Private Harold Gray states that he Private Harold Gray states that he was on the troop train en route for the Maus that was wrecked on January 31, a full account of which was in the daily papers of the time. On account of the crowded condition of the box car, which cars are used almost entirely for the transportation of troops, in which so many met their death, Private Gray sought a car in the rear where he could lie down, to which action he probably owes his life. Among the number killed, some of whom had passed through the war without a scratch, was Private Gray's bunkle.

bunkie.

Among the holiday guests in this village were Miss Margaret O'Connell of Cambridge, Miss Sarah Precious of Forge Village and Miss Annie Keefe at Michael Keefe's; Miss Sybil Bailey of East Boston and Harry Knight of Springfield at Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher's; Miss Hazel Harvey of Cambridge and Louis Josselyn of Mitchell Military school at Clarence Josselyn's; Mrs. Sadie Austin of Cambridge at Charles Noyes's; Mr. and Mrs. Will Colcord and son Reginald at Twin Elms.

The As You Like It club was enter-

and son Reginald at Twin Elms.

The As You Like It club was entertained on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs.
George Jones at her home, Seven
Pines. In spite of snow and water a
good number of members were greeted
by Mrs. Jones. The program consisted
of music, guessing contests and recitations. A clever guessing game calling
for names of presidents tested the wit
and memory. Mrs. Clara Pond was
the most successful and Miss Mamic
Adams secured the booby prize. Dainty refreshments were served. The
guests were Miss Jane Worcester and
Mrs. Clara Pond of Meirose. Those
who were kept away because of poer
traveling missed a very pleasant afternoon.

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Wedding Anniversary

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In honor of the 23d marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Bazley and in recognition of her husband's birthday Mrs. Clarence Josselyn on last Saturday evening gave a charming party at their home, Pinecroft Guests were present from Springfield. Cambridge, Melrose and Billerica. The house was handsomely decorated with festoons of the national colors and with American fags. Likenesses of George Washington, framed in red. white and blue of overhung with the stars and stribes, gave striking, evidence of the day we celebrate. Progressive whist furnished the entertainment. Along with the place cards each





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guest received favors—a hatchet and small silk flag. Mrs. Minnie Knight and her son Harry remained at the head table until they were finally displaced by Mrs. Michnel Keefe and James Bennett, who kept the position of honor till the close of the game and who received first prizes—bon-bon boxes in the likeness of ornamental cherry-tree stumps. Mrs. William Colcord and Mr. Bagley were consoled by decorative hatches.

At the close of the whist the hostess invited the company into the big liv-LOST IN AYER—February 15, two-Keys on brass ring. Please leave at POSTOFFICE, Ayer. NOTICE—As successor to A. & E. LAWTON'S SONS & CO., Real Estate Agents, I have some 20 Farms in Groton, Mass., for sale, and other property and business propositions. F. E. GILSON, Groton and Ayer, Mass.

invited the company into the big liv-ing room where in a pleasing manner the bride and groom were presented a the bride and groom were presented a handsome wedding cake with its 22 candles brightly aglow. Mr. Josselyn received an equally fine birthday cake. In accord with an old custom the wedding cake was cut by the bride and the guests invited to partake. After the serving of refreshments the ter the serving of refreshments the guests departed with many expressions of appreciation for the fine time that had been granted them.

New Advertisements.

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#### AYER

News Items.

A social dance, given by the Athletic association of the high school, was held in Hardy's hall last week Friday evening. Music was furnished by Perry's orchestra. A good number of high school pupils and their friends were present.

Mrs. John H. Sanderson and her young daughter, June, returned last Sunday from Dr. Ayres' hospital, Gro-ton. Mrs. Sanderson's mother, Mrs. George Baker, is attending the mother and child

Mrs. Ralph L. Bosworth returned t her home in Holyoke last Monday after a two-weeks' visit at the home of parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. San derson, Columbia street.

The Girls' Patriotic league is especially fortunate in securing one of the best colored jazz orchestras from Camp Devens for the weekly dance given to enlisted men in Hardy's hall on Tuesday evening of each week.

F. H. Gathercole returned from Laconia, N. H., Wednesday, after attending appointments with some of his former customers.

Mrs. Eli W. Carley left for Washington, D. C., last week Friday to visit at the home of her sister. Her son, Lieut, Arthur D. Carley, just returned from France, is stationed at Camp Meade, Md., not far from Washington. Lieut. Carley was a practicing medical doctor in Dayton, Ohio, before he entered the army.

Misses Emily Nagle and Clara Thomas attended millinery openings in Boston last Tuesday preparatory Miss Nagle's spring opening here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3, 4 and 5.

Miss Evelyn Sanderson spent the week-end with friends in Malden.

Lieut. Reginald MacDonnell was discharged last week from Camp Grant, Ill., and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Authler, of Shirley. He has visited here this week with his aunt, Mrs. Herbert L. Farnsworth. Reginald intends to take up his studies again at the University of Maine next year, where he has one more year to finish his course.

Nearly a thousand shipments a day are sent to the "No Mark Bureau" of the express company because all means of identification have been lost. From July 1 to November 30, last year, 127,859 shipments were received from the No Mark Bureau, all of which were entirely without mark or bore addresses that could not be made out, or consigned to destinations that did not exist. Mr. Woods, local agent for the American Railway Express Co., is endeavoring to eliminate these shipments and is asking for the co-operation of employees and patrons.

held its annual meeting in January. This association was chartered on May 21, 1918, and has made eleven loans amounting to \$34,700. The directors elected at the annual meeting for the current year are W. V. Bixby L. Craigue, P. Oddy, A. P. Smith Vissochi. The officers are A. P. Smith, pres,, of Maynard; A. L. Craigue, v. p., of Lunenburg; H. A. White, sec.-treas., of Fitchburg. The officers of the association are planning an active campaign to extend the fa-cilities of the association to all farmers in its territory. They invite each and every farmer to communicate with the secretary-treasurer, who will be very glad to explain the system and to assist in every way possible in making out the application and in securing the loan. The State of Massachusetts has 15 associations; made 444 loans, for a total of \$1,103,255.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Friday evening, February 28, at seven o'clock. Work—Master Viscon 28. Work-Master Mason de

gree, Lunch. On Tuesday afternoon ten of the members of St. Andrew's Guild assem-bled at the home of Mrs. Berton Wilbled at the home of Mrs. Berton Williams for the purpose of finishing Red Cross garments. After a period of diligent work, a social hour was much provided teacher with the accomplete of the state of the schools. enjoyed, together with the accompaniment of dainty refreshments.

The Paris Studio, which has been of the school children and the schools

Miss Daisy Sheldon, of Boston, visit-rest to that of the biggest business day ed her mother, Mrs. Ella Sheldon, over of the week.

building, to the store on the corner of the first floor, which has been va-cated by the Thayer McNeil Company.

The Thayer McNeil Company of Boston closes its branch store here which has been located in the Barry block for the past year today. It is expected that the stock will be moved out immediately, as the store has been rented to Miss R. M. Graham for her millinery parlors.

Word has been received that Capt. H. B. Priest is expected home about the first of April. Since Dr. Priest in the Philippines, and for the past year, has been in Vladivostok, Siberia, Russia.

It is reported that Mrs. Eugene

Frederick Barry, of New York, is in town, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Eugene Barry, who is very ill.

Dr. Lily O. Burbank of the Massachusetts State Department of Health, will speak on social hygiene at the meeting of the Woman's club ion next week Wednesday. A regular meeting of the week wednesday. A regular meeting of the week wednesday at the preacher. Immediately after the percy Lawrence, of Waltham. The service there will be a meeting of all service there will be a meeting of all souvenirs were boxes of stationery. of the executive board will be held at the home of Mrs. Johnson on Friday evening of this week at 7,30 o'clock.

At the Groton hospital on Wednesday Dr. Ford performed a very successful operation on Mrs. T. W. Titus of Sandy pond road for appendicitis. She is resting very comfortably at last

Notwithstanding the heavy snow-storm lest Sunday a goodly number came out to the services at the Bantist church, especially in the evening. Lieut. Parker favored the audience with a solo. On Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "The call of God." Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Service of song at 6.45 in the evening; preaching at seven. B. Y. P. U. on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Mid-week prayer meeting on Thursday evening prayor meeting on Intersual evening the peared before the selectmen in support at 7.30. The young people will hold a petition against the permission secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, the young people will hold a petition against the permission and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment. At section 2012, woodward has secsion and musical entertainment.

who has been very ill for several of our objection, inasmuch as the mat

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith, of Ev-

Little Rachel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGray, who has been so seriously ill with pneumonia, is recovering. It is joyful news to all who know them, as the little tot is an un-usually sweet and winsome child, the, pet of the neighborhood.

week service Thursday evening at 7.30. Christian Science service Sunday morning in Turner's block at 10.30; subject, "Christ Jesus." Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30. Reading and writing room open daily in Carley's new block. All welcome.

The regular meeting of George S Boutwell W. R. C. will be held in Hardy's hall on Thursday evening at 7.30. The corps has voted to accept 7.30. The corps has voted to accept themselves are glad to have the the invitation to attend services at the church give them such moral and rewith the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans.

An interesting series of meetings were held at the Federated church this week. On Tuesday evening John Armstrong of Hut 28 spoke and Mrs. Sargent sang. Wednesday night Chap-lain Merchant spoke and Mrs. Slosser sang. Thursday evening Chaplain Charles E. Smith spoke and Miss Alice Leahy sang.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sheldon, of Colorado, who have been in the east for the past few weeks, visiting Mr. Sheldon's mother, Mrs. Elia Sheldon, left for Colorado last Thursday. Mr. Sheldon is a mining engineer.

William Profit, son of James Profit, rived from France at Hampton Roads, Va., and expects to start soon for Italy.

He is in the navy, aboard the U. S. S.

Vermont. This boat has been doing convoy duty and is now acting as a transport for Italy.

Mrs. Harvey Winslow, who has been in Revere for the past few weeks, returned to her home this week.

The Ayer council, K, of C., held dance in the town hall last Wednesday evening. There was a large crowd there of local and out of town people. Music was furnished by Heneault's or-chestra. Those in charge of the af-fair were Dr. J. W. Desmond, J. W. The Ayer Junction N. F. L. A., of Ayer, which covers the counties of Northeast Worcester and Middlesex, Indian George L. Wilson.

Friends of Mrs. Charles A. Kendall daughter of H. H. Bliss of this town wife of the chief of police of Somer ville, were pleased to hear of the suc cess of the Somerville Police Relief association ball held in the Knights of Columbus hall of that city on last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Kendall, with her husband, led the grand march and had much to do with the success of the ball. Theatrical artists from Boston's leading shows assisted in the entertainment.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page

Sunday Movie Hearings.

The board of selectmen gave a hear ing last week Friday evening to citizens urging the discontinuance of the granting of the weekly permits to local novie theatres for Sunday opening. A petition signed by several hun-

was presented. The schools were represented by the superintendent, Frank Johnson, who presented a petition rom the school board asking that Sunday movie proprietors be refused influence that, in its week-day activity, thirty days. Signed, was already a menace to the welfare

The Paris Studio, was encoperated by Isaac Roscoll in the Carley block since that building was erected, closed up its business this week Thursday. The goods and fixtures tending, if not conspiring, to change the character of Sunday as a day of the character of Sunday as a day of

One of the selectmen presented a Miss R. M. Graham expects to move her millinery parlors from their quarters on the second floor of the Barry hullding to the state of the second floor of the barry hullding to the state of the second floor of the barry hullding to the state of the second floor of the Barry hullding to the state of the state of the second floor of the Barry hullding to the state of the second floor of the Barry hullding to the state of the second floor of the asked why then he had signed and whether he was not a free-born man he was reported as saying that he had igned because he liked the man who

had the petition.

George S. Poulius, manager of the

art of one of the supporting speakers Barry is very ill and is under the care of two trained nurses. Specialists have been called in and several consultations held.

Frederick Barry, of New York, is in closed.

St. Andrew's Church. The service next Sunday morning at those confirmed more than five years ago. This meeting is held in accordance. This meeting is held in accordance. The meeting is held in accordance with the second secondary with the s ance with the bishop's plan whereby similar meetings will be held this Sunday in all the parishes in the state. It will serve to remind the active com-municants of the church of the responsibilities they have accepted and

he vows they have taken, The third message from the bishop. containing daily Bible readings and prayers for use from now until Easter vill he distributed by the committee this Sunday.

