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Ayer, Mass., Saturday, December 20, 1919

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## Now's the Time to do Your Christmas Shopping

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### Overcoats For Winter

Winter will soon be here; now is the time to buy your Overcoat and be prepared.

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Men's Embroidered Initial .....	15¢ to 25¢
Men's Japanette Initial .....	15¢ to 25¢
Men's Linen Initial .....	40¢ to \$1.00
Men's Silk Initial .....	50¢ to 75¢
Men's Plain Cotton .....	10¢ to 25¢
Men's Hemstitched Linen .....	50¢ to \$1.00
Men's Fine Cambric Handkerchiefs, 6 in handsome Christmas box .....	\$1.00
Men's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 3 in Christmas box .....	\$2.00 to \$3.50
Men's Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs .....	50¢ to \$1.00
Men's White Silk Handkerchiefs .....	50¢ to \$1.65

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Men's Dress Gloves, unlined, Cape	\$2.00 to \$5.00
Men's Dress Gloves, lined, Cape..	\$2.50 to \$6.00
Men's Genuine Mocha Gloves.....	\$4.00
Men's Domestic Mocha Gloves.....	\$2.00 to \$3.00
Men's Domestic Mocha Gloves, lined	\$2.50 and \$3.00
Men's Horsehide, lined and unlined	\$3.50 to \$6.00
Men's Working Gloves, unlined.....	75¢ to \$2.00
Men's Working Gloves, lined.....	75¢ to \$2.50
Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens....	50¢ to \$2.00
Boys' Woolen Gloves and Mittens....	75¢ to \$1.25
Little Boys' Woolen Gloves and Mittens	50¢ to \$1.00
Men's Fur Mittens, Gauntlets.....	\$5.50 to \$7.50

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Men's Cotton Hose, all colors	25¢ to 40¢
Men's Lisle Hose, all colors	40¢ and 50¢
Men's Silk Hose, all colors	65¢ to \$1.00
Men's Fine Wool Hose	42¢ to \$1.50
Men's Heavy Wool Hose	50¢ to \$1.50
Men's Cashmere Hose	75¢ to \$1.50
Boys' Black Cat Hose, according to size and weight	40¢ to 75¢



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V-neck .....	\$7.50 to \$10.00
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Jumbo Weave, with Collar.....	\$4.50 to \$8.50
Boys' Sweaters .....	\$2.00 to \$7.50

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<b>NECKWEAR</b> —Four-in-hands in a large variety of designs, wide open ends..... Four-in-hands in Christmas Box	35¢ to \$2.00 75¢ to \$2.00	<b>BATH ROBES</b> —Give Him a Bath Robe—nothing better .....	\$5.00 to \$12.00
<b>ARM BANDS</b> —Fancy Arm Bands, in Christmas box .....	25¢ to 50¢	<b>PAJAMAS</b> —Domet Flannel .....	\$2.00 to \$3.50
<b>SUSPENDERS</b> —Great variety, all in Christmas Boxes .....	50¢ to \$1.00	Cotton, many kinds.....	\$1.50 to \$3.50
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		Cotton .....	\$1.00 to \$2.00
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Men's Fur Caps	\$5.00 to \$8.50
Boys' Winter Caps	75¢ to \$1.50
Yarn Toques	50¢ to \$1.50

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Men's Umbrellas	\$2.50 to \$4.00
Ladies' Umbrellas	\$2.50 to \$6.00

#### BELTS

Leather Belts, all kinds	25¢ to \$1.50
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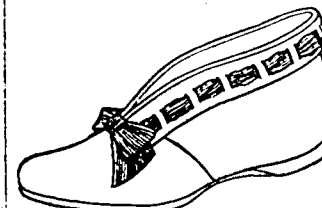
#### BAGS AND SUIT CASES

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Leather Bags	\$7.50 to \$30.00
Leather Suit Cases	\$15 to \$20
Imitation Leather Cases	\$1.75 to \$4.50
Imitation Leather Bags	\$5.00 to \$7.50
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<b>Indian Moccasins for Men and Boys</b>	



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<b>Indian Moccasins for Women and Girls</b>	

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WESTFORD

Center. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Osgood recently observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. With Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Day they enjoyed an arranged for dinner party in Lowell. Their many friends wish them many happy returns of the day.

On Friday of this week Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, of Chelmsford, observed their silver wedding anniversary. Mrs. Wilson was formerly Miss Edith Fletcher, of Westford.

On Saturday, December 20, Pine Ridge station will be closed to the public. There will be no freight received or shipped from the station. However, any passengers who wish to go from this station may do so and purchase their tickets on the train. Mr. and Mrs. Pyne, who have lived at the station for twenty-eight years, are to continue living there, and the station will be open and warm for the convenience of any passengers. In their long term of service Mr. and Mrs. Pyne have certainly rendered a faithful and obliging service to the public.

We are told that the Isaac Minot farm at Milnot's corner has been sold to a Boston woolen merchant and large plans are under way for its development. Extensive rebuilding and new cement building and the keeping of a large herd of sheep; also, a registered Ayrshire herd of cows are reported as planned for. An attempt is also being made to have the town water supply and the electric lighting extended to the corner. Manuel Avilla has been occupying and carrying on this place for a number of seasons.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence are occupying Mrs. Gertrude C. Skidmore's pleasant cottage for the winter.

The selectmen have appointed the following committee to act in conjunction with them in carrying out the vote of the town in a welcome home for the veterans of the world war: Herbert E. Fletcher, Herbert V. Hildreth, Mrs. Herbert V. Hildreth, Alfred W. Hartford, Mrs. Alfred W. Hartford, Frank C. Wright, Elbert H. Flag, Capt. C. W. Robinson, Wesley O. Hawkes, P. Henry Harrington, Albert R. Wall, Mrs. Hammett D. Wright, John Edwards, Thomas Costello, Mrs. Annie Precious and Burton Griffin. The amount voted for the celebration is \$1500.

Mrs. L. W. Wheeler is spending the week with relatives in Newport, R. I. Schools closed this week Friday for one week, December 19 to December 29, taking in the Christmas holiday.

Interesting Meeting.

We omitted to note last week the good delegation from Westford who were in attendance at the first annual get-together meeting of leaders and members of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Economics held in Ford hall, Boston, the fifth of the month. There were at least twenty-two from Westford present to enjoy the good speaking, music and dinner. It was a disappointment not to hear Gov. Coolidge as scheduled on the program, as the state house is so near Ford hall, but the governor was represented by Lieut.-Gov. Channing Cox, who spoke ably. Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield, president of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, gave a splendid address and the day was full with reports of workers, conferences, etc. Those present from Westford were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Flag, Webster Flag and Miss Ruth Flag, Oscar B. Spalding, Arthur H. Walker, Leon P. Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Miss Alice Williams, Mrs. H. M. Bartlett, Rev. William A. Anderson, William H. Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith, A. J. Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Vase, Otis Dix, Miss May Day and F. A. Hanson.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Congregational church which was held at the home of Mrs. Gumb, Boston road, last week Thursday, deserves more than the brief report in our news issue. There were two attractive ladies present and one child. There was a beautiful dinner at noon which was served in two groups. At the business meeting held in order at the home of Mrs. Gumb, the president, Mrs. George H. Wright, gave a good report of the work of the ladies aid during the past year. The report was very interesting and was followed by the reading of the minutes of the previous year. The sum of \$20.00 was reported as the amount of the treasury. A report of the new year's program was given. The committee for the coming year, consisting of Mrs. Gumb, Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Gumb, were ready with their report as follows: Mrs. Berley E. Wright, pres.; Mrs. H. M. Bartlett, v. p.; Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, sec.; Mrs. George F. White, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Green, chairman, Miss Winifred Green, Mrs. A. W. Hartford, alternate; chairman for monthly suppers, January, Mrs. M. Sutherland; February, Mrs. and Mrs. Sutherland; March, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler; April, Mrs. Gumb; May, Mrs. Bridgeford; June, Mrs. McMaisters; September, Miss Atwood and executive committee: November, Mrs. Hartford and Mrs. Watson. This report was accepted and not one de-

clined to serve as requested, and a spirit of unanimity and co-operation characterized the day. All expressed appreciation to Mrs. Gumb for her pleasant hospitality. The January meeting was announced to take place with Mrs. Walker.

Reception.

A delightful social gathering was given last week Friday afternoon by Mrs. Julian A. Cameron at her home to introduce her son's bride, Mrs. Alexander A. Cameron, to the Westford friends. After the guests had all arrived and been pleasantly presented, tables were ready for whist, both auction bridge and plain whist, which were much enjoyed. The fortunate prize winners were Mrs. H. E. Fletcher, Miss Emily F. Fletcher, Mrs. Alice M. Wells, Miss Mabel Drew, Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn and Mrs. Alexander Cameron.

At the close of the game delicious refreshments were served in the dining-room. The guests were Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth and Mrs. William R. Taylor. Assisting in entertaining and despatching hospitality were Miss Elinor Cameron, Mrs. Kate Kebler and Mrs. Gretchen Kebler Sargent. Also present to bid gracious welcome to all was Mrs. John William Abbot. Out of town guests present were Mrs. Henry H. Braley and Mrs. Hugh F. Leth, of Concord, and Mrs. Donald M. Cameron, of Lowell.

Christmas Observances.

Sunday will be observed as Christmas Sunday at the churches. At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. O. L. Brownsey will preach a special Christmas sermon, "The advent of the gospel." There will be special music by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Charles D. Colburn, with Miss Elinor Colburn at the organ. The men singers of the congregation will assist in the singing. At the evening service particularly planned for the Christmas the subject will be "The new world Christmas," with special music. On next week Wednesday, Christmas eve, there will be a supper, tree and entertainment for the children of the Sunday school. This is planned to commence at five o'clock and end in time to enjoy the pictures at the Unitarian church, commencing at eight o'clock.

Death.

We note the death on Sunday at her home in North Billerica, Miss Harriet B. Rogers at the age of 85 years, 8 months, 2 days.

Miss Rogers was at one time a teacher in Westford academy, teaching therein from 1855 to 1858, and Westford friends have kept in touch with her through the years since. She was a woman of scholarly attainments and exceptional ability. We quote the following from Hodgeman's History of Westford, published in 1883. In speaking of teachers of the academy Mr. Hodgeman says at that time: "The achievements of Miss Harriet B. Rogers, a native of Billerica, born April 12, 1834, entitle her to notice in these sketches. She was regarded while in the academy as a teacher of remarkable energy, tact and ability; and she has since won a far wider and well merited reputation. She has been from its organization in 1887, the accomplished, enthusiastic and successful principal of the Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes at Northampton. She was the first in this country to introduce a system of teaching the use and employment of spoken language or reading from the lips instead of the sign language. This system, as now developed, is regarded with much favor. In furtherance of her work Miss Rogers a few years since visited similar schools in Europe, and is steadily employed in her peculiar field of philanthropic endeavor."

Mrs. Thomas Monahan is quite ill. Frank Collins of Southbridge was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins. The Christmas tree celebration for the Sunday school of St. Andrew's mission took place on Wednesday night. It was a very enjoyable occasion even though the teachers were obliged to arrange it earlier than usual. The Madison club from Grotton School, added to the pleasure of the evening by playing several selections. Carols were sung by the children, after which Santa Claus arrived and distributed presents to all members of the Sunday school.

Forge Village.

The local soccer team played the Lawrence eleven on Saturday and defeated them in a score of 7 to 2. Although the weather was threatening, a large crowd gathered at Abbot's park. Next Saturday the local team will go to Lawrence to play the Amoson team of Manchester. The last game between Manchester and this village resulted in a tie, so that this game will be played on neutral ground. It will also be the last game of the season.

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New Advertisements.

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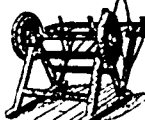
LOST—Waltham Watch, hunting case, no near some of the Harvard on the corner of Cambridge St. Finder rewarded by having same at Public Spirit, 1175

FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT—A good pair of Japanese Slippers. If you have a pair, please send them to Mrs. MARY E. DEAN, 220 Madison St., Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—For general house cleaning and repairs. Call on Mrs. W. J. WILSON, 110 West Main St., Lowell, Mass. 1919

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The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer, will be held at the Banking Rooms, in Ayer, Mass., on Monday, January 12, 1920, at 3.30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting upon the following business: To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

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PEPPERELL

Thomas F. Graham returned last week from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, where he has been under treatment for rheumatic trouble. Plans may be made for a trip south as soon as he is more fully recovered.

