Thursday with Mrs. J. M. Hartwell,

with fourteen ladies in attendance. A picture of Lincoln taken from the Boson Post was shown, a remarkable like

ess, taken near the close of the war. The governor's proclamation in reference

o Lincoln day was read by Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. P. B. Priest read

The second coming," by T. A. Daley The second coming, by I. A. Date,
The reading of the afternoon was the
play, "Abraham Lincoln," by John
Drinkwater. In the introduction to
this play Arnold Bennett said "No-

body can dine out in London today and admit without a blush that he has not seen 'Abraham Lincoln'." All present manifested a deep interest in the reading and felt that it was a

profitable afternoon. All are welcom

Roger Priest's new house is pro

HARVARD

Schools closed this week, to be re-

Edw. J. McLaughlin returned home

on Thursday afternoon from the Gro-ton hospital He is feeling very well

indeed and needs only a few weeks

Miss Josephine Baker spent last week-end and over Sunday- with friends in Boston, returning on Tues-

pened again on March 1.

rest to be his own self again.

in spite of unfavorable

these meetings.

ieus Items.

gressing in spite weather and influenza.

To AYER to Trade

Ayer Hardware

Park Street

Phone 531

Distributors and Agents for

IField Spray Outfits

Arlington Spray Outfits

Lime and Sulphur-Dry and Liquid Arsenate Lead—Dry and Paste Queen Incubators and Brooders Spray Hose, Nozzles, Couplings and Guns Seeds and Seed Potatoes

Any inquiry on above lines will receive prompt and road since the big blizzard nine days courteous attention.

We are equipped to make prompt deliveries.

Quality and Service

ARE OUR STRONG POINTS

When you buy of us you are sure to get the Best Standard Brands—Fully Guaranteed

TELEPHONE 238 FOR ANYTHING YOU WANT IN A HURRY

> We have just received a small lot of FANCY NATIVE POTATOES

G. Dwinell

GROCERIES AND HARDWARE Main Street

Depot Square

AYER, MASS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant, who planned to start south last Thursday, were obliged to wait a few days or account of a heavy cold contracted by Mrs. Conant. They plan now to leave

after a fierce struggle reached the foot of Proctor's hill at 5.30 p. m., and then gave up the fight, being towed back to the garage at the common, there to await a more favorable op-Outfits

| Outfits | Value mann reported no collisions en route. That night Rupert Sanderson carried him back on his motorcycle by way of North Littleton and the electric car tracks into Ayer. This,

oo, was some feat. An unsuccessful attempt was made An unsuccessful attempt was made last Saturday forenoon by Harold W. Shepard to make his way to Ayer with his Ford. He reached the Unit Brick factory without assistance in one hour's time from Kimball's corner, where Mr. Leahy overtook him with four horses, a sled, and plows. He hitched on to the Ford and it took three more hours to complete the trip to the town line at Pingreyville and

Miss Mary Kimball has taken a po-sition in Martinsburg, W. Va., where she is dietician in the King's Daugh-

Hope Fletcher, Mrs. E. A. Adams bilious attack.

Annette R. Rice, of Auburndale, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. John H. Kimball.

Katherine Kimball, of Brockton, wa at home last week and plans to spend this week-end with the home people From the board of health we learn that there will be no church services on Sunday, the schools will not open Tuesday, and no public meetings will be held until further notice is given Until conditions are more favorable and the epidemic seems a thing of the past public gatherings will be pro-

The library has been closed this week and will not be open for the present

The meeting of the Historical socithe epidemic.

The reading circle connected with Woman's club met last week

G. Pollard

THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE

LOWELL, MASS.

Merrimack, Palmer and Middlesex Streets

Your Tip is to Buy Percale Now It's 29c. a Yard

WORTH MORE

Percale will advance in price later on.

But not at this store for some time.

We've just contracted with a large manufacturer of high grade percales to take his entire output of remnants.

Then again, buying direct from the mill eliminates the middleman's profits.

That's why you can get clean, crispy percale, neatly patterned with stripes, dots and figures, in light and dark colors at practically the jobbers' price.

House Dresses and Aprons make up pretty and serviceable from this percale, as well as many other uses.

On the counters today ready for your inspection.

PALMER STREET BASEMENT

G. Pollard Co.

LITTLETON

the first of next week. The first automobile of any description to break its way through from Ayer to this town in nine days came from Camp Devens last Saturday. A \$\frac{1}{2}\to m\$ white army truck, driven by Private R. A. Mann of the base hospital, left the camp at 12,30 p. m., and portunity to proceed to Boston, where first bound. Nine miles in five hours is a somewhat different pace through town from that of last summer. Private Mann reported no collisions en

to the town line at Pingreyville and return to Kimball's corner. Mr. Shep-ard has concluded to use the trains a while longer. His Ford, however, was the first automobile seen on the Ayer

ters' hospital.

elizabeth and Rosa Hill, Albert Wyeth the J. W. Dodds children, Ruth Saw-yer, Charles L. Smith, Jr., Muriel and John Lohnes, all the Imarousi family, Mrs. John Osborne, Dr. J. N. Murray, Leo Taylor, Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Mer-rill, Elsie and Henry Ewing, the entire Marshall Murray family are on the influenza list. Dean Couper and Fred C. Reed have been sick with heavy colds, Lyman Chase has ton-silitis, and Mrs. G. A. Barber has a

Selectman Eben E. Corey, who has been ill with the flu, is recuperating at the Elms as a guest with Mr. and Mrs. George Maynard.

Willard Bagster, with his lady riend, are home with his mother here n town for a few days, Mrs. Blanche Davis spent last week nd with her mother in Methuen

Mrs. George Tooker is recovering rom an attack of the "flu."

Miss Sarah Jones spent the week end with friends in Sterling. Wallace Bryant will move into the

mill home on the Ayer road on March first. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Everson are to occupy the house recently va-cated by Mr. Bryant.

Mrs. Daniel Corey passed away after a short illness on Tuesday morning, aged eighty-seven years, at her home just over the line in Bolton. For many years Mrs. Corey lived in the cottage on the John Sprague farm. oottage on the John Sprague latin.
Mr. Corey passed away quite a number of years ago, after which Mrs.
Corey and two of her sons, Joseph
and Herbert, bought the place where they have lived since. Another son Calvin, lives in Worcester. A sad feature is that last Sunday her youngest ture is that last Sunday her youngest son, Herbert, who has cared for his mother, was taken sick and went to the Clinton hospital, where he is now a very sick man. The funeral was from her home on Thursday afternoon, Rev. William Gussman, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating.

Owing to the closing of her school in Littleton, on account of the influ-enza, Miss Ruth Willard is at home.

Walter Haskell went out a little so soon following his illness and had to take to his bed again.

Carl Haskell and his son Edwin have both been quite seriously ill with the influenza, and Mrs. Haskell also had it lighter, but all are doing well No services were held at the church

Mrs. John Heeley is quite an ir

valid this winter. Milton Gorham has been quite sick with the influenza, and while better, is unable to work. Mrs. Gorham was laid up several days with the same

New Advertisements

O BE

Well dressed is an art. Our service in giving you garments that fit and combine style with individuality is appreciated by men who want the best in clothes.

The splendid variety and wide range of styles, in all-wool cloths in our stock, enables you to select a Suit or Overcoat to neet any desire as to color, quality or pattern.

Our prices in tailor-made garments are lower today than the better grades of ready-mades They offer opportunities you can't afford to overlook if you need clothes.

MURRY, Tailor

This is the Overcoat Store

Right now everyone is interested in heavy Winter Overcoats. We have lots of them; large, burly Ulsters, double-breasted belters, waist-line and plain models. HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX make, guaranteed all pure wool and well tailored. BELTED MODELS

WAIST-SEAM MODELS \$40

\$40

PLAIN MODELS \$20 to \$42

BIG, WARM ULSTERS \$38

STORM COATS

Sheep-skin lined Coats with Moleskin shell, some with Wombat Collars **\$12** to **\$36.50**

OVERSHOES AND RUBBERS

We have Overshoes for all the family.

CHILDREN'S \$1.50 to \$2.25 LADIES'

\$2.25 to \$4.50 \$3.50

Rubbers from 60¢ for the little folks to \$2.00 for Men's Heavy Work Ones WE GIVE VOTES IN THE SHETLAND PONY CONTEST

Fletcher Bros

The home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes and Walk-Over Shoes OPPOSITE DEPOT



Cold Weather Clothing

This kind of weather demands special Clothing and Footwear for your protection. We can fit you out with every needed article of wearing apparel from warm Caps and warm Footwear, that you may need.

STORM COATS SHEEP-LINED COATS

and all kinds of Warm Coats as well as all kinds of

OVERSHOES and RUBBER FOOTWEAR

Our prices are greatly below the present market price on same quality of goods. If we had to buy them now they would cost you more.

OUR ADVICE IS BUY NOW

DRIVING AND STORM ULSTERS

Made of heavy Astrakhan Cloth, Montana Buffalo Cloth and Chase Black Bear Cloth. All with storm collars and heavy linings.

Prices-\$30.00 to \$40.00

FUR ULSTERS

Long Fur Coats made of Dogskin with heavy quilted linings. Some have Coon Skin collars and some blended Muskrat.

Prices-\$45.00 to \$75.00

WINTER CAPS

Every kind of warm Winter Caps and also Yarn Toques for Men and Boys and Children.

75¢ to \$2.50 Heavy Winter Golfs \$1.50 to \$2.50 Regular Winter Caps Boys' Winter Golfs **50¢** to **\$2.00** Yarn Toques, all colors 50¢ to \$1.50

WINTER UNDERWEAR

Every kind of Winter Underwear that is needed by Men or Boys. Heavy Derby Ribbed and Heavy Wool in both Union Suits or Two Piece.

Heavy Cotton and Wool \$1.39 Heavy Fleece-lined Heavy Wool

Union Suits

Heavy Derby Ribbed \$1.89 to \$2.50 Heavy Wool 95¢ to \$1.75 Boys' Derby Ribbed \$2.15 to \$3.00

Boys' Wool

Boys' \$1.50

\$2.00 to \$3.50

\$3.50 to \$5.50

SHEEP-LINED COATS AND ULSTERS

Sheep-lined Coats and Ulsters made of heavy Moleskin outside and heavy sheep pelts for lining. The collars are beaverized sheep and Wombat. Just the thing for this kind of weather-warm and serviceable.

Regular Coats \$10.00 to \$20.00 Ulsters—ankle length

\$30.00 to \$37.50

Duck Coats, Blanket-lined \$6.50 to \$8.50

SWEATERS

Every style and kind of Sweater for Men and Boys. All the regular colors. Coat style and V-neck style; some with collar and pockets, in both heavy and light weights. Also, Slip-on Sweaters with and without sleeves.

Coat Style V-neck Style Army Style Slip-on Style

\$2.00 to \$10.00 • \$7.50 to \$10.00 \$3.50 to \$8.50 \$3.50 to \$8.50 \$1.50 to \$7.50

WINTER GLOVES AND MITTENS

An extra large stock of warm Gloves and Mittens of every kind, both for dress and working, in either leather or wool. Dress Gloves, unlined \$2.50 to \$5.00 Dress Gloves, lined \$2.50 to \$6.00 75¢ to \$2.50 Working Gloves, lined Wool Gloves and Mittens 50¢ to \$2.00

RUBBER FOOTWEAR

We have everything you need in Rubber Footwear to keep your feet warm and dry. We carry the best qualities of Rubber Footwear that is made in the country, such as

GOLD SEAL, RED SEAL (Ball-Band) and GOODYEAR GLOVE The largest stock, the best qualities and all at extremely low prices.

This Store remains open on three evenings in the week-Monday, Friday and Saturday

Local Agent for LEWANDOS Laundry and Dyehouse

TO AYER TO TRADE

TWO DOLLARS A YEAR To All Subscribers Paying in Advance One Bollar and Fifty Cents

GEORGE H. B. TURNER, Publisher

We publish the following Papers: Turner's Public Spirit, Ayer, Mass The Groton Landmark The Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser The Littleton Guldon The Westford Wardsman The Harvard Hillside

The Shirley Oracle The Townsend Toesin The Brookline (N. H.) Beacon The Hollis (N. H.) Homestead

Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice at Ayer, Mass. Saturday, February 21, 1920

WESTFORD

Center.

J. Frank Chandler had a telephone installed this week-16-3.

Principal Roudenbush has had his telephone changed to a private line-

Mrs. Annie Hamlin and daughter Edna have returned from a two-weeks visit, spending part of the time with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hamlin, in Penbody and the remainder with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walker in Marlboro.

A boy baby, the eighth child, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mann this last week. Mr. Mann recently bought the Miller place on the Forge Village road, coming here from Winchendon. A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanford on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Sandford is employed by George

The meeting of the Tadmuck club on next Tuesday afternoon at Library hall will be in charge of the public health committee. Mrs. Wells. chairman. There will be a lecture by Dr. Alice H. Robie on "Mothers and their a valuable speaker and a good attendance is desired.

On Monday evening their will be a whist and dancing party in the town hall. This affair is under the management of a capable committee of young men, and Savage's orchestra of Low-ell will furnish music.

A very pleasant sleighing party was enjoyed by the academy scholars on Tuesday afternoon. There were fourteen who went in McDonald's big twohorse sled, and Mrs. H. W. Hildreth acted as matron for the young people. After driving to Groton the party came back to Forge Village, to the home of the Misses Precious, where hot coffee was provided by Mrs. Preclous to accompany the lunches that had been carried. In the evening the party attended the motion pictures. Mary Pickford in "Pollyanna, at Abbot's hall. Another enjoyable sleighing party was enjoyed in the afternoon when Mrs. William F. Sargent acted as hostess, and seventeen went over to Forge Village and en joyed the same pictures. Mrs. D. L. Greig furnished and drove the convey

Edward Ciement has been house with the influenza.

Forrest White, Morton Seavey an John Fletcher were in attendance on Monday evening at a supper in Low ell preliminary to the Y. M. C. A. conference of older boys of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which takes place in Boston, February 27, 28 and 29, and to which these three young gentleman are to have the pleasure of attending as delegates.

The tenth annual ball of the Edward M. Abbot hose company was held in the town hall last week Thursday evening. The bad traveling and much prevalent sickness affected the attendance, but it made conditions comfortable for the dancers. The Colonial orchestra, of Waltham, furnished music for the dancing and gave a fine concert program from eight until nine. Refreshments were rved at intermission and the committee in charge, consisting of J. Her-bert Fletcher, William E. Wright and Arthur Walker, report all bills paid and a balance for the treasury.