The Ladies' Guild will meet on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Allison on Pleasant street.

weeks, is somewhat improved, but is ter affects the life of the town.

It is well, first of all, that people should understand how the erett, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Landry at their pretty home at the Willows. move theates to run on Sunday a special license has to be granted by the board of selectmen. That is, the matter is one entirely within their discretion. And in granting or with-

ters of Sunday regulation One special group opposed to Sunday movies is composed of the min Federated church, Sunday—10.30, communion service; Sunday school at two leafer of men's class; Mrs. Flora Potter, women's class; Mrs. Flora Po Service at Federation mouse at 1.50.

Boy Scout meeting Monday afternoon at 3.30. Wednesday evening at 7.30.

Ash Wednesday service: Chaplain the week. As between the theatre and the church there is no question that for many people the theatre is the "easier way." And any community that respects the church will be glad

> This affects the children of the community especially. Their habits and interests are still undeveloped, and many people who do not attend church ligious training as it can. Sunday movies interfere with this work.

A second group opposed to Sunday novies is composed of the educational interests in the town; the board of ed-ucation and the superintendent of The reasons for their objecchools. ions are these: Sunday movies mean an additional day of movies for many children in the community. Too frequent attendance at movies has a bad effect on the development of a child's mind. This is because they are too exciting and demand no effort of attention or concentration. It is the opinion of the educational authorities that children who have been to movies on Sunday will return to school on Monday less thoroughly and whole-somely rested, less capable of real at-tention and thought.

Furthermore, the moral effect of one day in the week when the better interests in life are emphasized will

There is no space to give the names of the petitioners, but it is worth not-Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lawrence and ing that they include many of the most daughter Gladys spent the holiday and capable and successful business and week-end at the home of A. E. Lawjudge of the Superior court, the educational leaders, the Ayer Woman's club and the ministers of the four Protestant churches.

Among those appearing with the petitioners was Mr. Poulius, proprietor of one of the two local theatres, who out of respect for the Sunday tradition and the desires of a substantial element in the town is opposed to the permission of Sunday movies.

Angus Dun.

Resulutions.

The following resolutions were adopted at a meeting of Ayer Council, Knights of Columbus, held Tuesday evening, February 25, on the death of

Brother P. B. Murphy:
It has pleased Almighty God in his Divine Wisdom to remove from our midst our well beloved Brother Peter B. Murphy, and whereas, it is proper at this time that we, the members of Ayer Council, Knights of Columbus, should give expression to the esteem and regard in which he was held by his late associates, therefore be it
Resolved, That in the untimely end

of Brother Murphy, Ayer Council, Knights of Columbus, loses one of its most zealous members, a devoted friend, and companion, and one who in every way was deserving of our re-gard and esteem.

Resolved, That we extend our sym-pathy to the sorrowing family of our Brother and commend them to the care of the most High, the comforter of the afflicted, and be it further

respect to his memory, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy printed in Term our records, a copy printed in Tur-ner's Public Spirit, a copy sent to the bereaved family of our deceased New Yorker who opened a novelty Brother and that our charter be ap- store confessed be had taken in just

M. J. Griffin, J. H. Burns, George Wilson, Committee on Resolutions

The Branch Alliance and Girls' club served a sumptuous Washington's birthday dinner, followed by a military whist, in the vestry of the Unitarian church. About 200 partock of the good cheer. The menu consisted of chicken patties, salads, mashed pota-to, jellies, rolls, fancy pies and cof-fee. The committee in charge of the dinner report a notable generosity on the part of those solicited for contributions of food. A considerable num-George S. Poulius, manager of the Page hall theatre, stated at the hearing that he had not desired to open his theatre on Sunday and had done so only when obliged to in competition.

The proprietors of Proctor's Strand and 27 supporters had their hearing Thursday evening in the upper town hall. John M. Maloney was the chief speaker against the petition. Other supporters who spoke were Clarence Moore, Lucius C. Fairchild, Patrick H. Hooley and Michael Murphy. A regrettable feature was a tendency on the part of one of the supporting speakers.

the Misses Gertrude Gleave, Emma Kinney, Ida Joy, Irene McCollester, Beryl Proctor, Gladys Proctor, Abbie Robinson, Alice Sanderson, Clara Sheldon and Maud Whitcomb.

After an interval in which the men moved the tables and enjoyed an removed the tables and enjoyed an after-dinner smoke in a room reserved and known on the occasion as the "moking car." whist was played. Premier honors went to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Farnsworth and Mr. and Mrs. comb suffered a "cleaning up" hands of more other players than any-one else and received cakes of soap to remind them of it. The whist was in charge of Mrs. L. H. Cushing and Mrs.

C. A. Normand. C. E. Convention.

The thirty-first annual C. E. convention of the Middlesex Local Christian Endeavor Union was held in the Federated church on last Saturday. There was a large attendance of local people added to about 100 from surrounding towns. The convention opened at 2.15 with a praise and de-To the Editor:

Last week a number of citizens appeared before the selectmen in support

Votional service conducted by Rev.

James G. Robertson, of Acton Center.

Following this was a short business

people. After this address the representative of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary society, Rev. J. F. Russell, spoke on "The Philippines." This address was especially interesting because of the speaker's knowledge of the Philippine Islands. At 4.15 the Personal Workers and Your Society conferences were held. These were in charge of Mrs. Fannie Porter, West Acton, and Mrs. Alice Champion, Newholding such a license they do not commit themselves on any other mat-

Supper was served at 5.30 in the vestry of the church and was prepared by the members of the Ayer C. E. so

Keen "K" Notes.

At the Knights of Columbus headquarters, last week Wednesday, a danoing party was held. The prettiest girls from the towns of Shirley to help it to the extent of offering it and Ayer were in the hall, and a most one day as free as possible from commercial, competition.

tra composed of regimental musicians vas in attendance.

Knights of Columbus entertainer vent through wards of the base hos pital on several occasions last week The men in the hospital were ver rlad to hear the singers and othe performers. It is arranged for parties of entertainers to give the hospital nembers entertainment of this kind at regular intervals.

On last week Thursday evening the oys were given a real treat at the Knights of Columbus building Dewire sisters, from Lowell, their quaint dancing, went over with a bang. Miss Boland was there when it came to singing. The magician of Fitchburg, "Professor" Lowney, was also one of the evening's stars. Mr. Lynch, the reader, was also present. Sertg. Hurley and Sergt. Lynch contributed to making the night a ban-

Miss Mae Rynne, well-known prano of Lowell,, was in Camp Devens during last week. Miss Rynne, who is singer of particular promise the various huts of the Knights of Columbus and sang for the boys. the main Knights of Columbus build-ing she sang "Give me all of you dear," to a most appreciative audi-

Miss Esther Crowley was in Devens during last week. Miss Crowley was a regular treat at the piano. An early eturn visit of this performer is looked for in camp,

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Boston Herald of February 26: The war boom bubble has burst and

the exodus is in full swing of those who came to camp as far back as twenty months ago to reap a financial harvest. Buoyed by the hope of a quick return of the famous Yankee Division, scores refused to be dismayed by dwindling receipts from the ever smaller number of army patrons. But the announcement that it will be two months before this large-sized plum is housed in camp, an attraction guaranteed to fill the town and camp with old-time crowds, has proved a knock-out blow for hundreds who have en gaged in small business enterprises. A flock of automobiles stand cold and still in Depot square, ice forming

on the wheels, while the chauffeurs seek the excitement of the town's two motion picture houses. There are nearly a score of big jitney busses, and twice as many automobiles, wandering aimlessly around scouting for business that doesn't exist. To make it more doleful the daily visit to the movies has been christened "the mourners' parade." And as if that were not enough the Red Cross ambulance drivers with their expensive machines are carrying soldiers around free, as are the passenger trucks now

fourteen cents an entire Boston merchant with a larger stock declared his receipts were no more than a dollar. Two of the restaurant have closed their doors, leaving more popular eating places an opportunity to pay expenses. The telegraph office

oses at sundown. Although cobwebs threaten to decorate empty shelves, many war camp neighbors view with no dismay a return to the peaceful serenity of a quie countryside. Others hope and predict that this is but a lull and that new activity is to keep the site of soldiernaking a spot of lively interest for Yew England families.

Camp Notes. Col. Oliver H. Dockery, Jr., .commander of the 7th Infantry, now de-mobilized and disbanded, has been ordered to Albany N. Y., for recruiting duty. Col. James B. Kemper has been detailed to recruiting duty at Harrisburg, Pa. Majer W. J. Fitzmaurice, former assistant chief of staff, is assistant chief of staff, personnel. signed to the general staff, personnel branch, and Major Oliver H. Dickerson, former 35th machine gun battalion commander, is detailed as assist ant district inspector of the R. O. T. C. at Minneapolis.

General court-martial findings pub-lished the first of the week fix punishment for several soldiers. Private Thomas F. Downey, 34th company, depot brigade, was dishonorably disdepot brigade, was dishonorably dis-charged and sentenced to confinement at hard labor for one year on convic-tion of descrition from June 22 to No-vember 7, when he was apprehended in Boston. Private Edward Brown, convicted of refusal to chop wood, was dishonorably discharged and sentenced to one year. Private John Klemm was accondited on charges of descrition and equitted on charges of desertion and unauthorized appearance in civilian clothes. Private Clarence E. Durgin, company A. 36th Infantry, drew six months' confinement and dishonorable discharge for a conviction of descrition.

First Lieut, William Hepburn, who eccived the Distinguished Service Cross for capturing five machine guns while with the 102d infantry, and was awarded the Croix de Guerre for a daylight patrol while with the 308th infantry, is the latest arrival at the base hospital. He is convalescing from the last of four wounds received

The graduate nurses are rehearsing a minstrel show to be held on March 17 at the Red Cross recreation build

Brig.-Gen. John E. Woodward has

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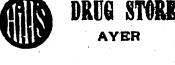
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cessor of a Decade Ago.

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it is adjusted to suit the fancy of the

the designer. Sometimes the bow is

directly in the back, big and broad,

like the 301 of the maid of old Japan.

Again the loops will be placed at the

right or the left side, a perky, jaunty

arrangement of silk or satin, some-

times with one instead of two long

ends and fringe edged. Then there is

the broad girdle, usually of the mate-

rial, deftly maneuvered with ends terminating in tassels.

is a distinctive feature of frocks. Even

the tailored serge, fashioned severely,

with high collar and long, tight

sleeves, boasts a sash these days, at

least one chic model does, the sash

worn by a young girl'in one of the

colette or the equally supple wool

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than some one of the three-piece sets

large bow at the left side towards the

fabric forms the sides, one end of

which is drawn through a band of

Another set consists of a wrap

which after being snugly draped about

the shoulders crosses in front and is

tied in the back with a velvet ribbon.

The must would be simple and round,

were it not for the velvet bow that

runs through it, with loops of coquet-

tish twist. The hat is oddly shaped

and fits the head closely; at the top

Fashion Notes.

Georgette continues to predominate

as the blouse fabric, but as early

spring fashions crowd out the new

prevailing modes, look for blouses of

voile, dimity and net. Blouses in such

striking colors as Peking blue and hen-

na are a midseason novelty. Sealskin

browns and navy are two other good

blouse colors of the moment, the mate-

The Legal Way.

yawping about the learned judge?

"That's the only way you can take a slam at a judge."

Politeness Pays.

that the telephone company loses 125

hours of work every day through the

use of the word "please" by operators

and yet it pays.

A mathematician has figured out

"What's the matter with that inw-er?" "Huh?" "Why does he keep

rial in all instances being georgette.

are loops of the velvet.ribbon.

the fur.

these jaunty little sets.

modified kimono siceves.

However it is introduced the sash

of jet beads.

#### PEPPERELL

Nows Items. Frederic Cleveland has been spending his week of school vacation a Hillerest, the farm of his father, Di Cleveland, of Wellesley.