Miss Ruth Morgan, who returned to New York soon after the Thanksgiving holidays, is again in town, and may decide to take a case about new year, having now the title registered nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tiernan have gone to housekeeping in Fitchburg, where he is at work in a machine shop.

Red Cross Christmas seals are being sold by the pupils of the public schools under the direction of the teachers. All store-keepers have them and they are on sale at each postoffice.

Final plans for the community Christmas tree were made by the committee meeting with Mrs. Raymond Carter on Tuesday evening. The tree will be secured and probably placed in position by Mr. McNayr on the lawn in front of the Main street school building on Saturday.

There will be special Christmas services at the Methodist church on Sunday morning and evening. At 10:45 the pastor will preach on the theme "The shepherd's sign."

Christmas observance at the Community church will be the annual Christmas party for the entire Sunday school, Christmas night at seven o'clock. There will be a short program and games in the vestry, followed by distribution of gifts from the Christmas trees in the auditorium.

A USEFUL GIFT

Advertisement for Perfection Oil Heaters. Includes an illustration of a heater and text: "The portable Perfection Oil Heater—lit, and actually radiant with its message of warmth and cheer—what a Christmas greeting!"

Advertisement for Camel Cigarettes. Includes an illustration of a camel carrying a pack of cigarettes and text: "Camels are the most refreshing, satisfying cigarette you ever smoked! Put all your cigarette desires in a bunch, then buy some Camels, give them every taste-test and know for your own satisfaction that in quality, flavor, smooth-body and in many other delightful ways Camels are in a class by themselves!"

Large stylized logo for Camel Cigarettes.

Advertisement for Union Cash Market. Includes a list of goods and prices: "FRESH SHOULDERS 25c. lb., MARBLING LAMB FORES 15c. lb., LAMB FORES 15c. lb., POTATOES, 5 or 10 lb. lots \$1.90 bu., PAST PORK 33c. lb., CRANBERRIES 3 qts. 25c., 9c. qt., CONDENSED MILK 17c. can, EVAPORATED MILK 15c. can, SMOKED SHOULDERS 25c. lb., SKINNED BACK HAMS 23c. lb., PIGS AND BEEF LIVER 10c. lb., CORNED BEEF, all solid meat 20c. lb., GOOD CORNED BEEF 13c. lb., GOOD ROAST BEEF 12c. lb., GOOD SIRLOIN STEAK 40c. lb., BEST SIRLOIN STEAK 50c. lb., FAT SALT PORK 30c. lb., BEST TUB BUTTER 67c. lb., EXTRA GOOD COFFEE 40c. lb., GROUND TO ORDER, SHREDDED WHEAT 12c. pkg."

WESTFORD

About Town. The wood on the Graham R. Whidden lot near Westford station is being loaded onto the cars for Boston. W. S. Greenough, of Acton, has the contract. There are about 600 cords. Norman Phillips has charge of hauling and loading.

Prizes Awarded. On Thursday evening of last week representatives of the Farm Bureau met the people of the town at the town hall, this being the evening to award prizes in the canning and pig clubs—\$15 in prizes were given by Westford Grange.

Grange Notes. The regular meeting of Prescott Grange which was observed as "mystery night" in charge of the master-elect, George H. Stewart, was very well attended, and the patrons were amply rewarded by an excellent program.

Graniteville. Both masses in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. John Linnehan. At the first mass the members of the Holy Name society received holy communion in a body, and after the second mass a meeting of the Women's Sodality was held.

LITTLETON

News Items. Allen Kimball is at home from Worcester academy and the boys from the Amherst State college are expected here for the holidays.

Church Federation in Littleton has been fairly considered, in most democratic fashion, first in a large meeting in the town hall, open to all the people, then by committee chosen by the churches, the by church to themselves, and finally in another public meeting. It would seem therefore that the decision reached might be accepted as an expression of the wisdom of the community, at least for the time being.

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Saturday, December 20, 1919

GROTON

There will be a Christmas vesper service at the Unitarian church on Sunday afternoon at 4.30, with special music and carols, accompanied by violin, cornet and organ, in charge of Miss Lowe, organist; soloists, Mrs. Ames, Miss Hill, Mrs. Sabine, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Beers and Mr. George.

The current events and literature department of the Woman's club met on Wednesday of last week with Mrs. Ardele Warren, but as only four members were present, not much was done except to discuss matters of general interest.

Miss Alice Kemp is making a good recovery from her operation.

Miss Christine B. Rockwood, of Hancock, N. H., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Harold Sheedy, lately.

During the thaw last week a truck from Walpole got off the side of the road into the mud near the Groton School and another truck was sent for to pull it out.

At the town meeting on last week Thursday evening it was voted to accept the legacy of the late Dr. Samuel A. Green, and a committee was chosen to decide whether the said legacy should be turned over to the owners of the poor or placed with a committee to distribute. The other article was laid on the table.

Mrs. H. H. Richards and her sister, Miss Eleonora Coolidge, attended the second in the series of the One Hundred club dances, given at the Copley Plaza in Boston on Tuesday evening, December 9.

Rev. Frank Aueter, from Boston, will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday.

The Ladies Benevolent society of the Congregational church held a business meeting on Thursday afternoon, December 11, at the close of which the missionary meeting was held in charge of Mrs. Aitken.

Mrs. F. D. Lewis gave a report of the meeting of the Home Missionary society in Shirley, which she attended recently, which was addressed by Mrs. Ida Woodbury, of the American Missionary association. The subject of the address was "Brotherly covenant" dwelling upon the right treatment of the negro.

Marion Breckenridge is at home from Washington for her Christmas vacation.

At the meeting of the Woman's club on last week Friday afternoon six new members were admitted and it was voted to have a legislative committee, which should be appointed by the president. It was voted to offer two prizes to the senior and junior classes of the high school for essays on the general subject of the Pilgrims. The first prize is to be \$10, the second prize \$5.

After the business meeting Walter Powers, of Cambridge, formerly of this town, gave a fine talk on his experiences in the last war, during which he served in the ordnance department in France. He emphasized particularly the faithful work done by men in various clerical and other departments away from the firing line, which, though bringing less glory to the men yet required hard work and diligent service. The next meeting will be held on January 9, instead of December 26, on account of the Christmas holidays.

Miss Ella F. Vickery attended a conference of the Farm Bureau under the department of the junior extension home economics club work, held last Saturday at the state house, Boston. A number of speakers presented the work in a most interesting manner. A club of girls from Wakefield, who were very entertaining demonstration of a club meeting as it is usually conducted, introducing their club songs. There was a most instructive talk by a young lady who conducts playgrounds. She gave a number of games which might easily be adapted to club work.

The suggestion of the state department of health, Mrs. Carleton A. Shaw, president of the Woman's club, has been asked to represent the Massachusetts Health Education committee in Groton. The object of this committee is to secure the passage by the legislature of bills providing for the appointment by the state department of education of a number of public health officers to visit the different schools in the state and to report on the sanitary conditions of the schools.

A paper of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts was presented at the meeting on Saturday evening, December 13, at eight o'clock. The paper was prepared for us by the officers of the coming year and is to be printed.

The Groton judges of the P. has arranged for a series of motion pictures to be presented in town, beginning on Saturday, December 20, when William Russell will appear in "All the world to nothing." There will be two performances, one at six p.m. and the other at eight p.m. These pictures have been selected with care, with the purpose of giving the public the opportunity to see good plays at reasonable prices. On Friday, December 26, the famous story, "Little Women," in motion pictures, the scenes taken at Concord. The first performance will be at 3.30, the second at eight o'clock.

Cedric Malson has been out of town recently, installing a bathroom in Holden.

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge held its annual election of officers on Tuesday evening, December 16. The list

of officers elected is as follows: Mrs. Mary L. Boynton, W.M.; Mrs. Emma V. Harrington, M.M.; Mrs. Blanche A. Brown, P. Sec.; Mrs. Addie M. Durant, W. Sec.; Miss Mabel Southern, Treas.; Gilbert A. Durant, trustee for three years; Mary E. Boynton, Lois M. Wright, Blanche M. Brown, representatives to Rebekah Assembly. Mrs. North E. Kingsley, Mrs. Amy White, and Miss Lois M. Wright attended the initiation of candidates at Acorn Rebekah lodge, Peppercell, on Tuesday, December 9.

Miss Ruth Gleason is attending a trade school in Worcester and is living with her sister, Mrs. Richard Lawrence, who moved to Worcester last September.

Mrs. Odette Perkins and her son George, went from Groton to attend Mr. Gleason's funeral, having been neighbors of his family when living at their home on Pleasant street in Groton.

William A. Lawrence has improved sufficiently to be able to return to his home here.

The change to much colder weather, which came the first of this week, and the other entertainments on the same evening presented as large an audience from being present as might otherwise have enjoyed the delightful program presented by the talented reader, Miss Katherine Ridgeway, on Tuesday evening at the second entertainment in the Blood-Bigelow lecture course. The selections read were varied in character and were finely rendered.

The alarm for fire was sounded on Wednesday evening, the cause being a bad chimney fire at the home of Arthur Carlin.

The public library will be closed on Christmas eve and Christmas day. A very enjoyable all-day sewing meeting was held by the Needle and thread club at the home of Mrs. Fred G. May on Wednesday. A large amount of work was accomplished. At noon a company of eighteen in number, sat down to a handsome table bountifully spread with viands contributed by the members, to which the ladies of the Needle and thread club will be guests next night at Mrs. Harriman's on New Year's eve.

E. S. Clark and E. S. Clark, W. R. C., will hold a joint installation in Groton, at the hall on Tuesday afternoon, January 6, at two o'clock. Supper will be served by the executive committee.

Last Tuesday evening the Groton School gave their employees a Christmas tree, and the boys of the school had theirs on Thursday.

Mrs. Keough, mother of Mrs. Abram Miller, Champey street, is seriously ill, so that it is feared there may be a bereavement.

The Unitarian church will have their annual Christmas supper and entertainment for the Sunday school on Wednesday evening, December 24. The supper will be served at six o'clock, followed by the entertainment and Christmas tree.

The Congregational church will have special music for the Sunday morning service in Tuesday evening. The Sunday school will have an entertainment and Christmas tree at eight o'clock. The entertainment will be a play entitled "Playing Santa Claus."

On Sunday morning, December 21, the pastor of the Baptist church will speak on "The real spirit of Christmas." The evening topic will be "Bringing the best to God." Their annual Christmas exercises will be held on Wednesday evening, December 24, at 7.30. There will be a brief entertainment and a Christmas tree with light refreshments.

Little Ella Beers was operated on last week Friday by Dr. Kittredge at the Memorial hospital, Nashua, for abscesses in the head. She is getting along nicely.

About Town: Frank B. Patterson has sold his place on Champey street to David E. Murphy. The friends of the Pattersons regret very much their leaving town, as they have been in Groton a long time and won the respect and esteem of many of the townspeople.

Mrs. Jane E. Clark has returned from her visit in Manchester and Concord, N. H. She has a hard cold and is not well.

The last Grange meeting of the year will be held on December 23. A pleasant time is expected with an entertainment, Christmas tree and a good light refreshment. It is hoped that all the members will be present.

Miss Christine Rockwood was a visitor in town last week, coming from her new home in Hancock, N. H. There was plenty of work for the plumbers on Thursday, as the thermometer was from 5 to 12 below zero all day.

School Notes: Miss Mildred Kemp of the senior class in the high school gave a concert at the Soldiers' club in Ayer on Tuesday evening. She was assisted by a cornetist. Miss Kemp, who has a charming voice, was received with much enthusiasm.

Miss Mildred B. Brown, class of 1919, G. H. S., who is a teacher at Nassau Institute, Springfield, Me., is at home on an enforced vacation. Her school having been closed on account of one case of scarlet fever.

