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### PEPPERELL

#### News Items.

On Friday of last week Mrs. Lucy Bancroft Page was seventy-nine years young and many relatives and friends celebrated the event, whether in town or distant homes. Every mail brought greetings and gifts, and the presence of her many friends who called upon her during the afternoon added to the event. Only the extreme severity of the winter day hindered more from coming. Their thoughts and good wishes were given her, nevertheless, in large measure, and many a "happy return of the day." Mrs. Page has been in quite good health, enjoying an auto drive to the farm from her present boarding place on Townsend street with Mrs. Parker, just before the winter snows began in December.

Clayton Parker, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Parker, is entertaining the real old-fashioned measles. It is a matter of some conjecture where he became possessed of them, whether in Nashua or in town, as no cases of measles have been reported among the pupils of the Main street school building, where he attends.

W. E. Chapman is harvesting his second crop of twelve-inch ice off the Burkinshaw pond, the first cutting being finished about the first of the month of January. This crop is going into the small houses of different individuals.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., was represented by Mrs. George W. Herrick and Mrs. Fred S. Bancroft at the celebration of the birthday of the John Paul Jones chapter at the New England Woman's club rooms on Boylston street, Boston, last week.

Mr. Brennan, of Boston, has been acting as assistant to Mr. Geiger at the new restaurant in the paper mill, and it is now stated will receive here with his family and occupy the mill boarding house.

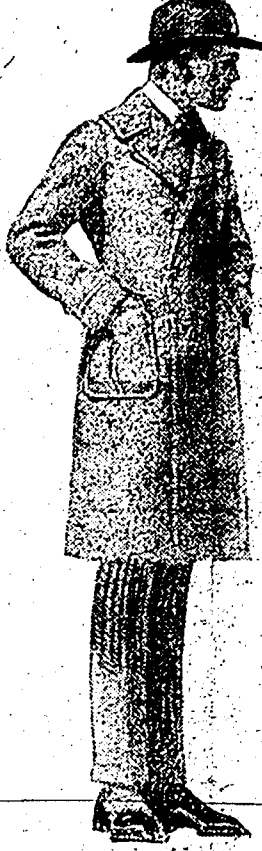
The household goods of James Woodside were put on the cars for their new home in Pennsylvania on Thursday.

Miss Muriel Robinson went to Wellesley on Saturday, where she will take a position until Easter at one of the halls, probably Mrs. Cushing, with whom she stayed for a short time, having charge of Wilder hall at the college.

P. W. C.

At the meeting of the Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon at Saunders' hall, the members were well entertained by the talk of the blind speaker, Miss Rose Trainor, who had as her subject one very near to her heart, "The re-education of the blind soldiers." From her appearance, having no confusion visible in her movements even in a strange place, and looking into her face, one would never suspect that she could not see. Although she was attended her by her brother, and was to meet by relatives on her return to Worcester, Miss Trainor gives one the impression of considerable independence. She has traveled quite extensively, especially south, where she is interested in the Evergreen hospital in Baltimore, Md., the only institution devoted entirely to the use of the blind in the United States.

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Cashmere, black; regular price 50c	38¢
Heavy Wool, black; regular price \$1.25 and \$1.50	95¢
Heavy Wool, natural; regular price 50c	25¢

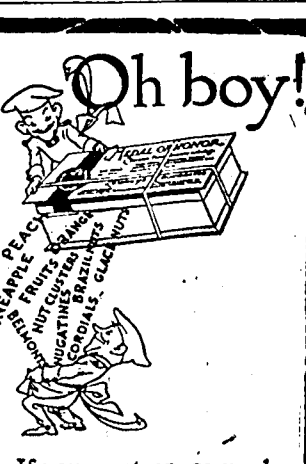
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**WESTFORD**

**Center.**  
The monthly social at the Congregational church took place Tuesday evening with supper at 6.30. The committee in charge were sorry to disappoint their audience with the music. The West Chelmsford orchestra, which was to have furnished music for the entertainment, were unable to get through to Westford because of the traveling, having to give up after they had started. Miss Ruth Woolley, of Boston, was present and gave readings. The committee in charge were Mrs. F. A. Meyer, Mrs. O. A. Blaney and Mrs. William R. Taylor.

Rev. O. L. Brownsey will preach on Sunday morning from the topic "The leaders of tomorrow," and in the evening the subject will be "The church awakened by the power of prayer," at which several members will assist the pastor with short talks.

Charles H. Pickering is reported as seriously ill at his home.

Charles Richardson, who is aged and somewhat infirm, has recently had one or two falls at his home.

Bertram Sutherland, who after being released from state guard duty started attendance at the Westford Institute, is now staying in Boston during the week to attend his school.

Mrs. A. W. Hartford, who is sick with bronchitis and under the doctor's care, is improving.

Word came to Westford on Wednesday of the death of Miss Mary E. Moran after a long illness from heart disease and complications. Miss Moran, who was aged fifty-five years, died at Mrs. French's private hospital in Tewksbury. She was born in Westford and was the daughter of the late Mrs. Flora E. Spinner. Much of her life was spent in this village, and for a long time she was a successful milliner. She was a former member of Westford Grange and was affiliated with the Unitarian church. Dignified, capable and conscientious, her Westford friends mourn her passing at what should have been scarcely more than the prime of life. Funeral services were held this week Friday afternoon at the Unitarian church, with interment in Fairview cemetery.

The little diphtheria patient, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Emilton, Boston road, is reported as making a good recovery.

Alfred Sutherland injured one of his feet by the fall of a heavy box while at work at Sargent's machine shop last week. He was quick enough to break the fall of the box somewhat with his knee, or the injury would have been much worse than the bad bruising that the foot received. While not able to work yet he is getting about on crutches a little.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company has a committee busy planning a dance for sometime in February.

The meeting of the Tadmuck club takes place on Tuesday afternoon in Library hall, and is in charge of the civics committee of the club, Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, chairman. Mrs. Charles Briggs, of Norwood, is expected to be present and give a timely address.

The automobile show at the Casino building, Lowell, has attracted many interested visitors this week. It is very complete and staged entirely by Lowell dealers. George F. White, of Westford and Lowell, had Reo and Oakland cars on exhibition and also commercial trucks.

Members of the state guard company assembled in the lower town hall last week Friday evening. Each man was paid the compensation made by the recent special session of the legislature. Capt. Edward Fisher made some interesting remarks and the gathering was a pleasant reunion. Refreshments of coffee, doughnuts and cheese were served.

Sunday was one of the hardest days for weather of the season with its intense cold and wind blowing a gale. Westford hill got the full fury of the wind which blew the fresh snow everywhere, and of course in the most unwanted places. It seemed as though every driveway and walk at every house in the village was piled high with snow, not to mention the dried roads. The streets were strewn with dead branches from the trees. Only a few got out into the Congregational church service in the morning, and the evening service at seven o'clock was omitted; also, the Unitarian church in the afternoon was omitted.

There were no sessions of the schools on Monday, owing to the bad traveling and cold.

A temperature of 27° below zero was reported at the pumping station at Fine Ridge, Tuesday morning. It has been a hard season for R. F. D. Carrier Meyer to get over his route with any sort of conveyance.

A social for the young people was held at the Congregational vestry on last Saturday evening. Music, games and refreshments made up a pleasant time. Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Blaney, Mrs. Gumb and Mrs. White were the guests, while Miss Lillian Sutherland, charge of the piano and in charge of the singing.

**Welcome Home Plans.**  
The welcome home celebration for which the faithful committees have been completing arrangements, comes next Friday. The reception, to which all the residents of the town are invited, takes place from four to six o'clock. General Clarence R. Edwards is to arrive at five o'clock for the reception and at six o'clock, the banquet will be served at the hotel. The program will be given at six o'clock, and for each man who enlisted or was drafted from the town; also, any man residing in town who saw service is invited, and civil war and Spanish-American war veterans are invited guests. Each one of these service men is allowed to invite one guest, which is to be a man of his own unit.

song sheets are being prepared and there will be singing and speaking at the banquet table.  
At eight o'clock comes the dance, which all the people of the town may attend. Poole's orchestra, of Boston, will furnish music from four o'clock in the afternoon until the event is over, including, of course, the dancing.  
Perhaps it is needless to say that all the celebration takes place at the town hall. Let everyone co-operate to make the event one of memorable enjoyment to the service men.

**Missionary Meeting.**  
The monthly missionary meeting of the Congregational church was held on Friday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Arthur E. Day with a good attendance and interesting program. Miss Loker presided and Mrs. Brownsey had the program in charge, continuing the study of medical missions in China. Miss Loker gave an interesting account of the special honor conferred on Miss Emily C. Hartwell, long a missionary in Foochow for her long and successful service. This was a rare honor for the Chinese government to confer upon an American woman, and the beautifully engraved invitation wrapped in finest rice paper envelope and sent to her kinwoman in this country was most interesting. Miss Hartwell was remembered by some present as giving a stirring address at a missionary conference at the church here while on furlough in this country.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Day served tea and wafers, and a social hour and music was enjoyed.

**About Town.**  
But little was doing last Sunday in the line of church-going as per obstruction methods of the snow blowing weather. The usual services at the Unitarian church at four o'clock were omitted. A minister from Littleton was to conduct the service, but was unable to be reached on account of the condition of the roads.

The weather on Tuesday morning got down to real winter business, the thermometer as auditor of cold reporting 20° below zero at the Old Oak on Bucket farm, and 24° below as far west as Westford depot.

At the annual meeting on Monday afternoon of the First Parish church Charles O. Preagout was chosen moderator. It was voted to adjourn until Sunday, May 16. Considering traveling conditions and other winter liabilities, it was voted to discontinue services until April.

The Sullivan truck carrying milk to Lowell, Sunday, broke down at Amos Polley's and was obliged to resort to an old time horse sled. This made it a nearly sunrise-sunset journey. The uncooperative weather acted as a brake on speeding up.

At the time of writing the Stony Brook road from the Lowell road to the Stony Brook railroad is still snowbound and not in the poetic sense of Withers' "Snowbound."

George F. White, with his valuable thoroughbred cows, is now sending certified milk to the W. J. Burbeck Milk Co., Lowell.

Mrs. William Pollock, who has been ill for a long time, is reported recovered again to the Lowell General hospital, not recovering from her former hospital treatment as hoped for and expected.

The corn-borer, which threatened the corn crop, is reported by the government as under control and confined in this section to nearby Boston, besides a parasite has stepped in, destroying nearly half the eggs. The corn-borer is not friendly towards field corn, it having a sweet tooth for sweet corn, and rarely takes to field corn. In localities where the borer has operated for ten years it is difficult to find any traces of it. Under these circumstances the score is partly called off.

The Fletcher Cold Spring farm has harvested their supply of ice from Burgess pond, fourteen inches thick. F. W. and Seth W. Banister were assisted in the input.

The third farmers' institute of the season under the auspices of Middlesex-North Agricultural society will be held at the yellow meeting-house at Draught Center, Wednesday, January 28. The morning session will open at 10.30. Charles E. Tibson, the new agent of the farm bureau, will speak on "Feeding the dairy cow." Dinner and musical speaking entertainment at twelve o'clock. The afternoon will be devoted to ten-minute thoughts on a variety of subjects. Hon. Arthur W. Colburn, Draught, will speak on "Milk and the Holstein cow." Chester W. Colburn, Draught, will meditate audibly on "Peaches and apples." Karl M. Perham, of Chelmsford, who is never inaudible, will speak on "Co-operative marketing." Other orators to be announced will give freely of their wisdom on poultry, flowers, vegetables and other country farm necessities. This "free-for-all" is handed out as an inducement for all to come.

**Officers Installed.**  
On last week Thursday evening the officers of Westford Grange were installed in a most efficient and instructive manner by Willard H. White, past master of Ayer Grange, assisted by Mrs. Jennie Hartford, Mrs. Lillian Meyers and Miss Grace E. Hannev. The officers installed were E. Clyde Prescott, m.; Clifford Johnson, o.; Frederick A. Hanscom, lect.; Harry O. Hartford, stew.; Mrs. Frank C. Wright, sec.; A. H. Sutherland, treas.; J. Frank Chandler, chap.; Austin Fletcher, rust. stew.; Elva T. Judd, l. n. s.; Ruth Johnson, c. cross; Marion Fletcher, Flora; Gladys Fletcher, Pomona; Howard Judd, k. k.; W. R. Taylor, ex. com., 3 years.

Mr. White was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Smith, Miss Whitaker and Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks, of Ayer. Besides these visitors were present from Chelmsford, Mrs. M. Tracy and Shirley. Short unwritten remarks were made by Willard H. White, the installing officer, Fred A. Fletcher, past master of Westford Grange, and Fred A. Smith, a former member of Westford Grange. Frederick A. Hanscom, the newly-elected lecturer, gave an itemized humorous exposition of the coming lecturer's program. Light refreshments were served in the lower hall with a general social mixup.

**Grantville.**  
Following the snow storm of last Saturday the weather developed into a severe wind storm on Sunday, with the worst cold spell that has been experienced here this winter. The roads were badly covered with drifted snow as a result of the high wind.

The regular meeting of Court Grantville, M. C. O. F., was held on Thursday evening with a good number in attendance.

At a meeting of Court Grantville, F. of A., held in its room on Thursday

officers were duly installed for the ensuing term by the court deputy, R. J. McCarthy.  
Many people from here attended the annual firemen's ball that was held in Groton last week Friday evening. Never's orchestra of Concord, N. H., furnished the music and a good time was enjoyed by all.

James B. Healy, a bond salesman, now located in Bangor, Me., spent the weekend with his family here. Mr. Healy intends to remove with his family to Bangor in the early spring.

F. Russell Furbush has recently taken the agency for the Dodge car.

Frank Wood, who is ill at the Lowell General hospital, is improving rapidly and is expected to return to his home here in a few days.

The committee in charge of the Westford soldiers and sailors have practically completed their plans and this interesting event, that will be staged on Thursday afternoon and evening, January 29, promises to be the biggest social affair held in the town for a long time. The program, as briefly outlined, will consist of a reception from four to six o'clock, followed by a banquet and a social hour. General Clarence R. Edwards will speak, there will be community singing and music will be furnished by Poole's orchestra, of Boston.

Tuesday was the coldest morning here this winter, with the mercury registering from 20 to 28 degrees below zero. The fellow who predicted an open winter will have to take a back seat, for so far this winter has been of the old New England type.

Many from here attended the dance in Forge Village on Friday night of last week.

**Forge Village.**  
Misses Caroline, Pamela and Mildred Precious furnished the dance music at the Legion hall given recently in Townsend.

The ice cutting on Lake Mattawana-see is in full swing. The Daniel Case Ice Company has a large force of men at work this year.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings two good programs were given at Abbot hall with the hall crowded by both nights. The pictures furnished by the Abbot Worsted Company are the best that can be secured and everyone is taking advantage of the opportunity to see these shows.

Hanley & Co., of this village, have a nice selection of colored knitting yarns on display at their store. See the advertisement in this paper. The yarn comes in all the popular shades and is being sold at manufacturers' prices.

