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\$35.00 Taupe Wolf Scarfs	\$20.00	\$85.00 Taupe Fox Scarfs	\$60.00
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\$35.00 Natural Raccoon Muffs	\$25.00	\$40.00 Black Wolf Muffs	\$20.00
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\$50.00 Taupe Wolf Muffs	\$35.00	\$40.00 Skunk Muffs	\$15.00
\$30.00 Black Fox Muffs	\$20.00	\$25.00 Dyed Raccoon Muffs	\$15.00
\$60.00 Taupe Wolf Muffs	\$45.00	\$30.00 Black Fox Muffs	\$18.50

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LITTLETON
News Items.
The dinner and annual business meeting of the Congregational church and parish will be held in the vestry on Saturday, January 24. Dinner at 12.30; business at two o'clock.
The King's Daughters have recently sent twenty-four first aid bags to the Seamen's Mission in Boston, each containing medicated gauze, carbolated vaseline, castile soap and finger stalls.
This has been a week of sleigh parties for the high school pupils. The Juniors and sophomores had a jolly sleigh-ride to Ayer and visited the motion picture show Monday night. E. A. Flagg driving, and the freshmen enjoyed a sleigh party on Tuesday night, making the same objective. Ed. Wesley carried the class free of charge.
Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Russell recently entertained their niece, Miss Marguerite Russell, from the state of New Hampshire.
We have learned this week that William Newman, formerly a resident of the common, and in the world war a member of the Machine Gun Company, 124th Infantry, died from wounds received in the war just before the armistice was signed. Much sympathy is felt for the family by all their Littleton friends.
The citizens' caucus of Monday evening proved a quiet, uneventful meeting. The former officers were all nominated with two exceptions. Edwin N. Robinson's name was entered for cemetery commissioner in place of Walter Titcomb, and G. Edward Prouty's name instead of Rev. H. L. Caulkins' on the school board.
Mrs. Austin Kimball is suffering from a lame back.

BOXBOROUGH
News Items.
Howard Porter has returned from a two-weeks' visit in Manchester, N. H.
Stephen D. Salmon, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is on the road to recovery.
Zenus Lovelace is undergoing a minor operation in the Clinton hospital.
Hobart Brown was on the sick list the early part of the week, but is much better at present.
Clifton Steele has bought a fifteen-acre lot from Chauncey Robbins. No signs of a house have yet appeared, but— "Now girls!"
The Boys' club held another sociable in the town hall on last Saturday evening. Many of the young people were present and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Fritz Burns, of Waltham, presided at the piano.
Burpee Steele returned last Saturday from a trip to Greenwood, N. S. He was called there by the illness of his father, who was much improved when Mr. Steele returned home. Mr. Steele, while in Nova Scotia, purchased an eighty-acre fruit farm in the famous Annapolis Valley.
Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Robbins spent a few days in Boston the past week. They visited the Willsons and Turners in Charlestown and Waltham.
The ice men are busy this week harvesting the ice crop, but nearly all of the houses are filled.
A large number of new books have been added to the library and are now ready for distribution.

Death.
Warren Blanchard, a former resident of this town, died in North Leominster on December 31. The cause of his death was Bright's disease, from which he had suffered for several months.
Mr. Blanchard was born in Boxborough on January 1, 1852, on the farm now owned by his sister, Mrs. F. Y. Nelson. He remained on the home place until his marriage to Miss Nellie Webber, in 1875, when he moved to Boston and engaged in the grocery business. Later he moved to Southboro, where he bought a farm, but when it was taken to become part of the Metropolitan water basin he moved to Marlboro. For late years he had made his home in North Leominster.
The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter; also, nine grandchildren and a sister and brother.

Grange Notes.
At the meeting of the Grange on last week Friday evening the following officers for 1920 were installed: Prescott Burroughs, m.; Waldo Livermore, o.; Mrs. Catherine Furbush, lect.; Anton Swanson, stew.; William Cobleigh, asst. stew.; Charles N. Burrows, chap.; William A. Furbush, treas.; Mabel Wetherbee, lect.; Fred Furbush, g. k.; Catherine Graves, Ceres; Evangeline Graves, Pomona; Mrs. George Richardson, Flora; Helen Fiera, l. a. s.; Mrs. Florence Salmon, pianist; George Richardson, Charles Richard, Geo. Cunningham, executive committee. State Lecturer Harry E. Gardner was installing officer, assisted by Miss Marion E. Burroughs. Following the installation an excellent oyster supper was served. There were forty-five patrons in attendance, a number being present from the Littleton Grange.

The next meeting, Friday, January 23, will be in charge of the officers, and a good time is promised.
The programs for 1920 are out and many interesting meetings are planned.

Church Notes.
The annual church business meeting was held on Wednesday in the vestry of the church. After the meeting was called to order by the clerk, Arthur W. Nelson, C. H. Waitt was elected moderator. Following a prayer by the pastor the church records for the year were read by the clerk. C. H. Waitt gave the yearly report of the trustees, and various other reports were given.
The following officers were then elected for 1920: C. N. Burrows, Sunday school supt.; Lewis W. Richardson, deacon; C. H. Waitt, trustee; Emil Swanson, church clerk; B. C. Steele, treas.; Waldo Livermore, auditor; Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Nelson, Edgar Mead, examining com.; S. B. Hager, A. W. Nelson, ushers; Charles Waitt, Jr., Anton Swanson, offertory collectors; Priscilla and Hager, asst. offertory collectors; Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb, organist; Mrs. George Burroughs, assistant; Mrs. George Burroughs, chorister.

Many of the smart evening gowns use as trimming large wreaths of flowers and foliage.



BOXBOROUGH

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CHILDREN'S \$1.50 to \$2.25	LADIES' \$3.25	MEN'S \$2.25 to \$4.50

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Yarn Toques, all colors 50¢ to \$1.50

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Heavy Cotton and Wool \$1.50
Heavy Fleece-lined \$1.39
Heavy Wool \$2.00 to \$3.50

Union Suits
Heavy Derby Ribbed \$1.89 to \$2.50
Heavy Wool \$3.50 to \$5.50
Boys' Derby Ribbed 95¢ to \$1.75
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Army Style \$3.50 to \$8.50
Slip-on Style \$3.50 to \$8.50
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CALENDAR WEEK
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SHIRLEY

News Items. The dance this Saturday evening in Odd Fellows' hall will be under the management of the YD men, the proceeds of which will be given to the Memorial clubhouse fund. Music will be furnished by Scarano's orchestra, of Fitchburg.

conclusion of the business session two interesting letters from France were read, which were written by Laura Loyson, an American woman, who has been conducting a military convalescents' home in Paris, but is devoting more and more of her time and work for the refugees. In the letters she described her trips to the devastated regions and depicts in a most realistic manner, the suffering and distress these people have been and are enduring. She is soliciting funds from such organizations as the Alliance and as her credentials are of the best, one can feel assured that any money sent her would be used in her work and do a vast deal of good. The readers were Mrs. L. J. Edgarton and Miss Mary A. Hobbs.



HOWARD FULLER

By courtesy of the Providence Daily Journal we print this week a photograph of Howard Fuller, who died in Providence on January 3, and an account of whose death was given last week. Mr. Fuller lived for several years on the farm on Whitney road now owned by Howard M. Longley, and proved himself to be a valued and respected citizen of the town. He was elected to the office of town clerk of Shirley and at the time of his removal from town was a member of the board of selectmen and also a member of the board of trustees of the North Middlesex Savings bank, Ayer.

sums of money for the purpose of providing and installing flush closets in the grammar school building on Lancaster road, or act thereon. Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of further road construction on Center road.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Dudley, of Union, announce the engagement of their daughter Doris to Guy Edward Eaton, of East Weare. Mrs. Mabel Sherman is visiting her son Harold, and family, in Toledo, Ohio.



The Day of the Farmer

When three hundred hard-handed, sun-browned men from thirty-two states assembled recently to map out a program for the get-together of American farmers, they declared solemnly—though in more elegant language—that the farmer shall no longer be the national goat! The organization of the American Farm Bureau Federation means that the day of the farmer is at hand, says

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this town. He also has a large circle of nieces, nephews and friends who mourn for him. The deceased was educated in the schools of Hollis and at Lawrence academy, Groton, and studied law in the office of Judge Cross in Manchester. In 1878 he went to Southwestern Iowa and engaged in farming and later in the hardware business in Shenandoah, Iowa. He was a man highly esteemed in his community and was for many years a deacon of the Congregational church and a faithful teacher in the Sunday school. He was seventy-eight years old.

ORDER NOW

If you are contemplating buying a car for next year we strongly urge you to place your order NOW, as all indications at present point to a car shortage that will cause disappointment to those who wait until spring to place their order. We have had to disappoint a great many prospective purchasers during the past season because there were not enough cars to supply the demand. Our entire allotment was absorbed by those who foresightedly ordered their cars in advance of the time when they actually needed them. The coming season, in our opinion, will see as great if not a greater shortage.

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Town Warrant.

The following articles are to be acted upon at the annual meeting on February 2:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator.