Last Sunday was another unpleas ant day for church attendance with the snow in the morning and the wind cold at night. At the evening service Mrs. John Felch gave an interesting bible talk, with blackboard drawing which will be repeated at same future meeting when weather is more favorable for attendance. On Sunday morning Mr. Brownsey will on "Two great Americans," and in the evening a continuation of lessons from the lives of Wash ington and Lincoln will be conducted by Mr. Brownsey, assisted by four other members.

The board of selectmen have met and organized with O. R. Spalding as chairman and S. H. Fletcher as secre tary. Their list of appointments will appear later. The new board of health have also held their preliminary meeting.

There continues to be many cases of sickness in the village and both doc-

tors are kept busy. Recently on Depot treet, beginning at Drew's corner just about every household had one or nore cases of sickness.

The music for the Easter Legion lance is to be Carter's famous colored

orchestra of Boston, six pieces. The Nesmith and Griffin families at south part of the town have both een having sieges with influenza.

Traveling continues such that all onveyances are on runners. Although one or two venturesome auto drivers get out for short distances. Both docors are employing drivers with horse

Greece at the age of ten. It is of fine close design and beautifully done.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright have been having an anxious time. Two of their grandchildren, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, in Lowell, have been dangerously sick with pneumonia. Last reports were that it was noped the danger period was past and that they were better.

The Everett Miller family are reported all on the sick list.

American Legion.

The members of the American Legion held a general business meet-ing last week Friday evening in Abbot's hall at which refreshments were served, officers chosen for the ensuing year and plans made for a dance on Easter Monday, April 5, and for a drama to be staged both in Westford and Forge Village in the early part of May, this latter to be in charge of Harold W. Hildreth.

Officers chosen were Frank C. Johnson, com.; James Costello, William Buckingham, vice coms.; Harold W. Hildreth, adjt.; Edward Healy, fin. of.; Dr. Coburn, John Gray and John Connell, ex. com.; Seth C. Bannister, hist.
The committee in charge of the
Easter dance are Leon F. Hildreth,
William L. Wall and Robert Orr.

On Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock, the legion is to hold a memorial service at Abbot hall in honor of those who paid the supreme sacridaughters." Dr. Robie is considered fice. The next of kin of these soldiers will be presented certificates from the French government and signed by the president of France, as a token of appreciation for service rendered. The committee in charge are Miss May Lord, Seth Bannister and William Wall.

About Town.

June Irene Pickup, little daughter derson) Pickup, of Brookside, died at the home of her aunt, Miss E. Mae Anderson, in North Chelmsford, Saturday, February 14, aged 2 years, months and 21 days. Besides her fath r she leaves two brothers.

The Abbot Worsted Company hav shifted from auto truck to runners in the transportation of merchandise from Graniteville to Brookside, by way of the Lowell road. Now and then an auto ventures out and now and then horses haul them out. The roads are not as safe for auto travel as the roadbed invites. A little unin-tentional skidding and in goes the truck into the untrodden snow. On the Lowell road, recently, one buried itself in the snow to the body of the machine, and then didn't touch the unexplored depth of the snow.

The fourth farmers' institute of the season was held in North Billerica on Wednesday. George W. Trull, of Tewksbury, presided. The morning ession opened with an address by Mr. Griggs of the farm bureau, on "The work it is doing," followed by some much needed suggestions by Herman . Knight, the new superintendent of schools for Littleton, Westford, Acton and Carlisle, on "The building up the health of our children." Dinner vas served at noon by the ladies of the North Billerica Baptist church. After dinner remarks were made by Dr. Georgo M. Twitchell, Herman C. Knight, A. W. Tillson and Rev. C. A. Armstrong, and vocal singing by Miss Etta Thompson. Dr. Twitchell gave a simple illustrated story of twelve years' experience in a little field ir Auburn, Me.

Appropriations.

Owing to some unavoidable inac-curacies and omis lons in the report in ast week's account of the annua town meeting, we appear this week in the role of revised report for the amount of money voted for the ever increasing various departments:

Public library	\$1,30
Public burying grounds	15
Roads and bridges	15,00
Town debts and charges	5.50
Board of health	1.50
Salaries, town officers	3.00
Electric lighting	3.80
Hydrants	2.08
State and county tax	12,70
Notes and interest	2.62
Repairs, state highway	80
Support of poor	3,50
Public schools	25.00
Moth department	1.10
Fire department	85
Repairing house, fire station	. 75
Band concerts	3.5
Fish and game	
Memorial day	
Distributing library books	10
State guard	10
Sidewalks	- 60
Farm bureau	20
Police	2 00

Total amount voted

Valuation of town, 1919

\$83,200 00

Forge Village.

On last week Friday evening West ford post, A. L., held a meeting in its coms in Abbot hall. A great deal of ousiness was transacted and officer elected as follows: Frank Johnson ommander; Joseph Costello, William Buckingham, vice com.; Harold Hildreth, sec.; Fred Healy, treas; Dr. H. Colburn, Joseph Murphy and John B. Gray, ex. com. A report from the delegates, John Spinner and William Buckingham, to the state convention at Boston, was read. During the evening all the members sat down to a banquet. After the banquet a fine impromptu musical program was en presented to the curio collection at the presented to the curio collection at the J. V. Fletcher library a white fringed lower hy her in her rates owel woven hy her in her rates. Johnson. A committee was selected by the chairman to have charge of the Easter Monday ball, which is underway. It is understood that they have already engaged the services of Curtis colored jazz band of Boston.

On next Sunday afternoon a memorial service will be held at Abbot hall at the request of the French government for the men who gave their lives in the late war. Certificates will be presented from the French government to the parents of the deceased at that time. The service will start at two o'clock and an invitation is exended to all.

On account of the memorial service in this village there will be no meet ing of St. Andrew's Sunday school this week, although the regular church ervice will be held at the usual hour, 4.30 p. m.

On Saturday evening a fine enter tainment was provided at Abbot hall. The movies were preceded by a short concert given by the Precious orchestra, Misses Caroline, Pamelia and Mildred Precious.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of St. Andrew's Missions held a meeting on Charles Freeman, Peter Gillis, John Tuesday afternoon. A great deal of Pahakanas, Aneopras Aleskweege and wards a pan cake tea was served in honor of the day, Shrove Tuesday.

Miss Bridget Downey and Elmer Caunter of this village were married at the parochial residence of St. John's church, North Chelmsford, Wednesday, February 11, Rev. Charles Linehan being the officiating clergyman. The bride was attended by Miss Mamie McBride, of Lowell, and John Downey, brother of the bride, was best man After a brief wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Caunter will take up their residence in their new home on Main street.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. J. Emile Dupont, who read the regulations for Lent and also Friday evenings of each month, inannounced that the Lenten devotions would be held on Wednesday and Frilay evenings of this week.

The officers of Court Westford, M. C. O. F., were instituted at a meeting eld in the Abbot clubhouse on last Sunday afternoon. Deputy Charles M. Ryan and suite, of Merrimack court of Haverhill, were the installing officers. After the meeting there were remarks by C. M. Ryan, Mr. O'Leary ind members of the order. Refreshments were served and a short entertainment was given, consisting of vocal solos by Mrs. White and Miss Fairservice of Haverhill, and R. J. McCarthy of the local court. Miss Lillian Daley, of Cambridge, was heard in everal pleasing plano selections. The affair proved to be very enjoyable. A can be maintained. The work must drive for new members to Court West- be backed by some local organization hold a class initiation some time in the

A very pleasant valentine party was neld at the home of Miss Rose Belland on last Saturday evening. Dancing was enjoyed and all present had a Miss Rachel Wall has been spend-

ing the past few days with relatives in Nashua, N. H.

The regular meeting of Court Graniteville, F. of A., was held on Thurs-day night with J. W. Shackelton, chief ranger, presiding. Much business o importance was transacted and several applications for membership were re ccived.

There is still a great deal of sick ess in town.

The American Legion, Westford post, will hold a memorial service for ore who made the supreme sacrifice in the world war at the Abbot hall, Forge Village, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. All service men will appear in uniform.

SHIRLEY

News Items. Asa Shepard has given up his posithe home of his aunt, Mrs. George Greenleaf, and will commence work

00 at the Samson Cordage Works. The Legion of Honor will hold dance in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening; dancing from eight to twelve Music will be furnished by Coleman' orchestra of Fitchburg. A prize will be given to the lucky ticket holder. Ralph Hersom was a week-end

guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Albe Annis. Herbert Burchstead was at home

The Ladies' circle of the Congrega ional church will meet on Wednesday afternoon, February 25, at 2.30 at the home of Mrs. George Wells. Mrs. E. H. Allen will speak on "The Interna-tional college in Springfield." It is hoped that all ladies who are interested in the Americanization of the alien will be present.

Horace C. Harris, rural mail car ier, was unceremoniously dumped out of his team last Saturday noon when ne runner of his sleigh rode the top of a high drift in the yard of Edward M. Davis, the sleigh going over: The horse ran a short distance, breaking one cunner of the sleigh when the outht brought up against a tree. The mail escaped damage.

Shirley post, A. L., cleared thirty dollars at its valentine party last Saturday evening. Henault's orchestra, of Fitchburg, furnished music. Vernon Arbuckle, of Quincy, began work on Monday at the suspender fac-

tory. He is a clarinet player of ability and will occupy the first chair in the President Suspender Company band. He has previously been with the Edison band of Boston. Frank H. Wheeler has accepted an

return to his former position of New England freight agent, which he held at the time the railroads were taken over by the government. He takes up his duties on March 1, and will have offices in the Old South building, Washington street, Boston. James Norkus, aged sixty-six years, passed away at his home last Sat-urday evening after an illness of only

four days from pneumonia. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morn ing at St. Anthony's church, Rev. C. A. Cordier officiating. Interment was in St. Anthony's cemetery. The bearers were a nophew, Joseph Norkus, ay afternoon. A great deal of Pahakanas, Aneopras Aleskweege and was accomplished and aftera pan cake tea was gerved in of floral pieces. Mr. Norkus was the first Lithuanian resident in Shirley, coming here about sixteen years ago having lived formerly in Cleveland, Ohio, and Boston. During his resilence here he was employed at the Samson Cordage works, where he was well and favorably known. His near urvivors are a wife and four children, two sons and two daughters-Mrs. Louis W. Simon, Amelia, Anthony f Hillsboro, and Joseph, a student at

> er Mrs. White, of Boston. The board of selectmen met on last week Friday evening and organized, around town. Dry and dusty." There the organization being the same as inst year—Charles H. Weare, Jr., inches a few days later. Looking chairman, and Robert H. J. Holden, farther back for comparison, the recings of the board on the first and third morning. Only four mornings for W. Keyes with the Messrs. Keyes clerk. It was voted to hold the meet stead of on the second and fourth Fridays, as was the custom last year. further meeting of the hoard will be held this month, the next meeting ocurring on March 5.

he Fitchburg high school, and a sis-

Mr. Wiggs, a representative of the Middlesex County Bureau for Agriculare and Home Economics, appeared before the school committee and selectmen on last week Friday evening and outlined the bureau's plan for a lental clinic for school children. This vork has been done for the bureau in the nearby towns of Townsend and Ashby, and is now being carried on in Wilmington. Westford, another eighboring town, is awaiting her turn low, and it is hoped to interest enough towns so that two or three more clinic ford is now on and it is planned to which will guarantee the bureau a certain amount per week while the work lasts, and they in turn collect from the individuals for the work The work is done at very rea sonable prices and the clinic so has worked out very successfully where it has been in operation.

The republican town committee me last Saturday evening and organized for the year with the following of ficers: Robert H. J. Holden, chair man; Arthur G. Dunn, sec.; Earl A Graves, treas,

Obituary,

The funeral of John McCarthy took place on Sunday with service in St. Anthony's church, Rev. C. A. Cordier officiating. The bearers were Thomas S. Gately, Joseph Murphy and John Flynn, of Shirley, and Mr. Corley, of Fitchburg. Among the floral tributes who was instrumental in carrying out was a piece from the weaving department of the President Suspender Co. ant features and aiding with the deco-Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery,

John McCarthy was born in Ireland came to Shirley about twenty-two years ago and started to work for the President Suspender Co. He left town about twelve years ago to assist in the operation of a farm in Hopkinton and returned to Shirley about five years ago. At the time of his death he was employed as crossing-tender for the Boston and Maine railroad. Death claimed the deceased early last week Friday morning following

twelve o'clock he awoke and complain-ed of not feeling well. A hurry call brought Dr. Lilly to the home in a finely. The menu was also an elab-\$2,487,472 00 from work this week with the grippe. few moments, who did everything pos- orate one, consisting of sandwiches,

sible to prolong life, but all to no avail as he began to sink rapidly

end came, about one o'clock Mr. McCarthy was one of the solid citizens of the town, who led a practical life which was void of all sham and frills. He was quiet and unas-suming, a loyal friend and kind neigh-bor. The near survivors are his wife and a brother.

PEPPERELL

vews Items.

R. M. Smellie, who recently severed his connection with the S. & S. garage, is to move to Taunton. D. L. Whitmarsh gave another of

his information talks on current events at the Lawrence library on Monday afternoon which was well attended, considering the severity of the weather. Mr. Whitmarsh spoke at some length on the quantity of snow with which New England, as well as other sections of the country, had been blessed, or otherwise. In citing some of the disadvantages, Mr. Whitmarsh gave a bit of weather history of 1716, when, it would appear, there was an unprecedented snow fall which would make, to use his phrasing, "the storms of this winter seem only a snow squall." Whittier must have experienced somothing as severe as even this winter's storms have been, when he wrote "Snow bound," the scene of which was undoubtedly laid in New Hampshire. Mr. Whitmarsh also gave many other topics of the day equally interesting.

-Harry Lakin made a flying call upon his parents and relatives in town on last week Friday, coming from Greenfield. His wife is spending the vinter in Florida, where she went last winter after an attack of influenza, finding the climate beneficial.

The accident which befell Mr. John-Thursday, was not as serious as it was at first feared. He slipped on the ice in front of Tarbell's brick block, and in falling struck his head against one of the iron posts. He was rendered inconscious, but recovered sufficiently to go to Boston the next day to keep an appointment at headquarters, and returned here after two days.

Since the weather seems to be the nost interesting and engrossing topic of the day, an extract from the weather diary of one who calls himself a "weather crank," may be of interest. The record for February 13, 1919, was "36° above at nine o'clock a. m. Drove noted above zero at six o'clock. Fairsome of the items from the Washingly good sleighing." We can all re-member what the weather was on February 13, this year, and have a very vivid recollection that there was quite an amount of snow on the

The Community Church Workers will serve a supper in the vestry on Thursday evening, February 26, at 6.30, followed by an entertainment, for which an admission will probably be charged. The program will include music, both vocal and instrumental and charades will be given by certain classes of the church school, and also by the Boy Scouts.