A juvenile dancing class was started on Monday afternoon by Miss Helen M. Robbins at Saunders' hall. This is in addition to her evening class, to meet the demand for a class for the younger pupils, who ought not to at-

Mrs. Blanche Lawrence visited in town over Monday and Tuesday, from Hillsboro, N. H., coming to see her brothers, Bernard, Ray and Everett Scott: also, on Monday, she went to Lawrence to see her brother Steven at the hospital, and found him much improved, and able to walk from his oom in the sun corridor twice a day.

Miss Ruth Morrell, with a girl friend from Lawrence, passed the holiday with her aunt, Mrs. Edward John. son, returning home on Tuesday.

Elmer E. Shattuck, of this town lately installed as warden at the state prison in Charlestown, is inaugurating some changes, according to accounts, beneficial to the inmates. For the first time in the history of the institution the inmates gave a public entertain-ment, Mr. Shattuck acted in co-operation with the chaplain, Rev. M. J. Murphy. There was a two-night per-formance on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the prison band of twenty-five pleces giving an hour's concert and the orchestra rendering selections during the evening. A chorus of forty-six voices has been under rehearsal, bringing to light some extra good talent among the inmates. On Tuesday evening several hundred guests were in vited, among them the governor, members of his council, the lieutenant-gov ernor, Mayor Peters, judges and district attorneys, and many others of

Announcement is made of the birth a second daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tierney, Worcester, occurring las week. Mrs. Tierney was formerly Miss Cuthbertson, of this town.

Joseph Mahoney, of Middleboro spent a part of last week at the home of his brother, Amos Mahoney, and other friends.

The two inches of damp snow made a beautiful sight on Sunday morning, every tree and twig being coated. With the warm sun of Monday it was wheeling again by night.

The annual "children's afternoon" the Woman's club will be held at the Alethea theatre on Friday afternoon March 7, at three o'clock. The film to be presented for the little ones' enter tainment will be "Jack and the bear The meeting is open to the public, the usual admission being charged, and the Woman's club ticket admits a member, with the additional two-cent war tax. All children under twelve years of age are admitted free In the evening the same pictures wil be given under the management of the the regular admission being charged.

Oliver Shattuck is heard from at the hospital at Camp Devens, as having rather tough luck. The bone which was broken in his lower leg has been subjected to the X-ray and re-broker and re-set, in order to make it perfect His wife, from Alton Bay, N. H., has been staying with him a few days of

The regular meeting of the Special Aid society was held at the rooms or Monday with a good attendance. Th last consignment of garments sent from Red Cross headquarters received attention of all, and several of the workers took some of the last gar-ments home to finish, that the package might be forwarded this week as required.

Mrs. Robert Sherwood and daughter Elva, with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hardy, visited Mrs. Arthur Brown Sherwood's sister, in Brookline, N. H., last week.

The auction at Twin Valley farm on Monday was a largely attended one, bidders on the live stock coming from all the surrounding country, and prices ranged high. Mr. Chamberlain spent a part of the week at the farm, closing up some matters.

#### Church Notes,

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning Rev. B. W. Rust will take for his topic, "Robber christians." In the evening the subject will be "The way to wealth." At the moon session of th Sunday school the subject of the pastor before the Epworth league will be "India, the land of caste." On Tucsday evening the regular prayer meeting will be held at 7.30.

On Friday evening, March 7, the Ep worth league will hold a box party in the vestry. This will be in charge of the social department, with Mrs. Ralph Buck as chairman.

At the Community church last Sunday morning E. Talmadge Root, field secretary of the Federation of Churches, preached a stirring sermon in the place of the candidate who was expect ed to fill the pulpit for the day. Mr Root was pleased to meet the joint committee of the Community church after the service, as he is especially enthusiastic on the subject of the nev federated movement throughout the There was no evening service. as Mr. Root was obliged to be in Res. ton to fill an engagement early Monday morning.

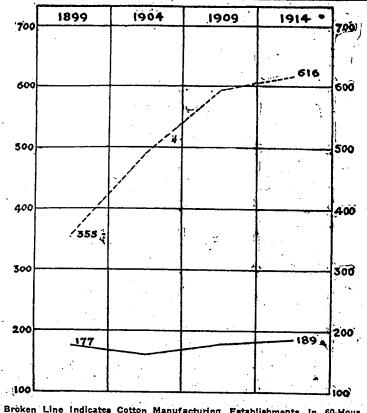
preach as a candidate at the morning service at 10.45, Sanday. The evening service will be discontinued until further natice. Stunday school at moon as usual. All are asked to bruz in their books for the Armer on-Strain relief fund, as or account of the stem last Sunday the drive will be extended. over the conduct Surface

Notice is again called to the att. ngement by which the mothers of small children, who would like to oftend church services, it is bring the chil-dren to the vestry of the chinch, where they will be cared for by some responsible person.

A supper is to be served by the Community Church Workers, the new-ly organized society, on the evening of March 13, and the chairman of the thrown away because on the committee is Miss Ellen Miller, instead ing it contradicts our view. of Miss Wood, as understood last week. An entertainment is being planned t follow the supper.

#### About Town.

The basketball game played in th Opera House last week Friday evening between the Nashua Y. M. C. A. and a team from Worcester Polyfechnic, wa the fastest game ever played in Pep-perell. Three of the Worcester team were Pepperell boys, Sullivan, Harney and Attridge. Sullivan made the first team at Worcester Polytechnic, but up as it took too much time from his studies.



Broken Line Indicates Cotton Manufacturing Establishments in 60-Hour States of South. Solid Line Indicates Establishments in Massachusetts -South Grew 73 Per Cent, Massachusetts Grew 7 Per Cent.

been making in cotton consumption and spindleage in her establishments, but that is but two of several departments in which she is showing a percentage increase. Plant expansion is one of the barometers which indicates whether a manufacturing district is really one of big business. The South is surely developing big

business in the cotton textile industry. In 1899 Massachusetts had 177 establishments, most of which were located in Fall River and New Bedford. The four sixty hour states of the South-North Carolina. South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, had 355. In 1904 Massachusetts had lost 16 of her establishments while the South gained 33. In round numbers thirty-three does not seem such a large number during a five year per iod, but reduced to percentage we find that the four Southern states gained forty-six per cent over Massachusetts during that period.

During the next five years Massachusetts did regain some of her lost den says there is but one argument, ground, showing an advance of 13 —National legislation. ground, showing an advance of 13

Previous articles indicated the tre- per cent over the previous five years. mendous strides which the south has The Southern states continued to climb and registered an increase of 21 per cent. In fifteen years or from 1899 to 1914 (latest available figures) Massachusetts saw a mere 6 per cent posted, an average of 2.5 per cent increase per year for the fifteen year period.

The four Southern states, on the other hand, had jumped ahead 78 per cent, or an average of nearly 5 per cent in the same time

Again the same question arises. Why is this? Again comes the same reply. There is a bigger demand for cloth. Why? Because Southern mills can undersell Massachusetts mills. Why? Because with the fifty-four hour week here, compared the sixty hour week in the South each operative works 312 more hours per year. She can turn out 312 more hours of cloth and she receives less pay for doing it. Massa chusetts cotton manufacturers say this is not fair. Labor leaders say it is not fair. Manufacturers say there is but one argument. John Gol-

### THE NEW LOAN FOR LIBERTY WON

The "Victorious Fifth" Will Find Enormous Tasks That Call for Its Dollars.

The Fifth Liberty Loan, which the people of the country will be asked in April to make to the Government will be a loan of the future.

Four great loans have fought for Liberty. This will meet the needs of The free peoples of the world have

given to millions of their brothers and sisters the right of determining their own destinies. But for all of them remains still the

great work of reconstruction, re-adjustment, completion, for the established peace.

The responsibilities of this new pe riod are no less great than those which arose in the crisis of the war itself. to do our part as a nation as fully now as we did when we struck our blow towards saving civilization.

It still remains to see that all which was won on the battlefield is saved for liberty; that the stricken people do not starve and that there is prompt and useful rebuilding and restoration

in ravaged Europe. We must bring back to their own land and to their own homes, the millions of our men who have helped win the great victory. They must once more be fitted with thought and care

into our national life. Great projects which were begun in time of war must be finished or redirected.

All of these tests are part of the great enterprise of peace and reconstruction. All of them must be financed in the next few months before us. To carry them out is absolutely necessary if we are to complete our share of the work which has been car ried so far forward. Every man and every woman in the

nation, who has shared in the blessings of peace won by the war, should pre pare now to share in peace loan-the VICTORIOUS FIFTH.

#### Books.

Books are to be read not only for information, but also for inspiration There are volumes which fill us up with facts, and there are others whose value lies chiefly in their suggestive quality-they set us to thinking. Some books are irritants, or counter-irri tants, and others make us give up untrue and unruly opinions, or inconsist ent and indigestible morsels of things that-are-not-so, which we have too hastily swallowed. A book is not to be lightly esteemed or petulantly thrown away because on the first read

The Attraction. Slacker-What is there about a uni form that attracts a girl? Girl-Nothing. It's what the uni-form is about that attracts her. A

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real man, you know.

### **UNCLE SAM PAYS** FINAL WAR BILL

Seven Great Items That Must Be Settled for Peace Will Be Met by The Fifth Liberty Loan.

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The Fifth Loan will come about mid April, or just two years after the date upon which we entered the war. It will be more of a peace loan than a way loan. It will be a loan to make the final settlement, squaring up the bill for the war while the celebration of the victory is still going on and the mer are streaming back from France by hundreds of thousands.

A total of from five to six billions will probably be offered. What the Three-Piece Sets of Fur or Fur and money is needed for and why it is needed is worth putting compactly together. It brings to mind at a glance what is demanded still by the great tasks imposed by peace.

These are some of the chief items:-

Care for the American soldiers in the Army of Occupation.

2. Providing for the second army in the area behind the zone of occu-3. Bringing home soldiers who have

been released from war duties. 4. Demobilizing millions of men up on their arrival here. 5. Keeping up the cantonments

hospitals in this country. 6. Re-habilitating and re-educating men who have been wounded. 7. Reconstruction work for the

diers and sailors. Every one of the millions of men represented on this list have shared in doing the nation's work abroad. Any American who stands by the country will not fail to see now that

the peace debt is paid for the men

who have won peace.



MAIMED MEN MUST HAVE NEW LEGS The Victorious Fifth Liberty Loan will

carry on the Government's reconstruction work for our wounded men. Illustration copyrighted by men. Hustration Western Newspaper Union.

### Benjamin Franklin Welcomed Back to American EVERYBODY IS Soil in 1785 After Nearly Nine Years in France



fought by the colonies, but more than that, by his tact, kindness of manner and ability as a statesman succeeded in securing moral support for the colonists' struggle which was manifested can people through a war for freedom greater than that being fought while Franklin was in France—the issue of War Savings Stamps.

While in France, Franklin succeeded | freedom of the world—have been able in floating a loan to help fi to pay back a portion of the debt of nance the war for independence being gratitude the United States has owed France since Franklin's day.

On Franklin's 213th anniversary Jan. 17, was launched the big 1919 drive for the sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps. Because he was the pioneer of thrift and a man of great by France in many ways. The Ameri- ability as well as a true patriot, the Government has paid him high tribute by placing his likeness on the 1919

CHILDREN, THRIFT AND

In summing up the total of War Sav-

PATRIOTISM.

ings Stamps activity in 1918, some

#### VICTORY DO'S AND DON'TS.

1. Do eliminate the "ifs" from life and instead build up thrift.

SASH IS IN THE LIMELIGHT 2. Don't quit saving and helping the government. You still have a personal remarkable records made by children obligation to assist in clearing the way. Accessory is More Sophisticated and 3. Do buy wisely, save sanely, infull value for every dollar expended.

4. Don't forget that you are your ticated and alluring accessory than its predecessor of a decade ago, and own biggest asset, and that you can capitalize yourself by saving.

wearer or the artistic conception of izen. 6. Don't sell your government se

you by-and-by.

the slippery dollar. 8. Don't forget that, although the war is over, you owe everlasting grati-

for liberty. 9. Do join the "get-ahead" move ment. Start even with the new issue of War Saving Stamps.

