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#### News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eldredge, of Somerville, and their daughter, Mrs. Crandall, from Chicago, Ill., have leased the house of Rev. D. K. Child and will occupy it soon. Some of the goods arriving from Somerville this week. Mrs. Crandall and her four children is with her sister, Mrs. Raymond Carter, arriving last Saturday. Mr. Crandall having called on that date for France on business. Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge are expected here next week.

Misses Ruth Cushing and Dorothy Fairfield, of Wellesley college, are spending their vacation with Mrs. L. D. Cushing at the Pierce farm, intending to return to their studies on April 8. They arrived last week, on Friday, with five of their college friends, Miss Clarissa Horton, of Winsor Locks, Conn.; the Misses Charlotte Bundy, Helen Ross and Gertrude Cranton, from St. Johnsbury, Vt., and Miss Katherine Miller, from Warren, Ohio. These young ladies came only for a week-end, leaving on Monday. A party of the Pepperell young people were entertained on Saturday evening by Mrs. Cushing, some of them having a previous acquaintance with Miss Ruth and friend, Miss Dorothy, who have passed former vacations here.

Robert and Karl Deware are spending their week's vacation from the Stearns' school, Mont Vernon, N. H., at their home in town.

Miss Marie Jordan has been ill since Wednesday afternoon of last week, when she suffered an attack of acute indigestion and heart weakness, causing unconsciousness. She was down town shopping when taken ill, and restoratives were administered by Mr. DuPaw, who was called from his pharmacy into the adjoining store of Mr. Tarbell. A physician was finally reached and Mrs. Appleton was notified. Upon her arrival Miss Jordan was immediately conveyed home by auto. She had recurrences of the attack in milder form during the night, but is now considered convalescent.

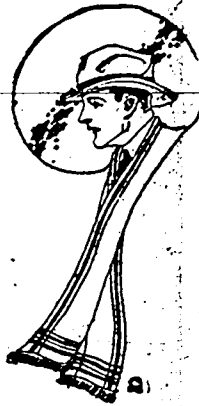
Miss Nellie Everson came from Waltham on Tuesday for a short stay with her sister, Mrs. C. S. Denham, and husband, Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willoughby, from Manchester, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Willoughby, from Leominster, and Guy Willoughby, from Manchester, were in town on Tuesday to attend the funeral services of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Howard Willoughby; also, Ralph Willoughby, who drove up from Ayer, and Ray Willoughby, from Boston.

Mrs. H. A. Pike is improving, and able to go from the hospital last week to the home of her friend, Mrs. Early, in Dorchester. If she continues to improve it is probable she may return home the latter part of this week.

Miss Elizabeth Kennedy of West Roxbury, daughter of the former Westerman at the Prescott place, North Pepperell, was in town last week, as the guest of Miss Florence Flynn and Miss Audrey Burkinshaw.

Miss Tessie Flynn is having a very satisfactory convalescence from her recent operation for appendicitis. She is planning to return to her school teaching at West Bridgewater the week following Easter. Miss Flynn entertained her friend and former

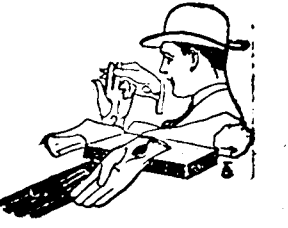


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Gray Flannel Shirts that were \$5.00, reduced to ..... **\$4.00**  
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Odd Sweaters, all colors, mostly small sizes, good quality ..... **\$3.50**

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FANCY SILK GIRDLES—Priced at..... **75¢ to \$3.00**  
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room-mate at the normal school, Miss Lillian Garlick, of South Ashburnham, over the week-end at her home on Oak hill.

Prescott Grange had no session on the regular evening, Friday, of last week, on account of the bad weather. There was also no electric lights around town, either on the streets or in buildings, owing to some trouble caused by the storm and high wind.

Mrs. Carroll Robbins was called to Lexington on Sunday by the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Howard Willoughby.

Godfrey Lavalley has taken the place of helper on the town team, with Driver Eakin in place of Albert Parker, who recently moved to Westford with his parents.

The two streets on the Tucker farm began their annual spring toll on Saturday, the express truck on Monday, closely followed by an out-of-town furniture truck. Several men, planks, loads of clinders, and in two cases a span of horses, were brought into use in getting the autos clear and in running order.

Robert Allison and family moved here from Watertown the first of the week, their goods arriving by auto truck on Monday. They will occupy one of the Pike cottages on the Tucker farm. The truck had the same difficulty in travelling up Chase avenue that others have had in the spring-time and became stalled when but a few lengths up from the main thoroughfare. The goods were unloaded upon the cart of Fred O. Parker, who carried them to the house, and then pulled the empty truck out of the mud.

Mrs. Harriet Guttererson was recently in town from Ayer, from which place she is about to move to Waltham, where her oldest son, Chester Guttererson, and family, have been living, and where the younger son, Norman, has now found work in the Waltham watch factory.

Mrs. C. A. Mills recently entertained her sister, Miss Bent, of Cambridge, at her home on Jewett street.

Miss Eliza Sargent, from Derry, N. H., was the guest during last week of her aunts, Mrs. George Tucker and Mrs. P. J. McDonald, and at the home of Raymond Tucker. She returned home on Saturday.

The Pepperell A. A. played the Salmon Brook basketball team of Nashua at the "Y" in that city on Friday evening of last week. The Pepperell team won, in a fast, rather rough game, by a score of 22 to 16.

Driscoll, a Worcester man, played with the home team and featured with a record of six baskets. Although the Pepperell team outweighed the Nashua team, the lighter weights kept their opponents busy during the twenty-minute periods.

Miss Mildred Lund is at home from Topsfield on a school vacation of a week.

#### Deaths.

Merritt H. Johnson died at his summer home on Oak Hill on Tuesday, April 1. He was born in Miranda, Canada, April 10, 1854. He is survived by a wife, Julia B. Johnson, a daughter, Gladys, and son, Norman. Services were held at his late home on Friday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. B. W. Rust and burial was in the Pepperell cemetery.

The remains of Mrs. Sadie E. (Hurley) Willoughby, wife of Howard F. Willoughby, were brought here on the afternoon train Monday in charge of Undertaker Blood, and accompanied by the husband, who was formerly of this town. Her death occurred at her home in East Lexington on Saturday, March 30. In the midst of her usual household duties on Friday she complained to her husband that she was faint. She was assisted to a couch and food and restoratives until the arrival of the physician, who was hastily summoned. It was pronounced a paralytic shock, similar to one she sustained a few years ago, only proving more severe, as she passed into an unconscious state on Friday night, from which she did not rally until the end came, painlessly and quietly.

Mrs. Willoughby was born in Ayer on January 21, 1852, and went to live in Shirley at an early age. She was eight years with Mrs. C. W. Marshall, as attendant and maid during her ill health, and her services were highly prized. Even after her marriage she was sometimes asked to return for a few days as a nurse in illness.

Her marriage to Mr. Willoughby, who was at that time employed on the Marshall estate, occurred on June 13, 1913, and they came to Pepperell, Mr. Willoughby's home town, keeping house here for about a year, while he was employed in the paper mill of the town, under his father, J. J. Willoughby, foreman on repairs. Later, Mr. Willoughby took a position as chauffeur and foreman on an estate in Lexington and they removed there in 1914. With the exception of a few months spent at a bungalow purchased by them in Bitterica, during the period when Mr. Willoughby was recuperating from her first attack, they have resided in East Lexington, where they were living on the Watertown road at the time of her last illness.

During the year of residence among us Mrs. Willoughby made many friends, being a most industrious, thrifty person, and a pleasant companion.

The deceased is survived by a husband, who mourns his loss; by a father, James Hurley, of Ayer, and a cousin, John Keegan, also of Ayer.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. J. J. Willoughby, Cross street, Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. B. W. Rust of the Methodist church officiating. Mrs. Alice Bartlett sang two selections, "The Christian's Good Night" and "Somebody will understand." The casket was covered by the numerous sprays from relatives, friends and business of the husband. The employ of Mr. Willoughby, George W. Norton, sent most beautiful Easter lilies and violets, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Marshall and Dr. Parsons, of Shirley, a quantity of plants, baskets and bouquets, all bespeaking the love and esteem in which the deceased was held.