Thomas F. Graham is gaining slowy from his illness with neuritis, being ow able to walk about his home with ome assistance.

Misa Eva Shepardson has been act ing as cashier at E. E. Tarbell's a part of this week.

effectively carried out by the young

St. Valentine Celebration. A celebration of St. Valentine was

misses of the Hope Circle on last Saturday evening at the home of Miss Helen Varasano, Mill street. A goodly number responded to the invitation and all were well rewarded and entertained. Beside the members of the club, their teacher, Miss McNayr, at ended as usual: invitations were exended also to Mrs. B. W. Rust and the Misses Allison, who assisted with the class in the church school through Miss McNayr's enforced absence in the Miss Effic Winship, sister of one of the girl members,

also a guest, and Mrs. Arthur Blake,

with Miss Helen, many of the pleas

rations. After the usual business session of the club the meeting was turned over sixty-four years ago, the son of John to the committee on social gatherings, and Mary (Henessey) McCarthy. He who were the Misses Aethra Winship, Helen Varasano, Gertrude Webb and Dorothy Soule. Until about nine o'clock there was much jollity from games and music. were invited into the dining-room and marched in to the music by Aethr Winship. A very delightful sight me the eyes of the guests, the decoration proclaiming St. Valentine's day a plainly as possible, with hearts and love tokens everywhere. The table an illness of an hour from Bright's was most artistically arranged, float-disease. He attended to his duties at the crossing last week Thursday as usual, retiring about nine o'clock. At red heart, and at each plate the guest found a convenir of a dainty confecwas most artistically arranged, float-

REAL COMMUNITY BUILDING

Consider the tumbleweed and the oak. For a season the tumbleweed grows green. It flourishes in spring and summer. Then come the fall and the early gales of winter. What of the tumbleweed? Hither and yon it flies across the prairies, the sport of every vagrant breeze. No wind is too light to stir it, no obstruction too small to halt it.

But, does the oak go swirling around, a moving part of the autumnal landscape? Not that any one has noticed. The oak stays put. It roots deep in the soil. It is a member of a colony of oaks that have grown up together, that have weath-

ered the winds of winter together. The tumbleweed serves a purpose if it calls attention to the permanence of the oak, and if it drives home the fact that the practice of rooting deep into the soil has its virtues.

In these times there seem to be a great many men of the tumbleweed variety being swept hither and thither. There are so many tumbleweeds scurrying about that the oaks may be overlooked. Start to count them though and there are plenty of oaks-men who have struck their roots deep into their home soil.

One of the present day problems is whether it is worth while to attempt the task of increasing the number of oaks and decreasing the number of tumbleweeds. The first thing to be noticed about the oak is that it is of slow growth. It does not spring up in a day. The next thing is that it establishes itself by taking root.

Community building is oak growing. Raising colonies of tumbleweeds will not do the trick.

Before men begin to root deeply in a community they must have an abiding interest in it. That community must be more than a chance fence corner into which they have been whirled. Too many communities are simply stopping places for the people that live in them. In driving home the fact that community building brought about by a real community life is a constructive work, the present day Community Service movement has performed a distinct service. Community building means more oaks. A lack of it means more tumbleweeds.

potato chips, assorted cake and cook les, and as a happy surprise, ice cream to finish the feast, which was found to be a donation from Mr. Spon, with whom Miss Helen resides. With the abundance of happy spirits gathered about the laden board, there was nothing lacking to make this gathering of

the Hope Circle of Loyal Girls one long to be remembered. The next meeting of the circle, Feb ruary 27, will be held with Miss Mc-Nayr and Mrs. J. A. Saunders, as hostesses, at the home of Mrs. Saun-

ders, High street. In the Public Eye.

ton and Concord (N. H.) papers. It was noted under the date ary 13, that Senator Keyes had issued statement that he will not file as a delegate to the coming national con vention from New Hampshire. So-ciety news from the capital also speaks of the "junior United States senator from New Hampshire, and his wife" being the guests at a dinner in nonor of the Italian ambassador, their fellow guests being Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker, the Japanese ambas-sador, and the Minister from the Serbs. Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes, wife of the senator, is a writer of note her article, "Semi-Bostonian," appear-ing in the Atlantic Monthly, being one of the most widely discussed articles of the year. Mrs. Keyes also gives a certain portion of her time to the social life, appearing last week as "New Hampshire" in the "All-American ageant." She also represented New Hampshire at the national conference of church women, this being a part of the great inter-church world movement of North America.

New Advertisements

ROBERT ALLISON Practical Painter and Paper Hanger

Hardwood Floors and Furniture re-finished. Estimates cheerfully given WATCHES East Pepperell, Mass. P. O. Box 5

SAW WOOD WITH IDEAL SAWING OUTFITS



Gasoline Engines Kerosene Engine We have in Low ell independent Sav Frames as shown also, both Trucks Wood Steel for Mount ing.

BENNETT BROS. CO.

LOWELL, MASS. 41-51 Payne St. Near Gas Works

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of MARY J. MASON, late of Harvard, in the County of Worcester, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

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

ELIZA B. SHATTUCK, Admx. Groton, Mass., Feb. 4, 1920.

LIST YOUR FARMS with

E. A. STROUT FARM AGENCY Largest in the World J. E. GOULD, Representative

Gould's Corner 324* Littleton, Mass. State Road

NOTICE

My wife, Marion S. Wilkins, having left my bed and board on February 3, 1920, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her on or after that 3124

CLARENCE WILKINS. Littleton, Mass., February 10, 1920.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY W. SHATTUCK late of Groton in said County, deceased.
Whereas ETTA-A. ARMSTRONG executix of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale. In accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the first day of March 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 ordered to serve this citation by delivering a conv

have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitionor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same 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.

Wilness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

3:24 F. M. ESTY, Register.

HOMER'S

AYER, MASS.

DIAMONDS

JEWELRY

CUT GLASS

SILVERWARE: All Goods at Guaranteed Lowest

Boston Prices SPECIAL OPTICAL OFFER TORIC LENSES IN SHELL

> FRAME \$6.50 Fitted

REPAIRING OF ALL KINDS OPTICAL DEPARTMENT

Open Monday, Friday and Saturday Evenines

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The report last week of the death of Mrs. Lillian Stimson Richards should have read Lillian Stimson Webster. Last week Thursday Elinor Webster eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Webster, died at the age of four years.

Deacon James Swallow of Nashua died at his home last week. Mrs. James A. Walch was an adopted daughter, and Mrs. Charles P. Brown was a niece of Mr. Swallow.

The entertainment and dance that was to have been given, by a club of rehord spirls has been indefinitely postponed on account of weather and traveling conditions.

Rehearsals are going on for the farce to be given at the entertainment on Monday evening, February 23, at the town hall, to raise money for a hot lunch for the school children at ments can be made to have him here from. There will also be music and soon. County Agent Robinson was other entertainment to be followed by dancing. Candy will be on sale and a good attendance is hoped for, as it is a good object, the lunch being almost very interesting way of the industry necessity for the health of the chil-

The main topic is still the weather and bad traveling. Most of the roads are broken out, but the road commissioners failed to make turn-outs, and one takes a chance of tipping out or getting in to pretty deep snow if one meets a team. The town end of Love Lane has not been broken out and it is said there are drifts six feet deep up in there. Last week Thursday Henry Wilson's team, with a load of hay, got stuck in the snow on the road to Nashua and it was well on into the morning before they got home. Quite a number of children are out

of school with colds. The attendance at church last Sunday morning was small, and the paswas unable to get to South Merrimack for the service in the afternoon. A number of our townspeople have

up skiing and snow-shoeing this winter. Robert Lane, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lane, who have a

summer home here, is ill with pneumonia at his home. Miss Lena Ladd has gone to Man-

chester to work for the Manchester Miss Dorothy Farley has accepted a position in the office of the Holbrook-

Marshall Company, in Nashua. Miss Mildred French was at home over Sunday.

Fred C. Hardy was in town on Sun-

Mrs. Ellen Wetmore is at home from the hospital.

Milton Wright is out after an attack Ernest Woodin was at home last

week on account of illness. On February 27 the New Hampshire State Grange will meet with the Hills-borough County Pomona Grange in Mrs. Tenney and Mrs. Annie Colburn. Bedford. All Grange members are

invited to be present. Mrs. George Stimson, who was called to South Berwick by the death of ner daughter and granddaughter, is ill there with influenza.

Louis Lull, who was operated upon for appendicitis several weeks ago

arrived home last Sunday. Austin Marshall is the name of the little son born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson

Parkhurst, Saturday, February 14. There was a crowd out to see the two games of basketball at the town hall on last Monday evening. The first game was between Wilton and Hollis high schools, the score resulting 45 to 15 in favor of Hollis. In the second game, between Camp Devens and Hollis A. A., the Hollis team won again by the score of 36 to 33. Dancing followed the games, Mrs. Ladd furrishing the music.

George Woodin has received a card from Edwin Stratton, who is enjoying a trip to Cuba.

Miss Helen Worcester, who has been at home for two weeks, ill with the grippe, returned to her school on

Miss Mildred Rogers went to Brook-Mass., last week Friday, for a stay of two weeks.

Erving Simonds, who came home from the New Hampshire State college last week, ill with laryngitis, is etter, and expects to go back the first of the week. Mrs. William B. Simonds, who has

been ill with a bad cold, is able to be out again. A party from the Crown Hill Baptist church, Nashua, enjoyed a sleigh-

ride to Hollis on Monday evening, bringing their supper and having a social in Grange hall. The summer home of Henry Hayes,

of Arlington, was broken into last week, and several windows were found unfastened. Mr. Hayes is com-ing up over the week-end to investi-There was nothing that showed that things had been taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Marvell are both ill with the influenza. Mr. Marvell is quite ill. Three of their children have had it, but are better. George Coburn, whose accident has

been reported, is comfortable, but still confined to his bed.

Miss Gilhooley, who went to Nashua o visit friends over the week-end, was quarantined there on account of the influenza in the family. Mrs. Charles Dell is substituting at school for her.

The regular meeting of the W. R will be held in Grange hall C. will be neid in Grange nation Tuesday evening, February 24. Fol-lowing the business meeting there will be a social, to which the Sons of Vet-erans and world war veterans, with their families, are invited, with the families of the members of the W.

The Girl Scouts will meet with their captain, Mrs. Flora E. Hardy, on Sat-urday afternoon, February 21.

The program at the Grange meeting on Tuesday evening consisted of a paper by Mrs. Charlotte French on Woman citizenship"; discussion, a citizen of the town are you in favor of revaluation of your property—if not why not?"; reading, Harold Frost; song, Leslie Ladd; reading, Nellie Howard. Owing to bad traveling the attendance was small.

Miss Clara Smith is home from the New Hampshire State college, confined to the house with a severe cold.

Between twenty-five and thirty Hollis people are working in Nashua. It this continues it will be a hard problem for the farmers here when the spring work comes on.

The postponed church supper and social, in charge of George Woodin, Waldo Flagg and William B. Simonds,

is to be held this week Friday evening The Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Nellie Hardy on Wednesday afternoon. Current events were followed by a paper on "Colonial fur-

nishings" by Miss Eaton, this being the last of four papers on that period. The next meeting will be held in the ladies' parlor on Wednesday, March 3 to be a mothers' meeting, in charge of Mrs. Willis C. Hardy.

Bird lovers in town report very few winter birds about this season.

Joseph Arthur Richette and Harlett J. Prescott were married last Saturday evening by Rev. Robert M. French at the parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Richette are both in the employ Mr. and of C. J. Bell. He is a native of Lowell, and the bride was born in Raymond.

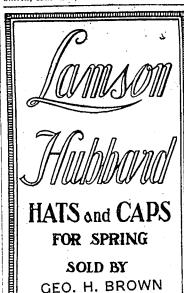
Pomona Meeting.

About eighty attended the Pomona Grange meeting here last week Friday, fifty-three members of the local Grange being present. Through some misunderstanding the state highway commissioner, Mr. Everett, of Concord was not here, but it is hoped arrange present; also, E. B. Hull, of Milford, who represented the Saco Valley Canning Co., both of them speaking in and a number of acres were pledged others have contracts out that no doubt will come in. At this time there s only a lack of forty acres of the 200 acres of sweet corn needed to make it possible to put the project through. Mr. Robinson also spoke of the state farm bureau convention in Concord that took up the matter of federation, and urged all farmers to join this that they might get their just dues in prices, etc. This was followed by an essay, Mrs. Addie Hale; vocal solo, Mrs. Cottrell; piano solo, Mrs. Ladd and Mrs. Flanders; recitation, with music, Mrs. Lucy D. Putnam, of Lyndeboro; anecdotes in the life of Washington and Lincoln.

D. A. R. The Anna Keyes Powers chapter of Flora E. Hardy, last Saturday after noon. After a short business meeting, at which Mrs. George Hazard was hosen alternate to the regent to represent the chapter at the continental congress in Washington in April, the meeting adjourned with the salute to the flag and a social time was enjoyed This being St. Valentine's day those present were asked to each make a valentine and were given so many minutes to do it in. The prize for this was taken by Mrs. Annie Colburn Phere was also a guessing contest on a floral wedding, Mrs. French and Mrs. Mercer taking the prizes. The lunch was most attractive, the table being gay with her candles; and the fruit salad, sandwiches and little fancy heart-shaped cakes proved most appetizing. There were only five members able to be present, but each member was privileged to bring a guest. Members present were Mrs. Flora Hardy, Mrs. Elizabeth D. Worcester, Mrs. May T. Worcester, Mrs. Nellie Hardy and Miss Eaton; the guests were Mrs. San-

New Advertisements FOR SALE—A second-hand one-horse Sled: good sled for a little money. FRANK R. PRESTON, Black-smith, Harvard; Mass. Tel. 118-2.

The next meeting will be held on April 10 with Miss Eaton.



FISH

Ayer, Mass.

Fresh and Frozen Fish, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays We ship by parcel post to neighbor-ing towns. Tel. or mail orders prompty attended to.

P. DONLON & CO. Main Street

Ralph H. Wylie **DENTIST**

Barry Building AYER, MASS.

Telephone 15-3 Felch. the Florist

Designs a specialty

AYER, MASS.

FRANK S. BENNETT Successor to ARTHUR FENNER

Insurance Agent and Broker Main Street Turner's Building

AYER. MASS.

5- and 7-Passenger Cars

Prompt and Efficient Service

with Careful Drivers

E. A. Whitney AYER, MASS.

Office handy to Railroad Stationsk anyone—they all know Whitney. Telephone 52-3

THE A B C OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

By DR. FRANK CRANE.