10. Don't allow your thrift to become irksome. Regard it as a business, which brings legitimate returns the War Savings Stamps. Thoughtbeing of the material and terminating through wise expenditure.

in a wide bow at the normal waistline 11. Do increase your savings-no in the back. Another use for the matomorrow, or next day, but NOW, terial sash is on the velvet frock, one 12. Don't fail to realize that thrift example being an old rose velvet gown is one of the great lessons taught by the war, and that it must not be neglected or forgotten. new plays. It is a delightfully simple

gown, one-piece, medium width skirt and wide girdle and broad bow of the 13. Do resolve to stand back of the American end of the peace table, with velvet. A narrow band of kolinsky heart, brains, encouragement, labor outlines the round neck and edges the

14. Don't set aside your newly acquired habit of thrift, but "carry on" The sash, on the order of the sweat accessory, of medium width and finished with balls and tassels of silk, with even more zeal and enthusiasm than before. is still in vogue and it is particularly adapted to the trim little gown of tri-

15. Do employ all practical means of stopping the useless small leaks from is no excuse for us if we neglect the your purse, which undermine the foundations of success.

#### HOW MOVITZ HELPED WIN THE WAR.

Movitz is a name which indicates that the diminutive individual who bears it first saw the light in a land What could be more fascinating which was ruled by an autocratic czar, but Movitz is a loyal American -hat, collarette and muff-made of now and eagerly doing his part to hold fur or fur and silk or velvet comaloft the torch of liberty. He goes to bined? They are of varied shapes school in a big New England city, and and in various color combinations, one day he handed in the following composition to his teacher:

One set consists of turban, with One day in August my eldes just the top of the crown of kolinsky, brother came in the house with a book while the lower part of the turban is in his hand. He had signed my name swathed with velvet in a charming old and had given me a Thrift Stamp to blue tone, the velvet terminating in a start with for helping him sell papers Sunday. I read in the papers of the large loop at the left side toward the back. A large crushed band of the German mustard gas and how many velvet edged at the top with a narrow American soldiers had been gassed band of the kolinsky forms the col-I then made up my mind to try to run larette, which also terminates in a errands and buy Thrift Stamps with what I earned. The Germans launch back. The muff is made of the blue ed their last great drive when I had five Thrift Stamps. velvet and kolinsky. A wide band of the fur forms the center, while the

"One day after we had sold papers for two hours I fell down and hurt my ankle and I thought I would not be able to sell papers the next week. But I was very glad when I could run once again and did, not miss my weekly stamp. It was but two more weeks when I had fourteen stamps, and two more were needed to make War Savings Stamp. Here is how earned them in one week. Monday cents.

could not sell. My brother had gone of the war!"

Man and the Lower Animals. Only about 5 per cent of the lower animals are defective at birth, a much ower ratio than among human beings.

Optimistic Thought. Absence doth but hold off a friend to make one see him the more truly.

The World and Life. The world is not a playground; us a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education.—Henry Drummond.

in the schools are shown. This means not only a vast amount of present vest securely, and insist upon receiving help to the Government, but snug sums of money for the children themselves when the stamps reach maturity. But the prospect of financial gain, excellent as it may be, is but a small asset when compared with the practical training 5. Do have a personal share in your in thrift and the lessons in genuine pacountry's victory finances. You will triotism which the young folks have have more interest and be a better cit-received. Parents have been accused, often

justly, of over-indulging the children, curities. They will mean more to and it is true that many children grow to maturity with no conception of the 7. Do have sufficient sand to hold value of money until forced to earn it for themselves. Even then they are ignorant as to how to apportion their income, because untaught, and the tude to those who have fought and bled thought of contributing to the general welfare does not enter into such planning as they are able to do.

That "there is no loss without some gain" is as true now as ever, and out of recent conditions have come invaluable lessons in thrift. Patriotic teaching too has been accelerated by fulness for the general welfare and willingness to practice the utmost selfdenial in order to help and uplift, represent the loftiest type of patriotism, and these the children are acquiring through the medium of the tiny bits of Government assurance which, pur-chased methodically, quickly grow into the more valuable War Savings

The little Thrift Stamps are laying broad foundation for American character upon which the years may build It is cause for congratulation that they are to remain with us. The children we always have, and the needs of the Government are still greater. There opportunity to drive the lessons

#### A REAL PATRIOT.

"Uncle Sam's War Saving and Thrift Stamps are better than any stock in the world," wrote a boy in the eighth grade of a certain school in a big New England city. "While the stock is likely to drop and ruin the man who owns that stock, Uncle Sam's stamps never fall but gain steadily. They are better than any bank, for the banks are liable to fail while the stamps never fail.

"Here are some ways for people to save. For adults: stop buying trash that is no good for any one; ston going to foolish places as moving pictures and theatres unless some historic play is at that theatre or picture house. Eat only nutritious food.

For children: girls can earn money by doing sewing, washing dishes, and doing other domestic works. "For boys: boys can earn money in

a dozen different ways. Here are a few. Shoveling snow, sifting ashes, doing domestic work, doing odd jobs, running errands, and putting ashes on slippery sidewalks. here are a dozen different

ways to make money for adults and children. Being thrifty is one of the best habits that any man, woman o ing to save by buying War Savings and Thrift Stamps will later on in life keep nn the habit and not spend mone had earned ten cents, and it took till foolishly. If the American people Thursday until I earned five more could be thrifty while the war lasted they can keep it up for a few years more. There are a few people who go around talking about what they would into a house to sell a paper when a do if they were a soldier. You can put man came up to me and asked me a spoke in their wheels if you ask them what I had. I told him and he handed if they were thrifty and saved food. me the price and took the papers. The answer ninety-nine cases out of a Just as soon as my brother came up hundred will be 'No.' Then they will he was so glad that he said he would slouch away grumbling something put up my pay and give me what I about 'can't afford to buy stamps. needed to buy the Thrift Stamps. It Most of these boasters are good-for was just one month before the end nothings. So-Buy, Buy, Buy until your pocket is empty."

#### Celtio Isle. The smallest dependency of France

is the Ile d'Hoedle, situated at the east of Belle isle. Its population is 238. The people do not speak French, but Celtic. Fishing is the principal indus-try, and all the inhabitants are provided with food at an inn managed by the women. The town has no streets The houses are mostly of mud.

Optimistic Thought There is no one that does not once

in his life do a silly act.

## NOW FIGURING INCOME TAX

In Order to Be Helpful to Public, Internal Revenue Bureau Has Every Available Officer in Field.

SEVERE PENALTIES IF YOU DELAY BEYOND MARCH 15

With the due date for Income Taxes only a few weeks away, the collection of this far-reaching tax on 1918 incomes has started off with a bang. Everybody is figuring income tax.

Payments and sworn statements of income must reach Internal Revenue offices on or before March 15, and there are severe penalties for delinquency. Residents of Massachusetts are required to make their returns and pay their taxes to John F. Malley, Collector of Internal Revenue, Boston, Mass. or to any of his deputy collectors who are now doing free advisory work on income Tax.

"Pay your Income Tax by March 15," is the slogan of the Internal Revenue Bureau, which has sent every available officer into the field to help the public to understand the reculrements and to prepare the returns.

Who Must Make Return

It is estimated that many thousands of single and married persons in this section of the Unted States who have never before made annual returns are required to do so this year.

Income tax returns must be made between now and March 15 by persons who come under the following classifi-

Any unmarried person whose 1918 net income was \$1,000 or over. Widows and widowers, divorcees and rearrled persons who are living apart from their husbands or wives, are for the purposes of the Income Tax classed as unmarried.

Any married person living with wife or husband whose 1918 net income was \$2,000 or over. The income of both husband and wife must be considered, together with the earnings of minor children, if any.

Revenue Bureau Offers Ald.

Each person in the United States who is in either of these clausifications must get busy at once if penalties are to be avoided. He should secure a plank Form 1040 A for reporting net income up to \$5,000, or Form 1040 if his net income exceeded that amount. Forms are being distributed by Collectors and their Deputies, also by banks, By following the instructions on the forms a correct return can be prepared at home. If a person needs advice or aid, the Deputy Collectors in the field will furnish this without charge.

The new Revenue law places the Income Tax duty on citizens and residents. The Internal Revenue Bureau is sending its men to work right with the public to get the tax and the re-turns in. With active co-operation every tax due March 15 will be paid and every return required by law will be in the Revenue offices on time,

#### Exemptions Allowed.

A single person is allowed a personal exemption of \$1,000. If he is supporting in his household relatives who are dependent upon him he may claim the status of the head of a family who

has the same exemption as if married.

A married person who lives with wife or husband is allowed a personal exemption of \$2,000. The head of a family is entitled to claim a similar personal exemption.

An additional exemption of \$200 is allowed for each person under eighteen or incapable of self support who was dependent upon and received his

chief support from the taxpayer. A husband and wife living together are entitled to but one personal exemption of \$2,000. If they make separate returns the exemption may be

#### claimed by either or divided. Accuracy Required.

Absolute accuracy is necessary in naking up income figures. Any person who is working for wages should find out exactly how much he received during the whole year 1918. Fees, bank interest, bond interest, dividends, rents received and all other items be reported correctly. guesses are not accepted, for they are unjust alike to the taxpayer and the Government and defeat the proper administration of the law.

INCOME TAX IS TRULY POPULAR

"The payment of Income taxes takes on a new significance \*\pm which should be understood by \*\pm every citizen. The taxation system of this country is truly pop- \* ular, of the people, by the neople and for the people. Every  $\star$  citizen is liable to tax, and the  $\star$ amount of the tax is graduated \* according to the success and for- \* tune attained by each individual \*
in availing himself of the opportunities created and preserved \*
by our free institutions. The \* method and degree of the tax is \*
determined by no favored class, \* but by the representatives of the \* people. The proceeds of the tax \* should be regarded as a national \*
investment."—Daniel C. Roper, \* Commissioner of Internal Reve-\* nue.

George's Discovery.

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Little George said the other day at the table, "Now, when I sit in my chair my feet won't touch the floor, but when I walk around they touch the floor just as well as anybody's."

An Example.

"Small eyes," says a physiognomist, denote a cunning and evasive nature." Notice how a small-eyed needle evades one's efforts to thread it.-Boston Transcript.



Dr. Hartzell says that infection from Dr. Hartzell says that infection from France. We venture to say that the teeth and tonsils causes ninety per among all those receiving souvenirs, cent of all heart disease; that fifty per no one is more proud of them than cent of arthritis and iritisis is from the this little girl. same cause; that kidney troubles frequent from mouth infection. these figures in half and we would stull have enough left to cause all of us to do some hard thinking.

Dr. C. A. Fox, Dentist



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LITTLETON, MASS.

# STOMACH GAS

Groton, Mass., January, 1919. To the Middlesex County Commissioners, Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen-The undersigned respectfully represent that the Great Road, so called, in Littleton and Gro-ton, is in need of alterations and specific repairs, from the end of the state road at Littleton Common, thence in Littleton to the Groton line, and in Groton from the Littleton line to a point in Groton Centre, where said Great Road is joined by the Lowell Road, so called.

repairs thereon. MOSELEY HALE

and sixteen others. 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 nineteen, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge, on the fifth day of February, A. D. 1919. On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his

Deputy give notice to all persons and ing before in his life. corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the Lectures. purpose of viewing the premises and learing the parties at Groton Town Hall, on Thursday, the twentieth day of March, A. D. 1919, at 10.15 A. M.. by serving the Clerks of the towns of Groton and Littleton, with a copy of Relief Drive, occupied the first part of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view and by publishing the same in Turner' Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, also by posting the same in two public places in the said towns of Groton and Littleton, fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said

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

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk. A true copy of petition and order thereon. Attest:

ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of JOHN A. KENDALL late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving 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

THOMAS F. MULLIN, Adm.

Ayer, Mass., February 6, 1919. 3125

Ayer, Mass., February 6, 1919. 3t28

LOST BOOK — In accordance with Chap. 530, Sec. 40 of the Acts of 1908 and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 1408 has been lost and application has been made for the payment of the amount of deposit represented by said book.

NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK, Rainh I. Hastings Treasurer Raiph L. Hastings, Treasurer.

