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#### SHIRLEY

The portrait of Charles K. Bolton, librarian of Boston Athenœum, who has a summer home in this town, included in an exhibition at the Boson Art Museum last week. The exhibition consisted of about thirty-five canvases by Fred Demmier, a Pitts-burgh artist, who was kilfed in Bel-gium during the last week of the war. These paintings are part of a more complete collection of Demmiler's work, which was assembled this fall in a memorial exhibition in the Carnegic Institute. Demmler studied at the Boston Museum school and frequently came here to paint the por-traits of New England people. The Boston Art Museum asked the loan of. the paintings for exhibition,

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Smith, Laneaster road, spent the holiday in Bos-

Miss A: M. Holden went to Concord o spend Christmas with her brother and family.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman was in town on Sunday. She was intending to spend Christmas with her sister and friends in Worcester.

Chaplain Purdy is preaching short but vigorous sermons every Sunday at the Universalist church. Mrs. Pur-dy is of great assistance in the choir.

Considerable complaint has been heard about the heating of the grammar school during the last cold spell. It would seem that a temperature of fifty-two degrees was hardly a safe one for pupils or teachers. frequent marching has had to be re-sorted to. This of course takes time from the school work.

A community Christmas meeting was held in the town hall on Christ-mas afternoon with a good number present. The affair was under the management of the committee who had the Forum meetings in charge last summer. The meeting opened the singing of Christmas carols and this was followed by a song by some of the school children, and a reading of one of Myra Kelley's East Side Christmas stories by Miss Veri Bradford. Rev. Howard A. Bridg-man gave a short talk on the spirit of Christmas, which was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Eleanor Longley Chaplain George Driver then gave stereopticon lecture on Palestine. The illustrations for the lecture were personally collected by Mr. Driver during year spent in Palestine, and proved be very interesting. The meeting closed with remarks by Rev. S. F. Goodheart, pastor of the Congregational church at the village.

E. J. Miller, who has been suffer ing from broken ribs, has recovered sufficiently to be out again.

News has been received of the death of William H. White, son of the late William and Susan (Greene) White, who was born at Woodsville. He was forty-five years of age and death was due to heart trouble. At the time of his death Mr. White resided in Butte, Mont., where he was employed as department superintendent of printing company in that city.

### TOWNSEND

Misses Miriam Adams and Hazel Copp assistant high school teachers are spending their vacation at their respective home in Brunswick, Me. and Nashua, N. H.

Louis Shaul, of Hartford, Conn., has een a recent guest at F. M. Warren's.

Miss Louise Whitcomb, who is in raining for a nurse at a Cambridge hospital, has been nts, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitcomb.

Miss Helen Higgins, teacher in Ev erett, and Miss Gertrude Higgins, stu-dent in Framingham, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R Higgins.

Miss Carrie Walker, of Townsen hill, attended a meeting of the Z. Z. S. club held at the home of Mrs. Roy A. Upham, Friday evening, in Fitch ourg. A delightful luncheon was served by the hostess, the table dec orations and favors being especially attractive. An original poem giving a history of the club since its organization in 1906 was read by Miss Walk-er and a special feature of the evening was the presentation of a cut sugar and cream set to Mrs. N. Howard Pease, an honor guest, who was recently married . Miss Walker Mrs. Pease while in Fitchburg.

The school board have voted raise the salary of the teachers on the basis of \$200 a year, the same to take effect the first of January. The high school session is to reopen Monday, December 29. The grade schools a

Mr. and Mrs. George Upham of Elm Lane farm left Wednesday for Malden. where they will spend the Christma season at the home of their son, Frank Upham. Christmas day festivities will also include the observance of the fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Upham.

The sad news has been received by Piper of the sudden death from heart trouble of her only brother, William H. White, aged 45 years, at Butte, Montana, where h was employed as department super intendent at the McKee Printing Com pany of that city. Mr. White was born at Woods Village. Shirley, and was the son of the late William and Susan (Greene) White. He came to Town-send in his childhood and attended our public schools and when a young lad he was employed as clerk in the C. W. Hildreth store. He was well known in town as a man of quiet unassuming manner. Besides his wife he is survived by one son, William H White, jr., of Butte, and Mrs. Piper o

Rev. A. L. Struthers was the offi iating clergyman at a wedding held Tuesday evening at the home of and Mrs. John Beck at Mason N., H He was assisted in the ceremony by Charles B. Goodwin, justice, and the contracting parties were Charles Beck and Miss Mary Seaver. The singl ring service was used and the couple were attended by the brother of the groom and sister of the bride. The happy couple will reside for the pres ent with the groom's parents at Mason

#### Interesting Meeting,

At the December meeting of the Parent-Teacher association Mrs. Eve-lin L. Warren gave an interesting paper on "The intrinsic value of story telling," emphasizing the importance of the kind of story telling that would leave the right impression on the min of the child. Following her Mrs. Clara Craig read several Indian legends and Supt. Herman Knight gave a talk on loci Chandler Harris (Uncle Remus) and in closing Mr. Knight read one of his stories. Mr. Knight announced the prizes on the bird scrap books made by the school children, which were judged by Miss Abbie Churchill of the Fitchburg Normal school and were based on the following merits Artistic arrangement of covers, original inality, nature study and composition

rize, Mamie Johnson and Lillian Swicker, both receiving the book "Birds in literature," by Mrs. Abbic Churchill; 2d prize, Alico LaFountain "Bird guide," by Chester A. Reed: 3d prize, Florence Higgins, "The travels of birds," by F. Chapman; honorable mention, Hester Russell received "The bird calendar," by C. M. Weed. Group 2—grades III, IV and V—1st prize, Pearl Russell, "The Burgess bird book; 2d prize, Oxel Johnson. "Bird guide"; 3d guide"; 3d prize, Gertrude "Our winter birds"; honorable

mention, Omar Dickson received the Group 3-First and second grade



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#### WESTFORD

The academy has two weeks' vacation for the holidays, the same as the as was stated last week.

ing, January 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright entertained a family party for Christmas day which, including themselves, made a gathering of eighteen. There were a gathering of eighteen. There were seven grandchildren to assist in mak-ing a merry Christmas. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Wright were Burt Decatur, of Springfield: Mr. and Mrs. Frazer, of Groton: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright and three children, of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wright and lit-tie girl, of North Chelmsford, and Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Wright and three children, of Westford.

the holidays with her children and grandchildren in Boston and vicinity. Mrs. C. W. Dickey, of Dunbarton, N H., is spending the winter weeks with

The last of the state guard men doing police duty in Boston returned nurserymen this spring must pay for were released in time to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Although the extreme cold had re-laxed somewhat by last Sunday, at-tendance for the special Christmas services at the churches was somewhat affected. Special sermon, music and decorations were arranged for at both Graniteville. churches. Mrs. George Spalding, so The children prane, of All Souls church, Lowell, was the soloist at the Unitarian church, and at the Congregational church a program of music in charge of Mrs. C. D. Colburn and Miss Elinor Colburn at the organ was in order.

hunting.

mas day at dinner, followed by a Christmas tree.

was enjoyed.

Winter apples are being steadily reto their buyers in Boston.

At the Tadmuck club next Tuesday At the Tadmuck club next Tuesday afternoon, at Library hall, the calendar committee have arranged for a dar committee have arranged for a pleasant home afternoon. A play, "Michael and his lost angel," will be read. This play, by Henry Arthur Jones, was one that was much enjoy-dd in the reading circle of the tub. ed in the reading circle of the club. Sullivan, The members are invited to bring their work and an informal social tea their Christmas vacation.

week Wednesday evening is being large number were in attendance, much anticipated. Fogg's orchestrate pieces, will furnish the music.

There will be a concert from eight unitary that Saturday the local soccer test.

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er at westierd achievas, it is not all the second to be married. It is hoped to be able to obtain Mr. from her home in North Buller at was presented with a pair of silver Johnson, of Leoninster, to act as the Rev. William L. Walsh, minister of the candless Lis from the club, Arthur C. First Parish Unliation church of Bib. Annis making the presentation speech.

Letica, conducted the service, which Stanley F. White who is also to be was largely attended by relatives and merried January first, is to be pre-friends. Burial was in the family let sented with a similar token, but as he

The next meeting of Middleser, be done at this time. stalling officer and others is planned cial committee, for. It is expected that as usual the Mrs. Seline C. for. It is expected that as usual the Mrs. Selina Come and five children installation will be open to the public. appeared in the district court, Ayer.

At the last meeting of Westford Monday morning, in response to a Grange interesting accounts of the summons, three of the oldest boys bemeeting of the State Grange were giving delinquent, their ages being 13 daughters and granddaughter. meeting of the State Grange were givmeeting of the State Grange were
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ng. January 15, having been postponed from January 1, to give the use of the hall to the returned soldiers and

The farming community was well represented at the farmers' institute at Lowell last week Wednesday. The morning session was largely devoted to an informal discussion of the best varieties of apples for Middlesex county and other fruits. Some of the largest fruit growers in the county were present. Richard Hittenger, of Bel-mont, one of the largest orchardists in the county, set up a list of the six best varieties of apples for attack by the institute, which threw out the Northern Spy, Greenings and Wealthy. The list as agreed upon, and in the order named were McIntosh, Dutchess Gravenstein, Baldwin, Williams and Astrackan. The second approved list vere Greenings Onalescent, Wealthy Wolf River, Delicious and Winter Ba-

The choice of the best six varieties of pears fell on Bartlett, Bosc, Seckel, Sheldon, Angora and Clapp's Favorite The pear discussion emphasized the elementary schools, and not one week Bosc as the leading pear, even superceding that old standard, the Bartlett. Grange, will install the officers of Westford Grange on Thursday evening, January 15,

The peach varieties favored were the Elberta, Carman, Belle of Georgia, Hale, Champion and Greensboro. In the list of best six varieties of cherries were the Tartarian, Black Eagle, Montgomery, Marello, Smith and Windsor. In the list of plums, best six varieties were the Burbank, Shropokin, Damson, Abundance, Lombard and York State Prune.

of the large nursery farm in that state, said thirty years ago we raised our own stock from seeds, and even now a large part of apples is raised F. B. Griggs, manager of the Middle Mrs. Helena M. Bartlett is enjoying here, but of late years millions of he holidays with her children and seedlings have been imported from France. We find it is cheaper to import, pay the price asked and the duty than to raise them in this country her daughter, Mrs. O. L. Brownsey, at Since 1918 French grown seedlings the Congregational parsonage. prior to the war, so the American home for good on Thursday of last the seedlings he imports about the week. Their home friends are glad same price he has been charging the orchardist for two-year-old budded stock. He prophesied nursery stock of all kinds would be very high Nursery stock is now budded in cellars during the winter instead of the field; it is easier and earlier to handle.

day school held their Christmas tree exercises on Monday evening and the church was filled to the doors. exercises on Monday evening and the in western style and the parts were church was filled to the doors. A very pleasing musical program was given; ceeds netted about \$25 and will be also, recitations and selections by the choir. Through the kindness of the choir. The following composed the J. Herbert Fletcher shot a fine fox while out hunting one day last week. The skin was one of the best he has The skiroured in a long experinece of part of the program proved very agreeable to the children.

the welcome home celebration for the Mr. and Mrs. George F. White entertained a large party of kindred and friends Christmas day, numbering fifteen. Following the dinner a Christmas day. mas tree with its accompanying gifts Fletcher as chairman and several subcommittees were formed. It is the intention to hold the celebration on moved from storage and being carried Thursday, January 29, and it will consist of a banquet and reception, fol-lowed by an entertainment and ball.

will be served.

The Christmas tree exercises for the children in the Methodist church were pices of the American Legion on next held on Wednesday evening and a Mrs. Clark the land of the American Legion on next held on Wednesday evening and a Mrs.

There will be a concert from wight until nine, and dancing from nine until two o'clock.

Letters of dismission from the Westford Congregational church were granted at a special meeting last Sunday to Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Lincein, for admission to membership in the church where they was a special from the constraint of the constraint of

church where they now attend in the in Loyal Mattawanakee ledge, I. Winthrep.

The Oscar Anderson family are in quarantine, one of the younger this dren having scarlet fever.

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## SHIRLEY

### News Items.

About Town.

The function of Mass Harder B. Proposed in the Corner mental of Mass purchased the home place of the late M. W. Carey, Brown road.

At the next meeting of the Grange, Rogers, who for six years was a fee by present a unit, for teen mental of the Revenue, January 5, installation of afficers for 1820 will take place, then home in North Bales a was presented with a pair of silver.

Rev. William L. Walsh minister of the many section of the many section of afficers for 1820 will take place. , has not yet come home it could not Center.

Home for, Catholic Destitute Children. J. Peirce represented the Shirley overseers of the poor. The question of the ability of Mrs. Como to support her six children was argued at length. lowed to keep her thirteen-monthsold baby,

George McGiffen, seventy-five year of age, who has been employed by the President Suspender Company, was taken to the Clinton hospital on Monday for treatment of low vitality and a run down condition.

Miss Doris White, of Framingham Normal school, is home in town for

the Christmas holidays. Mary Gleason, teacher in Spring-field, is at her home in town for the Christmas holidays,

Miss Gladys Annis has arrived at her home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant left Wednesday night to spend the Christ-mas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Manning in Upper Montclair,

Henry Wolff, who is taking a course at the Agricultural college, Amherst, has arrived at his home on Harvard

road for the holidays. Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman is entertaining her aunt, Mrs. Annie Banks, over the holidays.

Miss Agnes Lynch, senior at St. Lawrence university, Canton, N. Y., is at home for the Christmas vaca-Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fredricks

with their two children, spent Christmas with relatives in Boston. Howard M. Knowles, who has been Martin King, Jr., of New York, head | confined to his bed for several weeks,

remains about the same. The Altrurian club will meet next Thursday in the municipal building. sex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics, of Waltham, will be the speaker. It is hoped that there

will be a large attendance. Harry Collyer has given up his position as fireman at Camp Devens and will resume his work at the President Suspender Co.

Miss Mabel Miner was at home over Christmas.

#### Drama.

Odd Fellows' hall was filled last Monday evening with an appreciative audience who gathered to witness the four-act play, "The Cowboy's Christmas," presented by the grammar school pupils under the direction of Richard Lilly. Will, Henry Burns, Leonard Jubb. munting.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding entertained a large family party Christic of the past few days.

Miss Catherine Coffey has been ill for the past few days.

Much sorrow is expressed for Mr. Albert W. Heywood is visiting in their little son Robert, who died early last week Friday morning after a brief that he has been in service, and has just come from Honolulu, where he was on a submarine. Mr. Heywood that distant point for Westford the night after Thanksgiving and has just arrived this week.

Magreeable to the children.

Miss Catherine Coffey has been ill for the past few days.

Much sorrow is expressed for Mr. Albert Read, Walter Church the alder and bayberry were Ervington, William Daley, Mrs. Giffen. The following exercises were given by the pupils: Song, "A song in the air"; "High life at Christmas." Holy high life at Christmas." Mildred Farnsworth: "Jes fore Christmas." Mildred Farnsworth: "Jes fore Christmas traveled extensively in the time favorite with the neighbors and children and submarine. Mr. Heywood is visiting in the incomplete the pupils: Song, "A song in the air"; "High life at Christmas." Mildred Farnsworth: "Jes fore Christmas." In the evening a splendid Christmas fister: "Old Glory." Anna favorite with the neighbors and childred Farnsworth: "Ludwig and Mr. Gray.

In the evening a bayber word of the evening a splendid Christmas carol": "Jimmy Legs Jones." Ervlington, William Daley, Mrs. Giffen. The following exercises were given by the chore were provided by the childer and bayberry were Ervlington, William Daley, Mrs. Giffen. The following exercises were given by the chore combined of fectively in the decorations, which were arranged by Miss to Might. T

> "Shine on Bethlehem star." Center.

Miss Eleanor Longley, who is atending Bryant & Stratton Business

duet, Phyllis and Mabel Norjard; "The

wustest boy." Howard Lynch; song,

for the Christmas vacation.

schools will reopen on Monday for the

A page class the first of the f

Mass Moodle afford of Wheaton col-Nice, is at the home of her parents. My and Mrs (thiele II In elford, for else smas vacation of three weeks. All of those who do suffering from the measles are reported to be getting

clong it sit, and some of them are The Gir's Sewing Guild met on last week Uciday afternoon at the home of gree its president, Miss Ethel M. Holden,

It is understood that G. L. Snow The tthat it is the has purchased the home place of the scho

The next meeting of Middle serve, be done at this time.

North Pomora Grange will be leid or Friday, January 2, at Old Fellows' 1.0, 0, F., January first, the installation of officers for 1920 will take place. The company's plant in Hoboken, Mr. J., reaching Hartford, Conn., english and officers by the installed. An address by the inmeeting under the direction of the solution of officers for 1920 will take place. N. J., reaching Hartford, Conn., english and others is planned to committee. On Thursday morning, at 9.30, one formerly of this town, now employed in Hoboken. He was accompanied by Frank Parker, of this town, who spent Christmas holldays with his

on "The political and educational conditions of South America," was intensely interesting, as Mr. Spaulding spoke from personal knowledge, hav-ing traveled in that country. He has the result being that five of the oldest children of Mrs. Como were taken to the Home for Destitute Catholic Children, Boston. Mrs. Como was a lower taken to the Home for Destitute Catholic Some misunderstanding about the lower taken to the Home for Destitute Catholic Some misunderstanding about the lower taken to the Home for Destitute Catholic Some misunderstanding about the lower taken to the lower taken taken to the lower taken taken the lower taken some misunderstanding about the lan- his sister, Mrs. Howard Terrell, on the Fitchburg road. lecture subject. He gave notice, however, that he would come again at some future date and give his lecture which he would illustrate with 140 slides. Mr. Spaulding is the Methodist district superintendent, and following the lecture the quarterly conference was held.

Charles J. Ross has taken a position in educational and vocational work in Washington, D. C., among the disabled soldiers. Mr. Ross, who resigned as principal of the Leicester schools, was formerly principal of the high school here for about five years.

Charles S. Howard, instructor at Annapolis academy. Md., is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howard. Miss Pearl M. Collicutt, of Alfred, Me., is a guest in the home.

Mr. Burbank, who received the in jury to his right eye lid by hitting his face on a wire hook at the L. U. Clement barn, is doing as well as could be expected. The hook penetrated the eye lid, necessitating several stitches. Although the injury is very painful it is fortunate that the sight of the eye is not impaired.

Mrs. Fannie Streeter and daughter Marion are spending the holidays with Mrs. Streeter's mother, Mrs. Ellen Estes.

Mrs. Charles W. Hill, of Southbridge, died at her home last Satur-day afternoon, funeral services being held on Tuesday afternoon at 1.30 from the home, interment taking place in Southbridge.

Over \$30 was realized from the food sale held under the auspices of the Red Cross and a Victrola has been purchased for a Christmas gift for the people at the town home.

The engagement of Miss Pearl May The engagement of Miss Pearl May Collicutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Collicutt, of Alfred, Me., and Charles Spaulding Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Howard, of this town, is announced.