Art. 2. To choose all officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, town treasurer, school committee and other town officers or committees, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the poor, highways and bridges, fire department, enforcement of laws, library, payment of notes and interest, cemeteries, Memorial day, street lights, salaries of officers, tree wardens, exterminating moths, transportation of library books, transportation of voters, and all necessary and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of building cement sidewalks, or act thereon.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary of the tax collector, or act thereon.

Art. 7. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1920, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$10,000, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under such authorization to be paid from the revenue of said municipal year, or act thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$1,200 for the hydrant service for the year 1920, or act in relation thereto. Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for the purpose of providing police protection, or act thereon. Art. 10. To see if the town will vote that if the town at the annual town meeting to be held February 2, 1920, shall vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, that the sum of \$1,200 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing police protection, or act thereon. Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 to enforce the liquor law, or act thereon. Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for the purpose of exterminating elm leaf beetle, or act thereon. Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to pay the premium on the bonds of the town treasurer and collector of taxes, and raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or act thereon. Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to provide band concerts the current year, or act thereon. Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to sprinkle the principal streets of the town with dust laying oil, or act thereon. Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 or some other amount, and elect a director for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, the money to be expended by, and the director to be named, Mrs. O. E. Powers of that city by his niece, Mrs. G. Howard Bullock, and husband. The occasion was the fortieth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Powers, and ten members of the family, included Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Powers, of Hollis, enjoyed a bountiful chicken dinner with all the vision of boys and girls work. Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to accept as a public highway, Tolman street extension, so called, leading from the junction of Tolman and Whiteley streets easterly over land of Samson Cordage Works to its junction with Chapel street extension, the land required for this street to be donated by the Samson Cordage Works as shown in plan submitted, or act thereon. Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of grading and making passable, Tolman street extension, so called, or act thereon. Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for specific repairs to Phenix street from Front street to Fredonian street, or act thereon. Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of building cement sidewalks, or act thereon. Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of providing a district and public health nurse, or act thereon. Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept as a public highway, Rodman avenue, so called, leading from Shaker road, opposite the residence of Frank Boucher, to Wetherbee road, so called, over land of Samson Cordage Works, the land required for this street to be donated by the Samson Cordage Works as shown in plan submitted, or act thereon. Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of grading and improving Rodman avenue, so called, or act thereon. Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to instruct the assessors to print an inventory and valuation for the town of Shirley for 1920 and raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the same, or act thereon. Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the specific repair of Shaker road, so called, or act thereon. Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to authorize the board of health to sell the pest house, or act thereon. Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of draining surplus water at the corner of Main street and Benjamin road, or act thereon. Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of purchasing a road roller, or act thereon. Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or

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AYER
 News Items

Mrs Susan M. Barker attended the meeting of the West Acton Woman's club on Monday.
 Happy Jack Thrift club has sold twenty-five thrift stamps this week and seven war stamps. The thrift stamps are larger in size than those of 1919 and are red and look more substantial and pleasing.
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Griffin have returned to their home on Fletcher street after an extended visit at the home of their son, Michael E. Griffin of Harvard.

The Ladies' Benevolent society held a meeting of the ladies of the parish Thursday at the vestry.
 Willard G. White, past master of Ayer Grange, installed the officers of Westford Grange Thursday evening. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Smith, Miss Maud L. Whitaker and Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Boutwell, Rex M. Boutwell and Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Sawyer attended the joint installation of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans in Leominster on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Clara C. Chase is ill at her home of Butterfield court.
 The following Grangers attended the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona meeting in Fitchburg last week Thursday: Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks, Mrs. James M. Boutwell, Mrs. Daniel W. Mason, Mrs. Georgianna Connors, Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, Mrs. Henry W. Waterman, Mrs. Fred A. Smith, Mrs. John L. Kennison, Mrs. Brooks, was installed as Pomona and Mrs. Mason as chaplain.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet Friday evening, January 23, at the home of Mrs. Annie Norman. Mrs. Norman and Miss Clara Sheldon, hostesses. At the last meeting of the club the following officers were elected: Mrs. Florence P. Hillman, pres.; Mrs. Annie Norman, vice pres.; Mrs. Amy Wylie, sec.; Mrs. Nina Beverly, treas.; Mrs. Daisy Beckford, custodian.

Mrs. August A. Fillibrown, who has been very ill, was taken last Saturday to St. Elizabeth's hospital in Brighton, where he underwent an operation on Monday. He is expected home in about a week.
 Jewel T. Savage has accepted a position with the Westinghouse Electric Co., of Boston, and started in to work last Monday morning in the city during the week and week-ends here.

The annual guest night of the Woman's club will be held on Wednesday evening, January 21, at the town hall at eight o'clock. A fine musical entertainment will be given by Boston talent. Tickets for the same may be procured from the custodian, Mrs. Jennie F. Chaffin, Pleasant street, morning and also on the following dates: January 16, 18 and 19.

The first meeting of the sewing for grades five and six was held this week Friday afternoon in the high school building.
 Mrs. H. A. Kirby has recovered from an attack of tonsillitis. Her mother, Mrs. J. S. Hall, has somewhat improved from an ill turn.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, January 20. Work—Mark Master Mason degree.

The Boston Ice Company are still busy filling their houses at Sandy pond, the work being at present about three-fifths completed.
 In order to reduce expenses at the local railroad station a rearrangement of the ticket selling force was effected last Saturday morning. Guy E. Remick retains his position as agent, and Mrs. Beale A. Garbarino remains as clerk. Daniel W. Mason, who was assistant agent, becomes a ticket seller, and Edward E. Puffer, one of the present ticket sellers, will be the other ticket seller. Mr. Puffer will be on duty in the morning and afternoon, while Mr. Remick will be on duty in the afternoon. The other two ticket sellers, Winthrop H. Kelley, of Littleton, and C. P. Strout, of Fitchburg, have lost their positions through the reduction in the staff. Mr. Kelley already has a new position with similar duties at the Lowell station. Part duties have been put about half of it will be closed for the remainder of the winter, the part remaining unopen being that near the restaurant.

Albert Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irwin, left Monday for Lincoln, Neb., where he is a highway engineer in the employ of the state.

The final date for filing nomination papers is next Thursday afternoon at five o'clock. Papers have been circulated this week for the old board of selectmen. John D. Carney, D. C. Smith and George L. Wilson; Charles W. Mason, assessor; Guy B. Remick, town clerk; E. D. Stone, treasurer; William F. Fitzgerald and F. T. Auld, constables.

So much interest has been shown for the forming of a Unitarian Men's club that plans are being discussed for a meeting on following the Every Number canvass.

A military whist and entertainment will be given by the Catholic Girls' club in K. of C. hall on Monday evening, January 12. Tickets may be obtained from the members.

On Sunday morning a soldier was taken with wood alcohol poisoning on the train from Worcester to Ayer, as the result of drinking from a supposed bottle of whiskey which he had with him. He was taken from the train unconscious and was given first aid treatment at the local station. He was later removed to the base hospital at Camp Devens in a serious condition, and it is reported he died Sunday night.

Mrs. Lena M. Smith, wife of Alfred Smith, died last week Friday of consumption at the home of her sister in Springfield. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Martell, of Monson, and was married to Mr. Smith on Armistice day, 1918. She was thirty-three years of age and leaves a sister her husband, her parents, a brother and three sisters. Since her marriage her home had been in town until last September, when she went to Springfield to stay with her sister. Funeral services were held on Monday at the Sacred Heart church, and burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank on Monday

afternoon the following board of directors was elected to serve for the ensuing year: Howard B. White, Daniel W. Fletcher, Charles A. Normand, W. M. Chase, Ayer, Thomas L. Hazen, Robert H. J. Holden, Shirley; Waldo Spaulding, Peppersell, Hobart E. Mead, Acton; Carl A. P. Lawrence, Groton. Howard B. White was chosen president; Oliver K. Pierce, vice pres.; Charles A. Normand, clerk of the board of directors.

Friends and relatives of Miss Helen L. Towne, a young and well known girl both of this town and surrounding towns, will be pleased to learn of her recent marriage to Stephen A. Meaghin of Milton.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held next Monday afternoon. Work—Entered Apprentice degree. Dinner will be served at one o'clock in the Banquet hall.

The month of December, 1919, was the largest of any month in the history of the North Middlesex Savings Bank. The total deposits for the month were \$63,000.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge will be held on Friday evening, January 23. Work—Master Mason degree. A lunch will be served.

Mrs. John M. Wallace was operated upon last week Friday at the Clinton hospital by Dr. J. J. Goodwin and is resting comfortably. She is expected to be able to return home in about a week.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded from this vicinity: Ayer, Susie C. Brown to N. B. Roe; Peppersell, Josephine F. Williams et al. to W. J. Kemp; Shirley, Charles L. Manser to A. E. Guild; Charles A. Milne adm. to H. M. Snow, Arthur J. Wellington commr. to C. L. Manser; Townsend, Clarence L. Chandler tr. to B. & A. D. Fessenden Co.; Harvard, Joseph Holden et al. trs. to Emmet F. Hillman, et al.; Emily T. Whitman to Jane Hardman et al.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Blood are now located in Daytona, Fla., and expect to return home to Ayer about the first of next month.