On Thursday, December 11, Miss Woods substituted for Miss Hite, who was ill.

Mr. Trask, county leader of the Farm Bureau, gave an address to the girls of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the Boutwell school, Thursday, December 11.

December 11 Miss Elizabeth Hill gave a talk in the Tarbell school on her sparrow family.

On Friday, December 12, Miss Fay, assistant leader of the household economics department of the Country Farm Bureau, addressed the girls of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the Tarbell school preliminary to the formation of a household economics club.

The Woman's club under the leadership of Miss Vickery, has kindly volunteered to sponsor the household economics club in the public schools. The following officers have been suggested from within the members of the junior and senior classes may take their choice for the prize essay contest in which the Woman's club offers them the opportunity to compete. The Pilgrims in Holland the voyage of the Mayflower, the first landing on Cape Cod, the Pilgrims' "compact," Plymouth Rock, hardships about Plymouth, the fort on Burial Hill, trading with London, the Pilgrim mothers, the boys of Plymouth, William Bradford, Samuel Fuller, Miles Standish (in poem and facts), John Alden and his Priscilla, Massachusetts, the Bradford history, relations of the Pilgrims with the Indians, Pilgrims and Puritans contrasted, moral influence of the Pilgrim colony, early accounts of the Pilgrims, ship which followed the Mayflower to Plymouth, towns settled from Plymouth, Plymouth and the bay colony. This contest closes on April 1, 1920.

Miss Alice C. Cleary, Fitchburg Normal school '17, and G. H. S. '15, who has been teaching in Pepperell, has sent in her resignation, to take effect the first of January, as she has

accepted a position in the Everett school with a considerable increase in salary. Miss Cullen is finishing the physical examinations of the high school scholars and has discovered a good many cases of enlarged tonsils, adenoids and defective eyes and teeth. It is hoped that the parents will take advantage of the Christmas vacation to have these matters given attention and treatment.

Miss Kilbourn and her cooking class made 800 delicious cornballs wrapped in paper for the Christmas trees at the Boutwell and Tarbell schools.

Congregational Notes: By a unanimous vote of the Congregational Sunday school it was decided that Tuesday, December 23, was to be the date for the annual Christmas tree of the school. The members of the Sunday school, their parents and friends are all invited to be present. A real fine program is assured as Miss Susan P. Hill will have charge of the program. The Sunday school is now the largest in Groton and will soon be as large as any school in the county.

Advance notice is given of the rally service the first Sunday of January. A Rally day social sometime during that week. The Rally day committee has Miss Alice Hallway as the leader.

Real life programs every Sunday. Best singing in town or in any other town. Men and women's classes now starting. Come to church and stay to Sunday school. You will enjoy the service. If you come once you will be sure to come every Sunday.

Interceding Meeting: Under the auspices of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club the public had the privilege of listening to Albert R. Jenks last Saturday evening when he talked upon the fruit-growing possibilities of this town. He commended the McIntosh Reds especially to the apple men of this part of the country. Mr. Jenks obligingly cut his talk in two to make way for Mr. Story's lecture on dairying. Both gave helpful suggestions on their different topics.

The audience also were well entertained by the pictures with which Mr. Jenks' talk later in the evening was illustrated, and were instructive as well as to the remedies for the various obstacles which beset the fruit-grower. The motion pictures exhibited several different breeds of poultry when feeding, on the range and being made ready for the market. The handsome \$1000 rooster and a fine flock of Pekin ducks were perhaps as attractive as any of the poultry pictured. Later were views of berry-pickers and workers engaged in different employments, closing his with scenes at the Panama Exposition of 1915, which included the reviewing of several companies of militia and the raising of the flag of Massachusetts.

Death: The acquaintances and friends of Walter F. Gleason of Framingham, formerly of Groton, were shocked by the news of his sudden death on Thursday, December 11, after a sickness of five hours, the cause of his death being heart disease. The funeral services were held at his late home in Framingham on Monday, December 15, at two p.m. when a large number of his friends and acquaintances were present. The services were conducted by the Baptist minister. There were many flowers sent, some from every department of the plant world, as well as flowers, as well as from the firm which employed him. The building was closed while the funeral procession passed the place where he had so lately been at work.

While in Groton Mr. Gleason was employed at the Boynton bakery. He left a widow and several children. His eldest son Chester was unable to be at home for the funeral service, as he is still in the service and will not be mustered out till December 27.

West Groton: The engagement of Mabel Frances Downs is announced to Peter Christopher Lydon. A reception was held at her home, 281 Highland avenue, Somerville, from eight to ten o'clock on the evening of December 19.

The Ladies' Aid sale and supper at Squannacook hall on Thursday afternoon and evening of last week were very well attended and a financial success. The rummage table in charge of Mrs. A. W. Lamb and Mrs. William Ganley was a drawing card. Those having charge of the other tables were quite successful in disposing of their wares, but the rummage table was surrounded. Over sixty dollars were taken at that table. Such a variety of merchandise is rarely seen except at large department stores. The supper in charge of Mrs. C. E. Bixby was very good indeed. The tables were decorated with Christmas greens and red berries. One hundred and thirty dollars were added to the treasury from this Christmas sale.

Mrs. William Ganley and daughter Ella spent last Saturday in Boston.

Mrs. Phineas Parker was called to Providence last week at her daughter, Mrs. Caldwell, had given birth to a son, Mrs. Parker is caring for mother and child.

Mrs. F. E. Harrington and Mrs. Warren Peble of Ayer were in town on Thursday calling upon friends and attending the Christmas sale.

Last week Mrs. Malvina Lane was ill and confined to her bed. She is now, however, very much better and able to go about.

Mrs. Hazel Rallon of Shirley was the guest of Miss Ruth Mellich on Thursday evening of last week. Friends were invited for what, after which she was taken to her home at her daughter's place, Mellich served delightful refreshments.

Miss Freda Harrison left on Tuesday to visit her friend, Dorothy Enalin, in East Jeffrey, N. H.

Earl Dodge of Loomister visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lowell, on last week at her daughter, Mrs. Olive Tarbell spent Tuesday in Boston.

Edmund Blood passed away Tuesday morning. His funeral was on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. William Ganley officiated.

Wm. W. Lamb has accepted a position with the Watson Manufacturing Company of New Jersey and will take up his new duties on January 1. The above company own and operate four power mills along the Delaware river, near Eastford, Pa., and Mr. Lamb's new field offers exceptionally good opportunities. Mrs. Lamb and children will remain in West Groton for the present.

We wish to call attention once more to the community Christmas tree and entertainment which will be held in Squannacook hall on Christmas eve. A large attendance is being secured and we hope you will be present on Tuesday afternoon of next week. All children who have parts in the carols and recitations are requested to be present at two o'clock sharp.

The boys and girls scouts to help entertain at the community Christmas tree at Squannacook hall, Christmas eve, with a drill, recitation,

and singing solos, etc. On Saturday, December 23, the scouts are to meet at the school, cooking their own food and having a bonfire. There will be some games for all boys and girls who are scouts, and it will be a most enjoyable meeting at that time. During the winter the scout meetings are to be held once Saturday at two p.m. in the school. Once a week at Squannacook hall, and once a month at home of scout members. Sergt. Evans, former pilot master of the New York state coast guard, will drill the scouts at these meetings.

Mrs. Davis, who is boarding at the town hotel, will be ninety-eight years old the day after Christmas. She was born in Groton, December 26, 1821. She is a wonderfully well preserved woman, both mentally and physically, and takes care of her own room. She is a relative of the late Dr. S. A. Green.

New Advertisements: FIREPLACES A SPECIALTY in Ayer and surrounding towns. Have a fireplace put in your old chimney not used for other purposes. H. W. WINNSLOW, Mason Contractor, Ayer, Tel. 62-3. WANTED—Young Men, 18 to 20 years of age steady work. ROBT. MURPHY'S SONS CO., Knife Works, Ayer, Mass. LOST—In Ayer railroad station Wednesday evening, brown cardboard box containing Velvet Evening Dress. Finder please telephone Groton 154 and receive reward. BLD LET—Four rooms in Postoffice building, suitable for clubroom, work-shop or light housekeeping. J. HOWARD PILLMAN, Ayer, Mass.



Gifts That Serve

IT'S THE THOUGHT BEHIND THAT COUNTS—THINK BEFORE YOU BUY. THIS, OF ALL YEARS, MAKE YOUR GIFTS PRACTICAL—A SOMETHING WITH NOT ONLY A "TODAY," BUT A "TOMORROW." HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

JEWELRY and LEATHER GOODS. Fine Leather Handbags and Envelope Purses, the season's newest styles... \$1.00 to \$8.00. Velvet Handbags, made on handsome frames; colors, black, navy, taupe... \$1.50 to \$5.00. Hat Pins, in boxes... 25¢ and 59¢. Beauty Pins, in boxes... 25¢ and 59¢. Bracelets, in boxes... 59¢ and 98¢. Lingerie Claps, in boxes... 25¢ and 59¢. Chains and Pendants, in boxes... \$1.25. Sterling Silver Thimbles, in boxes... 25¢ and 50¢.

TOWELS. Fancy Turkish Towels, pink and blue borders 65¢ to \$1.69. All Linen Huck Towels... \$1.00 and \$1.19. GLOVES MAKE EXCELLENT GIFTS. Wool and Mochasette Gloves... \$1.00 to \$2.00. Fur-lined Suede Gloves... \$5.00. Washable Cape Gloves in tan, gray, black and cream; heavy embroidered backs... \$2.69.

MANICURE AND TOILET SETS. Parisian Ivory Toilet Sets \$8.50, \$12.00, \$15.00. Manicure Sets... \$3.50 to \$7.00. Shaving Stands... \$2.75 to \$3.98. Safety Razors. Auto Strop \$5.00. Gillette \$5.00 and \$7.50. Gem \$1.00.

COLGATE'S PERFUMES AND TOILET ARTICLES. Fine Perfumes... 25¢ to \$2.00. Week-end Boxes and Vacation Boxes 45¢ and 55¢. Comfort Boxes... 60¢. Children's Toilet Boxes... 40¢. Large Toilet Boxes... \$3.00 and \$3.50.

A CHARMING GIFT IS A PRETTY SILK WAIST. Georgette Crepe Waists... \$6.50 and \$7.98. Pussy Willow Silk Waists... \$6.75 to \$8.75.

Christmas Booklets and Postcards. Christmas Seals and Tags. Christmas Ribbons and Crepe Paper. Christmas Bells and Festoons.

Cretonne Sewing Stands... \$1.39. Cretonne Boudoir Slippers, pink, blue, Lavender... \$1.25. Boudoir Caps, new patterns... 59¢ to \$2.00. Silk Camisoles, entire new line... \$1.69 to \$2.50. Ladies' Sweaters. Children's Sweaters.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS—PRACTICAL GIFTS FOR MEN. Underwear, Union Suits, etc. 98¢ to \$4.50. Hosiery, Cotton, Silk, Lisle and Wool... 22¢ to \$1.00. Gloves for dress and work 25¢ to \$6.00. Plain and Initial Handkerchiefs 10¢ to 59¢. Bath Robes... \$3.98 to \$10.50. Cuff Links, Tie Clasps... 25¢ to \$2.00. Umbrellas... \$1.75 to \$7.00. Suspenders, Hose Supporters, Arm Bands, in fancy boxes 25¢ to \$1.00.