Leon S. Marshall, who has been employed in Connecticut, has returned to town and for the present he will assist his father, E. K. Marshall, in the pail shop at the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company plant.

Charlotte Struthers, of Mt. Holyoke college, and her brother, Francis Struthers, of the New Hampshire State college, are spending the Christmas holiday vacation with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers.

Christmas Sunday Services.

Christmas Sunday was observed at he Methodist and Congregational churches with appropriate services commemorating the birth of Christ and the decorations at both churches were of the Christmas green and laurel festooning-at the Methodist Moody Parker, Albert Read, Walter church the alder and bayberry were tions, which were arranged by Miss SALE OF REAL ESTATE

vocal solo by Miss Sadie Moulton, and violin selection by Miss Irene Moul-ton. The bible christmas story was read by the superintendent of the Sun-day school, Miss Mary Patch, and a brief talk given by the pastor on "The spirit of Christmsa." At the Congregational church las

Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers preached an impressive sermon on Edwin Bridgman, of Deerfield academy, is at the home of his parents, Rev, and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman, for the Christmas vacation.

"The Christmas gift," and gave a talk to the children on "The Christmas state, situated in the Town of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, sence Mr. Seaver was unable to fursence Mr. Seaver was unable to fur-nish cheir music. In the evening a The Center primary and grammar chools will reopen on Monday for the greatly aided in the service. The passchools will reopen on Monday for the greatly aided in the service. Ine pass tor gave a talk on "Christmas hymns and two weeks."

Miss Vera Bradford, of Everett, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford, for the ment by John J. Piper. Mr. Piper costs and charges, or the whole of said an unique of said talk on "Christmas hymns and by the assessors of taxes, remain unique and their story." As the hymns and carols were read by Mr. Struthers they were sung by the choir and congression of the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said and their to satisfy were sung by the choir and companions to the same of the assessors of taxes for said Townsend by the assessors of taxes, remain unique to the assessors of taxes, and their story." sublime sweet evening star."

### West.

Mrs. Ethel Welch has recovered from her attack of measles, and her mather. Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence, who has been caring for her, has returned to the home of Mrs. Abbie Rusk, described as follows: Situated in the northwesterly part of said Drice, at the Center.

Ralph Willard, who has been

N. a student at the Maine thereon. s returned to his home

reports is improving.

ses were held in the hall. acres. ca consisted of songs by the recitations by the following and at the close of the exer-selewis, in an excellent im-

of Santa Claus, distributed the gifts from the tree. Alden Sherwin, accompanied by his little day after Dorothy, is spending a few days in Quincy and Boston.

Clarence Jodery is boarding at the ome of Mrs. Mary Robbins. George Hobart, who was taken quite ill at the farm year Fitchburg, where he has employed, has also returned there for the present, Abbott Hodgman is on the sick list

and confined to his home for the present. Joshua Gray is assisting in the farm work during his iliness. Mrs. Catherine Foley has closed her enement and gone to Fitchburg for the holidays.

The public schools closed on last week Friday afternoon for the Christmas vacation, the teachers returning to their homes—Miss Lewis to West Berlin, Miss Myllykangas to Fitchburg, and Miss Maynard to Pepperell. Clayton Tumber, of Boston, has been a recent visitor to the home of

#### LITTLETON

News Items. Hichard P. Conant, of Passaic, N , came home for Christmas.

Mrs. George Newcombe came home omewhat improved in health from her vacation in Pepperell. Her aunt the took charge of the home in Mrs. Newcombe's absence, remains with her for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Tenney and Miss Tenney were at Hon, and Mrs. Arthur K Peck's in Brookline, Christmas. Miss Mary V. Gardner, of Boston

as a Christmas guest at Mrs. J. H Whiteomb's. The Ralph Conants, of Newton, join

d in the family reunion at W. E. Co ant's, Thursday. Miss Margaret Conant returned

nome from Passaic, N. J., this week. Nearly \$700 was pledged Sunday and Monday from members of the Congregational parish for the Pilgrin nemorial pension fund for minister. in advanced years who retire from active service and need financial asistance

Miss Vera Smith came home from Pennsylvania last week for a two veeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roberts, o Brockton, were holiday guests of the C. L. Smiths.

The beautiful union vesper service on Sunday afternoon was very much appreciated by the large congregation present. Rev. H. L. Caulkins gave an inspiring talk and the 'cello solo by Austin Hartwell, music by the orchestra, vocal solos by Mrs. Hager, Miss Hunt and Miss-Evelyn Kimball, with the anthem so well rendered by the young chorus, made an impression not soon to be forgotten,

New Advertisements

#### North Middlesex Savings Bank REPAIRING ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Corporators of this Bank will be held at its Banking House on Monday, January 5, 1920, at two o'clock P. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

GUY B. REMICK, Clerk. Ayer, Mass. December 27, 1919.

LOST—Waltham Watch, hunting case, at or near scene of fire in Harvard on the night of December 5. Finder rewarded by leaving same at Public Spirit Office, Ayer. 14\*5

Collector's Notice



The owners and occupants of the Mrs. Charles E. Bradford, for the holiday.

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden and Robert H. J. Holden spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Mary O. Barnard at the village.

Miss Mae Bradford, of Wheaton cell-side where the most of Bethlehem." and Mr. Seaver, or ganist, gave a beautiful interpretation of "The angels' serenade" and "O little town of Bethlehem." Building in said Townsend, on Saturday, the 10th day of January, 1920. Building in said Townsend, on Satur-day, the 10th day of January, 1920, at two o'clock P. M., for the payment of said taxes with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall

Townsend, bounded westerly by the location of the Greenville Branch of Mrs. Ralph Willard, who has over the Boston & Maine Kahroad Compending a few days at the home of pany; northerly by land of Joseph F. Thompson and by land of Rusk and McDonald; easterly by land of A. J. Morse and land of U.S. Adams, and southerly by land of U.S. Adams, con-N. H., by the filness of her taining 414 acres with the buildings

> Tax for year 1918 \$18.04 Lot No. 2. Assessed to Mrs. Isathere has been on the sick bede K. Rusk, described as follows: beyon at E. G. Wilson's, Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend on the westerly side of schools celebrated the selection of said Railroad, opposite by an entertainment the above described lot. westerly by the road leading from western by the and social which prove western by the and social which prove west Townsend to Mason; southerly wable to the pupils, teach by land of U. S. Adams and land of dests. The school rooms he Town of Townsend; easterly by Christmas decorations, and of Alexander Reed, containing 5 Alexander Reed, containing 57

> > Tax for year 1918 \$10.80

Edia Johnson, Avis Wilson.
Weight, Glenola Hart, Beth helle K. Rusk, described as follows:
Forothy Sherwin and Faith helle K. Rusk, described as follows:
Situated in the westerly part of said held at the close of the exerSection 1. Lot No. 3. Assessed to Mrs. Isathere is a section of the control of the section of the southerly side of Main Street, bounded northerly by said Main Street; westerly by land of Alexander Reed; southerly by land of Alexander Reed; ander Reed; easterly by land of William M. Lawrence and by land of Mrs. Martha Adams: including buildings thereon, containing 1 acre.

Tax for year 1918 \$56,16 Lot No. 4. Assessed to Duncan

Rusk and A. McDonald described as follows: Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend, adjoining lo No. 1, assessed to Isabelle K. Rusk and bounded on other sides by lands of unknown owners, and being as the Lewis & Chamberlain lot, containing 41 % acres.

EVERETT W. SEAVER, Tax Collector. Townsend, Mass., Dec. 11, 1919. 

Tax for year 1918 \$10.80

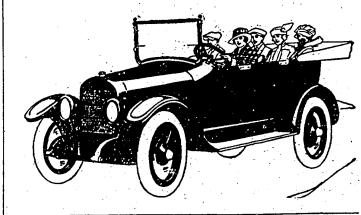


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To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may ome before the meeting.

CHARLES A. NORMAND, Ayer, Mass., December 9, 1919.

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## RATIFY PEACE NOW SAYS HOOVER

Head of Relief Work, Back From Europe, Declares Action is Necessary This Month

In an interview at the offices of the American Relief Administration European Children's Fund, at 115 Broadway, of which he will retain the Chairmanship, Mr. Hoover said:

"The outstanding need of the world, of course, is the completion of peace. Peace does not exist until the treaties are completed. Until peace is made. Europe cannot get back to work and production. Every day's delay brings new dangers. Until peace is consummated, none of the European countries which have been at war can borrow money; none can reorganize their internal finance; raw materials cannot be obtained; industry cannot be re-

"In the meantime, 75,000,000 people in Europe are living from Government unemployment doles. Virtually no continental Government knows where its boundaries may be; it is, therefore, impossible to restore communications by river, rail, telegraph



HERBERT C. HOOVER

or post, except such as are working soon after the armistice. There is no political or social stability possible."

Calls League of Nations Vital. What do you think of the League of Nations?" was asked.

"I believe in a League of Nations. or as nearly as one can be obtained," he replied. "The treaty is constructed around the theory of such a league, not around the philosophies of the 'balance of power.' If the League is not carried, the whole Peace Treaty will fall to the ground.

'There is not a frontier in Europe.' he continued, "where there is not economic friction. They can't even reconstruct transportation until the treaty is ratified."

Do you think the League of Nations will stop war?"

"It will be a step in the right direction, but it will not cure all the evils of the world overnight. The people of Europe want an immediate the Shantung peninsula in full sovpeace and never to have a great war

"I cannot pay enough tribute." he said, "to these Americans, men taken from the common life of the United States, thrust into the face of staggering political, economic problems, the solution of which must affect the wellbeing of millions. The proof of their performance lies in the fact that Europe has come through the most terrible period of its history, with no loss of life from economic causes, with a stronger democracy and a glow in its heart for the United States.

"This service has been accomplished at no mean national sacrifice. From the armistice to this year's harvest there has been furnished over \$2,250,-000,000 worth of supplies, the majority of which has been given freely upon the undertaking of the assisted .Governments of repayment at some future date. There has been no demand of special security; no political or eco monic privileges have been sought. The American people, by this second intervention, have saved civilization.

"These matters have been brought to a successful close with the arrival of the harvest and the prospect of peace. If the world cannot quickly secure the settlement of peace and safeguards for the future through the League of Nations, the whole of our two great interventions in Europe will have gone for nothing.

"My observation of the forces of Socialism in Europe has revealed to me the distance of our departure from the political, social, and economic ideals of Europe. There has grown in could by any possibility be accepted. this United States a higher sense of justice, of neighborly service, of selfsacrifice, and, above all, a willingness

to abide by the will of the majority. "These very ideals, this very sense of justice and service for our own alent to rejecting the treaty and we people give us still further opportunities. Our sister civilization in Europe is recovering from a great illness. The terms with Germany, and we would new democracies we have inspired are be reduced to the necessity of seekstriving for our ideals. We alone have ing a negotiated peace with an angry the economic and moral reserve with Germany on such terms as she would which to carry our neighbor back to be willing to accord."-Senator Hitchstrength. To do this also is true cock. Americanism."

Ideal Marrying Age. Interesting points regarding matri-mony are raised by a clause in the will of a London magnate. Much of his property is left in trust for his children, the income from their shares to be paid to their mother until each child attains the age of twenty-seven The maker of the will expressed an "earnest wish and desire" that no child should marry until that age was

reached.

#### TRUTH ABOUT SHANTUNG

"There is much confusion of thought," says the Boston Herald, "regarding the principal subject of controversy between China and Japan at the peace conference. Shantung is spoken of as if China had in 1898 leased the whole province to German, and as if Japan now wished to take possession of it all, regardless of Chinese rights. Shantung was never leased or ceded. The convention between China and Germany states that the Emperor of China "engage.". while reserving to himself all rights of sovereignty in a zone of fifty kilometers (100 Chinese ii) surrounding the bay of Kiao-Chau at high water, to permit the free passage of German troops within this zone at any time." Thus a neutral belt about 30 miles wide was created around the harbor. Next comes the most important statement that "China cedes to Germany on lease, provisionally for ninety-nine years, both sides of the entrance to the bay of Kiao-Chau." The area of the land thus ceded under the area of the land thus ceutu and lease is 123 square miles. That is a wery different thing from the 56,000 square miles of Shantung. All that Germany leased was the harbor of Kiao-Chau, which includes the town of Tsingtao.

"Then what of the question of sovereignty? We have quoted from the first and second articles of the convention, and what the third article says is that the "Chinese governwill abstain from exercising rights of sovereignty in the ceded teritory during the term of the lease. and leaves the exercise of the same to Germany." The rest of the convention is concerned with railway and mining franchises in favor of Germany, including a railway about 25 miles long from Klao-Chau to the boundary of Shantung provinces. Such conomic privileges had been granted to other nations, and a fair arrangement between China and Japan on the matters of railway construction. mining development, and utilization of water power is in sight. But is Japan to keep Kiao-Chau, which sho captured from the Germans in 1914. and is she to exercise sovereignty there, as Germany did? Soon after her troops had demolished the Tsingtao fortifications, Japan voluntarily stated that she would eventually restore the leased territory to China. In February, 1915, China promised ssent to German-Japanese agreement as to the disposition of German interests in Shantung, but at the same time Japan promised that "when, after the termination of the present war, the leased territory of Kiaounder the limited arrangements set up Chau bay is completely left to the by the American Relief Administration free disposal of Japan, the Japanese government will restore the said leased territory to China under the following conditions: (1) The whole of Kiao-Chau bay to be opened as a commercial port; (2) a concession under the exclusive jurisdiction of Japan to be established at a place designated by the Japanese government; (3) if the foreign powers desire it, an international concession may be established." This was repeated in the Japanese Diet last January by Foreign Minister Uchida

"It may be noticed that the word "sovereignty" was always avoided But the pledge was made both wider and more explicit at the peace conference. When the Japanese delegates, Baron Makino and Viscount Chinda, had approved the league of nations, with Japan as a member, they were questioned regarding Japanese policy, and their answer was: "The policy of Japan is to hand back ereignty to China, retaining only the economic privileges granted to many and the right to establish a settlement at Tsingtao.' When? The German peace treaty provides that within three months from the coming into force of the present treaty brother, the Wheeler relatives from Stow, and Harry Stevens and family. the archives, registers, plans, title-deeds," and so on, "of the territory of Kiao-Chau." Now, see where Japan stands. She has given her word to the league of nations to restore the sovereignty which China lent to Germany. Surely the situation is not so black as some political artists have painted it. Japanese honor is unquestionably pledged to the world, and wise critics will not impute to Japan the breaking of her promise before the appointed time has arrived for its fulfillment. The league has a duty in the matter. China can help by joining the league."

### AMENDMENTS WOULD

DEFEAT TREATY

"We unite in opposing and condemning the recommendations both as to textual amendments and as to proposed reservations. As far as the proposed textual amendments are concerned we see no reason to discuss their character at length. In our opinion they have no merit, but whether they be good, bad, or indifferent, their adoption by the Senate can have no possible effect except to defeat the participation of the United States in the Treaty. None of them even by the great nations associated with the United States in the war, and none of them could by any possibility be dictated to Germany. To adopt any one of them, therefore, is equivwould find ourselves at the end of the war, but without any peace or

Worry is Twin of Fear. Worry is a homeopathic or attenu ated dose of fear, and fear as all know. is a powerful depressant of the circu lation and nervous system. It is fear that paralyzes the animal that is "charmed" by a snake; it is fear that "strikes at the heart" of a child fright ened by some real or fancled appari tion or threat, predisposing to shock or collapse. It is harmful emotion There is no doubt that a susceptible individual might be actually "frightened to death."

#### LITTLETON

The Alliance social for the young people has been changed from January 2, as scheduled in the calendar, as December 27. Man J. M. Hartwell to December 27. Mrs. J. M. Hartwell is in charge of the program for the evening.

News Items.

The annual parish meeting of the Unitarian church will be held in the vestry on Monday evening, December 29. During the social hour a basket lunch will be served and coffee furnished by the ladies of the Alliance.

Among the young people home Sunday for the holidays were Misses Lil-lian Robinson, Laurice Flagg, Louise Caulkins, Mildred Eisner, Allen Kimball and Whitney Caulkins.

The community sing will be held on "How to make next year better than the last." Leader, Louise E. Caulkins.

A change from the usual order was made when the Christmas exercises of the Baptist Sunday school were given last Sunday morning, instead of Sunday evening. The children had been

The Red Cross Christmas seal cam paign for securing funds for the fight against tuberculosis, under the direc-fion of Dr. Edward A. Adams, chairman of the committee for Littleton, resulted in the sale of 9000 stamps. A large proportion of the proceeds remains in Littleton for local use. The Woman's club, the Merry Go-Round club, the Boy Scouts and the King's Daughters aided materially in making the drive a success.

Steps were taken at the close of the Sunday morning service at the Common to organize strong classes, of young men and young ladies for practical social and educational purposes. A meeting in the interest of this effort will be held in the vestry on Friday evening in the vestry.

Patrons of the lyceum pictures are issured that the cause of the low temperature in the hall on a recent even ing has been removed and that a reasonable degree of comfort may be expected in the future, as well as highgrade pictures.

The W. H. Tenneys attended the funeral of Mrs. Tenney's sister-in-law. Mrs. Elliot P. Lane, in Boston Wednesday. Her death was from heart disease and came very suddenly Sunday night, following an illness of com-paratively short duration, from which was thought she was making good recovery. The deceased was a frequent visitor at the Tenney homestead for many years, and was very fond of Littleton.

Mrs J. D. Christie came last Saturday from Detroit, Mich., where she was the guest of the Chester M. Hartwell family.

Principal and Mrs. W. P. Harris will make their new home in the Sander-son house, the lower tenement of which is occupied by C. W. Hunt, sta-

Mrs. Henry S. Brown has been spending two weeks with her daughter's family in Newton. Ralph Hill, of Portsmouth, N. H., has visited the home people since the

close of his school. Stacy C. Bates left home last Saturday for California to attend the fu-

neral of his mother. Willard A. Munson, formerly of Littleton, has been appointed supervisor of markets under the Massachusetts. epartment of Agriculture at a salary

of \$4000 a year. The J. H. D. Whitcombs entertained their children and grandchildren on

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pingry were holiday guests of their son John and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Prouty enter-

tained their children and grandchildren Christmas day. The E. A. Flaggs extended their

Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb, her children and great-grandchilfren held a holiday reunion at H. A Robbins' home in Newton, Thursday,

At a meeting of the Congregational parish held in the vestry on Monday evening, a unanimous vote was given to Rev. Gail Cleland, concurring with the vote of the church the week previ ous, and the salary was fixed at \$1500, As Mr. Cleland had expressed his willingness to accept a call to the Littleton church it is expected that he will begin his pastorate Sunday, and move into the parsonage in the immediate future.