Invitations are out for the wedding reception to be held on Saturday, January 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, East Main street, following the wedding of their daughter, Edna Caroline, and John Joseph McCarthy. The reception is at four p. m.

James Pender, son of Joseph Pender of Pearl street, injured his leg while sliding on the toboggan slide at Camp Devens last Saturday. He was taken to the Base Hospital at camp for treatment. The injury is not serious, but he will have to remain at the hospital for a week or ten days, it is expected.

John T. Gibbons, who has the position of salesman with the Ecological company, has returned to the George J. Gibbons was married on January 1st at Boston to Miss Edith Jourdain of Boston. The couple have just returned from a ten days' wedding trip to North Carolina, and have moved into the Burns house this week.

Hugh Donahue, formerly of Peppersell, now living here, had a narrow escape from drowning last Tuesday morning on his way home from work, where he is, employed as assistant engineer in the refrigerating plant, Camp Devens. On crossing Grove pond he came near the channel, which was covered by thin ice and on feeling his mind let his bladder go, which sank to the bottom of the pond. By grabbing his arms out and with his overcoat spread out, which wedged him in the hole, he was able to extract himself from his position. He suffered nothing from the experience, except having his hair blown all ice by the time he reached home.

Board of Trade.
 A meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the Board of Trade rooms for the purpose of formulating plans for making Ayer a consolidated trading center for the surrounding towns. There was a very good representation of the local merchants present, and J. Harold Atwood, president of the Board of Trade, presided.

The idea for which the meeting was called was received very enthusiastically by the merchants, and all exhibited a willingness to co-operate. A committee of five was appointed, consisting of J. J. Barry, Frank Fletcher, J. Harold Atwood, Ellis Harlow and George H. Brown. It is one of the duties of this committee to see that there is a 100% attendance at the next meeting, which will be held at the same place on next Thursday evening. At this time a regular meeting night will be established.

Plans were discussed for methods of combined advertising and other schemes which would bring trade to Ayer. These plans will be formulated by the committee and presented to the general meeting, where they will be discussed and modified as the meeting sees fit. It is hoped to have all of the local merchants co-operate in this effort to make Ayer a trading center, and to form a Merchants' league, which will work as a subsidiary to the Board of Trade.

Federated Church.
 Sunday at 10.45 a. m., public worship; subject, "The demand for faith." Boys' choir will sing. At twelve Sunday school; men's class, Charles J. Bourill, leader; woman's class, at 1.30 p. m., young people's meeting; leader, Miss Etta Green. At 7.30, evening worship; subject, "National prohibition begun, January 16." The young ladies' choir will sing. Thursday at 7.30 p. m., mid-week service.

Special meetings have been held this week: Tuesday evening, Rev. C. Francela Goodheart of Shirley preached; Wednesday evening, Rev. Charles E. Spaulding preached; Thursday, Rev. A. V. Dimock preached and C. M. Stetson played on the goblots.

The officers of the Young People's society were installed last Sunday night: Jessie MacGregor, pres.; Roger Johnson, vice pres.; Dorothy Tubbs; Hilda Osgood, sec.; E. H. Harlow, pianist; Ralph Richardson, prayer meeting com.; Amy Nixon, lookout; Lucy Smith, flower; Raymond Miller, social; Ralph Richardson served very acceptably as the president last year. Frank C. Johnson took part in the installation and led the devotional meeting.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.
 The W. C. T. U. held a very enjoyable meeting at the White Ribbon Home last week Friday afternoon. A large number were present, including nine ladies, inmates of the home. One new member was admitted to the union. Following the business session an entertainment was given in charge of Mrs. Alta Hollis, superintendent of work among soldiers and sailors. The

speaker, Rev. A. V. Dimock, gave a very interesting address on the work of the W. C. T. U. with here and there a "over there" which was listened to with close attention.
 Clarence W. Stetson of the Y. M. C. A. gave several selections on the goblots in a very efficient manner. These services were greatly appreciated and a rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. Mr. Dimock and Mr. Stetson.
 Closed by singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

At the Strand.
 The Strand this Saturday presents Will Rogers in his second Goldwyn success "Jubilo," taken from the famous Saturday Evening Post. The rural romance of a no-good-guy who made good. Will Rogers is a regular fellow. He's human and he's real. He's an honest-to-goodness, down-to-earth human being. That's why you just can't help loving him.

You'll remember him, too, in the play that you'll see on Monday and Tuesday, "The Confession," a screen masterpiece of Hal Reid's. It's a play that's been found in one picture before. Called by many better than "Almost a husband." Will Rogers says, "Two's company, three's a fight," and there is a fight, a good one too. Wouldn't you like to fight a tiger if another fellow tried to steal the only girl you ever had. Charlie Chaplin in "The vagabond." His second great re-issue, Sunday—Charlotte Walker and Anna Lehr in "Men." Sunday matinee at 3.30 p. m.

District Court.
 On Tuesday morning Forrest Jannell, whose case was continued from last Saturday, paid a fine of \$25 for operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor.

The continued case of Irving Durant, charged with assault with intent to murder, was to come up on Tuesday morning, but did not, as Durant had already been indicted by the grand jury. He was indicted on two counts, one being assault with intent to rob, and the other being assault with intent to murder. Durant is the young man who is alleged to have held up William Fernald in his store at Knopp's pond, Groton, and robbed him and who is alleged to have shot Mr. Fernald when he resisted.

As a result of the accident on December 27, when Mrs. Walter C. Winslow was struck by an automobile on East Main street, and seriously injured, Miss Ruth Peters, of Harvard, and Lieut. Jerome H. Joyce, head of the 36th Infantry Post Exchange, were before the court on Tuesday morning. Witnesses for the government testified that Miss Peters was driving about thirty miles per hour, while Miss Peters and her sister, Miss Dorothy, and Lieuts. Joyce and Trammel said the car was running at a speed of from fifteen to twenty miles per hour. The court found the rate of speed to be excessive and fined Miss Peters \$20 on a charge of operating an automobile on the highway at an unreasonable rate of speed, having due regard to the traffic and the safety of the public. The charge against Miss Peters of operating without a license was plaitly on file. Lieut. Joyce was fined \$10. The defendants were represented by Atty. Lyman K. Clark.

On last Saturday morning the continued case of Levi E. Berry for maintaining a nuisance at the New Union House came up for disposal. For the government Chief Beatty said that "conditions at the New Union House were satisfactory at the time the case was dismissed if the proprietor would apply for a lodging house keeper's license. The case was dismissed in accordance with this request."

The case of Forrest Jannell for operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, which was continued until last Saturday morning, was again continued until Tuesday. The defendant was represented by Attorney L. K. Clark on Saturday morning.

The complaint against Elliott Blood, of Groton, for hitting a team with his automobile in Townsend recently, and then going on without stopping, was dismissed on last Saturday morning. The defendant and stated that a settlement had been made with the injured parties. Officer Harry Felch, of Townsend, appeared for the government and asked to have the case dismissed for this reason.

On Monday morning the five children of Mrs. Clara Farmer, of Shirley, were in court charged with being neglected children. The court will hold at the following: Henry, 13; Stella, 13; Agnes, 11; Fred, 8; and James, 6 years of age—turned over to the care of the State Board of Charity, whose representative, Mr. Dudy, was present and represented the board at the hearing.

Grange Installation.
 Ayer Grange held its annual installation of officers on Wednesday evening. Deputy Charles Harris, of West Berlin, assisted by Mrs. Harris, installing the officers as follows: Harris, L. Badger, m.; Clarence M. Chase, o.; Edna C. Chase, lect.; Frank C. Harmon, stew.; Lester Robbins, asst. stew.; Edessa J. E. Crawford, l. a. s.; Louise P. Kennison, chap.; Nellie K. Winslow, treas.; Lillian W. Ross, Ceres; Alice A. Rand, Pomona; Gertrude M. Rand, Flora; Russell B. Chase, F. K.; Edna M. Green, planet; James M. Ertz, M. G. ex. com.; 3 years; Mrs. Margaret Rand, director tableaux; Mrs. Chase, press correspondent.

The tableau work was of interest and was followed by a supper consisting of oyster stew, crackers, cheese, doughnuts, pickles and coffee. Dancing was enjoyed, music being furnished by the Grange orchestra. Mrs. Helen Stone, piano; George Barlow, violin; Frank B. Harmon, flute.

Guests were present from Littleton, Harvard, Groton, Center Harbor, N. H., and Milford, N. H. Grange. Mrs. Chase was asked to be installed on account of illness.

Unitarian Church.
 Sunday service, 10.45—regular offices and sermon; offertory solo, "Evening and morning." Mrs. Sargent, preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister; subject, "The first miracle." Church school at twelve.

On Sunday afternoon, January 18, the every-member canvass canvassers will call upon members of the parish between the hours of three and five o'clock to solicit subscriptions for the general expenses of the church.