Burial was in the Willoughby lot in Woodlawn cemetery, the bearers being her cousin John Keegan, of Ayer, and Arthur and John J. Willoughby, brothers of the husband of the deceased.

The late Daniel J. Green occurred at the corner of Nashua street on Friday, March 29, following an illness contracted last December, his illness being unrequitable and making it impossible to return to his home.

He was a resident of Fall River, coming to this town about thirty-four years ago, and was in the paper mill business, having resided on Hollis street at the time he died nearly twenty years. He and his two sons have a large estate in Fall River, Green, Jr., being 24 years, and James Green, being 21 years.

The deceased is survived by a second wife, Mrs. Joanna Duggan, also by two sons and nephews. The deceased was 62 years, 5 months and 29 days old.

Burial was in his late home on Nashua street Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock, with prayers at St. Joseph's church, the interment being in St. Joseph's cemetery in this town. High mass and Requiem was celebrated at the church on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock.

the winter, as Mr. Riley was employed on construction work at Camp Devens.

Corp. Mark Riley now comes back with the Cross de Guerre, the first man to receive it in this town.

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He arrived in the States again last week on board the U. S. S. "Albatross." He received a star and five bars from the Naval hospital at Portsmouth, N. H., for his gallant actions in his home, meeting to surprise his people, which he most successfully accomplished. His sister, Mrs. S. J. Riley, was visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. J. Riley, of the 54th Engineers, 3rd Battalion, A. E. F., still in France, Corp. Henry Riley, who comes a Canadian, spent over a year in the front lines, before he embarked from Liverpool, Corp. Frank Riley is still a member of the Quartermaster's Corps at Camp Merritt, N. J. It is understood that Corp. Mark will return to the Naval hospital at Portsmouth at the expiration of his furlough, although he is uncertain whether he will apply for discharge from the service when released from hospital treatment.

**Daring Robbery.**  
A robbery, committed in broad daylight, was reported on last week Friday to have occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gower, who reside

on the road leading from the main Dunstable road toward Hollis depot, and just over the Dunstable line.

Mr. Gower was at work in a wood-lot a little distance from the house, and at noon Mrs. Gower left the house for a short time, while she took his dinner to him. In returning home she remembers meeting a man in a soldier's uniform, walking toward Nashua, who was carrying a large bundle. When she reached the house she found the bundle had been opened, and the contents were missing. All of Mr. Gower's clothing had been taken so that he was left with barely a change of garments. Apparently nothing was proved attractive, and no money had been left in the house to be stolen.

Mrs. Gower hastily summoned Mr. Gower, and taking a team they went in the direction which the man with the bundle was last seen to be going. The Nashua police were notified, and Mrs. Gower is positive she could identify the man, but who is without question the suspect of the theft.

The house is somewhat isolated, and possibly the soldier had been in that vicinity and watching Mrs. Gower leave the house, though himself safe to effect a robbery, which he did last week through a wood-lot, to get to the police, who are on the watch for a man answering her description.

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Saturday, April 5, 1919

WESTFORD

Center. It was pleasant to have Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant back in town...

The academy was closed last week Friday and the teachers had a day for visiting other schools...

Mrs. M. J. Gillette, of Collinsville, Conn., has been spending a week at Emory J. Whitney's...

Mrs. Charles H. Pickering, who has been so seriously sick, is reported as gaining...

Mrs. Lena Clement Donaldson and little son Clement, of Lowell, were visitors at the parental home this week...

William Mills, who enlisted before the draft went into effect, and who has seen much overseas duty, has been home to see his home people...

Mrs. C. A. Blaney is completing her convalescence from her recent sickness with a visit with relatives out of town...

The closing lecture on the Pilgrims with stereopticon, proved interesting and was well attended last Sunday evening at the Congregational church...

The reading circle of the Tadmuck club will meet with Mrs. William C. Roudenbush on Tuesday afternoon of next week...

A good number of music-lovers attended the concert by the Boston Symphony orchestra, with Lambert Murphy as soloist...

The social given by Albert E. Prescott comes next week. His plan and purpose were well outlined last week and a generous interest and support is confidently expected...

The advance of spring has been decidedly retarded during the cold of this week. No peeping frogs at sunset and we wonder how suffering among the birds could be escaped...

The appeal for used clothing, coming through the North Middlesex chapter of the Red Cross, met with good response and a good load of clothing was carried into Lowell to be shipped overseas...

The weekly drill of the home guard was held in the town hall on Tuesday evening with good attendance, but nothing special to report...

Arthur Wickson, who has driven Alton's truck for the past two years, has been given the work, and Alton's truck takes his place...

Charles H. Wright has practically completed the job of the auto repair shop...

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Whitney, who have been in the city for the purpose of the purchase of a new house, returned last week...

There will be an informal meeting of the Unitarian parish this Saturday evening to consider business of importance to the parish...

The Ladies' Sewing circle and Westford branch Alliance will hold the next meeting on Thursday afternoon, April 12, at 2:30 o'clock...

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Weston, who have been in the city for the purpose of the purchase of a new house, returned last week...

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to increase the annual dues from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

The present appointed a nominating committee for a list of officers for another year, to report at the annual meeting...

The next meeting will be reciprocity day and will be held at the Congregational church...

Although the weather was most unfavorable, the evening being cold and snowy, the monthly social for March at the Congregational church last week Friday evening was successful and well attended...

The members of Court Grantville, F. of A., held a well attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Thursday night when arrangements were made to entertain grand chief ranger, D. J. Murphy...

Word has been recently received here from Private Alfred Heroux, a Grantville boy, now with the A. E. F., and he is now stationed in the same town in Germany with Private William F. Buckingham...

Many people from this village will attend the meeting in Abbot's hall next Sunday for the purpose of forming a brass band, composed of young men both here and in Forge Village...

Rev. Mr. Eaton, of Boston, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's mission last Sunday afternoon...

The members of the local football club are making arrangements to hold a minstrel show after Easter for the benefit of the club...

A daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Avery Smith...

Will the party who used the symbols in the peace parade held here last November return them to once to John Edwards...

A very enjoyable benefit concert was held in Abbot hall on last Thursday evening under the auspices of Cameron circle, C. of F. A. The program, in charge of Miss Marion Lord, was much enjoyed...

Mrs. Hannah (Finch) Weaver, wife of William Weaver, died at her home here last week Friday morning after a few days' illness...

Mrs. Weaver was born in Kildenny, England, in February, 1845. She was married to William Weaver on July 19, 1863...

The funeral was held at her home on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Mr. Eaton officiating...

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the Ladies' Aid and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Mrs. Mary Stuart has received word from her son, Private Fred M. Stuart, of the regular army, stating the Croix de Guerre was awarded to him...

Warren Hartwell has been occupied with installing wireless telephone systems in the British Isles...

Mr. F. Flagg and daughter, Miss Marion Flagg, have been staying with the Hurton S. Flagg children in their Andover home...

V. T. Esten has taken a short vacation over the week-end which he spent with his son, Ed, Esten, in Chicago Falls...

Miss Henrietta Ewings is with relatives in Lexington.

Thirty-one from Littleton Grange went to G. A. Barber's truck and private automobiles, Monday night, to help celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization...

Harry Smith and family are staying in Littleton for the present.

Mrs. Hollis Robbins visited the home people over the week-end.

The Kings Daughters will hold their annual sale in the Baptist vestry on April 12, from two to five o'clock in the afternoon...

E. H. Priest is the owner of a new Ford car.

R. L. Hartwell has taken the agency for Dodge cars in Littleton and Westford.

The drive for the second-hand clothing for Europe is being continued in Littleton on Monday when the garments were packed and sent to headquarters...

Ralph J. Hill, of Portland, Me., is with his people here during the school vacation.

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Miss Henrietta Ewings is with relatives in Lexington.

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Harry Smith and family are staying in Littleton for the present.

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Richard L. Hartwell advertisement for engine repairs. Claims to fix engines and save time and trouble.

Yates' Garage advertisement for electrical contracting services. Lists various electrical work and contact information.