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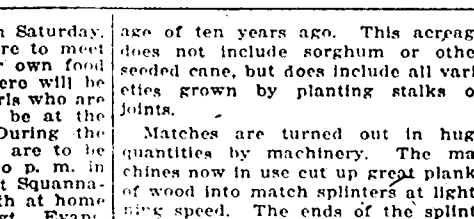
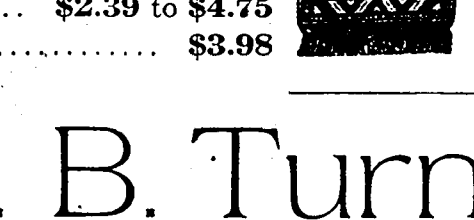
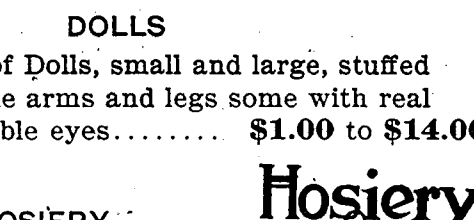
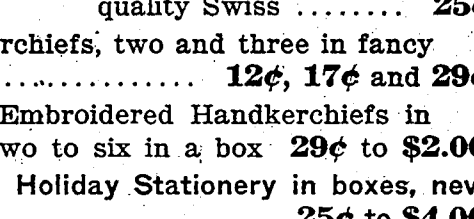
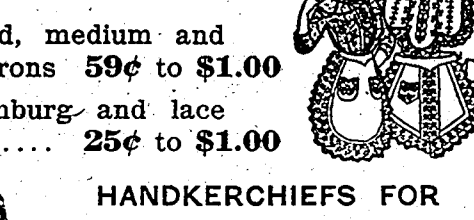
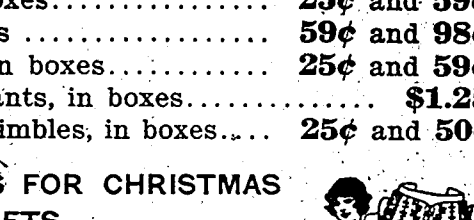
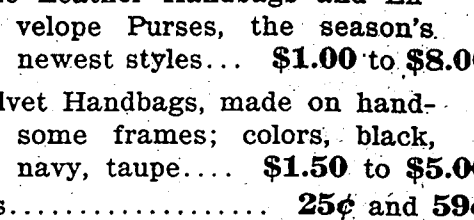
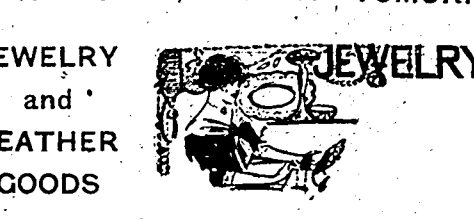
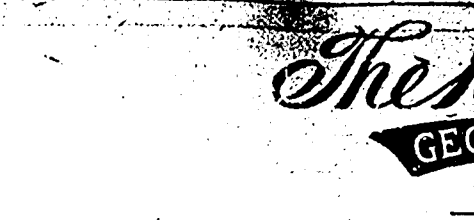
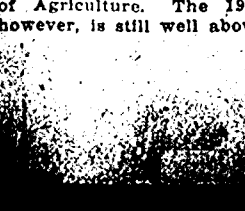
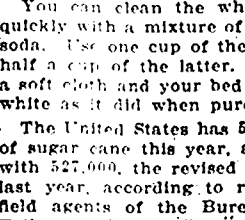
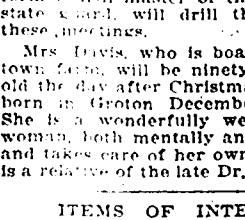
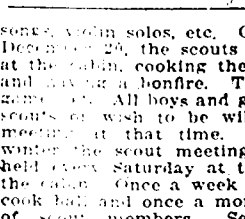
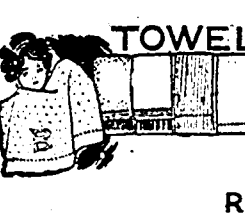
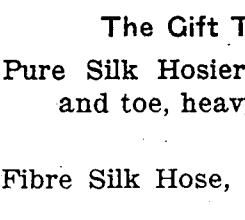
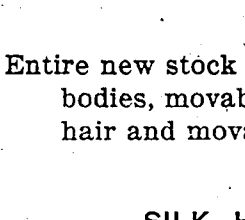
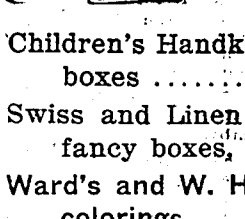
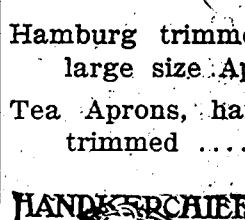
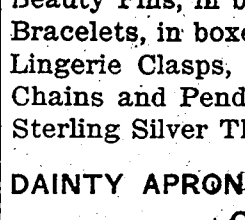
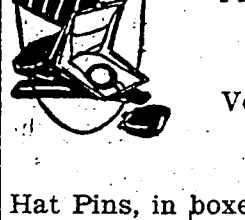
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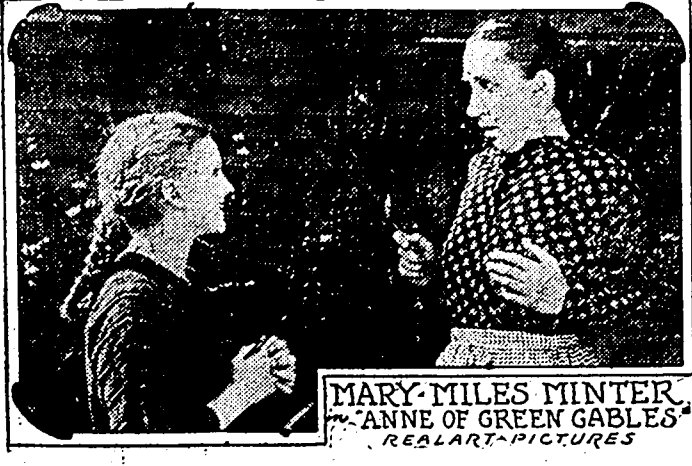
to interfere and another shot struck him... At five o'clock a turkey supper will be served... A practical illustration of the fact that we are governed by two sets of laws...

The committee were appointed some time ago... The complaint submitted two precedents sustaining his contention... The case had been continued from the preceding Saturday...

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At the Baptist church preaching at 10.45 a. m. by pastor, Sunday school at twelve m.

Colville Indian Reservation, December 9, 1919. So far as this part of the world is concerned winter seems about a month earlier than normal.

Life of course in a village forty miles distant from any town is not very different from that of Saturdays only. The pool room seems to be the social clearing house for the male portion of the community.

Proctor's Strand, Ayer, Mass. Dear Sir: In acknowledgment receipt for your recent date enclosing your contribution for our Christmas fund...

Church Notes. At the Federated church next Sunday at 10.45 Christmas sermon by the pastor. Sunday school, men's class, George L. Osgood, teacher; women's class, Sunday school...

LITTLETON. There will be a dance in the town hall Christmas night, given under the auspices of the Back-log club. The Colombian singing orchestra will furnish the music.

Christmas entertainments and trees with gifts for pupils and teachers formed an important feature in the Friday program of the public schools. Operatives of the webbing factory and their friends enjoyed one of their frequent social times in the town hall last week Friday evening.

Special Christmas Sale

TWO WEEKS, COMMENCING DECEMBER 15

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**TOWNSEND**  
Center.

The congregational pulpit was occupied last Sunday morning and evening by Rev. Mr. Lowe, pastor of the congregational church in Hudson. At the morning service Mr. Lowe gave a history of Congregationalism and also spoke in the interest of the Pilgrimage memorial fund. In the evening service his talk on "Your work overseas during the late war" was replete with interesting and impressive incidents. During the evening sacred euphonium selections were rendered by T. E. Flarity with organ accompaniment by Albert G. Seaver.

The following class, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Birch, Mr. and Mrs. E. Austin, Mrs. Stephen Knott and Master Cassie Swinnington joined the Grange at its last regular meeting. The next meeting, December 22, a Grange Christmas party is to be held in the evening in Odd Fellows' hall in charge of Mrs. Emma Spencer.

Mrs. Abbie A. Barber has closed her farm home on Townsend hill and will spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. N. Howard Pease in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Angie H. Lang has returned from visiting Mrs. R. O. Reed in Amesbury.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hildreth have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James Woolley in East Boston.

Dr. Ethel Rockwood, of Worcester, spent the week-end at the home of her father, W. F. Rockwood.

The burial of Otto Makila, aged 1 year, 10 months, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Makila, of South row, who died from pneumonia following measles, took place Monday morning at ten o'clock in the Hillside cemetery with committal services at the grave in charge of Rev. A. L. Struthers, pastor of the congregational church.

The net proceeds of the fair and entertainment recently given by the L. B. S. and Dorcas class of the Methodist church was \$100.

The sum of \$215 was cleared at the recent band concert held in Memorial hall. This amount is to be divided equally among the Townsend members.

About fifteen members of the North Star lodge, I. O. O. F. with a class of candidates, went to Pepperell last week Thursday evening, where joint second degree work was done by the Pepperell lodge on candidates from the lodges of Pepperell and Townsend. This week Wednesday the North Star lodge worked the third degree on the same class.

Elwin C. Swicker, formerly of this town, has entered the employ of the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company as general utility man in the heading room of the company's mill. He will make his home with his aunt, Mrs. James Mieser.

The results of the every-member canvass of the congregational church and congregation was very successful, pledges being \$200 over the amount amount subscribed last year, and the outlook is very promising for the coming year.

The local Red Cross call for clothing and bedding in good condition is to be used to help our town needy and such articles donated may be left with Mrs. Flora I. Atwood.

Up to Wednesday only \$39 of the town's quota of \$167 had been raised by the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals, and \$27 of the above was collected by the energetic little worker, Miss Florence Higgins. The number of seals one can use is not so much to be considered as how many pennies one can give to help tuberculosis relief work. Nine cents is the individual quota for Townsend. The seals may still be secured of the Red Cross chairman, Mrs. R. G. Third.

While Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Fagan were riding on the hillside road near C. F. Worcester's last week Thursday afternoon, going toward the center, their carriage was struck by an auto truck which was operative at an excessive rate of speed. Mrs. Fagan was thrown out, and also Charles Wilson, who was riding in the back of the carriage. The buggy was badly smashed and the auto shaken up. Constables Harry Felch and Henry Hathaway trailed the auto as far as High street, Fitchburg, but were unable to locate the car after reaching that place. Since the accident it is reported that the driver has been located in Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Altmiller, of Townsend Hill, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Wednesday afternoon, December 27.

The net proceeds of the congregational L. B. S. fair, supper and entertainment amount to about \$115.

A minstrel show composed of men, with quartet singing and a farce, is to be held New Year's evening in Memorial hall. Dancing will follow the entertainment. The proceeds is for the benefit of the Townsend post, A. I.

The Center Birthday club are to be entertained at the home of Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, Greenville, Tuesday, January 20, instead of January 6, as scheduled. A Puritan dinner will be served at noon in charge of the hostesses, Mrs. Howard A. Dore, Mrs. Mary Sherwin and Mrs. Irving K. Marshall. The afternoon program is in charge of Mrs. A. L. Struthers.

Christmas will be observed at the Methodist church with a children's Sunday evening, given by the children of the Sunday school. On Christmas eve a lunch is to be served the children at six o'clock, followed by Christmas tree exercises.

At the congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon topic will be "Christmas—A Gift." On Wednesday afternoon from two to five o'clock a Christmas party will be held in the vestry for the members of the home department. Following the entertainment program a general good time will be enjoyed by the children with the usual Christmas tree exercises.

The following is the high school board lists. Second half, fall term—Highest honor, average 95 or over, Alice Barnes, Berna Ormsby, Harriet Sherman, Miss Stearns; special honor, 90 or over, Dorothy V. Bliss, Edna E. Bush, Janet M. Clark, Helen B. Cook, Hazel M. Farrar, Eleanor R. Lynch, Daniel B. Ormsby, Mary Reynolds, Ruth T. Russell, William A. Russell, Jr., G. Eldon Sanders, Ruth E. Stearns, Doris T. Tenney, honor list, 85 or over, Emma H. Arlin, Wendell B. Cook, William J. Donnan, Louie Drake, Annie B. Dudley, Clara M. Farrar, Muriel C. Gilman, Marjorie H. Hazelton, Ruth W. Morse, Sadie A. Moulton, Charles W. Reynolds, Carl A. Swinnington, George E. Tidd, Lois E. Wilder.