George H. Fenner, of Newton street, has been engaged by the parish committee as engineer in charge of the heating plant.

Centenary of Devens.
 All New Englanders, and especially Bostonians, will wish to celebrate the birth of Charles Devens, whose statue

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 The same metal showed itself when he became major of an independent battalion of rifles in 1861. Then he became colonel of the 15th Massachu-

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LITTLETON

News Items. The Conant, Houghton & Co., Inc., association held another of their popular socials last week Friday evening and an oyster stew was served.

field crops and home economics. Look under Groton news. Railroad Troubles. Now that President Wilson has ordered the railroads returned to the control of the owner March first, the rabid opponents of government control or ownership are hugging themselves for joy and loudly proclaiming their absolute failure of the government control idea.

Tuesday morning for a ten-days' stay with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy. The annual meeting of the First National Bank of Pepperell was held at the director's room at the bank building on Tuesday afternoon, but two stockholders aside from the officers of the bank appearing at the meeting named.

trip to Miami, and of going in bathing on the day before the new year's. They recently took a trip through the Everglades, or that portion where the company is now working reclaiming the lands and making a road. It was built at a distance of about thirty miles at present, but it is intended to ultimately build it through to connect the Atlantic coast to the Gulf of Mexico, the entire tract of territory occupying about 55,000 acres.

The first annual meeting of the Community Church Workers was held in the church parlors on Thursday, January 8, with a large number present. Reports all showed a good general interest in all the affairs of the society and the faithful work of all the different officers and committees.

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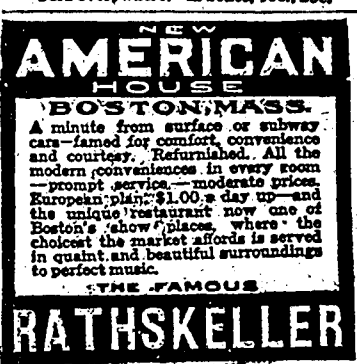
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JAN. 1 WITNESSES OPENING OF 1920 NATIONAL THRIFT CAMPAIGN IN NEW ENGLAND

Success of Campaign to Date Prompts Treasury Dept. to Continue Thrift Education and Sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

January 1 witnessed the opening of the 1920 National Thrift Campaign in New England. So successful was this Thrift movement during 1919 that the Treasury Department decided to "carry on" the work of teaching the country Thrift and it has not only determined to continue the work of the district organizations but it has made known the fact that the sale of Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates will be continued indefinitely.

Directors of the Savings Division, First Federal Reserve District, in charge of the National Thrift Campaign in New England, believe that now as never before, in these times of high prices, social unrest and other economic disturbances that a Thrift movement in New England, aimed to teach the people the benefits derived from Thrift living and the investment of their savings in such securities as Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates, is needed to help reduce high prices, put a stop to the orgy of spending, and to help insure the future prosperity of the people of this district.

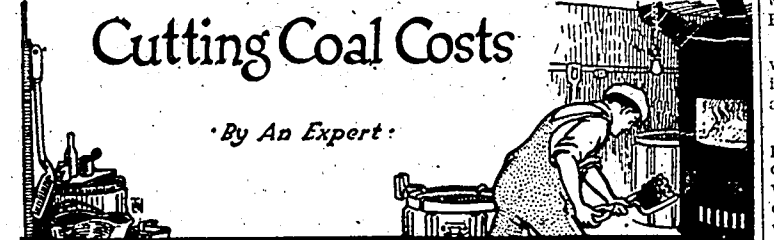
The new 1920 War Savings Stamps which are carmine in color and bear a likeness of the head of George Washington will be placed on sale at the postoffices through New England on January 1.

In commenting on the success of the National Thrift Campaign in New England to date Mrs. Francis L. Higginson, director of savings, First Federal Reserve District, praises the cooperation of the postmasters, heads of women's clubs, labor leaders, school superintendents, school teachers, heads of women's clubs, labor leaders, bankers and the executive heads of many of New England's business enterprises.

Following out the policy of the 1919 campaign which aimed to teach the people of the country Thrift and the benefits derived from the safe investment of their savings in the surest securities in the world, Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates, it is expected that the 1920 campaign will be even more successful than the one of the previous year.

MARY'S LAMB AGAIN
Mary had a little book, With pages white as snow; And everywhere that Mary went That book was sure to go.
Because it was a Thrift Stamp book Its pages neat and clean Were just to paste her Thrift Stamp in And showed all white and green.

She saved her pennies, one by one, The dull ones and the bright; She kept on buying more Thrift Stamps And pasted them in tight.



Are you burning coal to warm your house or outdoors? The high cost of heating the modern home, the coal shortage and increased prices means that every shovelful of coal in your furnace must give forth its house-heating equivalent.

The War Savings Division of the United States Treasury in accordance with its national thrift campaign has made the following timely suggestions on how to save fuel in heating.
Keep the temperature of the house at 68 degrees. Save heat by using weather strips, storm windows, storm doors and drawing shades. Do not heat unused rooms. Cover heaters and heat carrying pipes with asbestos. In take care of the heater keep it clear from soot and ashes. Repair all leaks.
Learn to use dampers effectively. The smokepipe should have two dampers, the check draft damper and the turn damper. The check draft damper controls the rate at which a fire burns; open it to check a fire; close it to increase the draft. Learn to use it so that it will do its work. If it is properly constructed and managed you can check the fire with it without opening the coal door.
The turn damper fits loosely so that

gases may pass off even when it is closed. In most heaters the damper should be kept closed except when starting the fire, otherwise most of the heat goes up the chimney.
The damper in the coal door should be used only to let in air to consume gases that are formed, especially when soft coal is used.
The ash-pit damper admits air necessary for the ignition of the coal or wood. Regulate the air supply by the damper—not by opening the ash-pit door.
In building a fire close dampers, rattle ashes, put in crumpled newspaper, cover with kindling laid crosswise, add a thin layer of coal, open the ash pit and smoke pipe damper and light the fire.
For good heating, regular care of a fire is needed, attend it from two to four times a day. In adding a large amount of coal, leave part of the glowing fire exposed. Clean the ash pit daily. Keep the fire pot full. Better heat is obtained if the fuel is kept even with the fire door in front and a little higher in the back.
Fuel saved is money saved and money grows when put into War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates.

TOWNSEND

Center.
At a meeting of the Methodist Missionary society it was voted to hold a food and handkerchiefs sale in the social hall of the church on Friday afternoon, January 23, at three o'clock.

At a meeting of the Congregational parish a new music committee was chosen—T. E. Flarity, John J. Piper, Mrs. R. G. Fessenden; the executive committee of the church, R. G. Fessenden, W. A. Russell, A. K. Tyler, elected, and it was voted that the pastor, Rev. J. S. Howard and Mrs. George Gates be a committee to have charge of special repairs at the church. It was voted to increase the pastor's salary \$200, and the surplus of \$150 from last year was presented to him as a surprise gift.

Last Saturday Miss Carrie E. Walker observed her birthday anniversary at her home on Townsend hill with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Barber, Mrs. Etta Rockwood and Miss Marion Holcombe, of Brookline, N. H., were guests in honor of the day. Miss Walker was the recipient of congratulatory letters, messages, cards and presents from her many friends. It was also the birthday anniversary of three Miss Walker's relatives, an odd coincidence.

A religious service was held last Sunday afternoon in the brick schoolhouse on Townsend hill, with Rev. A. L. Struthers of the Center and Rev. Mr. Kelley of Brookline, N. H., in charge. Sermon talks were given by the past and present members of the church in the church and community life. There was a good number in attendance and the community sing was in charge of Charles Stickney, with Miss Storer, of Brookline, presiding at the piano.

J. Blanchard, who boards at F. Domina's, met with an unfortunate accident while at his work, Monday morning, at his garage at the tool shop at the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company's mill. A stove caught, pulling the thumb of his left hand under the saw and severed the end of the thumb below the nail. Dr. Boynton was called and dressed the injury. Mr. Blanchard is left hand.

Mrs. John Arlin, who is very sick with pneumonia, is reported as holding her own. Her many friends are anxious for her recovery.

An extension school under the auspices of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics will be held in the Groton town hall on January 27 and 28. Everybody welcome. Subjects: Apple-growing, field crops and home economics. Look under Groton news.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers and Mrs. Struthers sister, Mrs. Barber, of Newbury, N. H., were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Dunlap on Monday.

A sleighing party from Leominster were entertained at the Park hotel on Monday evening by Landlord Farrar. A fine chicken supper was served and dancing and a general good time enjoyed in the social hall of the hotel.

The As You Like It club of the Harbor met on Tuesday with Mrs. C. A. Smith. An enjoyable luncheon was served followed by a social afternoon, during which the members responded with new year's resolutions. Piano solos were rendered by Mrs. Earle Wallace, vocal selections by Miss Hester Burdett, and Victrola music enjoyed.

The Parent-Teacher association meeting which was to have been held Tuesday evening, January 20, was postponed to Tuesday evening, January 27.