Everyone is looking forward with interest to the ball to be given on Friday evening by the Abbot Worsted soccer football team, when the first annual ball given under the auspices of the soccer team and they have spared no pains to make it a success.

**LITTLETON**

**News Items.**  
Harold Shepard has a position as motion picture operator for the Y. M. C. A. in Ayer, where his services are required a part of every day, excepting Sundays and Thursdays.

Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., former pastor of the Congregational church, has been elected as president of the American Missionary association, succeeding Dr. Kinz, head of Oberlin college, who is now moderator of the national council, an office vacated by Dr. Boynton a few years ago.

Twenty persons braved the elements and attended the Congregational church service Sunday, which was held in the vestry.

"If he shall gain the whole world" will be the subject of Rev. Gail Cleland's sermon on Sunday morning.

The Congregational church and parish annual meetings will be held in the vestry on Saturday afternoon of this week following the dinner at 12.30 o'clock.

An adjourned parish meeting of the Unitarian society will be held in the vestry on Monday evening, when important business will be acted upon. A large attendance is requested.

Miss Fairchild, of West Acton, and formerly a teacher in Littleton, was the week-end guest of the W. H. Davis family.

J. H. Whitcomb returned home on Monday after a long absence caused by sickness.

The Back-Log club will hold a social with whist, Thursday evening, January 29, in the lower Unitarian vestry, beginning at 7.45. An intention in the Back-Log club and their friends are urged to attend.

Miss Jessie Smith spent the week-end with friends in Rosindale.

Mrs. B. F. Jacobs sells Forge all wool yarn. All colors for women at \$1.75 per pound; heavier yarn in navy, dark gray, and khaki for men at \$3.

Richard Harding Davis' greatest story, "Soldiers of fortune," shown at the Strand, Ayer, Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27.

**Warrant for Annual Meeting.**  
The warrant for the annual town meeting contains sixty-two articles as follows:  
Articles 1 to 27, inclusive, deal with the regular town business acted upon each year with the exception of Article 10, which is to see what action the town will take in regard to the proceeds of the sale of the town farm.

Art. 28. To see what action the town will take in regard to removing the ledge in front of the house formerly owned by Michael Healey.

Art. 29. To see if the town will appropriate \$1000 to pay Cemetery Note No. 23, due December 26, 1920, with interest.

Art. 30. To raise and appropriate money to repair highways.

Art. 31. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 providing the state and county will each contribute a like sum, for repairs on Taylor street.

Articles 33, 34 and 35. To see if the town will vote to extend the water mains on Oak hill avenue to the house owned by James E. Nixon; Foster street from the hydrant at the Harter farm to the house of H. L. Frost and John H. Hardy, and on Great road from the factory of Conant, Houghton & Co., to the house of L. W. Chase, on such terms and conditions as it may designate; instruct the water commissioners to construct said extension, raise

authorize the town treasurer to borrow the whole or any part of the sum appropriated, and to issue the bonds or notes of the town therefor.

Articles 36 and 37. To see if the town will vote to extend the electric lighting system from Foster street to the house of H. A. Olson, and on Whitcomb avenue from the pumping station to the house of J. H. D. Whitcomb on such terms and conditions as it may designate; instruct the electric light commissioners to construct said extension, raise and appropriate money therefor, authorize the town treasurer to borrow the whole or any part of the sum appropriated and to issue the bonds or notes of the town therefor.

Art. 38. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$150 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 serve in co-operation with the County Agricultural Trustees of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics under the provisions of Chapter 273, General Acts of 1918.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to repair or relay the floor in the town hall and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to paint the lower town hall and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to purchase road drag and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to build a retaining wall on the line between the school grounds and L. A. Hager's land.

Art. 43. To see if the town will extend a vote of thanks to the committee who had charge of decorating the town hall.

Art. 44. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to place the road between the Center and the Common in the hands of the highway commission.

Articles 45, 51, 52, 53 and 54. To see if the town will vote to extend the electric lighting system from M. W. Leahy's barn to the house of L. W. Chase; on Foster street to the barn owned by E. H. Priest; on New Estate road to the residence of Frank McGovern; extending the street lighting system on Shattuck street, and on Ayer road to residence in Pingryville.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 to pay the interest on town notes.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2700 for Outside Poor and Mothers' Aid.

Art. 48. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 for defraying the expenses of the town hall.

Art. 49. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 for the electric light department—street lighting \$1000; new service connections \$500.

Art. 50. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2800 for the water department—sanitary service \$1200; bond payments \$1500.

Art. 55. To see if the town will vote to extend the water main on Adams street, so-called, at Littleton Common for the additional distance of 400 feet in the same direction as the present main, beginning at a point distant 550 feet from that point in the road near the southeast corner of the national church, referred to in Article of the warrant for the town meeting of November 11, 1915, as the starting point of the water main therein described on said Adams street. Said extension of said water main to be over land owned by Conant, Houghton & Co., Inc. To instruct the water commissioners to construct said extension and to appropriate the sum of \$500 for that purpose, provided, however, that such construction shall not be commenced unless and until the owner of said land shall convey to the town free of charge and by a deed approved by the selectmen and water commissioners, right of way or easement over the same, approximately forty feet wide for a town road to be built by said Conant, Houghton & Co., Inc., in a manner satisfactory to the town. Together with the right to lay said water main within the limits of said easements prior to its laying out and acceptance as a town way and the right to enter thereon at all times and to dig up and remove earth and stones therefrom for the purpose of constructing, repairing or renewing such water pipes as may be necessary to work on, through and over the land subject to said easement, or to see if the town will do anything with regard to the same.

Art. 56. To see if the town will vote to extend its electric wires and poles on Adams street, so-called, over the territory described in Article 55 of this warrant, and to the houses built and to be built on said Adams street, and to appropriate the sum of \$100 for that purpose. All of such action to be subjected to the provisions as set forth in said Article 55 of this warrant.

Art. 57. To see if the town will instruct the assessors to make a special valuation of the town this year, and to report in print.

Art. 58. To see what action the town will take on new school building, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 59. To see if the town will vote to change the expiration dates of the park commissioners, as voted at the last annual meeting, to read as follows: Frank B. Priest 1919, Walter H. Titcomb 1920, and Charles A. Kimball 1921.

Art. 60. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to give to the heirs of the late Benjamin F. Jaffrey a quit-claim deed of Nashobah school-house, so-called, that was bought by him of the town about the year 1905.

Art. 61. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing a town pound.

Art. 62. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to reimburse the treasurer for over expenditure of appropriations.

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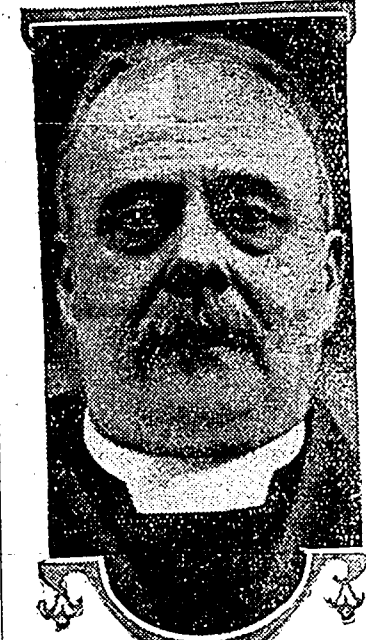
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The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters,  
Saturday, January 24, 1920, from 12 M. to 10 P. M.  
Registration will close at 10 P. M., Saturday, January 24, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registering, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.  
Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the Collector of Taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1919.  
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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the second day of February A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.  
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, 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.  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this sixteenth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

**LOUIS H. CUSHING,**  
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Registrars of Voters.

TOWNSEND

Center. The regular meeting of the Grange will be held next Monday evening when the following debate will be presented: Resolved, that the daylight saving bill should become a law in New England. Dr. A. J. Atwood and Mrs. Mary Miller, affirmative; Helen Proctor and Mrs. Lilla Seaver, negative. Community singing, readings and a "sing line" will feature in the evening's program. There is to be a basketball game this week Friday evening in Memorial hall between the officers five from Camp Devens and the Townsend team. The officers five being unable to be present at last week's game another Camp Devens team was sent in their place. It is expected that dancing will follow the game.

West. Last week Friday evening the young people met in the Baptist vestry for the purpose of forming an intermediate C. E. society. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Joseph McKean. The society was organized with nineteen members with the following officers: Walter Davis, pres.; Doris Tenney, sec.; Nancy Richards, treas. The young people will hold another meeting soon when the various committees will be appointed. It is planned to hold the meetings of the society Sunday afternoon before the other meetings.

HOLLIS, N. H. The wind on Sunday blew the tin roof off of the cupola at the Sherman place, blew in a window at the high school building and breaking the glass, at Miss Sylvia Hardy's several blinds were blown off and at Willis C. Hardy's a part of a shed was blown away. The telephone men were kept busy Sunday and Monday with crossed wires. Raymond Planders, night operator, went to work Saturday night and did not get home again until Monday night. Miss Hattie Hayden and Master Robert Hayden returned last week from a few days' visit with Miss Grace Hayden, Boston, and Mrs. Alma Smith Hoyt, Melrose, Mass. Rev. R. M. French walked to Nashua on Tuesday for the pleasure of the walk, and he doubtless saw many things in nature to enjoy. The family of David J. Wright have been suffering from severe colds. Carl Brown, of Nashua, was a guest of Jason Reed and family on Sunday. Frank Scott visited Lester Hayden's on Thursday for the County Cow Test- ing association, of which Mr. Hayden was a member. Townsend Seminary for young ladies and later was a music teacher at the same school. Her husband, Edward Orday, who was a former cashier of the Townsend bank, died two years ago. Edward Orday, the son, with which she had recently made her home, was then living in the village and the high school at the Center. Although her husband was employed at the bank in the Center she always resided in this part of the town and he drove each day to his work. Dearly Mrs. Orday's life she was greatly interested in the work of the Baptist church in this village and she was due to the Warren family that the forming of a Baptist church here was possible. Several members of the Warren family gave liberally to the building of the church and its support.

Brookline, N. H. News Items. A little daughter was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kneeland. The little one will be called Dorothy Louise. Miss Ethel Taylor has been spending the past week at Pepperell at the home of Mrs. John Martin. Mrs. Minnie Maxwell has been on the sick list the past week. Mrs. Ricker, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edna Hall, for some time, has returned to her home. Bert King had the misfortune to fall on an ice hook while at work at the icehouses. The hook passed through the hand, causing a very bad wound. There was no work at the ice plant on Friday, January 16, on account of the cold weather, which caused the ice to break at 3.30 it was 20° below zero. Also, there was no work on Sunday, January 18, on account of the very high wind. The next Pomona Grange meeting will be held at Greenfield, Tuesday, February 3. George Abbott with friends from Boston spent the week-end with his wife, Miss Josephine Seaver and Mrs. Hattie Stiles. Miss Jane Ward of Cambridge has been the guest of Miss Marion Holcomb. Albert Pierce has recovered from his recent illness and is able to be out. There was no church services on Sunday evening on account of the high wind. Only a few were brave enough to face it in the morning and there were only nine at the services. During the day there were two chimney fires, but no damage was done. Harry Campbell fell on the ice last week and sprained his wrist very badly. Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck entertained the South Brookline Social club on last week Thursday afternoon. On account of the very cold weather there were not as many present as usual. A very pleasant afternoon was passed with the serving of the usual daily refreshments by the hostess. Miss Eleanor Storer, of Nashua, N. H., spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Hazel Storer. Mrs. Etta Rockwood is the guest of Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck for the present week. D. Fessenden was in Concord the past week. Grange. At the meeting of the Grange on last week Wednesday evening the officers for 1920 were installed by Deputy and Mrs. Fred Sherwin, of Nashua, assisted by Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood of the local Grange. Mrs. Louise Parkey was pianist. The literary program was as follows: Song, Velmar Taylor, who responded to an encore; reading, Miss Blanche Hall; duet, Mrs. Louise Parkey and Mrs. Walter Fessenden; reading, Alfred Barnaby; solo, Hazel Storer; recitation, Mrs. Clara Barnaby; and Mrs. Emma Dunbar, lect.; Forace Hall, stew.; Miss Blanche W. Hall, ass. stew.; Mrs. Edna Hall, chap.; Clarence R. Russell, treas.; Mrs. Hattie Pierce, sec.; Grover Farnell, g. k.; Miss Velmar Taylor, Ceres; Miss Frances Farnsworth, Pomona; Miss Helen Rockwood, Flora; Mrs. Ella Rockwood, I. a. s.; Mrs. Louise Parkey, pianist.

SELF HELPING COMMUNITIES The Indian at the party, served with viands from a sideboard, remarked: "Too many people helping Indian. Indian will help himself." And he proceeded to do so. A great many Americans would find it easy to sympathize with the red man's point of view. As we look back, it is apparent that an outstanding fault of many past social service activities has been "too many people helping Indian," and not enough people helping Indian to help himself. The average man and the average boy object to being fussed over. The experience of War Camp Community Service drove that fact hard upon the consciousness of the community workers whose business it was to minister to the comfort and recreational needs of the enlisted men. It was found that, given the tools, the opportunity and a touch of leadership, the uniformed men would go a long way in working out a satisfactory recreation programme. It was not that they did not need guidance. They did, and appreciated it. But they did not need and did not appreciate a condition in which there were "so many people helping Indian" that Indian had no chance to help himself. Social relations, having in the past been so largely dictated by whim, tradition or prejudice, are seldom logical unless consciously and intelligently readjusted. Then, too, there is always the paradoxical situation that the more people there are to know in any one place, the harder it is to know any of them. One of the present day social phenomena is the extent to which the words "Community Service" have gone into the current vocabulary. It would be going too far to characterize Community Service as a new idea. As the term is used nowadays, though, it could properly be said to stand for a new attitude. Community Service, peace-time outgrowth of War Camp Community Service, reaches the individual by organizing the community, by making community life a conscious activity. It is impossible to establish community life by decree, just as it is impossible to establish friendship by compulsion. There are those who imagine that people can be gathered together, commanded to be sociable and left to their fate. Desirable community life is a growth. Moreover, there can be no community life where there is no community service. Unless community life is a growth, it is without roots, and exists as a superimposed structure. All of that throws us back to the starting point. It is the business of organized Community Service to see to it that there are not so many people helping Indian that Indian has no chance to help himself. Organized Community Service can supply the stimulus, the opportunity and initial direction, but the community must stand by reason of its own strength.

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REAL ESTATE By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed from Sigismund Flimont to Helen M. Hamel of Ayer, dated November 6, 1917, and recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, book 4172, page 159, and for breach of the condition of said mortgage deed, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described on Saturday, February 21, 1920, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the real estate conveyed by said mortgage deed, to-wit: A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in Ayer, in that portion formerly known as the Ayer and thus bounded, to-wit: Beginning at the southwest corner of the premises on the northerly side of Shirley Street at land formerly of Thomas Hurley, thence northerly to said Hurley tract to land now of formerly of John Hurley, thence easterly by said John Hurley land, land of Michael Griffin and land formerly of Phelps and Wood to a corner stone set in the ground; thence southerly by land formerly of said Phelps and thence westerly by said Shirley Street, thence westerly by said Shirley Street, thence westerly by said Shirley Street to the point of beginning. The premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes or assessments. TERMS, \$200 in cash at the time and place of sale, and balance on delivery of deed in ten days. HELEN M. HAMEL, Mortgagee. Ayer, Mass., January 22, 1920.