Ayer, Mass., February 13, 1919. 3t24

Ayer, Mass., February 13, 1919. 3124

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, es. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH J. RYOWN late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a potition has been presented to said Court to grant a lettor of administration on the estate of said deceased to FRED A. LAWYON of Lunehurg in the County of Worcester.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of March A. D. 1919, at nine o'c'ock in the forencon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the 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.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

3125 F. M. ESTY, Registor.

#### .PEPPERELL

Miss Gertrude Arendt, of Arlington, vas a guest of Mrs. Thomas Attridge over the holiday and Sunday. Among the many souvenirs of

France which have been sent home by the soldiers, there is nothing yet shown which can rival that received last week by little Isabelle Breen sent by her big brother Tom," still in the service big brother Tom," overseas. It is in the form of an apron and the most dainty affair of silken material, combined with insertion and colored embroidery bands, lace edged, and ribbon trimmed. The tiny pocket bears, the inscription, "souvenit of France."

Cut Recent Graduation.

An interesting letter was received from Miss Ruth Morgan, R. N., from New York, describing her recent grad-uation which took place in what she terms "the beautiful class room, decorated for the occasion with wisteria, and swamped with friends, proud parents and invited guests." She reates the pleasure the presence of one of her old neighbors here in Pepperell, gave her. This was William McDonld, who went over to New York from his home in Boston, for the graduation. They were presented with the school pin, the hospital diploma, and a fever thermometer, as a special gift, with nuch praise and many good wishes. All her gifts were a pleasure to her,

specially the graduation gift of her father, Lawrence Morgan, of this town sent with a letter of congratulation.
Miss Morgan seems thoroughly happy in her new career.

Received His Discharge.

George H. Dow returned home last week for a short stay with his mother, Mrs. L. J. Dow, following his discharge from the service at Camp Devens. While here he visited his sisters, Mrs. James Hill, of West Groton, and Mrs. Lucius Stark of Fitchburg, whose husband is still in France. He also visited friends in Nashua and in this town, and on Friday of last week he returned to Niagara Falls, N. Y., where he expects to have his former work at the Carbon Mfg. Company. He was inducted into service in May, 1918, at Fort Slocum, in the 310th cavalry.

troop. There they were transferred to the field artillery and October 16 they went to Camp Jackson, S. C. where he was promoted to the position of first cook. They remained there un-ill February 5, 1919, when he was sent to Camp Devens, again, arriving February 7, and receiving discharge from service February 12.

Expected Home Soon.

It is somewhat expected that Karl Newhall may return home at any time, said as it is known that Dr. Cushing, who went across at the head of this unit the Harvard Medical, stationed at base Wherefore, we pray that you will hospital No. 5, has already reached alter said highway and direct specific Boston. Mr, Newhall writes that the patients are all discharged, under date of February 1, and speaks of the work now being largely preparatory to leaving their quarters at Boulogne. The men are taken on hikes and given drills to keep their physical condition up to the standard, and he writes an amusing description of one march in which he participated. About forty men in command of a "long-legged of-ficer" hit the pace at 140 steps per minute, although the regular army pace is but 120 steps per minute. At the end of a twenty-mile hike, but six reported at the hospital, including the same long-legged officer, and happily, Mr. Newhall, who had practised walk-

> On Thursday evening of last week a good-sized audience gathered in the the writer's family for one hundred town hall. An illustrated lecture in years with much success, to the condition of the people; the third to the deportation and massacres by the Turks; and the fourth to the manner of affording relief. The scenes were truthfully and fully portrayed and well described by an accompanying lecture given by Rev. Mr. Rust Owing to the storm of last Sunday the drive is to be prolonged beyond next

Sunday. The returns are not yet re-ceived in full, in answer to the letters of appeal. second part of the evening was devoted to listening to a talk on his war experiences, by Lieut. Walter Many had gathered expressly to see and welcome him. Although comewhat taller, he has changed very ittle since attending high school here in Pepperell. He is still slight and oung looking for his twenty-five years and notwithstanding all the hardships

he has endured since enlisting in an

engineers' regiment in May, 1917. He went overseas from Fort Sheridan, where he had transferred to an aviation service, in September of the same year, so he only missed by a few weeks the right to wear three overseas stripes. He was in the first of the 100,000 men to go across, and will be entitled to a star, if they are awarded. He recounted briefly that part of his experience already told, having been twice captured by the Germans, and twice escaping, the second time just before the armistice. Although roughly treated by the Germans while their prisoner, he does not describe any actual cruelty, although he was threatshot as a spy. however, was not such as to cause any increase in weight, and he has not yet regained the twenty pounds he lost. He lived largely on a kind of bread,

He attributed his second escape, in money is wasted. The kind of road to company with a British officer, to par- be built may differ according to localed as though they saw the end of the country war, and said that the average German es and

ervant. As soon as it became known that the armistice was signed, he said streets of Solgnies, where they hapnened to be, were filled with arms and equipment, some of the soldiers joinwith the French in singing the

Marselliaise. He received his commission as lieutenant at an English training camp. He was discharged from the service

#### GROTON

Contagious Abortion.

Contagious abortion is one of the most dreaded scourges which the cutle breeder has to contend with and ts efforts on the dairy andustry are Unlike tuberculosis, abortion does not affect the health of the animal, except the temporary derangement of the system natural to premature birth of the offspring.

At this writing no cure has been We venture to say that discovered though many remedies those receiving souvenirs, have been tried. It has been found that several distinct bacteria are found in an aborting animal, not present in any other condition, and one, or all of these may be the specific cause. These bacteria are found on the fœtus and the membranes and cotelydons or "roses," which line the cause. calf bed. It follows then that their action is burely machanical and that nothing more is needed to infect a whole herd than the service of one afflicted animal by the herd buil.

An aborting cow will rarely abort more than twice, she then becomes immune and will carry her calf the full period; but she may and generally does remain a source of infection as long as she lives. Nature has merely leveloped sufficient strength and resistance to overcome the germ or germs which cause abortion; and herein lies the chief cause of the prevalence of the disease.

I have in mind two herds in this new milch cow from a neighbor, whose herd was affected. The new milker was an aborting cow or "slinker," in each case the butcher had "just taken the calf." This is a common practice with many farmers who do not appreciate the serious consequence of an apparent petty dishonesty.

If an aborting cow is unprofitable priation to keep she should not be sold except a road. for slaughter; a law to compel this would be a greater benefit to the dairy business than all the laws for the suppression of tuberculosis.

May 14 the troops were transferred to Fort Ethen Allen, Vt. On June 14 he was sent with others to the school of cooks and bakers at Camp Devens. In August he was called back to Fort infectant, and at least once a week town roads and save money Ethan Allen as second cook for his until ready to breed again. The bull Richard I until ready to breed again. The bull should have his sheath syringed immediately after serving the affected animal, and always before serving any other cow afterwards. Sulpho-nap thol, creolin or any good disinfectant will do and the only instrument needed is a three foot length of garder hose and a tin funnel.

Close observations for many years have shown that 90% of abortions in dairy cattle occur at one of four per ods, 18, 12, 9 and 6 weeks before date of normal time of calving. Just why abortions are most likely to occur thorough investigation by the writer and by his father have proven that hese periods are the most dangerous It follows then that any treatment should be given with a view to its efoperating on the cow at these periods.

Previous to abortion a cow will man fest the same symptoms as at a nor mal calving and if she shows these gigns at any of the above periods the following dose may be administered: 4 oz. bole, 2 oz. Irish slate, 1 oz. tor mentil, 1 oz. madder, 1 oz. prepared chalk. Powder and mix with one quart of cold water, give at feeding time and delay feeding till three hours later. If dose is given at 18 and 12 week periods the 9 week dose may

be omitted.

This formula was laid down by J. C. Knowlson 120 years ago and I give it without any recommendation except to say that I have used it successfully many times and it has been used by

When the embryo calf or fætus dies very promptly and in most cases of shown, the first section devoted to the abortion the calf is alive up to a very geography of the country; the second short period before it is aborted and the problem of abortion is mainly how to make the cow retain her calf: the methylene blue treatment is well known and is along this line, but it

has not yet solved the problem. I wish to urge all cattle men to pay more attention to contagious abortion If you have a case call in your veterthe animal is of exceptional value sell t for slaughter only. R. M. Shaw.

Town Roads

The history of civilization is a history of roads. Civilization has proressed in an exact ratio to the devels a social animal and the degree of by the amount of and nature of its means of communication with the outecome a national issue.

State and federal road building pro grams now absorb millions of dollars and the best engineering brains of the country. More vitally interested than the cities, is the small country town or village, for its greatest benefit from the state and national roads can only be realized by good town roads connecting thereto.

All country towns want good roads most of them have poor ones; in many cases this is due to insufficient appro the majority of cases the fault is with the builder. The average town road commissioner is chosen entirely withwhich when analyzed was found to out consideration of his knowledge or contain 60% wood pulp, with a small ability as a road builder and the reamount of potato flour. country through which the road pass- of Millbury, is a guest in the home. road engineers may differ as soldier, of the part of the army he saw, to methods and material, but all agree were dull and spiritless, and unob-that there are three fundamental priniples necessary to good roads; first, adequate and reasonably quick drain-

> a durable wearing surface. passing through swamp or lowlands and the larger part of our roads are hilly and drainage is a comparatively hilly and drainage is a comparatively problem. As to foundation in a great deal of our roads hard pan is very close to the surface and it is almost wholly on the short stretches of road in the hollows between hills that a firm foundation is lacking. As to surface there are good gravel pits in read family, of Quincy, cold.

all parts of the town, and next to macadam, gravel is the ideal road sur-facing material. It will stand heavy automobile traffic if oiled, and without

oil is ideal for horse drawn vehicles.

The first action of the road builder in building or repairing a stretch of well nigh disastrious. So much so, that if statistics were available it would be found that it causes greater with his ave. he knows water will run bosses than tuberculois, which is pop-ularly believed to be the worst cattle he sees it, but the human eye may see a hill and miss a grade. Any in-telligent man can learn to use a surveyor's level and transit, and thus make sure instead of guessing, which results in draining one part of a road to overflow or seep through onto another part.
Given a good ditch or gutter on each

side of the road and it will in time fill up; the generally followed policy is to put on the road scraper and carefully draw the accumulation into the center or crown of the road. This acweeds and silt washed or blown from the road and land adjoining. Material light enough to be washed or blown is hardly fit for a durable wearing surface, yet that is what the bulk of our town roads are surfaced with.

The proper proceedure is to remove this waste entirely and recrown or surface with gravel. There is difference, apparently unknown to many coarse and rake off all stones larger of the thirty canning clubs in vicinity in which contagious abortion foundation, laid before graveling, the largest number of boys and girls was unknown until the purchase of a though many low spots that have apwho completed all the requirements new milch cow from a neighbor, parently no "bottom" will be found of the contest. The total enrollment firm and solid with proper drainage.

This is not an expert's treatise on road building, merely a simple explanation that the average man can understand and the chief point I wish to emphasize is, that the secret of good town roads lies, not in big road appropriations, but in knowing how to build

Selectmen and road commissioners are generally hard-headed, conserva-tive business men, honestly trying to spend the town's money wisely; in In the case of an aborting cow of their own private capacities they put sufficient value to keep till she becomes immune, it is important that want a job done. Why not put a road thorough disinfecting measures be builder to build roads when it is the taken. The feetus should be burned town's job? A town that can afford or buried, the stail, gutter, floor, etc., a \$12,000 road appropriation can very should be disinfected and the animal wisely afford to pay a road builder immediately syringed with a good dis-

Richard M. Shaw.

#### TOWNSEND

Center.

Charles Corey, aged seventy 'years who had lived on the S. S. Haynes place, Townsend hill, since coming from Groton four years ago, died of pneumonia, Monday. Mr. Corey lived alone and it is not known that he had any living relatives. The body was his neighbor, John J. Morse.

Miss Carrie Walker, of Townsend ill, attended the funeral of her greataunt, Mrs. Hannah Blood, held in the Pepperell Congregational church or Monday forenoon at 10.30 o'clock. In terment was in Pepperell. Mrs. Blood, vho had suffered several shocks during her later years, had been making her home with her nephew, Rev. Eugene H. Thrasher, in Gloucester, where she passed away. Mrs. Blood was well known in town, having spent several summers on Townsend hill with her for the present. niece, Mrs. Arthur Barber, and during her visitations she had made many friends by her pleasing personality She was a loyal member of the Towns end Hill Improvement society and took a keen interest in its various branche

of work. The literary committee of the E. A Spaulding Rebekah lodge feel that ar explanation is due the public in regard to the change of films at the motion picture show on February 22 in Memorial hall. Arrangements were only started the previous Monday, making it very short of time to get a choice of films, especially on a holiday. After the bills were in the hands of the printer the William S. Hart films obtainable were found too much worn to give satisfaction. The committee felt however, in presenting Charlie Chaplin in a picture of nation-wide reputa worth. With this explanation they hope the public will feel satisfied.