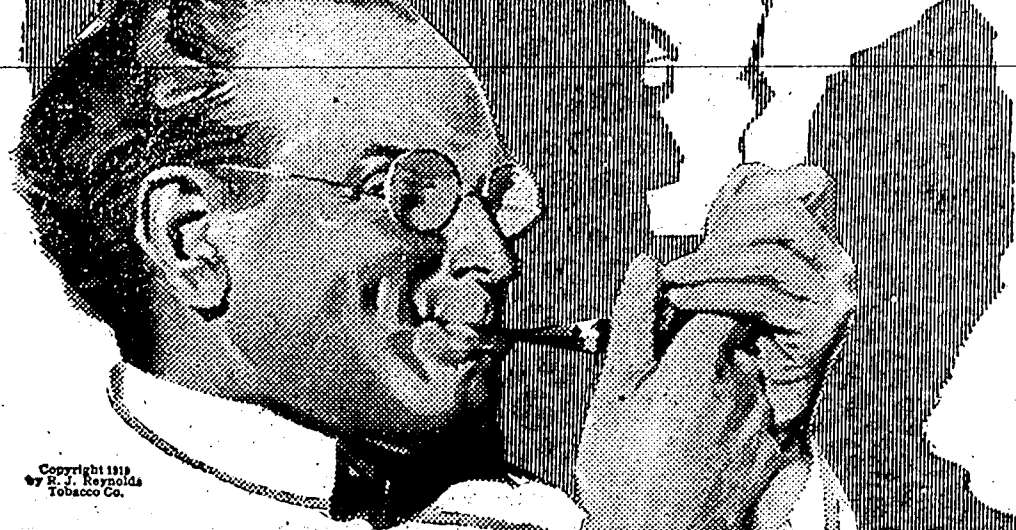
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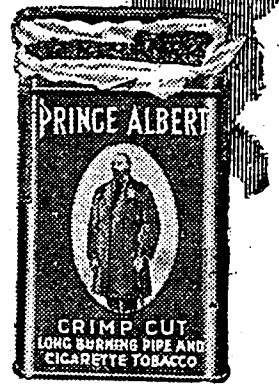


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NEVER was such right-handed-twofisted smokejoy as you puff out of a jimmy pipe packed with Prince Albert! That's because P. A. has the quality! You can't fool your taste apparatus any more than you can get five acres out of a family deck! So, when you hit Prince Albert, coming and going, and get up half an hour earlier just to start stoking your pipe or rolling cigarettes, you know you've got the big prize on the end of your line!



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Tippy red bags, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors—also that classy, practical pound crystal glass humidur with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such perfect condition. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.

## TOWNSEND

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The committee in town who have been working for the American Fund for the French Wounded and have been holding their meetings this winter on Tuesdays at the home of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence, finished their labors at the meeting held this week and forwarded their work to Boston headquarters. Mrs. Annie N. Greenleaf, chairman of the committee, in company with Mrs. Lillian Seaver, attended the meeting held at Park Square Theatre, Boston, Thursday, in the interest of the French relief, when they had the privilege of hearing Mrs. Benjamin G. Lathrop, president of the A. F. of E. W., speak on the overseas relief work in which she has been engaged for many months.

Mrs. Frank Miller, who has had charge of the refugee work of the Red Cross, reports a generous contribution of clothing received from the townspeople which was forwarded to the Fitchburg branch on Monday.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon topic will be "Building a new world." As it is New England Methodist Conference Sunday, the congregation of that church are cordially invited to worship with the Congregationalists at the morning and evening service. Mr. Graham, of Camp Devens, whom many had the privilege of hearing two weeks ago, will occupy the pulpit at the evening service, to which all are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver and Mr. and Mrs. Packard attended the funeral of their relative, Mrs. Augustus Seaver, held in Ashburnham on Monday. Mrs. Seaver was the aunt of Mr. Packard and a cousin of Mrs. Seaver.

Harold Green, who was recently discharged from the service, and who has been spending several weeks with his parents in town, has returned to his former position in Nashua, N. H.

Earle Wallace, who was recently discharged from service, in company with his wife, have been spending several weeks at the home of his father, Rev. Mr. Wallace, in Maine. They returned to their home in Townsend hill the first of the week, where Mr. Wallace will resume his farm work and poultry raising.

The Birthdays club meeting, which was to have been held on Tuesday, April 5, has been postponed to April 15 on account of the community meeting to be held in Memorial hall on Tuesday afternoon, April 8.

T. Turner Goodwin expects to spend Sunday in Athol, where the Methodist church conference is being held this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, who have been spending the winter months at the Center, are planning to return to their farm home at Cape Corner this Saturday.

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The Ladies' Study Club held their fortnightly meeting on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George A. Seaver, with seven members and one guest, Mrs. Frank Hamilton, in attendance. In the absence of both president and vice-president, Mrs. Alexander Reed was chosen chairwoman. At the roll call passing resolutions were given and current events after which Mrs. Charles E. Hatch read a most interesting paper on "The life and work of Luther Burbank" and an informal talk on the subject was enjoyed by the club. The next meeting will be in charge of the program committee and the time and place of the meeting will be announced later.

The infant child of the Old family, living near the town farm, died last Saturday night by accidental suffocation. The body was viewed by the medical examiner and the burial took place at the Center cemetery on Tuesday morning.

Alexander Reed lost his driving horse, which he has had for a number of years, by death last week.

Mrs. Herman Lawrence, who has been employed at the Center since last fall, visited her home here Tuesday.

Word has been received here of the dangerous illness of Mrs. G. Fred Tenney, who is visiting in Nova Scotia, and has contracted the influenza. Her father, from the Center, was hastily summoned and left Wednesday afternoon. Much anxiety is felt by her friends and relatives here and adding to the sadness of the situation is the fact that she expected to be home to welcome her young husband, who will return probably Sunday to Camp Devens with the first contingent of the 26th.

George Lovering, who has been employed during the winter in Marlboro, has returned to his home in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrie of Boston have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McDormand and upon their return last Saturday they were accompanied by their little daughter, who has been spending a few weeks with her grandmother.

Mrs. W. T. Cook has been enjoying a brief visit to friends at the Center.

George Robbins of Attleboro has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Mary Robbins.

Mrs. Sarah Winship of Ayer, a former resident here, is a guest of Mrs. Herman L. Stickney.

Owing to the change of time, commencing last Sunday, the hour of the Y. P. S. C. E. service on Sunday evenings has been changed from six to seven o'clock until further notice.

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Susie Seales, wife of Augustus Seales, of Ashburnham, who passed away last Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Seales have many friends here with whom they used to visit until the long and painful illness of Mrs. Seales rendered her coming impossible, all of whom hold her in loving remembrance.

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Rosetta Hodgman, widow of the late Dr. Abbott Hodgman, of New York, who was a well-known Townsend boy, and his wife was for many seasons a summer resident of this village, where she always had a kindly interest in the welfare of the people. She passed away at the home of her brother in New York city last week and the news was received by her husband's father, Justin C. Hodgman, with whom she made her home for several seasons.

Rev. Joseph M. Keane will take for his topic at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening the "Why is iniquity abundant, what becomes of the church?" The Y. P. S. C. E. service will be held at seven o'clock and the topic will be "Our relation to God in prayer." A consecration service.

John Eldredge, who was recently discharged from a southern camp, and has been stopping at the home of Mrs. Mary Robbins, in Ayer, where he has found employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Ward, from Stoneham, have been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Susan M. Seaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Piper, of the Center, who have been spending the winter in the South, have returned, and spent Sunday night at the Squannickook Inn, on their way home.

Mrs. E. J. Lee returned on Monday evening from a week's visit with friends in Stillfield, N. H.

The A. F. S. of E. home on Main street, recently purchased by Abel G. Stearns, of the Center, is undergoing repairs and extensive alterations with the installation of a furnace and electric lights. Mr. William Lawrence's removal, which has been a long one, and which is going on.

Mrs. Abigail Reed entertained the Ladies' Study Club fortnightly meeting at her home on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Hodgman, who have been spending the winter with their son, Mervin, in Ayer, have returned to their home in Groton.

The Ladies' Study Club regular monthly meeting was held at the vestry on Friday afternoon. Dinner will be served at seven o'clock.