1. What is the League of Nations? A. A union of the strongest civilized nations formed at the conclusion of the great war.

2. What is its object?

A. First, to promote the Peace of the World by agreeing not to resort to war. Second, to deal openly with each other, not by secret treatles. Third, to improve international law. Fourth, to co-operate in all matters of common concern.

3. Does it presume to end war? A. No more than any government can end crime. It claims to reduce the liability of war.

4. What will be done to any nation that makes war?

A. It will be boycotted and otherwise penalized.

5. How else will the probability of war be lessened?

A. By voluntary, mutual and proportionate disarmament; by exchange ing military information, by providing for arbitration, by protecting each nation's territorial integrity and by educating public opinion to see the folly

6. What else does the League propose to do for Mankind?

A. (1) Secure fair treatment for labor. (2) suppress the White Slave

Traffic, the sale of dangerous Drugs, and the traffic in War Munitions.

(3) control and prevent Disease, (4) promote the work of the Red Cross, and (5) establish International Bu-

reaus for other Causes that concern the human race. 7. Who are to be Charter Members

A. The United States of America, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, British Empire, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, China, Cuba, Czecho-Slovakia, Eucador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hedjaz, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Serbia, Siam, Uruguay and the following states which are invited to accede to the covenant: Argentine Republic, Chill, Colombia, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Persia, Salvador, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Venezuela.

8. What other nations may join? A. Any self-governing State which will agree to the rules of the League, provided the League accepts it.

9. What Agencies will the League have?

A. (1) An Assembly, composed of representatives of all the

member Nations. (2) a Council of Nine.

(3) a Secretary-General, (4) a Mandatary Commission, to look after colonies, etc.,

(5) a Permanent Commission, for military questions, (6) various International Bureaus; such as the Postal

Union, etc., Mandataries.

10. What is a Mandatary? A. Some one nation designated by the League to attend to the welfare of backward peoples residing in colonies of the Central Empires, or in terri-tories taken from them." This is to be a "sacred trust," and in selecting a mandatary the wishes of the people of the area in question shall be the cipal consideration,

11. Does the League mean a Super-

nation? A. No. It interferes in no way with any Nation's Sovereignty, except to limit its power to attack other nations. 12. Can any Nation withdraw when It wishes?

A. Yes. The League is Advisory and Co-operative, not coercive. 13. Does the League put Peace above Justice and National Honor?

A. No. It puts Reason before Vic-14. Does not the League take away

declare war?

A. No. The League can advise war; Congress alone can Declare war.

15. Does it destroy the Monroe Doc-

trine? A. Exactly the contrary. For the

first time in history the other nations recognize the Monroe Doctrine; and

extend it to all the world, 16. Does it not interfere with Treaty Making Powers of the United States? A. No. It is a Treaty. We can make

any Treaty we please. War If we had had this League?

A. No. That War cost the world riage. over 7,000,000 lives and 200,000,000,000 18. Of what importance is the

League? A. It is the greatest deed of mankind in the history of the world.

19. Has not anyone a right to object to the League? A. Yes. This is a free country, Any-

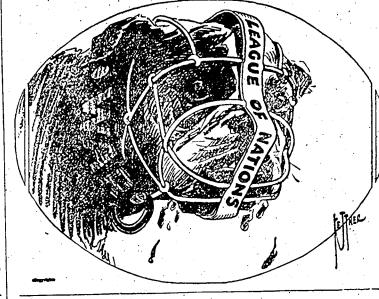
one has a right to any opinion he chooses.
20. Why is the League so bitterly opposed by a few?

A. Because, unfortunately, Treaty or League must be made by the President, and a President is chosen by a political party and many mem-bers of the opposite Party think they must decry whatever he does.

Whale's Small Throat. The whale has a tiny throat although the head is from one-quarter to one-third of the length of the body, and the mouth 15 to 20 feet long and six to eight feet wide. The opening of the gullet is not larger than a

Trees Supply Water. Natives of northwest Sudan are denendent on tebeldi trees for water in the dry season. These trees store up an average of 340 gallons each

He Has Had His Day



LEAGUE FULFILS AMERICAN IDEAL

Herbert Hoover Says Democracies Replaced Autocracies at Our Bidding.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION CHIEF.

Urges Ratification on Ground That Peace Treaty Will Collapse Without League of Nations.

Herbert Hoover is so deeply con erned over the opposition to the League of Nations in the United States that he has let himself be in terviewed at length on the League situation. In a talk with the New York Times correspondent in Paris, the Food Administration Chief asserts that having caused the League idea to prevail America cannot abandon it. cannot withdraw, he says, and leave Europe to chaos. "To abandon the League Covenant now means that the treaty itself will collapse."

Mr. Hoover's wide acquaintance with conditions both here and abroad, his reputation as an administrator, a man of great affairs who deals with facts, not theories, make his statement one of the most important contributions to the recent League discus-

"There are one or two points in connection with the present treaty," said Mr. Hoover, "that need careful consideration by the American public. We need to digest the fact that we have for a century and a half been advocating democracy not only as a remedy for the internal ills of all society, but also as the only real safe guard against war. We have believed and proclaimed, in season and out, that a world in which there was a free expression and enforcement of the will of the majority was the real basis of government, was essential for the advancement of civilization, and that we have proved its enormous human benefits in our country.

American Ideas Have Prevailed, "We went into the war to destroy autocracy as a menace to our own and all other democracies. If we had not come into the war every inch of European soil today would be under autocratic government. We have imposed our will on the world. Out of this rictory has come the destruction of the four great autocracies in Germany, Russia, Turkey and Austria and the little autocracy in Greece. New democracies have sprung into being in Esthonia, Czechoslovakia, Greater Serbia, Greece, Siberia, and even Germany and Austria have established democratic governments. Beyond these a host of small republics, such as Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan and others, have sprung up, and again as a result of this great world movemen the Constitutional right of Congress to the constitutions of Spain, Rumania and even England, have made a final ascent to complete franchise and de mocracy, although they still maintain

a symbol of royalty.
"We have been the living spring for this last century and half from which these ideas have sprung, and we have triumphed. The world today, except for a comparatively few reactionary and communistic autocracies, is democratic, and we did it.

"A man who takes a wife and blesses the world with several infants 17. Would we have had the Great cannot go away and leave them on the claim that there was no legal mar-

"These infant democracles all have political, social and economic problems involving their neighbors that are fraught with the most intense friction. There are no natural boundaries in Europe. Races are not compact; they blend at every border, They need railway communication and sea outlets through their neighbors' terri-

"Many of these states must for the next few years struggle almost for oare bones to maintain their very existence. Every one of them is going to do its best; to protect its own interests, even to the prejudice of its reighbors, Governments Lack Experience.

"We in America should realize that

Keep Up "Good Times." Keeping interested does not just point toward the serious side of life. It points to recreation—that absolutely necessary constituent of sane, healthy living. Set yourself in the swim of "good times," times that will make you laugh and forget your trou-bles. There is nothing easier than to slip out of the way of having good times as we get older, and yet the capacity for enjoyment never dies in us. though in our morbid perversity of mental vision' we insist to ourselves that it has left us.

ment as we know it, is possible only with highly educated populations, and a large force of men who are capable of government. Few of the men who compose these governments have had any actual experience at governing and their populations are woefully il literate. "They will require a generation of

democracy, as a stable form of govern-

actual national life in peace to develop free education and skill in government.

"Thless these countries have a guid ing hand and referee in their quarrels a court of appeals for their wrongs this Europe will go back to chaos. If there is such an institution, rep resenting the public opinion of the world, and able to exert its authority, they will grow into stability. We can not turn back now.

"There is another point which also needs emphasis. World treaties hitherto have always been based on the theory of a balance of power. Stronger races have been set up to dominate the weaker, partly with a view to maintaining stability and to a greater degree with a view to maintaining occupations and positions for the reactionaries of the world.

"The balance of power is born of armies and navies, aristocracies, autocracles, and reactionaries generally, who can find employment and domination in these institutions, and treaties founded on this basis have established stability after each great war for a shorter or longer time, but never more than a generation.

"America came forward with a new idea, and we insisted upon its injection into this peace conference. We claimed that it was possible to set up such a piece of machinery with such authority that the balance of power could be abandoned as a relic of the middle ages. We compelled an entire construction of this treaty and every word and line in it to bend to this idea.

"Outside of the League of Nations the treaty itself has many deficiencies. It represents compromises between many men and between many selfish interests, and these very compromises and deficiencies are multiplied by the many new nations that have entered upon its signature, and the very safety of the treaty itself lies in a court of appeal for the remedy of wrongs in

the treaty. Benefits of the League. "One thing is certain. There is no body of human beings so wise that a treaty could be made that would not develop injustice and prove to have the covenant stands today there is a place at which redress can be found and through which the good-will of Poland, Finland, Letvia, Lithuania, i the world can be enforced. The very machinery by which the treaty is to if not a greater shortage. be executed, and scores of points yet to be shived, which have been referred to the League of Nations as a method of securing more mature judgment in a less heated atmosphere, justifies the

creation of the League. "To abandon the covenant now neans that the treaty itself will col-

lapse. "It would take the exposure of but few documents at my hand to prove that I had been the most reluctant of Americans to become involved in this situation in Europe. But having gone in with our eyes open and with a determination to free ourselves and the rest of the world from the dangers that surrounded us, we cannot now pull back from the job. It is no use to hold a great revival and then go away leaving a church for continued

services half done. "We have succeeded in a most extraordinary degree in imposing upon Europe the complete conviction that we are absolutely disinterested. The consequence is that there is scarcely man, woman or child who can read in Europe that does not look to the United States as the ultimate source from which they must receive assurances and guardianship in the libertles which they have now secured after so many generations of struggle.

"This is not a problem of protecting the big nations, for the few that remain can well look after themselves. What we have done is to set up a score of little democracies, and if the American people could visualize their handlwork they would insist with the same determination that they did in 1917 that our government proceed."

Waterproofing.

To make cloth waterproof dissolve ten pounds of resin in four gallons of hot linseed oil. Pour into a tub to which a wringer has been attached. Fold cloth evenly lengthwise, making a strip 9 inches wide. Pass this through the hot oil. As soon as well soaked, run through the wringer, setting it as tight as possible. Spread on grass immediately and do not fold or leave indoors until thoroughly dry Drying may take a week or more. This solution will treat about fifty yards of

BALL (Red) BAND We Sell this Rugged Footwear Marked by the Red Ball

We sell it because we believe it is the best you can buy. We sell it because men who have worn rubber footwear for years have proved that "Ball-Band" gives them better comfort and more days of wear than any

"Ball-Band" is the cheapest in the long run, too. You can't figure the cost of rubber boots and other rubber footwear by the first price. You've got to know how much wear it will give. You can put "Ball-Band" footwear to any service and judge it by wear. Then you will see why it gives the greatest service for the money.

Ayer, Mass.

AYER, MASS.

Electrical Supplies

Three Days' Special Sale-February 21, 24 and 25 PERFECTION SIMPLEX Flat Irons

Parcel Post 15¢ extra

JOHN F. RYAN

New Carley Block Main Street

> IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN Good

Groceries At Reasonable Prices Make a Trip to the Store of

CHAS. SHERWIN

Corner of Main and Columbia Streets AYER, MASS.

We also have a good assortment of

HOUSEHOLD GOODS WHEELBARROWS SHOVELS SPADES HOES RAKES

STEP-LADDERS and various other articles that everyone needs

If you are contemplating buying a car for next year we strongly urge you to place your order NOW, as all indications at present point to a car shortage that will cause disappointment to those who wait until spring to place their order.

We have had to disappoint a great many prospective purchasers As during the past season because there were not enough cars to supply the demand. Our entire allotment was absorbed by those who foresightedly ordered their cars in advance of the time when they actually needed them. The coming season, in our opinion, will see as great

Distributors for

STUDEBAKER and DODGE BROS. AUTOMOBILES

YATES' GARAGE

Maple Street

Telephone 157-2

MONEY SAVING AGAZINE OFFER



You Get ALL FOUR of These Magazines

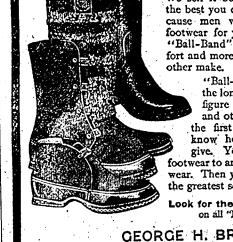
Our Newspaper For One Year Each FOR \$2.15

This Exceptional Offer is good for a short time only. ORDER TODAY and Make This Big Saving. All remittances should be mailed to

Ayer, Mass. The ten papers we publish fully cover the towns of Ayer, Groton, Pepperell, Westford, Littleton, Harvard,

TURNER'S PUBLIC SPIRIT

Shirley, Townsend, Brookline, N. H. and Hollis, N. H. The circulation of our ten papers is ten times larger than that of any other paper circulating in the ten towns This is worth remembering when Advertisers use the colums of these papers in advertising.



Look for the Red Bail. You'll find it on all "Ball-Band" footwear. GEORGE H. BROWN Main Street

TWO DOLLARS A YEAR To All Subscribers Paying in Advance One Dollar and Fifty Cents

All Advertisements Appear in All the Ton Papers We Publish

Subscribers wishing the postomos address of the paper changed, must send us both the old and new address and also the name of the paper they received.

Saturday, February 21, 1920

GROTON

As time moves on toward the approach of the Lenten season, interest in the devastated France bazaar to be given in Boston, set for March 19, is increasing daily. One of the most intable, for which smart and novel creations are already being ordered and Mrs. James Lawrence is chairman of the table for the sale of

spending about two weeks in Acworth, N. H., returned to attend the Odd

number of this season's debutantes were elected last week for mem hership in the Vincent club, Boston whose annual performance will be during the last of April at the

The twelfth annual concert and ball Thursday night. Collins' orchestra of cert from eight until nine o'clock. Afled by Harold H. Woods, grand master, and his wife, followed by the other officers and their friends. George H. Buxton, district deputy grand master, and wife, were among the guests present. There were thirtyfive couples in the grand march. 11.30 an excellent supper was served the lower hall, after which the dancing was resumed and continued until two o'clock. Many from out of town who would otherwise have been present were prevented from doing so

On last week Wednesday afternoor Mrs. James Lawrence attended the performance of the French play at the Copley theatre, Boston, with Mrs. Roger Wolcott, one of its patronesses The play was given for the benefit of devastated Poland. Mrs. Lawrence also attended the luncheon on las week Friday at the Copley-Plaza to meet Prof. Caroline Spurgeon, repre sentative of the British Federation of

Co-operate with the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics.