W. E. Conant and H. W. Conant have been housed with heavy colds, Mrs. William C. Brown is now at home and her daughters. Elizabeth and Margaret, are with her for their 'hristmas vacation. Miss Esther McEnnis came home

his week to spend her holiday vacatìon. and Mrs. Leonard Tracey

(Eleanor Hill), of Hartford, Conn., are at Supt. Hill's for the Christmas sea-Miss Hattie Shafter, of New Bed-time was crowed by all ford, came home for the holiday sea-

and Mrs George Eames were the town Christmas guests of her sister in New-

mily party at their home on Christ-land rather ous day. There was a large family relialed at

E. H. Priest's, Christmas, The Hope of Resurrection,

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast " sistently hopeful attitude of the friends funny if it were not so pathetic. The burden of the number of touching oblituary tributes we have read. When

ng thirst on the part of the public to ction of the supreme court declaring constitutional.

We read a few days since an argu-

ment evidently put out in all serious ness by the Society Opposed to Prohibition to the effect that the difficulty Sunday evening in the Baptist church at the usual hour, 7.29. The C. E. meeting will be held at 6.30. Topic, in obtaining alcoholic stimulants has greatly aided the spread of Bolshevism in this country. This argument struck us as at least having the merit of

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the national joy smoke

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meeting, followed by a Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. R. M. French.

neld in Grange hall on Thursday, Jan

and is a pleasant opportunity for church members and all others

are interested in the church—for all

such are invited—to get together Dinner will be served at noon.

Mrs. Emma Goodwin has gone

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable

ociety will postpone their meeting a

week on account of the church meet-

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Miss Marion Stiles, of Nashua, is at home for the Christmas vacation.

The social dance was largely attend-

will be another on Wednesday even-ing, December 31.

were exercises by the children, the trees looked very pretty with their

Miss Mildred Dodge has gone to her

Parsons to her home in Gloucester.

Brookline Grange won the prize for degree work given by the State

Mrs. Charlotta Wright and Mrs.

The Christmas services held at the

Congregational church last Sunday

dren's concert will be given on Sunday

Mrs. Edna Hall, Mrs. Della Hall

Miss Blanche Hall and Mrs. Estella

Haghes were recent visitors in

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunbar spen-

the week-end in Fitchburg and Leom-

Mrs. John Andrews was a recent

Mrs. Mary Scripture was one of the

infortunate ones to be burned out in the fire in Nishua. She was formerly

Mos Mande Greeley, Mrs Myra farler and Misses Ethel and Velpor coor have been recent visitors in

Mis Clara Russell has return

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South Brookline Social algorithms

of the past week as we ground it weather and will not need to have as

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Objection and function for a stration beased were for a XS of Milford

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the guest of his mother, Mrs

Miss Frances Parnsworth is at th

Walter Rockwood was a recent visit

Mrs. Minnie Holcombe has returne

weeks in Groton at the home of Mrs

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C. H. Holmos has have no

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Addella Whitcomb were in Milford

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Mass., for the Christmas vacation.

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pro and con on the liquor question, but this is the first time we ever heard of the "Demon Rum" in the capacity of a pacifist or a force for law and order. How twisted in their ideas have been the authorities in the past when they inaugurated the closing of the saloon on election day and during serious strikes in our big cities. Evidently the better way would have been to fill up the agitators with alcohol and store

Repealing a constitutional amendment will be a long and tedious process and before it is accomplished the thirst will have been worn off and we will have learned that we can live even in a great American desert. Cheer up brothren, "the worst is yet to come V. T. E.

News Items.

The funeral of Hiram A. Glover who died at his home on December 13, after a lingering illness, was held last week Wednesday afternoon at the home and was largely attended, Rev. Guy H. Robbins, of Lawrence, officiating. The body was taken to Dunstable for burial. Mr. Glover was a native of Tyngsboro, but had resided in town for fourteen years. He is survived by his widow and six chiliren, Mrs. Fannie Ford, of Nashua. Milton, Clifton, Leon and Alida, of this town; three brothers and a sister, of Dunstable, and three grandchil-

old Claggett place on Pine hill to replace the one burned there two years or more ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Worcester, went to Cambridge, Mass., Monday, to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Sage, and family.

Miss Ellen Clark is home from Northfield seminary for a ten-days' vacation.

Mrs. George Cady has returned from Miss Ruth Goodwin is enjoying a er visit to Washington, D. C. On he way home she visited Capt. Warren Barnaby and family in Philadelphia. and Miss Lenora Bradley in New York; also, friends in Maine.

end boxes to Grassmere and the Mercy Home for Girls in Manchester

cation.

ter, Cambridge; Mildred French, Haverhill; Hazel Lougee, Plymouth; Evelyn Brown Parker and Dorothy Farwhich much credit is due to the teach-

Mrs. Charles E. Hardy returned

The Woman's club will meet in the adies' parlor on Wednesday of next were much enjoyed by all, especially the solo by Mrs. Ferguson. The chilweek. This will be a Pilgrim celebration. There will be music, and tea

mas party last week Thursday even-ing, the two teachers, Misses Gilhooley and Farquar, having it in charge. There was a fine program carried out consisting of a farce, "A mixup in Santa Claus land," Ted Max-well and Bessie Mercer acting as Mr. and Mrs. Santa: recitations and the singing of the Christmas songs. The most attractive feature of the evening, perhaps, was a beautiful Christ. mas tree from which Mr. and Mrs. Santa dispersed presents to the children. The parents of the young peo-ple attended and it was one of the

Misses Read and Newton, who teach the lower groles, had Christmas trees

class will give a leap year dance at the town belt on New Year's night. Hollis defected Neshna Y. M. C. A

Hills and James Hildeont attended the tax colonies oners meeting in Man-

"Christ, the nations' king," was the

the rules laid down by the constitution litself cam be found unconstitutional even by the supreme court did not appear clear to the lay mind. Still strange things do happen these days and we have good authority to prove that "by faith mountains are moved." In some quarters it is held that the

vote recently on the lifense question in the cities holding elections was a glowing tribute to the conspicuous virtues of the late lamented, but admit-ting that, it seems to have come a little too late to cheer up the departed —like the floral tributes at an ordinary funeral. It seems very much like putting a lock on the henhouse door after the hens are stolen

originality.

We have heard many arguments

the ashators with alcohol and store them in the cooler until the crisis had passed. Well, we must live and learn.

It looks very much as though we were in for a long drouth and those of us who appreciated our "little nip" now and then may as well make up our minds to it. The distractions of the great war caused the friends of the late J. B. to relax their vigilance and congress passed the death sentence and the resurrection will come hard.

#### HOLLIS, N. H.

A large barn is being erected on the

Mrs. Ellen H. Lovejoy, who has been spending some weeks with her sister,

three-weeks' vacation from her school duties at Colby academy. New London, and has been visiting her sister, Mrs.

George F. Hills. The W. C. T. U. are planning to

Miss Elizabeth Worcester is home from Wellesley for a three-weeks' va-

Louis Brown, Maine university; Irv-Christmas hospitality to about twenty Brighton, are among those home for relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. the Christmas vacation.

Miss Eunice Walsh and her brother Myron were home over Sunday. Ralph and Harland Muzzey were in wn on Sunday,

home from Concord last week after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Perley Foster, for three weeks.

will be served.

The grammar school held a Christpretty and pleasant affairs of Christ-

The junior zirls of the high school Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Christie held a of 40 to 14. It was a very exciting

chester I st week Thursday,

Nothing proves the theme carried out in the Christmas last Sunday morning: Part 1-The and serviters of the late lamented birthday of the king; organ prelide.

John Barleycorn. Their faith in an processional, "Angels from the realms early resurrection of the departed of glory"; invocation; recitation, "The adoration of the wise men"; song: recitations: Christmas song, and "Blessed Christmas"; a Christma story; song, "What can I give him?" burden of the number of touching oblivary tributes we have read. When boiled down it seems to be simply and forcibly expressed in the words of the good book—"He is not dead but sleepeth."

The hope of resurrection seems to rest in several things from a consumsouth and east and west"; bearing the Make Hammond the prohibitory amendment unconstitutional, which it has declared was French; collection, the offering for on last week Friday at St. Joseph's the World Kingdom; hymn, "O Zion, hospital. He reports the serious op-haste"; benediction. In the evening eration of Mrs. Robert Copeland, of Just how an amendment to the constitution passed strictly according to

### process. You know P. A. is the tobacco that has led three men to smoke pipes where one was smoked before. Yes sir, Prince Albert blazed the way. And, me-o-my, what a wad of smokesport will ripple your way

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#### **GROTON**

News Items.

The Book and Thimble club me last week, with a miscellaneous subject, each member bringing some article of interest varying from "grave to The quotations in response to roll call is an instructive and interesting feature of the club program. At the close of the meeting light refreshments were served by the hostess and a social hour enjoyed.

Mrs. William N. Souther went last week to the Massachusetts General

hospital for an operation. Mrs. Eva Clark Parfitt continues to be seriously ill, no marked improve-ment having taken place.

Mrs. Lucy White, who is an aunt of Amos L. Ames, Jr., of Champney street, has been suffering from a hard from Townsend.
cold, but is now improving.

Mason Shattu

Miss Blanche Perry, of Concord, N. who has been visiting her sister Mrs. A. A. Wood, has gone to Clinton to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Minot Bastian.

Mrs. Eber J. Kierstead is keeping house for Elmer Sawyer during Mrs Sawyer's stay at Dr. Kilbourn's hospi-

Frank Patterson and family move this week to Winchester, where Mr. Patterson is to take a position as

Mrs. Prospero Carpentier is at Dr Kilbourn's hospital.

some parts of the town. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Danielson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Thayer, Jr., at the supper and dance given at the Copley Plaza in Boston on Thursday evening, December 18. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence were present on the same occasion as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gorham

C. Z. Southard has moved his office to the Fuller house on Main street. Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy, who have been with him previously, have

moved with him to his new location.

Alfred are at home for the Christmas

At the Congregational church last Sunday Rev. Frank Auchter preached upon "The unspeakable gift," God's gift of love to man as shown in the coming of Christ. The beautiful Christmas musical service, given un-der the direction of Miss Susan P. Hill, was especially pleasing and help-ful. Circulars relating to the Pilgrim memorial fund were distributed through the pews and it was announcedistributed ed that the preacher for next Sunday would speak upon this movement. A notice was read in regard to the everymember canvass of the society to be taken to raise funds for the church for the year 1920.

The Christmas vesper service at the Unitarian church on Sunday after-Unitarian church on Sunday afternoon opened with the organ prelude,
Pastoral Symphony from "The Messiah," Miss Lowe. The order of service was as follows: "The little town
of Bethlehem," choir; "Hark! the
herald angels sing," "Come all ye
faithful," and "Good King Wencelans." laus," entire congregation; scripture lesson, the story of the Nativity from St. Luke's, pastor; "Nazareth," choir; prayer, pastor; "O holy night," choir; Christmas sermon, pastor; "The first Congregation: benediction. pastor, followed by the postlude, "The loses a conscientious, faithful and be-hallelujah chorus." The choir was loved member, whose recent return composed of Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Ebert, Mrs. Sherwin, Miss Coburn. Miss Susan Hill, Herbert Evans B. Gerrish, accompanied by Mrs. S. W. Sabine and Miss Geraldine Lawrence on the violin.

Born on Saturday, December 20, at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, a daughter, copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, and a copy published in formald. Miss Fernald's weight was

seven pounds. The death of Cadwell F. Bliss, which occurred last week, leaves a vacant place in the class of 1913, G. H. S., as well as in the ranks of the boys who in the service during the war He is remembered as a quiet, consci entious boy, who did his duties in school faithfully, and went with his comrades to France, where he was promoted to the rank of corporal. He was much respected by all who knew him. His funeral services were held on last Saturday.

The children connected with the sewing school had their annual Christmas party last Saturday afternoon. On their arrival at their room they found it lighted only by the brilliantly illuminated Christmas tree, whose twinkling colored lights of different hues gave promise of the merry time in store for them. After the singing of Christmas songs Mrs. John Lawrence, aided by Mrs. S. W. Sabine and Miss Geraldine Lawrence, distributed the Christmas presents, each child having asparcel of candy with an individual gift. Dancing followed, during which there was an intermission when cake and ice cream were served. this the dancing was resumed until the closing hour arrived, when the company went home to dream of further Christmas joys to come.

The third number in this seas n's ercises by Miss Doane's pupils, mades course of the Blood-Bigelow lectures 4 and 5: A merry Christmas to all, will be a concert on Tuesday, December Caroline, Davis: A Christmas wish. Redpath Concert Company.

Mrs. Heald of Carlisie is at Dr. Kil-bourn's hospital to take Mrs. Lizzie Floyd's place as night nurse. Mrs. Floyd's place as night nurse. Mrs. Tand 8: Merry Christmas, Ruth Pat-Floyd has a had cold and is being Floyd has a had cold and is being cared for at the hospital.

Weather permitting the piano pupils of Miss Elizabeth Lowe will give a 'Music play" recital on December 31. at 7,30 p. m., in the vestry of the Un-Itarian church. A silver offering will be taken at the door. The proceeds are for church work.

Born on Monday, December 15, son weighing nine and one-half pounds son weighing nine and one-half pounds plis, grades 1 and 2. Song Good King to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sawyer at Dr. Wenceslaus. Exercise by Miss Rob-A. G. Kilhourn's hospital.

the Christmas vacation in town.

Miss Genieve H. Harrington is asristing at the postoffice during the Christmas holidays.

The annual meeting of Groton local of the N. E. Milk Producers' associa-tion for the election of officers and transaction of other business will be held in the lower town hall on Monday. January 5, at 2,30 p, m. All milk producers, whether members or not, are ferent schools were much enjoyed.

invited to attend and members are urged to pay their dues to date us soon as possible at the request of headquar-ters in Boston. The N. E. M. P. A. has done good work the past year—witness the greatly increased consump-The Book and Thimble club met tion of milk as a result of the adver-with Mrs. Sim on Friday afternoon of tising campaign. Don't let the burden of supporting it be carried by a few willing ones,

> Charles Dodge, of the Groton Inn had a slight shock last Sunday, from which he is recovering.

The Grange met on Tuesday evening and elected officers to fill vacan-cies. Eber J. Kierstead was elected master; Kennie Fletcher, overseer: Raymond Sawyer, assistant steward; Mrs. Ella Gilson, treasurer, and George H. Woods, executive committee, three years. After the business meeting came the Christmas entertainment with a tree and presents for all the members. A good number atall the members. A good number at-tended this meeting, including visitors Mason Shattuck came home last

Monday on a six-days' furlough. Owing to the illness of Mrs. R Holsington, Lunenburg, Mrs. Bradford Harrington has returned to tow to be under the care of Mrs. M. M. Boynton,

The Dinan place has been sold and two Polish families are occupying it.

Christmas Entertainment. The Christmas festival at the Con gregational church was held on Tues-day evening as planned. The room was made attractive by decorations Cilbourn's hospital.

On last Saturday it was reported where, and the Christmas tree with that the ice was six inches thick in its electric light bulbs, tinsel and Christmas bells, added to the cheeri ness of the occasion. The work of decorating was done by Miss E. F. Vickery's Sunday school class. There was also a smaller tree which was used in the play. The Ladies' Benevo-lent society furnished a bountiful supply of refreshments of ice cream sand-wiches, etc. The tables were filled with the happy children and their friends. After the supper all joined in singing Christmas carols, led by

moved with him to his new location.

Miss Elizabeth Hill has a class of fifty scholars at the Tarbell school studying birds.

Miss Helen F. Gay and her brother Alfred are at home for the Christmas. teachers: Following the entertain-ment Santa Claus appeared with his pack upon his back, and helped by the same young ladies who had done such good work in decorating the room, distributed the presents. After the presents were distributed Mr. Evans announced that there would be ment would be a pageant celebrating the landing of the Pilgrims. It was also announced that January 4 would be Rally Sunday for the school, and there would be a special speaker for

the day.

The North End Sunday school came and joined in the social part of the entertainment. The company separated after what by unanimous consent was a most delightful evening,

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted at a recent meeting of the Laurence W. Gay post, American Legion:

Whereas, the members of our Post upon learning of the sudden death of

our dear comrade, Cadwell Bliss. Resolved, that this Post keenly feels the loss sustained, and by his death after long service in France makes the loss particularly hard to bear.

Resolved, that this Post extends its most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his family in their sad bereavement. Resolved that this tribute of appreciation of his character be spread upon the records of the Post; that a

.he Groton Landmark. Harry L. Bruce, Daniel Needham, Winthrop Committee on Resolutions. Groton, Mass., Dec. 23, 1919.

School Notes.

The closing exercises of the Boutell and Tarbell schools were held on Friday, December 19, with the follow-

ing program: Boutwell school-Exercises by Miss Roache's pupils, grade 1—Merry Thristmas, Elizabeth Bywater; A possibility, John Denahy; The longest day, Sarina Chiaramonte; Mansfield's stocking, Mansfield Branigan; Envy, George Kilbourn; A wish, Helen Hammond; songs, grades 1 and 2 in unison. Exercises by Miss Burkinshaw's pupils, grades 2 and 3: Santa Claus dia-Why do bells for Christmas ring? Helen Moison; Talking to Santa through the telephone. Una Souther: Christmas, Jane Knight, John Denany, Marion Bishop; song, On Christmas day in the morning: An up-todate Santa, Grafton Hemenway. Exercises by Miss Leonard's pupils, grades 3 and 4 Christmas dialogues: thristmas troubles, Elinor Moison; Sleigh song, school: Polly's presents. Elicine Smith: A Christmas visitor, cation, Richel Wood and Amy Wright. Exwill be a musicale by the Willard Tolles; song. The three kings, oncert Company. Woodbury Raddin; (bristmas time, an Reapath Concert Company.

The meeting of the Laurence W Gay post, A L. last Saturday evening, had so small an attendance that it was voted to postpone the election of officers until January 16. All members of the post are unged to be present.

Mrs. Heald of Carlisle is at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital to take Mrs. Lizzie hight, four girls and chorus. Exercises.

terson, Emily Wright, Richard Torrey, Edward Connolly: Santa Claus, Jos phine Majenski, Gladys Greenwood, Clara Marcelaise, Lloyd Fallon; December, Melvin Maneur: Christmas verses, Bernice Souther, Catherine Freeman, story, The little tree, Eliza-

Tarbell school-Violin solo, Robert Allen. Exercise by Miss Tricot's pu bins' pupits, grades 3 and 4: Song, Miss Lillian W. Kane is spending Deck the hall. Exercise by Miss Flynn's pupils, grades 5 and 6: Song The first Noël, Exercises by Miss Murray's pupils, grades 7 and 8: Trio, Three kings of the Orient, Harry Dodge, Raymond Cronin, Robert Al ten; recitation, The bells, Dorothy Bixby: The birds' Christmas, Mary O'Sul-

beth Rowell.

livan; song, Little town of Bethlehem violin solo, Robert Allen. The Christmas festivities at the dif-



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the children having a royal good time nd Santa remembered them all.