Elliot Blood, of West Groton, who ran into Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fagan a few weeks ago while riding in a team on the state road, has settled the case out of court.

The Dorcas class of the Methodist church met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. George H. Upham. After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed with a "sawing off" Mrs. Upham's parental home is in Plainfield, where in this season she is spending an extensive part of her father's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ballou, who were recently married, are staying at present with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ballou, on Townsend hill. They will later begin house-keeping at the Johnon Place on the hill, formerly known as the H. Lewis place. Mr. Ballou has entered the employ of the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company.

An opening game of basketball is to be played this week Friday evening at eight o'clock in Memorial hall between the American Legion team and the Officers team of the Groton Grange. The new team lineup is as follows: Leon S. Marshall, lf.; Ralph Misner, rf.; C. L. Farrar, c.; Orville McKenzie, lb.; Ellisa O. Swicker, rb. Although a basketball team was organized a few years ago at the high school and successful games played on the public grounds, this is the first public demonstration of the game and it is urged that the townspeople patronize it liberally. The boys will appear in new uniforms, and dancing is to follow the game.

Mrs. Mark Woodbury has received word that her husband, who is captain of the steamship, Maygunkook, sailed Wednesday for Lisbon, Portugal.

John Bacon, the new superintendent of the school district comprising the towns of Lunenburg, Ashby and Townsend, arrived in town Wednesday preparatory to enter upon his duties next Monday. Mrs. Bacon and child will join him as soon as a tenement can be secured.

E. A. Flagg mourns the recent loss of his faithful dog Colette, who died at the age of 13 years. Mr. Flagg came into the possession of the dog, a white Boston terrier, when three weeks old, since which time she had been his devoted companion. The little animal will be missed on our streets, where she had closely followed the steps of her master, she having been blind for several years.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon topic will be "Giving God a chance."

at noon, after which a literary program was rendered, including readings by Mrs. Greenleaf and Mrs. Seaver, and vocal selections by Mrs. Brackett, Victrola music. New year resolutions were given by the members.

Funeral.
Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Whitcomb attended the funeral of Mrs. Whitcomb's father, Alonzo Wyeth, held Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock from the home of Mrs. Addie Evans at Josselynville. Interment was in the family lot beside his wife in the Hillside cemetery at the Center.

In his old age, for the past six years, Mr. Wyeth had been most tenderly cared for by his daughter, Mrs. Evans, but previous to that time he had owned and carried on for forty years a very successful fruit farm on Townsend hill, demonstrating what could be accomplished on a farm by mostly one man labor, by "perseverance keeping at it." When Mr. Wyeth bought the farm a greater part of the same was grown in blueberry bushes, intercultivated peach and apple orchards and fields of luscious berries, the fame and quality of which was well known throughout the town. Mr. Wyeth also carried on bee culture quite extensively in his wife's name, a great help in the old days. They celebrated their golden wedding at the farm in 1914.

Officers Installed.
At the meeting of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge, last week Friday evening, in Odd Fellows hall the following officers were installed by Mary J. Joyce, district deputy president, and suite of Ashby, in a dignified and creditable manner: Winifred L. Farrar, n. g.; Edna Wilder Bray, v. g.; Mrs. Mary E. Smith, sec.; Harriet E. Savage, treas.; Hattie E. Misner, r. s. g.; Clara C. Flarity, s. v. g.; Bertha L. Spaulding, l. a. v. g.; Ella M. Wilder, ward.; Carrie E. Walker, cond.; Emma F. Seaver, chap.; Abelle Cowdrey, l. g.; Agnes M. Wood, o. g.; Ruth M. Wright, r. a. s.; Grace C. Wright, l. a. s.; Robert S. Misner, trustee 3 years. The next grand appointed the committees for the coming year.

After the installation the usual speech-making was enjoyed and an excellent banquet was served in the banquet hall with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Miller in charge, aided by an efficient corps of helpers. Clara B. Hesleton is the past noble grand.

Officers Installed.
The Grange installed its officers-elect for the year 1920 at their regular meeting held on Monday evening in Odd Fellows hall. George Jaquith, of New Ipswich, assisted by Mrs. Jaquith, steward and Flora of the Hillsboro County Pomona Grange, acted in the efficient capacity of installing officers. The officers installed were Miss Mary Parker, m. s.; Mrs. Winifred Farrar, o. s.; Mrs. Emma Seaver, lect.; Wiley Swinington, stew.; Mrs. Mary Sprine, ass. stew.; Mrs. L. Sweeney, chap.; Mrs. Flora I. Atwood, sec.; George L. Whitcomb, treas.; Frank A. Woods, g. k.; Mrs. Mary Miller, l. a. s.; Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Pomona; Miss Sadie Moulton, Ceres; Miss Mildred Moulton, Flora; Mrs. Edna Wilder Bray, ex. com. 3 years.

About seventy were present, including members from the neighboring towns. After the installation a bountiful Grange supper was served in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Swinington, who proved their ability along this line. They were ably assisted by willing helpers and waiters.

Installation Feature.
A feature of special interest at the Grange installation was the presentation of the gift of a ten-dollar gold-piece to Charles Dix, who had served the Grange as gatekeeper and in other offices since its organization, but who felt that he must decline serving longer on account of his advancing years. In recognition of his long and faithful service the gift was presented in behalf of the Grange by George L. Whitcomb, who addressed the brother member in his well chosen words:

Brother Dix, this is the twenty-ninth time that the officers of Townsend Grange have been installed. You have been present at nearly every one of these exercises. You have been installed into office at nearly every one of these exercises. You have not taken as prominent a part tonight as usual, but we propose to bring you into prominence in this additional service.

I think you will remember when Brother Joe Cook came around to see us in regard to starting a Grange in Townsend. I think you will remember the first and second meetings in Engine hall, and word went out the next morning, or to be more correct, the same morning, that a Grange had been formed in Townsend with the largest charter membership of any Grange in the state of Massachusetts. The date of organization was given as March 5, 1892, but I am not sure that the recording secretary knew whether it was March 5 or March 6, and I will say that the Grange has kept up its reputation in this line very well ever since.

I think you will remember the first annual meeting that were held, when animals were parked on the common, pumpkins and squashes were in yonder hall and food in the tent nearby. You and yours were there to do your part of the work.

There are many other occasions of prominence that we might mention, but the real credit is due those who are ready to work when things are dragging and going hard, and I know I voice the sentiment of this Grange when I say that no greater credit is due any family for what this Grange has accomplished, and is accomplishing, than to the Dix family, and the Grange, in presenting you with this, wishes to express to you its love and appreciation for what you and yours have done in helping to make this Grange attain the success it has; and may God bless you and cause his face to shine upon you.

To the Editor:
In your issue of December 27, there are references in both Shirley and Townsend items of the death of William H. White, who was born in Woodsville and reared in Townsend. Late one night, in a bitterly cold spell, I received at a hotel in Butte, Mont., a telephone call from an undertaker establishing with the request that I officiate at the funeral of William White. The thermometer had been down to 52° below zero. There was so much snow and ice that street car service had been suspended. The coal strike was bringing serious conditions in this frontier mining city.

The next day I set out to find the address given me by the undertaker. Through the heavy snow, way out over the "flats," beneath the hill of "Butte" and immediately under the crest of the Rocky Mountains I found the

house. Mr. White had been a resident of Butte but a year and a half and his wife had been there a shorter time. The son had returned from the army but a week before his father's death.

To discover some connection in kinship between him and Rev. William H. White, of Littleton, minister of the Unitarian church from 1825 to 1852 was interesting.

The funeral, held Sunday, December 14, was attended by many of the employees of the printing establishment for which Mr. White was superintendent of the book-binding department.
Wm. Channing Brown.

West.
Twelve members of the Live Wire class with their teacher, Mrs. Lola Vose, held a business meeting in the Baptist vestry Monday evening. The following officers were elected: Arthur Koykka, pres.; Walter Davis, vice pres.; George Shepherd, sec.; Clarence Jodery, treas. Plans for future work were discussed.

William Lawrence left Monday for St. Petersburg, Fla., where he will spend several weeks with his sister, Mrs. Ernest Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are spending the winter there.

The bridges on the North road from Josselynville are in a bad condition. The planks have been loose for some time, and on Wednesday noon one of the horses belonging to Mr. Ogeia broke through the bridge, near Mrs. Evans. Fortunately he was able to extricate the horse's leg before any damage was done. Soon after this time going to the funeral of Mr. Wyeth at Mrs. Evans' passed over the bridge. W. G. Wilson had just time to rein up his horse before it stepped in the hole, and the other teams stood while it was fixed temporarily so that the teams could pass over the bridge in safety.

Russell Hayward and the three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Ames Jodery are ill with an attack of the measles.

The topic at the Baptist church on Sunday morning will be "What shall I render unto the Lord this year?" C. E. service as usual.

Mrs. Augustus Stevens is staying for a few days at the home of Mrs. Addie Evans, whose father has recently died.