Mrs. Ellen Maguire has sold her two-family house and 5000 feet of land on Playstead road, Newton. Mrs. Nannette Amia of Framingham purchases

to attend a winter picnic at the Unitarian church parlors on Thursday, February 26, at cleven o'clock. There will be a box lunch at noon. Each member who is not present will be

tainment, which was postponed on ac-March 4. Supper will be served

at 6.30. It was found necessary to postpone the meeting of the Book and Thimble club which was to have met on Feb-

Mr. and Mrs. Barclay Farr have both

Rev. Arthur V. Dimock preached at the Congregational church on Sunday morning, returning to Ayer for a service which he conducted there later in the day. There was no evening service

Mrs. Arthur A. Wood's sister, Mrs. Lena Cooper, arrived in town the firs of the week most opportunely, as Mrs. Perry and Malcolm and Rachel Wood all ill with the prevailing epi-

housekeeper at the home of the late George Prescott for many years, passed away last week Wednesday after a Mrs. James Barr, of Fitchburg, and Mrs. Bell, of Lowell, and a brother in While in Groton she was actively interested in the work of the E. S. Clark W. R. C., and retained her membership in it up to her death. She Groton, William P. Wharton. These membership in it up to her death. She passed away in Sterling, and formerly men will obtain price quotations from resided in Leominster. Her age was

both suffering from severe colds.

hold their food sale in Odd Fellows hall on Friday afternoon, February 27 Woman's club are to hold their regular meeting in the upper hall, so that any who wish to do so can avail themboth the sale and the club meeting.

The annual Washington's birthday party, under the auspices of the La-dies' Alliance of the First Parish church, will be held in the town hall on Monday evening, February 23. Newell's orchestra, of Mariboro, six pieces, will furnish the music. The

Mrs. L. C. Fairchild, of Ayer, is to coach the members of the music section of the Woman's club for their play to be given on March 17.

The supper and entertainment at the Baptist church, which was planned to take place this week Thursday, was in-definitely postponed on account of so

Mr. and Mrs. Odber Folkins received telegram on Thursday, February 12, telling them of the illness of Mr. Folkins' father, from pneumonia, and started the next day for Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Forcino are suffering from the grippe; also, Miss Nel-

At the Baptist church on Sunday the pastor will take up the sixth in the series on the ten commandments.

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge held

that Mrs. Arthur Tuttle, now in San Mateo, Fla., had had a serious shock. Her son, Howard Tuttle, of Newtonville, and his wife started Tuesday night on the 11.30 train for Florida. The latest report was that the leak-age of the brain had stopped and Mrs.

several days with the epidemic, went back to work on Tuesday.

Misses Mary and Elizabeth Lewis who are recovering from the grippe are visiting their grandmother, Mrs Charles Hill, for rest and change. Mrs Hill has also been sick, but is now bet-Miss Elizabeth Hill, though still

York, a Groton School graduate, met with a sad death last Saturday night when he died of exposure while climbing Mt. Monadnock, N. H. He had started on a snow-shoe trip to the top of the mountain with Charlton Reynders, a senior at Harvard, but before reaching the top they were overtaken by a blinding snowstorm and high wind, They were forced to turn back and on the return MacVeagh was overcome by the cold. His companion been mild when they left home, both Mrs. Richard Lawrence is one of the young men had started without the patronesses of the "Three Arts ball" to be held on Friday evening, MacVench was a graduate of Harvard MacVench was a graduate of Harvard in the class of 1919, and was the son of Charles MacVeagh, who is counsel

The Marcellais family have moved nto their new house on Champney

street. The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will meet on Thursday, February 26, in the

Unitarian church, which was planned to take place next Thursday, has been indefinitely postponed on account of so much sickness in town.

Prosper Carpentier, who was summoned to visit his daughter, who was very sick at a hospital in Nashua, found her improving in health, but on his return to town was taken sick with

It is reported that most of the household of W. A. Gardner are ill with the grippe.

W. S. Poore, who is employed on the Danielson place, is sick. Mrs. Ella P. Woolley, who was

to return to her home soon, as Mr. Cook is better. Miss Florence Roache is ill and has

not been able to teach during the later part of the week.

the Woman's club met with a good attendance considering the unfavorable fourth vice president of the State Federation, sent word that the storm had prevented her from being present, as had been planned. Twining Lynes, organist at the Groton School, gave an

interesting talk on Schumann and played selections from the compositions of Schumann on the piano.

At the business meeting Mrs. Chrisfill the vacancy left by the resigna-tion of Mrs. Alice Rockwood on her removal from town. After the meeting the club enjoyed refreshments of

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 27, when the current events and literature section will have charge of the meeting under the direc-tion of Mrs. Virginia Tyrrell. The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. speaker of the atternoon R. M. French, of Hollis, N. H., who will speak to the club on "Old colonial doorways." Miss Claribel S. Vickery

To the Editor: At the meeting of the directors of the Ayer Farmers Co-operative Ex-change, held on February 10, Fulton O'Brion, of Harvard, was chosen as ahead with the purchase of supplies for delivery by freight on orders from farmers in the various towns. quirements will be collected by the directors in the towns as follows: In Littleton, C. V. Flagg; in Lunenburg, W. J. Fish; in Shirley, Edward M. orders are then secured, accompanied by cash, the required supplies will be ordered shipped, and on arrival must

are to use them, under the supervision of the local director. It is believed that a considerable saving can be made by those who buy in this way, whether the supplies be grain, spraying materials, fertilizers selves of the opportunity to attend apple boxes or other articles. In order ings of the exchange must be on a cash basis, and nothing will be purchased except on order accompanied by cash, the exchange acting merely as agent. It will positively carry no stock, make no deliveries, and extend no credit. It is suggested that farm ers figure out their spring needs as

most favorable prices be obtained.

William P. Wharton.

be taken from the cars by those who

School Notes.

Miss Georginna Boutwell, at the Lincoln day exercises, addressed the pupils of the high school on her personal reminiscences of Abraham Lincoin. Her residence in Washington with her father and mother during a

an unusual opportunity to hear personal recollections of the political and social life in Washington at that time nd was appreciated by all who heard Miss Boutwell's interesting address.

The following programs were pre schools at the Lincoln day exercises:

Boutwell school-March, "Battle nymn of the republic"; salute to the flag; song, "The Star Spangled Ban-ner"; "The flag goes by," Edith Mac-Gregor; "Tribute to Lincoln," Roland Sawyer: "The American flag, Beatrice Palmer and Catherine Freeman; song, "Old black Joe"; "Building of the ship," Marie Covell; "Our national Bernice Souther: selection banner." from the "Commemoration ode," Mel-Mansur; "Death of Lincoln," Richard Torrey; song, "Maryland, my Maryland"; "The flag." Gertrude Moi-Maryland; The hag, Gertrate Morson; Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, Barbara Pattee; "Our cherished fias," Dorothy Peterson; song, "Flag of the free"; "Lincoln," Dorothea Cross; seection written by Mary Cross, grade 4; "Abraham Lincoln,' Virginia Buda; 'Lincoln's birthday," Elsa Davis; song

"America"; presentation of Lincoln's picture by Miss Georgianna Boutwell.

The picture presented by Miss Bout-

well was a steel engaving by Marshall,

and is considered the very best like-

ness of Lincoln.

Tarbell school—Flag salute; song, "America"; "The flag," Robert Allen, Charles Lawrence, Dorothy Bixby, Raymond Cronin, Philip Lamb, Mary O'Sullivan; "A story of Lincoln," Ralph Blood and Doris Cronin; "A Lincoln poem," grade 4; dramatiza-"Honest Abe," grade 1; southern tion, melodies, grades 5, 6, 7 and 8; "A studious dad," Douglas Cady; "Linstudious dad," Douglas Cady; coln, the greatest," John Allen; "Lincoln's humor," Carlyn Allen; song,
"The flag," grades 1, 2, 3 and 4;
"Washington and Lincoln," Patrick made all efforts to save him, but before they could make the return trip
MacVeagh died. As the weather had
MacVeagh died. The weather had have they have been save him, but beMacVeagh died. They have had they have been save him to wasnington and Lincoln." Patrick
O'Sullivan; "A story of Washington's rules,"
Henry King; "Washington's rules,"
France, John Lincoln, "Patrick
O'Sullivan; "A story of Washington,"
Henry King; "Washington and Lincoln," Patrick
O'Sullivan; "A story of Washington,"
Henry King; "Washington," "Washington burg address, grades 7 and 8; "Fate and Lincoln," Norman Bates; "Death of Lincoln," Rudolph Bixby; chorus 'America, the beautiful."

Rhetorical exercises will be given a the high school on Friday, February with the following program: mid-summer night's dream." Act 5 scene 1; prologue, Mary Dodge; The seus, Herbert Lucy; Lysander, Charles Murphy; Hippolyta, Bertha Frazec; Pyramus, Robert Jacomb; Thisbe, Ger-trude Mooney; Wall, Myra Thompson; Moon, Pauline Charpenter; Lion, Hazel ing will be held at 230 p. m., followed Sawtelle; Demetrius, Edward Webber; Presenter, Annie Forcino.

On account of the trains being snow bound no one could get in or out of West Groton on Monday. Miss James T. Hill substituted for Miss Flynn. Misses Tricot's and Rollins' schools were closed for the forenoon, but held afternoon sessions.

On Monday eight of the West Gro ton high school girls walked to school. Strange to say it was the girls who value of their athletic Arrangements training in this way. were made by which the girls were taken home by Mrs. Clapp in her

Rachel Wood, who is in Miss Leonard's room in the Boutwell school, is sick. On account of her illness, Miss Marsh has gone to Miss Agnes Lewis' home to board, and Misses Hite and Seavey to Mrs. Frank M. Blood's.

The musical program under the charge of Miss Lowe, at the high school on Lincoln day was unusually rood.

Last week Thursday Mr. Peters telegraphed that he would be unable to be here to attend to his duties on Fri-Beatrice Murphy, G. H. S. '18, who

will graduate from the Salem Normal prano and reader; also a pianist. school in June, has been elected to teach in Chelsea next year.

The following quotation from a letter written by one of our former high News Items. entering the indusleft high school, rial life, I found a high school educaopportunity I had. I am certain that the credits allowed me at Groton high Huntington schools, combined with those allowed on my evening courses, will give me the necessary

credits for a high school diploma." Miss Caroline Connell, who used to teach at the Trowbridge school, and is now a stenographer in Boston, slipped on the ice on the sidewalk recently and broke a small bone in her ankle. She is at her home on the edge f Tyngsboro under Dr. A. G. Kilburn's care.

John Mosher, one of the boys who attend the Trowbridge school and who lives on the edge of Tyngsboro, has

double pneumonia. Ralph Sargent's illness still continues, in addition to which he now

has the measles.

The many friends of Rev. P. H. Cressey, a former pastor of the Unitarian church, heard with sorrow of his death this week. The following notice appeared in the Boston evening Transcript of February 17:

"Rev. Pemberton Hale Cressey, aged orty-seven years, minister of the First Parish church, Unitarian, of Beverly, ied last night at his home in that city, after an illness of several weeks. ressey went to Beverly from Groton four years ago. He was the son of Thomas E. and Susan (Hale) Cressey and was born in Denver, Colo. His home from infancy was in Salem, where he received his early education. He was graduated from Harvard college in 1895 and from Andover Theological seminary in 1898.
"He was ordained a minister in 1899

and installed as pastor of the First church of Christ, Congregational, in North Conway, N. H. In 1903 he accepted a call to the First church of Christ, Unitarian, in Groton, where he remained until he went to Beverly four years ago. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Breed Wolcott of Cambridge and is survived by his wife and three

The three sons are Wolcott, aged 16, Robert 12, and Richard 8. All of the children were born in Groton and frequently visit the old town and

former friends.

The funeral was held in Beverly on Friday afternoon at two o'clock.
Only recently Mr. Cressey was called to town to officiate with his successor.

essor, Mr. Ames, at the funeral of an enjoyed. old parishioner. His loss will be singave her opportunities of acquiring ioners and the townspeople generally, many interesting stories of Mr. Linas he was well liked and a good citi-

Mrs. Maria Perry, the mother of Mrs. A. A. Wood, of this town, died at Mrs. Wood's home from the effects of pneumonia on Wednesday night, February 18, about ten o'clock. She was eighty-four years of age. She leaves two sons, who reside in Cali-fornia, and four daughters, Mrs. Bastien of Clinton, Miss Blanche Perry and Mrs. Lena Cooper of Concord, N. H., and Mrs. Arthur A. Wood of Groton, besides grandchildren.

Mrs. Josiah K. Proctor died from pneumonia at Wyncote, Pa., on Tuesday, February 17, She was well known in this town before her marriage as Miss Jennie Wright, the daughter of the late Alva Wright of Groton received her early education in the chools here, and later on was a teacher in the public schools. She leaves wo daughters and several grandchildren. Her husband died on Wednesday, February 11, also of pneumonia.

West Groton. Miss Ruth Mellish severs her con-ection with the First National Bank of Ayer next Saturday. After a short vacation she plans to enter the Lowell.

has been visiting at Charles Law-

Clifford E. Bixby has a new Victrola. Mrs. Malvina Lane was eighty-six tears young on St. Valentine's day. she received over thirty cards and etters, besides flowers and other gifts. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby left town on February 14 for Winchester, where

ily. On Monday morning they started for Florida, where they plan to stay several weeks. C. E. E. Blood is having electric lights installed at his farm house;

lingsworth & Vose mill, as office boy. Miss Marian Mellish of Allston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward

Mellish this week. Miss Olive Tarbell visited friends in Somerville over the week-end, return

ing Tuesday evening. The storm on Sunday made such navoc of the railroad that trains were unable to make their usual runs on Monday. A snow plow was sent up from Ayer, but as it reached Vose if jumped the track, and a wrecking crew had to come to the rescue. There was no mail morning or evening.