Miss Marion Poole, who taught in the Groton High school in 1917-18, was married at her home in Hudson on Saturday, December 20, to Horace Kidger of Newtonville. After leaving Groton Miss Poole taught history and Latin in the Hudson High school,

Misses Edna Leonard and Florence Roache went to Chicopee to visit Miss Marguerite Leonard after the closing of the school term.

Miss Beatrice Murphy, G. H. S., '18, is at home from Salem Normal school and attended the high school dance.

The high school dance was as sucering the weather. The matrons at this dance were Mrs. Arthur W. Lamb, Mrs. Laurence E. Blood, Mrs. Arthur G. Kilbourn, Mrs. Frank A. Torrey, Miss Elizabeth Marsh,

The pupils of the Trowbridge school t the piano. day afternoon, December 18. The en-The entertainment which followed tertainment opened with the singing cake, candy and oranges were served. After the distribution of the gifts Mrs. Wharton and Mrs. Ebert, Mrs. Wharton started the Victrola and the rest of the afternoon was spent in a merry social time, which was enjoyed greatly by all present.

friends at dinner.

Frank Curtis and Mrs. Mary Kezai were married Wednesday evening at the Unitarian parsonage by Rev. Charles B. Ames.

The community Christmas tree was erected near the fountain, as has been the custom for the last few years, and on Wednesday evening Mr. May took

W. H. Bruce and family spent the

holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry L Mrs. Abbie Bennett and Miss Re

ecca Torrey spent Christmas day with James Bennett and family on School Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Churchill, of laremont, who have been boarding

t W. A. Brown's, have gone to their ome for the holiday. Mrs. E. M. Needham opened he nouse this week for a Christmas gathering such as has been the custom for a long time until within the last few She had all her children, grandchildren and other friends, and they had a merry Christmas indeed.

a son, born December 13-Francis

Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Ames enterained a few friends at Christmas dinner, and knowing the host and host-

merry time. The Unitarian Sunday school Christmas festivities were held on Wednes-day evening. Supper was served at six o'clock of baked beans, oyster stew, pies, coffee, etc. The supper was in charge of Mrs. George E.

Hodgman and assistants. George H Cook was the guest of nis mother on Court street, Monday. A new furnace is soon to be installed

it the Unitarian church. Mr. Ulrich, who has been in town, boarding at W. A. Brown's, finished his work here this week and returned to his home in Pittsburg, Pa., expecting to be here in apple time nekt year. Roy Bennett is home from Worcester Polytechnic for the Christmas va-

Miss Comm of Groton School, left own on Monday for a Christmas va-

West Groton, Mrs. Helen Ellison of Nantucket. Miss Alice Humiston of Hanover, N. and Miss Frieda Humiston of Nas-Institute, Springvale, Me., are uding their Christmas vacation at re home of their grandmother, Mrs.

Marth . Tarbell. On Friday afternoon of last week the teachers of Tarbell school joined in providing a beautiful Christmas tree their pupils. The tree was placed in the entrance hall and was decorated by the children. Through the gener sity of Mrs. Francis Hayes each child received a gift. A. W. Lamb kindly

cted the part of Santa Claus. Cadwell F. Bliss passed away on Wednesday of last week. The funeral ervices were held at the church on Saturday at one o'clock. Rev. William Sanley officiated.

Frank Cottrell returned from Philadelphia last Saturday. He will remain with his family until the first of the year, when he will go to Connecti-cut where he will take up new duties. Mrs. E. K. Harrington is very much improved in health. She was able to to to Ayer last week where she spent the day with Mrs. F. E. Harrington.

Miss Vera Donovan left on Wednese day evening to spend Christmas with, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Donovan, in Gardner,

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bixby that their sonin-law, Charles Chapman, was seriously injured Monday evening. Mr. and en under the direction of Mrs. Alice placed, which is quite an addition.

by the roadside to investigate some trouble with his car. An automobile passing at a high rate of speed struck and throw him forty feet. He was taken immediately to the Concord hospital, where the extent of his injuries has not yet been ascertained.

Mrs. Renald Fernald gave birth to daughter on Saturday evening at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital. As the little one came so near Christmas she is to be called Carol.

Over sixty dollars was contributed oward purchasing gifts for the children at the community tree on Christ-

John and Albert Robinson spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Robinson, in East Wal-

Mrs. G. H. Bixby has been ill for several days. She is confined to her bed and is under the care of a phy-Ralph Lawrence, Gregory Smith and Arnold Ganley are spending the holi-

Mrs. Madigan of Fitchburg enter-tained her niece, Virginia Harrington, and Dorothy Bixby over the week-end. They had a delightful time attending the movies and visiting the shops.

Obituary.

days in town.

Edmund L. Blood, son of Edmund and Mary Catherine (Hale) Blood, was born in West Groton on Septemher 23, 1832, in the house now occued from the old farm place many years ago. He was born and always lived and died on the farm which his father and his grandfather, Eben-ezer Blood, and in all probability his great-grandfather, Jonas Blood, had occupied before had. He had two brothers, Charles Sumner Blood and George F. Blood, who have passed before him.

On October 8, 1853, Mr. Blood mar ried Louisa Crossman, of Shirley, who died on July 31, 1917. Ten children were born to them, four of whom died in infancy. Annie died at the age of are Mrs. Carrie Slaney, of Pawtucket R. I.; Mrs. Mary Balcom, of Milford, N. H.; Charles E. E. and Fred L. Blood, of West Groton, and Frank C. Blood, of Fitchburg. There were also ten grandchildren and thirteen greatgrandchildren

Mr. Blood received a limited but practical education at the old brick schoolhouse near Kemp's corner, and at Lawrence academy. For the great-er part of his life he was engaged in farming, but he conducted a butcher's trade for several years and dealt quite bout Town.

Christmas was a perfect day and mill with that commodity year after there were many who entertained their year. He had acquired a large num-friends at dinner. ber of acres of wood and timberland He sold to the founders of Grotor School the land on which the buildings of that school now stand.

In company with Edmund Tarbell, father of Edmund C. Tarbell, a noted artist of Boston, he built many boats erected near the fountain, as has been the custom for the last few years, and on Wednesday evening Mr. May took those who could go around to sing carols to the sick and shut-ins.

A Proposition of the last few years, and fishing together. Both hunting and fishing were Mr. Blood's favorite pastime. The forest and the stream had a charm for him. He was skilful with

A. B. Farwell and family spent the holiday in Winchester with Mrs. Farwell's mother, Mrs. Chapman.

a charm for him. He was skilful with A very enjoyable dancing party was the rod and gun, and took delight in held last Saturday evening at the Soltholiday in Winchester with Mrs. Farwell's mother, Mrs. Chapman. like them eagerly responded to the call of the wild, which caused him to go to Maine for several seasons • hunting expeditions with his friend,

Those who attended his funeral may have noticed that a bible lay on his casket. That book was one of his most precious earthly possessions and connected him very closely with one of West Groton's well-known families -the Tarbells. It was presented to him by the family many years ago as token of appreciation of his bravery in having saved from drowning the life of Frank B. Tarbell, now a distinguished professor of Chicago university. The picture that accompanies this short sketch was produced from a portrait taken by John Tar-hell, of New York. When a boy, Mr. civing congratulations on the birth of son, born December 13—Francis many of their boyhood days with Mr. Villiam.

Mrs. William N. Souther is a patient of affection springing up between them, the Massachusetts Congrat happing the following congratulations on the birth of Tarbell and his brother Frank spent many of their boyhood days with Mr. They are members of the Junior Girls league and number thirty. They meet asked it did their parts very well paid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said the league and number thirty. They meet asked it did their parts very well paid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said ceiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born December 12—Francis many of their boyhood days with Mr. William. at the Massachusetts General hospital, their friendship continuing through

#### SHIRLEY

News Items.

Following the usual custom the President Suspender Company gave ach of its employees who have ed for the company twenty-five years \$25 as a Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah F. O'Neil en tertained Christmas day their two daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs James McMillan, of Lowell, and Mr and Mrs. Newbert Sanderson, of Ayer John Penescau has given up his posiion in the fire department at Camp

The Shirley Electric Company gay urkeys to their employees for Christ-

Mr. and Mrs. David Lash entertain d over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. J. W. as, Mrs. A. B. Smith and daugh Stevens, Mrs. A. B. Smith and dadging the Theris, of Durham, N. H.; also, Mrs. H. A. Shrives, of Durham, N. H., mother of Mrs. Lash, and Mrs. and Mrs. H. A. Beane, Misses Barbara and Marting Beane, of Lynn.

Mis Sadie White, of Boston, spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gately.

James McGiffen, seventy-five years died at the Clinton hospital afternoon from the effects ality and a general break-He was employed at the fac-the President Suspender Co. only taken to the hospital on His nearest survivor is a Monday

Mrs. John Korkuc, aged twenty-nine years, passed away at her home in the Phoenix block early Christmas morning after an illness of about two years from the effects of empyema. The near survivors are a husband and two young danghters, aged six and seven

years. Arthur G. Dunn, town clerk, met with a serious and painful scalding accident Wednesday afternoon at his home. Mr. Dunn placed on his range an eight-quart milk can. A short time afterwards the force from the steam threw the hot water into his face scalding him severely, and closing one of his eyes. Lester G. Holden is taking charge of Mr. Dunn's milk route

Christmas Obeservances.

temporarily

The churches of the town observed Christmas with Christmas trees, entertainment and distribution of gifts by Santa Claus. At the Congregational church a brief entertainment was giv-

Mrs. Chapman were on their way to Groton at the time and the accident occurred when Mr. Chapman stopped Howe's and Miss Park's classes; recitations, Josephine Lash and Geneviev Coddington; song, "The first Noël," Mrs. Wright's class; recitations, Esther Goodheart and Nina Burchstead; song, The heavenly stranger," Miss Howe's and Miss Park's classes; remarks, Rev S. F. Goodheart. The tree decorations were in charge of Sergt, and Mrs. Coddington and Miss Howe. Santa distributed candy and gifts to all pres-

> At the Baptist church a Christman tree laden with gifts, serving of re-freshments and a visit from Santa laus, with the rendering of the fol lowing program were the pleasing features: Welcome address, Mabol Par-menter; recitations, "Christmas bells," Edward Wheeler; "Christmas day," Edward wheeler; "Christmas day," Irene Wells; "My dream," Frank Parmenter; recitation, with response, "The Christmas message," Mabel Parmenter and Marjorie Wheeler; recitations, "Why do bells at Christmas ring?" Margaret Parmenter; "The

message of the angels," Mabel Pene-seau; "Christmas cheer," Leona Weeks; exercise, "What the shepherds saw," four boys; recitations, "The king's birthday," Greta Hocquard; "Down at grandpa's house, Marjorfe Wheeler; "A little child," Henry Wells; exercise, "The way of giving, two girls; recitation, "A merry Christmas all," William Lesley.

At the Universalist church greater enthusiasm than usual was in evidence. There was a large tree laden to the limit with gifts and most beautifully decorated. The children of the Sun day school gave recitations and songs, and a special exercise, "The angels," by Ruth Lynch, Virginia Wheeler and Harriet Wheeler was a most delightful feature. Ice cream, cake and coco was served to the large number pres ent. Santa Claus arrived before nin o'clock, and after making merry with the children distributed the gifts. The program of the evening was in charge of Miss Ethel Peabody.

News Items.

The Christmas celebration for the Baptist Sunday school was held Wed-nesday evening at seven o'clock. The program given by the children was very spicy and appropriate. Santa Claus arrived in time to distribute the gifts to the children, and judging from the tracks in the snow and the feminine voice. Santa must have joined the woman suffrage movement. While the children were all remembered the pastor was not forgotten, for the congre for Christmas.

Thomas Kittredge has sold the bar ber shop which he has been conduct ing, next to Homer's jewelry store Main street, to Joseph E. Donovan who runs a shop on Merchants' row Mr. Donovan has a lease on his present quarters, and it is understood that he will keep both shops open for the present.

Ellsworth L. Reed, son of Frank L. Reed, is home on a seven-days' furlough from the army hospital in Balment. His health is much improved but he has not yet received his discharge from service.

A very enjoyable dancing party was participants were pupils from the high school. Music was furnished by an orchestra from Camp Devens. The hours were from eight until ten o'clock. There were matrons and the whole affair was excellent in every

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood entertained at Christmas their children Mr. and Mrs. F. Warren Lamoreaux, of Cambridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lang, of Nashua, N. H.

Augustus A. Fillebrown has not beer very well for a few days, but is bet-ter at last reports and is able to be up and around.

The Christmas masque presented a the Soldiers' clubhouse on Wednesday evening was enjoyed by a good sized audience. The young girls who prenasque was a very fine affair and was intended to show that the spirit of living was the Christmas joy. The various spirits were represented by Bettie Cleary, Helen Stone, Mary Cleary, Esther Washburn and Margaret Rand, while the parts of the nembers of the family were taken by Alice Rand, Dorothy Carman, Dorothy Jubb and Marah Whitney, while Mrs. Gould was the mother. Then there were fourteen others who took the part of the neighbors, and others who were dancers around the Christmas tree. Orchestral music filled the causes between the acts. Mrs. Lucius Fairchild was general director of the play. Following the play a number of the girls, in charge of Mrs. Gould went by auto to the base hospital a amp Devens and sang carols at many f the wards.

### HARVARD

still River.

The Christmas tree exercises at the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening was well attended and the exercises by the children were splendid. The vestry was very prettily trimmed and a very handsome tree was well loaded. Fred Bateman, as Santa Claus, had presents for all, among which was a ery large stocking containing vegetables and groceries and a sum of money for Mr. Gussman and family money for Mr. Gussman and family from the people of the village, who also paid for a large turkey for their Christmas dinner. Thursday evening a party consisting of Mrs. Mary Haskell, Mrs. Annie Haskell, Helen Stone, Edith Farnsworth, Edna Robinson Ruth Willard, Eleanor Haskell, Merrill Isely. William Cunningham and Warren Harrod went to quite a num-ber of houses of the older people and shut-ins and sang Christmas carols, which were much appreciated. They ang at twelve places.

Mrs. Carrie Nourse spent the holiday in Hudson with her daughter, Mrs Katherine Lawrence took dinner

ith her sister, Mrs. Annie M. Clark, of Lancaster. There was a family party at Mrs. Joyce's and at Miss Neyland's, Christ-

Mr. and Mrs. Viles and Mr. and Mrs.

Holland spent the holiday in the vicinity of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes entertained at dinner, Christmas, Fred and Eliza Bateman, Mrs. Adeliza Turner, Miss

Alice Marshall and Merrill Isely. A cupola has been placed on Mr. Dalby's barn and a weather vane

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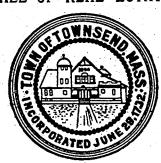
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#### New Advertisements Collector's Notice

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The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, ac cording to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for said Townsend by the assessors of taxes, remain un-paid, and that the smallest undivided land if no person offers to take an un-divided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Se lectmen's Room, in Memorial Hall Bullding in said Townsend, on Saturday, the 10th day of January, 1920 at two o'clock P. M., for the payment of said taxes with interest, costs and be previously discharged.

Lot No. 1. Assessed to Mrs. Isabelle K. Rusk described as follows: Sit uated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend, bounded westerly by the location of the Greenville Branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company; northerly by land of Joseph F Thompson and by land of Rusk and McDonald; easterly by land of A. J Morse and land of U.S. Adams, and southerly by land of U.S. Adams, containing 41% acres with the buildings hereon.

> 17.54 Tax for year 1917

Lot No. 2. Assessed to Mrs. Isa celle K. Rusk, described as follows Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend on the westerly side of the location of said Railroad, opposite he above described lot, 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 b

Tax for year 1916

Tax for year 1917 Lot No. 3. Assessed to Mrs. Isa elle K. Rusk, described as follows Situated in the westerty part of said Townsend on the southerly side of Main Street, bounded northerly by said Main Street; westerly by land of Alex ander Reed; southerly by land of Alex ander Reed; easterly by land of Wi am M. Lawrence and by land of Mr Martha Adams; including building thereon, containing 1 acre.

Tax for year 1916 Tax for year 1917

Lot No. 4. Assessed to Duncan Rusk and A. McDonald described as ollows: Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend, adjoining lo No. 1. assessed to Isabello K. Rusk nd bounded on other sides by lands of unknown owners, and being known as the Lewis & Chamberlain lot, con-

taining 4114 acres. Tax for year 1916 10.50 Tax for year 1917

C. L. WEBSTER, Collector of Taxes for years, 1916 and 1917. 3t16

Townsend, Mass., Dec. 17, 1919.

NOTICE

After January 1, 1920, I shall retail ice in West Groton. My icehouse in After January 1, 1920, I shall retail no ice in West Groton. My icehouse in West Groton is for eale; capacity 200 tons. WILLIAM V. BIXBY, West Groton, Mass. 2215

10 WOOD CHOPPERS wanted at once, Apply to L. J. FARNSWORTH, Shirley, Mass. 3t17° CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the kind messages of sympathy and for the beautiful flowers which were received during the illness and death of our dear Cadwell. We also wish to thank our pastor. Mrs. Ames and the American Legion for their assistance.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bliss, Ethel J. Bliss, Robert E. Bliss, Lida A. Bliss. West Groton, Mass., Dec. 24, 1919,

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DRUGGIST

Main Street

#### AYER

Nows Items. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Reardon of Winthrop are spending the Christ-mas holidays with his sister, Mrs. Clarence Moore, Elm street.

The Ayer Hardware Company has bought out the Ayer Farmers' Coop-erative Exchange on Central avenue, which has been closing out its business for several weeks past. The new owners take possession on February first and propose to continue the business in connection with their present hardware business on Park atreet.

Charles Chapman of Winchester, who will be remembered as having formerly conducted a clothing store in town where the savings bank is now located, was seriously injured Mon-day evening, when he was struck by an automobilio near Concord. Mr. Chapman was on his way to Groton and while standing near his car at the side of the road, was struck by a passing machine and thrown forty feet. He was taken to the Concord hospital for treatment.

The Federated church was the scene of a large and pleasant gathering on Wednesday evening on the occasion of the Christmas tree. The evening opened with recitations by the younger members of the Sunday school. There was singing of carols and dancing around the tree. B. F. Tyrrell was santa Claus and he came in his gay apparel accompanied with ringing of bells. He greeted everyone and distilluted the different parts of the control of the contro tributed the gifts from the tree. Mr. Chaffee, the minister, received a check from his people and Mrs. Chaffee a beautiful silver token from her Sunday school class. Miss Lucy Smith had charge of the entertainment, and Miss Ruth Harlow of the decorations of the tree. They were assisted by the Nonaicolcus Camp Fire Girls and the Boy Scouts. A large collection was taken for Armenian and Syrian relief.