Townsend friends are always inter ested to learn of the success of the local high school graduates and wil be glad to know of the honor recently conferred upon Lester C. Swicker, so of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Swicker, of gressed in an exact ratio to the development of roads; without roads civil-tized man would be non-existant. Man the University of Maine, has recently been elected into the Tau Beta Pi fratprosperity enjoyed by a community is ternity. This is the highest honor that absolutely and definitely determined an undergraduate engineer can receive and Lester was one of six others thus honored. Tau B ta Pi is an honorary side world. The development of the fraternity for engineers and has chap United States depended almost wholly ters in leading universities and techni-on the development of its railroads cal schools. Elections are made from and it is only with the advent of the those juniors and seniors in engineer motor vehicle that our highways have ing who have shown high mental and moral qualifications.

> The sad news has been received b relatives in town of the death of Rev Henry Hyde, and seventy six years at his home in Somersworth, N. H The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the Congregational church in that place, of which he was a former pastor. Mr Hyde was well known i this town, having married a Townsend girl, formerly Miss Lucia T. Hill.

> The Monday club held a successful food sale in the Congregational church vestries, Monday afternoon, in charge of Mrs. J. B. Smath. The net proceeds were twenty dollars.

Miss Gertrude Higgins, of Framingham Normal school, is enjoying a are there week's vacation at the home of her company with a British officer, to partial carclessness of the Huns, who active and the different nature of the Huns, who active and the different nature of the Huns of the Huns and Mrs. F. B. Higgins. Master Charles Swicker is very ill

> Private Elwin Swicker, of Camp Merritt, is with him at present on a furage; second, a firm foundation and lough. Miss Grace Parker, of Fitchburg, is

> > Master Norman Streeter, of Waltham, is spending a week's vacation with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity.

Fred E. Gates and family, from Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed.

were the holiday guests of Mrs. A. D.

Retires from Business.

Charles W. Hildreth, who has been torekeeper in our village for about fifty years, has retired from business having sold out to Albert Wyman, of West Townsend, who took possession on Monday. The store was originally built by the late Joshua Page, was also the first proprietor. After his death the business was carried on by the late Henry B. Hildreth; later, his brother Charles joined him in partproprietor from the time the partner-ship was dissolved until the present

nership, the latter remaining the sole 70c. Drip Pans now time. Mr. Hildreth has gained many 20c. Pie Racks customers along the years who sin-cerely regret his having to give up his business on account of ill health and 25c. Enameled Ladl advancing age, having been a promi-nent business man in the town for so 25c. Tin Ladles no many years, and will be missed by his business associates. It is of interest to note in passing that during his long period of service as storekeeper the proprietors of the brick and Osgood stores have changed five times. Ian Rusk, of West Townsend, is clerking 20c. Pudding Pans for the present for the new proprietor, 50c. Counter Brush Mr. Wyman,

Honor Banner.

The Hoover Canning club was pretown road builders, between sand and sented this week, by Robert E. Trasic, gravel. An engineer is not needed to of the Middlesex County Bureau of pass on the kind of gravel; a good rule Agriculture and Home Economics, with is to use gravel that the town mason an honor banner from the State Col-would use for concrete, sharp and lege of Agriculture for their being one than an egg. Low places that are con-tinually soft should have a stone work, Middlesex county having had in the state canning club was 3487, and the total number of quarts reported was 74,421. Middlesex county's tota of 12,135 quarts was almost one-sixtl of the entire amount canned in the state, and Mr. Trask said that the Townsend club, which was compose of all girls, was one of the best. also spoke further of their excellen work and urged the boys to take up club work with more enthusiasm and thereby put Townsend on the map as

the girls had.

The banner was especially attractive made of green felt with white letterin "State College of Agricul ture to the Townsend Hoover club. In a yellow circle was placed the em blem of the four leaf clover with the words, "Hand, heart, head and health" on the four points, and in the and

center a can of fruit.

It is planned to have the banner placed a part of the time in the gram mar grade room and the remaining time in the high school room, as pupils from both rooms were members of the

The Busy Bee club met last week Friday afternoon with Miss Evelyn Ensor at the town farm, and the vice president, Miss Coffey, presided in the taken to Groton, Wednesday, the in-terment taking place beside his wife Ormsby, who was ill. The club spent in the Groton cemetery. During his the afternoon patching and darning, sickness he was kindly cared for by and at the close of the meeting a soand at the close of the meeting a so-cial was enjoyed and ice cream and cake was served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Jane Clark.

Mrs. Warren Elliott, of Bayberry hill, has been sick with a severe cold, threatened with pneumonia.

Albert Wyman, of Bayberry hill, recently discharged from the service, has purchased the Charles Hildreth store at the Center. Ian and Richard Rusk are assisting him for a few days,

Wagoner Aden A. Sherwin, wounded overseas, has been home on a fivedays' furlough from Camp Dix. N. J., where he is under treatment at the hospital. A host of friends gave him hearty welcome after his long abence, as he was among the first to be alled into foreign service.

A very pleasing social event was the gathering of young people at the Baptist vestry on last week Friday, when the Live Wire class of boys of the Baptist Sunday school entertained the Milrordy class of cirls of controlled the Wire class of several transfer in the evening session last Sunday.

Mrs. Friend Kaddy and her beautiful transfer in the several session last Sunday. All-ready class Mrs. Charles Hodgman, their teacher, and Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean, clays with friends in Boston and vi-Games and music were enjoyed during the evening and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, and ice cream and cake were served, and er, Mrs. Susan Morgan, enjoyed a visit most of the members of both classes from one of her sons from McIrese were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway tion and of such recent date, that the were called to Kittery, Me. Last Satur-effocing a vacation at the home of public would be retting their money's day, by the death of Mr. Hathaway's her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch. Mrs. Joseph Emozene, who sister. passed away last week Thursday at her home, and whose burial took place on Sunday afternoon.

> Mrs. Clara Kirby, of Boston, entertained a party of yoing people from the city at the Girls Vacation Camp at Vinton pond for the holiday. Mrs. Mary Tucker, of Leominster,

formerly a resident here, was in town over the holiday. Miss Agnes Willen, from Waltham, spent the holidays with

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson. Miss Gladys New of who makes her home with her gran buother, spent the week-end at her home in New Ipswich, N. H.

Mr. Trask, of Watham, addressed the pupils of the public schools on last week Thursday in the subject of "School economics."

The Ladies' Whist substant on last week Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ernest G Wilson, and had a most enjoyable time, although many If the members were obliged to send substitutes on a court of illness. John Moltres, for several years

is a large, and at present resident of making he h a in the north part inted in marriage McGuinness, of New to Mrs E York, las anday morning, at the pursonage, the cere-formed by Rev. A. L. 'ongres c mony lie bappy couple left thation unknown, as town, the . for their residence on

Miss Isa e a Hayward, who has been employed as bookkeeper for a .g. has been stopping with her mother with pneumonia at the home of his George Haywar I, of Bayberry hill, beaunt, Mrs. James Misner. His brother, fore accepting a similar position for fore acception a similar position for the Converse Company in Winchendon. Stanley Hardy, who has been ill at

the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway, since the first of December, has entirely recovered and nas returned to his home in Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dwinell and children, from Somerville, spent the holidays with Mrs. Dwinell's parents,

Mrs. Herbert Wise is on the sick list at her home, suffering from a severe

INTEREST EVERY ONE

At wholesale, prices have been reduced in a few lines, but not in nany, and they have advanced in some lines.

We have REDUCED PRICES on many goods, some of which are listed below:

listed below:		•
\$1.00 Lanterns now	69¢   35c. Linen Paper now	25¢
70c. Drip Pans now	40¢ 40c. Correspondence Care	ds <b>25¢</b>
60c. Kettles now	45¢ 30c. Correspondence Car	ds 20¢
20c. Pie Racks	15¢ 25c. Soup Plates now	19¢
35c. Fry Pans now	25¢ 37c. Soup Plates now	20¢
25c. Enameled Ladles now	20¢ 15c. Plates now	10¢
25c. Tin Ladles now	15¢ 45c. Mirrors now	25¢
15c. Tin Cups now .	5¢ 65c. Waste Baskets now	45¢
30c. Cuspidors now	15¢ 15c. Coat Hangers now	10¢
25c. Wash Basins now	15¢ 30c. Aluminum Sugars n	ow 200
23c. Bowls now	15¢ \$4.50 Wick Stoves now	<b>\$3.25</b>
20c. Pudding Pans now	15¢ \$6.00 Oil Heaters now	\$5.25
50c. Counter Brushes now	35¢ \$3.25 Cake Stands now	\$2.00
15c. Scrub Brushes now	10¢ \$2.85 Wash Tubs now	\$2.15
25c. Shoe Brushes	15¢ \$6.25 Punch Bowls now	\$5.00

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Opposite Railroad Station

VERIFICATION OF SAVINGS BANK BOOKS

The attention of the DEPOSITORS in the following SAVINGS BANKS is hereby called to the provision of Section 43 of Chapter 590 of the Acts of 1908, requiring VERIFICATION OF THE BOOKS OF DEPOSIT during the present year, and they are respectfully requested to hand or send in their books, for this purpose during the months of MARCH and APRIL, 1919.

Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg, Mass. North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer, Mass. Leominster Savings Bank Orange Savings Bank

Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin and son, from Atlantic, where they are her parents for a week's vacation spending the winter, spent the holi-from Waltham, Mass. ays with their relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin, cele- beth Bridges, brated her sixth birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely on Saturday, entertaining twelve of her little friends Mass. and playmates at a party in the after-noon. Games and music were enjoyed and a dainty lunch was served in the dining-room, which was appropriately decorated in red, white and blue bunting, and flags, and which was properly saluted by the guests as they were seated. Many pretty gifts were received by the little hostess, and the crown ing event of the day was the arrival of her "soldier daddie" from the war, who surprised the family by arriving on a five-days' furlough from Camp Dix, N. J., where he is under treatment for his wounds, and whose arrival was the occasion of a happy family gathering as well as the children's party.

Washington's birthday was appro priately observed by the public schools on last week Friday afternoon by a hall, which was pleasing to all.

Mrs. Robert Brown and little daughter, who have been visiting her mother. Mrs. Mary Welch, are spending a ew weeks with relatives in Lynn be fore returning to their home in Mt. Airy, N. C.

Notice was observed in one of the re-

cent papers of the death of Mrs. Jen-

nie Morse, wife of Benjamin Morse both former well known residents of this village. Mrs. Morse passed away at the home of her brother, U.S. Wifson, in Malden.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean spent Monday in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Ernost Kaddy and her " daughter Dorothy are spending a

Mrs. Tibbetts, who is with her metinver the holiday.

Grace Thompson from Attleboro, is Stillman Rand, from Camp Devens. enjoyed a brief furlough and visited friends in town the latter part of las-

week. through the ice, Lawrence Welch an Curtis and Gilbert Richards catching fifteen pickerel at one time, and Roy Brown twenty-seven,

Miss Helen Mae Plummer, of Somer ville, a former resident here, has been spending a few days with Dr. and Mis. R. S. Elv.

The Ladies' Study club meeting was held on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George A. Seaver and a very interesting program was given. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Seaver, and the topic will be John Burroughs, under the charge of

Mrs. Alexander Reed. Mr. and Mrs. William Hollingsworth from Springfield, have been recent guests of Dr. and Mrs. Henry B. Boyn-

Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin left Tuesday morning for Mrs. Sterwin's home in Quincy, accompanied by their little daughter Dorothy Mr Sherwin left there Wednesday morning for Camp Dix, where he is under medical

treatment. Roy Brown, recently fishing through the ice, brought be not a string of tweny-five fine perch. Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway

have returned from Maine, where they

attended the funeral of his sister m

BROOKLINE, N. H. The Sunbounets and their husbands

News Items.