The Study club met at the home of Mrs. Joseph McKean on Monday afternoon with seven members present. The meeting was presided over by the vice president, Mrs. E. J. Lees. After the reading of the secretary's report by Mrs. H. L. Stickney, quotations and current events were given by the members. A very interesting address was then listened to by the club which was given by Rev. Joseph McKean. He took for his subject, "Scotch characteristics," and illustrated his remarks by several Scottish anecdotes.

At the close of the address he was given a hearty vote of thanks by the club. Mr. McKean also spoke for a few moments upon phonology and gave some illustrations of the art to the entertainment of all present. The next meeting will be held in two weeks at the home of Mrs. Oscar Lovering; subject, "The German spy system in the United States."

Mrs. E. R. Brayton, who has been spending several days at the home of her mother, Mrs. George Adams, has returned to her home in Providence, R. I.

Edgar Wilson is employed at the mill of Damon & Richardson.
Agnes Thompson has gone to Fitchburg, where she is employed.
Mrs. Carrie Chase, of Ayer, is assisting at the home of Mrs. Susan Morgan for a short time.

At the Baptist church last Sunday morning Rev. Joseph McKean preached an eloquent sermon upon "Principles of Progress." Dr. Alton Wheeler, of Athol, Mass., who has been spending a few days at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joseph McKean, was present and spoke for a few moments upon the inter-state church drive and the work done in the south. The C. E. service was led by Mervin Wares and the subject was Character Building. During the service the electric lights went out for about half an hour, but with the aid of kerosene lamps and flashlights the meeting was carried on successfully.

The All Ready class met at the home of Mrs. Joseph McKean last Saturday afternoon. It was voted to change the name of the class to Good Cheer class. The following officers were elected: Nancy Richards, pres.; Lucy Reynolds, v. p.; Talmi Kaykka, sec. A social time was enjoyed.

Frances Hodgman is ill with an attack of measles.
Vernal Towle, of Maine, is visiting at the home of Mr. Delano.
Mrs. I. P. Sherwin, who is in Fitchburg while her husband is in the hospital, was home last week and reports the condition of Mr. Sherwin to be satisfactory.

A quiet wedding took place at the Baptist parsonage last week Friday evening, when Leon Herbert Ballou, who has been employed in Ashby for the past two years by Robbins Bros., was united in marriage to Miss Doris Coleman Allen, of Ashby. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph McKean, pastor of the Baptist church. Mr. Ballou has been a popular young man, meeting with the approval of the families in the discharge of his duties on the meat cart. Mr. and Mrs. Ballou will reside in Townsend Center. Mr. Ballou will take a vacation and a much needed rest.

The L. L. A. S. met at the home of Mrs. E. J. Lees last week Friday afternoon.
The aged father of Mrs. Addie Evans, Mrs. Wyeth, is very poorly, and is now confined to the bed with heart trouble.
Mrs. Ralph Willard, of Belmont, has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Seaver.
Janet Clark has been suffering from a severe cold.

At the meeting of Steamer Company 2, held at the call of the engineers, the following officers were elected: Henry Hathaway, foreman; Mervin Wares and Foster Hamilton, assistants; George Streeter, clerk; C. A. Hodgman, stew.; Frank George Richards, Mervin Wares, George Richards, Warren Elliott, standing com.; Amos Jodery, George Wyman, section foreman; Mervin Wares, connector; Daniel Coffey, Richard Rusk, Roy Brown, F. D. Parsons, George Streeter, F. A. Patch, pipemen; F. A. Patch, George Streeter, chemicals; Mervin Wares, Richard Rusk, George Richards, George Wyman, F. D. Parsons, brush fire callmen; Warren Elliott, George Richardson, engineers; Charles Hodgman, fireman.

The Home Economics club met at the schoolroom on last week Thursday afternoon. It was voted to call the club the Carry On club. The of-

icers chosen were: Ellen Litch, pres.; Helen Murr, v. p.; Agnes Coffey, sec. The club will meet every two weeks.

Death.
Alonzo Wyeth, who has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Addie Evans, passed away early Monday morning, aged 85 yrs. 7 mos. and 25 days. He had been in poor health for some time and his death was caused by heart trouble and old age. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. George Whitcomb of the Center and Mrs. Addie Evans of this village; a brother, Oren Wyeth of Ayer; also, a son, Myles Wyeth of Greenville, N. H., and several grandchildren. Mr. Wyeth was a native of Mason, N. H., and lived there until he was about twenty-one years of age, when he married Sarah Lawrence of Mason and moved to Townsend, where they lived for a short time on the Dudley road. He then bought a place on Townsend hill, where he lived for forty years, carrying on the farm. His wife died in 1903 and after this he spent his winters in Florida for a few years.

For the past six years he had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Addie Evans, who tenderly cared for him in his declining years. He was upright in his character, a kind father, a congenial companion and a good neighbor who will be missed by all who knew him.

The funeral was held from the home of his daughter on Wednesday afternoon at 1.30, Rev. Joseph McKean of the Baptist church officiating and reading comforting passages of scripture. He also made a few remarks. The funeral was a beautiful one. "Gone before." Those present from out of town were Myles Wyeth and Mr. and Mrs. John Gillis, of Greenville; Harold Wyman and Miss Marion Wyman, of Worcester; Oren Wyeth, of Ayer, and Ellis Wyeth, of Winthrop. The flowers were given by the Center and the bearers were Myles Wyeth, of Greenville; George Whitcomb, of Townsend; John Gillis, of Greenville, and Harold Wyman, of Worcester.

LUNENBURG
News Items.

The officers-elect of "Butte" D. Stoughton, D. of V., were installed last Monday evening by Mrs. Grace M. Brock, past department president, assisted by Mrs. Alice Richardson, of Leominster. There was a full attendance of members and eleven visitors—comrades, sons and daughters of veterans from Leominster. The president-elect, Miss Nellie M. Jewett, presided over the installing officer with the following:

The ladies of the Methodist church entertained thirty-one members of the Y. P. E., of Leominster, a branch of the W. C. T. U., who came over Monday evening and enjoyed a fine sleigh ride and an excellent supper. They were under the chaperonage of Mrs. Ernest Aker. After the banquet supper was served and immediately upon their arrival, games and music were enjoyed until eleven o'clock.

Obituary.
The death of Mrs. Mary J. Bigelow occurred at her home on Cunningham avenue last Sunday evening. About three months ago, as she was coming down her stairs, she received a fall which she has the misfortune to break one of her hips, and also received other injuries from which, owing partly to her advanced age, she did not rally as a younger person might perhaps have done, but gradually grew weaker until the end came on Sunday evening. At times she was able to sit up a little, but the shock was too much for her, and she was confined to her bed the greater part of the time.

Mrs. Bigelow was born in Lunenburg on November 30, 1840, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goodrich of Shirley. Charles G. Bigelow and for several years their home was in Brookline, N. Y., but the greater part of her life was spent in her native town of Lunenburg.

After leaving Brookline the family took up their residence at their beautiful farm home overlooking Lake Umbagog, where they continued to live until after the death of Mr. Bigelow in 1906. Soon after this Mrs. Bigelow and her son Norman built a new house on Cunningham avenue, near Whiting street, where she continued to live until her death occurred on January 11. She is survived by her son, Norman G.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at her late home on Wednesday afternoon and interment was in the South cemetery by her husband. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow were active members of the Congregational church and were greatly missed by many friends, neighbors and the townspeople generally.

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TOWN OF HARVARD
CAUCUS CALL
The Citizens' Caucus will be held in the Lower Town Hall, Saturday evening, January 17th, 1920, at eight o'clock.
S. M. FARNSWORTH,
C. H. HASKELL,
J. E. MAXNARD,
2119 Selectmen of Harvard.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

Whereas, at a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County, at Cambridge on the first Tuesday of January, A. D. 1920,

On the Petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Ayer praying for the relocation and specific repairs of the road to Groton from its junction with the state road which leads to Fitchburg, northerly to the Groton town line, it was adjudged that said relocation and specific repairs are of common convenience and necessity;

Said Commissioners therefore give notice that they will meet at Commissioners' Office, Court House, in East Cambridge, on the seventeenth day of February, 1920, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to relocate and direct specific repairs accordingly.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM,
Clerk.
January 7, 1920.

A true copy. Attest:
WILLIAM H. WALSH,
Clerk.
3410 Deputy Sheriff.

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PEPPERELL

New Items Mrs. A. H. Harris spent Monday at her old home in Merrimack, N. H. visiting relatives, her father, Mr. Patterson, being at his winter quarters in Orlando, Fla.

J. A. Lawrence can lay claim to the catch of one of the biggest pickereles recently pulled in from waters hereabouts. It has been admired by many in the show window of DuPaw's Pharmacy, the weight being four pounds and seven ounces by actual scales.

James Woodside, lately connected with the Nashua River Paper Co., goes to a new position in Johnston, Pa., Monday, for the New York & Pennsylvania Paper Co.

Mrs. E. H. Bliss is still under treatment at the Nashua hospital for the injury to her eye from her recent accident.

The lecture by William P. Hamersley, of New Wood, before the Men's club, has been cancelled, owing to the development of a throat trouble which has necessitated the cancellation of all dates for the present. The date of the next meeting of the Men's club and the speaker will be announced later.