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Saturday, January 24, 1920

GROTON

**News Items.**  
Mrs. Minnie A. Robbins has sold her farm to Mrs. I. A. Hally, of West Somerville. The farm is on the Nashua road, near East Pepperell, and contains 70 acres, 30 are in mowing, balance in wood and lumber. There is a two-story house of eight rooms, some improvements and open fireplaces; barn with horse, hay rack, 70-ton silo, cement cellar and water. There is a modern henhouse for 300 hens, and the asking price was \$4000. Fred A. Smith, of Ayer, was the broker.

In the will of Minerva T. Warren, who died on November 30, the following bequests are made: To the M. S. F. C. A. \$100; to the Central Rescue League, \$100; the First Parish Unitarian society, \$500; the Ministers' Unitarian Pension fund, \$500. The town of Groton is left \$1000, the income of which is to be used for a free lecture course. Her books and antiques are left to the Groton Historical society.

On Thursday evening, February 12, in the town hall, the Groton lodge of Odd Fellows will hold their annual concert and ball. The concert will be from eight until nine, and the dancing from nine until two. Supper will be served about twelve o'clock. Collins orchestra, of Marlboro, will furnish the music.

The house formerly occupied by Mr. Manning on Powder House road has been purchased by Thomas Aitken for a home.

Mrs. Aitken and Mrs. Maynes entertained the teachers of the public schools on Wednesday of last week.

Middlesex Rebekah lodge held their installation of officers on Tuesday evening, at which time they were installed by Miss Mattie W. Lee, of Leominster, district deputy president; Miss Essie P. Rugz, d. g. m.; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Williams, d. g. w.; Miss Alice P. Conn, s. s.; Mrs. Sadie A. Stuart, d. g. w.; Mrs. Carrie E. Woods, d. g. c. chap.; Mrs. Josie O. Miller, d. g. g. The officers installed were Mrs. E. D. Boynton, n. g.; Effie W. Harrington, v. e.; Blanche M. Brown, rec. sec.; Addie M. Durant, fn. sec.; Mabel Southern, treasurer; Mrs. Addie Chapin, Anna Hemenway, ward; Lura C. Adams, in. guard.; Emma Porter, out. guard.; Maria A. Bowers, r. s. n. g.; Eliza Corwin, l. s. n. g.; Lois M. Wright, r. s. v. g.; Carrie E. Leonard, l. s. v. g.

Rev. Arthur V. Dimock, of Camp Devens, who addressed the Sunday school on Sunday, will preach at the Congregational church on Sunday.

It is reported that John C. Strachan of West Groton is a candidate for school committee.

Charles J. Wright is a candidate for the office of electric light commissioner.

There are a few cases of measles at the Groton School. Colds and coughs are quite prevalent through the town.

On Thursday evening, February 5, there will be a supper and social at the Unitarian church vestry. This is the annual occasion when the men of the parish have the charge of the arrangements.

Rehearsals will begin soon of the play to be given by the music section of the Woman's club. The people in town will look forward to this play with great interest, for no one has forgotten the minstrel show of last season which was such a success.

The spectators' seats in the court room were filled at ten o'clock Monday morning when court opened with Judge Frederick W. Fosdick making his first appearance as a trial judge of the superior court in the Freeman divorce case. Judge Fosdick is the son of Frederick Fosdick, who is so well known in Groton and other places in this state. Former Governor Foster was an interested spectator for a little more than an hour during the morning session.

Archie Messenger, a native of this town, is to lead his newly singing orchestra at the concert and ball given by the Ayer fire department in the Ayer town hall on Monday evening, February 9. It is expected that there will be present quite a number from this town to greet him.

The next meeting of the Book and Thrift club will be held with Mrs. Ogilvie on Friday, February 6.

Mrs. Palmer, of Hollis street, has been quite poorly for the past two weeks, but is now on the gain.

There were eighteen couples at the military whist party in Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Thomas Aitken, Mr. and Mrs. Maynes and Mrs. E. C. Leonard were at the winning table, and the prize was a box of stationery.

Miss Evelyn Hussey, daughter of Miss Alice Farwell Hussey, formerly of this town, the announcement of whose engagement appeared in these columns some time ago, will be married at her home in Leominster on Friday, January 30, to Harold Taylor, of Newark, N. J. Both young people are graduates of Bates college, class of 1918.

Ray Farwell attended an entertainment at Lowell Textile on Wednesday evening, and was the guest over night of his cousin, Leland Chapman, of Winchester, who is also a student at that institution.

Milo Harrington's oldest son, Ernest, is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Burton Robinson has a fine position in Ayer.

Little Lois Wright, who has been sick for three weeks past, is able to be outdoors again.

Mrs. Maud E. Trayne made a clean sweep with her Japanese silks at the National Poultry show, Chicago. She was awarded 1st cock, 1st hen, 1st cockerel and 1st pullet. She was also awarded a bronze medal for best display of silks and a diploma for best white silk cockerel.

Mrs. Warren Sturgis' musicale at her home on Beacon street, Boston, Sunday night, January 11, had a special interest, as one of the artists, Mile. Gondre, was to sing the next afternoon at Jordan hall—the entertainment endorsed by a notable list of patronesses who were also personally interested. Mrs. Sturgis' evening began at 9.30 o'clock following several small dinners. Mr. Keller's number of the violin came first on the program. Later supper was served.

Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody was one of the officiating clergymen at the wedding of Miss Charlotte Platt, Henry B. Platt's daughter, and Huntington Lyman, at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church in New York on Saturday, January 17.

Mrs. B. J. Dowling with Francis and Delphine Dowling spent a few days in Groton last week, coming in time to

attend the annual concert and ball given by the Groton Engine and Hose company and being detained over Sunday by the wind storm that day.

Miss Clara McMahon was in town for the concert and dance on Friday, January 16.

Mrs. Emma Spaulding (Whiting) Davis, wife of Charles Bridge Davis of 55 Hancock street, Lexington, died suddenly in Groton on Thursday morning, January 15. Mrs. Davis was a prominent club woman in Lexington, having been the second president of the Lexington Outlook club, a former president of the Fellowship of Churches, and a member of the Old Belfry club. She was also identified with the Red Cross. She was born in Wilton, N. H., July 4, 1867; the daughter of George Oliver and Laura Maria Whiting, and was married to Mr. Davis on July 2, 1891. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Helen W. Davis, and a sister, Mrs. George L. Gilmore, besides her husband. Mr. Davis is the manager of the New England office of the General Electric Company. Mrs. Davis was a relative of Mrs. Melvin Mansour of this town. Her funeral services were held at her home in Lexington on Saturday, January 17, at 1.15 p. m.

A force of men began cutting ice on Cady pond Sunday.

The high winds on Sunday so drifted the ice as to block up the roads and sidewalks. On Monday morning men for shoveling snow were in demand.

At the Baptist church next Sunday in continuance of the course of sermons on the "Moral law," the pastor will speak on the third commandment, "The sin of irreverence." Evening service of song and a gospel talk at seven p. m.

Rev. and Mrs. Bangs are attending in Boston this week the mid-winter Bible conference at the Park street church. This is the twentieth season of the conference and many noted speakers are expected.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dunphy, formerly of Groton, were present at the concert and ball on January 16. Their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. William B. F. Rogers, also attended this annual event.

Born on Monday, January 19, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice O'Connor of Elm street.

Among the many candidates for the office of selectman there is opportunity for all to make a choice. The friends and supporters of F. G. Carpenter claim for him a record of economy and efficiency in his service as electric light commissioner; the electric light company being now out of debt, and look for similar service from him if he is elected to this office for which he is a candidate.

On account of the storm the installation of the officers of the Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., was postponed till next Monday evening, as district deputy grand master George E. Buxton, of Shirley, was unable to get here last Monday night.

Fred Davis was sick for several days last week and unable to do his usual work.

A very quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the Sacred Heart rectory Sunday evening, January 18. The contracting parties are two very well-known members of the Sacred Heart parish, Rose Diner and Hugh H. Grant. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. F. Reardon. Mrs. Grant has been night operator at the local telephone exchange for the past five years. Mr. Grant is chauffeur for F. L. Howes, of Riverdale. Mrs. Grant will be greatly mislaid at the local exchange, where she has made hosts of friends by her all ways courteous treatment of all of the subscribers.

An appeal to the public to feed the birds during the cold weather was made last Monday by the Audubon society, through its secretary, W. S.throp Packard. Mr. Packard asks that lovers of birds fasten the meat scraps and suet securely to trees and scatter the snow has been tramped down hard. Mr. Packard says: "In the good old days, when everybody was something of a farmer, it used to be an easy thing to scrape up a bushel of hays and chaff from the barn floor for the birds. Some of us can still do this. Others can at least put out crumbs, scraps of meat or suet. The birds will repay us for this not only with the joy of their presence, but by constant work in the garden and orchard."

Mrs. H. B. Robinson, who has a room at the Regency in Ayer, has been chaperoning the five French brides during their stay here, taking them to dances and to the Woman's club in Groton and Ayer. One of these brides has gone to Indiana, one to Missouri and one to Texas. Another is soon to go to New Mexico, leaving but one in Ayer.

The Massachusetts Agricultural college has loaned to the public library a set of books which will be useful for reading and consultation during the extension school here on January 27 and 28. These books will be kept here for circulation a few weeks afterward.

John H. Folkins, of Sussex, N. B., is spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Herman France, Elm street.

William Denahy, who is one of our returned soldiers, has been sick, but is much better. His trouble was from the effects of his being gassed.

The reports from West Groton are that the schools are under the best management that they have ever had. Give the present administration a continued support.

Richard Harding Davis' greatest story, "Soldiers of Fortune," shown at the Strand, Ayer, Monday and Tuesday, January 20 and 27.

On January 30 the Farmers' and Mechanics' club will give a minstrel show and dance.

**Concert and Ball.**  
The twenty-second annual concert and ball given by Groton Engine and Hose company on Friday evening, January 16, proved to be the largest in the history of the company, 350 persons attending the company, 300 persons attending the grand march and circle, led by Foreman and Mrs. C. J. Wright, and 169 couples partook of the turkey supper. The company were somewhat handicapped in serving the supper, as the seating capacity at their disposal will only accommodate 125 couples when all available space is in use. All who had patience, however, were served in due time and the company attended the ball till four o'clock, so as to give opportunity for plenty of dancing to those who had to wait for their supper. Visitors were present from Nashua, Hollis, Lowell, Townsend, Pepperell, Shirley, Ayer, Fitchburg, Harvard, Westford and other places. The stage and balcony

both were decorated. The stage had a large shield ornamental with numerous small lamps which were turned on when the orchestra played the finale, "The Star Spangled Banner." This was the work of Fred W. Coburn. The supper was in charge of Howard Southern, who was assisted by members of the company. The concert was greatly enjoyed by all and the old-time dances were a success, the Virginia reel proving to be as much enjoyed as the more modern fox-trot.

**Doing Good Work.**  
It isn't so much the lure of the "bright lights" that takes the runaway girls to cities like Cleveland, Ohio, as it is the force of home circumstances, poverty, ignorance and "folks that don't understand," thinks Miss Esther A. Boyce, new executive secretary of the "Traveler's Aid" society, which has been reorganized by the Welfare Federation.

Miss Boyce went to Cleveland from Boston, where she had been assistant secretary of the Traveler's Aid society. To cover all railroad stations in Cleveland Miss Boyce says Cleveland residents have the habit of sending letters provided for in the budget raised through the Community Chest instead of five as at present.

"The police court gathers up the delinquent girls from the country and other cities when the Traveler's Aid does not get in its work of sending them girls get a right start when they arrive," Miss Boyce said. "We are doing much to prevent the great waste of young girls which Police Commissioner Enright, of New York estimates at 68,000 'lost' yearly from homes all over the country.

"Our work helps all kinds of people. Old people, strangers of any sort, immigrants, are given aid and guidance by the Traveler's Aid. We have a network of service among cities spreading out all over the country.

"Anyone who has reached a city in which he is a stranger and who has lost his pocketbook knows something of what the badge of Traveler's Aid means."

Miss Boyce is a native of Groton, a granddaughter of Mrs. William Peabody, and is well known in this vicinity. She spent a great deal of time in Ayer at the time the gas pipe accident a year ago last fall, rendered great assistance in her chosen line of work.

**Middlesex County Farm Bureau.**  
The program of the extension school to be given under the auspices of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agricultural Economics on Tuesday, January 27, and Wednesday, January 28, at the Groton town hall, is as follows:

Tuesday—Apple growing and farm crops section (upper town hall):  
10.00 A. M.—Maintaining the productivity of the farm—keeping the fertilizer bill down.  
11.00—Some problems in orchard planting.  
12.00—Dinner.  
1.00—Economics of production.  
2.00—Taking care of the young orchard.  
3.00—Discussion of individual problems.

Home economics section: lower town hall:  
10.00—Choice and care of utensils.  
11.00—Planning and spending.  
12.00—Dinner.  
1.00—3.30—Millinery class.  
Miss Mildred Adams of the college.

Wednesday—Apple growing and farm crops section:  
10.00 A. M.—Spraying for results.  
11.00—Forage crops for the dairy—making the farm reduce the feed bill.  
12.00—Dinner.  
1.00—Open.  
2.00—Storage of market apples.  
3.00—Discussion of individual problems.

Home economics section:  
10.00 A. M.—Completion of millinery class.  
1.00—1.15—Preventable diseases.  
1.15—2.40—The box lunch.  
2.40—Joint conference with the men.

Prof. Van Meter and Prof. Cole of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, will be among the speakers. The bureau will have an exhibit in the hall.

Admission to the school will be free, and dinner will be served on Tuesday by the ladies of the Congregational church at the church, and on Wednesday by the Grange at the church at sixty cents a plate. Those desiring to bring a basket lunch may do so.

Tickets for the dinner are for sale by Mrs. Wallace Brown, Miss Fanny Woods, Miss Elizabeth Hill, W. H. Wharney, Fred C. Marshall, W. S. Shattuck's store, Hodgman's meat market, Bruce's drug store, Groton; Albert Shedd, Littleton; Guier Proctor, Townsend; Harlow Foster, Ashby; E. M. Davis, Shirley; L. P. Richardson, Pepperell. It is urged that those planning to stay in Groton in advance so that they will be possible to know how many to prepare for.

H. A. Johnson, opposite the town hall, will put up the horses of those driving, if it is desired.

It is earnestly hoped by the committee that every married woman and child in the town interested in the lectures or in the work of the bureau will make every effort to attend the school and take advantage of this opportunity. Action had 200 at their school—let's beat that!

S. W. Sabine, Director for Groton.

**School Notes.**  
On account of the bad weather and the heavy snowfall the public schools were closed on Monday.

There will be rhetorical exercises at the high school next week Friday, at the usual hour.