Kittery on Menday

met at the home of Mrs. Della Hall n Monday evening, February 17, ir ionor of her birthday. There were eleven present. A toast chicken supper was served and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. A son, Norman Joseph, was born to

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hanaleski, Monday, February 17. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stickney, of Nashua, were guests at the home of

her mother, Mrs. Adella Whitcomb, over the holiday. Mrs. E. P. Kelly and little son Ar

Fitchburg Savings Bank Athol Savings Bank Miss Mary L. Brown is a guest of Miss Beatrice Stevens, of New Bos-Little Dorothy Sherwin, daughter of ton, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Eliza-

> Harry D. Corey is attending the Wentworth Auto school in Boston, Arthur Brown spent the holiday in Fitchburg, Mass

Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews, who have been quite sick with colds, are improving. There will be a town meeting diner served in the vestry of the Con-

gregational church on Tuesday, March The South Brookline Social club

met at the home of Mrs. Perley Pierce on last week Thursday. Miss Hazel Storer, of Nashua, spent

the week-end at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. C. Shattuck. Walter Corey, who has been very ll during the past month, is gaining slowly.

Town Warrant. The warrant for the annual town meeting of Tuesday, March 11, contains twenty-three articles. The first

ive relate to the election of officers, etc., and the rest are as follows: Article 6. To see if the town will rote to raise and appropriate the amount of money necessary to secure state aid for the permanent improvement of the highways, under the law passed at the January session, 1905,

nd where same shall be laid out. Art. 7. To see what sum of money he town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial day.

Art. S. To see what action the town will take in regard to destroying moths and elm tree beetles. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and ap

propriate for cutting brush along the highways. Art. 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to celebrat-ing the 150th anniversary of the town and also to see if the town will take my action regarding Old Home Day, er see if the town will combine the elebration of both of them at the

same time, raise at money for the same. raise and appropriate Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate or repairs of state highways.

Art. 12. To see what action the own will take in regard to making any discount on taxes paid before Deember 1, 1919. Art. 10. To see what action the

way leading from West Hill road to he Mason line. Art 14 To see what action the own will take in regard to purchas ing a new tire engine, and raise and

pprepriate money for same. Art. 15. To see what action the ing of a new fire engine house, if the own votes to buy a new fire engine. Art. 17. To see what action the town will take in attached to O. D. D. Fessenden's water nain, about half way between Mrs. and Townsend road, and the forks of the road leading to Pepperell and lox send, and raise and apprepriate

nones for same. Art 18 To see what sum of money he town will vote to raise for reour of guide boards, and erecting of ew ones where needed.

Articles 19, 20, 21 and 22 refer to ee if the town will accept perpetual are funds of \$100, for the Burge and Derce lot in the South cometery; \$100 tor the Green and Hall lot in South consetery: \$150 for the Franklin Me-Donald let in the South cemetery; and \$300 for cemetery purposes as

per will of Carrie A. Shattuck. Art, 23. To see what action the town will take in regard to raising a amount of money each year to pay off the town debts.

New Advortisements

WOOD FOR SALE—75 to 80 cords of White Birch Wood, fitted for stove, \$12 per cord, delivered; good measure, 150 cubic feet. F. M. HYNES, Harvard, Mass.

DRY WOOD FOR SALE—All fitted for atove, \$10 per cord, delivered. E. A. COKE, Harvard, Mass. Tel. 88-2 4124\*

WANTED—An experienced Girl for general housework. Apply to Public Spirit Office, Ayer, Mass.

thur are ill with hard colds.

FOR SALE—Clark Cutaway Harrow January 31, and is at present doing (two-horse) in A-1 condition; used only some lecturing and will later return to one season; also, 300 new Bushel Baskets with covers; price right, JOHN Chicago as civil engineer for the C., B. HARDY, Littleton, Mass. 3124

#### **PEPPERELL**

Arthur Brown, formerly employed by the Nashua River Paper Company, has gone to Dummer, N. H., where he has a job in a lumber camp, driving a four-horse team.

Announcement is made of the birth of a son, the second child, to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Willoughby, in Manchester, N. H., Monday, February 17. Mr. Willoughby was formerly of Pepperell. The little one is already named War-

The republican town committee met last week and organized, J. A. Saunders being re-elected chairman and Lyman Canney, secretary.

Stanley Stevenson, who was lately discharged from the service at Camp Devens and returned here to work in the paper mill, has gone to Quincy with his wife, and if he does not secure work, they intend to go back to Maine, where they originally lived.

Mrs. E. A. Marshall, who came from Amesbury last week to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Clark, returned home on Wednesday. Her name was inadvertently omitted from the list of surviving relatives, last

Miss Janette Newhall, one of the assistant librarians in Springfield, spent the holiday and Sunday at her home on Townsend street.

Thomas F. Graham, from Boston; John F. Reagan, from Watertown; Nelson Carter and Joseph Bergeron, from Charlestown, and several others interested in the town election, were hero over Monday to vote.

News was received from David Belyea last week, from South Sudbury, ley and J. Gardiner Willey. The tables lette, was notified, and aided in the where he has been staying with his presented a fine appearance, laden final work of making things safe. A taughter, Mrs. Lura Walker, of his with the various articles of the menu, much scorched ceiling and wall, both illness from influenza, penumonia be-ing feared at one time. Later reports speak of improvement in his condi-

Other Pepperell matter on pages

holiday and Sunday with her sister Mrs. Charles Marshall, of Fitchburg.

Mr. Patterson, of Merrimack, N. H., who visited his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Harris, just before his annual trip south to Orlando, Fla., writes that the season there has been cold and rainy, although Orlando is not a seaport town, and is selected by invalids for its dryness.

Miss Ada Whitney returned home this week from Nashua, N. H., where the has been since the holidays.

Miss Muriel Robinson went to Low-

Miss Jessie Flynn, a teacher in East Bridgewater, passed her vacation last week in town at the home of her parents on Oak hill.

Mrs. Mary Barnes has recovered D. A. R. Meeting. from her severe illness sufficiently to sgain fill the position of housekeeper for Mrs. N. E. Merrill and Miss Kitty Lawrence has returned to her home in Fitchburg, with her brother, Blanch ley Lawrence, and family.

Mrs. A. A. Blood, who came from Gardner this week to be present at the installation of Acoma lodge, visited the home of her daughter, Mrs.

Arthur Bartlett, a part of the week. Mrs. Sarah E. Patch suffered an ill-ness last week, which confined her to

"The March meeting of the Alliance ing toward the Americanization of the branch will be held with Mrs. John O. foreign born population. branch will be field with Mrs. Joint of the granch sorn population.

A delicious lunch was served following the program, in which such approfiunch at one, with Mrs. Bennett.

Thostess. Work for the day will concakes had a place. The guests were like week. The branch has been to financial part of the evening is sist of the Red Cross work from the local branch, if available

Friends of our aged citizen, Calvin Pierce, will be pleased to learn that making a wonderful progress toward recovery and is now able to be about his home once more.

Miss Ethel Cobb of Melrose Highlands visited her cousin, Miss Gertrude Raymond, in town, over the holiday, returning to her home to resume her studies at Leland Powers school of Rey, Eugene Thrasher, Gloucester dramatic art on Tuesday.

Saturday, February 22. The remains

"Miss Sara Hubbard, teacher of the second and third grades in the Main street school, went to her home in day morning. Services were held at Nashua last week for the holiday and the Congregational church, of which was unable to return by reason of ill-noss.; Miss Doris Durant has been conducted by Rev. B. W. Rust of the substituting for her.

Mrs. Maude Chick and son Ray are visiting at the home of Willis Bos-worth at Brockton. Mrs. Chick's mother, Mrs. Susan Raymond, is staying at the home of her son, Herbert

Asa Burgess was taken suddenly ill this week, requiring the attendance of a physician. Mrs. Fannie Lawrence. his housekeeper, has just recovered

Mrs, F. A. Davis of Hollis street is visiting her sister at Beverly this week. Mrs. Bert Stoddard and youngest child are visiting at the home of her edsfer, Mrs. Chester Parker, this week. Mr. Stoddard is expected from Green-

field to join them this week. Sherman Parker, another Pepperell hoy in the service, has recently re-ceived his discharge from service at a camp in California, and writes of returning to his former position with lumber company at Hollywood, Cal. a lumber company at Hollywood, Cal. Mediate family. For the past nine Although new to a reputation of the Standish quartet will be reputation, representing his firm, the Whither favorite nephew, Mr. Thrasher, who was paster of the Methodist time. The fine tone blending which is accounts of the wonderful exhibit of During the past two years she has made her home with level the Standish quartet will be replace when the door bell rang and several membered with pleasure for a long men asked him to come with Mrs. Thrasher, when the first time is the firm the first single comes and fruit generally. The past two years she has season of the Standish without any which is and rubbers in sight. Several others, which is a season of the Standish without any which is a season of the Standish season of the S oranges, lemons and fruit, generally.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gardner on Monday. February 24.

. Mrs. Elizabeth (Sullivan) Morriswho fell about three weeks ago breaking her leg, is reported as gain

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Martin of Wor cester, with their little daughter Fran-ces, came Thursday of last week for a stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shaw over the holiday. Mr. Martin took the occasion to make a business into Maine while here, and re-I to Worcester with his wife on Monday, leaving the little girl with her grandparents, as she is in need of extreme age. a change after an attack of bronchial

vas the guest of her friend. Mrs. A. H. Gilbert, over the holiday, and Sunday returning to her home on Tuesday morning.

Miss Alice Simonds of Somerville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George W. S. Adams over February 22 and Sunday,

If you have anything to sell by auction try William F. Fitzgerald, auctioneer, Ayer. Three-years' experience Robert M. Smellie has recently re-turned home after eight months' service in France, operating a munition truck. He made the acquaintance of Chateau-Theirry, having the assignment to bring up the required ammu-nition for the troops in action, to within two miles of the front, and sometimes in extremity, even nearer. It is probable that he will engage in his line of auto work in this or an adja-

Miss Mary Connig of Fitchburg was the guest of Mrs. E. J. Darling over the 22d and Sunday.

The officers of Acoma Rebekah odge were installed at Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening by Mrs. Blanche Brown, district deputy grand president, and her suite, Mrs. George Boynton, d. d. g. w.; Mrs. Whitehall, d. d. g. sec.; Mrs. Jennie Hazen, d. d. g. treas.; Mrs. Nesbit Wood, d. d. g. chap.; Miss Louise Wright, d. d. g. m.; Miss Ethel Kemp, d. d. g. i. g.; Mrs A. A. Blood, d. d. g. herald;

The installation was made public to friends and members of the families of those of the order, and about ninety gathered for the fine banquet which was first served, about seven oclock in the banquet hall. Mrs. Kate Dunlap was chairman, assisted by Mes-dames Robbins, Annis, Davis, Handfancy pastries and jellies with whip-ped cream. It was pronounced dis-tinctly un-Hooverized. Those present tinctly un-Hooverized. Those present from other lodges were Mr. and Mrs. Pepperell troop No. 2, Boy Scouts, took a like with their scoutmaster, Mr. Rust, on Saturday afternoon, as far as the pumping station, nine boys participating. Several passed the fire and cooking tests which completed the requirement for second-class Scouts.

Miss Elizabeth McNavr spart to the fire and cooking tests which completed the requirement for second-class Scouts.

odge.

The following officers were installed: Mrs. Susie Fredericks, n. g.; Mrs. Elsie Copp, v. g.; Mrs. Florence Fiske, rec. sec.: Miss Anna Sartelle, fin. sec.; Mrs. Effic Robbins, treas: Miss Lydia Waite, w.; Mrs. Hattle Shaw, chap.; Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell, r. s. n. g.; Mrs. Mrs. Gertrude Tarbeit, r. s. n. g.; Mrs. Kate Dunlap, l. s. n. g.; Mrs. Louise Dunton, r. s. v. g.; Mrs. Bertha Wright, l. s. v. g.; Mrs. Florence Soule, o. g. The inside guardian and conductor were not installed, being un-

avoidably absent.

After the installation the retiring noble grand, Mrs. Louise Lunt, was Roberts and husband. Mrs. Roberts was formerly Miss Edith Day, of this place, her parents residing on the Blood, and heartily responded to by farm now owned by Mr. Bliss, Park bers of the installing suite were also enjoyed after the installation and a social time was passed before break-

Washington's birthday was observed in appropriate manner by the members of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., on Saturday, February 22, at the home of Mrs. E. B. Heald, the hostesses being Mrs. Olive P. Lewis and Miss Josephine M. Lawrence.

