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News Items.
Rev. F. W. Drawbridge, a former pastor of Pepperell, will preach at the Community church Sunday morning.

Beacon lodge will hold their annual ball on Friday evening, November 14, at Prescott hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robbins are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born at the hospital in Leominster on September 25. Mrs. Robbins has been in Leominster for some weeks with her parents, and Mr. Robbins is now packing his household goods at their home on Cross street, preparatory to moving out of town.

The meeting of the East Village club at the home of Mrs. A. F. Parker, Wednesday afternoon, was attended by nine members and one guest, Miss Ellen Curtis, of Clinton, a niece of Mr. Parker's. The program included two readings by Miss Gwen, daughter of the hostess, with selections on the Victrola. Articles on current events were read by members of the club. Refreshments were served at the close of the social hour. The next meeting is to be with Mrs.

Charles Chapman on Wednesday, October 15.

Henry F. Tarbell attended the football game in Cambridge last Saturday afternoon.

Aeonla Rebekah lodge will hold a dance in Prescott hall on Thursday evening, October 23. Newell's orchestra has been secured.

Mrs. Harris Tarbell returned home on Tuesday from a short visit in Allston with her niece, Frank Kaulbeck, and a shopping trip to Boston.

Mrs. Thomas Bancroft came from Medford Hillside, Tuesday, visiting at the home of Mrs. C. S. Parker, and later at the home of Mrs. Anna Bancroft, Townsend street.

Mrs. Lizzie Sawyer, of Groton, is the guest of her nephew, George W. S. Adams, on the Townsend Harbor road.

Mrs. D. A. Weston has so far recovered from her recent injury as to attend morning worship at her home church, the Methodist, last Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Piper, who has been spending a part of her summer with her mother at the home of Mrs. Anna Bancroft, returned to Cambridge on

Tuesday, Mrs. Piper having previously gone back.

News was received in town on Thursday of the critical condition of Mrs. Fred True at her home in Worcester. Mrs. True was formerly Miss Grace Sanderson, of this town. She is not expected to recover.

Mrs. E. G. Chapman suffered two shocks on Sunday, rendering her unconscious. Her condition has not changed perceptibly during the week, and a last report there were no hopes that she will rally.

Miss Schunemann, the nurse, who attended Amos Saunders during his attack of influenza last year, has been a recent guest at the residence of Mr. Saunders, returning to Nashua, N. H., last week Thursday, being summoned to take a special case at St. Joseph's hospital, where she was a graduate nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cook are occupying the tenement in the Lawrence house on High street, recently purchased by Albert Davis, the south tenement being occupied by him.

George Richards, of Arlington, was an over Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Maynard.

Augustus Davis, of Andover, has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. F. Bird, on the South road. On his return home on Monday he was accompanied by his aged sister for a visit of some weeks.

Weddings

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Breen, of this town, to Thomas E. Tierman, of Nashua, N. H., occurred on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock in St. Joseph's church, Rev. W. J. Barry performing the ceremony in the presence of many friends and relatives. Following the ceremony the party returned to the home of the bride, where a quiet reception, owing to the recent death of her mother, was held.

The bride was attended by Miss Mary Tierman, of Nashua, as bridesmaid, and Thomas Breen was best man. The bride was becomingly gowned in a blue traveling suit with hat to match.

The couple were the recipients of many fine gifts, including a set of Nippon china, silver, cut glass and linen. She has been employed at the Nashua River paper mill, and her companions presented her with a sum of money.

Refreshments were served, and amid a shower of confetti and many good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Tierman, accompanied by the bridesmaid and best man, were conveyed in Bennett's auto to Ayer, from where they will take the train for a short trip, visiting relatives in Boston and also in Vermont before their return.

The groom is a Y. D. man, having been a member of the 102nd Infantry, from Nashua. At present he is to take a course at the Massachusetts college, and Mrs. Tierman will reside here for the present at her old home.

Mrs. Silas Nokes and daughter, Mrs. Victor Geiger, with her small son, attended the wedding of Miss Violet J. Estes, in Nashua, Thursday. The groom was Minton Winslow, of that city, and the ceremony took place at the home of the bride at two o'clock, only the immediate families and

friends being invited. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William P. Niles of the Episcopal church.

Miss Estes, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Robbins, formerly lived at the house of Mr. Nokes, and Miss Estes has been a frequent visitor since moving to Nashua. The bridal couple were the recipients of very lovely gifts. Refreshments were served after the ceremony, consisting of ices and cake, and Mrs. Winslow departed for a ten-days' trip, after which they will occupy a part of the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robbins in Nashua.

Sudden Death by Accident.
The shocking accident of last Sunday afternoon, resulting in the death of a young Pepperell girl, Miss Cecelia Sliney, caused feelings of the deepest sorrow, and of sympathy for the family, in every part of the town. She was one of the town's bright, young graduates, only last June, and all her friends, where she formerly spoke of her with the tenderest remembrances. Only seventeen on her last birthday, in July, her untimely death cannot be reconciled in the minds of friends and relatives.