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Shirley club will meet next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. H. Sargent when the monthly anniversary of the club will be observed. At the meeting of the club last week Thursday the following flower committee was appointed: Mrs. Abner J. Wells, Mrs. Anna C. Wheeler and Mrs. Catherine A. White.

The Shirley club in order to know of just how many members it consists at the present time, kindly requests each one to fill out the club book on either Tuesday or Wednesday evening April 8 and 9, between seven and nine o'clock, when the treasurer will be in readiness to accept payment of all dues.

Mrs. Emma S. Horton, a member of the Abington Club, has composed some words and music of which has been accepted by the Abington club song.

Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence and Miss Sylvia White spent this week Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Holden, of Stillfield.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. Bessie M. Dodman for their next meeting.

Mrs. Thomas E. Lilly and son Richard spent Wednesday in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dean left town this week to reside in Boston. Mr. Dean was recently discharged from the service and has resumed his management of the National Service Car Co., Beacon street, Boston.

The social, supper and entertainment at the Congregational church on Wednesday evening was a grand success. A very appetizing salad supper was served at seven o'clock, under the direction of Mrs. George Greenleaf, assisted by Mrs. Cordell, Mrs. Phyllis, Mrs. Hubbard, Misses Park, Bessie Dodman and Annie Hubbard. The waiters were Asa Shephard, Raymond Chesbrough, Herbert Birchstead and George Hooper. At eight o'clock the entertainment was given. Private Samuel J. Berzens gave vocal selections, all Harry Lauder's specialties, and made a devoted hit. Mr. Berzens, who is a graduate of Mt. Hermon, is certainly an artist as an impersonator, and his appearance in Shirley will be a long-remembered event. Miss Dorothy Milken was piano accompanist for Mr. Berzens. Violin selections were also given by Mrs. Joseph Hunt and Frank Harvey.

Mrs. Sadie (Harley) Willoughby, wife of Howard Willoughby, died at her home in Lexington last Saturday from the effects of a shock. Funeral was held on Monday afternoon, with burial in East Pepperell. Mrs. Willoughby was a former well-known resident of Shirley.

Clipping: The following was taken from the Fitchburg Sentinel of Tuesday evening, April 1:

"Caught as he was about to board a train for Troy, Vermont, Monday afternoon, Herbert George Farnsworth of Shirley was arrested, charged with passing a worthless check for \$20 at Morrill Bros. store, Fitchburg, in payment for goods valued at \$5.50.

He pleaded guilty in police court Tuesday and was held in \$500 bonds for appearance on April 7. The continuance was granted by Judge Gallagher to permit Inspector Godley to investigate the man's previous history.

Farnsworth, who is 24 years old, says he worked for Lyman Harris in Fitchburg. He secured a Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company check and made out a check payable to himself for \$20 and signed Mr. Harris' name. The check was accepted without question by Mr. Morrill, who found that Mr. Harris had an account with the Fitchburg bank. He discovered the check was forged. Farnsworth bought a set of underwear and some other articles and received \$14.50 in change. Mr. Morrill notified Inspector Godley, who went to the depot to see if the man answered the description reported to him. He found Farnsworth at the depot apparently going to board a train, but instead of going to Troy, Farnsworth enjoyed a ride to the police station where he was booked for uttering a forged instrument.

Inspector Godley told the inspector that a few years ago he was in the Army court for passing a check. He said he worked for a man who gave him a check in payment for his services. The check was not as large as Farnsworth thought his services were worth so he passed the amount, passed the check and was arrested.

Judge Gallagher said that he would give Farnsworth a chance to make good on his parole.

Mrs. John O. Adams spent several days at the home of her daughter in Lowell, where she was joined by Lillian Adams, of Woburn, who is a visitor in the home of the son of her aunt, Mrs. M. W. Ware.

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The chess players and grammar school workers on Wednesday April 3, had a very successful week.

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Mrs. Wilton Stiles, of Greenville, N. H., has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seales.

Miss Harriet Esser, a nurse in training at the Barbur hospital, spent the week-end with friends in this town and Mason.

Mrs. Susan White, from Ashby, has been spending a few days in town, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman.



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### ANTIQUITY OF DECORATIVE ART

Strange Sources From Which Pigments Used by Modern Painters Are Derived.

#### PRESERVATION OF SURFACES.

Crude but Effective Processes Employed by the Egyptians and Greeks of Pliny's Day—Noah Prudently Waterproofed the Ark.

Whether paint was invented in answer to a need for a preservative or to meet a desire for beauty is a question fully as knotty as the ancient one about the relative time of arrival of the chicken or the egg. It was invented, though, and it serves both purposes equally; so whether it is an offspring of mother necessity or an adopted son of beauty remains forever a disputed question.

The first men, covering under the fierce and glaring suns of the biblical countries, constructed rude huts of wood to shelter them. The perishable nature of these structures caused rapid decay, and it is probable that the occupants, seeking some artificial means of preservation, hit upon the pigments of the earth in their search. It is perhaps natural to suppose that it was the instinct of preservation that led men to the search, although the glories of the sunsets and the beauties of the rainbow may have created a desire to imitate those wonders in their own dwellings.

The earliest record of the application of a preservative to a wooden structure dates from the ark, which was, according to the Bible, "pitched within and without." The pitch was a triumph of preservation whatever it lacked as a thing of beauty.

Decoration applied to buildings first comes to light with ancient Babylon, whose walls were covered with representations of hunting scenes and of combat. These were done in red and the method followed was to paint the scene on the bricks at the time of manufacture, assuring permanence by baking. Strictly speaking, this was not painting so much as it was the earliest manifestation of our own familiar kalsomining.

The first Hebrew to mention painting is Moses. In the thirty-third chapter of the book of Numbers he instructs the Israelites, "When ye have passed over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then shall ye drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you and destroy all their pictures."

At later periods the Jews adopted many customs of the peoples who successively obtained power over them and in the apocryphal book of the Maccabees is found this allusion to the art of decorating, "For as the master builder of a new house must care for the whole building, but he that undertaketh to set it out and paint it, must seek out things for the adorning thereof."

Although Homer gives credit to a Greek for the discovery of paint, the allusions to it in the books of Moses, the painted mummy cases of the Egyptians and the decorated walls of Babylon and Thebes fix its origin at a period long antecedent to the Grecian era. The walls of Thebes were painted 1,900 years before the coming of Christ and 996 years before "Omer smote his bloomin' eye."

The Greeks recognized the value of paint as a preservative and made use of something akin to it on their ships. Pliny writes of the mode of boiling wax and painting ships with it, after which, he continues, "neither the sea, nor the wind, nor the sun can destroy the wood thus protected."

The Romans, being essentially a warlike people, never brought the decoration of buildings to the high plane it had reached with the Greeks. For all that the ruins of Pompeii show many structures whose mural decorations are in fair shape today. A black background was the usual one and the combinations worked thereon red, yellow and blue.

In the early Christian era the use of mosaics for churches somewhat supplanted mural painting. Still, during the reign of Justinian the Church of Saint Sophia was built at Constantinople and its walls were adorned with paintings.

In modern times the uses of paint have come to be as numerous as its myriad shades and tints. Paint is unique in that its name has no synonym and for it there is no substitute material. Bread is the staff of life, but paint is the life of the staff.

No one thinks of the exterior of a wooden building now except in terms of paint. Interiors, too, from parlor walls and stained glass windows to the most profuse ornamentation of a gaudy hotel lobby, are painted in some color or tints.

Some of the most beautiful colors to be gotten are derived from the mineral kingdom. The various shades of blue, green, yellow, orange, red and purple are obtained from the various pigments of the earth. These pigments are obtained from the various rocks and minerals of the earth.

The attempt to fly across the Atlantic in a heavy airplane has been postponed till spring. No doubt the public will be duly informed when this venture in ocean transportation reaches the "next-week" stage of fulfillment.

At least one German newspaper, the Badische Landeszeitung, is already talking about the next war, and says it will be won in the air. Germans will get a few months ago believed the last great war would be won by the submarine, but it wasn't.

Principal Geyser Regions. Geysers occur in most volcanic regions; most notable specimens are in Yellowstone region of Rocky mountains, New Zealand, Tibet, the Azores and in southwestern Iceland.

Don't Live Up to Appellation. "The trouble with lots of 'reginal fellows,'" observed the almost philosopher, "is that they are oftentimes irregular in their habits."