The Clover club met on Friday, January 16, at Mrs. Mark Blood's home on Court street. There were three new members, who are Marie W. H. Elizabeth Bowell, and Martha Covell. The club enjoyed a talk given by Miss Stockin on dairying. She also showed a few samples of aprons, one of which was made from a man's shirt, and showed the girls how to cut out patterns by having them put patterns on a large piece of paper which she had.

The club sang a few of their club songs, accompanied by Miss Stockin on the piano. The next meeting will be held at Miss Elsie Clekery's home on Pleasant street on January 30.

Lillian Gertrude Tuttle and William Prescott Freeman were united in marriage at high noon on Monday, January 19, in Deerfield, by Rev. E. C. Sargent, uniting the double ring service. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Tuttle of Groton. She graduated from the Groton High school in the class of 1913 and in the summer of 1915 attended the Northampton Institute of Music Pedagogy, and has devoted more or less of her time to music ever since. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Freeman of Groton. He attended the Rockport High school and in the spring of 1914 he started to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until on October 5, 1917, he went into the U. S. service at Camp Devens. He had enlisted at the opening of the war, but was not then accepted.

Later on, when the draft came, he again responded to the call to arms and was accepted. On November 17, 1917, he was transferred from the ammunition train to the 154 Aero Squadron and went to San Antonio, Texas, and then to Bellemeville, Ill. On January 14, 1918, he sailed from Garden City, L. I., for England. After staying a few months in England he went to France, and while there was appointed corporal. On his return, on January 26, 1919, he arrived at Hoboken, N. J., and received his honorable discharge on January 31. He is a member of the Shirley Grange and also of the American Legion. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman will make their home with the bride's parents for the present.

The Home Economics club of the Tarbell school has been organized by the leadership of Miss Jessie Edman. The club has its full quota now. The members are Virginia Harrington, Elizabeth Bates, Elizabeth McCann, Dorothy Bixby, Claire Duquette, Eva Hallett, Ruth Ludden, Fricella Dodge, Alice Carter, Frances Downes, Mary O'Sullivan, Patricia Smith. They have elected Virginia Harrington as president and Elizabeth Bates, treasurer. Miss Stockin gave a demonstration of bread-making last week Friday, as each pupil is a member of that contest. They will probably hold a meeting once in two weeks, but no special dates have been set.

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Mrs. Ida Burgess visited relatives in Lowell last week.

Mrs. W. F. Lane recently entertained her niece, Miss Grace Bixby, of Boston.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Sherwin on Saturday, January 17—the tenth child. We are informed that all the children born here in Groton and in Fitchburg have been born at the home of Dr. Kilbourn for all ten children.

Several members of the local lodge of Odd Fellows met with the Ayer order on Wednesday evening.

Quite a number of the Tarbell school children attended the dancing class in Groton on Thursday afternoon from four to six o'clock.

The schools were closed on Monday owing to the extreme cold and bad traveling.

Mrs. Lizzie Small is suffering with rheumatism.

Michael McGowan is again driving a butcher cart in the village.

Ernest Hartwell and Henry Tatman are working at A. H. Thompson's saw mill.

George Hart is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

William Fillion is working in a broker's office in Boston.

William Bumpus met with an accident at the paper mill which necessitated the care of a physician, recently.

A break was discovered in the water main on Townsend street, Wednesday afternoon, but it was repaired before any harm was done.

George Strachan has taken out nomination papers for school committee.

Mrs. Henry Lindall, of Roslindale, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Blood.

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**News Items.**  
The following real estate transfers were recorded last week from this and surrounding towns: Ayer, Albert M. Phelps et ux. to J. F. Wheeler et al.; Groton, Joseph T. Shepley to E. J. Webber; Littleton, Webster S. Blanchard et al. to J. W. Duff, George W. Brown et al.; Brown, Robert N. Smith to R. N. Smith; Littleton and Roxborough, George W. Whitcomb to J. H. D. Whitcomb; Shirley, Charles H. Balcorn cons. to E. C. Oliver, Charles Farrar, Charles West, and Philomena Gionet et al. to F. Gionet, Philomena Gionet to R. G. Seymour, Alexander Gionet to F. Gionet, Charles E. Haskins to Harold B. Blenkhorn, B. A. A. D. Fessenden Co. to J. R. Karvonen, Charles W. Marshall to T. F. Mullin, Thomas F. Mullin to C. W. Marshall et al.; Townsend, Frank B. Higgins to M. G. Higgins.

"Bill" left the lunch room last Saturday and went on a trip to Providence to mingle with friends there. Things couldn't have been as promising as they were expected to be for he started home arriving here Sunday evening after a tedious journey over the rails. That was some sigh "Bill" when you got off the train.

Will C. E. Kanady, a former printer of this town, and who married a daughter of the late Alonzo E. Wells, well known in Ayer, is suffering with the ailment of pleuro-pneumonia, although not yet beyond the safety line. He was taken ill January 3 and has been since flat on his back at his home at St. Vernon, N. Y.

Rev. Charles Lewis Slattery of Grace church, New York, who recently declined an appointment as dean of the Cambridge Theological school, and a former vicar of St. Andrew's church in this town, has been appointed as one of the board of preachers for the year 1920-21 at Harvard University.

William F. Walsh, of Shirley road, fell last week Thursday in front of the building on West Main street formerly occupied by the Canton restaurant, due to the icy condition of the sidewalk. He sustained two broken ribs in addition to injuries to his back.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Burgess have both been ill at their home on East Main street.

The severe wind of last Sunday, following last Saturday's snowstorm, tied up traffic generally. No cars were run between Ayer and Fitchburg on the Fitchburg and Leominster street-railway from ten o'clock Sunday morning until Tuesday noon on the Fitchburg and Lowell line the service was interrupted only for a short time. A snow-prow from this line started out to help break out the Fitchburg and Leominster line, but became stalled near the main station at Camp Devens, making for cars from Fitchburg to get through Tuesday morning. The

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In addition to the officers installed at Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., three weeks ago, the following committees have been appointed to serve for the year: Arthur G. Dunn, Foreman; H. F. Fowler and John E. Adams, Finance Committee; James L. Holland, Ralph S. Wheeler, John T. Smith, Arthur R. Holden and Willard G. White, social; Charles J. Pelce, George F. Buxton, John E. Adams, George W. Balch, Morton E. Lawrence, entertainment; Joseph H. McClellan, Harlan B. Howe and James L. Holland, cemetery; John E. Adams, Robert H. Holden, Geo. W. Balch, Arthur G. Dunn, Clarence A. Taylor, Frederic H. Fowler and Asa A. Adams, visiting.

Reginald DeKoven, whose sudden death occurred last week, wrote the music for Percy Mackaye's opera, "Rip Van Winkle," which was recently so successfully produced in Chicago.

George Holden has bought of Mrs. Ida L. Wilson of Brookline the pasture belonging with the Byram place, which adjoins his own land.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Haskins are moving this week into the Gallagher house at the North, in order to vacate their house for its new owner.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I have just received a list of all those who made good to me the loss of my wife, and I wish to thank all my friends.  
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**News Items.**

The Unitarian Girls' club give an afternoon whist on Thursday, January 23, from 2:30 to five o'clock, at the home of Mrs. George H. B. Turner, Washington street. Mrs. Turner will be assisted by Mrs. Daisy Beckford and Mrs. Stella Farnsworth.

A nine-pound baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Natra, nee Emma Kinney, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Monday, Mrs. C. H. Kinney, her mother, is with her in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. F. Verne Pilleran returned home last Sunday, after being for a number of weeks with her parents in Allston over the holiday season.

Mrs. Harry S. Allen spent Wednesday with her cousin, Mrs. Frank W. Palmer, in North Woburn.

A. A. Filibrown, who is at St. Elizabeth hospital, is somewhat improved and is able to sit up. He is expected back home in a few days.

The high school dance held Friday evening, January 16, was a very enjoyable occasion. It was largely attended. The principal and several of the assistant teachers were present. The opening march was led by George H. Brown and Miss Leavitt. The music was the West street clubhouse orchestra with several additions. There were refreshments served. The dance lasted from eight to twelve o'clock.

During the high wind of Sunday a window was blown out of the second story of the town hall. The window fell on the sidewalk and in spite of the long fall the glass was not even cracked.

Edward Garrity, assistant yard master of the N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R., at Bridgeport, Conn., is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Daniel Donahue.

At the high school dance on last week Friday evening in the town hall, Miss Evelyn Sanderson lost a valuable pair of fur-lined gloves. As other small articles were found to be missing from the ladies' cloak room it is thought that it was a case of theft rather than a mistake. It has been suggested that it would be well on all occasions to have someone in charge of the cloak room as is now being done at the dances. In this way these petty thefts which cause annoyance and inconvenience as well as pecuniary loss, might be avoided.

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**Close of the Soldiers' Club.**  
War Camp Community Service closes its activities on January 31, the end of the special extension period of three months granted by New York headquarters on October 31, when headquarters of the work was closed in order to be directly connected with camps, hospitals or naval centers. Any further work must be conducted by Community Service, where this succeeds War Camp Community Service and must be supported by local funds.

In Ayer the Soldiers' club and dormitory will close January 31 and remain closed unless some means of maintaining them is developed locally. The property will be in the hands of a special representative from the New York office. The closing event at the Soldiers' club will be the dance on Friday, January 30, and the cafeteria will be closed after Friday evening, January 30. The disposal of the properties has not yet been arranged. It would be well for anyone who has loaned articles to the club to report same to the W. C. S. office immediately.

A committee meeting is to be held on Friday of this week and it is expected that a new permanent committee will be formed for Community Service for Camp Deven, which will represent all the surrounding communities. If the cooperation of the people about the "arming" program there will be a possibility of getting also the cooperation of Community Service of Boston in carrying out any future plans to meet the needs that grow out of having an army camp in this region.

**At the Strand.**  
The Strand this week Saturday presents *Bohemia* in "Foghorn." There is a little girl in "Happy Valley" called Pegeen. She lives for the purpose of bringing joy into the lives of other people. She has found the lost word of the ancients which is "Joy." There can be no sorrow, pain or despair when a person is filled with happiness. Happiness is health and life. It comes from more pleasure into one hour than philosophy has ever dreamed of. To make others happy was Pegeen's motto and by so doing she found true happiness. She makes you laugh and forget your troubles. You leave her presence feeling bigger, better, brighter and happier than when you arrived. A Larry Semon latest comedy, "The Head waiter." News.

Sunday—Bessie Barriscale in "The Heart of Rachael." Matinee at 3:30.

**Church Notes.**  
Unitarian church—Sunday service: 10:45, regular office afternoon. Of- ferty solo, "Morning and evening." Oakley, Mrs. Sargent, Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The child labor problem in Massachusetts." Church school at 12. A concert of unaccompanied songs has been prepared that will be given from eight to nine o'clock; dancing will follow until two o'clock. Mr. Messinger was born and brought up in Groton and at one time worked for Huntley S. Turner. He has remarkable musical talent and the orchestra will be composed of eight pieces, all of whom are first-class musicians. No doubt there will be a number on hand to greet him.

Charles L. Farnsworth arrived in town on Thursday, accompanied by George W. Abel, a mining engineer, of Big Pine, Cal. Mr. Farnsworth has secured an interest in a gold mine in California and it is his intention to return and make an active part in the mine workings. Mr. Farnsworth is very enthusiastic over his two months' trip, having traveled some 12,000 miles.

Mrs. A. M. Phelps and Mrs. M. L. Savage left Tuesday for the Elliot hospital, Boston, where they were operated upon, Wednesday, by Dr. Wicker, Dr. Hopkins being in attendance. They are reported as resting comfortably now and both operations are considered successful.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. H. H. Pilleran, East Main street, Tuesday, January 13. The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. W. Thomas, pres.; Mrs. E. O. Richardson, v. p.; Mrs. E. O. Preble, sec.; Mrs. Byron Murphy, treas.; Mrs. H. H. Pilleran, Mrs. George Cole, Mrs. James T. Rider, Jr., and Mrs. Fred Lowell, work committee. After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church asked all for, both shorts and ties, to come to ye vestry on Friday, this thirtieth day of January, at 7:30 o'clock, to see if ye recognize ye old friend Bob and Dominic Crabb. Come, ye one and all, both ye lassie and lad, ye old men and women; come ye with silk hat and cane with lace cap and gown. Be sure to come in ye attire of 1920 if ye can. As ye walk into ye congregating room there will give a shilling or twelve-pence.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page. An interesting article on the W. C. S. will be found on page six.

**Town Warrants.**  
There are fourteen articles in the warrant this year to be acted upon at the annual town meeting. There are only four articles which do not appear each year, as follows:  
Article 9. To borrow or raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended in mending, repairing or rebuilding Groton, so-called, from a point where Park street turns off towards Woods' Village, to the Groton town line, direct by the town or in conjunction with or directly by the Massachusetts Highway Commission or the Middlesex County Commissioners under plans and specifications approved by the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

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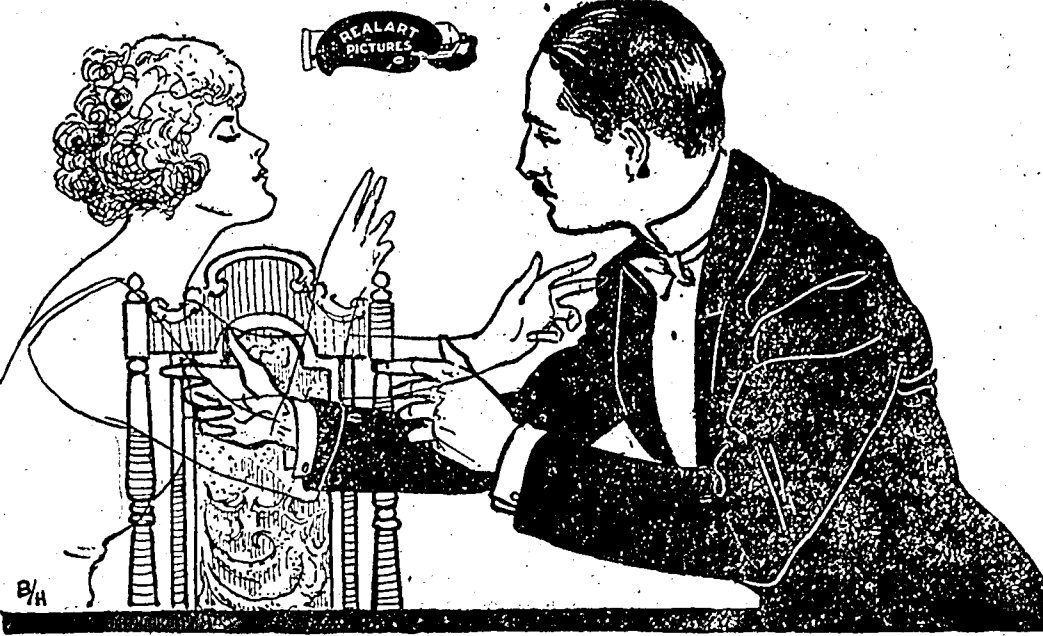
The annual guest night of the Woman's club, which was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, was an exceptionally pleasing affair and was attended by a large number of guests who were received by the president, Mrs. S. M. Barker; Mrs. P. C. Johnson and Mrs. J. Truett, vice presidents, Mrs. Francis Lovelock, treasurer, who formed the reception committee.