The members of the Country club were entertained Wednesday at the home of Mrs. George Brackett, when a Christmas feast was served with the net proceeds of the afternoon Christmas songs were sung by Mrs. Greenleaf presiding at the piano; readings, "Christmas time in the trenches," and a short drama by Mrs. Ella Hayward and Mrs. Greenleaf.

The grade schools closed this week Friday for a two-weeks' Christmas vacation; the high school for one week.

At the business meeting of the Pleasant Western Farmer ten D. of V. held Tuesday evening it was voted to hold a joint installation with Anson D. Fessenden camp, Sons of Veterans, on Tuesday evening January 6, and to invite the D. of V. to give their wives and veterans' widows. During the social hour exchange Christmas gifts were enjoyed and refreshments of home-made candies and cornbolls were served.

The Community Civics club of the high school gave a lively debate at the Wednesday morning session on the timely question, Resolved: "That women should vote on equal terms with men."—Los Wilder and George Tidd, affirmative; Muriel Gilman and Chester Wright, negative. The judges, Mrs. C. P. Reed, Ralph Wilson and Ernest Barnes, voted unanimously in favor of the affirmative.

The Girls' Glee club held a Christmas party on Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Dorothy Bliss of the delightful evening was spent in playing games and receiving joke presents from a prettily decorated Christmas tree. H. C. Knight acting the role of Santa Claus. Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bacheelder and Mr. Knight were honor guests.

West.

Alvan Sherwin, Jr., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvan A. Sherwin, is sick with the measles.

Edward E. Seaver, of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver, Thursday.

Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence, who is the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Bayberry Bruce, of the Center, is at her home here, caring for her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Welch, who is recovering from a severe attack of measles.

Miss Alexander Reed is visiting her daughter in Somerville for the present, and Mrs. Mary Heath had charge of the reading-room Saturday as her substitute.

Whitney Boutelle, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boutelle, of Bayberry hill, is one of the latest victims of measles.

Mrs. Breed, of Victory, Vt., has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Henry B. Hill.

Ashbel Streeter has been on the sick list for a few days the past week at his boarding place at Mrs. Mary Robbins'.

The Homer Christmas tree for the school children will be held in the reading-room on Wednesday afternoon, December 24, from one to three o'clock.

The Baptist Sunday school will hold a Christmas concert at the Baptist church on Sunday evening at six o'clock and the annual Christmas tree will be held as usual at the vestry on Christmas night.

Edward Elliott is reported as one of the latest victims of the measles, and Ames Coffey, who was taken ill with that ailment last week, is improving.

The meeting of the Birthday club of the Center, which was to be held with Mrs. Mervin Hodgman at her home in Greenville, the first Tuesday in January, has been postponed to January 20.

Mrs. Whitney, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Boutelle, Bayberry hill, has returned to Dorchester for the present.

Mrs. C. T. McDormond, who was in Groton for the past few days, has returned to her home on the Fitchburg road.

Frank Adams and friend, of Boston, spent the week-end at his summer home on Bayberry hill.

then taken by Mr. Whitaker in his car to see the "movies" in Ayer, returning home about 10:30. Ruth was the recipient of many unique and pretty gifts.

A four-act play, "The cowboy's Christmas," will be staged in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening under the auspices of the grammar school. The Center primary and grammar schools were used on Wednesday on account of an epidemic of measles at the North, which had greatly reduced the attendance. The schools will probably reopen on Monday, December 29, after the Christmas vacation. Members of a number of the families at the North are now suffering from the measles, among them being the families of Ira Blines, Wesley Carleton, Roy O. Hatch, Fred Carson and others.

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NOTICE The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 5, 1920, at ten o'clock A. M., to choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

C. B. WILLARD, Cashier.

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about Town.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will hold their regular meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at the home of the fourth Tuesday as customary. This will be a Christmas and New Year meeting combined with appropriate exercises and exchange of gifts. Mrs. C. H. Tewksbury will be the hostess for this meeting.

One of the ancient ruins of Shirley will soon cease to attract the attention of tourists. Carpenters are at work repairing the balcony of the grammar school building.

Miss A. M. Holden attended the meeting of the Fitchburg Alliance on Tuesday.

Alliance Meeting.

The Alliance meeting held on last week Thursday terminated at the home of Mrs. G. Lyman Snow was quite a social event, being well attended, both by Alliance members and friends invited to hear the paper by Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley of Boston on the subject of "Julia Ward Howe, woman and poet." Mrs. Georgia H. Farnsworth presided and the meeting with the usual exercises. The sum of \$115 was voted to the Shirley Hospital board for Clinton hospital and an equal amount to the Alliance Relief fund for local work. Several letters thanking the Alliance for remembrances sent at Thanksgiving time were read.

In speaking of Julia Ward Howe Mrs. Beatley said that while paying full tribute to the worth of other great women of this country, among whom she mentioned Mary Livermore, Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Mary Lyon, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Francis E. Willard, she still considered Julia Ward Howe entitled to be called America's greatest woman. The motto adopted for the evening was "Learn, teach, serve, enjoy." A letter from Gen. Pershing to Dr. Abraham Ribbany of the Church of the Disciples, Boston, her home church, spoke in high praise of the effect of her famous "Battle hymn of the republic" on the morale of the troops at the front. This hymn has recently been translated into several new languages. Though more widely known by this hymn, she wrote many other poems of great worth, several of which were read by Mrs. Beatley, whose personal recollection of Mrs. Howe added much value to the wealth of material she had collected for her paper.

At the close of the meeting a social interval was enjoyed, enabling friends both old and new to greet Mrs. Beatley. Among those present were Mrs. George B. Woodard, president of the Fitchburg Alliance. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman and Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen.

Center.

Mrs. Ruth Clark and baby returned home to Springfield on Wednesday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Waterman and family at North have moved into the house of the late Edward R. Thompson, and will keep house for the Thompson family.

Mrs. Bessie Buxton and Horace C. Harris attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Thompson in Lunenburg on Sunday. Mrs. Thompson was a member of Shirley Grange and formerly lived on Flat hill, where the Rolfe family now live.

Miss Vera Bradford of Everett spent the week-end with her parent, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford.

Those who are attending Fitchburg High school will have a Christmas vacation next week, the same as the local school.

The Christmas tree for the children of the Trinity chapel Sunday school, which was to be held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, was postponed indefinitely on account of the epidemic of measles in this part of the town.

Miss Mae Bradford of Wheaton college comes home Saturday for a three weeks' Christmas vacation.

Shirley Grange held a Christmas tree and social evening. Members of Granger's families were invited out on account of the measles the attendance was not large. The following program was given by the children: Piano solo, Clara Buxton; recitation, Dorothy Harris; reading, Irene Fournier; reading, Olive Evans. After the program the presents were distributed from the Christmas tree and candy and oranges were passed around. At the next meeting the installation of officers will take place.

The Forum committee will hold a community Christmas meeting in the town hall on Christmas afternoon at four o'clock and the program will include Christmas carols by the children and Miss Vera Bradford will read one of Myra Kelly's east side Christmas songs and Greer's H. Dyer will give a stereotypical talk on the "Life of Christ," and Rev. Howard A. Bridgman will speak on the "Meaning of Christmas." All are cordially invited and all are welcome.

Part of Elmhurst is being made ready for occupancy by Lewis E.

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**SHIRLEY**  
News Items.

John A. Westover and son Leonard, of North Troy, Vt., is visiting his son Harold at the home of Joseph Penese, Fredonia street. Mr. Westover also has a son Walter and a brother, Frank Westover, of this town.

Asa Shepard and James Chesbrough started to work last Monday for the American Steel Works in Worcester.

Frederian lodge of Odd Fellows was in session at the home of C. A. Third degree on five candidates at its regular meeting last Thursday evening.

The Baptist church was crowded to the doors last Sunday evening by an appreciative audience to hear Elwin W. Bradley give his special lecture on "Things a girl ought to know." Mr. Bradley has given his lectures free.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolff (nee Barnard), Harvard road, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born Sunday night, weighing five pounds.

The board of health removed the quarantine for scarlet fever Tuesday from the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan.

At the meeting of the board of selectmen on last week Friday evening an innholder's license was granted to H. H. Chapman, who is managing the Brookside.

The town books will close after the meeting of the board of selectmen on Friday, December 25. All bills against the town should be in the hands of the selectmen upon that date and, if possible, bills presented after that date will not be paid until the 1920 accounts are opened in January.

Born on Sunday, December 14, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe at the home of Mrs. Wolfe's mother, Mrs. Mary O. Barnard, on Harvard road.

Miss Winnifred Giffen, a student at Northfield seminary, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Giffen.

Miss Wilhelmine Peckham is a week-end guest of Miss Ruth Knowles. Miss Peckham is a student at Northfield seminary.

Hester Hooper is at home for a ten-day vacation from the Wentworth Institute.

A ten-penny daughter was born on Thursday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Galien.

The Alpha Psi Noble Grange association will meet on Monday with the Victoria Morse Revue lodge of Fitchburg. Public luncheon served from twelve to two o'clock. Meeting for members at 2:30.

The three sons of Mrs. Combs, residing at Trinker hill, have been summoned to appear in the district court, Ayer, Monday morning. They are charged with breaking and entering into the store of Joseph Thomas, corner of Main and Franklin streets, on last week's night. The boys are Charles 13; Napoleon, 10, and Lionel, 7. The boys have confessed to the charge against them. The koods they stole were gum, cigarettes and other notions. The idea of summoning these young boys into court is not with a view of prosecuting, but to bring their environments, etc., to the attention of the State Board of Charities, who will send a representative to the court on Monday. The case is a sad one. Mrs. Combs, the mother, is a widow struggling along with six children, two girls and four boys. The youngest is thirteen years of age and the youngest is thirteen months. The problem is apparently more than the mother can solve and the assistance of the State Board of Charities will be solicited.

Ruth Whitaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Whitaker, observed the tenth anniversary of her birth on Tuesday. A number of Ruth's friends gathered at her home on Bayberry Chapel street. The entire party were

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Tax for year 1918 remaining unpaid \$11.56  
Tax for year 1919 \$5.20

Lot No. 2. Assessed to James C. Leeman, Jr., described as follows: Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend, on Ball road leading from Townsend Harbor to Shirley, bounded on the north by land of Willard F. Hale, on the east by land of Edgar E. Campbell, on the south by said Warner road, and on the west by land of The B. & A. D. Fessenden Company, containing 62 acres of land with the buildings thereon.  
Tax for year 1918 remaining unpaid \$15.17  
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**WINTER SCHEDULE**  
CHANGE OF TIME SEPTEMBER 15, 1919  
Cars leave Ayer for North Chelmsford and Lowell once an hour at 6.00 A. M. to 9.00 P. M.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of EMMA H. BURGESS late of Townsend in said County, deceased:

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to T. JAMES HARVEY of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond, you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of December 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing the citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Townsend Townin, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on one day, at least, before said Court.

**HARVARD**  
News Items.

Schools closed Friday for a two-weeks' recess, opening again on January 6. Miss Inez Ayer goes to her home in Union, Me. Miss Elizabeth Uquhart to Walpole. Miss Stone to her home in Melrose. Miss Rowe with her parents in Bolton.

The children of the grammar school building gave a Christmas entertainment on Friday afternoon in the town hall. The teachers worked hard with the children to make this a success, and they may well be proud of the result.

F. O. Ryan, superintendent of streets, was called last week to report to the union of road in Hill River. Several autos have been stuck there. Although out of Mr. Ryan's jurisdiction he very willingly answered the calls of the petitioners to do what he could to make the road possible.

The Odd Fellows received an official visitation from the grand master and suite of the Grand lodge at their regular meeting on Monday evening. There was a good number out and a pleasant evening was passed.

A very pretty birthday party was given Thursday, December 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. MacLennan. The party was a double event celebrating the fifth birthday anniversary of Miss Rose MacLennan and the first of her brother, Master Alexander MacLennan.

Miss Edna Flanders was a guest at last week-end with Miss Annie Reed.  
Master Andrew Haskell is to spend the Christmas holidays with Miss Mary Newell and Miss Jane Beard in Cambridge.