### LAST THOUGHTS OF ROOSEVELT

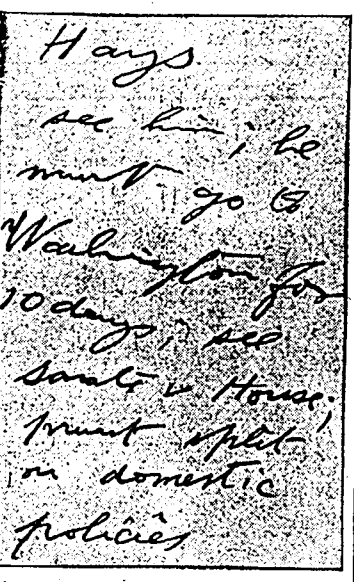
Desired Republicans to Close Ranks and Give Attention to Domestic Issues.

#### TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF WISH.

Colonel Harvey in North American Review Presents Facsimile of Penciled Memorandum Left by Roosevelt.

Theodore Roosevelt's last thoughts were of the great domestic issues of his country, issues whose determination will decide the weal or woe of the next generation. He saw in a united Republican party, just given a vote of confidence and a commission to formulate and carry into action policies of reconstruction, the guarantee of the prompt recognition and successful handling of these domestic problems.

Tangible evidence of this is a memorandum, the last penciled thoughts of the late President. To Colonel George Harvey and the North American Review.



Facsimile of Last Memorandum of Colonel Roosevelt, Penciled a Few Hours Before He Died.

view the country and the Republican party are indebted for the publication of this interesting document which carries a message from him "who, being dead, yet speaketh." In the leading article of the current number of the North American Review Colonel Harvey sets forth the vital import of this last penciled notation of Mr. Roosevelt. He says:

"Mr. Roosevelt died the acknowledged leader of the great party into which he was born. His last written words, penciled by his own hand a few hours before his death and addressed in the form of a memorandum for the brilliant young man for whose selection as Chairman of the National organization he was largely responsible, were these, as reproduced above in facsimile:

"Hays see him; he must go to Washington for 10 days; see Senate and House; prevent split on domestic policies." "Here is evidenced as clearly as if the few words filled a volume Mr. Roosevelt's realization of both his responsibility and his obligation. The simple memorandum marked the inauguration of a definite party policy, to be carried through to a no less definite conclusion. It was more than a passing thought or a mere suggestion. It was a Message, signifying the need of immediate and unflinching vigilance in achieving complete unity of action in resolving domestic problems before attacking those of other lands soon to be thrust upon the country—a true soldier's call first to close the ranks.

"Nothing could be more characteristic or more clearly illustrative of the breadth of vision, the foresight, the directness in method and the painstaking attention of the man. Nothing, too, probably could have served his purpose better than that these words should have been his last. Difficult as it is to resist the impulse to the decree of Divine Providence that the removal of that great patriot at this crucial moment was not untimely, we cannot but realize as he would have had the first to acknowledge, that the last vestiges of animosity which might have remained to mar his highest aspirations were buried with him, and thereby the perfect union which he so ardently desired against all things un-American was attained.

"Thus we find the Republican party assuming full legislative authority throughout united and invigorated by the power and wisdom which, so often carried it to victory in former years."

### ROOSEVELT'S DEPARTING WORDS TO HIS COUNTRYMEN

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### GEN. PERSHING PRAISES "Y" WORK

Consents to Request from Association to Be Relieved of Operation of Post Exchanges.

The American Y. M. C. A. at its own request has been relieved of its work in maintaining the post exchanges with the American army.

Correspondence has been exchanged between Gen. Pershing and E. C. Carter, in charge of Y. M. C. A. with the army, resulting in this decision. Mr. Carter wrote to Gen. Pershing as follows:

Dear Gen. Pershing: A year and a half ago you requested the Y. M. C. A. to undertake the operation of post exchanges for the American Expeditionary Force in order that "officers and enlisted men may not be taken away for that purpose from their paramount military functions of training and fighting."

"As soon as hostilities ceased we raised with you the question of whether the time had not come for the Y. M. C. A. to be relieved of the operation of post exchanges, in view of the fact that there was no longer the same pressing demand on the man power of the army for training and fighting. When we first raised the question it did not appear to you that it was feasible in the best interests of maximum service to the army that change be made. Now the situation is materially altered.

Needed in Other Work. Recent general orders from main headquarters and requests from large numbers of commanding officers may have laid on the Y. M. C. A. increased responsibilities in promoting educational, athletic and entertainment activities in the American Expeditionary Force. This is placing a rapidly increasing burden on our personnel. The army also is now preparing for the delivery of all supplies for the post exchanges which heretofore have been imported, manufactured and delivered by the Y. M. C. A.

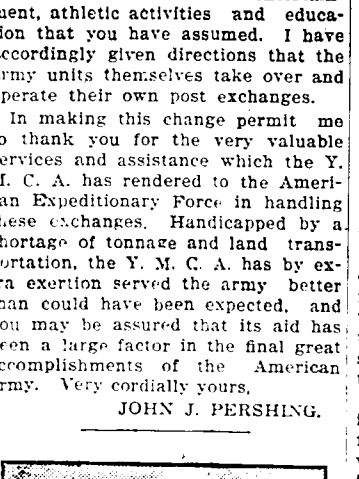
In view of the changed situation, I wish to know whether you do not think it would be possible for the army at a very early date to assume full responsibility for the maintenance of the post exchanges throughout the American Expeditionary Force.

Gen. Pershing replied as follows: "My Dear Mr. Carter—I have received your letter of January 29 asking whether in view of the present changed situation it would be possible for the army to assume full responsibility for the maintenance of post exchanges throughout the American Expeditionary Force.

As you correctly state, the Y. M. C. A. undertook the management of the post exchanges at my request at a time when it was of the greatest importance that no available soldier should be taken away from the vital military functions of training and fighting. As the reasons which impelled me at that time to request you to undertake this work no longer exist, in reaching this conclusion consideration has been given to the new burdens in connection with entertainment, athletic activities and educational work that you have assumed. I have accordingly given directions that the army units themselves take over and operate their own post exchanges.

In making this change permit me to thank you for the very valuable services and assistance which the Y. M. C. A. has rendered to the American Expeditionary Force in handling these exchanges. Handicapped by a shortage of tonnage and land transportation, the Y. M. C. A. has by extra exertion served the army better than could have been expected, and you may be assured that its aid has been a large factor in the final great accomplishments of the American army. Very cordially yours,

JOHN J. PERSHING.



Miss Miriam S. Carleton of Lynn, Mass., has been one of the most willingly popular of the Y. M. C. A. entertainers. In her year of service she has visited all the Y. M. C. A. huts in New England under the auspices of the entertainment bureau of the Northeastern Dept., and in many cases has not an encore from the audience. One of her most tributes came from Adjutant Charles Silbert of the French High Commission.

Another feminine industry. "Girls wanted for men's neckwear," reads the advertisement of a department store. But we imagine that a man would be uncomfortable wearing a girl around his neck.—New Orleans States.

Should Say Not. "It's all right to pay as you go," observed the almost philosopher, "but if you have to pay 25 cents street car fare to get there and back, the chances are you won't go."

No Separation in Sight. Mrs. Mark—Mrs. Skanner tells me that her husband is an ardent lover of books. Mr. Mark—"I wish he'd prove fickle to two volumes of mine which he enticed away more than five years ago."—Buffalo Express.

Crockery Saver. Danger of breakage is eliminated in a new motor-driven dish washer in which the dishes are held stationary in wire baskets and water is forced around them.

Get Your Webbed Feet. A Maine inventor's mechanical substitutes for web feet are bags to be attached to a swimmer's legs, opening with the kick and folding with the return.

Incidentally, the price of pork is doing just what might be expected—making a hog of itself.

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### PAINT AS AN ASSET.

Bankers Say They Lend More Money on Property When Buildings Are Well Painted.

AN INDICATION OF THRIFT. One Concern Advances 25 Per Cent. More if Repainting Is Done Every Five Years.