A charming program, introducing Misses Velma Balcom and Edith Marshall, of Boston, to Ayer society, proved to be an occasion of note. The repertoire included bells, xylophone, tello and lyre musical selections by Miss Marshall, who is far advanced in technical skill, and whose pleasing numbers were evidence of unusual natural talent. Miss Velma Balcom, pianist, was heard in selections by Faust and groups of songs, which were given in a most entertaining and finished manner. Mrs. Marshall's songs, logic and readings to the interpretation of types, humorous stories and sketches brought out alertness and

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Thursday—MITCHELL LEWIS in "Faith of the Strong." Keystone Comedy. Screen Smiles.

Friday—ETHEL CLAYTON in "Men, Women and Money," a Paramount picture. Big V one-reel Comedy. Sixth episode of "The Invisible Hand."

Saturday—TOM MOORE in "Toby's Bow." Fatty Arbuckle Comedy, "Country Hero." News.

Matinee 2.15 Evenings 6.15 and 8.15

Sunday, January 25—BESSIE BARRISCALE in "Heart of Rachael." Matinee 3.30 p. m.

originally which were well adapted to her ability and appreciation of the audience.

The hall was tastefully decorated, pink being the predominating color scheme by Mesdames Lentz, Brown, Harlow and Mrs. Theodore Barry, chairman.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, ice cream, cake and coffee were served under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Carrigan, chairman, by the following ladies: Mesdames Hassam, Cushing, Barry, Osgood, Brown, Lentz, Harlow, Harlow, Jackson, Normand and Wylie, who were also ushers.

A meeting of the executive board will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Barker, on Friday evening, January 30, at 7:30 o'clock.

**Board of Trade.**  
A meeting was held at the Board of Trade rooms on Tuesday evening to continue the formulation of plans for promoting Ayer as a trading center for this section. About sixty percent of the local merchants were present and all were enthusiastic and ready to cooperate in bringing trade to Ayer. A form of advertising to be used in this connection was submitted by J. Harold Atwood, and was unanimously accepted. A committee, consisting of J. Barry, George H. Brown, Edward O. Richardson, Huntley S. Turner and J. Harold Atwood, was formed to undertake the work of getting the local merchants to pledge their support to this advertising. It is proposed to get out an advertising sheet each week in which every merchant will be an equal advertiser. Each merchant will have one article for sale each week at reduced prices. It was voted to hold regular meetings of the Merchants League as a subsidiary to the Board of Trade.

**K. of C. Notes.**  
Ayer Council, K. of C., were given a lecture by Dr. J. Walter Desmond on their last meeting night, the subject being "A few facts on American dentistry." Dr. Desmond spoke in a very interesting manner of the developments of dentistry, some of the difficulties with which the dentist must contend and the intensive course of study which must now be pursued before one is permitted to practice. At the conclusion of his lecture he was given an ovation by the members of the council and refreshments were then served.

On Tuesday evening, January 27, at eight o'clock, there is to be a lecture given in K. of C. hall by Charles "Sandy" Chapman of Boston upon the activities of the K. of C. during the war. This lecture is to be public and is non-

secretarian, being given for the purpose of informing the people who gave so generously to the different drives during the war who the K. of C. were able to do for the boys across by reason of the people donating to the worthy cause. Mr. Chapman is the official representative of the K. of C. and was the first secretary to cross the water for duty on the other side and when the Germans launched their big drive in May and June, 1918, when the battles of Chateau-Thierry and Belleau-wood took place and later was with the 26th division when they took up their position in front of the Germans in their smash toward Paris. The lecture is neither critical of other organizations nor comparative with them. It is a public lecture with a report to the people of the practical work accomplished and the expression of thanks to the people. The following is taken from the Boston Transcript: "The principal speaker, was Charles 'Sandy' Chapman, Knight of Columbus secretary. He told of the work of the order abroad and their program of the present day of reconstruction which is now being so successfully carried on. He says that the Knights of Columbus guiding principle is to minister to the human wants of the excitable man wherever it is found without stint or question of social or religious standing. His story of France is one that all should hear and tears are freely mixed with laughter and through it all runs the story of our boys who carried the picture of home wherever they went."

**Another Account.**  
The entertainment given before the Woman's club last Wednesday evening on the occasion of the annual guest night has been pronounced by all who heard it as the finest ever given by the club in all the twenty-one years of its history and fully as excellent as anything that has ever been given in the town. The weather was favorable, there being a very acceptable rise in temperature over the preceding days. The gathering was held in the town hall, which had been made festive with the long tables in festal dress of pink and white with pretty lamps, the white curtains at the windows and the evergreen trees upon the platform, all in exquisite taste, the work of the decorating committee, Mrs. Theodore Barry and Mrs. Grace Lentz. The receiving line, Mrs. Susan X. Barker, president, Mrs. Edith D. Johnson and Mrs. Christina T. Traquair vice-presidents, and Mrs. Nina B. Lovelock, treasurer, was at right of the entrance of the hall and to these the guests were presented by Mrs.

Edith B. Hassam, the chairman of the ushers, with her efficient company of assistants: Mrs. Margaret K. Cushing, Mrs. Sarah B. Barry, Mrs. Belle L. Osgood, Mrs. Ruth C. Brown, Mrs. Grace A. Lentz, Mrs. Alta Hollis, Mrs. Annie Normand, Mrs. Eva Harlow and Mrs. Amy Wylie.

The ceremony of reception over the entertainment opened. The artists were the Marshall duo—Miss Ruth Edith Marshall and Miss Thelma Balcom. Miss Marshall handled musical instruments. She began with a selection from Faust using the bells. Her skill at once charmed her audience as they watched her skillful movements and listened to the sweet music of the bells. Then came the xylophone, played with equal skill, the cello followed, and when finally the lyre was moved forward and lighted up the delight of every one was complete as they listened to the fairy music called forth from this new instrument by the touch of this musician. Miss Marshall was well supported in all her music by Miss Thelma Balcom, who managed with equal skill the piano, tuned to the international pitch for the occasion, and made to speak as it responded to the artist's music touch.

Miss Marshall gave some excellent selections in reading, one satisfactory element of which was that they were all new to the audience. Mrs. Balcom further entertained with several groups of songs, given with the skill of the trained artist. People quite felt in love with the sweet singer. Too much cannot be said of this remarkable entertainment, which needed to be heard in order to be fully appreciated.

During a social hour which followed excellent refreshments were served by a committee including Mrs. Kate Carrigan, Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, Mrs. Ruth Brown, Mrs. Ella Duncklee, Mrs. Winifred Proctor, Mrs. Nellie Fox. The whole affair was a wonderful success and the members of the club are receiving congratulations on every hand.

Miss Marshall's reading of "What's under your hat" was a fine combination of humor and good counsel. Miss Balcom went to Newport, N. H., for Thursday evening and Miss Marshall to Lynn for an engagement the same night. These artists are in demand for their great ability as entertainers.

**New Advertisements**  
FOR SALE—1919 model Ford Sedan; self-starter, electric lights, demountable rims; run about 500 miles; new last October. ROBERT F. MURPHY, Box 591, Ayer Mass., Telephone 223-4, 211

WANTED—Young men from 15 to 22 years of age. Steady work. ROBERT MURPHY'S SONS CO. Knife Works, Ayer Mass., 2111

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ON SALE SATURDAY MORNING

PINEAPPLE, Hawaiian, grated, small can.	14c
ORANGE MARMALADE, Crawford's, small jar.	10c
SOAP, "Pearl"	5 bars for 27c
PRESTO HAND CLEANSER, per can.	10c
ROLLED OATS, Quaker Milling.	5 pounds for 22c
SALMON, Ocean Brand, per can.	30c
SYRUP, Sugar Bird brand (maple and granulated sugar), large bottle	45c
Small bottle	25c
PEACHES, California, "Pale Orchard," large can.	35c
CORN, Green Mountain brand, per can.	20c
SARDINES, Norwegian smoked, per can.	28c
BEANS, Best California, per pound.	10c
POPCORN, "Eat More" brand, per package.	17c
SCOTCH OATMEAL, Quaker brand, per package.	10c

**SPECIAL COMBINATION \$1.00 SALE FOR TUESDAY**

1 package Washing Powder	.04	\$ .07
1 package Pancake Flour	.14	.15
6 bars Good-Will Soap	.40	.45
1 can Strawberries	.18	.20
1 can Grape Molasses, 16 oz.	.19	.20
1 pound Mixed Cookies	.30	.35

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**Cash Discount Store**

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We have just received some of the new Spring models in Royal Worcester and R. & G. at the following prices:  
Royal Worcester \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50  
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**BRASSIERES**  
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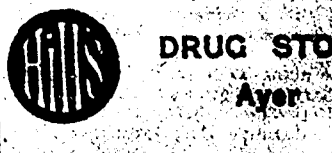
**LOST**—Pair of Fur-lined Gloves at Town Hall, Ayer, January 18. Return to Public Spirit Office and receive reward.

**WANTED TO HIRE**—Small House or Apartment in Groton, with shed and garden preferred. Address BOX 50, Ayer, Mass.

**FOR SALE**—Best Hard Wood, two years seasoned. Sawn and delivered. See or phone W. F. HEWES, Shirley, Mass., or FRANK R. MASON, phone 201, Ayer, Mass.

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Peanut Butter Kisses 25c. lb.  
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Chocolat Almond Bars, sold everywhere at 6c. and 7c., 6d.  
Apollo Chocolates, highest grade; no better made in the world 80c. lb.  
In fancy boxes 50c. to \$3.50  
Salted Peanuts, Spanish 25c.  
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Especially fine

**TO THE PUBLIC**  
The following Barber Shops of Ayer, having complied with the rules and regulations as submitted by the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America, are entitled to the patronage of all friends of "Organized Labor."  
JOSEPH J. DONOVAN, Merchants' Row.  
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AYER

entertainments evolved here had a decided effect on the whole associations of girls in connection with the camp.

In headquarters, was installed in the dormitory. The signing of the armistice and the ceasing of hostilities at once changed affairs and made it impossible to carry out the plans for the dormitory as formulated, but it continued to serve as a very good plan.

deputy grand chaplain; Mrs. Josie A. Miller, deputy grand guardian. Those who will take the chairs for Acoma lodge for the coming year are as follows: Mrs. Elsie D. Copp, noble grand;

A letter of sympathy was also sent to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Boynton and daughter Anna in their recent bereavement.

GIRL SCOUTS BUSY

Plan to Enlighten Massachusetts Concerning Work

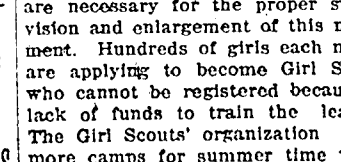
The Girl Scouts of Massachusetts will conduct during Girl Scouts Week, January 26th to February 1st, a campaign to enlighten the people of Massachusetts concerning the value of their organization to the community and state.



A TYPICAL MASSACHUSETTS GIRL SCOUT

300 Girl Scouts Troops in Massachusetts, with a membership of more than six thousand.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-sixth day of January, A. D. 1920, at all persons having demands upon the estate of said decedent are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to...

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Advertisement for Autos for Hire, featuring the text 'Autos for Hire 5- and 7-Passenger Cars'.

Advertisement for E. A. Whitney, featuring the text 'E. A. Whitney AYER, MASS.'.

Advertisement for Engraving Cards, featuring the text 'Engraving Cards ENGRAVED FROM PLATES ENGRAVED WEDDING INVITATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS'.

Advertisement for Piano Tuning, featuring the text 'Piano Tuning WILMOT B. ALVENS'.

LUNENBURG

The heavy snowstorm, and high wind of last Sunday played fantastic tricks with the roads here, by which they were practically snow-bound.

There were several serious chimney fires on Sunday morning, necessitating the attendance of James S. Gilchrist, fire warden, and his assistants, who succeeded in stopping the buildings.

It is expected that there will be two games of basketball at the town hall on this Saturday evening.

The many friends of Mrs. Jennie M. Perrin, widow of the Rev. Edmund Perrin, formerly of Lunenburg, will be grieved to learn that her death occurred in Worcester on Monday morning, January 19.

FOR SALE-Oak Dining Room set- Buffet, Table, 6 Dining-room Chairs; also open grate Stove, wood or coal.

FOR SALE-Two 2-Horse Sleighs, excellent condition; one a cross chair, the other a regular sleigh with shafts.

TOWN OF HARVARD

REGISTRATION NOTICE

The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Saturday, January 24, from 2 to 4 P. M., and from 7 to 10 o'clock P. M.

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,

PEPPERELL

A chimney fire on Thursday evening of last week caused a commotion among the inhabitants of that part of the village known as "Peanutville."

The following extracts, taken from a paper in Burlingame, San Mateo County, Cal., will be of interest to many, concerning as they do, a young man, Laurel Anderson, who made many friends here in town while attending the Harvard radio school...

CHURCH SUPPER

The first annual supper of the Community church since its incorporation under the new charter occurred on Thursday evening of last week in the vestry, which was filled to its capacity.

Mrs. Henry Dow

Mrs. Henry Dow, an aged lady living alone on Mill street, is recovering from the effects of a fall she is believed to have had recently, by which her face and shoulders and chest were bruised and lamed.

Officers Installed

On Thursday evening of last week a joint installation of the officers-elect of Beacon lodge, I. O. F., and of Acoma lodge, was held at the Oddfellows hall.

NEW ITEMS

A chimney fire on Thursday evening of last week caused a commotion among the inhabitants of that part of the village known as "Peanutville."

Painful Sensations

in the muscles, "neuralgia", soreness, aching back, pimples, boils, rashes and other eruptions, usually result from self-poisoning by products of imperfectly digested or non-eliminated food.

BEECHAM'S PILLS

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CHANGE OF TIME SEPTEMBER 15, 1919

Cars leave Ayer for North Chelmsford and Lowell once an hour at 6.00 A. M. to 9.00 P. M.

Leave North Chelmsford once an hour from 6.15 A. M. to 10.15 P. M. Sundays the same except the first car in the morning.

Last car from North Chelmsford to Ayer 10.15 P. M.

Last car from Ayer to North Chelmsford 9.00 P. M.

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Leaders in Forty States Regardless of Party Sign Ringing Appeal

TREATY WITHOUT AMENDMENT

Say Every Day of Delay Puts World in Imminent Peril of New War - Point to National Unrest

New York—Two hundred and fifty leading Americans, Republicans and Democrats representing forty different states and every prominent activity, have joined in a non-partisan effort to bring about the ratification of the Peace Treaty "without amendment and without delay."