O. Ryan, with his grandson, Hubert Ryan, started Friday for week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ithel O. Ryan in Farmington, Me.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Bigelow, of Hudson, spent the week-end and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Arnold, of Groton, Conn., is spending the holidays with her parents in town.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Fairbanks quietly celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of their marriage on Monday at home.

B. A. King, of West Acton, is writing the paragonage of the Congregational society for electricity, and also the paragonage of Andrew Haskell.  
Bromfield school closed this week for two weeks. Miss Sears spends her holidays at her home in Providence, R. I., and Miss Thompson visits with her parents in Methuen.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamlin are coming from their present home in Little Rock, Ark., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hamlin's father, Dr. Paul Thorncliffe, and her sister, Miss Anna Thorncliffe.

Quantities of beautiful flowers were sent to Miss Marjorie Warren on the occasion of her formal introduction at a reception and tea given by her mother, Mrs. Fisk, Warren on Tuesday of last week in her home on Mt. Vernon place, Boston. They were massed near the debutante, on the mamels and in other available places in the different rooms. Miss Warren wore pale pink satin and carried pink roses and orchids.

Warren was in light sand colored braided with dark fur and carried violets and gardenias. The tea table, lighted with candles, was surrounded by a group of debutantes and other friends of Miss Warren, who assisted in pouring. Miss Warren, who was educated in England and has also studied at Bryn Mawr, is sailing for Europe next week, where she will work with the Devastated France committee.

Next Saturday at the motion picture show Tom Moore in "Just for tonight" will be the feature picture. Tom Moore plays the nobleman with rare skill and gives a fine portrait of Lord Roxenham in "Just for tonight." The picture is by Charles A. Logue. Tom Moore is one of the greatest screen artists. Don't miss this picture.

**Grange.**  
The meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening proved a very interesting and enjoyable one. At the business meeting F. O. Ryan gave a very interesting account of the State Grange session held in Worcester last week.

Plans of the National Grange, which include matters of vital interest to all farmers, were discussed and the announcement that this body would hold its annual meeting in Massachusetts in 1920 was received with enthusiasm. Following this report an entertainment was given by the new members, consisting of piano solos by Miss Celena Grages; humorous reading by Miss Helen Rowe, and a comic sketch by Rev. H. C. Dyer. Refreshments and hot lunches were then sold at auction, and those present enjoyed a supper. Hot coffee was served. While the supper was being eaten, Rev. H. C. Dyer, the younger set, enjoyed half an hour's social dance.

A class of new members has been opened to degree work, which will take place early in 1920.

**Church Notes.**  
The Center churches will unite in a morning Christmas service, Sunday, Dec. 24. Rev. H. C. Dyer will preach and Rev. A. W. Dyer will assist with the service. There will be a special musical program by a choice of eight voices with male quartet under the direction of Thayer: "Listen, lo! Unto me"; Christmas carols for male quartet and chorus; "Behold I bring you good tidings"; "The Christ child's cradle song"; "Bethlehem"; "K. Pollard" organist. Everyone is most cordially invited.

**BROOKLINE, N. H.**  
News Items.

Mr. Jensen and family that had been living on the Bohanon place at South Brookline have recently moved to Peppercorn.

Miss Marion Stiles from Nashua has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Josie Stiles.

Mrs. George W. Bridges has closed her home and gone to Danlestown, Ct. to visit her brother, Dr. F. T. Todd, for a few weeks.

Mrs. George Shattuck is enjoying a visit from her brother George, whose home is in York, Me.

Mrs. Emma Dunbar has returned from her visit to Lacombe, where she had been attending the State Grange. While there she was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. James Seaver, formerly of this town.

Mrs. Belle Fessenden held a card party at her home on Wednesday afternoon on Friday evening, December 12. Four tables of 500 were played. A very delicious lunch was served during the evening by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Blanche Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farnsworth, Mrs. Annie Gilson, Mrs. Minnie Maxwell, Miss Helen Rockwood, Miss Frances Farnsworth, Matthew Burke, Forace Hill, and several others attended the dance at Oak Hill on last week Friday evening.

Mrs. Louise Parkey and Mrs. Walter Parkey spent Wednesday afternoon in Boston, attending "The hoodlum," by Mary Pickford, Wednesday afternoon, and the D. of V. on Wednesday evening, which was hostess Mrs. Parkey and Mrs. Fessenden are members.

Miss Hazel Goss has gone to visit friends in New Haven, Conn.  
All schools closed this week Friday for a two-weeks' vacation. There were exercises and Christmas trees at the different schools. Miss Dodge will spend the vacation at her home in West Groton, and Miss Parsons at her home in Groton.

There will be a Christmas concert at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at the usual time.  
The engine, derrick and other machinery for operating the Burnham ledge in the afternoon, given by Mr. Richards, of Quincy, has arrived.

Three stone cars got off the track at the icehouse last week and it was some time before they could be got back.  
As the master and lecturer of the Grange were away at the meeting on December 10, the chairs were filled by William Bailey, as master, and Mrs. Mrs. Bowen, as lecturer. The program was in charge of the lady assistant steward, Mrs. Ella Rockwood, and was as follows: Opening song, "America"; Grange reading by Mrs. Edna Hall, Mrs. Hattie Pierce, James Gilson, Forace Hill; piano duet, Misses Eva Corey and Hazel Goss, who responded to an encore; songs by Hattie Pierce and Freeman Wright; essay, Miss Blanche Hall; music, Arthur Goss. The game of misfit animal names was then played and the prize was won by Mrs. Elsie Y. Hayden. Every name right; the prize was a very dainty cup and saucer. At the close of the meeting a social time was enjoyed by all.

There will be a vesper service at the Congregational church on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. The concert that is held in the morning of the same date will be given by the older members of the church, and on December 23 the children will give a concert in the morning.  
The Local Workers met with Mrs. Emma Dunbar on Wednesday afternoon.

**HOLLIS, N. H.**  
News Items.

At the first monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Hillsborough County Farm Bureau, in Millford last Saturday, the names of Harold C. Hardy and Mrs. Elsie Y. Hayden were among the local directors appointed by the president, Samuel A. Lovell, of Millford, and approved by the committee.

The two young boys who went through town last week Wednesday and stole a ride from Hollis to Nashua, proved to be the runaway twins of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Parker, of Somerville, Mass., thirteen years old, who were picked up by the chief of police in Nashua and their father, who was notified, came after them. They called at a house in Hollis and asked for a drink. Upon being questioned they said they were from Massachusetts and were walking to their aunt's in Lebanon. They ran away because they did not want to study at home, but needless to say were very glad to get home again, tired and hungry, but wiser for the experience.

Mrs. T. A. Greenleaf returned last week Wednesday from Lexington and Malden, where she visited her sister and other friends, going down the Saturday before with Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, who went on to Boston for the day.

Mrs. Laura Clark came home from Nottingham last Saturday, her school having closed. She will not go back to the school there.  
Miss Minnie Colburn goes to New York this week to spend the winter with her sister, Miss Bertha Colburn.

Mr. and Mrs. William Canavan closed their house this week and have gone to their home in Malden. They will go to their daughter's, Mrs. Hosford, in Montclair, N. J., for the holidays.  
As the regular meeting of the Woman's club would come the day before Christmas, it has been put over one week and will meet at the ladies' parlor on December 31.

**LITTLETON**  
News Items.

All contributors to the Littleton column will confer a favor by forwarding items as early in the week as possible, since the holiday, December 25, shortens the time for office work on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday communications by Wednesday noon.  
All the Littleton schools closed yesterday for a vacation of two weeks.

We hear on good authority that Principal Harris will join the beneficiaries before his return from Christmas and New Year's vacation.  
Miss Marion Drew, of Bates college, came home last week for medical attention, having had a series of carbuncles.

Kathleen Drew is expected home from Bates this week, and Hazel Murray comes home from Jackson college at the same time.  
Miss Laurice Flag returns from her teaching this week, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Burt and baby, from New York, will arrive within a few days at E. A. Flag's for the vacation.

Rev. Benjamin D. Scott, who has so ably supplied the pulpit at the Congregational church lately, preached here for the last time last Sunday, his last service being the one held by the Misses Sanders on this week he and Mrs. Scott left for their new home in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he has accepted the chair of philosophy in a theological institution.

Perhaps it would be interesting to know that it is hard to beat Littleton apples for at the Massachusetts Agricultural college fruit show held this week and exhibition boxes won four blue ribbons. There were apples entered from all over the state in this show. Besides these four first places a second prize and a third prize were also won. There were nine plates exhibited by these two room-mates, and six plates won prizes.

The Woman's Alliance will hold a social affair in the services vestry room on Saturday, December 27, for the young ladies returning from higher educational institutions, and their friends. All the people who have been prepared to be interested in advanced education, and all interested friends are cordially invited to be present and help make this a pleasant social occasion. Let no one feel excluded.

J. H. Wheramb, who has had pneumonia, has very much improved.  
The U. E. meeting next Sunday evening will be held at seven o'clock in the Baptist church that evening. It will be a Christmas meeting and the topic will be "The Christmas message and the 'Christmas spirit.'" All are welcome.

Fourteen men from the Congregational society went out last Sunday afternoon on the annual every-member canvass for pledges for patronage, church expenses and benevolences for the coming year. They returned to the church in the evening when a liberal appetizing lunch was served by the ladies, and reports from the collectors were announced. The sums pledged totaled about \$1330, an amount considerably larger than that of last year, and some members of the society are to be congratulated for muddily traveling. About 180 of the above sum was pledged for missions.

The union vesper service will be held in the Unitarian church on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. H. L. Caulkins will preach a short sermon and there will be an attractive musical program, including solos, duets, selections by the orchestra, and an anthem by the young people's chorus, for which much preparation has been made. Everybody is welcome.  
The usual large sale of Christmas Red Cross seals is reported.

**Resigns as Superintendent.**  
Frank H. Hill, superintendent of schools, has presented his resignation in Littleton, Westford, Acton and Carlisle to take effect as soon as his successor can be elected, having been unanimously elected superintendent of Marblehead schools on the first ballot cast by the school board of that city. Mr. Hill was one of several candidates. His predecessor has accepted a similar position in Amesbury.

The united school boards of this district offered Mr. Hill a very flattering advance in salary with encouraging assurances. While he appreciates all that has been done by way of inducement to retain him in his present position Mr. Hill is attracted largely by the comparatively small radius within which the school of his new field of labor are located. We believe that his term of service here covers a period of good, faithful, constructive work along the most approved modern methods. It is with the deepest regrets that Littleton learns of Supt. Hill's resignation, and the removal from town of Mr. and Mrs. Hill and their family. During their residence in Littleton they have entered into local interests, affiliated themselves with leading organizations, and rendered a most able and willing service to the community.

**LUNENBURG**  
News Items.  
At the Methodist church last Sunday afternoon at 1.30 Rev. A. L. Howe, of Fitchburg, gave the very interesting story of "The other wise man," by Henry Van Dyke, illustrated by stereoscopic pictures, and Miss Entwistle, of Fitchburg, sang two numbers. A gospel team from Fitchburg is expected Sunday, and the Sunday school will give Christmas exercises.

The "harvest home" social and donation party, planned by the sewing circle of the Congregational church, and held at the parsonage on Friday evening of last week, proved a most successful affair. It was entirely without formalities and was very much enjoyed by the large number present, who filled the hall with their gifts of frank, license and myrrh, but of food, fruit, vegetables, jellies, etc., for the pastor and his family, which will help them out in "the high cost of living." Sandwiches and hot coffee in abundance were served by the ladies of the circle. Mr. and Mrs. Outland most delightfully entertained with songs and duets, with Mrs. Outland at the piano. While a party of Boy Scouts were skating on Marshall's pond last week Friday noon, one of their number got into the ditch, and of course was pretty wet and cold. But his comrades knew just what to do in such an emergency and they quickly pulled him out and helped him get home in time for his home on the state road, where he could have a change of clothing and a warm fire. The youngster was so well warmed up that he felt no bad effects from his unexpected bath in the icy water. Tallly one for the Boy Scouts and their efficient trainer.