A merry party of young people went for a sleighride to Ayer on Saturday evening to see Mabel Normand in 'Pinto" at Proctor's Strand.

with severe colds. Miss Flynn was unable to get over from Pepperell on Monday to take her

school. Mrs. James Hill, the substitute teacher, took her place for the day. Mrs. Charles Balcom spent Friday

The sixth number in the Blood-Bigelow lecture course will be given in Squannacook hall, Friday evening, February 27, by J. de Vere Simmons on "The man and magic for society." assisted by Miss Gertrude Crosby, so-

AYER

school boys, Robert Bixby, shows that his experience has taught him the who that party was that you were seen that party was that you were seen that party was that you were seen that party with in Fitchburg? Tell us about it chances for her recovery seem very with in Fitchburg? Tell us about it confidentially, and tell us also if you bright. ty poor—but oh boy, you should have seen Phil trying to transport a fair damsel around the hall at the Mardi Gras! Pavlowa would have turned green with envy at the steps his part-ner was taking—she had to; in order to keep away from his transporters. You know, Walter, Phil used to be some dancer, some few years back, and he was kind of unsteady at first trying to master the new steps, but toward the latter part of the evening he was sailing along very fair, and now he threatens to take in all the dances. But the more we think of the fair damsel you had, Walter, the more inquisitive we get, and we sure would like to be better acquainted. Can't

> given at the night school this week Friday afternoon: "Saved by petti-coats," Doris Wood; "After twenty years," Eva Coughlin; "Comfort," Ed-ward Barrett; "The average man," Dorothy Preble: "The younger son,"
> James Traquair: "Beethoven's moonlight sonata," Margaret McGovern 'Miss Willing's stroke," Margaret Osgood; "At the box office window," Margaret Murray; piano solo, Madeline Murphy; "Helping the Armenians," Althea Andrew; "Where the four winds meet," Donald Dickerman; winds meet," Donald Dickerman "Weighing the baby," Irene Halleran "The little God and the machine," Al "Her first marketing," cGuane; "My financial bert Davis; "Her first marketing,"
> Beatrice McGuane; "My financial
> career," Charles Cornellier; "On politics," Maud Briggs.

of Needham, will speak on "100% ment based upon spirituality and pa-

Rex M. Boutwell is working at th Putnam machine shop in Fitchburg. A whist party, under the auspices of Vesta Rebekah lodge, was given St.

current events. Valentine's night at the home of Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks, the noble grand The following scores and prizes were won: Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, a pair of gray silk hose; Mrs. Harvey W. Winsw, 47, mayonnaise dish; Mrs. Rubert M. Green, 21, jewel box; Mrs. Esther Craig, 18, box hairpins; Harry S. Allen, 49, packet of cigars; Alfred Yates, 48, clothes brush; Harry Howe, 23, salt shaker; Mrs. Laura Briggs, 19, automobile googles. Over forty were to present testimonials. The musical present and a pleasant evening was

The Minnehaha Camp Fire Girls on Tuesday evening at the home

Miss Florence Swift, treas: Miss Em-majene E. Boutwell, sec. Miss Edna Mosher is the guardian. Refreshments

wore served. Mrs. Thomas H. Griffin was called to Lowell on Wednesday by the death of her father.

Mrs, George H. Willis was called to Somerville on Tuesday morning by the illness from pneumonia of her cousin, Mrs. William Morrison. Mrs. Morrison passed away Thursday morning, and Mrs. Willis will remain in Somer ville until after the funeral.

Glenn Kidder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Kidder, is ill with chicken

Mrs. Susan M. Barker has been ill for a fortnight, but is now able to be Harding Brooks, of Weymouth, N

operated on for cancers at the Ellot hospital, Boston, Wednesday. A whist party under the auspices of Vesta Rebekah lodge will be held o Friday evening, February 27, at the home of Mrs Glenwood E. Ross,

Grove street, to which members and friends of the order are asked to be present at 7.30. William H. Landry was called to

Herbert B. Wood, of Fitchburg epent the week-end at the home of his uncle, James M. Boutwell.

nd Mrs. Alfred E. Yates, celebrated her tenth birthday anniversary at her nome on Maple street last Saturday by entertaining eighteen of her little friends. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, wafers and candy were served Music and games were enjoyed. donkey contest was won by the Misses Gertrude Kidder, Evelyn Dustin and Annie Luddington, Mona P. Freeman receiving the booby prize. Miss Yates

received many pretty gifts. William J. Barrett attended a banquet and reunion of Wentworth Instieing an alumnus of that institution.

ly of Ayer, went to the Clinton hospial last week for an operation. Samuel H. Proctor spent the week

end in Holyoke with his daughter Mrs. Edwin H. Burkhardt. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Pollard have returned from a visit with relatives in Needham. During their ab-

Mrs. James Profit, of Bridgeport, Conn., spent the week-end here with her husband.

A rehearsal of work was held on

Wednesday evening by Vesta Rebekah lodge, and another will take place at the next regular meeting. Rehearsals for "The noble outcast,"

be a sale at the novelty, candy and food tables in conjunction with the Christian Science society, Turner' block, Main street. Sunday morning services at 10.30; subject, "Christ

Miss Annie M. Shea, bookkeeper at Proctor's garage, who has been ill with the grippe, is expected back to assume her duties the latter part of this week.

Miss Helen Tarbell, who teaches the sixth grade, was unable to get here bers of the post are requested to apon Monday morning on account of

Mrs. Kenneth Wilson of East Ma 🕏 street, who recently underwent an operation at Nashua and who has been

Mrs. F. Vern Pillman will entertain our girl friends over the week-end.

The school committee have purhased a slightly used furnace from the Y. M. C. A. in Ayer which will be installed later in the grammar school building on Lancaster road in place of one of the furnaces there now which

At the meeting of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., Thursday evening, one new member was elected. At the meeting next week a rehearsal of the initiatory degree will be held and a full attendance is requested.

On account of the storm on Thursday the electric cars were unable to get through to Fitchburg late in the ifternoon and confined themselves to a run between the President Suspender factory and Ayer.

committee will be held on Saturday evening of this week. Born to Mr. and Mrs. (Wheeler) Woods, a son, Wednesday, Febru-

try 17.

Harold Westover has bought the nouse occupied by James E. Richard-

on Fredonian street which he now lives Both this house and the house Mr. Westover bought belongs to the Richardson estate. Word has been received that Rev nd Mrs. Archibald Adams, who left

Thursday afternoon with Mrs. John G. Conant. The program for the afernoon will be the Club Magazine and

To Observe Washington's Birthday. Shirley post, A. L., will celebrate

TO AYER TO TRADE

Store News Briefly Put

In the accompanying list you will find some interesting quotations on needed things. Interesting in two ways-good quality forless than you have been paying.

HALF BED SHEETS

54x90 inches, made from heavy, coarse cotton;

BOYS' HEAVY, GRAY JERSEY SHIRTS AND DRAWERS Sizes 4 to 14 years; regular price 69c to 79c, spe-

cial at 59¢

ODD LOT HOUSE DRESSES

Sizes 36 to 40; regular prices \$2.98 to \$3.98, special at \$2.75

BOYS' AND GIRLS' UNDER WAISTS Made from heavy, fine cotton; sizes 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12; regular 50c value, special at.....

CHILDREN'S FINE RIB, DARK BROWN HOSE Sizes 7 to 9½; regular 59c value, special at.....

HOME BOOK OF FASHIONS FOR SPRING

is full of suggestion for the Spring Wardrobe Don't fail to purchase a copy at our pattern counter 25¢ including a 15¢ Pattern Coupon

Geo. B. Turner & Son

Woolens and Worsteds

For the Spring Season Worsteds will be more popular than ever with a strong preference for Blue Serges, both in Plain Twills. and in Fancy Weaves.

The conservative dresser will favor Plain Mixtures in Grays and Browns, which are shown in various shades. The new Paramount Suiting in a large variety of Patterns, with

their dash of bright coloring in the decoration, are very attractive, and make up beautifully into smart looking suits. A practical, new idea is to have the suit pattern finished by the 'Cravenette' Process which adds greatly to the durability of the

cloth, without any change in its appearance. The "Cravenette" Finish can be applied to any fabric and has the effect of preventing the destructive action of moisture, thereby prolonging the life of the garment and conserving its appearance.

MURRY, Tailor

event long to be remembered. Mem-

pear in uniform. The following program will be given: Selection, orchestra; welcome, Com. H. O. Bangs; prayer, Rev. S. F. Goodheart; solo, "La Marseillaise." Goodheart; solo, "La Marseillaise," Charles Gionet; selection, orchestra; remarks, C. H. Weare, Jr.; solo, "I heard a voice in the morning." Mrs. Stanley F. White; selection, orchestra; "There's a beautiful hand on high," William J. Flynn; address, Chaplain Purdy; 'cello solo, A. G. Ellstrom; presentation of testimonials, Major General H. P. McCain; selection, orchestra; "Star Spangled Ban ner," audience; benediction, Rev. C. A

Cordier; selection, orchestra.

At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening the past masters' program was not given on account of the bad traveling. A short entertainment was given during the lecturer's Mrs. Charles Miner is confined at hour consisting of songs by the Grange: readings, Bradford, Mrs. Harold Blenkhorn, Elmer E. Wilkins, Mrs. Bessie Buxton, Mrs. Mabel Graves, lecturer of Shirley Grange, gave a report of the lecturers' conference of the State Grange held in the recent session in Worces-

Miss Esther B. Bagley, of Towns end Harbor, teacher at the Center orimary school, was unable to get here Monday on account of the lack of ervice on that branch of the railroad, due to the derailing of the snow plow Mrs. Sybil Holden held a valenting

party last Saturday evening in honor of her sister, Miss Eleanor Storer, of Nashua, who spent the week-end with The evening was spent in play ing games, and refreshments were Thursday's storm again filled up the roads, drifting quite badly in somplaces. Barrett hill was very hadiy drifted, and the North school

xperienced considerable difficulty in getting through Thursday afternoon to take the school children home. Center road and Hazen road also were again drifted full.

ITEMS OF INTEREST The most unfortunate letter in the alphabet, some say, is the letter E, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger and in hell all the time. That's all true. Still, it is never in war, always in peace and always in something to eat. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no life, no heaven. It is the center of honesty and is always in love. It is the beginning of encouragement and

endeavor and the end of failure! The average life, is 45 years now. It used to be 21 years in olden days Each year the average is growing higher. In India the average remain lowest: 24 years.

A rubber bulb to increase the suction features a new siphon for moving cream from bottles of milk.

New Advertisements

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kind assistance and sympathy in our recent illness.

MR. and MRS. N. B. PERRIN.

NOTICE pay any bills of Ada L. Wood.

PURE DRUGS

Purity in drugs is vastly more important than even

CANDIES

FOR SALE CHEAP—Driving Horse, Harness and Top Sieigh. F. L. SMITH, River St., East Pepperell, Mass. 3123

en quite sick, is now improving.

"Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals we believe and almost all we the command against violence.

The Middleser Rebeken lode

Change of Address

News Items. teresting tables will be that for the sale of hats. Mrs. William F. Wharton is one of the committee for this

cushions and lamp shades. Sidney F. Davis, who has been

Fellows' annual concert and ball. Miss Susan Sturgis was one of the

March 5, at the Copley-Plaza, Boston of the Groton lodge of Odd Fellows was held in the town hall on last week Marlboro, six pieces, gave a fine con-

by the lack of conveyance,

University Women.

for a home and investment. This modern two-family house and lot are valued at \$8500. Members of the Alliance are invited

fined one dollar. count of the storm, will be held at the Unitarian church on Thursday even-

ruary 13 with Mrs. Ogilvie, and hold the meeting there a week later.

at the Congregational church here.

Mrs. Harriet Derby, who was the thort illness. She leaves two sisters,

71 years, 3 months, 9 days.

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Branigan are The E. S. Clark W. R. C. are to 2.30. On the same afternoon the

concert and reception will be held from eight until nine o'clock, and dancing from nine until one o'clock. Refreshments will be served.

much sickness in the town. Mrs. Solomon Fletcher, who has

lie Bywater.

Hugh McPartlan is another of those on the sick list.

The sacredness of human life and

Items of local interest are solicited and must always be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good saith, and will always be considered etricity condidential. Kindly mail items soon after the day of occurrence and do not wait unnecessarily.

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge held their regular meeting last Tuesday evening and voted to give a supper evening and voted to give a supper and voted to give a supper hall during the latter part of March.

Early this week word was received that Mrs. Arthur Tuttle, now in San Marco Ele had had a serious shock

Tuttle was conscious. Louis Gates, who has been sick for

A flock of redpolls were seen in town during the week.

in bed, is improving. Charles MacVeagh, Jr., of New

for the U. S. Steel Corporation.

by a business meeting. The meeting of the Alliance at the

the grippe.

called to Nashua by the illness of her son-in-law, George Cook, is expected

G. W. C. On Friday afternoon of last week weather. Mrs. Leach, of Walpole,

tea, sandwiches, cake and wafers, trial life, I found a night school educates, sandwiches, cake and wafers, trial life, I found a night school educates, tea, sandwiches, cake and wafers, trial life, I found a night school educates, tea, sandwiches, cake and wafers, trial life, I found a night school educates, tea, sandwiches, and wafers, trial life, I found a night school educates, trial life, I found a night school educat by several other members of the club.

will read a paper on "Home life and women of colonial days." nanager, and it was decided to go

soon as possible and communicate them to their local directors, in order that delay may be avoided and the

part of Mr. Lincoln's administration and her father's position as commissonal acquaintance with Mr. Lincoln cerely mourned by his former parishcoin's public and family life. It was zen.

Mrs. Lucy Smith died Thursday, February 19, at six a. m., at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, from the effects of double pneumonia, after an illness of ive weeks and a half. She was fiftyfive years of age. She had been em-ployed at the Groton Inn for five years, where her faithfulness and her obliging disposition had made her many friends She leaves a sister, Mrs. Agnes Davis, of Cambridge, a brother in Cleveland, Ohio, and a mother and sister in Virginia. The interment will

be in the South.

Business college: Kirkwood Lawrence of Wollaston rence's for a few days.

they spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Chapman, and fam-

where he is now living. James O'Sullivan is working at Hol-

Mrs. Charles Hill and her daughter Susie have been confined to their beds

n Fitchburg.

Say Walter, old boy, we wonder

you arrange it some way? A regular meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., will be held on Wed nesday evening, February 25, at 7.30. Lunch after the meeting. The following rhetoricals given at the high school this week Friday afternoon:

On next Wednesday evening Ayer Grange will hold an open meeting in Hardy's hall. Rev. A. W. Littlefield Americanism-representative govern

of Miss Isobel Traquair and elected the following officers: Miss Isobel Tra-

S., father of Gorham K. Brooks, was

Arlington last Saturday to attend the funeral of his sister.

Miss Evelyn Yates, daughter of Mr.

tue, last Saturday evening, in Boston Elmer J. Wood, of Harvard, former

sence they attended one of Harry Lauder's performances in Boston.

the play to be presented at the Sol-diers' club on Friday evening, March 5, are progressing nicely, and a delightful evening's entertainment is promised. The play is to be given under the auspices of the Federated church, and is being directed by Mr and Mrs. L. C. Fairchild. There will

Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30. Reading-room open Saturday from two to five p. m. All are cordially invited.

the train from Townsend leaving the track and no session was held for this

SHIRLEY

is in poor condition. nome with the grippe.