The signers, almost without exception, are men and women of national reputation. They include such prominent citizens as ex-President Taft, Geo. W. Wickersham, Attorney General in the last Republican administration; A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard; Charles C. Moore of San Francisco, President of the Panama Exposition; Judge George Gray of Wilmington, Del.; President Samuel Compers of the American Federation of Labor; Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, retiring president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association; Cyrus H. K. Curtis, the Philadelphia publisher; President Heber J. Grant of the Mormon church; and John Spargo, leader of the Socialists who supported the war.

The signers declare that every day of delay in ratifying the treaty puts the world in "imminent peril of new war."

Their statement follows: In the senate at Washington, now that the committee on foreign relations has reported the treaty, the lines are sharply drawn between the immediate ratification of the treaty of peace with Germany, and its amendment with a reopening of the conference and a reopening of negotiations that would bring great delay and prolonged uncertainty in settling the great issues of the peace. No partisan plea can be made. Party lines are already broken.

Standing at a distance from the conflict in the Senate Chamber, we plead for immediate ratification without delay. Our land requires it. A state of nervous strain, tension and unrest exists, manifesting itself in disturbances which in some cases have no self-evident connection with the war, but which are in fact its aftermath. The world is put in imminent peril of new wars by the lapse of each day. Dissections between us and our former allies are being sown. We firmly believe and solemnly declare that the states and cities in which we dwell desire immediate peace.

The waging of war steadied and united the American people. Peace will bring prosperity and prosperity, content. Delay in the Senate postponing ratification in this uncertain period of neither peace nor war has resulted in indecision and doubt. Bred strife and quickened the cupidities of those who sell the daily necessities of life and the tears of those whose daily wage no longer fills the daily market basket.

We beseech the Senate to give the land peace and certainty by an immediate ratification which will not keep us longer in the shadows of possible war, but give the whole world the light of peace. Reservations in the nature of clarifications in the meaning of the treaty not inconsistent with its terms will not require the re-opening of the negotiations with Germany and with our associates in the war, which we all and each united to win. But there is no possibility of doubt that amendment of the treaty, as is now proposed in the Senate committee on foreign relations, would require negotiation, and a re-opening of all the questions decided at Paris. Months of delay would follow. The perils of the present would become the deadly dangers of the near future. All the doubt, engendered would add the plots for violent revolution in this and other lands, the issues here and elsewhere between capital and labor, the conspiracy of speculator and profiteer, would all grow and become more perilous.

This cannot be. The American people cannot, after a victorious war, permit its government to petition Germany, which has accepted the treaty, for its consent to changes in the treaty. Yet if the United States should amend the treaty, for its own purpose and policy, Germany would have full right to ask for concessions

Famous Balkan Tribe. The Miridites are perhaps the most interesting tribe in the Balkans. They have remained Christians in spite of all the efforts of the Moslems. They claim their language is the purest of the peninsula—an Aryan tongue much of whose vocabulary is said to resemble classical Greek and Latin, and to be allied with them rather than derived from them.

Kindness Counts for Much

There's no telling what a little kindness will do. Assumed superiority is no guarantee of greatness. The really big soul can afford to be kind and gentle. As the gentle rootlets move stones and split rocks, so gentle characters accomplish things undreamed of by rougher characters. This does not prohibit the use of firmness when necessary. But even that may be applied with such gentleness that it will get results without offending. It is beyond the reach of some men—Ex-change.

Germany has agreed to make no claim in regard to enemy property seized in this country to an amount of seven hundred million dollars. Our recent vote could ask for a reopening of this issue and of the Lusitania claims. It could raise every question open before hostilities in regard to submarine warfare and the treatment of its nationals in this country. All the provisions for our trade in Germany raised by the economic clauses of the treaty, many of them vital to our industries, and our farms, as in dyes, patents, dye supplies and fertilizers, the working of the reparation commission which superintends the trade of all with Germany, could all be brought up by Berlin for readjustment by our negotiators acting for the United States who are no longer associated with other victorious powers nor supported by a victorious American army on the German border.

Peace itself, the peace of the world, is delayed until ratification comes. And any amendment postponing peace Germany and England alone of the principal powers have ratified. The other principals necessarily await our action, influential and powerful as we are today in the world's affairs. The ravages of war on more than a score of fighting fronts are continued by any needless delay. Let the Senate give the world peace, by ratification without amendment.

Even the amendment for which most can be said, the provision in regard to Shantung, will secure nothing which cannot be gained if China, backed by the powerful advocacy of the United States, addresses itself to the machinery for righting international wrongs and meeting just claims created by the league between nations. China, after 30 years of "oppressive" treaties and despoiled rights by which all the great powers have profited directly or indirectly, has for the first time in this covenant and treaty the means and method to secure justice and the removal of the oppressive economic interference of stronger nations whose citizens are within her gates, protected by a long succession of international agreements. Moreover, it should be remembered that the clause regarding Shantung was made upon the statement by Japan that she will return the territory to China and, therefore, upon that condition compliance with which promise the league can require.

The peace of the present and the righteousness of the future can be best secured by the ratification of the covenant and treaty without amendment. Let the Senate take no action that will give any party to the treaty, and especially Germany, ground for maintaining that the ratification of the United States is not complete and that changes requiring a resumption of conference and negotiations have been made in it.

Among the signers in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut are:

Connecticut. Irving Bacheller, Author. Chauncey B. Brewster, Bishop. Charles Cheney, Manufacturer. Thomas F. Freeman.

Massachusetts. Roger W. Babson, President Babson's Statistical Association. Kenyon L. Butterfield, President Massachusetts Agricultural College. Francis E. Clark, Founder United Society Christian Endeavor. Edward Cummings, General Secretary World Peace Foundation. W. L. Douglas, ex-Governor. James Duncan, President Granite Cutters' International Association of America. Mrs. Augustus Hemenway Forbes, Philanthropist. Albert Parker Fitch, Professor Amherst College. Mrs. J. Malcolm Forbes, Philanthropist. Harry A. Garfield, U. S. Post Administration. Charles C. Jackson, Broker. A. Lawrence Lowell, President Harvard University. Herbert Myrick, President Orange Judd Company. Ellen F. Pendleton, President Wellesley College. Daniel A. Poinz, Associate President United Society Christian Endeavor. Elery Sedgwick, President Atlantic Monthly Company. Joseph Walker, Lawyer. Mary E. Woolley, President Mt. Holyoke College.

New Hampshire. James F. Colby, Professor of Law. John B. Jameson.

Rhode Island. Richard B. Comstock, President State Bar Association. Caroline Hazard, formerly President Wellesley College. Charles Dean Kimball, ex-Governor.

Vermont. H. C. Ide, Judge. Samuel Everett Pingree, ex-Governor John Spargo, Publicist. Roland H. Stevens, Lawyer.

SHIRLEY

News Items. John Augustus Reynolds, aged 64 years, 5 months, 26 days, died suddenly at the State Industrial School for Boys, Monday morning.

Miss Grace M. Kilburn, librarian, and her assistant, Miss Althe F. Howe, were unable to be present at the library last Saturday owing to sickness. Miss Lura A. White substituted for them.

Miss Gertrude Johnson, of Beuchumont, spent the week-end with Miss Ruth Knowles at the home of the latter in town. The first session of Mrs. White's dancing school, held last Saturday afternoon in Odd Fellows' hall, was as usual a big success, over sixty pupils being present.

Howard McKinley Knowles, aged 16 years, 11 months and 21 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, passed away Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at his home on Front street of acute tubercular after a brief illness of two months. Funeral was held Friday with service at the Congregational church at two o'clock. The remains were placed in the tomb at the village cemetery.

At the meeting of the Shirley Hospital Board it was voted that "hospital collection week" should be the week beginning January 25. Every man, woman and child in Shirley should contribute something to the collection during the week.

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

The exact amount contributed by the residents of Shirley to the Memorial Clubhouse fund was \$257.40. The former members of the Yankee division living in Shirley appreciate the response.

The Ladies' circle will meet on Wednesday afternoon, January 28, at 2.30 at the home of Mrs. Przybylski (written in English) Scheibels at the Collier house on Chestnut street.

Richard Harding Davis' greatest story, "Soldiers of fortune," shown at the Strand, Ayer, Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27.

S. V. W. D. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the voters of the Shirley Village Water District was held in the municipal building on Monday evening.

Amount issued 1903 \$50,000.00. Amount paid 22,700.00. Amount outstanding \$27,300.00.

Amount issued 1909 \$5,000.00. Amount paid 5,000.00. Amount outstanding \$0.00.

turned over to the treasurer from takera residing outside the district on the account of the tax levy of 1918, 93 cents, and on account of the tax levy of 1919 an amount of \$2.86. There was also received from the state an amount of \$40.96 as the proportion due the district from the state income tax.

The quantity of water pumped during 1919 was 32,756,000 gallons, an increase of 3,418,000 gallons over the quantity pumped during 1918. The total number of services connected with the system is 260. This year the amount of water pumped is larger than in any previous year, but there seems to be no way to account for this large amount of pumping except that it is being used throughout the district, as no serious leaks of any continuation have been discovered.

Summary of Receipts and Payments for 1919. Cash balance Dec. 31, 1918 \$273.17. Received on construction accounts 500.00. Notes payable, No. 11, of loan of 1909 500.00. For services installed 82.97.

Receipts on operating accounts: Taxes, 1917 64.48. Interest on same 3.20. Taxes, 1918 102.59. Interest on same 3.39. Outside district 1.270.03. Income tax 40.86.

Water rates 1,491.74. Hydrant rentals 1,523.06. Repair of meters 6.20. Interest 25.91. \$8,168.14.

Payments: Note No. 17, loan of 1902 \$1,700.00. Note Nos. 9 and 10, loan of 1909 1,000.00. \$2,700.00. Paid on construction accounts: Operating pipes 1,250.87. Operating accounts: 1,057.67. Pumping, twelve months 1,251.50. Maintenance 813.21. Renewals and repairs 59.07.

Cash balance Dec. 31, 1919 \$8,168.14. Total Balances Dec. 31, 1919 \$8,168.14. Construction \$63,377.74. Cash 225.90. \$63,577.60.

Notes payable \$27,800.00. Investment \$63,577.60. \$91,377.60. The investment account consists of operating surplus for 1903 \$603.52. 1904 1,254.33. 1905 1,254.33. 1906 1,196.13. 1907 1,496.60. 1908 1,705.41. 1909 1,622.44. 1910 1,496.60. 1911 1,977.36. 1912 2,622.98. 1913 2,249.24. 1914 2,289.47. 1915 2,040.99. 1916 2,249.24. 1917 2,789.56. 1918 218.87. 1919 4,500.49. \$63,577.60.

Summary of Statistics. Population of water district 1680. State of construction 1903 1905. Total pumping for the year 32,756,000. Cost of pumping figured on pumping station expenses \$1,291.50.

Financial Receipts. From ordinary maintenance \$375.17. Fixture rates: Wilson's circus \$5.50. Meter rates 4,427.04. 4,432.54. For hydrants, town 1,269.00. Watering trough 1,398.00. Miscellaneous uses 8.34.

Total from town and state \$1,350.51. From tax levy 4,491.74. From notes issued 115.15. From other sources 115.15. Total \$8,168.14.

Water works maintenance: Operation \$2,168.74. Interest on notes 1,037.67. \$3,206.41. Payment of notes 2,700.00.

Water works construction: Extension mains \$1,250.87. Service 245.85. 1,496.72. Cash balance Dec. 31, 1919 725.86. Total Disposition of Balance \$8,168.14.

Net cost of work to date \$63,577.60. Notes payable 27,800.00. Average rate of interest 3.52%.

Consumption. Estimated population at date 1680. Estimated population on lines of pipe 1700. Estimated population supplied 1675. Total consumption for year 32,756,000 gallons. Average daily consumption 90,827 gallons.

Gallons per day to each inhabitant on pipes 52.84 gallons. Gallons per day to each tap 54.44 gallons. Gallons per day to each tap 245.5 gallons. Cost of supplying water per million gallons, figured on total maintenance \$66.15. Total cost of supply water per million gallons, figured on total maintenance and interest on notes \$97.71.

Distribution. Cast iron pipe, sizes 6, 8 and 10 inches. Estimated during the year by water district 6-inch 445 feet. Total now in use in district 842 miles. Average cost per mile \$12.62. Number of leaks per mile 1.19. One hydrant added during the year. Hydrants now in use—district 54, privately owned 32. Number of stop gates in district 86. Number of stop gates in use 46. Range of pressure on mains at center of district, 162 to 173 feet.

Services. Kind of pipe, cement lined wrought iron, common 1 1/2 galvanized wrought iron. Sizes, one and two inch. Extended by district 410 feet, 3 inches. Total now in use 16,874 feet, 6 inches, 3.25 miles. Services now in use, including watering trough 26 services. Average cost of service for the year \$8.94. Meters added 7. Number now in use 259. Percentage of services metered (all but water 100) 99.81. Percentage of receipts from metered water 100.

Mr. Brown, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Blenkhorn, is confined to his home with an attack of erysipelas.

The Center primary and grammar schools were closed on Monday on account of the impassable condition of the roads. For the same reason the high school scholars were unable to get to Fitchburg on Monday.

Saturday's storm and Sunday's wind served to very nearly isolate Shirley Center from the rest of the world. The greater part of the roads were made impassable for sleighs on Monday, but automobile traffic has been somewhat better. Monday two machines tried to run from here to the village with the result that horses were needed to help them finish the trip. Since then, the drifts, which are deep and numerous on Center road, have been shoveled out, but very few machines make the attempt to go this way.

"Bartlett hill" is badly drifted and is not passable for automobiles running south from the state road. The only road into the Center which is safe for automobile traffic is Horsepond road, which is not drifted and which has been used every day. In many places about the center the drifts are above the fences, and the whole situation very much resembles the winters the oldest inhabitant is wont to tell about.

Grange. At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening a mock town meeting was held, Percy G. Farnsworth, G. Everett Buxton and Earl A. Graves being in charge of the entertainment. George Buxton served as moderator and Elmer E. Wilkins as town clerk.

The committee in charge composed the board of selectmen, while Mrs. Bessie Buxton, Mrs. Mabel Graves and Miss Carrie G. Bradford were the school committee. Elmer E. Wilkins read the report of the board of health. The town warrant included many north-provoking articles, all joining in the discussion of them. The whole meeting proved to be very enjoyable and it is unfortunate that on account of the poor traveling more could not have attended.

The lecturer's program for 1920 were distributed at the meeting and promise a very entertaining series of meetings for the coming year. The following committees are announced: G. Everett Buxton, Mrs. Helen Graves, Mrs. Ella Blenkhorn, itinerant; John Adams, Mrs. Jennie S. Bradford, Mrs. Alice M. Farrar, Horace C. Harris, relief; Arthur R. Holden, Mrs. Minnie K. Wilkins, Mrs. Mabel E. Graves, Miss Carrie G. Bradford, Thomas H. Evans, Mrs. Helen M. Graves, respondent; Mrs. G. W. Farnsworth, Mrs. Helen G. Wood, J. Edward Adams, Mrs. Margaret E. Harris, Mrs. Inez R. Lynch, music; A. A. Adams, master of second degree staff; Mrs. Mabel E. Graves, master of third degree staff; Mrs. Mabel E. Graves, press correspondent.