The Hattie D. Stone tent, D. of V., entertained nine guests at supper last Saturday evening after which the following officers were elected: Nellie M. Stone, president; Mrs. C. L. Ames, Mrs. William H. Hildreth vice pres.; Mrs. J. Phillip Gilchrist, chap.; Mrs. Carl E. Brown, treasurer; Mrs. Flora Farnsworth, matron; Mrs. C. L. Ames, Mrs. Annie Gilchrist, Miss Ruth Gilchrist, council. It was voted to invite Mrs. Grace M. P. Brock, of Leominster to install the officers-elect. The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, December 29. This month, beginning with the new year, meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

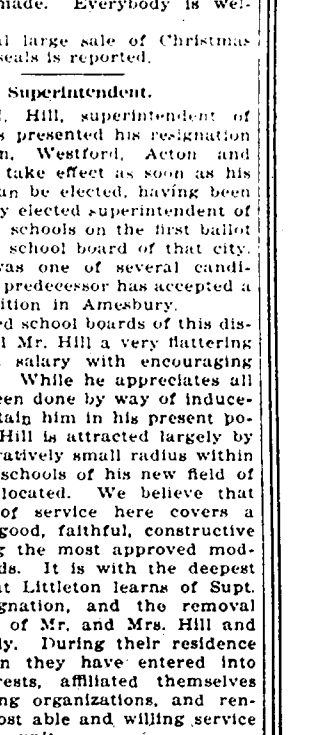
The Methodist Sunday school sent three sugar barrels filled with vegetables and \$2 in cash to the Little Wanderers' home last week.  
On account of the bad weather and traveling the every-member canvass of the Congregational church was postponed from Sunday, December 14, to Sunday, December 21.

**New Advertisements**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber heretofore published executor of the will of SARAH F. GILSON late of Groton in the County of Middlesex, Massachusetts, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

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PEPPERELL

**News Items.**  
Mrs. Albert Chandler of Hudson motored here with her daughter on Monday and remained over Tuesday as the guest of her friend, Mrs. F. Parker, attending the meeting of the Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy are expected here from New York the latter part of this week, to spend their house, "Pinehurst," at the usual home party over the Christmas season.

Canvassers for the Red Cross seals have the time extended until Christmas day and will give renewed energy to the work in connection with other Christmas activities.

Mrs. Charles Smith and daughter Miriam, from Newbury, have been the guests of Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. D. H. Hines, over the past week. Mrs. Smith was the invited guest of Mrs. Lillville Shattuck at the Woman's club on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. B. Heald is expected home the last of December from Melrose, where she has been making an extended visit.

The body of Mrs. Nathaniel Gilson was brought here by auto hearse on Sunday from Newtonville, where her death occurred on Friday of last week. Mrs. Gilson has resided near Boston for many years, but will be recalled by some of the older inhabitants as a resident here many years ago, the family living on the Col. Jordan place on Heald street, now the Bancroft place.

L. A. Johnson was in Boston on Thursday on business, and for a short visit with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Kaubek.

Mrs. Loran Sanford returned Wednesday to Beverly after a few days passed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartwell.

A party of Odd Fellows of Beacon Lodge went to Townsend on Wednesday evening, filling two autos, to witness the working of the third degree on a class of candidates in the union degree work of the Grand Lodge. Last week Thursday evening a party of Odd Fellows from the Groton lodge came here for the union meeting and for the second degree.

Mrs. Jessie Parker, who has been detained here by illness, is now thinking of leaving next week to spend Christmas there.

The death of Miss Harriett Spoon occurred Wednesday morning at the home of her father, Herbert Spoon, Mill street, for whom she had been housekeeper for some time past. Although she had been in poor health for a few months her death was very sudden at the last. The remains were taken to their old home in Central New York, Friday morning, for the services and burial in the cemetery. She was about forty years of age. Mr. Spoon is known as night watchman at the mill gates.

The intense cold of Wednesday evening had led to the attendance of many of the young people of the town at the dance of the Frank W. Bancroft, A. L. Although it was a pleasant little party, guests being present from Ayer and from Milford, N. H., many of the young people of the town were conspicuous by their absence. The decorations of evergreen and crepe paper roses were still in place and admired, and all enjoyed the fine music rendered by Liner & Doyle's orchestra, of Lowell.

The senior group under the auspices of the high school senior class is to be held on Friday evening, December 26, in Prescott hall. The orchestra of Maynard are to furnish music. The various committees are working diligently on the many plans for the success of the evening.

Miss Josie Warner, from Townsend, is stopping with Mrs. Charles S. Parker for a while. Miss Warner was a former resident here on the South road.

Lloyd Bancroft was in town over Sunday and motored back to Boston on Monday, accompanied by Miss Ruth Morgan, who has been a guest of Mrs. Bancroft, and who expected to visit for a short time with friends in Dorchester.

E. S. Cleveland has recovered from his injuries when he was thrown from a train in Railroad square some weeks ago. He has entered the employ of the Nashua River Paper Company, commencing his new duties on Monday.

Thermometers were the lowest of the season on Tuesday morning, ranging from zero to twenty degrees above, according to locality.

Other Pepperell matter on page three.

**Golden Wedding.**  
The following account of the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Pierce, at their home in Nashua, N. H., will be of interest, as Mr. Pierce was a native of Pepperell and a member of one of the old-time families of the town.

The occasion of their golden wedding was observed by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Pierce, 121 Walnut street, on Monday. During the afternoon and evening nearly 100 guests called to express their felicitations. Members of the John G. Foster post, G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief Corps called in a body and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, who were accompanied by L. P. Duncanson & Son.

Both have been active in Grand Army circles. Mr. Pierce is a member of Ancient Order of United Workmen of Nashua, and Mrs. Pierce is a member of the Olive Branch Rebekah lodge of Nashua. Both are members of the Grand Army and of the First Congregational church.

They have one son, Wilbert E. Pierce, of Stockton, Cal., and one daughter, Mrs. John D. Dunlop, of Richmond Hill, Canada. Neither were able to be present, but the son's wife was present and assisted in receiving. Mrs. Pierce was dressed in the wedding gown of her mother, ninety-one years old, but not much out of style. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers, the gifts of friends, and the couple also received many gifts of gold and cut glass. Prominent among these was a ring of honor from the original members of the members of the Relief Corps, presented by Mrs. F. H. Hoyt, and Mr. Pierce was presented with a solid gold storkpin by Capt. James A. Cobb in behalf of the John Foster post.

Light refreshments were served the guests. A pleasing feature of the festivity was the recital of an original poem by Major David E. Proctor,

of Wilton, N. H., a life-long friend of Mr. Pierce's.

**Fire.**  
An alarm for fire was given from box 26 at East Village at an early hour on Thursday morning for a blaze in the barn of Dr. F. A. Davis, Hollis street. In attempting to thaw out a frozen pipe the fire started and the work caught and smoldered some time before being discovered by the smoke issuing from the rear of the building. A fire extinguisher and liberal use of a tub of water just drawn for the stock at the barn put the fire under control even before the firemen could arrive. With the intense cold of the morning, thermometers being at zero and ten and fifteen degrees below, it was lucky that no more damage happened. The horse and cow were not removed from the stable by Dr. Davis nor his auto from the adjoining garage. The damage is slight, although a hole was made in the roof, care for safety sake than for any need, being cut through and not burned.

**Teachers' Salaries.**  
As the school committee have voted to increase the salaries of all teachers \$250, the following table will show the salaries which were being paid last June, the present salaries, and the salaries which will be paid after January 1.

Position	June '19	Sept. '19	Jan. '20
High school—			
Principal	\$1450	\$1700	\$1850
Sub-master	800	850	1150
Teacher	800	850	1100
Teacher	800	800	1050
Teacher	800	800	1050
Main street school—			
Principal	\$775	\$850	\$1100
Grade 8	550	750	1000
Grade 7	550	750	1000
Grade 6	550	750	1000
Grade 5-4	550	750	1000
Grade 3-2	550	750	1000
Grade 1	550	750	1000
Assistant	...	...	...
Groton street school—			
Principal	\$575	\$650	\$1100
Grade 5	550	650	...
Grade 4-3	550	650	...
Grade 2-1	550	650	...

\*Position now vacant

BOXBOROUGH

**News Items.**  
James Murchie and family have moved to Harvard, Mr. Murchie having sold his farm to Harry Clark, of Maynard.

Mrs. Harry Fitzgerald is slowly recovering from her recent illness, and is now about the house for a few hours each day.

Robert Cunningham, of Medford, spent the week-end with his parents.

Mrs. Charles Sherry and three children returned Thursday from a visit with relatives in Brookline, Me.

The subscription dance given by the Girls' club last Saturday evening was very successful, about thirty-five dollars were raised.

James H. Burroughs has been appointed granite quarry for the year 1920. His new duties, added to his work as master of the Boxborough Grange and master of the Pomona Grange, will keep him quite busy.

Miss Catherine Sherry has been appointed census enumerator in this town. She received her appointment on Wednesday and will begin work on January 1.

Albion Morse, Ralph Smith, Roy Cobleigh and Frank Cobleigh motored to North Easton over the week-end.

Schools closed Friday for the Christmas vacation of two weeks. Safta Claus made his trial trip Thursday night, Sunday and Monday evenings. Beautiful trees in each room decked with gifts and good things. Friday afternoon the pupils entertained their parents and friends with appropriate exercises.

Miss Fay, of the Middlesex Agricultural Bureau, was in town on Friday, organizing the Home Economics club for 1920. Ten members attended the meeting and the following officers were elected: Mildred Wetherbee, pres.; Dorothy Richardson, v. p.; Malouin Steele, sec.

At the meeting of the Grange on last week Friday evening five members were initiated—Mrs. Eva Richardson, Rev. Charles Burrows, Mrs. Charles Burrows, Perry Burns and George Burnier.

The Red Cross meeting of December 16 was postponed to Tuesday, December 23. The auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Chauncey Robbins at 2:30. At that time the election of officers for the year 1920 will take place.

**Church Notes.**  
The Boys' club held its second meeting last Saturday night and further plans were taken up. The Red Cross auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Chauncey Robbins at 2:30. At that time the election of officers for the year 1920 will take place.

All are cordially invited to attend the services at the church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. There will be special music by the choir and the minister will preach a Christmas sermon.

The results of the every-member canvass made on Sunday afternoon, December 7, were very gratifying. There were 129 names on the list, district No. 1 \$129, district 2 \$302, district 3 \$175, district 4 \$153; other contributions \$22, missions \$30. The committee was grateful for the generous response made by everyone.

TOWNSEND

**Harbor.**  
Tuesday afternoon Schem Villa was the scene of a very pleasant club meeting. The As You Like It was entertained by the Harbor church. The meeting was held in the morning until two o'clock in the afternoon, instead of from two to five o'clock as at present. The plans were perfected for the entertainment to be held in the Harbor church on December 27. Mrs. Francis Grant was lecturer for the occasion and interesting stories were told. Music was furnished by Mrs. Noah's choir. Miss Bartlett, Mrs. Noah's post in her usual entertaining way. Mrs. Frank P. Baker was a guest. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 30, at the home of Mrs. Galen Proctor from eleven to two o'clock. Mrs. B. C. Cummings, lecturer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Baker were guests this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Proctor.

On Saturday evening, December 27, there will be an entertainment at eight o'clock in the Harbor church under the direction of the As You Like It club. The proceeds to be used for the Harbor school. The program includes a playlet by the club, Christmas carols by the school children, music and readings. The program will be followed by dancing.

Miss Alice LaFontaine, a pupil of the seventh grade in the school at this village, was the winner of the second prize in the bird scrapbook contest.

Miss Emily Lawrence has made some beautiful wreaths for special orders. They are of several varieties

of evergreen, combined with bitter-sweet berries, bayberry, wintergreen, juniper and other sweet and colorful woods' products. They are well worth seeing.