The postponed meeting of the school

son, the barber, on Fredonian street, who has lived in the house for thirty-two years. Mr. Westover has bought Fred Peneseau has bought the hous

the Shirley Baptist church six years a missionary in China, is soon to return, and plans to visit the people of his former parish. Needless to say, a hearty welcome awaits them. The Altrurian club will meet next

Vashington's birthday on Sunday by giving a patriotic concert in Odd Fellows' hall, which will commence at three o'clock, and will be a public observance, everyone in town being most cordially invited. Major General Mc-Cain, of Camp Devens, will be presen features will be especially attractive.

Mrs. Stanley F. White will render a
vocal solo. The music will be furnished by Percival Coleman's orchestra of Fitchburg, and the affair as a whole

I BUY, SELL and TRADE Cattle, Pigs and Poultry, and pay the highest prices. D. KLEINBERG, East Pepperell, Mass. Tolephone 63-2.

Groton, Mass., February 18, 1920.

Groton, Mass., February 10. 1920.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ANNIE L. SULLIVAN late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MICHAEL H. SULLIVAN of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of March 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turper's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nine-teenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

F. M. ESTY, Register. Groton, Mass., February 10, 1920.

purity in foods because when sickness comes the full effect of the medicine must be had. We warrant absolutely that our drugs are thoroughly up to standard. No adulteration here. In filling prescriptions we use the utmost care to follow the doctor's directions. No guess work. No substitution of other medicines in place of those he orderers for his patients. TOILET ARTICLES

DRUGGIST

TWO DOLLARS A YEAR To All Subscribers Paying in Advance One Pollar and Fifty Cents

GEORGE H. B. TURNER, Publisher

Watch the Date on Your Paper The date with your name is stamped on the margin and shows to what time your subscription is paid, and also serves as a continuous receipt.

The daily labors of the Bes, Awake my soul to industry; Who can observe the careful Ant, And not provide for future want?"

Saturday, February 21, 1920.

AYER

News Items.

The Board of Trade meetings are held on every Wednesday evening.

The following real estate transfers from this vicinity were recorded last week: Pepperell, Alice I. Bliss et al. week: repperen, Ance I. Biss et al. to Hyman Gass; Shirley, Grace V. O'Donnell et al. to R. A. O'Donnell; Westford, Mary Curren Estate by adm. to Alfred H. Hale, land on Proceedings and Brookside road.

Mrs. Annie Carman has been dangerously ill with pneumonia at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gilmore, in

Major Vernon W. Hall, recreational and educational officer of the north-eastern department, who has just returned from a two-weeks' tour of New York state and Pennsylvania, has brought back with him a large amount of machinery, hand tools, lathes and other kinds of equipment. This will be used in carrying out an elaborate program of industrial training at Camp Devens which is to be given high standing among the military camps of the country as a vocational training center: Practical crafts, such plumbing and shoe repairing, will be taught at Devens.

Miss Elizabeth Sabine began Thursday her duties as clerk at the news stand of the C. R. P. Co. Miss Jane Briggs, who has had this position, is now in charge of the soda fountain and ice cream.

Dr. B. H. Hopkins took a trip to Littleton Tuesday on skis to visit one of his patients. The strong wind and the crust on the snow made his trip a more rapid one than he had anticipated, his speed being so great that he was unable at times to use his propelling stick.

at the bank will be taken by Miss

Pauline Sherwin Mack. Harry E. Mack has been elected to the principalship of the Leicester High school. He will assume his duties on March first. He is a graduate of Cornell in the class of 1917 and has been doing graduate work at Har-

Herbert H. Proctor is at home from his business for a few days, suffering from an attack of the grippe.

On Monday morning the train on the Greenville branch became stalled soon after it started, A snow plow was sent to help it out, but went off the rails near Vose on the way up. Con-sequently passengers from Townsend and beyond were unable to get through during the day, while a few from West Groton were brought here in a caboose.

Lyman Sleeper, who has had charge of manual training in the local schools, has given up his work here and has taken a position teaching in Cranston, R. I. Justin Barrett, a senior in the practical arts department at the Fitchburg State Normal school, has been engaged to take Mr. Sleeper's

At the request of the state department of education, Frank C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, attended a legislative committee hearing, Tues-day, upon a bill which defines the respective duties of school committees setts Superintendents' association.

ten the nlane of Oll

government for Washington's birthday the program for men at the Army Y. M. C. A. next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 will be patriotic in nature. It will consist of excellent music by a musical trio from Boston, an address by Ar-thur V. Dimock on "Washington and the challenge of Americanism." and other features of interest. Members of the local post of the G. A. R. have been invited by personal letter to attend. All men of Ayer, interested in the future of our country, are urged to be present and participate in this pro-

Dr. and Mrs. Frank E. Wheatly are receiving the congratulations of many friends on the birth of a son, Frank E., jr., on February 18. Mrs. Wheatly was formerly Miss Nora E. McGuane of this town. Both mother and baby are at the Goddard hospital in Brockton and are reported as getting along nicely.

The Ayer telephone operators will hold a concert and ball in the town hall, Easter Monday evening, April 5, Music by Messenger's orchestra of New Bedford, eight pieces. Concert from eight till 8.45. Dancing from

Mrs. S. N. Lougee, who is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. treet, had an ill turn on Thursday, but is better now.

Mrs. A. M. Phelps is expected home on Sunday from the Eliot hospital, Boston, where she went for an operation recently. Mrs. M. L. Savage will also return the first of the week. Both are very much improved in health.

Mrs. J. M. Wallace returned Thursday from the Clinton hospital, where she had been for a second operation.

which was successful. Miss Blanche Riley, who is employed at the Depot restraurant, is spending the week-end in New York city

with a lady friend. Maj.-Gen. H. P. McCain, commanding at Camp Devens, will make the presentation of the flags of the Plymouth division to Gov. Coolidge at the

State House on Monday at 10.30 a. m. J. Harold Atwood is confined to his home with an attack of the grippe.

The plan whereby the local postoffice was to handle the Camp Devens mail beginning on February 15, has been postponed for the present. The regulations now require that the mail shall be handled by a postoffice within five miles of the Camp, where possible, and the original plan of having the Camp Devens mail handled here will probably be carried out after an investigation of the situation has been

made by the authorities. Washington's birthday dinner in the Unitarian vestry on Monday, February 23, at 12.15; 50c. per plate.

Charles Scruton's, Grove street, Friday, February 27, from three to five

On account of the illness of its pres-

ident the Board of Trade held no reg-ular meeting on Wednesday evening. Edgar J. McGill, a Beverly real estate man, and a former president of the Beverly Board of Trade, was killed last week when he was struck by a slide of snow and ice from the oof of a cottage owned by his sister. The slide buried him, fracturing his skull and he was dead when his body was finally recovered. Mr. McGill was formerly at Camp Devens as a Y. M. C. A. secretary, but was later assigned to service overseas.

Mrs. Frank C. Johnson is confined to her home with an attack of in-

Service on the Fitchburg and Leom inster street railway was suspended again on Sunday on account of the storm. A car was put on in the afternoon and this by making the trip back and forth all night kept the track ing Caroline?" was followed by the fairly clear from ice. This one car is picture, "The Southern Darky," in which Isobel Traquair brought down which Isobel Traquair brought down ly for thirty hours before it was taken ack to the barn. Car service has been maintained since Sunday, but not on schedule time, as the slippery condition of the tracks, especially on nurse," made very effective by the singing of "The rose of No Man's land." While "America" was sung a land." While "America" was sung a makes it impossible to make the trip from Fitchburg to Ayer in an hour. However, delayed services is accepta-ble when we know that Lunenburg has had no car service for two weeks and that the lines from Fitchburg west have not been broken out at all

The heavy snow storm on Sunday in the western part of the state had considerable effect on the train service. Practically all of the trains ar-riving here for Boston were several hours late on Sunday and were not running on schedule time for several lavs after that.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page

Church Notes.

Federated church-Boy Souts meet ing tonight, at which new members will be received.

On Sunday morning, at 10.45, the pastor will preach on "Americanism," by request of the government. boys' choir will sing. The patriotic orders are invited as special guests— G. A. R., American Legion, S. of V. and W. R. C. Sunday school at twelve, with men's and women's classes. At Miss Ruth Mellish of West Groton 6.30 the Young People's society will evers her connection with the First hold their meeting, George Burgess, National Bank this week Saturday and leader. A stereopticon lecture will be after a short vacation plans to enter given at 7.30 on "Four great Amerithe Lowell Business college. Her place cans." The young people's choir will at the bank will be taken by Miss sing. George L. Osgood will lead the men's class Sunday noon.

A go as you choose social will be held at the church on Monday by one of the groups of the Ladies' Benevolent

Mid-week service on Thursday evenng at 7.30.

Unitarian church-Sunday service 10.45; regular offices and sermon. Of-fertory solo, Mrs. Sargent. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister;

subject, "Common temptations." The Ayer Branch Alliance and the Unitarian Girls' club will serve a Washington's birthday dinner in the vestry of the church on Monday at 12.15. The menu will include chicken patties, salads, mashed potatoes, rolls, ples and coffee.

The dwelling house at the corner of Fletcher and Maple streets, owned by J. P. Hamel, was gutted by fire on Thursday, and the nine-months-old child of the tenants met its death by suffocation as a result of the fire. The fire started about noon and was discovered by Herbert E. Phinney and Alton Washburn nearby, who caused an alarm to be rung in from box 34 The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Nadeau and child, Mr. Nadeau being employed in the finance department at Camp Devens. They and school superintendents. Mr. also had as boarders H. A. Duprey Johnson is president of the Massachu- and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Castater and baby.

It is understood that the fire started from a leaky oil heater on the sec ond floor, which caught fire. Mrs. Nadeau attempted to carry the heater own the stairs and out of doors, but it leaked out burning oil on the stairs, and before she could get it out it set fire to the stairs. This cut off access to the second floor, where the ninemonths-old son was lying in a crib.

As soon as the fire was noticed

from outside Alton Washburn made an attempt to rescue the child by climbing to the plazza roof, where entrance could be gained by a window. The fire and smoke had made so much headway by this time that he was unable to reach the child. body of the child was finally brought out by E. O. Proctor after the fire department had arrived and got control of the fire. The child was slightly burned, but death was due to suffoca tion. Mr. Proctor sustained a broken rib as the result of a fall while

etting the body of the child.
The department soon had the fire under control, the injury to the house being confined to the inside, which was badly damaged by smoke and The loss is estimated to be about \$1,000 and is covered by insur-

Mr. and Mrs. Nadeau are from Fall River, Mr. Nadeau being employed at George H. B. Turner, Washington Camp Devens, while the other family, who have been staying with them, is

that of a soldler at camp.

On their return to the station the firemen were met by Mr. Berry, who had thoughtfully prepared sandwiches, doughnuts and a tank of hot coffee. He returned with them to the station and the firemen partook of the lunches furnished by and certainly appreciated his kind act of the men had had their dinners before the alarm was sounded.

Valentine Party.

The ladies of the Federated church are quite active in social work and have developed a scheme for their work that is enlisting all the members and bringing out the especial talent of many. The members are divided into groups of fourteen, each group

with a captain. The Cambridge street group, Mrs Lucius Wheeler, captain, selected for its especial aim a Valentine party. This took place last Saturday evening in the vestry of the church.

As a fore taste of what was coming hand-painted valentines were sent to the captains of all the groups some time previous to the party. The program took the form of the presentation of living pictures as valentines. A frame, designed by Mrs. Carley the artist of the group, was prepared for the reception of the pictures. This frame was seven feet in height and five feet in breadth, the foundation

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist appearance of valentines on which there were gold hearts, infants and there were gold hearts, infants and a flight of bluebirds. Within this frame appeared successively the valentines sweet, serious and comical, that had

een selected. The list opened with "The first sweetheart, mother," the character taken by Mrs. William M. Sargent, and during its presentation "Mother McCree" was sung by Mrs. Walter Sargent, the artist singer for the program. "His first valentine" showed the boy industriously working on his sketch placed on the top of a barrel for a table, the dog lying near. This was James Traquair with his real dog. Little Barbara Dickerman was "The girl who received the valentine" and she showed prettily her delight.

"Evangeline" was Mrs. Walter Parker, accompanied with the appropriate song, "In sweet Arcadia." "The queet of hearts" showed sweet little Theo dora Turner in an elaborate costume second picture "Dreaming" showed the same little girl in a pensive charm-

ing attitude
The song, "Don't you hear me callthe house in her gay negro costume Evelyn Johnson as "Sunbonnet Sue" tried to catch the bluebirds. Mrs Lucius Wheeler was "The Red Cross picture was posed representing a sol dier and sailor with crossed guns, the nurse in the background and the flag flung over all. Howard Millet was the sailor and Mr. Burrill the soldier. "Leap year, how shall have pro-pose," shows the girl with finger in

her mouth and in the background the rather indifferent youth. Marion Webb oosed as "Minnehaha," while an "Indian love song" was sung. After the valentine cards for an au tomobile romance were distributed to the audience. Mrs. Sacle Sanders read the romance and the blanks for the various parts of the automobile

were filled in by the audience, the whole making much merriment.

A brief play, "The three friends, was the last number. The parts were taken by Miss Jessie MacGregor, Mrs. Homer Crafts, Mrs. Walter Parker and Mrs. Wheeler.

Refreshments were served by Mrs Livingston and Mrs. Mahar, assisted by other members of the group. The special assistants in the whole affair beside the captain were Mrs. Carley the artist, Mrs. Sanders, the reader Mrs. Rhymes, who staged the pro gram, and Mrs. Sargent, the singer.

All the groups of workers are to report at an experience meeting in September. If all the meetings are as interesting as this one it will be a meetng every one will want to attend.

The Woman's club has recorded another successful meeting as the result of last Wednesday's program. weather was favorable, it being as some one described it "balmy as a June day." The program had been an-ticipated with the keenest interest by many members of the club and they were not disappointed. The speaker, Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley of Boston, was in town sometime previous to the meeting, arriving on an early train in order to forestall any accident that might delay a later train. She was met by her sister, Mrs. Kate A. Hazen, of Shirley. Both are good friends of the Ayer people, and the club was especally fortunate in the good offices of these friends.

Mrs. Beatley is a very pleasing speaker, and she was especially at home in the handling of her subject, "Julia Ward Howe," for she was intimately acquainted with Mrs. Howe during twenty-five years. The audience followed with earnest attention as the speaker portrayed the life of Mrs. Howe whom she called the greatest of American women. Left at an early age without a mother, she was trained by a devoted father. Every advantage was hers. She received and profited by a somewhat rigid training. Special events were given on the life that marked its progress; the many noted friends that were hers; her marriage with Dr. Samuel Howe, the great philanthropist; the birth and training of her fine family of children; her interest in great questions of the day; the honor and rec-ognition that were hers; her trip broad; the occasion of her writing The battle hymn of the republic" her many calls to speak upon public questions to which she responded even is late as her eighty-ninth year; her constant devotion to study to which she gave some hours every morning hroughout her long life.