LITTLETON

News Items. Despite the severe storm a congregation of twenty-six gathered in the Baptist church on Sunday morning for the usual services. No service was held in the evening.

A rally of the Middlesex Local C. E. Union will be held in the Baptist church the first Wednesday in February. Good speaking and a social good time are expected.

The Baptist young men's class made "The league of nations" the subject of study last Sunday.

The report of the municipal light department indicates that earnings are now sufficient to pay all expenses of the plant and for the year 1920 only \$1000 is to be asked for at the annual meeting. This amount is the estimated cost of supplying the town with street lights for 1920 and is now classified in general acts of 1915. In order to keep the department on a paying basis and in time, conditions warrant, give reductions in cost of current supplied to the consumer, the electric light commissioners' recommendation to charge that amount in future extensions for new business an amount not exceeding 75 per cent per customer expended by the department, and any additional cost be borne by the customer.

Mrs. George W. Whitcomb has the sympathy of her friends in the sudden death of her sister, Miss Lillian Ramsdell in Arlington, last Saturday after a brief illness from peritonitis. Mrs. Whitcomb was notified Friday of her sister's condition, and with her daughter Edith soon went to Arlington, arriving in time for Miss Ramsdell to attend the funeral on Tuesday. Miss Ramsdell had lived in the town a short time, having made her home with the Whitcombs part of the time, and many of our people had the pleasure of her friendship. She had been an invalid most of her life, but her optimism brightened the possibilities of future years when she hoped to realize fond ambitions she had long cherished.

The literature committee of the Woman's club are forming a circle for the reading of modern plays, and those members who care to join are to notify the committee. The first meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon, January 29, at 2.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hartwell. The following short one-act plays will be read and discussed: "Riders to the sea," by Synce; "The hour glass," by Yeats; and "The rising of the moon," by Lady Gregory. The meetings will be informal, and sewing may be brought if desired.

A blaze bursting forth from the floor near an old boarded-up fire-place in Frank Smith's house, Great road, caused grave fears and called for quick action last week Friday. The fire department and help from the factory came in prompt response and in a short time brought under subjection what might have been a disastrous blaze. It is supposed that in the high wind a spark from the stove, which was carried to some place in the chimney near the fire-place, and as the sheet iron protecting the board in front had evidently rusted, the fire caught there and was shortly burning the floor. Mrs. Smith and her children were alone in the house, but she telephoned immediately for help, and there was no delay the trouble was soon over and very little damage resulted. The family expressed repeated thanks to all who had come to the rescue and can never forget their good fortune in saving the home.

The King's Daughters will hold a food sale in the Congregational vestry on January 30, beginning at 2.30.

George W. Whitcomb has added to his many offices that of the month's beginning the 1st of January. The many friends of his who have contributed in various ways to

make delightfully memorable her eighty-eighth birthday last week Friday. She was generously showered with presents, and other pleasant tokens given silent but positive expression to the sincere friendship of King's Daughters, church associates and neighbors. Especially pleasant were the calls of several friends, who came in person to extend greetings and congratulations. Although the festive occasion was filled with pleasant memories not all were forgotten.

Judge Sanderson has sold Tophet swamp to James Nixon, who plans to clear it of wood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Shedd attended the agricultural meetings in Boston this week.

Littleton friends of Frank Chase, of Fitchburg, and formerly of Littleton, sympathize with him in his account of "Bartlett hill" being badly drifted, and his right arm caught in the machinery, and was so badly mangled that it had to be amputated. The left hand was injured somewhat. He is doing as well as can reasonably be expected at time of writing.

The snow drifts of the Newtown roads were piled high and hard, Sunday, that night, the C. H. Yapp with his milk, nor F. S. Kimball with his large load of school children could effect a passage Monday until they, their neighbors and helpers from the common got to work in good earnest with snowshoes.

Thomas Stephens has been housed again with the prevailing cold. Littleton society has not been so extremely polite this week as to ignore the weather. In fact, there are few residents who have not voted the feeling frequently among themselves. While the mercury has dropped as low as twenty-two degrees below zero in some localities, this fact has been nothing in comparison with the snow drift problem. Milkman Smith was on the job from dawn until eight o'clock at night, Sunday, and Saturday, to deliver the milk.

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

Obituary

Lewis Chapman Gillet passed away on Monday, aged 42 years and 6 months, after a brief recurrence of a mental disorder which was the result of overwork. Mr. Gillet was born in Shortsville, N. Y., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Gillet, the fifth in a family of seven children—Francis, a foreman in a manufacturing establishment in New York; Mrs. F. W. Taylor, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; John, physician, of Westport, N. Y.; Grace, Gillet, of Weston, Mass., an artist; Portland, Oregon; James, merchant, Carroll, Iowa, and Mrs. Fannie Boshart, wife of the principal of the Salem high school.

Mr. Gillet was married on August 10, 1907, to Miss Lona Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Reed of Rockland. He was a teacher of the Groton schools. Mr. Gillet had been connected with the F. W. Woolworth business and was for seventeen years manager of the Brockton store, a successful business man, considerate of his associates. His life was devoted to his business and his home.

Besides the brothers and sisters the deceased is survived by his wife and son, Lewis Chapman, Jr., aged five years, and an aged mother. The family have made their home in Littleton of late and are interested and kindly sympathies have been extended for them by the community.

New Advertisements

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NOTICE

Steamship Tickets to and from all points of Europe for sale at P. DONLOH & CO., Main Street Ayer, Mass.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MELBA B. SEATUCK, late of Groton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by FERDINAND LAWRENCE, Executor; and whereas, the probate of said instrument is deemed to be in the public interest, and whereas, the said instrument has been admitted to probate, and the said FERDINAND LAWRENCE has been appointed executor of the same, and whereas, the said FERDINAND LAWRENCE has given public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County of Middlesex, or to some other public person for fourteen days at least before said Court.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors and all persons interested in the estate of MARY J. MASON, late of Harvard in said County, deceased, interested parties.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a writ of administration on the estate of said deceased to BELIZA B. SEATUCK of Groton in the County of Middlesex, or to some other public person for fourteen days at least before said Court.

Saturday, January 24, 1920

PEPPERELL

News Items.  
A leap year party is to be held in Odd Fellows hall on Tuesday evening, January 27, from 8.30 to 10.30. Ladies will please bring desired partners. A good time is insured.

An excellent series of talks is being given each Monday afternoon at four o'clock by D. L. Whitmarsh at the Lawrence library. He is taking for his topic the current events of the preceding week, and presents them in a clear and concise manner, condensed and made easily comprehended by all. The talks are appreciated and the interest is sustained they will probably be continued.

Arrangements are being made by the Girl Scouts with Manager Johnson of the Aletha theatre to give two benefit entertainments for the convalescent soldiers in town at the Homestead, "the poor little rich girl," an expensive film, and "The Captive," the best, will be presented both afternoon and evening on February 12. Advance tickets will be sold by the Girl Scouts.

Gerry Nutting arrived home on Thursday from Lawrence, where he has recently had an operation for the removal of adenoids and tonsils at the Barr sanatorium.

Mrs. Dorothy Howe Lamprecht, from Cleveland, Ohio, visited her aunt, Miss Lizzie Tucker, early in the week. Rev. and Mrs. Dudley R. Child were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. William Bowman a part of last week, coming from Hudson to be present at the annual supper at the Community church.

Teams and men were out bright and early Monday morning under direction of Street Commissioner Blood, clearing away the drifts of snow which were solidly packed after the high wind and intense cold weather of Sunday. Several of the principal thoroughfares were almost impassible until noon, on Monday. The new laundry truck was unable to collect, as it was obliged to turn back after getting a short distance down Heald street.

One of the four teams, having a passenger from River street for the Sunday afternoon train, was obliged to take to the fields to finish the trip, past the Mahoney place. That Hacksenack prophet on the weather has a different idea on an "open winter" than anyone we have yet encountered.

H. I. Whipple, former Pepperell merchant, was in town over the weekend, commencing week to attend the supper at the Community church.

Charles A. McGraw returned from the Memorial hospital on Tuesday, where he underwent an operation last week for the removal of adenoids and tonsils. He is also suffering from a strained ankle when he went, which had obliged him to use a cane, and the enforced rest will prove beneficial to that as well.

Walton Bosworth, who has been with his mother, Mrs. Alta Silker, Franklin street, during the illness of her younger son, went to Nashua, N. H., to work, Monday morning.

L. A. Johnson is improving after a week of more enforced vacation from a swelling on his foot.

Horses have the right of way at present, as since the recent storm and blizzard following it, the town is practically without autos.

Louis Tarbell is suffering an illness which seemed to commence with an attack of indigestion, last week. His attending physician, Dr. Qua, was in consultation on Monday with Dr. Condon of Nashua, N. H., and the case is now called heart and stomach trouble. Mr. Tarbell was taken to the residence of E. Greenough on Sunday, where he had been taking his meals, having had a room in the Tarbell block, on the same floor as the offices, over his store.

A. A. Lawrence has been engaged in taking the school census of this town for the past few days.

Ralph Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Palmer of this town, may be allowed to return home the latter part of this week, from the Kilbourn hospital at Groton, where he was an invalid patient from January 9. He is about twenty-four years of age and had been employed at Adams' stable in Groton for some time past.

Miss Dorothy Newton, one of our high school graduates of last year, who entered the Nashua Business College in October, has recently been assigned to a position of considerable responsibility at the Y. M. C. A. in that city, which she is filling satisfactorily.

News of the success of our high school girls is always pleasing. Another graduate of last year, Miss Alice Lawson, went to Hartford, Conn., soon after the close of school in June, secured a fine position in an insurance office through her personal application, which she is still filling to the mutual satisfaction of both herself and employer. Miss Lawson has been given a raise in salary twice, already, and anticipates a third one soon.

Several from this town are planning to attend the session of the Extension school, held at Groton on January 27 and 28, in the town hall, under the auspices of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics. Gustaf Anderson of this town is appointed as one of the committee.

A new schedule was recently presented patrons of the electric system by the Pepperell Electric Light and Power company, which is said to have been in existence for about a year, although patrons and subscribers knew the company only by the old name of Shirley Electric Company. The rates, established by this company in September, 1915, have existed until this time, the new schedule giving a rate for residences of fifteen cents per kilowatt hour, with the same minimum charge for each meter of seventy-five cents per month. Commercial rates are thirteen cents for first 100 kilowatts and eleven cents for all over 100 kilowatts. A discount of one cent per kWh will be allowed on all bills paid on or before the tenth of the month. A graduated scale of prices is given for power service, ranging from thirteen cents to three and a half per kWh.

Announcements have been received from the marriage of Lester H. Gove and Miss Ruth Elizabeth Clarke, both of Leominster, at the Crown Hill Baptist church of Nashua, N. H., on Sunday, January 18. Rev. Henry W. Birch, the pastor, officiated, the double ring service being used. The bride was formerly a member of that church, during her residence in Nashua. Her maternal residence in this section of the city, Miss Clarke removed here with her father, some eight years ago, and will be pleasantly recalled by many. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Gove left for a short trip, and after February 3, they will be at home at 76 Church street, Leominster, where the groom is employed.

Benjamin W. Parker has been confined to his home on Oak hill and a part of the time to his bed, for several weeks, with rheumatism.

The many friends of Mrs. E. H. Bliss have been glad to hear the encouraging news that she is improving and that the vision she had since the injury to her eye to quite a degree, and in the opinion of her physician at the Memorial hospital, Dr. Nutter, she will probably improve in eyesight as she improves in strength.

Henry Sculley, engineer at the Nashua River Paper Mills, who has been at Bennington, N. H., on the sick list, returned to his work at the paper mills on Monday night.

Fred M. Durgin of Dunstable assumed the duties of assistant agent at the station on the W. N. and P. division here in town, this week, taking the place recently vacated by Myron Murphy.

It is understood that agreement papers have been signed by E. H. Bliss with a party from Beverly, for the safe use of the farm of Mr. Bliss on Park street, where he has been residing. The sale, when consummated will not include the stock.

The gathering at the town farm, planned to be held on Thursday of this week, by the committee appointed by the East Village club, was postponed on account of the bad traveling and the many cases of slight illness, which would lessen the attendance. It is now suggested to hold the same on the next holiday, February 12, and more definite plans will be announced later.

Several more convalescent soldiers arrived last week Thursday at the Homestead, bringing the total number up to fifteen, and with the few more expected this week from the hospital at Farker hill the house will be filled to its capacity. On Friday evening, Miss Whitmore, a former guest at the Homestead, and stopping there for a few days, gave a party for the convalescent soldiers, providing the refreshments. Miss Mary Butler and other young ladies provided the musical part of the entertainment, and dancing was also enjoyed.

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Richard Harding Davis' greatest story, "Soldiers of Fortune," shown at the Strand, Ayer, Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27.

Other Pepperell matter on pages one and six.

Employees Insured.

Arrangements have recently been completed by the Pepperell Card and Paper Company to protect the employees of that shop by an insurance with the Travelers' Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. The action is voluntary on the part of the management and does not in any way interfere with the benefits of the compensation law of the state. The minimum insurance, given in event of the death or total disability of an employee is \$500. All new employees to be insured when they shall have completed three months' service. Increase is as follows, according to the years of service: Less than one year's continuous service, \$500; after one year's continuous service, \$600; after two years' continuous service, \$700; after three years' continuous service, \$800; after four years' continuous service, \$900; after five years' continuous service, \$1000. Letters, with policies, have been presented to the employees of the company, with the assurance that it is the hope of the management that the plan as outlined will continue indefinitely and become a permanent policy of the company. It is stated, however, that the company reserve the right to discontinue the insurance at any time, without liability to any employee or beneficiary.

Deaths.

The intelligence of the death of Mrs. Adaliza (Doe) Wright, wife of Henry F. Wright, formerly of this town, who died here on Saturday last, January 15, having occurred on Friday, January 15, at her home in West Hartford, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Wright were residents on Townsend street for about twenty years, disposing of the property and going to Hartford, Conn., to be near their only daughter, about four years ago. Mrs. Wright, besides her husband, had a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lawson; also two sisters, of Everett and Lyndon, both in Nashua. Her native place was Wakefield, and the family lived there, also in Haverhill and Reading, from which place they removed to Pepperell. She was seventy-one years of age in December of last year she went to a hospital in Hartford for treatment and a possible operation, which did not prove successful, and she has since that time been failing rapidly.

Services were held at her home with her daughter in Hartford, Monday, and remains were brought to her home in town, Wakefield, accompanied by her husband and daughter. Tuesday, there brief committal services were held.

On Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith of this town attended the funeral services of Mrs. Smith's paternal grandmother, Mrs. Susan Danforth, Dunstable. Mrs. Danforth would have been ninety-one years of age if she had lived until February 2, and had been a resident of Dunstable for more than thirty years. Her husband, Vilas Danforth, was deceased about twenty-five years ago, since which time she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. George Stevens, and husband, in Dunstable, where her death occurred on last week Friday after an illness of only two days from bronchial pneumonia. Besides the daughter, Mrs. Stevens, the deceased leaves a son, Edward Danforth, of Tyngsboro, and a brother, Daniel Farrar, of Acton; also three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at her late home on Monday afternoon at 1.30, Rev. A. C. White, of Tyngsboro, officiating, and burial will be in Dunstable.