Does it pay to paint carefully farm buildings? Does it add to the selling value of a farm when buildings are properly kept up and regularly painted? A careful inquiry of a number of leading bankers in the Mississippi valley, including such states as Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri, reveals the fact that in nearly every case the bankers did not hesitate to say that they would lend all the way from 5 to 50 per cent. more on land where farm buildings were well painted and kept in good condition. They maintain that well kept-up and well painted buildings and fences are an indication of thrift and that the thrifty farmer is a good client, and to him money can be safely loaned. An average of the returns from these bankers shows that the increased loan value because of painted buildings is around 22 per cent.

Some of these bankers make interesting comment. A Michigan concern says that, while not especially prepared to advise definitely in response to this inquiry, the officers would loan more money on farms where buildings were painted than where they were not so treated. This bank also finds that where houses, barns and fences are well taken care of the farm is a profitable proposition, and bankers in general consider the farmer a good client. Another Michigan bank says "farm buildings out of repair and needing paint indicate that the owner is slow pay." Such farms are rated about one-third of the assessed value for loans. Where the farm buildings are in good shape the rating is one-half. The president of a middle western bank says that when real estate loans are considered, painted buildings are always taken into consideration in making an estimate. The general appraisal of the property surrounding the house and barn and also the fields and fences would be carefully observed. He further says that he has no hesitancy in saying that he would absolutely refuse a loan on farms where the buildings were not kept up and well painted. In his judgment, unpainted farm buildings would reduce the loan value at least 25 per cent.

A Minnesota banker says that he is much more willing to loan money where the buildings are well painted. In his particular case he believes that he would loan 20 per cent. more than if the buildings were not properly taken care of. A farmer who will keep his buildings painted takes a much deeper interest in his work than one who does not. Another Minnesota banker says that well painted buildings have resulted in securing from his bank sometimes as high as 25 per cent. more money than where the buildings are not painted. An Ohio concern says that it will loan 25 per cent. more money on a well kept farm where buildings are painted at least once every five years. A southern Illinois bank says that it has no fixed rule about this, but it does make a decided difference when owners of farm lands apply for loans. If the buildings are well painted and thus well preserved the loan rate would not only be cheaper, but the amount of money borrowed would be larger. A northern Illinois bank does not hesitate to say that it would loan fully 50 per cent. more on a farm where buildings were well painted and in good order than where they were not. The vice president, who answers the inquiry, goes on to say: "There probably are many farmers good financially and morally unpainted, but as a rule the most substantial people who live in the country keep their buildings well painted."

An Iowa bank, through its vice president, states that it would make a difference of at least 25 per cent. in favor of the farm with painted buildings. Another Iowa concern says that it would make a difference of at least 20 per cent.

All this being true, it is perfectly evident that it is a good business proposition to keep the farm buildings well painted. They not only look better and are more pleasing to the owner, but the farm would sell to better advantage, the loan value of the property would be greatly increased and the buildings themselves would last much longer and need less repair.—The American Agriculturist.

### PAINT AND ILLITERACY.

Curious Fact Comes to Light That Literates Least Using Books Avoid Paint Also.

Washington, D. C.—A curious fact has been brought to light by the Educational Bureau and the Bureau of Industrial Research here. It is that in the states where illiteracy is most prevalent paint is least used. The paint referred to is the common or barn variety, of course, for the backwoods countries have no need for the finer pigments or facial adornments. It is true, though, that in the sections of all states where white illiteracy is highest painted homes are rare and unpainted outbuildings and barns are practically unknown. Probably the illiterates do not use paint on their buildings because they do not understand its value as a preservative.

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### This is the House the "Y" Built



With its ladder pulled up and with a plucky little Ford hitched to the front end, this rolling canteen stuck to the tall of the racing column of doughboys, over the Vesie, up the heights of the Argonne, and on to the fortress of Metz. Just now the cart is resting, but the secretaries you see under the awning are busy from dawn till after dark. The boy at the right has his hands full, but he just cannot get enough of the faces of these girls from home.

### "Y" PLAYS HOST TO EIGHTEEN MILLION SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

According to figures just issued by the Northeastern Department of the War Work Council, the attendance at the 77 Y huts in New England from the spring of 1917 to fall of 1918 reached an aggregate of 18,041,475. This immense figure averages 234,305 men per hut for the duration of America's activity in the war; or, 51,652 men per day for the same period. Most of the army of guests came just because the hut was a little sample of home, and because here they could sit in warmth and think of the real homes they had left. How faithful they were to these homes of their own is shown by the fact that envelopes to the number of 11,194,364 were given out to the soldiers and sailors with paper to match. And it was not only words that went home, money orders amounting to \$578,123.38 were sold by "Y" secretaries during the war.

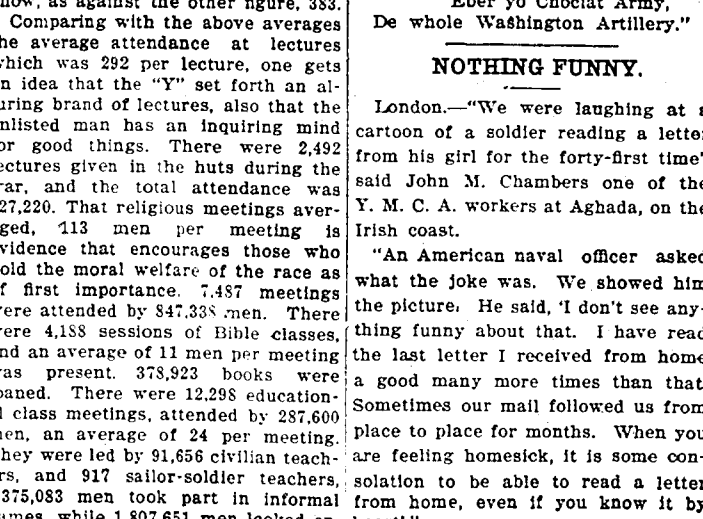
The boys in camp and on ship depended for nine-tenths of their entertainment on the Y. M. C. A. Opera, plays, vaudeville, minstrels, and every kind of a good show, was offered in abundance as you can gather from the number of entertainments, 4758, which is the final figure reported. This "would average 40 for every day of the war in these New England states, or 62 for every hut." The attendance at these shows reached a total of 1,319,694 an average of 383 men per show. Of course the motion picture, being condensed and more available form of drama, was given in greater number. There were 6,958 of these programs, attended by 2,311,821 men. Devoted defenders of the "legit" who regret the inroads the motion picture has made on public taste, will be comforted to know that the average attendance at the pictures was lower than that at the drama—being 333 per show, as against the other figure, 383.

Comparing with the above averages the average attendance at lectures which was 292 per lecture, one gets an idea that the "Y" set forth an alluring brand of lectures, also that an enlisted man has an inquiring mind for good things. There were 2,492 lectures given in the huts during the war, and the total attendance was 727,220. That religious meetings averaged, 113 men per meeting is evidence that encourages those who hold the moral welfare of the race as of first importance. 7,487 meetings were attended by 847,338 men. There were 4,188 sessions of Bible classes, and an average of 11 men per meeting was present. 378,293 books were loaned. There were 12,298 educational class meetings, attended by 287,600 men, an average of 24 per meeting. They were led by 91,656 civilian teachers, and 917 sailor-soldier teachers, 1,875,083 men took part in informal games, while 1,807,651 men looked on.

London.—"We were laughing at a cartoon of a soldier reading a letter from his girl for the forty-first time," said John M. Chambers one of the Y. M. C. A. workers at Aghada, on the Irish coast.

"An American naval officer asked what the joke was. We showed him the picture. He said, 'I don't see anything funny about that. I have read the last letter I received from home a good many more times than that. Sometimes our mail followed us from place to place for months. When you are feeling homesick, it is some consolation to be able to read a letter from home, even if you know it by heart.'"

### A Y. M. C. A. Hut in Eastern Siberia



You at home would hardly call this hole in the ground a "hut," but to these Czech-Slovaks who are resting between times of chasing Bolsheviks, any place where they can get chocolate and cigarettes is a home. These are some of the men the "Y" tried to help get through to France where they were eager to go.

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### HOW CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE WAS SAVED

New Process Invented to Preserve Surface of Monolith in Central Park.

#### HIEROGLYPHS OBLITERATED.

Rigors of Western Climate Caused Khedive's Gift to Disintegrate. Painting Ancient Obelisk With Special Preparation Stays Off Decay—Ruined Portions Restored.