A petition has been presented to the board of selectmen of this town, signed by over forty citizens of Groton, begging that steps be taken to mend certain parts of the highway from the Groton line to the intersection of the Groton School road with the state

A condition which bids fair to cause serious damage to Washington street now exists on that street and should be called to the attention of those most interested in the matter by the selectmen. Some sums ago a number of the houses on the hill were supplied with drinking water which was piped from a spring in the rear of T. F. Mullin's house. This source of water supply was given up by many when they could obtain town water, until, it is understood, it is used only seven o'clock.
in the house of Samuel Barrett. One green. Lunch, of the pipes connected with this sys-tem has begun to leak under Wash-ington street, the result being a great deal of ice and a serious bulge in the new section of the street which bids fair to cause a great deal of damage if it is not attended to. There is a shut-off located in the yard of John Kittredge, but this is said to be out of order. Something should be done at once to remedy this trouble before further freezing spoils the new surface of the street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason and daughter Marjorie left last Tuesday for Somerville, to spend Christmas with relatives.

ton, of upper Washington street, left last week Friday night for a trip to Florida, and will stop at New York, Washington, Jacksonville and other cities on the way. They will visit friends at Daytona and, are expected home January 1.

At a special communication of Caleb Butler lodge last week Friday even-ing the Master Mason degree was worked by the past masters. The officials were as follows: A. A. Fille-brown, master; E. H. Bigelow, senior warden; Frank S. Pierce, junior warden; Warren L. Preble, sec.; C. H. Kinney, chaplain; Dr. B. H. Hopkins, O. Fillebrown, junior steward; E. D. Martell, inside sentinel. After the meeting a buffet lunch was some in the last committee meeting of the last committee the banquet hall.

On Sunday night the moving picture show conducted by George S. Poulius in Page's hall closed, having been bought cut by E. O. Proctor, proprie-tor of Proctor's Strand. This week the fixtures are being removed from the hall as Mr. Proctor has decided not to run both shows. The show at Page's hall has been conducted for the past nine years by Mr. Poulius, during which time the nictures have always been of the highest standard. The patrons of this show have always received courteous treatment from the management and it is with regret that many see it closed.

It is unofficially stated that the 13th Infantry, which is now stationed at Camp Merritt, N. J., will soon be-transferred to Camp Devens. It is thought that this contingent may be the reported troops who have been expected to arrive here for so long. This report cannot be verified from headquarters yet, but as barracks at Camp are being prepared, it is thought that the report is true.

At the meeting of Robert Burns lodge I O O. E., on next Tuesday evening the election of officers for 1920 will take place and the initiatory degree will be worked.

Nelson O'Clair, who is in the employ of E. O. Proctor, broke a bone in his right hand last week Thursday while cranking a Buick car.

Miss Gertrude Briggs attended a dance party in Cambridge last week

Thursday evening as the guest of Miss Ruth Pillman of Newtonville.

There will be an entertainment at the Soldiers' club Thursday evening, January 1, at eight o'clock by Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild presenting "Characters for life" and an original playlet by Mr. Fairchild, "For he is a jolly good fellow." This was given in the Keith circuit for two seasons.

Mrs. Charles L. Farnsworth, of Washington street, has rented her house to J. W. Burnham, who is connected with the railroad here, and will occupy the same about January first The family consists of his wife and young son. For the present Mrs. Farnsworth will visit friends at Chest-

nut Hill. St. Andrew's church-The services in St. Andrew's church on Sunday will

Massachusetts, will visit the parish to to a merry company. After this the administer the rite of confirmation, party gathered about the tree which the annual Christmas tree for the children of the Sunday school was held on Monday evening of this week. Reheightened by shutting off the church

Claus came to visit the children.

The Strand this Saturday offers "A little-brother of the rich." This picture is fully up to the high standard set for their Saturday shows. This is the play that created a furore in hundreds of cities as a stage play. If women only knew what men know about other men. Charlie Chaplin in "The floor walker," a great two-reel re-issue. News. Sunday, William Desmond in "Life's a funny proposition."

The winter term of the public schools begins next Monday.

Claude M. Hart, treasurer and clerk.

Claude M. Hart, treasurer and clerk of the J. R. Whippie Co., heads a new syndicate which takes over ownership and management of the Hotel Tou-raine, Young's Hotel and the Parker House. Under the present arrange-ments the Whipple organization, ex-cept for the interests represented by Edward Pierce will be maintained. Mr. Pierce, who has been president of the company, sells his interest in the three hotels and retires from the management. The capital stock of the Whipple concern is \$1,000,000. The directorate has included Mesers. Pierce and Hart and William H. Sellers, Paul H. Sherwin and Elmer E. Staples. The total assessed valuation of the three hotels is \$7,300,000. Paul

Eight suits for damages aggregating \$39,000 have been filed in the su-Elizabeth's hospital, Brighton, spent as the result of automobile accidents in Boston and vicinity, among which is suits of \$3000 each against Salem S. Abdella and Walter S. Abdella, of Lawrence, by David Hubbard, of this town, who alleges he was injured and his wagon damaged when struck by the defendants automobile while driving on East Main street on August 25,

Lincoln S. Hickox, Jr., of Williamslown, formerly of the Remount Depot, is a guest this week of Miss Evelyn

Groton School road with the state highway. They state that the road is in this vicinity were recorded last in such condition as to be injurious to week: Boxborough, James A. Murchte vehicles and dangerous to life and to H. A. Clark, Chauncey B. Robbins limb. Fletcher; Groton, Lorne L. Cupples to O. D. Lombard; Westford, Louis H. Buckshorn est. by adm. to Cora I. Whitton, land on Lowell road; Harvard, Jonathan Dayls by exs. and trs. et al. to John A. Davis.

Margaret Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Jackson, Wash-ington street, has the measles.

Bancroft Royal Arch chapter Masons will hold a special convocation on Tuesday evening, December 30, at seven o'clock. Work-Royal Arch de-

Clarence made a very suitable gift in the form of a very rich and im-ported cardinal toque and neckpiece to one of his admirers in Shirley. Mr. Chase's gift was greatly appreciated.

Baptist church, Sunday-Morning service at 10.45, subject, "Genuine religion." Sunday school at twelve. Preaching in the evening at seven o'clock; subject, "The best way to face 1920." B. Y. P. U. meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Prayer meeting on These control of the service of the servic on Thursday evening at 7.30. Last Sunday Rev., A. V. Dimock and Mr. Stetson of the Y. M. C. A. were present. Mr. Dimock brought a most powerful and appropriate message on "The Mrs. Alico Mead, Miss Nellie Hunt-ington, Miss Ruth and Fred Hunting-who is an expert goblet player, favored song of redemption." Mr. Stetson. the congregation with several beautiful selections.

> Clarence Judson Gravlin and Miss Bernice St. Jock, both of Harvard, were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage on Tuesday, Rev. James T. Rider, Jr., officiating.

H. Dudley Whitney is employed at the Samson Cordage Works, Shirley, during his vacation from Wentworth Institute.

Ernest Corthall, of Shirley, is to move to the Silas Stone tenement off East Main street, formerly occupied by Archie Daniels.

The auditing committee of the W.

Milan 'P. Cole and family spent Christmas with relatives in Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanton, of Southboro, have been visiting old acquaintances here.

The Misses Mary E. and Margaret T. Griffin, of St. Joseph's convent chool, Fitchburg, are spending their Christmas vacation with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Griffin, Har-

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Milliken, of Worcester, spent Sunday with Mr Milliken's uncle, Levi B. Tuttle.

Mrs. Durgin, of Boscawen, N. H., is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Frank C. Johnson.

Arthur E. Dykes was injured last Saturday afternoon while at work at the Boston and Maine roundhouse. A holt broke, causing Mr. Dykes to lose his balance, and he fell, striking on his face and hip. No bones were brokn, but he was badly bruised near the nd he was taken to his home on East Main street.

William Leahy, of Forge Village, was in town on Sunday. Mrs. James Carter, of Nashua, N.

H., has been visiting relatives in town.

Lyman C. Sprague, who is having a vacation from Boston university law school, is assisting at the express of-

Theodore Carlson has concluded his luties at the tannery.

Miss Maud Briggs is visiting in Hartford, Conn., with her sister, Mrs. W. G. Williams. From there she went on to Stanford, Conn., for Christ-

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Barrows, of New York, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. H. Barrows, Christmas.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held with the Misses Hume on next Wednesday evening. Election of officers and reading of reports, followed by the club Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Burkhardt, of Holyoke, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Proctor.

The Unitarian church school held be morning prayer and sermon at its Christmas party and Christmas tree 10.45 and Sunday school at twelve in the vestry on Wednesday evening. noon. On the Sunday morning of In the afternoon busy hands decorated January 4 the Right Rev. Samuel G. the tree and made arrangements for pranos. The beauty of the mus Babcock, D. D., suffragan bishop of the supper which was served at 5.30 matched the beauty of the scene.

freshments were served and Santa lights. Norman Fletcher removed the gifts from the tree and several of the

made and sent to the Little Wanderors' Home in Boston for Christmas cheer to the little inmates. A very successful entertainment called a Christmas masque was given at the Soldiers' club on Christmas eve. Later Christmas carols were sung at the base hospital to the delight of the wounded and sick soldiers still at the hospital.

Miss Marion Winslow, of Belmont, is at her home on Washington street for the Christmas vacation, during a part of which she will assist in the North Middlesex Savings bank.

Roy Carpenter, motorman on the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway, spent Christmas in the vicinity of

of the three hotels is \$7,300,000. Paul H. Sherwin is a native of this town and is the son of Henry C. Sherwin.

Eight write for decident of the son of Henry C. Sherwin. Nutting's Bridge.

perior civil court in East Cambridge Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Carlson.

> Miss Helen Griffin, of Belmont, is having a vacation from her school duties.

> Mrs. Nina A. Rand, of Danvers, is visiting her son, Oscar C. Rand. Mr. and Mrs. James B. Cunningham spent Christmas with Mrs. Cunning-

ham's sister, Mrs. A. W. Chase, in Manchester, N. H. Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Butterfield spent Christmas day with their children, Mr and Mrs. Fisk Butterfield, in West

Medford. Mrs. Ellen T. Kittredge spent several days of this week with her daugh ter, Mrs. Arthur Cheney, in South-

Other Ayer matter on opposite page TOWN RECEPTION TO EX-SERVICE MEN AND NURSES

The committee appointed at the reent town meeting to arrange for a eception to those from this town who ook part in the great European was have very nearly completed arrange-ments and are now merely putting on the finishing touches. The committee appointed consisted of thirteen mem-bers and have been working upon the reception for nearly four weeks. The eception is to be divided into three

Beginning on Thursday afternoon January 1, at two o'clock, a reception will be held in the town hall to the boys, to which the public at large is invited. At the reception the 36th Infantry band from Camp Devens wil furnish music. The celebrated Weber male quartet from Boston will also assist with several numbers. The chief speaker will be the congressman from this district, Hon. John Jacob Rogers. who has promised to be present and address the boys. Major-General Henry P. McCain, from Camp Devens, has also promised to attend and make a few remarks; also Major-General a few remarks; also Major-General Clarence Edwards has been invited to attend and address the boys, and he has promised to be present if possible. Souvenir books, containing the town's roil of honor, will be presented to each of the town's heroes. The exercises will be closed by a roil call after which an opportunity will be given the public to meet the ex-service

ve appreciate what they have done Following the reception all ex-service men and nurses are to be the guests of the town at a turkey dinner to be given at the Soldiers' club at five o'clock. If any of our townspeople desire to take dinner with the boys they can do so by leaving their names with George H. Brown or Thomas F. Mullin, members of the committee, on or before December 30, at a charge of \$2 per plate. Music will be furnished during the dinner by Broderick's orchestra of Lowell. sire to take dinner with the boys they can do so by leaving their names with

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men. It is hoped that the towns-people will turn out in force to honor

our returned ones and show them that

chestra of Lowell. The reception will be closed with a grand ball in the town hall in the evegrand ball in the town hall in the evening. Music will be furnished by Broderick's orchestra. The hall will be appropriately decorated by experienced men from Boston. Admission to the ball will be by ticket only—one ticket to each person. The tickets ticket to each person. have been given to the boys to be distributed by them.

District Court,

At the district court on Monday morning five of the children of Cala-nise Como, of Shirley, were placed in the care of the Home for Destitute Catholic Children at 788 Harrison avenue, Boston. They were Lionell, Lavina, Napoleon, Charlie and Ida, Mrs. Como being allowed to keep the youngest member of the family. The Home for Destitute Catholic Children was represented by Thomas E. Rothwell, and the State Board of Charity by F. A. Deady. The case was con-tinued until May 17, the children be-ing placed in the care of the home.

Forest L. Jannell, of Ayer, charged has been visiting relatives in town, with operating an automobile while Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nadeau and under the influence of liquor, had his son are spending the Christmas season case continued for one week at his own request.

Sunday morning service at the Unitarian church at 10.45; regular offices and sermon; offertory solo, Mrs. Sargent; preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister; subject, "The Sargent; preacher, Rev. Frank Crandall, the minister; subject. days that follow Christmas." Sunday Herbert A. school at noon.

A beautiful and impressive service Christmas decorations and lights. The recitations by Alexander Barry and altar was flanked by tall evergreen recitations by Alexander Barry and Ernest Tyrrell, Elsie Traquair, Theorems When the service began with altar was flanked by the choice began with trees. When the service began with the singing of carols by the choir in a remote apartment of the building a remote apartment of the building and the dim light of the the church was in the dim light of the altar candles. At the singing of "Holy night" the silvery radiance of a star suspended from the main chancel arch burst forth. At the singing of "Adeste Fideles," in Latin, a light appeared upon the altar, showing a crib with an image of the Christ child. The soloists at the service were Mrs. W. S. Beckford and Mrs. Walter C. Sargent, so-The beauty of the music

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Wednesday-MARY MacLAREN in "Bonnie, Bonnie Lassie." Rainbow Comedy. News Review.

Thursday—HARRY CAREY in "The Rider of the Law." Big V Comedy.

Friday—WILLIAM RUSSELL in "Sacred Silence," taken from the great play and book, "The Deserter.' Harold Lloyd Comedy. Second episode of 'The Invisible Hand."

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the presence of a distinguished per-sonality in the religious world as reacher. Rev. Fr. Paramananda, the Vedantist monk, of Boston, spoke up-on the subject, "The Christ child." He dwelt upon the mystical significance of the Holy Child in religion. In gentle and gracious words he appealed to his hearers to forsake their sectarian prejudices and to strive to attain the purity of spirit and spiritual under-standing in which the eternal truths and permanent realities of religion are discerned under the varying outwar-forms of organization. By his pres ence and by his preaching Fr. Para mananda here a powerful witness f-the spiritual ideals which are comprehended in the well-beloved symb of the Christ child.

At the Federated church last Sur day evening the Christmas concert ! the Sunday school was given, Sup-Herbert A. Pollard presiding, Mis Lucy O. Smith, chairman of the committee in charge, the program consisting of an organ prelude, Mrs. Grav last Sunday evening. The chancel presented a scene of beauty with its Christmas decorations and lights. The chancel scene of beauty with its christmas decorations and lights. The Caroline Hopkins, Annie Luddington Miss Nixon's class, Thelma Nutting four boys from Mrs. Nutting's class Isabel Traquair, Emmagene Boutwell Evelyn McMahon, Barbara Dicker-man; song, Chrissie Traquair and Lu-cille Lamson; remarks, Supt. Pollard. recessional hymn, choir; benediction.

The service was made notable by tion at the morning service. was a large attendance of the boys

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "The closing year choir will sing. Sunday school at weive o'clock; John Traquair, leade men's class; women's class will Young becole's ed at same hour. Young people's cling at 6.20, "How to make next are better," At 7.20, stereopticon cures on the child Jesus. Young held choir will sing. Mid-week serv-Wednesday evening at 7.30 Regi-MacDonnell will sing at the Sun địa morning service,

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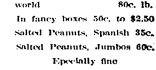
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DRUG STORE Ayer

Mrs. E. E. Handley is entertaining her sisters, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Merrill, from Salem; the two sons of Stevens, Harold and Hayward, and families, joining the family party over Christmas day.

Mrs. Addison Woodward spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Kendall, at the Memorial hospital, Nashua, where she was carried from her home in Dunstable, suffering from the effects of a fall. At latest reports it is said that no bones are broken, but Mrs. Kendall was badly shaken and bruised, and as she is seventy-nine years of age her recovery is slower than with a younger person.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John l'Heureux, of this town. formerly of Ayer, at the Nashua hospital, Sunday, December 21.

Miss Georgianna Maynard, who is spending her school vacation at her home on the South road, was a Lowell shopper with Mrs. Maynard on Mon-

A grass fire, which probably ignited from the sparks from the train, Tuesday noon, on the Milford branch, burned beyond the railroad territory, near the residence of Miss Lizzie Tucker, Hollis street, and crept up into her lawn on two sides of her home. in rather uncomfortable nearness. Miss Tucker, who was alone and who was partially disabled from protecting herself by a recently dislocated shoul der, has a terror of fire, and was doing the best she could to beat it out when discovered by a passerby. With the assistance of some boys until the arrival of Engineer Palmer, the flames were stamped out, but not before the corner of the fence at the back of her lot, was more or less scorched. Some reparation is due to her, whether from the railroad, the cause of the fire, or

spending their school vacations, from respective stations in Leominster and Everett, at their home on the South road.

Harold Woodward, with his wife and daughter, from Tilton, N. H., and Ros-coe Woodward and wife, from Nashua, N. H., spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward, Park

Mrs. George F. Durgin made a short visit at her summer home here in town last week, coming by auto with friends from Boston. She has since been heard from as on her way to join Mr. Durgin in Chicago.

Miss Matilda Parkhurst, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Maria Bird, South street, left last week for her home in Andover. Mrs. Bird will pass the winter with her daughter, Mrs. George W. Maynard.

Christmas shoppers were numerous on Monday and Tuesday, the fine weather and dry walking making holiday shopping easy this year. Local dealers, whose counters were well covered with attractive gifts, had no call to complain. As a rule the decorations were not as elaborate as in some years. although many stores had wreaths and opes of laurel, with red bells or crepe paper. Tower & Cook and Tarbell's dry goods store showed an excellent line of suitable Christmas goods, and M. C. Lane, at Lane Bros. clothing store, had finely arranged decorations The grocery stores produced the supplies best for the season, the large show windows of the A. & P. store being unusually well filled with fresh canned and package goods and holiday decorations.

Miss Flora Boynton returned hom from Lasell seminary, Auburndale, on Friday of last week, Miss Margaret being detained at her school duties in Dedham until Wednesday of this week.

Emerson Cook, from North Conway, . H., has been visiting his niece. Mrs.

mas day. Mrs. Harriet Morgan Fulda, from

New York, is visiting at her old home, The Mt. Lebanon Community Asso ciates are to meet with Mrs. Leon

Whitcomb at the Henderson farm on Wednesday, December 31. field, and Karl Newhall, from Boston, songs, are expected here to spend the holiday season with their parents, Rev. and

Mrs. G. M. Newhall. Miss Amelia Qua, who is in rathe poor health, has given up her rooms in the house with Mrs. Reed, and has ne to stay with her brother, Dr. L.