Miss Sliney was the younger daughter of Mrs. Mary Sliney, of Groton street, where the family, which included only one other sister, Miss Madeline Sliney, have resided since the death of the father, John Sliney, some years ago. Mrs. Sliney is somewhat of an invalid, and this sudden shock has proved almost too much for her to bear, with any courage left her for daily duties. The realization of her sister's death has hardly yet become a reality to the remaining daughter thus suddenly bereft of her companion in so many of the delights and pleasures that the world has to offer the young. They have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

The accident, which might so easily have been averted by due caution and regard for others, came about in this manner: A group of girls, including Cecelia, with her older sister, Madeline, and Marquerite and Mildred Leary, Anna Haggerty and Frances Reagan, were enjoying the fine sunshine of the Sunday afternoon in question by taking a walk, the direction taken, toward Groton, being largely the choice of Cecelia, as her companions are glad to recall. The little party had wandered down past the pond, on the back road to Groton, and had stopped at a road which crosses the road, just below the hill, Arthur Leary, brother to two of the girls, passing that way toward Groton in an auto, had stopped to speak with them for a moment, the engine of his car being left running. Cecelia stepped from in front of the car to cross the road when the roadster, operated by Lester Adams, of Groton, approaching rapidly down the incline, struck her, lifting her above the car and whirling her in the air for a distance of over sixty feet before she alighted, striking heavily on her head and shoulder.

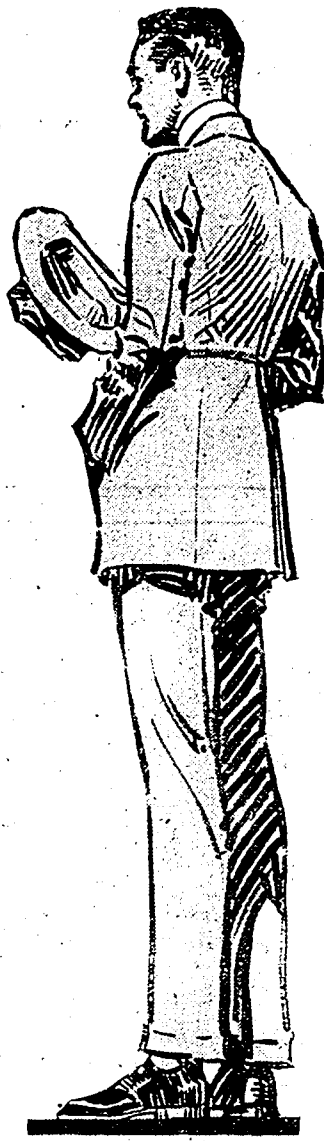
Adams brought his car to a standstill after about 100 feet, and immediately came back to the scene of the terrible disaster. Arthur Leary was before him, however, in reaching and raising the girl. Mr. Leary showed great courage and coolness and assisted in placing Miss Sliney in the Adams auto, pushing her to the nearest hospital, Groton, with no delay. Messengers were sent back to tell Mrs. Sliney of the sad facts, and attended by her older daughter she hastened to the hospital.

Physicians and a nurse were sought for by Dr. E. J. Houghton, formerly absent for the hour from the hospital and the nurses on duty there had special cases of their own to need attention. Finally Miss Anne Hamilton, a former nurse here in town, on a visit here, was secured and hurried to Groton. Rev. Fr. Barry immediately went to the hospital by auto, meeting there later, Dr. Houghton, to administer the last rites of her church and give consolation to the relatives. Upon arrival of Dr. Kilbourn examination was made of the extent of the injuries to the patient, who showed no signs of returning consciousness. He found no bones broken, the knee alone showing a badly bruised condition, but the injuries to the head were undoubtedly the cause of her death, which occurred before six o'clock that evening, there being no return of consciousness up to the last.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the fact that the accident was a purely unnecessary one. "Safety first" has been a wide-spread slogan, but too often unheeded. When the desire for speed and undue show supersede this slogan disaster, which brings a life-long sorrow, is nearly always the result. Mr. Adams had 100 feet or more of clear road while approaching the group about the other auto, and being familiar with the road must have known that the roadbed was not wide at this point, and that he had only about ten feet of open road to pass them. His speed must have been rapid when he was only able to bring his car to a stop over 100 feet from the bridge. Yet he took the chance with the above terrible result. It has been stated that he was excited as he blew his horn on approaching as a signal, but it is thought that the noise of the car engine standing beside the road must have drowned the sound so that Miss Sliney failed to note the nearness of the roadster, and none of her companions remembering to have heard it.

The last sad rites were performed on Tuesday, following high mass of requiem being celebrated at St. Joseph's church at nine o'clock by Rev. Fr. Barry, pastor of that church; Rev. Fr. O'Toole, formerly of Pepperell, now of Haverhill, and Rev. Fr. Reardon, of Groton, assisting, and she was laid at rest among many beautiful flowers in the family lot.

The deceased was a member of the Society of the Children of Mary, who sent flowers. There was also a beautiful pillow from her immediate family, and sprays of carnations and roses from other relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. John Hannigan, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hannigan, of Milford, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Ripley, of Whalom; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drummey, of Bainsford Deware and family, the group of her companions of the fatal afternoon, and one from the Misses Sullivan and Mary Lavalley. The fervent symbols of earthly affection speak plainly of the love and esteem in which the young girl was held by relatives and friends.



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