New Yorkers awoke one morning to find in their breakfast headlines the news that a zealous park employee had discovered signs of disintegration on the surface of the city's most treasured antique—Cleopatra's Needle. Photographs revealed that the monolith was peeling, large pieces of sandstone having fallen from the tall shaft, carrying with them part of the prized hieroglyphs.

London's twin sister of Cleopatra's Needle was reported as resting comfortably and enduringly on the banks of the Thames, and the rival port wondered whether a preparation would be found to stay the attacks of their harsher climate.

Such a preparation was soon forthcoming. A new paint combination as a preservative for stone was invented.

#### THE OBELISK.

The Obelisk was presented to the City of New York by the Khedive of Egypt. Lieutenant Colonel George ... after a three year effort, obtained it in possession and it was moved to its present position at an expense of nearly \$100,000. It was finally arrived in New York on January 22, 1881.

The height of this monument from base to tip is 69 feet, 2 inches. The measurement of the base, square through its axis, is 7 feet, 8 1/2 inches. The entire weight of the monolith is 213 1/2 tons.

Since it was quarried near the torrid zone, it has traversed the entire length of Egypt, most of the Mediterranean Sea, the width of the Atlantic Ocean—a distance of over 10,000 miles—proving itself a first rate traveler for one whose load is nearly 200,000 pounds. In the course of its journey it has seen Pharaohs and Kings, and has seen the great cities of the world going to their destruction in the Red Sea and the Jordan and the Nile. It has seen the Conquest of Jerusalem; the fall of the Roman Empire; the rise and fall of the Mohammedans; the rise and fall of the Christians; the rise and fall of the Mohammedans; the rise and fall of the Mohammedans; the rise and fall of the Mohammedans.

The Obelisk has been in existence for two thousand years.

Dr. William Kueckro, chemist of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Many years previous coating with paraffin had been tried, but the application had not entirely accomplished its purpose. The new painting process, however, proved a success. Disintegration was halted and the damaged parts restored. New York breathed easily again.

#### PAINT PROTECTION AND ITS ECONOMY.

The preservation of structural materials, which may be obtained through the application of paint, constitutes a most vital means of furthering the conservation of our natural resources. It is, moreover, the most economical method of sustaining the appearance and general upkeep of any community.

A structure coated with sheets of India rubber would not be as well protected from decay as a structure coated with a good oil paint. This is due to the fact that a sheet of rubber is not so durable or as waterproof as a thin dried film of paint. The latter material when applied dries to a continuous elastic film containing finely divided particles of metallic, wear resisting pigments. A square foot of such a film upon a wooden surface costs less than a penny, yet it will beautify and protect a dollar's worth of surface for many years. This is a low rate of insurance.

Dwellings, barns, outbuildings, sheds, posts, fences, stock enclosures, wagons, implements, windmills and other structures, whether of wood, iron or cement, should be preserved, through the use of paint, from rapid decay. High grade paint may be used successfully for all such purposes. Colored paints will be found the most serviceable, the coloring matter in the paint adding from two to three years to the life of the coating.

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Dr. Hartwell says that infection from the teeth and tonsils causes ninety per cent of all heart disease; that fifty per cent of arthritis and rheumatism is from the same cause; that kidney troubles are frequent from mouth infection. Cut these figures in half and we would still have enough to cause all of us to do some hard thinking.

**Dr. C. A. Fox, Dentist**  
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To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully I bel and represents BLANCHE G. WHITNEY of Ayer in said County, that she was lawfully married to HERBERT G. WHITNEY, County of Los Angeles, California, at Ayer, Massachusetts on the twenty-sixth day of September A. D. 1900, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Herbert G. Whitney lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, at Ayer, Mass., and also in California; that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said Herbert G. Whitney being wholly regardless of the same, being of unquiet mind, and grossly and wantonly and cruelly refuses and neglects to provide suitable maintenance and support for your libellant.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Herbert G. Whitney and your libellant represents that there has been born of said marriage a son H. Dudley Whitney, a daughter Helen D. Whitney and a daughter Sarah A. Whitney, now aged seventeen, twelve and eleven years, respectively, and prays that the care and custody of said minor children be decreed to your libellant.

Dated this first day of February A. D. 1919.

BLANCHE G. WHITNEY,  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

Upon the foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before the Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of May next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer in the County of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day; and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.  
A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.  
WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of BENJAMIN L. BARR, late of Ayer in said County deceased.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by CARL A. P. BARR, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

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

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

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

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**HOLLIS, N. H.**

**News Items.**  
The date for the meeting in the interest of the Boys' and Girls' club was changed from April 4 to March 29. William F. Howe was the speaker or speaker, especially on the raising of pigs, and the lecture was illustrated by stereopticon pictures. Mr. Howe proved a very bright and interesting speaker, holding the attention of his audience all through the lecture. Mr. Howe is the son of the late John Howe, a native of Nashua, and for several years was principal of a grammar school in Dedham, Mass. He is now sent out by the Massachusetts Agricultural college for this club work. Miss Hazard was present and outlined briefly her work with the girls in canning, sewing, etc. Miss Bertha Hayden is to have charge of the club here.

At the Woman's club on Monday afternoon the program opened with two violin solos by Miss Ehling, and a piano solo by Miss Eastman. The president, Mrs. Willis C. Hardy, then introduced Rev. Manley Townsend, of Nashua, who gave a most interesting talk on "The adaptability of birds," illustrating his talk with charts. He spoke first of the fact that had been proved that the ancestors of birds were reptiles. He then told how the feet, beaks and coloring of the birds were adapted to the lives they lived, peccantities. There was a good audience present and many children, who were intensely interested.

Alonso Wilson has received word that his brother, Henry G. Wilson, died March 15 in Santa Barbara, Cal. He had been ill for some time. He leaves a wife and two children. Mr. Wilson lived in Hollis in his younger days for a time and attend school here. Twenty years ago he visited his brother here in town, but has not been here since.

Mrs. Laura Clarke has secured a school in Bristol, N. H., and left for there Monday morning.

Miss Ellen Clarke and her friend, Miss Ehling, went back to Northfield on Tuesday morning.

The schools in town are having a week's vacation and the teachers have all been at their homes.

Fred C. Hardy was at home on Sunday.

Miss Hazel Nourge is at home from Plymouth Normal school for the spring vacation.

In spite of the storm the high school party was a great success, about 100 being present. A Nashua orchestra furnished music and dancing was kept up until a late hour.

Henry Stimson cut his foot badly this week while cutting wood on the Cassidy lot. Nine stitches had to be taken in the wound.

Mrs. Mercer has been visiting her daughter in Lowell and her sons in Nashua.

Miss Lucille Ehling, of Washington, D. C., played a violin solo and sang a solo at the Sunday morning service.

Harold Hardy is among those who are to speak on "Direct marketing or cold storage," at the Pomona meeting in Peiham on April 16.

Mrs. Kenneth Wilson and little son, Kenneth Wilson, Jr., of Fitchburg, are visiting Mrs. Anna Bell.

Charles E. Bell and wife and little son are visiting with C. J. Bell.

Ennice Welch was home from Nashua over Sunday.

At the regular meeting of the W. R. C. last week three new members were initiated: Mrs. Ellen Hildreth, Mrs. Etta Patch and Mrs. Alec Deault; and Mrs. T. A. Greenleaf, who has been away from here, again became a member. After the exercises of the afternoon the corps adjourned to the home of the president, Mrs. Flora C. Hardy, who served a luncheon.

In a clipping from a Miami paper, just received from Miss Van Dyke, it says that the crop from the largest tomato field in the world, 1400 acres, belonging to Thomas Peters, at Peters, was practically ruined by the heavy rain that fell on March 14, eight inches of rain falling in twenty-four hours. The loss on this field alone was over a million dollars.

The Sunday school class of Mrs. Nellie C. Hardy, the Willing Workers, have completed an autograph which, which they are going to send to a hospital.

There was an auction of personal property at William O. Weedon's last week Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Weedon are leaving town and will start right away on their auto trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boulton came to Hollis from Portsmouth last Saturday and will soon, with Arthur Boulton, go onto the Weeden place, recently purchased by them.