R. Qua, and wife, for the present Charles F. Parker, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, came on Tuesday for a two-weeks' vacation.

W. A. Shepardson, from Midlen. pent Christmas day with his family

been in Fitchburg with her sister. Mrs. Charles Marshall, undergoons treated ment for her arm, is welcomed back in handsomely decorated with evergreer the store at Sounders' Corner. The engineed by scarlet poinsettas, the pain in the affected look has been eased by the treatment of the past two months, but her arm has become weakened by noncurse and keet no f

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sport the week end with her friend Mrs Mary E Reed Rescoe Hayes, now taking a grad- have course in the Tuck School of Ad-

ministration and Finance, at Darts of the church, Mrs A W. Bartlett, mouth is at his home in town for the Christmas vacation.

Benner also left town for Lowell and lect of the evening's exercises, which Boston on Saturday, where they expect to spend the holidays, previous to starting for Montgomery, Ala., his opening chorus, responsive reading, capacity as superintendent of the come by Mary Bartlett, and an anthem schools of this district has been an ac- by the choir. tive worker, never shirking a duty because of the unpleasantness, if it seemdled to him right. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, Viriginia Webb, Dorothy Benner leave a wide circle of friends behind, after their residence here of about a year.

Lust, Hartwell Webb and Phyllis Soule. The music consisted of a duet by Nellie Harris and Aethra Winship,

Mrs. J. N. Andrews went to Aver or Christmas day as the guest of Mr. nd Mrs. Earl Furnsworth.

Mrs. Dora Reed, who held the office of our town district nurse for a short time while living with Mrs. M. E. Reed, has now a fine position as night supervisor in a private hospital on Beacon street, Boston, with a chance of promotion.

Carl and Robert Deware are at home from the Stearns school, Mont Vernon, N. H., for the Christmas holiday vaca-At the beginning of the year it is said that Carl intends to enter the eparatory school at Dartmouth college, called the Clark Tutoring school. Mrs. Mary Pond and Miss Helen are

settling their new home in the Hutch-inson block, where they have taken the rooms formerly occupied by Mr Benner, their goods being moved there on Monday from the Jewett place which had been the home of Mrs. Pond for about fifty years. William Blood, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Edmund S. Blood, a freshman at Dartmouth college, is spending his Christnas vacation in town. Miss Jennie Deal, of the high school.

vent to her home in Roslindale for the holidays. Mrs. M. E. Reed passed the Christ-nas season with her son, Walter Reed, and family, in Dorchester, Mrs. Leslie

Reed joining the party from Boston for Christmas day. George Lakin, who has been some what out of health with a stomach trouble, returned last week from Lowell, where he entered a hospital to have an X-ray taken and to receive treatment. It is not understood that

the X-ray showed an organic trouble when developed. Mrs. Mary Bartz Gibbons is assisting at the store of Tower & Cook during the holiday rush.

The out-of-town teachers who wen away to spend the holiday vacation last week were H. P. Carlson, sub-mas, ter, to Orange; Miss Jones to her home in Bridgewater, Miss Sara Hubbard to Nashua, N. H., Miss Morton to Barre Miss Cleary to Groton and Miss Rynn to her home in Ayer.

W. E. Chapman commenced cutting ice from his field at Burkinshaw's, Monday, for filling his house for next season. Later, he will cut for the individuals about town as formerly. The ice is about a foot thick, but according to the prognosticator from New Jersey it may be desirable to secure it before that warm weather which is predicted arrives.

One of the unusual sights about the village last week was the appearance of a medium sized wildcat, or "bobcat," as the hunters call them. The animal came from the small woodlot between the Brookline road and the toward Park street. It was of a gray-ish color and evidently not full grown, as it would probably not measured three feet in the body.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and daughter Esther spent Christmas with a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stickney, Townsend hill.

Mrs. Mary E. Donnelly, of this town nas been appointed as administratrix of the estate of her husband, Joseph A. Donnelly, who died October 17. She has given a bond of \$30,000; the estate is valued at \$12,500.

Clipping.

The following account, taken from the Harwich local paper, which concerns one of our former Pepperell boys, now Dr. Percy Miller, will be of universal interest to his old-time associates and friends, here in town:

"The series of special talks at Pilgrim church are gaining wide-spread popularity and the vestry was completely filled on Sunday evening with an appreciative audience, to hear Dr. P. F. Miller's story of his experiences overseas, while in the service with the British Expeditionary Forces. The doctor's narrative was listened to with interest for an hour and a half. Lyman Robbins, and family, this week. and his hearers felt that there was After the holidays he expects to go to much more they wished to hear, as so Boston, where he has a position. few of the many interesting and haztertained her brother. Charles Hill, the comparatively short time allotted. and family, from Billerica, over Christ- However, everyone was well pleased with this fine talk, giving descriptions of the various cities and towns visited, the conditions of affairs, the danger rom enemy bombs and gas, caring for the wounded, air raids witnessed, crossing the famous Hindenburg line, etc., all of which were most thoroughly enjoyed

The choir, directed by Mr. Nash. Miss Janet Newhall, from Spring- led in the praise service of patriotic

Christmas Observance.

Special programs for Christmas Sunday at the churches were excellently arranged and had a good attendance. At the Community church on Sunday morning the pastor preached a most appropriate Christmas sermon, a short address to the children preceding the regular sermon. The Christmas music consisted of an anthem by the choir, ending with the hymn, "Come, all ye faithful," in which the congregation joined, by request, with excellent ef-The male quartet also rendered two selections, one being "Star of the est," and the other an appropriate thristmas theme. The church was Tecorations Leang in charge of Mrs Vistsen Woodward, Miss Shattuck and Miss Wood, and reflecting much cerd their work. The Christmas tree.

is decorations, the work of th f Christians music was finely rendered under the leadership of the chorister there was a large gathering at the The household goods of Thomas E. Benner and wife were sent to Lowell. Sunday school, and members of the his former home, by auto truck, on Friday of last week. Mr. and Mrs morning, "The king comes." The subfield of labor. Mr. Benner in his frayer by the pastor, address of welfollowed by recitation

song by Geneleve Bartlett, exercis hy Gladys Hill, Allen Carlon, and several charge close eral songs by the school chorus, clos ing with remarks by the pastor.

Lotter to Ex-Service Men.

The following communication to the x-service men of the town, signed by the commander of the Frank Wes Roger S. Robbins, by the adjutant Michael Joseph Sullivan, and by the finance officer, Fred Milan, in an appeal to the better judgment of all who have connected themselves with the work of the American Legion, whose cause it espouses:

Every man who was in the service of the United States during the world war knows of the movement throughout the country of organizing these legion. An organization was effected here in Pepperell, and the interest which was shown at the beginning of the movement, was indicative of a suc cessful organization here in town. The nterest has seemed to dwindle until there are but a few left who are show ing the true spirit of America, are doing their utmost to make this post a member of the National American

We are organized as far as tech nicalities are concerned, but that alone does not make an organization. It requires the spirit of cooperation and helpfulness to make it a real success, It means a little work on the part of each individual to make it what it

The constitution and by-laws of this post are such that this organization is of its members, by its members and for its members. Its government concerns its individuals and not a few special individuals, as has been remarked. This is your organization and being your organization it should be I matter of pride on your part to make it a success. Its success depend you. Its failure reflects on you. Its success depends on

It is governed by its majority or other organizations are governed by their majority. If you are a member of any organization you submit your-self to a majority vote, even if it does not coincide with your views. That is the part any broad-minded man will take in the functions of such a body. That is the part we play as citizens of this country. It is the requisite of good citizenship. We are all loyal Americans, but we, as ex-service men, fighting for the cause of America, should stand forth and declare our-selves to be 100% Americans. The American Legion, second to our country, stands forth and states its object "To hold and defend the constitution of America; to maintain law and or-

der; to foster and perpetuate a 100% Americanism." This is what the American Legion Tucker farm, crossed the fields near stands for, and no more noble or glor-the houses in rather leisurely fashion lous purpose could be conceived. The and disappeared into a growth of ald-ers just below the Fitch woods, going all worth all we have ever given to get them, and all we could possibly give, even to the point of extermination, to preserve them.

With the most sincere and deep consideration we believe that many of us have forgotten the underlying issue of the American Legion. They are too plain to be mistaken. The object for which it stands makes it almost com pulsory for every good American to make concession to its principles. If there are petty controversies, they should be eliminated for the one and only true principle for which we stand —100% Americanism. That is the test of our broadness, and the man who refuses to support this organizaion is not entitled to be called a loval American. Those who are opposed to these principles are nothing but Reds

and Anarchists. It is for us all to do what we can to make this country a better place to live in. It cannot be so easily done individually; it must be done by socalled "collective bargaining." American Legion is our instrument. There is a tremendous amount of worl that is being done not only for America, but its members. ing and facilitating the soldiers and sailors in securing their allotments war-risk insurance, bonuses, employment, and other vital subjects concern ing the fighting forces of this great

war. Not only does it help us but we, in turn can help others. There is much that can be done, even in this town for the benefit of the community. There are many ways we can help to create a better spirit of cooperation in our township. We are the "young blood" of this country and this is the time to it proper nourishment, to make us better men and citizens. We gair nothing by talking behind one's back. It only shows the intolerable disposi-

ion of the offender.
There are many of the ex-service men and even members of the Legion who spread undue citicism concerning the functions of the organization, and even the officers. That is next to Red propaganda. If there is anything you have to say, go to a meeting of the post and express your sentiments as a man. That is the place action will be taken, and not on the street corner These meetings are for the purpose of hearing the different sentiments and it is for you, as a man and a member of the Legion to express them.

The next meeting is December 29 in I. O. O. F. hall. Show your patriotism, your interest and most important of all, your true American spirit, and be present. If it is the vote of the post new officers for the ensuing year may However, there are sever al other officers as the post historian post chaplain, insurance and employment officer, to yet be elected. We trust this article will come in

contact with every ex-service man in Pepperell Advertisements

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## **COUNTRY VOTES FOR** LEAGUE OF NATIONS

National Economic League Poll of Council Results in Three to One Ballot

An overwhelming majority of the American people are in tavor of the Treaty with Germany as shown by a canvass of the National Council of the National Economic League. It is interesting to know that opinion in Massachusetts is representative of that of the country, because both the country and the State poll 75% in favor of the League.

Of a total of 685 votes cast from all parts of the country 519 unreservedly indorsed the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the United

States should ratify the Treaty with Germany, including the League of Nations Covenant, without complicat ing, delaying, or invalidating reservations."

This resolution was so phrased as to afford opportunity for "such in-terpretations of the Treaty and Covenant as may be thought necessary to clarify the American position, provided no danger is thereby created of delay or of furnishing ground for Germany or any other signatory to declare that the ratification by the United States is not complete and binding."

Out of 48 votes cast in Massachu setts, 37 were in favor of the resolu

Harold Marshall
W. Frank Mattson
G. B. McCallum
Everett Morss
Leroy D. Peavey
A. V. Phillips
Warren A. Reed
R. H. Bice
John C. Runkle
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H. N. Sheldon
Minot Simmons
J. P. Snow
Moorfield Storey
F. W. Taussig
C. Oliver Welling
Edward N. White
here a majority

In no state was there a majority in opposition to the League of Nation: and in only one State, Indiana, was there a tie. The total vote of the New England States was:

Yes Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire Rhode Island Vermont

The purpose of the National Eco nomic League is to create an informed and disinterested leadership for public opinion—a leadership that is free from any possible partisan bias or class interest and that will be accepted as representing simply the best thought of this country-and to provide the educational means of de veloping a public opinion that will respond to such leadership.

The National Council of League contains in its membership (at present about twenty-five hundred), presidents and professors of universities, judges, lawyers, bankers, merchants, manufacturers, farmers, labor leaders, etc. The aim, however, has not been so much to make it inclusive of classes and interests as representative of the informed and unbiased opinion of the country.

#### WHAT AMENDMENT MEANS

Senator Hitchcock points out in the minority report of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations what the United States would sacrifice by united States would shall shell he had a mendment or rejection of the treaty were "Y" canteen workers—American with Germany as follows:

Germany's acknowledgment of responsibility for the war and

her promise to make restitu ored-nation treatment of our goods as to both exports and

Germany's promise that our ship ping in her ports will be given as favorable treatment as Ger-

man ships receive. Germany's agreement that for six months custom duties levied against American imports shall not exceed those of 1914.

Germany's agreement that we may at will revive treaties in existence prior to the war. Germany's promise to restor

property of our citizens seized in Germany. Germany's very important valida tion of our seizure of 800 million dollars worth of property belonging to German citizens in

the United States. Germany's agreement that these properties may be used to pay American claims against her. Germany's agreement to compensate her citizens for property

seized by the United States. 10. Germany's relinquishment of claim against the United States for patent or industrial property rights used or sold by us

during the war. Germany's agreement that we shall retain some 500,000 tons of German shipping seized in American ports.

Loss of our membership on the Reparation Commission, the most powerful international ever created. In no other way can the United States assure itself against dis criminations in German imports and financial policies.

One of our neighbors adopted a little girl and invited my little girl and me over to visit them. We went over one afternoon and while we were admiring her my little girl tossed her head and said. "Homely babies-proty ladies."-Exchange.

Hardly Complimentary.

Daily Thought. A soul without reflection, like a pile without inhabitant, to ruin runs,-Young.

## A Cup of Hot Chocolate



It is a little thing to give, out it means much to the wounded man who is just about to be tagged for evacuation to a hospital further in the rear-The Y. M. C. A. man who is tendering it carries a well-filled musette with cigarettes and other comforts for the wounded.

## "'Y' STOOD FOR HEART OF AMERICA"

Is Summing Up Made by Secy. of War Baker. Who Has Just Returned From Overseas

### SPEAKS STRONGLY FOR WAR WORK OF ASSOCIATION

Paying a high tribute to the work of and the graves of the 'Y' workers, D. Baker, who returned recently from ing place." a tour of inspection and investigation of our army in France and the occuof our army in France and the occupied portion of Germany, has made a public statement with reference to April 10, and Secretary Baker glorithe magnitude and accomplishments of the Young Men's Christian Association overseas, which, in the words of the Secretary of War, "by reason of its longer establishment, its larger experiences and its larger facilities, had the greater part of this work to do, especially abroad."

tary Baker in connection with the boy learned to call an "Honest-to-God awarding of the Croix de Guerre to American girl." three Y. M. C. A. workers who served in France. At the request of Dr. John with gray, and there was the relation R. Mott, general secretary of the Na-tional War Work Council, Y. M. C. A., made recently to the War Department, there is an official investigation and had these fine girls say: 'Mr. Secre survey of the Red Triangle work with tary, I live with a regiment of soldiers the A. E. F. overseas now under way. the A. E. F. overseas now under way.

Secretary Baker gave high praise to its work from his personal observation during the war and since the signing of the armistice.

Who can speak English, and although I have been with that regiment a month, I have never heard one man of the armistice. of the armistice.

"The Y. M. C. A. has, represented the Atlantic during the heart of America and has carried the war, through the danger zone, I to soldiers abroad our affections and found the Y. M. C. A. worker on the our ideals for them," says Secretary ship, taking his place beside the sol-Baker. "I do not know whether I can dier. When that hour was over on convey to those who have not had the all these ships, coming and going, opportunity to see what went on there, these agents of the high social purpose any adequate idea of the character of of America ministered to the sick and that service," and "the appreciation wounded, and with their amusements, which the War Department and the magazines, books, etc., comforted, en-Army of the United States feel for the tertained and advised the well. service rendered by the Y. M. C. A., both at home and overseas."

and men workers sent overseas up to that "no army of any size, or national-April 10, Secretary Baker has only ity, including our own, ever before in words of praise. "Honest-to-God" Americans, he calls them, using the lan-record of health, cleanliness and high guage of our soldiers. Seventy-five of idealism of purpose. There were asthese volunteer, non-combatant work- sembled about these soldiers not only ers are buried "over there," in their influences of home and of neighborarmy khaki. Fourteen were killed by hood, but the great organized agencies shell fire in action. Two of whom for dealing with life of the young.

which is now coming home, with its sion on Training Camp Activities, the broadened shoulders, bronzed cheeks, War Camp Community Service, the robust health, splendid nerve, and the Jewish Welfare Board, the American Germany's promise of most-fav. high spirit that comes with great ac- Library Association, the Young Wocomplishment, we must remember that mens' Christian Association—all of among the formative influences that went with it and made it possible was an opportunity to do a great thing for this social spirit which was carried America. With a singular singleness from home to the front line trenches, of devotion to this great cause, they which shared the privations and dan co-operated and co-ordinated gers and was an integral part of the forces so that there was but a comarmy; for, in 'No-Man's Land,' where mon purpose among all; that was the

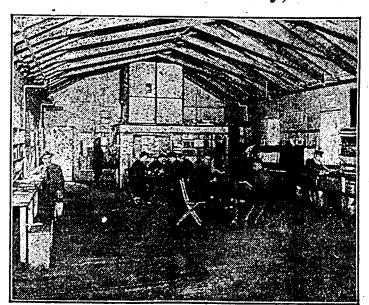
the various welfare agencies serving side by side, not separated in their the A. E. F., Secretary of War Newton faith—finally united in their last rest There were 2,891 American women

In the huts, the Y. M. C. A. man and woman were found—that extraordinarily beautiful thing which the Y. M. C. A. sent over, and which the dough "Sometimes her hair was streaked

"The splendid work of these various with at home and overseas." war welfare agencies is very largely For the 11,229 Y. M. C. A. women due to the fact," says Secretary Baker,

"The churches in every community had special services, the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, the Commission on Training Camp Activities, the War Commission of Columbus Services and Court of Services the War Community Services the Servi "When we survey this superb army the Knights of Columbus, the Commisthe shells fell thick and fast, there purpose of service to the army, to the are the graves of American soldiers country and to the cause."

## "Y" Hut at West Roxbury, Mass.



Interior of Y. M. C. A. at annex of Base Hospital No. 10, where wounded soldiers enjoy "Y" comforts.

"Age Cannot Wither." A tradesman was brought before the magistrate charged with having sold unwholesome articles for consumption as food. The charge was fully proved. "I wish to point out to the court," said counsel for the defense in a dignified tone, "that the house of business that I have the honor to defend was founded in 1802." "Has it renewed its stock since that date?" asked the magistrate.

Explaining "Yankee." Yankee "was a cant, favorite word with farmer Jonathan Hastings of Cambridge about 1713. . . . A Yankee good horse, or Yankee cider and the like. . . . The students (of Harvard) used to hire horses of him; their intercourse with him, and his use of the term on all occasions, led them to adopt it."-Will Gordon, "Independence of United States," volume 1, letter 12, page 482.

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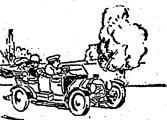
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And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Guidon, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,

atle F. M. ESTY, Register.

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, intestate.