There was a gathering of about thirty to enjoy the unusually fine program presented by Mrs. Andrew Pratt, regent of the D. A. R. chapter, Fitch-burg. Mrs. Pratt is a woman of fine poise and intellectuality and her paper ness last week, which confined her to her room for a few days. She is now reported convalescent, although still under the care of her physician and the district nurse.

The district nurse of the Allinger of the Allinger of the care of the physician and the district nurse.

room of the hostess, Mrs. Heald, in which she claims there is nothing under eighty years of age, and much of

Another of Pepperell's aged citiens has passed away, the death of irs. Hannah E. (Fales) Blood, occurring at the home of her nephew were brought here to her old home town for interment, arriving on Mon mate of Mr. Thrasher. A familiar hymn, a favorite of the deceased, "Nearer my God to thee," was sung

by Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson.

Mrs. Blood was the widow of the late Joshua Blood and was a resident nere for fifty-seven-years. She was a native of Canaan, N. H., and came to Pepperell at the age of eighteen or twenty years, and was employed for a few years at the "Retreat." then conducted by Dr. James Howe. Her marriage to Mr. Blood took place in Au-gust, 1853. He was for many years, tainment of the Pepperell Men's club preceding his death in 1904, an in-had faithfully attended to their vari-valld, and she faithfully and tenderly ous duties, and also that the club, in cared for him, unaided, at their home

Following the sale of her home to crank T. Wright, she went to live !! with relatives, having at that time a N. H. This sister has since died, and Mrs. Blood was the last of her im-mediate family. For the past nine During the past two years she has succession of cerebral hemorrhages which would render her unconscious for a day or more. Her mind would regain its health quicker than her body, and up to the last attack on the week preceding her death, she took great pleasure in reading and keeping in touch with the great events of the home-like atmosphere into the perworld, but, as she expressed it, "her formance, which enhances each number and soul were in Pepperell," and ber of their program and wins a place she followed the doings here from the with the audience from the first local paper, and was pleased beyond. The first selection by the quarter

during the entire two years when she complete change of repertoire,

has been failing she was never know to complain or murmur, but bore he weakness with a true christian spirit She was always a devout, conscientious woman, and only the Sunday before she died she told her nephew on his return from service, that she had read four chapters in her bible. Previous to her ill health she was a regular at tendant at the church services. Her last visit to this town was about three years ago, when she was the guest of years ago, when she was the guest of her husband's nephew, R. H. Blood, and friends in town, and also relatives in Townsend. At that time she show-ed the effect of illness and her ad-vanced years, being at the time of her death in her eighty-fourth year,

having been born in April, 1835.

The deceased is survived by the nephew with whom she died. Rev Eugene Thrasher, formerly of Nashua, N. H.; a niece, Mrs. Neilie Fales Conant, of Littleton; a niece, Mrs. nephew, Charles Fales, of Adams; a niece, Miss Carrie Walker, of Towns-end hill, and by a nephew, C. A. Barbour, and his sister, formerly living in Milford, N. H., but now residing in Connecticut. Mr. Thrasher, who came here with the body, and Miss Walker, of Townsend, were the only immediate relatives present from out of town to attend the services. Burial will be in the family lot in Walton cemetery.

Express Company Have Fire Scare. Fire was discovered in the office of the American Express Company about two o'clock Monday morning by Chief Lawrence and Thomas Dwyer, gate-tender on the Boston and Main railroad. A pane of glass in the back door was broken and a fire extinguisher put into use, which with some snov and a second fire extinguisher as soon as it could be refilled, proved all that was needed. The agent, Arthur Naconsisting of cold meats and mashed of which were sheathed and varnishpotatoes, baked beans, all kinds of ed, and a burned rubbish pail were fancy pastries and jellies with whipthe worst features of the fire, although it seemed probable it would soon have ignited the woodwork and destroyed the office. Only one small book, of no importance; belonging to the ex-press company, was injured.

The fire seemed to originate in the rubbish receptacle, which the agent thinks must have contained some foreign substance of inflammable nature, to cause the blaze. 'The prompt action of the town men first on the scene saved the express company, the wner of the building, and the fire department, considerable money and in convenience. The building, stands on railroad land, at the east side of the square, was built by Irving J. Rowell for a wood and coal office some years ago, and has been rented by him to the express company since he removed his office into his grain store. From its location it is one of the most conveniently located buildings for the express business. The damage will probably not exceed \$25, and is covered by insurance.

Town Officers Elected.

The vote on the election of town officials for the ensuing year, on Mon-day, was the smallest ever recalled, the total vote being but 174 in both recincts. Polls were opened at 6.30, the warden at Precinct A, being John O. Bennett, and at Precinct B, W. A. Drummey. The only interest shown was in the license vote which resulted in 81 votes for license and 88 votes against it. The caucus nominees were elected with no contests, as follows: P. J. Kemp, town clerk; Charles H. Miller, selectman; Addison Woodward, treasurer; Arthur P. Wright, assessor Walter Shattuck, school committee: Arthur Wright, tax collector; C. H. Arthur Wright, tax collector; C. H.
Miller, water commissioner; P. F. Sullivan, overseer of poor; E. G. Chapman, cemetery commissioner; Mrs. E.
B. Heald and Mrs. J. B. Johnson, trustees of Lawrence Library; Warren M. Blood, highway surveyor; John F. Tune, tree warden; C. F. Spaulding and Arthur Bannon, auditors; A. A. Lawrence and G. G. Tarbell, con-

Pepperell Branch, A. R. C.

cakes had a place. The guests were also treated to a glimpse of the special this week. The branch has been room of the hostess, Mrs. Heald, in greatly assisted by the Mt. Lebanon Associates and the West Neighborhoo club, as well as by the several individuals who have kindly taken work to their homes. There has also before the public a high-grade enter been a very gratifying attendance at the rooms. Starting out January 1. the following refugee garments have neen completed: 60 jackets, 50 men's shirts, 80 children's undershirts, oys' drawers, 10 layettes, 50 comfort kits, 25 aprons, 40 women's skirts, 10 sweaters, 10 pairs socks, 30 property bags for Camp Devens, afghan from the Girl Scouts, sent to the base hospital at Camp Devens; donations were received toward the fayettes of 10 hoods and 10 supply bags.

At present there is no work on hand for the branch, although more is expected, as they are to hold themselve in readiness for any future demands, and the branch will not be broken up as in some other places. Notice will he given of the date of the next meet-

had faithfully attended to their vari- place. ous duties, and also that the club, in presenting to the public such high Hutchinson's store a few minutes later, cluss entertainers as the Standish male cluss entertainers as the Standish male and excitement around his henhouse, precision of the people. At the close this text thought was that the police

tg's enjoyment. eason of the Standish without any been an invalid from the effects of a change in the personnel, which is as Walter C. Mooney, first tenor: Otto E. Lewis, second tenor and accompanist; Robert L. Van Buskirk, baritone and reader; William H. Coriss, basso. Every member is an artist n his own peculiar line, and as a quaret or individually they establish a home-like atmosphere into the per-

local paper, and was pleased beyond telling at a letter from an old friend.

Only last Christmas she wrote to several here in town, and particularly to Mrs. Walter Jewett rememberion to the control of the forman's steel."

Only last Christmas she wrote to several here in town, and particularly to Gorliss. "Clank of the forman's steel." Mrs. Walter Jewett, remembering her both receiving repeated apipause. The

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Mr. Van Buskirk, in the group of readings next given, ranging from ed home, regretting that a few memHenry Van Dyke's "America for me," though represented by a white hen. Kipling's "Recruit," and ending with some of the poems of James Whitsome of the two extra members of the larly liked, won his audience completely and proved him master of his art. Gav good success with their restored Mr. Van Buskirk, in the group of ly and proved him master of his art,

and a real entertainer of rare ability.

The quartet again made a direct change, and to all who love the old-time songs, and the swing and lift of the southern melodies, their "Twenty minutes of old-time songs and south ern melodies," as programed, was twenty minutes of the purest pleasure. The tenor solo by Mr. Lewis was wel received, and all welcomed Mr. Van Buskirk who again appeared with group of "Just stories," which were a fine collection of short, snappy stories, in which the humorous predominated. In which the humorous predominated. The selection, "Good night," by the quartet, although not welcomed from its significance, was splendidly rendered, and perfected the wide range of the chosen music of the quartet. The en-cores during the whole evening received generous response, these entertainers evidently aiming to please. The

The financial part of the evening is also reported as very satisfactory, although this was second in the aim of the entertainment committee of the tainment regardless of expense. They may surely feel that their efforts were appreciated from the size and pleasure

Surprise Party.

On the evening of February 22 the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gay on Mason street was the scene of a surprise hen party, which was unique in

Mr. Gay recently had his flock of hens stolen, but, on that night the whole number and two for good measure returned in dignified manner in E. D. Walker's Ford truck, preceded by twenty-six Mt. Lebanon Community Associates, carrying lanterns and a goodly assortment of refreshments. The party climbed the hill and the ladies proceeded to invade the house where they were received by Mrs. Gay The full house at Prescott hall on who, although completely surprised Monday evening proved conclusively hat the committee chosen to attend the all details of the concert and enter-tainment of the Pepperell Men's club aroductions and hearty greetings took

two-hour program every member has a really brought was that the police had built several cottages near he had built several cottages near he nothing but praise for their even-house he was dumfounded to find a neral services were in charge of Cabul hen party awaiting his against the neral services were in charge of Cabul hen party awaiting his against the neral services were in charge of Cabul hen party awaiting his against the neral services were in charge of Cabul hen party awaiting his arrival in the lodge, F. and A. M., and burial was in this place."

Although new to a Pepperell audiliving-room. His amazement was complete the Standish quartet will be replied when the door bell rang and several this place."

The absence of any mention of his and when Mr. and Mrs. Gay reached the henhouse fifteen white hens and a rooster greeted them from the roost Mr. Gay thought they looked very much like the ones he lost and thereupon some of the Associates tried to prove an alibi.

Soon all returned to the house where games and cards were enjoyed Refreshments of sandwiches, crackers cake, cookies, ice cream and hot coffee were served by the ladies, assisted very efficient little helpers, by two very efficient little neipers Misses Hazel Wilson and Florence Walker. Mr. Gay's work-room prov-ed especially attractive to the men later in the evening, where cigars were xtreme age.

She suffered little or no pain, and capabilities of the gentlemen in this dishes and did justice to the remainder

About 11.30 the happy party return-Gay good success with their restored property.

Presentation:

The meeting of the Woman's Mis sionary society of the Congregational church, held at the home of Mrs Waldo Spaulding on Thursday after noon, was a large and exceedingly pleasant gathering, the spacious rooms being well adapted for an occasion of a this kind: There was a short business expected pleasure of listening to one of the returning soldiers, Walter Avery, who was in town for the day.
The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to an informal reception to the president of the society, Mrs. J. B. Lewis, which was also in the nature of a farewell. The reports of the secretary and treasurer gave evidence of the faithful and efficient work of Mrs. Lewis for this organization, an unng been raised through her efforts in esponse to the unusually large num per of calls and appeals for funds durng war time.

Mrs. Lewis was assured of the jus esteem in which she was held by the society, and as further proof of their affection she was presented with a silver trivet as a parting keep-sake. She was also asked to remain presi dent as long as she should be in town and was made honorary president by he members of the society. The la the hostess and the gathering was enjoyed by all.

Tipping.

Word was received from a lady in North Groton that a friend in Jack-conville. Fla., forwarded her a paper dated February 22, which contains an item concerning James Starr which, upon investigation, it is much eared may be Mr. Starr, of this town et been received confirming the item. was authentically as follows:
"Green Cove Springs, February 22,

1919—James Starr, a well-known citien of Clay county, died at his home at Starrville, at an early hour, Wednesday morning. He had not been in good health for some time, but there was nothing about his condition which was regarded as serious. When Mrs he was barely breathing, and in a fo

living north a part of the time, and the fact that it cannot be definitely ascertained that the Mr. Starr of this pince belonged to a Masonic order, are the two points which raise some ques-tion of the identity in the minds of many, and it is sincerely hoped the by singular coincidence there might be two gentlemen of the same name in the small town of Green Cove Springs

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