The Drury property on Pleasant street has been purchased by the present tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Cook, for a permanent home. Mr. Drury's reasons for selling being the fact that he is liable to be connected with the Lawrence plant of the Champion-International Company indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook leased the house about two and a half years ago, having been residents in the town since Mr. Cook's connection with the firm of Tower & Cook, a period of something over five years.

Two young trappers, Roy and Edward Harris, sons of A. H. Harris, have been very successful during the fall and early winter, and recently disposed of pelts amounting to \$87. They had the misfortune to lose one fox, trap and all which they figure would have been worth probably from \$20 upward, and would have brought their sum up to the \$100 they were planning for. The trap was on land that had been posted by the owner, the boys getting permit to set it there, making the other parties well left there to trail to plainly behind trespassers as well as thieves. The act was an un-worthly one, to take from mere boys, who were doing so well.

Mrs. Mary Barnes returned last week from a short visit with her son, Max F. Barnes, and family, in Roxbury.

By action of the school committee, new flags were placed at the school buildings. On Monday morning, at the Main street school building, as an opening exercise, the whole school were assembled on the lawn, under direction of Miss Shattuck, the principal, and first saluted the flag, then pledged allegiance, and sang one stanza of "Star Spangled Banner." The mission being given, they finished the patriotic observance by three rousing cheers, and then marched into their respective rooms in the building in excellent spirits. Passersby and those who could witness the pretty spectacle of so many small "100 percent Americans" and their expression toward their new flag, were pleased as the children.

Superintendent Clarke arrived here on Tuesday to assume his duties over our schools, and the others of the towns comprising this district. At present he is to take up his residence with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hobart, Oak Hill street.

Deputy Johnson and wife, of Leominster, the installing officers at Prescott Grange on Friday evening of last week, were the guests over night of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shattuck.

The Peppercell Braiding Company were shut down a few days the first of the New Year, while taking account of stock, as is the annual custom.

Mrs. D. M. Hardy of River street left town last week for Egg Harbor, N. J., where she will spend about three months, as her health improved very much during her stay there about four weeks ago.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held at Saunders' hall on Tuesday, January 20, with a special board meeting at 2.15, and program at 2.45. The speaker of the afternoon will be Miss Rose Trainor, who will speak on "The re-education of the blind soldiers," the topic gaining additional value from the fact that the speaker is blind. The program will include club singing. A notice was received by Mrs. A. F. Parker, the club president, too late to be given out at the last meeting of the club, from the Woman's club of West Medford, announcing a civic conference to meet at 22 Harvard avenue, West Medford, January 19, at 2.30 p. m.

The speakers are to be Mrs. George M. Baker, president of the state federation, and Mrs. Irving O. Palmer, director of thrift. Any member who can make it possible to attend this meeting will no doubt be both interested and benefitted.

Frank Haggert of Raymond, Me., who has been visiting for a week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Raymond Tucker, on Tuesday, left here on Tuesday for Spencer, Ind., to visit another daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Edwards.

O. D. Fessenden of South Brookline, N. H., has recently purchased the woodlot which H. F. Hobart had commenced to cut, on Oak hill, and also a woodlot belonging to S. S. Blood, lying between Oak hill street and the lot containing the Peppercell Springs.

Members of the Sunshine club, Mrs. Addison Woodward and five girls, met with Katherine Maltman, at her home on Park street, on Tuesday, January 6, about four o'clock, to celebrate her twelfth birthday. A gay time was enjoyed until supper was served, the table presenting a charming appearance, with its centerpiece of a birthday cake and the twelve candles. Dainty soups were served to the girls, and following the supper, which included ice cream and cake, toasts were proposed, the lighted candles from the cake serving instead of

wine glasses. A toast was proposed to the hostess, Miss Katherine, to the teacher, Mrs. Woodward, to the club, and to the mother, Mrs. Maltman, and appropriate responses given. The party was one of the series of birthday celebrations, for each member of the little club, which are anticipated with much pleasure.

Miss Helen Verasano is expected back this week from a visit with friends in New York state.

Mrs. George Tucker of Nashua street was able to be out on Saturday last week, for the first time since Christmas, having had a touch of the grippe with symptoms of pneumonia at one time.

Mrs. John Wolfe, of the Nashua road, was taken to the Kilbourn hospital at Groton, on Tuesday, with her month-old child, for treatment and care. She has been under the care of Dr. Kilbourn for some time past, and is not gaining satisfactorily.

Mrs. Louis Bemis sustained injuries of a painful nature on Tuesday, by fall at the standpipe, where her husband, Superintendent Bemis of the water works, had been detained while repairs were being made. Mrs. Bemis became anxious when he did not arrive home at noon, at the usual time, and went to the place where he was supposed to be at work to ascertain the cause. Not knowing that a board had been taken up from the flooring of the small adjoining house, she stepped inside the door, and fell through the floor, to her shoulders.

Her limbs were so badly bruised and cut in some places, but fortunately no bones were broken. She was rescued from her uncomfortable position, by her husband, and immediately conveyed to her home, where she was made as comfortable as possible by physicians, and, finally, necessary one cut out. It will probably be some days before she is about again.

John Clark of the Nashua road is improving from his recent illness, caused by ulcers in the stomach.

Joseph Attridge is taking a vacation from the grocery-store of Attridge Bros., where he has been quite closely confined, while his brother, James Attridge, was in Boston, and started on Wednesday for the region about Lake Winnepesaukee in company with Geo. H. DuPaw on a fishing trip.

The new superintendent at the paper mills, taking Mr. Woodside's place, is Mr. Howard, from Western Massachusetts, who brings to the position a thorough and practical understanding of the work to be under his direction.

Harold Lynch, son of John Lynch of Mill street, aged sixteen years of age, is confined to his home with rheumatism.

Miss Catherine Leary, the aged aunt of Mrs. Patrick Poyers, Mill street, is believed to be the oldest person hereabouts, having recently celebrated what is said to have been her one hundred birthday, although she is making the other parties well left there to trail to plainly behind trespassers as well as thieves. The act was an un-worthly one, to take from mere boys, who were doing so well.

Letters recently received from Mrs. Isaac Margeson, a former resident here, from the Roxbury home, where she and her husband have been stopping, state that Mr. Margeson is in very poor health, with heart trouble.

Mrs. John J. Boynton was summoned to Pittsfield to her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Moseley, on Saturday of last week, and Mr. Boynton also went there on Sunday.

Other Peppercell matter on page six.

East Village Social Club. The annual new year dinner of the East Village Social club was held at the home of Mrs. N. W. Appleton on Wednesday, Miss Jordan, president of the club, having returned from her visit to relatives in Providence. Dinner was served about one o'clock to the members of the club, who gathered in the dining room. The table was most inviting and the menu of baked beans and brown bread, with many varieties of salads and fine pastries was commended. The finishing touch being the extra delicious coffee made by Miss Jordan.

In the afternoon plans were made for the annual holiday gathering at the town farm, when the members are to carry the gifts and a treat in keeping with the custom of many years by the W. C. T. U. Everyone is invited to contribute gifts and food or fruit for the people who are now at the farm, nine in all, of whom four are women and five men. Mr. Appleton and Mrs. E. F. Harmon are the committee, and articles may be sent to them also, if any desire transportation on the afternoon of Thursday, January 22, when the gathering is to be held, they will communicate with Mrs. Appleton.

Oak Hill Society. More than fifty people, members and friends of the Oak Hill Improvement society, in spite of the severity of the night, met at their hall for the annual supper on Wednesday evening. There was a fine display of appetizing viands from the famous Oak Hill cooks, and Hoover was ignored for this occasion, and sugar was not discussed. Following the supper there was the usual roll call and many responded in particularly happy manner, as the society has paid off all indebtedness on the property and can start the new year free from debt. Lyman Blood, who has been instrumental in all the best interests of the society, gave an interesting account of the work of the society, its history since first started thirteen years ago, and praised the result of the efforts of all the workers, shown by the many improvements in hall, stage and fittings. Others who responded to the roll call gave due recognition of the work accomplished by Mr. Blood for the society, which he had modestly neglected to mention. There was a spirit of congratulation in the atmosphere and many pleasant expressions of the same. Music, games and dancing followed the supper.

At a recent meeting officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: Robert Blood, pres.; Louis Parker, v. p.; Eugene F. Carter, treas.; Carl Lawrence, secretary; Misses Lucy Parker and Katherine Blood, auditors; Mrs. A. C. Stewart and Louis Parker, directors. The January committee are Emil Hammer, Philip Blood and Bernard Scott.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. William A. Shephardson on Wednesday afternoon with an attendance of about twenty, notwithstanding the severe cold weather. Reports were given, that of the secretary showing a good degree of interest during the year, and membership of thirty-five. The treasurer's report showed the amount earned during the past year as \$14. Proceeding to election of officers for the ensuing year, the re-election of the

same officers as in 1919 was the result, viz: Mrs. J. N. Andrews, pres.; Mrs. N. M. Gutterton, v. p.; Mrs. George W. Pierce, sec.; Mrs. D. Elmer Weston, treas. Ten directresses were chosen as follows: Miss H. L. Lawrence, Mrs. W. A. Shephardson, Mrs. John Fredericks, Mrs. Gutterton, Mrs. George Jenks, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, Mrs. E. E. Handley, Mrs. J. N. Annis, Mrs. S. A. Yeaton and Mrs. Charles Merchant, visiting committee. Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Shephardson, Mrs. Prescott and Mrs. Pierce, Rev. B. W. Rust was appointed a committee to investigate the purchase of a baptisical. It was also voted to hold a food sale the last Friday in the month, January 30, the place to be named later.