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 this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Townsend Toesin, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

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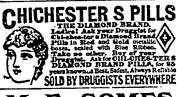
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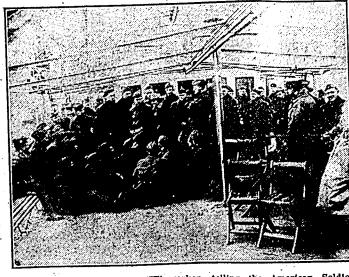
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## Sight-seeing on the Rhine



Miss May Wood Hinman, a "Y" worker, telling the American Soldiers the legends of the Rhine on a boat trip conducted jointly by the Army and the Y. M. C. A. on the good ship Frauenlob. The trip is one of the many diversions furnished by the "Y" for the A. E. F. with the

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So Says Many a Doughboy After Seeing Paris as Guest of the "Y"

of seeing Paris. Fresh from a camp and vegetables, and apple pie or cake or some muddy French village where or ice cream or all of them for dessert. cottage, and with a background of his fairy tale. tory and art gained in the Hillsdale So early in the morning George with High School or the Atkinson Academy, about thirty other doughboys fresh

ital of the Universe? But George Brown isn't left to his hours around those squares and boule own devices. He and the hundreds of others like him have hardly time to the slip the inevitable, impudent and bitingly sarcastic, "So this is Paris," sights and scenes are explained by a before they are caught up in one of "Y" secretary who has gone into a before they are caught up in one of "Y" secretary who has gone into a the most comprehensive, concentrated, special training school for Paris systematic and inclusive schemes of Guides and listened to lectures on a speed that causes the pre-war trav- iting doughboys.

800 and 900 George Browns arriving "This is some city, some swell city. daily, to say nothing of from 400 to I wouldn't have believed that France

at all seven of the stations and as George alights he is helped into a YANKEES GO WITH POLES. truck or a Ford car with his blanket roll or musette and dropped at the Three Y. M. C. A. Secretaries With Hotel du Pavillon along with a score or a hundred of his fellows in other camions and the great three-day bat-

And eats! George hasn't been wor M. C. A. the army. Now he must face that item their horizon blue uniforms, wearing He finds breakfast consisting of eggs, the square tam-o'-shanter and the any style, coffee, the inevitable but de-licious confiture and good French rolls, collars, are in 40 cases out of 100 Amsets him back only fifty-five cents. erican citizens, and 80 percent of them Luncheon, which according to the speak English, while the 60 percent French conception is a three course who have not been fully naturalized

meal, with meat and vegetables, costs hold their first papers for American less than 65 cents. And, Oh Boy, there citizenship.
are white table cloths, and crystal Last month when their commander. glasses and clean napkins, none of Gen. Haller, left Paris for his native your dirty mess kits to be washed in land, accompanied by his staff, another still dirtier dish water! No wonder link binding Poland to the western the Y. M. C. A. has lost lots of money world was forged. The General and in its hotel business. For dinner, at his party formed the advance guard less than 75 cents, George has a soup, of the two divisions of Poles, 30,000 thick potage or clear boullion made as in all.

Paris, (By mail)—George Brown, a only the French know how, a fish private in General Pershing's well-cooked to a delicious brown crisp-known army, is to have the privilege ness, American roast beef, potatoes he has been billeted with French cows, And not French iodine, but a little goats and chickens in some pictur real American coffee—coffee without esque but highly unsanitary French chicory in France! It reads like a

what chance has George of making the from an all too intimate contact with most of his three days and bringing France at her worst, the France of back a correct impression of the cap mud and no bathtubs, pile aboard a tal of the Universe?

But George Brown isn't left to his hours around those squares and boule

personally conducted, economical and Paris art, sculpture, kings and build-rapid-fire sight-seeing ever devised. He ings, revolutions and monuments be sees Paris under American auspices fore mounting the front seat of the at a price that would make a tourist motor bus to retail this concentrated agency patron green with envy and at knowledge megaphonically to the vis-

area on February 1 there are between girl who has been waiting on him: 500 officers, for this three days' leave. could have such a place. I'd like to This means that there are 4,000 stay here a month, but, darn the luck, gagement of their daughter Jane to "strangers" in Paris every day, anx- it's back to the mudholes for me. 1 ious not to waste a minute before they don't care if I never see France again return to military duty.

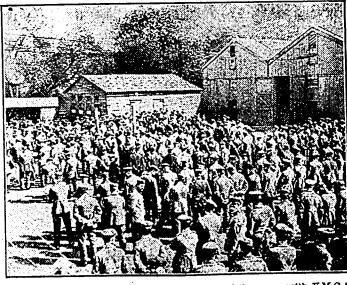
—but Oh Gee, this Paris—just lead
"Y" men meet every incoming train me to it!"

Legion of American Poles on Way to Native Land.

Paris.-When the Polish Legion, tle of Paris is on.

The hotel, which was opened by the 30,000 strong, recently left Paris to "Y" in September, 1917, contains 191 fight for liberty on its native soil, rooms but by stretching itself can accommodate in separate beds 520 men Olmstead, Danbury, Conn. Thomas F. each night. Of course, there will on Russell, Springfield, Mass., and Eric these occasions be a few cots dropped Kelly, Melrose, Mass., accompanied around in the halls and a man on every Gen. Haller, commander of the legion, and his staff, as secretaries of the Y.

## Great Britain Prisoners of War



Daily inspection at Shrewsbury in the Court of the camp, with Y.M.C.A. Hut in the background.

Confederate Memorial Day. April 26 is celebrated in Alabama Georgia, Florida and Mississippi as Confederate Memorial day, a day corresponds to May 30 in the North. The day was established by a woman from Georgia, Mary Ann Williams, who, in a letter printed in the Columbus Times in 1866, called upon her fellow citizens to observe the following April 26 as a day "to wreathe the graves of our martyr-dead with flow-

Thumb-Bells. Sailors used to wear a little contrivance on their thumbs; they called them first thumb-bells, then later thim-

bles. It is claimed that they were used in the days of Herculaneum It takes 20 men and a great deal of expensive machinery to make a thimble. They were introduced into Great Britain from Holland in 1695 by one John Softing, who thus brought also a new and important industry into

#### HARVARD

The Efficiency Sewing class meet next Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock in the lower town hall.

The members of the Congregational Thursday of last week and elected the following officers: H. A. Thayer, mod.; Susan A. Davis, clerk and treas.; Mrs. Jertrude Cobb. Sunday school supt. Mrs. Minnie B. Dean, asst. supt.; H. V. Farwell, sec. and treas.; Mr. and Mrs. Mead, Annie Reed, Sarah Jones, Mrs. Mead, Annie Reed, Sarah Johes, S. L. Pollard, directors of Sunday school; F. A. Pollard, L. H. Mead, deacons; F. A. Pollard, L. H. Mead, Mary Pollard, S. A. Davis, Minnie B. Dean, Mrs. H. A. Thayer, church com.; Miss H. N. Farwell, col.; Kenneth West, Raymond Kinsman, offertory collectors.

The Congregational Men's club me last Sunday evening for their regular monthly meeting. Supper was served at seven o'clock. At eight o'clock a pusiness meeting was called, after which the club, with a number of guests and lady friends, listened to a very interesting talk by Miss Dorothy Peters, who gave her experiences while abroad as a Red Cross worker n the canteen service.

The ladies of the Benevolent society ave appointed a committee who are ented some time during February.

The ladies of the Unitarian society are to give their next social on Friday vening, January 2. Supper will be served as usual. At eight o'clock a Japanese entertainment will be preented, and following this the decoraions used are to be sold. Announcements are out for the wed

ding of Miss Blanche L. Davis to Har-old Tooker, to take place on Thursday afternoon, January 1, at the home of Miss Clara, Portras, of Forge Vil-

lage, spent the week-end with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Portras. Lieut, and Mrs. Arnold, of New London, Conn., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. West.

W. F. Shores has arranged to sel his village farm on the Ayer road to Miss Ham, of Concord. Miss Ham is to occupy at once, and has already commenced to make some repairs.

Latest reports from E. F. Houghton place him with his party in St. Peters burg, Fla., having made the entire trip by auto without mishap.

The Unitarian Sunday school held their Christmas tree exercises on Tues-day evening, and on Wednesday evening the Congregational Sunday school did likewise. Both presented very pretty programs by the children, with the regulation Santa Claus and all the "fixins." "Little women" will be presented at

a motion picture show given by the Woman's club for the public on Tues-day evening, December 30. This film a speed that causes the pre-war traveled as a leave since Paris was opened as a leave sandwich, confides to the Y. M. C. A. day evening, December 30. This film is taken from the book of the same to Louisa M. Alcott. As this is sandwich, confides to the Y. M. C. A. an expensive film it is hoped that very member of the club will do her share by purchasing a ticket. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Benjamin, of

New Albany, Penn., announce the engagement of their daughter Jane to graduate of the Ornett Odgen Training School for Nurses, Elmira, N. Y. Dr. Royal is at the present time or the surgical staff at the Sheltering Arms hospital, Hansford, W. Va. On this week Saturday Mae Marsh

will be seen in "The Cinderella man," at the motion picture show, taken from Oliver Morosco's famous stage success by Edward Childs Carpenter, which bids fair, according to advance reports, to have the theatre-goers of the nation at her feet following the example here set by her leading man—eight reels. Pathé News and comedy. Some big show. On Tuesday evening. December 30, the Woman' evening. December 30, the Wolland club will put on the great play, "Little women," by Louisa M. Alcott. This is one great picture and everyone should turn out and see it; also, for the last time, by request, the town reel These fighting Polish patriots, in will be shown and then handed to the heir horizon blue uniforms, wearing selectmen for safe keeping.

Last Sunday morning Rev. William Gussman preached a Christmas serthem are black, they are all carrying mon, and Mrs. Carl Haskell and Mrs. a good coat of flesh, if you are look-Walter Haskell sang twice, at the Baptist church. In the evening there was a Christmas concert by the Sunday school, and the children of the primary department did splendid, as well mary department did splendid, as well rubber tires and in good shape, two rubber tires and in good shape, the first tires and in good shape, the good shape, the good shape the good s as the older ones.

Rev. and Mrs. Gussman are entertaining their daughter and two grand-children, Mrs. Gallup and Geraldine a sister of Mrs. Gussman, Miss Hey-wood, of Willshore, N. Y. Mercill Sprague is at home from col-

lege at Hanover, N. H., for the Christmas vacation. studer; at Yale, is the guest of Mr.

and Mis. S. B. Haynes. We con Harred, Edith Farnsworth Grice the usworth and Mary Gussman, teachers in Worcester, Springfield,

Grand Control Workester, Spring, teachers in Workester, Spring, Madde and Heyere, are at their homes were buildings Miss disserted is quite ill at the or taken will speak at the De-

So that evening on the Heavier's to go to Torke many often his gradual will do hool at Yale I ENTENSION SCHOO!

WEST ACTON The M Missey County Bures

perature with the Massachusetts Vi liege will hold a two specialized apple school in Old lows hall. West Acton January 6. 7. The West Acton school is one several schools conducted by the lege in different parts of the state local committee in charge is composed E. R. Teele of West Acton: A Calkins of Harvard; H. Prescott B. roughs of Boxborough; E. A. War Stow; Fred Middleton of Huds-John H. Hardy of Littleton and Alie Batley of Maynard. This commo has prepared the following program Tuesday, January 6

10-11 a. m .- Establishing an orcha-Prof. F. C. Sears. 11-12 - Keeping old trees vice

ous and productive, R. A. Vat Meter. 1-1.50 p. m.—Demonstration, buddling and grafting, Prof. Sears.

1.50-2.40—Proper feeding of fruit trees, H. D. Haskins. 2,40-3,30-Storage of apples, W. R

Wednesday, January 7 0-11 a., m.—Demonstration, grading and packing of apples, R. A

Van Meter.

11-12—Value of bees to the Fruit grower, Prof. W. W. Chenoweth, -1.50—Co-operative Marketing, speak-er to be announced.

1.50-2.40—Apple by-products, Prof. Chenoweth. 2,40-3,30-Joint session with womer

gram for 1920. At the same time that the apple school is under way for the men folks another school will be under way for the women folks so that the entire family may attend the school, in of Miss Margaret Robinson of

Discussion of local bureau pro-

Tuesday, January 6 10-11-Choice and care of utensils. 11-12—Dental hygiene. 1-3,30—Clothing demonstration—easi-

the County Bureau,

ways of doing familiar Wednesday, January 7

10-12—Demonstration, "The lunch box."
-1.50-Planning and Spending.

.50-2.40-Milk as a Food. .40-3.30-Joint session with men.

West Acton is easily accessible by state road, Boston and Maine railroad, Fitchburg division, and electrics for all of the so-called Littleton applegrowing section that is now becoming so famous.

The men who have been furnished by the college and experiment station are known far and wide for their knowledge, ability and standing in the horticultural profession. The extension service of the Massachusetts Agricultural college is preparing a large exhibit of diseases, insects, spray large exhibit of diseases, insects, spray material, spraying accessories such as nozzles, hose, shut-off, etc., pruning knives and pruning saws. The County Bureau is preparing an exhibit of different types of apple boxes, apple box risers, and proper method of packing in the proposed new standard apple

· All men and women planning to at tend the school should communicate with the representative in their town who is on this committee, or write to the County Bureau at Waltham, or Mr Teele at West Acton. It will be neces sary to serve dinner tickets in advance. The Ladies' Benevolent society vance. The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Baptist church will furnish dinner at a reasonable price.

An interesting feature is the attempt to obtain the preference of growers on apple varieties. Each one in attend-ance is going to be requested to fill in a slip listing the six varieties which they prefer. Every afternoon the lists will be collected and tabulated and the results announced at the meeting. Fruit growers will find that this

school will prove of as much value as have most of the automobile ex-cursions, meetings, etc. Those who do not attend will miss a great deal.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Thursday morning, Jan-uary 1, at 9.45, a very large lot of personal property belonging to Mrs. Hattle M. Baldwin, Wayland, New Advertisements

LOST—The Gavel belonging to the Harvard Woman's Club. If found please return at once. No questions asked. LILLIAN P. CLEAVES, Cor. Sec., Harvard, Mass. WANTED—Girl for general house work in family with no children; ref erences required; wages \$10 per week Apply to MRS. WILLIAM H. DERBY 325 Malden Street, Revere, Mass. 4114

J. J. SKAHAN, Auctioneer 38 Main St. Phone 66 Hudson, Mass.

Auction 19 Summer Street, Maynard, Mass

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ter, 1-horse 4-wheel Cart.

Three sets of Hack Harnesses in nas vacation.

Meeril Isoley, of Wichita, Kan., a that were new last summer, 4 Express Harnesses all ready to use every Blankets, 3 are black, all new last mankets, a are mark, an new new twinter, Light and Heavy is to House Statle Blankets, Loading Halters twints, Stove and Pipe, Lantens followed the used colds and only

> rate of the estables.
> The place Good Food Home Cooking

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Townsend, Mass., Dec. 5, 1919. 4t15

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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Sedan **\$936** Chassis \$520 Coupelet \$806 Ton Truck, solid tires \$588 Pneumatic tires \$629 Fordson Tractor is here—it helped win the war \$750 f. o. b. Dearborn, Mich.

1915 Ford Touring Car \$240 1914 Ford Touring Car \$200 1916 Ford Touring Car \$260 1918 Ford Touring Car, newly painted \$400 Ford Light Truck, panel body \$225

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SOLO E. IS HEASTER STATES TO THE CONSIDER OF SHEET STATES OF THE CONTROL OF THE C bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

Main Street

HERRERT B. PRIEST. Executor Aver, Mass., Dec. 6, 1919.

LOST BOOK -- In accordance with Chapter 500, Section 19 of the Acts of 100s and amendments thereto, notice 19 hereby siven that Book No. 6989 has been lost and application has been made for the issuance of a duplicate book.

NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK, Ralph L. Hastings, Treasurer. Ayer, Mass., Dec. 10, 1919. 3t15

Wish to call your attention to their stock of

> **GEMETERY** MEMORIALS

PARK STREET

Aver. Mass.

#### **PEPPERELL**

Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Anderson were happily surprised on Tuesday by the unexpected arrival of their son Oscar from Lafayette, Ind., this being his first Christmas vacation at home since west. He is connected still with the Purdue university, where he was formerly instructor of pomology, and later assigned to the position of assistant professor of the horticultural department. Although he has received flattering offers for work farther afield he has preferred retaining this office. His vacation will extend to the

Miss Margaret Anderson joined the family party for Christmas day and will remain here for the rest of the week before returning to her duties

Mrs. A. J. Woodward went to Bos ton last week to spend the holidays with relatives giving Miss Robinson who is with her on Park street, a chance to be at her own home in town over the holidays,

John C. Frazier went to Putnam Conn., the first of the week to be with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Duffey over the Christmas season.

Christmas exercises at the Methodist on Tuesday evening drew many little folks there to enjoy the Christ-mas tree. Santa Claus, impersonated by the paster, made a happy and satistied gathering.

Mrs. A. A. Sliker and son Raymond went to Brockton, Wednesday, to pass the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bosworth and family.

Lemuel Lohnes has sold his small farm in West Hollis, N. H., to Thowas Sullivan, who has been living in a small unfinished house near the sta-The Lohnes place was Mr. Sullivan's former home, only the house has been replaced after the burning of the old one

Mrs. P. J. McDonald, with her sister. Mrs. George Tucker, motored to Boston on the warm day, Tuesday, finding the traveling excellent after seaving Tyngsboro. Leslie Jay acted as chauffeur, accompanied by Ernest Hazard. The party spent some time in Malden with Mrs. Helen Jay before starting for home in the evening.

Miss Nellie Errington is stopping here with her father, Fred Erring-ton, during her two-weeks school vacation, from Orange.

Mrs. Joseph Patterson is entertaining a relative, Mrs. Blynn, from Gardi-mer, Me., who came on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and family,

from South Brookline, N. H., have moved into the Fred Bancroft house

Miss Gertrude Dane, a teacher in Lowell, will spend her Christmas vacation of two weeks with her sister, Mrs.

A very pretty attention was given to the ex-service unen who are convalescing at the Homestead, through the Neb.; i efforts, of the Girl Scouts, Tuesday mobile eyening. A Christmas tree with gifts and pretty decorations was part of the Waterbury, Conn., are spending the Program. Singing of carols was a feature much enjoyed, and two little songs by Rachel Gagnon were applauded. After the music, Santa Claus in the person of John Sutherland, ap-Mr. Sutherland was formerly at the Homestead, recuperating, but is now at Amherst college, under the fed eral board. After distribution of the articles there was a general good time, lunch being served by Mr. Hamilton, of the Homestead, and dancing fol-

An appreciated Christmas gift by the convalescent men at the Homestead were several new records for their Vic trola, lately given by the Scouts, these latter gifts being donated through the kindness of the local branch, American H., is spending the holidays with her Red Cross, Wednesday evening, as a pleasant Christmas reminder.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kittredge, with their two sons, from Cambridge, motored up Wednesday evening to spend the holiday with Mr. and Mrs Ingalls Kittredge and Mrs. Edna Kittredge Clement.