The Red Cross work will be carried on until the middle of April by Mrs. Elmer Boulton, who will take Mrs. Weedon's place. At that time the annual meeting will take place, with the election of officers.

The church supper this month will be in charge of the men. Waldo Flagg is chairman of the committee.

The Anna Keyes Powers chapter, D. A. R., will meet with Mrs. Marcus J. Powers on Saturday, April 12. The program is in charge of Mrs. Nellie C. Hardy.

At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday night there was a short discussion on "Soil fertility and cultivation of crops," led by George A. Keyes. A minstrel show followed in charge of Waldo A. Flagg, William B. Simonds, Harry D. Verder, Edward Cave and Howard B. Barnard, and proved a success from the beginning. Mr. Simonds acted as interlocutor and Mr. Barnard and Frank Pierce as endmen. The singing and dancing were all good, but special mention might be made of the clog dancing by Mr. Flagg and Mrs. Elizabeth Colburn. The male quartet was also much enjoyed.

**LUNENBURG**

**News Items.**  
Sergt. William F. Girardin has been enjoying a furlough at home with his wife and little ones. He has now returned to camp after about two weeks with his family and other friends in this vicinity and Leominster.

Arthur Farnsworth, of the Aviation Corps, was granted a furlough some three weeks ago, the greater part of which was spent at home with his mother. He returned to camp at Buffalo last week.

Ralph W. Emerson, of Camp Devens, spent Sunday at his home in town, returning to camp on Sunday evening. His many friends were glad to see him home again.

The Junior Endeavor society held a social in the Congregational vestry on Monday afternoon. There were nearly forty youngsters present and enjoyed a jolly good time with games and exercises enough to keep them busy, and as one of the boys expressed it, "a big pile of good things to eat." Rev. L. A. Whiston and Mrs. R. D. Field superintended the party.

Rev. Otis L. Monson is attending the New England conference in Athol this week. He went there on Wednesday and expects to remain until Monday. It is expected that the appointments will be made on Monday.

There will be no preaching service at the Methodist church on Sunday morning, and the congregation is invited to attend service at the Congregational church.

Rev. L. A. Whiston sometime ago arranged to "exchange" pulpits with Rev. W. Lamberton, of Littleton, April 6, and he is expected to be in Lunenburg that day. Mr. Lamberton is a college friend and class-mate of Mr. Whiston.

Sergt. Edwin C. Smith, of Camp Devens, is at home on furlough and is confined to the bed by illness.

The long-talked-of sleigh-ride by way of automobiles to Littleton, appointed for last week Friday evening, was indefinitely postponed.

At the North school the number of pupils has increased so largely that the school committee considered that nearly fifty was too many for one teacher, so have had a partition put through the room, dividing it into two sections, and now Miss Lempe, Keating and Mrs. L. A. Whiston, and students from the Normal school in Fitchburg will teach the lower grades.

A telephone has been installed in the tenement over the market store, now occupied by Ralph L. Whitcomb, which will be quite a help in his business for the town, as treasurer, town clerk and tax collector. His number is 25-2.

A meeting of the milk producers will be held in the town hall on this Saturday evening with the idea of organizing an association. E. R. Lull, of Worcester, district organizer, will be present and address the meeting.

**Obituary.**  
On Wednesday morning, March 26, occurred the death of Mrs. Lucy (Smith) Adams, one of the oldest and highly respected people of Lunenburg. She was her native town, where she was born on January 24, 1828, and where she had always lived. On January 1, 1849, she married Stephen Adams, who was two years her senior; his birth occurred January 21, 1826. He preceded her to the spirit land on January 23, 1911, and soon after his death she sold her cottage home in Goodrichville, where she had passed many happy years with her husband, and went to live at the home of George (Allen) Bellows, and his sister, Miss Ida Bellows, where she was made as comfortable and happy as possible, and remarkably contented. About three years ago she had a paralytic shock from which she never recovered, although she could ride out occasionally, but from its effects she gradually failed until the end came on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams were very happily married and both were very fond of flowers and music. Their pretty home was surrounded by flowering shrubs, evergreen trees and beds of fragrant, beautiful annuals, which they took great pleasure in sharing with their friends. In the spring of 1884 the writer of this article moved into the neighborhood and started making a flower garden. One day the doorman rang and upon answering it, found Mr. Adams there with a fine basketful of bulbs. Said they had noticed that I was making a garden and they would like to help fill it with

**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

**News Items.**  
At the regular meeting of the Grange on Wednesday evening of last week, during the literary hour, Mrs. Clara Russell gave an essay; reading, Mrs. Hattie Pierce; song, Henry Bailey; reading, Mrs. Charles Dunbar; song, Mrs. Louise Parsley; reading, Mrs. George Cady.

A large company attended the motion pictures at the Daniels academy building on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Silas Wheeler is visiting her husband in Antrim, N. H.

Herbert F. Rockwood died in Concord on Tuesday, March 25. He was the son of Franklin and Kesiah (Brooks) Rockwood and was born in Brookline on February 3, 1853. Funeral services were held at his late home in South Brookline on Thursday afternoon of last week at two o'clock. "Nearer my God to thee" and "Abide with me" were sung. Mrs. E. P. Kelley officiated. Quite a number of out of town friends attended. Burial was in South cemetery.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Holcombe were visitors at the home of Mrs. Holcombe's aunt, Mrs. Simonds, in Concord, last week.

Miss Juliette Gilson visited her sister, Mrs. Charles Russell, over the week-end, from Nashua.

The Loyal Workers met at the home of Miss Josie Seaver on Wednesday afternoon.

Porace Hall spent the week-end at his home, from Cambridge.

Mrs. Adella Whitcomb is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Stekney, in Nashua.

Carl Smith has been a recent visitor in town.

Mrs. Della Hall was a visitor in Fitchburg last week Friday.

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**MILK**

MR. RICHARD PATTEE  
Secretary N. E. M. P. A.

will speak in the Town Hall Harvard, Sunday, April 6th, at 8 P. M.

Littleton, Mass., March 29, 1919.  
To the Middlesex County Commissioners: Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen: The undersigned respectfully requests that the Harvard Road, so-called in Littleton, is in need of alterations and specific repairs, from the Harvard line, near the pasture of Edward W. Sheehan, to a point where said road joins Oak Hill Ave., at what is known as Edges Corner.

When the above alterations and repairs are made, it will be a great benefit to said highway and direct specific repairs thereon.

EDWARD W. SHEEHAN, and twenty-four 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, the undersigned was appointed to the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Littleton Station of the Fitchburg Railroad, on Monday, the 10th day of May, A. D. 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, by serving the clerk of the town of Littleton with a copy of said petition.

That the undersigned, thirty days at least before the said viewing, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be seven days at least before said viewing, and also by posting the same in a public place in the town of Littleton, fourteen days before said viewing, that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the same time and place fixed for said viewing and hearing.

FREDERICK L. PUTNAM, Asst. Clerk. Copy of petition and order thereon Attest.

FREDERICK L. PUTNAM, Asst. Clerk. A true copy of the petition and order thereon.

ALBERTA MILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, public administrator, has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of PETER F. CONROY, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by filing a true and correct inventory of all persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the undersigned, at the time and place fixed for said viewing and hearing.

FREDERICK L. PUTNAM, Public Administrator, Boston, Mass., 67 Milk St., Room 80 March 25, 1919.

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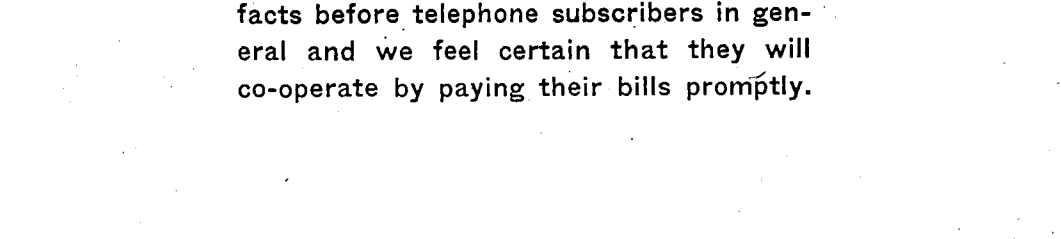
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