HARVARD

**News Items.**  
On Saturday, December 13, Miss Mabel Cobb celebrated her ninth birthday. Her cousins, Vivian Knight, Priscilla Cushing and Henry Stanley Cushing Jr., motored from Boston in charge of Mrs. James Humphry and Mrs. Ruth Humphry Knight and in the afternoon Jane and Billy Herman and Vincent Place joined the young people for games and an afternoon of general good time. Mrs. Knight presided at the piano and at four o'clock the children marched in to supper. The birthday cake with its lighted candles occupied the center of the table and the decorations were of pink and white. There were caps and favors, and ice cream and the goodies that children crave, and at the last a large present, containing a surprise gift for each one. At six o'clock the guests said good-bye to their happy little hostess.

The library will close next week Thursday at five p. m.

Our local fire department was called out last Tuesday afternoon for a fire at the town farm. They in turn asked help from Ayer. Their combined effort got the fire under control although it was a close call for the house. Estimated damage about \$1500 and is covered by insurance. James L. Whitney has charge of the repairs which will be made at once. A defective chimney was the cause.

Edgar Cobb is on the sick list and under the care of a physician.

Prof. and Mrs. Earle Turner are home for the Christmas vacation. Mr. Turner is teaching in the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton, N. B.

Our school committee have under advisement the raising of the salaries of our teachers at the grammar school. This is a matter which all towns are taking up and it would seem advisable for Harvard to retain a good teaching force since the raise is bound to come. Mr. Benner closes his services here December 31 to accept a much more pleasing situation financially. A. Mr. Bacon, formerly superintendent of schools at Hollis, N. H., was in town this week as a possible successor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamlin (Martha Thorndike) announces the birth of a son at Boston last week Monday.

The Girls' Canning club had on sale last week a quantity of canned products at the store of Barnard, Sumner & Co., at Worcester.

Miss Mary Waters is home caring for her mother, Mrs. Waters, who is quite ill.

**Still River.**  
There will be a Christmas concert in the Baptist church Sunday evening at seven o'clock. On Wednesday evening there will be a Christmas tree in the vestry, to which everyone is invited.

Thursday morning was the coldest of the season, the mercury going down to 12 below zero.

Water has been found at Thomas Dalby's after drilling 207 feet, and Mr. Chapman has taken his drilling machine away.

Several from here attended the lecture on the Mexican situation in the town hall, Harvard, Monday evening, by Mr. Moore, of the firm of Moore & Cabot, Boston, under the auspices of the Woman's club, which was highly appreciated and very instructive.

Chester Willard has so far recovered from his sickness as to be out doing light work again.

SHIRLEY

**News Items.**  
The Universalist Ladies' Aid society held a successful food sale at the store of H. O. Peasley last week Friday afternoon and a goodly sum realized thereby.

At the meeting of Fredonian lodge, L. O. O. F., on Thursday evening the third grade was worked on five candidates. Election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: A. A. Adams, noble grand; John E. Adams, vice grand; George Balch, sec.; Geo. F. Buxton, treas.; Harry H. Lynch, trustee for three years. No meeting of the lodge will be held next week on account of the holiday.

James L. Holland, Morton E. Lawrence, Frank Hotchkiss and Arthur G. Dunn attended the working of the second degree at Shawmut lodge in Boston last week Friday evening.

**Altruistic Club Meeting.**  
The regular meeting of the Altruistic club was held in the Municipal building on Thursday afternoon, Miss Howe, the president, presiding. Owing to the extreme cold only a small number were present. One new member, Mrs. M. C. Burrows, was admitted. The club school, was admitted by unanimous vote. Ten dollars was voted to the Clinton hospital association. The program following was in charge of the art committee and Miss Annie Hunter gave a paper on "The old masters," which was extremely interesting and it is to be regretted that so few were able to hear this very fine paper, so ably written by this very fine paper.

Shifty eyed his companion with ill-concealed contempt for his knowledge. Raphael's picture was shown, a short history of his life and work given and something descriptive of St. Cecilia, with the picture followed, then the Madonna of the chair, with an interesting story of the same, also the picture painted wholly by Raphael and called the greatest picture in all the world, then the Transfiguration, called the "Jewel of Rome."

After Raphael came Guido Reno with a splendid picture of his "Aurora," and description of this painting. The last was Leonardo da Vinci with a picture of the Last Supper. Each picture shown was minutely described by Mrs. Hunter, as regarding detail, coloring, etc.

Mrs. Lindenberg then followed with a fifteen minutes talk on "Thrift," which the General Federation of Women's clubs is bringing to every club.

The next meeting in two weeks, January 1, will be held in the Municipal building.

The green and yellow tints so frequently to be found in caterpillars are believed to be due to coloring matter derived from their food and passed through the blood of the spinner. By impregnating leaves with artificial colors the experimenters caused some species of caterpillars to produce silk of bright orange-yellow and fine rose hue.

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Reports received by Mrs. C. R. Burlingame, statistical director of the savings division, First Federal Reserve District, show that for the current year up to October 1 the people of New England have saved alone in Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates the amount of \$8,224,458.02. During this time millions of dollars have flowed into the savings banks throughout New England as a result of the present Thrift campaign now being conducted in New England and the rest of the country.

Field workers of the savings division, First Federal Reserve District report that throughout New England, people who never before had practiced Thrift are now most economical in their expenditures. Facts show that these people are in many instances the owners of savings which run up in some cases, to four figures and more. It is also noticeable that many of these investors are people who might be termed as in the working class. Knowing the dangers of the proverbial "rainy day" they have put

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**REMOVAL NOTICE**  
ON AND AFTER DECEMBER 15 my shoe repairing shop will be moved to the Daniel W. Fletcher building on West Street, formerly occupied as a barber shop. Here I will be able to attend to your wants in the shoe repairing line and can give better service. If you have not as yet tried my work a trial will convince you that all my work is done in first-class shape at reasonable rates.  
ERNEST WHITAKER  
AYER, MASS.

EYEGLASSES AND SPECTACLES

If many parents were to visit the school and see how their boys and girls have to bury their faces in their books to see, they would realize glasses would help the children's eyes and standing.  
F. H. GATHERCOLE  
Consulting Optometrist  
New Carley Block Ayer, Mass.  
WE GRIND OUR OWN LENSES

Tax for year 1916 \$15.69  
Tax for year 1917 17.64  
Lot No. 3. Assessed to Mrs. Isabelle K. Rusk, described as follows: Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend on the westerly side of the location of said Railroad, opposite the above described lot, bounded westerly by the road leading from West Townsend to Mason; southerly by land of U. S. Adams and land of the Town of Townsend; easterly by said location, and northerly by land of Alexander Reed, containing 57 acres.  
Tax for year 1916 \$9.40  
Tax for year 1917 10.50

Lot No. 3. Assessed to Mrs. Isabelle K. Rusk, described as follows: Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend, adjoining lot No. 2, bounded westerly by land of unknown owners, and being known as the Lewis & Chamberlain lot, containing 4 1/4 acres.  
Tax for year 1916 \$48.88  
Tax for year 1917 54.60

Lot No. 4. Assessed to Duncan Rusk and A. McDonald described as follows: Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend, adjoining lot No. 2, bounded westerly by land of Alexander Reed; southerly by land of William M. Lawrence and by land of Mrs. Martha Adams, including buildings thereon, containing 1 acre.  
Tax for year 1916 \$4.40  
Tax for year 1917 10.50

**Visiting Cards**  
ENGRAVED FROM PLATES  
ENGRAVED WEDDING INVITATIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS.  
Send for STYLE CARD and PRICE LIST.  
Plato and 50 Cards \$2.00  
Plato and 100 Cards \$3.50  
Call at  
TURNER'S SPIRIT OFFICE  
Ayer, Mass.,  
And send our line of samples

LITTLE TALKS ON THRIFT

By Marshall Field  
If you want to succeed, save.  
This is true, not so much because of the value of the money which the young man accumulates, but because of the infinitely greater value of the system and organization which the practice of saving introduces in his life.  
This result of the saving habit is not generally nor properly appreciated. I consider it to be almost the greatest element in making for a young man's success.  
In the first place, it creates determination.  
This is at the start. Then it develops steady purpose, then sustained energy.  
Soon it produces alert, discriminating intelligence. Better and better returns follow up his industry, ability and judgment and his capital is now steadily increasing.  
Soon he is secure—and that comparatively early in life; and each day widens the gulf between him and incompetence and its inevitable companion, improvidence.  
This is the real foundation of the structure of success. Each of its supports, it will invariably be found, rests upon a foundation of an early dollar saved.

SIGN'S OF THE TIMES

By F. M. COGLIN  
Two weary hobos were traveling quietly along the broad road "somewhere." They were silent, their minds pre-occupied with visions of food of bygone days and dainty tidbits from the "lady's" back door—said memories passing through the devious paths of cerebral matter, slowly, to the tune of the "Dead March of Sank!"  
Suddenly, at the turn of the road, a huge man loomed up along the railroad track, his glad message arousing hope and a will for "better things" to those passing.  
Our "Knights of the Road" stopped and studied the sign with hungry curiosity.  
"Say, Wastey," said one, "what may W. S. S. be meanin'?"  
"Hub, Shifty," scornfully came the reply, "ain't you never had no education? That means 'We Soon Stop.'"  
Shifty eyed his companion with ill-concealed contempt for his knowledge.

"Well, then, if W. S. S. stands for that, what does their other letters, 'T. S.' stand for?"  
"Can't you think with natural intelligence, Shifty? 'T. S.' means 'Teat Something.'"  
MORAL.—Buy Thrift Stamps and W. S. S. and you will always eat.

BUY W. S. S.

There are 1,250,000 dependent wage earners in the United States because they could not or would not save during their working days. The support of these costs \$220,000,000 a year. Save.

PATRIOTIC BO-PEEP

Little Bo-peep went fast asleep  
And dreamed of currency spending;  
When she awoke, of Thrift Stamps she spoke,  
And said, "To my country I'm lending."

**Whiskers Explained.**  
The early Jews were literally long on whiskers and made good use of them. The Jew's beard was a sort of standing notice to the world concerning his state of mind. If everything was propitious—wife and children well and business good—his beard was combed out and perhaps oiled. But if death had entered his family, his beard was a mere tangled mass of hair. The condition of the whiskers also indicated the existence of other emotions.

**Optimistic Thought.**  
Strength is desirable, yet not a matter for boasting, for in this bulls and wild animals are superior to us.

**Powerful "Fourth Estate."**  
The "fourth estate" is the newspaper press. It is so designated humorously as a distinct power in the state. Formerly the phrase designated the persons constituting the lowest and unrepresented classes of society, as distinguished from the commons.

SAVING OF MONEY IS POSSIBLE

Dr. Andrews Gives His Rules For Thrift  
That it is possible for one to save money despite present high prices is brought out by Dr. Benjamin R. Andrews, vice director of the Savings Division, who as an aid to helping people save money advises them to follow these four rules.  
"I will earn all I can by producing all that I can. I will spend the money intelligently and wisely. I will save part of all the money I receive when I receive it. I must invest wisely."  
Dr. Andrews in speaking on the subject of wise investments says that the people of America waste one half a billion dollars a year by loss from fraudulent investments. He brings out the fact that the money of thrifty people which is deposited in such safe investment as Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates is the basis for all expansion in government business.

IN HIGH PLACES

By Walt Mason  
I have bought a grand piano and a sumptuous sedan, and a lot of other doodads, on the monthly payment plan. On each thing I paid a dollar, and I'll pay a monthly bone, till I'm laid away and sleeping underneath a sagging stone. It is true I didn't need them, and I haven't coin to burn, but I see my neighbors blowing every kopeck that they earn, and if they can have pianos and fine motors and such stuff, I will go as far as they do, though it makes the sledging tough. Every month I'll pay a dollar on the junk I do not need, till I whimper around on crutches and my limbs go to seed; and when I have crossed the river to the shining golden shore, I will still be owing money to the Jinx installment store. And I fear the recollection will destroy my peace of mind, when I have a harp before me and a pair of wings behind. But my neighbors, they keep blowing every rouble, every red, and I'd be a sort of piker if I let them get ahead; so I'm buying circus wagons, and I'm buying costly gems, and my wife is wearing sables and has diamond diadems, and I bought the whole caboodle on the monthly plan, and I'm riding to the poorhouse in a super-eight sedan.—Copyright, 1919. (By special permission to Savings Division, Treasury Department.)

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