A tiny daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Moseley, Wednesday, December 17, in Pittsfield. Mrs. Moseley was formerly Miss Rayette Boynton, of this town. Her sister, Miss Anna Boynton, came on from New York to spend her holiday there in

J. Walter Smith, from New York and Fletcher Smith, Harvard, spen the holidays at their home here in

Other Pepperell matter on page six

Church Notes,

At the Community church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "The ending." Church school at noon. highest honor. Mrs. Addison Wood-ward's class have charge of the decorations for Sunday. Branch Alliance inent men of the town. The election meeting with Mrs. L. G. Robbins, High of officers will be held at the close of street, next week Thursday, with ap- the meeting. propriate program.

Morning worship at the Methodist church, Sunday, at 10.45; sermon by the pastor. Sunday school at twelve A meeting for boys in the chapel and girls in the parsonage at Evening worship at 7.30, with the pastor. Regular weekly prayer meeting on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, New Year's ning, under the auspices of the grange. eve, there will be a gathering under the auspices of the Epworth league, from a to 11.30. Devotional service each child. Mrs. Catherine Furbush from 11.50 to 12. The Ladies' Aid was in charge of the entertainment meeting with Mrs. Arthur Morrison. Lowell street, Thursday afternoon at

#### Community Christmas Tree.

The town is indebted to the Com-Service club for the happy thought of the community Christmas tree, which took place so pleasingly on Wednesday evening. The club is indebted to all who lent their aid to the when presented, and those who have helped in any way. The tree was very centrally located, being placed on the grounds of the Main street school. and was handsomely decorated and illumined by about 100 electric lights These were mostly distributed on the free to bring out the outline. The radiance could be seen in many directions fully half a mile away. The slight snowfall added but another touch in the line of decorations, the heaven-sent powder excelling anything artificial in this line of decorating. rowds were coming and going to view the spectacle, new to many here, many singing, which commenced about seven o'clock. About half a dozen Christmas carols from the numerous voices. which were plainly heard at some dis- them to use her rooms for the meet- Boston Herald.

tance, two groups of singers carried lngs, the members presented her with good cheer to the shut-ins in different parts of the town by going to them

nd singing the carols. The custom, once adopted, should not be allowed to die out as it seems not only to unite the townspeople in one idea, but is a fitting revival of the best of our old-world customs of the 'Christmas waits." The tree will main in position and be lighted until the new year.

#### TOWNSEND

Center.

The members of the Monday club were pleasantly entertained Monday afternoon at a Christmas party held at Wyndecrest, the home of Mrs. R. G. essenden, with Mrs. Fessenden and Mrs. C. F. Worcester, hostesses. Christmas music was played from the Victrola and a reading, "The colonel's Christmas," was given by Mrs. F. M. Varren, and a monologue, "Christmas shopping," by Mrs. G. Hartford. Exchange gifts, with accompanying original poems, were distributed from a prettily decorated Christmas tree Dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses, including little cakes with holly frosting. At the meeting of the Grange, Mon-

day evening, a very interesting pro-gram was presented. Papers on gram was presented. Papers on Christmas customs in England were given by Mrs. Emma Spencer; France, Mrs. Winifred Farrar; Belgium, Mrs. H. Gray; Italy, Miss Sadie Moulton; Scotland, Mrs. M. Wilson, and America, Miss Ella Jennerson. Christmas music was rendered including vocal solos by Mrs. Frank Miller and Miss Moulton, and piano selections by A. G. Seaver. Mrs. Emma Spencer, who was in charge of the evening's pro-

gram, distributed the gifts that were

brought by members, distributing them according to numbers. At the close of the last Congregational Junior Endeavor society meeting Master Carey Swinnington, in behalf of the members, presented their superintendent, Mrs. A. L. Struthers with a Christmas gift of a gold piece. Incidentally this meeting was the anniversary date of the organization of the present society by the pastor's

wife, three and one-half years ago. At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon topic will be "A glance at the future foundations." Those wishing to contribute money for the Armenian hildren are asked to bring their contributions in sealed envelopes and place them in the collection box at

the morning service. Miss Eva Whitcomb, teacher in Lyndeboro, N. H., and Miss Helen G. in a League of Nations to minimize Whitcomb, student at Northfield, are the chance of another world war, and spending their vacations with their Senator Lodge does not, as is finally

Mrs. Attie Streeter and son Norman arrived Wednesday evening, from Waltham to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity. Ralph Kilbourn, who is connected rith construction work in Albion, Neb.: Farley Kilbourn, who is in auto lery Kilbourn, high school teacher in

Harold Swicker, student at Maine university, is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua

cleared at the local Red Cross food Foreign Relations is attempting to sesale. Of the \$30 reported only about \$12 was netted at the sale, and the balance was made on the candy sales at motion pictures and individual contributions.

#### BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Miss Nellie Philbrick of Keene, N.

Kenneth Porter of Greenfield was week-end visitor at the home of J. A Walker.

Henry Walker has purchased a ort to replace his Ford. Mrs. P. W. Cunningham entertained

Fred Furbush is visiting friends in

Framingham. Miss Hazel Morse is enjoying a vacation from her teaching duties in

Evelyn Wood is spending the week with relatives in Bridgewater. Melville and Florence Wood of Bos-

on were holiday guests of Mrs. Catherine Furbush. Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Costello are enjoying the week at Sunnybrook

A cordial invitation is extended to every man and boy in Boxborough to be present at a meeting of the Box-horough Boys' club in the library hall. Evening service at seven o'clock with borough Boys' club in the library hall, sermon. Mrs. Lane's class won the Saturday evening, December 27, at banner last week; and Elmer Rice the seven o'clock. The boys will explain the purpose of the club at that time and responses will be made by prom-inent men of the town. The election

> The local grange conferred the third and fourth degrees upon five candidates Friday evening. The new members are Mrs. Charles Burrows, Rev. Charles Burrows, Mrs. Eva Richardson, George Burnier and Perry Burns.

The Christmas entertainment for the school children of the town was held in the town hall. Wednesday eve The main attraction was the Christma tree with gifts of candy and fruit for society will celebrate New Year's by a which consisted of songs and readings by the school children and vocal selections by Mr Burnier. A farce,

"The doll's farewell." featuring Santa and his better half, was much enjoyed Santa later made a decided hit with the vounger element when he stripp the tree. Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson were in charge of the refresh-

#### Officers Elected.

The Boxborough Red Cross branch held a meeting at the home of Mrs Chauncey Robbins Tuesday afternoon The business taken up at that time was the election of officers for the en suing year. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Ada Durkee, pres. Mrs. Mabel Whitcomb, vice pres.; Mrs. Dora Barteau, sec.; Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, treas., Mrs. Joseph Poland was elected chairman of the Home service, assisted by Mrs. P. W. Cun-ingham, Mrs. C. B. Robbins and Mrs. George Burroughs. Miss Mabel Wethorione was chosen as leader of the junon Red Cross work and Mrs. C. B. theing present at the time of the carol Robbins as member of the executive

In token of their appreciation of Mrs. Robbins' kindness in allowing

During the social hour following the business meeting Mrs. Robbins brought in a Christmas tree bearing t meeting

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## \_rUSES TO APPROVE ATTITUDE OF LODGE

Courtenay, Crocker, Roosevelt Club Member Upholds League of Nations

Senator Lodge's views on the League of Nations have developed thick and thin supporters like Robert M. Washburn and has met with considerable favor from certain Republican statesmen like Senator Borah and Louis Coolidge of Boston, who firmly believe in national selfishness, thorough preparation for war, and absolute lack of preparation for peace. That the Republican Party in Massachusetts, however, is decidedly not in a mood to be led blindfold in this matter by its senior Senator is shown by a poll of the members of the Roosevelt Club, which brought from Courtenay Crocker, one of the most highly respected of the party leaders, the following reply: To the Secretary of the Roosevelt

Club: I have received the letter sent out by the Roosevelt Club asking the members to show their co-operation by answering certain questions, one of which is as follows:

Is your attitude toward the Treaty of Peace and the Covenant of the League of Nations, in substance, nearer to that of Mr. Wilson or to that of Mr. Lodge?

Although I am a Republican my answer to this question so far as the general attitude of the two men is concerned is "Wilson," because President Wilson believes heart and soul parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Whitcomb. shown by that part of his speech of August 11, 1919 in which he said: "I fear that the hearts of the vast majority of mankind would beat on strongly and steadily and without any quick ening if the League were to perish

Passing from the general attitude of President Wilson and Senator Lodge towards the Treaty and the League of Nations to consideration of their attitude as to details, my answer still is Wilson," because President Wilson wants to preserve the League and Senator Lodge by joining in the ma-A correction is given of the amount jority report of the Committee on cure the adoption of reservations and amendments, some of which would defeat the entire treaty because they would never receive the approval o our principal Allies and all of which are so mnecessarily badly phrased that before they became effective we would be obliged to go hat in hand to Germany to ask her consent to their adoption.

In reply to a letter sent out recently to Republican members of the Massa chusetts Legislature past and present 122 wrote that they favored the Cove nant for a League of Nations without reservation or amendment; 43 were in favor of ratification with reserva ner daughter Bernice nad her son of a League. This shows, I believe, that the majority of Republicans will not tolerate the efforts which Senator Johnson, Senator Borah and a few others are making to defeat the League, but will throw their support to Senator Porter J. McCumber of North Dakota, a dissenting member of the Committee on Foreign Relations and a leading Republican.

The McCumber resolution does not undertake to amend the Treaty and would not give Germany or any party to the Treaty ground for claiming that the ratification by the United States was not complete and binding. It is carefully worded by a man who thor and in the League and furnishes an opportunity to secure for this country and for the world the inestimable ad vantages of a League of Nations with out in any way impairing the best

traditions of true Americanism. Remembering that Roosevelt in his statement to the Nobel Peace Committee in 1909 said that "It would be a master stroke if those great powers honestly bent on peace would form a league of peace not only to keep the peace among themselves, but to prevent by force if necessary its being broken by others," I trust that the members of this Club founded to carry on his ideas and ideals will do everything in their power to make effective the leadership on this issue of Porter J. McCumber, Republican Senator from North Dakota,

(Signed) COURTENAY CROCKER.

POLL OF ROOSEVELT CLUB "SIGNIFICANT"

Here is a straight-out, militant, Republican club, presided over by an unsparing critic of the league, who has called to: its rostrum Hiram Johnson of California and other thick and thin opponents of Wilson's program. It is doubtful if any advocate of the President's plan of world organization has ever taken the floor at the Roosevelt Club. At its head-table habitually sit the same men who adorn the platform at the Johnson-Borah meetings. The issue was, moreover drawn between the senior senator of our own state and a President of the opposite political party. And yet one-fifth of the Roosevelt Club, on such a division, profess themselves nearer to agree ment with Wilson than with Lodge. The Transcript never said a truer word in its long and honored history than that this was "significant."

## DO THE WOMEN OF NEW **ENGLAND REALLY KNOW** HOW TO BUY CLOTHES?

Expert Buyers Say Women Can Purchase Modish Merchandise at Medium Cost Despite High Prices.

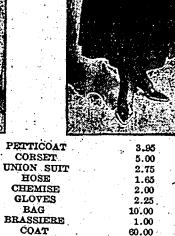
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In the home, at the club and pay any price for their clothing rein fact wherever women congregate the question of the high cost of clothing is always sure to come in for a goodly amount of comment.

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"It isn't possible to secure stylish clothing unless you pay an exorbitant price for it", one woman will 🕿

stores are boosting up the prices of clothing" OTHER SIDE OF STORY

But how about the other side of the story? Are all women of the opinmedium cost despite the present high the above pictures were posed in a spite of the present high prees have regular stock and the prices given prices.

woman to dress in these times at a No doubt one after a careful study Willia moderate cost the savings division of of the pictures could pick out the erley. the Treasury Department through the model attired in the most expensive cooperation of department stores and costume, but after careful considerits many field workers have made a ation would one pay a difference of thorough investigation of the prob\$422,65 for the higher priced outfit? lems which confront the woman buy- No sensible woman would. er of clothes in these days of high

discretion in selecting their clothing, chase wearing apparel or other mersecure stylish, serviceable merchandise at a moderate cost.

tion a woman will necessarily have to she can afford for such expenditures did before the war. However, it is able to save money despite the presalso brought out in this investigation ent high prices. If she invests these that one reason for the "real" high savings in such government securities prices of some merchandise existing as War Savings Stamps and Treasury at the present time are the result of Savings Certificates she will have inthe willingness of certain women to vested money for future needs.

gardless of what their income may be. As an example, the case in Connecticut where girls earning not over \$15 a week paid \$300 for fur coats fully illustrates . the reckless extravagance on the part of certain, wome

Teaching Wise Buying
The Savings Division of the Treas ury Department is not attempting to discourage sensible buying. It is try Another will chime in and ing to teach a woman to spend ac-collaborate her sister saying, cording to her income. Not only will "It's just terrible the way the she benefit from such action, but the cording to her income. Not only will high prices of certain articles of merchandise will surely decrease if the women refuse to pay such outlandish prices for them.

For the purpose of picturing a striking illustration of the difference beion that they cannot secure stylish tween extravagant "speedy spending" and serviceable merchandise at a and careful, "conscientious buying," prices? They are not. There are leading Boston department store esmany women—and they are of the pecially for the savings division, First sensible type, who are always conceded to be neatly dressed and who in fit is exaggerated, both are taken from proved by practise that they can secure, by wise buying, stylish and sercure, by wise buying, stylish and serduplicated at the cost named. Other guests of the Burton S. Flaggs in Angular the cost named. viceable merchandise at moderate stores in Boston and elsewhere could make similar comparisons.

Frankly, now as never before it pays a woman "to shop" according to

The findings of this investigation many of the buyers of some of New show that despite the high cost of England's leading department stores. living, women can, if they use good Let the woman who is about to purchandise make a careful study of her needs, then taking into consideration Of course it must be conceded that her income, she can after due deliberbecause of this period of reconstructation determine just how much money more for her clothing than she The woman who does this will be

### NATION TO OBSERVE THRIFT WEEK JAN. 17

Information received at the Savings Division, First Federal Reserva District, from Washington, states that starting January 17 a Thrift Week will be held throughout the country under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of increasing the financial and industrial strength of the nation and for the purpose of teaching the people the benefits derived from steady saving and safe investment. The Savings Division will co-operate with the Y. M. C. A.

Disillusioned.

A novelist who had learned that a certain book seller was a great admirer of his works resolved to call upon the tradesman and introduce himself. Having done so, he noticed that the manager scrutinized him rather critically, but freely entered into con-When the novelist was about to depart he said: "Now you have met me, I suppose you will want to sell my books more than ever?" "Perhaps I shall," was the answer, but, all the same, I wish I had not



Avoid Habit of Musing. Few habits are more injurious than musing, which differs from thinking as pacing one's chamber does from walking abroad. The mind learns nothing, and is not strengthened but weakened, returning perpetually over the same barren track. Where the thoughts are somber the evil is doubly great, and not only time and vigor are squandered, but melancholy becomes fixed. It is really a disease, and the question how it should be treated is one of the most important in anthropology.-J. W. Alexander.

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LITTLETON

Please bring your college song books to the college social on Saturday even-

Owing to New Year's day coming on next week Thursday, in combination with welcome home day in Ayer, the publication office plan to close for the day and all copy must be sent to the office or the correspondent not later than Wednesday noon.

Fred O. Stiles has bought the Howard Longley orchard of fifty acres on Flat hill, Shirley, which is set out to McIntosh Reds and other popular varieties of apple trees. stand that Mr. Stiles buys for invest-

The Charles K. Houghtons and the dover. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Brown spent

Christmas with their No doubt one after a careful study William Handley, and family, in Wav-Mrs. Hiram Brown and Miss God-

dard were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jacobs and Mrs. Emma Jeffrey, who makes her home with them, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell spent Christmas with the

Jack Hartwell family in Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard en tertained twenty persons on Christmas day. Among the guests were Mrs. layton Hartwell and two sons, Guy Green and family, Mrs. Ada Ireland and family and Frank Hibbard. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Conant had

large family gathering for the holiday including all their children and most f their grandchildren. Miss Katherine Kimball, of Brock ton, was at home Christmas day. Miss Maud Mitchell, of Chelsen, is

spending the holiday season with the home people. Mrs. Lillian Cunningham spent the holiday with her son and other relatives in Nashua, N. H.

The Frank Plummer family, Worcester, were holiday guests of the Thomas H. Stephens family. George H. Kimball and family ac cepted the holiday hospitality of the F. S. Kimballs.

The L. W. Bartletts were entertained at C. A. Kimbali's, Thursday, Harold Rice and family, from Ros lindale, spent Christmas at John H. Kimball's. Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Brown, Miss

Augusta Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown were holiday guests of the Charles Gordon family in New Mrs. Paul Brown spent part of the holiday with her brother, J. H. Whit-

poarding place in Somerville. The annual Christmas festival was neld at the Congregational church vestry Wednesday afternoon when a splendid program was given by the children and a Christmas tree yielded the usual amount of joy for them. Roger Conant impersonated Santa

Claus. The Misses Lydia and Harriet Por ter, of West Acton, and the Misses
Lucy and Emily Adams, of Waltham,
were holiday guests of the N. H. Whitcomb famfly.

Installation of Grange officers next Wednesday night.

Frank W. Moore and Miss Mary Folan were Christmas guests of her ister and husband in Canton. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thacher and EXTRA GOOD COFFEE daughter spent Christmas with Dea-con and Miss Thacher.

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Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and A. H. Knowlton; also, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turner, of Milford, N. H., were holiday guests of the H. F. Proctors O. D. Prescott, of Greenville, N. H.

died suddenly Tuesday. He had been out of health for some time, and had but recently sold out his business, the final papers having been signed the day previous to his death. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Abbie Rob bins Prescott, whose early life was spent in Littleton.

John Garno, one of the oldest Fitchburg railroad conductors in point of service, met with a sad accident a few days ago while on his way to visit his son in a Boston hospital. As he was leaving an electric car, an auto truck came along and hit him, breaking three ribs, one leg and fractured his skull. He was placed in the same hospital with his son and said to be on the dangerous list. Although conscious at times, he is considered in a critical condition. Many Littleon people remember of a similar ac cident that happened to Mr. Garno's brother, also a conductor, who stepped from his train at Littleton depot jus as an express whizzed past and hit him, causing instant death.

Mrs. Olive Hall has sold her house. hold goods and expects to leave soon.
for California.

Rev. Gail Cleland will preach his first sermon as pastor of the Congre-gational church Sunday morning, his subject being "The nativity of Jesus." The children of the Unitarian Sunlay school enjoyed their annual Christmas festivities at the vestry on

Wednesday afternoon. Littleton relatives were shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. George H. Fletcher, of Clinton, from heart disease, Tuesday night. She went to bed o quietly that her husband, lying near, was not conscious of her going. Funeral services were held from the Unitarian church Friday afternoon and interment was in Westlawn come-

tery, Littleton. New Advertisement

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