The sudden death of Charles S. Parker occurred at his residence on Townsend street at an early hour on Thursday morning. It was most unexpected to all friends and members of his family, as he had been seen about town on Wednesday afternoon, and attended to his duties as janitor at Lawrence library during the day as usual. He had recently had an attack of indigestion, from which he had apparently recovered. Death was caused by heart disease, and came without warning, as he passed away almost in his sleep, painlessly, as he often expressed a wish to go.

The deceased is survived by his wife and three sons, Chester A., of

this town; Thomas, of Berlin, N. H., and Sherman, of Los Angeles, Cal., who will probably not be able to come east at this time.

Mr. Parker was a member of St. Paul Lodge of Masons of this town, the only member of the Masonic order, and the patriotic order of the Sons of the Revolution, being a descendant of Capt. Nathaniel Parker, a revolutionary soldier.

The funeral services, to be held in the vestry of the Community church on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, will be in charge of the pastor, Dr. Nutter, and the committal service will be conducted by them at the vestry. The pastor, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, will deliver the funeral sermon. No flowers.

Mrs. Annie (Barrett) Sullivan, wife of Michael H. Sullivan, of Groton street, passed away Wednesday morning. Mrs. Sullivan had been an invalid for nearly five years and tenderly cared for by her three daughters, the Misses Mary, Annie and Nellie Sullivan. She is also survived by her husband and a son, Francis Sullivan, of this town. Services will be held on Saturday morning at St. Joseph's church.

Midnight Blaze.

A fire alarm from box 38, at the Center, sounded about 11.30 last Saturday night, the blaze being at the house of Samuel J. Blood, on Heald street, over half a mile from the Center, and about a thousand feet from the nearest fire hydrant.

Mr. Blood and his youngest son were alone in the house at the time the fire was discovered, the other members of the family having gone to the moving picture show in the village. It was burning near the chimney when the smell of smoke led Mr. Blood to make an investigation, and was well underway, the sheathing and floor being all ablaze. Water from the pump in the kitchen was all Mr. Blood had to resort to, but he applied this in such excellent quantity as to subdue the flame until the arrival of his wife and the party from the village. The elder boy drove at once to the nearest telephone, Leroy Shattuck's, from where a call was sent in for the alarm, and then accompanied by Mr. Shattuck and Mr. Gray, with an extinguisher, returned to the burning house.

By quick work the fire was kept from entering the walls, or breaking into the second story, and the water and Tarbell arrived, they up-turned the fire under control. The water hose cart had reached the hydrant, near the corner of Heald and Sheffield streets, and word was given them to wait there for further orders, before laying such a length of hose as would be required, especially in such low temperature. The hose wagon from the Foster street engine house went as far as the town house, where they were given the word to turn back.

The engineers caused the signal for "all-out" to be sounded, to stop the firemen from coming any farther, but regard it as a false alarm. The fire, however, as they would have been by the distance they would have had to lay the hose and the intense cold. Mr. Blood's promptness in getting the blaze flooded out in the first five minutes after discovery, probably was all that saved his house, the extinguishers also aiding by the installing of electric. Considerable damage was done to the three rooms surrounding the chimney, as it was, both from fire and water, although it is understood that Mr. Blood carried an insurance on the property.

Church Notes.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning worship will be held at 10.45; there, at 12.15, will be a confirmation, twelve o'clock church school. A special offering is to be taken for the suffering children of the Near East. The usual meetings at 6.45 for boys at the chapel and girls at the parsonage. At 7.30 evening worship, and the subject will be "The one announced for last Sunday evening." Missionary society, as on evening service was held last Sunday evening on account of the exceeding severity of the weather.

Tuesday evening, at 7.30, the prayer and mission study meeting. The subject for the devotional session, "Giving God the right of way." Mission study topic, "Chinese leadership in medicine."

The Ladies' Aid society will hold a food sale on Friday afternoon at three o'clock in the vacant hall next to the millinery store of Mrs. Elsie Copp, formerly the store of Mrs. Wood Sylvester.

The annual election of officers for the church school occurred on January 11, and the following officers were elected: Lucius T. Wilson, supt.; Ralph Buck, ass't. supt.; Miss Elizabeth McNary, H. L. Lawrence, Frederick Tune, act. sec.; Miss Gertrude Cherry, treas.

At the Community church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach upon the topic as announced for last Sunday, "Religion at the cross-roads," as being the value of a witness. There was no session of the church school last Sunday the membership contest will not commence until February 1, instead of January 25, as announced.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Mrs. Whitcomb is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Priest, of Harvard.

Saturday evening the 1919-20 home economics, garden, pig and canning clubs, under their leader, enjoyed a sleighride to Harvard to attend the moving pictures.

Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb and son John spent the latter part of the week with relatives in Watertown.

Mrs. Norman Wetherbee is quite ill with rheumatism.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wetherbee have received word that they are now located in San Diego, Cal., after a most delightful trip.

ago very slight. In the meantime assistance came from all quarters of the town, the local fire department responding gallantly.

Early last Saturday morning the house and barn of Carl Swanson were totally destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown. The blaze started in the shed connecting the house and barn and was not discovered until well under way. Help was summoned immediately, but owing to the early hour and the fact that the telephone was soon disconnected, very little help was obtained. Through the efforts the live stock was rescued, but the household goods and personal effects were a total loss. About \$300 in cash and liberty bonds were also destroyed. The loss was partly covered by insurance. The family is at present living in the house on the Wallace Cunningham estate.

TOWNSEND

Harbor.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher and Mrs. Minnie Knight attended the Pomona Grange at Fitchburg last week Thursday.

Mrs. Clarence Spear of Leominster is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester Spear at the Old Homestead.

Mrs. B. C. Cummings has returned from Everett, where she has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Gertrude Spaulding.

Mrs. R. B. Adams spent the weekend at the home of her brother, Fred Worcester.

The As You Like It club will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. Helen Warner at eleven o'clock on Wednesday, January 23. Mrs. A. D. Gray, lecturer.

Charles Woodward of Hyattsville, Md., called recently on old friends in this vicinity.

Last Thursday the Ladies' Aid held a regular meeting at Mrs. Adney Gray's at which plans in the interest of the society were discussed.

Invitations have been received to the wedding on February 11 of Miss Hazel Wheeler and George Monroe, both of Beverly.

No school on Monday. On account of the severe cold some of the smaller children have not attended on several other days.

On Tuesday Jesse Knowlton slaughtered nine hogs.

The Milk Question.

The following advertisement and circular sent from the Harbor farm by Dr. John Dobbs to milk consumers of Malden is of special interest as it is a step in the right direction toward reducing the high cost of living:

"Highest grade milk 12 cents. Why pay 15 cents for milk? Half this amount is due to the service you require of your milkman. Write us and we will show you how easy it is for you to get the purest milk for the above figure." Harbor Farm.

In reply to inquiries this circular was sent:

Harbor Farm, Townsend Harbor.

The high cost of living is largely due to the service you require of other people. Take milk, for example: 100 percent of cost and sometimes more goes to the man who delivers it. Bottles and their care and breakage, icing and its trouble and cost, wide ranges of delivery, many milkmen covering the same territory, rents and so forth, are all parts of unnecessary service. You can be your own milkman. You would like more milk. At present prices it is comparatively cheap for its food value. At 12 cents you should double the amount you use. It will be the cheapest food.

We will deliver a 1 1/2 quart can of milk that will keep sweet for several days. It is from a tuberculin-tested herd, safe and pure. It is rich in butter fat. We supply milk bottles. You empty the big can into bottles, slip on the caps and set them on ice. Two days later, or four times a week, we call for the empty cans and leave a full one. You get this splendid milk for \$1.00 a can. You can share it with the lady upstairs or next door. If you cannot use four quarts a day, you pay one month. We reserve the right to refuse your order. We have only one private herd, or put you on the waiting list, and, also, to refuse an order on the basis of territory. We cannot afford to go too far to fill an order.

Write for further particulars to the farm at Townsend Harbor or to 411 Pleasant street, Malden.

John F. Dobbs.

Night and morning milk leaves the Harbor on the 7.25 a. m. train and in less than four hours reaches the Malden. Dr. Deane's son, Earl, who is a student in the high school, delivers the twenty-six cans and in about an hour is back at the station with the empties. Transporting the milk costs seven cents a can, including war tax, which is three cents on the dollar.

LITTLETON

News Items.

The Woman's club will accept the hospitality of Mrs. A. Kimball on Monday afternoon. The program, in charge of the civic and legislative committee, Miss F. A. Sanderson and Mrs. Kimball, will consist of an address by Miss Mabel Frost, of Boston.

well known in that city, who will have much of interest and practical suggestions for all who are interested in the welfare of the community. Members of the club will give vocal selections.

A Letter.

The following letter has been received by Fred O. Stiles, chairman of the board of selectmen, and will be of interest to the people of this town:

Department of Public Works  
Division of Highways

With reference to advice given to your board of selectmen by Division Engineer Pillsbury, would say that Mr. Pillsbury has made report to me giving the substance of what he advised, and I am transmitting to you copy of same, as follows:

"They have a road superintendent who was elected by the people, and I advised that it would be better if he were appointed by the selectmen."

"In general, their roads, exclusive of the state highway and King street, through the village, connecting the two sections of state highway, are in poor condition and have been for some time, mainly due to lack of intelligent work and care. While their mileage, 41.4 miles, exclusive of state highway, is not great, their valuation is only about \$14,000.00. The roads have been neglected for so long, that very extensive surfacing will have to be done to get them in good condition. They seem to feel that they would like the Chapter 153 aid, and that the town would be willing to appropriate a sufficient sum for this and are going to petition, and in addition I think the town would appropriate more to get Chapter 525 aid and county aid on at least one road, which is Taylor street. This is the line from Boxboro to Littleton station, and connects with the Boston and Lowell road. This road has been in Boxboro, which is nearly finished, and probably will be

James Rutledge has been on the sick list. He is about again. While off duty his wife attended to the work at the depot.

The annual concert and hall of the Harvard Complimentary club, which was to have been held on Thursday evening, has been postponed to February 12. This was on account of the severe condition of the roads.

Misses Ruth and Priscilla Shores spent the week-end and over Sunday with Mrs. Houck.

Richard Harding Davis' greatest story, "Soldiers of Fortune," shown at the Strand, Ayer, Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27.

At the motion picture show this Saturday evening Louis Benisson will be seen in "High pockets." Louis Benisson is supported by Katherine Macdonald. It is a western round-up. Benisson is called upon to rout a gang of cattle thieves, he accomplishes his task with the aid of a dagger, a gun and a well-sung lariat. This is one of Goldwyn's latest pictures.

SATURDAY FORENOON SPECIALS

SALT HERRING 8c each; 4 for 30c  
RAVEN TIP MATCHES 5c box  
TRYPHOSA, all favors 3 pks. 25c

STEAK SALE Saturday Morning

ROUND STEAK 28c lb.  
VEIN STEAK 28c, 30c lb.  
SIRLOIN 32c, 35c lb.

PRIME BEEF

Boiling Pieces 10c, 14c lb.  
Chucks 16c, 18c, 20c, 22c, 24c lb.  
Boneless Chucks 24c, 26c, 28c lb.  
Boneless Rib Roasts 30c, 35c lb.  
Boneless Pot Roasts 10c, 20c lb.  
Stew Beef 20c lb.

HAM SHANKS 15c, 18c, 20c lb.

FRESH SHOULDERS 10c lb.  
FRESH WHOLE HAMS 10c lb.

TEA SPECIAL

Black Rabbit Brand, Formosa, 3 lbs. 55c  
Oolong 35c lb., 3 lbs. 85c

NATIONAL BISCUIT SPECIAL

Tangent (iced) 25c lb.  
Lemon Cakes 29c lb.  
Premium Assortment 39c lb.

ORANGES LEMONS GRAPEFRUIT NUTS.

VAN CAMP'S SOUPS 10c can  
Chicken, Vegetable, Tomato  
1 pkg. Jim Dandy Pan Cake Flour and 1 pkg. Jack Frost Biscuits 15c

LAUREL LARD

Laurel Lard 33c lb.  
Mild Cream 39c lb.  
Real Camembert Cheese 45c pkg.  
Butter, Best Tub 69c lb.

WHOLE PORK LOINS

Whole Pork Loins 27c lb.  
SMALL ROASTS OF PORK 27c, 29c, 32c lb.

7 CANS OF WHOLESOME VEGETABLES

Sweet Corn, Green Peas, Baked Beans, Shell Beans, Wax Beans, Tomatoes, Mixed Vegetables ALL FOR \$1.00

70c CHOCOLATE CREAMS

Ice Cream Candy 59c lb.  
Home-made Fudge 39c lb.

MACKEREL, HADDOCK, COD, SALMON OYSTERS CLAMS SCALLOPS SMELTS, SPECIAL SARDINES, PACKED IN OIL

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation of the kind sympathy and material assistance extended by our friends and neighbors in this and the surrounding towns during our recent loss.

CARL SWANSON and Family  
Boxborough, Mass., January 23, 1920.

FITS-U EYEGLASSES

The pads of Fits-U mountings grip without pinching. Of dainty construction yet secure. They combine comfort with lightness.

Let us show you how very well the Fits-U will fit you.

F. H. GATHERCOLE

Consulting Optometrist  
New Carley Block Ayer, Mass.  
WE GRIND OUR OWN LENSES

Union Cash Market

Ayer, Mass.

SMOKED SHOULDERS 23c lb.  
GOOD CORNED BEEF 15c lb.  
CORNED BEEF, all solid meat, 20c lb.  
FRESH SHOULDERS 23c lb.

SKINNED BACK HAMS 25c lb.  
YEARLING LAMB FORES 18c lb.  
YEARLING LAMB LOINS 20c lb.

ROAST PORK 25c lb.  
CICANBERRIES 3 qts. 25c., 9c qt.  
CONDENSED MILK 17c can  
EVAPORATED MILK 15c can  
PIGS AND BEEF LIVER 13c lb.

GOOD ROAST BEEF 20c lb.  
GOOD SIRLOIN STEAK 40c lb.  
BEST SIRLOIN STEAK 50c lb.  
FAT SALT PORK 30c lb.  
CANS SOUPS 10c can  
BEST CHEESE 40c lb.  
BEST TUB BUTTER 67c lb.  
EXTRA GOOD COFFEE 38c lb.  
SHREDDED WHEAT 12c pkg.

"The shoulders on King street should have better attention than they have had. We could do this with our regular repair gang if the town would request an appropriation for the Chapter 155 work that that necessary to meet the state, for work to be done in the late fall and early spring, including snow work and the work in the village where the houses are less than 3500 feet apart. This would be about 1500 feet, the appropriation outside would also have to be sufficient to cover King street, between the two sections of state highway, because the