At the conclusion of the business a lunch was served of sandwiches, cake and waters, the hostess providing hot cocoa.

Death. The sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Rayetta Boynton Moseley, which reached friends in town on Tuesday, was the occasion of deep sorrow on the part of the many who had known her from childhood. The following clipping is taken from the daily paper in Pittsfield, where she has resided since her marriage:

"Mrs. Rayetta Boynton Moseley, 33, wife of Burnette O. Moseley, of 761 North street, died tonight at the House of Mercy hospital, following an operation performed December 17. She was born in Peppercell, graduated from Radcliffe college in 1912, taught science in the Pittsfield high school, and was married to Mr. Moseley, clerk in the Pittsfield National bank, on September 20, 1916. She was active in the visiting nurse association, a member of the South church and Fortnightly club, and former president of the Pittsfield college club. Besides her husband and infant daughter she leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Boynton, and one sister, Miss Anna L. Boynton, 65 Peppercell."

Notice was received that the funeral services were to be held in Pittsfield on Thursday and burial would occur there also.

Church Notes. At the Methodist church Sunday morning the theme will be "The worldwide gospel." Sunday school at twelve. Meeting for boys in chapel at 6.45 and girls at the parsonage. Evening worship at 7.30, theme, "The value of a witness." Tuesday evening prayer topic "A new year's message." Missionary topic, "Triumphs of western medical science."

Meeting of Troop 2, Boy Scouts, Friday evening at 7.30 at the parsonage. The Helpers will hold a meeting at 7.45, Friday evening, at the home of Mrs. A. Newman Prescott.

The Sunday school class of Miss Elizabeth McNayr, eighteen young misses, met at the home of Mrs. A. H. Harris last week Friday evening. An organization, Hope Circle of Loyal Girls was formed with Gertrude Webb, pres.; Aethra Winship, v. p.; Helen Varasano, sec.; Lois Messer, treas.; Viola Harris, chairman look-up committees; Hazel Wilson, chairman entertainments; Aethra Winship, chairman social com. After the business light refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held with Aethra Winship on Friday evening, January 23.

Instructing Grandpa. "I was talking to my little granddaughter over the telephone the other day," said an old man recently to a few of his friends at a hotel, "and when I ended I said, 'Here, Dorothy, is a kiss for you.' She replied, 'Oh, pshaw, grandpa! Don't you know that a kiss over the telephone is like a straw hat?' I said, 'Why, no, sweetheart, how's that?' It's not my grandpa," she said.—Blighly (London).

Good Rules for Life's Conduct. Those that are perfect men do not easily give credit to everything one tells them; for they know that human frailty is prone to evil, and very subject to fall inward. It is great wisdom not to be rash in thy proceedings, nor to stand stiffly in thine own conceits; as also not to believe everything which thou hearest, nor presently to relate again to others what thou hast heard or dost believe.

Exercised Discretion. Richard, on his first visit to the country, climbed the fence into the field where a Jersey cow was grazing. The cow, being somewhat of a pet, greeted him with a loud and joyous moo, whereupon Richard bent a josty mood, and disorderly retreat. "No, I wasn't edackly afraid," he explained; "but when she'd better keep a-movin'!"

The Biggest Mummy. The largest mummy in the world is that of an animal, the Beresovka mammoth, in the Petrograd museum. The species has been extinct for thousands of years, and the Beresovka mammoth which was found embedded in the frozen earth near the Beresovka river, in northeast Siberia, probably lived fifty thousand years ago.

First Chief Justice. John Jay was the first to hold the office of chief justice of the United States and received his appointment in 1789. He was born in New York, December 12, 1751. John Rutledge was nominated by the president and was the second chief justice of the United States. He was born in South Carolina in 1739.

Unmistakable Signs. Charles was looking through the hedge at the new neighbors who had just moved into the house next door. Suddenly he turned and ran in to his mother and said: "I bet the kid that's moved next door is a good sport, all right. He has freckles and has his big toe done up in a rag."

Wax; Figures of Ancestors. Many ancient families in England have stored away life sized figures in wax of their ancestors, made at the time of the original's death. The Duke of Norfolk has the figures of three wives of one of his ancestors, which are kept in a glass case at one of his country seats.

Incredible. Wise men say that if we could see ourselves as others see us, we wouldn't believe it.—The Bits.

HOMES FOR ALL WAR VETERANS

Law Would Help Men Regain Start in Life Given Up For Country's Sake

WOULD COST STATE NOTHING Senator McKnight's Plan is Statement of the Constructive

—Sort.— That the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall buy a home for every one of her residents who served in the army or the navy in the war with Germany and who is ready to accept easy terms of payment is among the most important proposals that will be considered by the Legislature of this state this year.

Massachusetts has already done much for her returned fighting men. She has helped them in their immediate needs, even to the extent of expending the impressive sum of \$20,000,000 in bonuses of \$100 each for every veteran. Those who have the welfare of the soldiers and sailors at heart, however, realize that the state, generous as she has been, has

really done nothing of permanent benefit to the man who is trying to regain the start in civil life that he sacrificed when he went into the service. For those who needed the money, the \$100 bonus was not enough; for those who did not need it, it was too much.

The Massachusetts soldiers and sailors' homestead plan, devised by the Hon. Edwin T. McKnight, president of the Massachusetts Senate is, briefly, this:

The veteran will select the home he wants. It may be in a city, a town or, if he desires to be a farmer, it may be a farm. The state will purchase the property, erect a dwelling thereon, if necessary, and, on receipt of an initial payment by the veteran, give him immediate occupancy of the premises. The first payment must be sufficient to indicate that the beneficiary is in earnest and proposes to "go through" with his part of the transaction. This initial payment may be fixed anywhere from \$100 to \$500.

The veteran, in possession of his home, would pay the balance of the purchase price in monthly installments that may extend through a period of 20 years. Each installment would be not less than 1/240 of the whole purchase price, which shall not exceed \$5,000. To each monthly payment would be added interest on that part of the principal still unpaid, at a rate not greater than five per cent per annum.

Senator McKnight, who is a lawyer and a banker with state-wide connections, has demonstrated that this plan would do something really worth while for the veterans; may be accomplished without a cent of expense to the tax payers of the state. He shows that the difference between the rate of interest the state would pay on the bonds that it would issue to finance the project and the rate paid by the home-holders would pay only cover the cost of administering the law but would meet the expense of certain concessions that would be made to meet necessities that might come to the home purchasers.

That the state shall be absolutely fair with the veterans, Senator McKnight's bill provides that should a veteran die before he has completed payments for his home, leaving a dependent widow or child, the state may cancel the indebtedness on the home. This may be done, however, only with the approval of the Governor and his council in each case. The mortality tables of the great insurance companies indicate that men who young enough and in sufficiently good health to have gone to war and to have survived its hardships are not likely to die before reaching reasonably old age. By that time every veteran's final payment on his home will have long since been paid.

The McKnight bill provides, further, that payments may be modified if a veteran is disabled by illness or other causes that were no faults of his, but in such cases, also, gubernatorial consent would be required. This Massachusetts idea is regarded as superior to the federal soldiers' land reclamation scheme and the various homestead acts adopted

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ITEMS OF INTEREST Portugal has more than 4,000,000 acres of forests and is increasing them by systematic tree planting. Tiny tucked vests and jabot ruffles for blouses are trimmed with flet lace. To take out iron stains put on lemon juice and salt and lay in the sun. Lamp burners can be easily cleaned by boiling in strong soda water. Pour boiling water on fruit stains in linen or cotton until spots disappear. Uncovered Fine Sapphires. In 1882 there occurred in the Sinda pass of the Himalayas a great landslide, which uncovered a wonderful sapphire-bearing deposit. From the latter have since been obtained many of the finest existing sapphires. Aside from this deposit the most important source of fine gem stones of the kind is a district in Ceylon.

Beauty of the Dawn. It is at dawn that the world awakes rested and refreshed from a night's sleep as a man awakes rested and refreshed from good slumber. The breath of the world is sweetest at dawn, its face is fairest then, its voice more musical and harmonious. The dust and the grime of the day have been brushed from it. On Valuing Men. We commend a horse for his strength, and sureness of foot, and not for his rich companions; a greyhound for his wondrous speed, not for his fine collar; a hawk for her wing, not for her jesses and bells. Why, in like manner, do we not value a man for what is properly his own?—Montaigne.

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