The story was made very real, and o one who heard it could fail to be deeply impressed with a desire to make more of life than ever before. The music, in charge of Mrs. Grace Lentz, was several selections on the goblets by Mr. Stetson of the Y. M. C. A., Miss Doris Dickerman piano ac-

People of Ayer may be interested to know that Mrs. Beatley as a child lived in Ayer, her father was E. Dana Bancroft and he lived in the large white house on the corner of William and Nashua streets. Some of her classmates are now residents of Ayer. The one regret about the meeting is that sickness and some other causes deprived some of the privilege of beng present.

To Present Three Playlets. On next Thursday evening there

one-act plays, directed by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Fairchild. The program and cast will be as follows: Johnnie's New Suit

will be presented under the auspices

of the Mohawk Camp Fire Girls three

Johnnie's New Suit

Mrs. Larkin. Johnnie's mother
Evelyn N. Fairchild
Johnnie Larkin, the boy Mary Cleary
Mrs. Spencer, acity bride Marion Webb
Miss Marandle Brown, president of
the Oratorical and Dramatic society
of Ayer
Mise Patience Smalley and Deacon
Rice Pettibone, judges
Mrs. Charles Stone and Lucius C.
Fairchild
Arathusa Pettingill Helen Stone

raireniid Arathusa Pettingili Belinda Snotgrass The Mystic Seven

Betty Cleary
Marion Webb
Edna Mosher
Francis Page
Margaret Larrabee
Evelyn Johnson
Helen Whitney
Beryl Proctor
Dorothy Jubb Beauty Towledge

The Girl Beryl Proctor
The Girl Dorothy Jubb
Camp Fire Girls
Elizabeth Larrabee, Dorothy Carmar
An Old-fashloned Mother
Written by Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild
It's first presentation
Mrs. Mulligan, the mother
Evelyn N. Fairchild

made to represent the peculiar lacy will be opened for this production, side-splitting yarns and apoke words weekly wages, for the support of his

Proctor's Strand, Ayer

PROCTOR & DONAHUE, Lessees

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

MADGE KENNEDY in "The Service Star." Not a war play. SPECIAL—"The Land of Opportunity," a Ralph Ince production, with Mr. Ince as Abraham Lincoln. Matinee at 3.30 p. m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

HARRY T. MOREY in "The Camblers," a great stage success. Keystone Comedy. Ford Weekly.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 WILLIAM FARNUM in "Wolves of the Night," a story

of love and high finance. Century Comedy. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

ELAINE HAMMERSTEIN in "The Country Cousin," a

Select picture. Rainbow Comedy. Current Events. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

DOROTHY DALTON in "The Flame of the Yukon," a Thomas H. Ince production. Mack Sennett Comedy.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

GLADYS HULETTE in "High Speed," from Clinton H. Stagg's Automobile Racing Story. Big V Comedy. Tenth episode of "The Invisible Hand."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

ALICE JOYCE in "Slaves of Pride." Comedy. News.

Matinee 2.15

Evenings 6.15 and 8.15

Mardi Gras Party.

The Unitarian Girls' club gave a Mardi Gras party in Hardy's hall last Tuesday evening. Sixty couples in costume and masks partook of the gaity of the occasion. The hall was gaity of the occasion. The hall was artistically decorated in the spirit of assembly hall, following the dinner, the event.

Soldiers in uniform will be admitted

From eight to 12.30 dancing was enjoyed, music being furnished by the Hart orchestra, of Leominster, made up of three college boys, who pleased everyone with their work. Refreshments were served during the dancing in an adjoining room made especially attractive by red candles and lamps on the tables. Mrs. Horatio C. Chase. Mrs. Henry J. Zoller and Miss Maud Whitcomb served. The Misses Maud Briggs and Dorothy Jubb served punch. The fayors for the ladies were The favors for the ladies were miniature parasols, balloons and pin wheels. The favors for the men were hats, noise-makers and tulip wands

The feature of the event was the clever and beautiful costumes. The following are some of the costumes noted: Old Dutch Cleanser girl, Miss Alice Sanderson; skeletons, Walter Blodgett and F. Vern Pillman; Turkish, Mrs. George O. Fillebrown, Mrs. Chester Bragg, Miss Mary H. Lillis of East Pepperell; riding habit. Miss Pepperell; riding habit, Miss Carol Pierce; pansy costume, Mrs. Grace Turner Lentz; Red Cross nurses, Miss Rebecca Pierce, Mrs. Grace Henry Turner; domino, Mrs. Benjanin Taft; lady of the 17th century, Mrs. I. G. Dwinell: Pierrot, Harry E. Mack; Pierrette, Mrs. Harry E. Mack, Miss Pearl Howe; sailors, I. G. Dwinell, Miss Evelyn Sanderson, Miss Gertrude ne Misses Amelia Goold Abbie Robinson, Margaret Hume, Helen Abbie Robinson, Margaret, Hungh, Miss and the public series. B. H. Hop-Tarbell, Mrs. R. F. Murphy, Miss music, male quartet.—Dr. B. H. Hop-Dowd, Frank Fletcher, Clarence Chase, kins, Ellis and Holden Harlow and Charles A. Normand, George Homer; Folly, Mrs. F. Vern Pillman; Indian maid, Mrs. Frank B. Crandall; tamborine girl, Miss Jane Briggs; baby, Mrs. John H. Sanderson; Red Riding lood, Mrs. Carl Proctor; devil, Dewey Downing, cowboy, Everett Fowler; Buster Brown, John H. Sanderson; balloon costume, Mrs. Ralph McFall; Spanish gypsy, Rev. Frank B. Crandall; old man and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown; colonial, Carl Proctor, Miss Annie McDonald, Mrs. John Traquair; flower girl, Mrs. Philip R. Andrew; Swedish peasants, Mrs. C. Normand and Mrs. R. H. Wylie; oldfashioned girl, Miss Emily Nagle; Robin Hood, Alexander Gibb; cooks and bakers, Lieuts. Joyce, McFall, Parker, Place and Tramwell, Capts, Bond and Wight, Major Mahoney, Miss Iola Bemis; violet, Miss Lillian Becket, of Boston; canteen worker, Y. W. C. A., Miss Helene Sherman, Boston; butter-

Miss Jerry Carmichael, Boston; conventional, Misses Carrie Green, Dalsy Pillman, and Ruth Pillman, of Boston, Julia Hooley. Of those present three were in clever of those present three were in clever make-up. George Homer, as a clown: Mrs. L. C. Fairchild, as a witch, and Lucius Fairchild as Mephisto. If a prize had been offered for the hand somest costume it would undoubtedly have been awarded by the judges to Robert F. Murphy as "Boozie Susie." a Bowery "vamp.

The success of this gay and festive event is a tribute to the originality. cleverness and hard work of the committee, Mrs. F. Vern Pillman and Mrs George O. Fillebrown, who made the favors and planned every detail of the most successful masked party held in this town in recent years.

Father and Son Banquet.;

On last week Friday evening, at the Army Y. M. C. A. on West Main street, sixty fathers and sons partook of a bountiful turkey dinner. The object of affairs of this nature, which have been held in many places throughout the country, is to foster or renew the habit of true comradeship between fathers and sons. The tables, handsomely decorated, were ranged along the west side of the big social room. The tables were served by Mrs. Hugh K. McDougall, Miss McDougall, Mrs. W. Stetson, members of the families

of appreciation to the local "Y" for inspiring so enjoyable an event. E. P. Conlon, of Portsmouth, N. H., state secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in his state, was the speaker of the evening. His address was a feast of humor and stirring appeal to the fathers and boys present to appreciate and cherish true comradeship between fathers and

where an especially interesting motion picture show was given. Everyone went away from the building with a new sense of the value of the local "Y" in this community.

Roll Call and Supper.

The annual roll call and supper of the Federated church took place on Thursday evening in the vestry of the church. Members of the church and invited guests in numbers that taxed the capacity of the room partook of most delicious supper. The supper committee included Mrs. S. J. An drew, chairman; Mrs. E. H. Longley Mrs. Kimball Martin, Mrs. H. A. Pol-

spoke on the early days of the church; prayer, Rev. James T. Rider, Jr.; blessing at the table, Chaplain Webster; "The finances," Ellis B. Harlow; "The benevolences," J. M. Boutwell; "Our boys' choir," S. Bassett Dickerman; "Our membership, Mrs. S. Bassett Dickerman; Mrs. Dickerman, as sett Dickerman; Ar Rollow, called the roll of the members. and the public school," E. M. Gleason; B. H. Tyrrell, Mrs. Lena H. Graydon, accompanist; "The Sunday school," Deacon H. A. Pollard; music, H. B. Johnson, who also spoke on the Red. Cross; "The W. C. T. U.," Mrs. Calkins; "The church in the world of to-day," Dr. B. H. Hopkins; "The State Sunday School association," H. J. Webb; "The Young People's society." Ruth Harlow; music, Capt. L. C. DuBois, who also spoke on "The new army": "The Boy Scouts," B. H. Tyrrell; the Camp Fire Girls were represented; music, Clarence W. Steton, who played on the gobblets and spoke on the Y. M. C. A. and also the church work; Rev. F. B. Crandall and Robert F. Murphy represented the Unitarian church; Rev. Leslie C. Wallace, the Episcopal church, and Rev. James T. Rider, Jr., and Deacon War ren L. Preble the Baptist church; "Community and the camp," Chaplain Webster of the 13th Infantry; "The Ladies' Benevolent society," Mrs. J. M. Boutwell; the male quartet closed the program, and Rev. F. B. Crandall gave

he benediction. The various reports indicated a year of prosperity and healthy growth in all departments of the church. The remarks of members and guests show ed that the old-time feeling of selfsufficiency is waning among the church people and that a modern spirit of except to rake out the stones. The brotherliness and co-operation lawning.

ore the court on Monday morning

District Court. John W. Tarbox, of Littleton, was be

charged with non-support of his wife and five children—aged 10, 7, 5 and 3 years, and nine months, respectively. From the evidence given it appeared that Mr. and Mrs. Tarbox were mar ried in 1910 and have for some years lived near Littleton Common. Tarbox testified that he was sixteen years old when he was married, while his wife was thirty-three, a difference of seventeen years. About two weeks ago domestic troubles arose and Mrs. Tarbox took four of the children and went to East Dedham to keep house for one Charles Roth. Roth, however, had the whooping cough and she re She claimed that turned to Littleton. her husband provided but two dollars K. McDougall, Miss McDougall, Mrs. Clarence Arthur V. Dimock and Mrs. Clarence worth of groceries a week. He claim-W. Stetson, members of the families ed that she did not properly keep Mrs. Mulligan, the mother Evelyn N. Fairchild Thomas Mulligan, the son Lucius C. Fairchild Gertrude Netherland, the fancee Amelia Goold .

Arthur V. Dimock proved to be an twelve dollars to go away with. The compilered tonstmaster. He intro-A delightful evening of comedy is accomplished toastmaster. He intropromised in this program. Come and laugh with them, not at them. By R. Chaffee, Frank B. Crandall and ordered the defendant to pay ten dollars per largement the Soldiers' club James T. Rider, Jr., who told some large pre-week, which is one-half of his

Weekly Specials

SALMON, Royal Chinook, solid juicy meat; 1 lb. can 40¢; 1/2 lb. 25¢ CRAB MEAT, Uroko brand, excellent for salads

1/4 lb. can 30¢; 1/2 lb. can 50)¢; 1 lb. can	98
SHRIMP, Gulf packed, per can		10
TUNA FISH, for salads: large can 48¢	Small can	
SARDINES, California, per can		20
CLAMS, Maine pack, per can		16
KIPPERED HERRING, large can		25
SALT FISH, English No Bone, per pound		28
BACON, Erie brand, per jar		32
SOAP, White Rose	. 5 bars for	23
WALNUTS, California Soft Shell, per pound		40
ORANGE JELLY, Pure California	. 3 jars for	25
PINEAPPLE Hapco brand, 1-pound can		20
LARD, Best Pure, per pound		2
FANCY BACON, per pound		3

Discount Store

Cash



NEW FOR MARCH

"DOVE" Night Gown No. 616, handkerchief style, made of lustrous-finish flesh-pink batiste, with satin top. Trimmed with a dainty design of orchid hemstitching and shirring Matches "DOVE" Envelope Chemise shirring. Matches "DOVE" Envelope Chemise No. 617, made in camisole style.

To get the newest lingerie styles and prettiest designs, fine materials of all kinds, high class workmanship and accurate fit, buy our "DOVE" Under-garments. Bloomers

Envelope Chemises Night Gowns Drawers Under-skirts **Pajamas** Camisoles Corset Covers Chemises

Athletic "Unionettes" AGENT FOR PICTORIAL REVIEW PATTERNS

Main Street

Page's Block wife and family, and continued the case for one month. The defendant was represented by Atty. John M. Maloney. Ayer, Mass.

WANTED—Young men from 18 to 22 years of age. Steady work. ROBT. MURPHY'S SONS CO. Knife Works. Ayer, Mass.

Wilfred J. Rainville of Lowell was before the court on Friday morning charged with larceny of a blanket at Camp Devens. Rainville is employed letters were read from absent members; bers; "The Woman's club," Mrs. Susan M. Barker: "Building houses and a larger Ayer," F. A. Smith: "The home and the public school" F. M. Cleans, officials while rarrying the blanket through camp, but testified in court that he was carrying it to the cash sales office to have a valuation set upor t so that he could buy it. His super intendent testified that ocen told that only soldiers could buy goods at the cash sales office. The court found that the defendant had no intent to steal the blanket and found

him not guilty.

To the Editor: At the last annual town meeting there was a great deal of discussion in regard to the good road problem. The writer has had nine consecutive years of practical experience in repairing old roads and building new ones, and believes he knows a few points in regard to good road repairing. By the old methods, \$1500 would repair more miles of road than car be done at present for \$5000 under the system that is employed today. In those days, when the ground was

settled from the winter's frost, three

yoke of oxen or six horses were hitch ed to the road machine, and four husky men with bars went along to remove the stones. These men were on the job at seven a. m., whether one mile or three from home, and did a full ten hours' work. The roadbed was made about sixteen feet wide and was properly crowned up, and there was but little left for the men to do secret of good roads is to make a wide roadbed, properly crowned up, so that t will turn the water away into the ditches as far as possible. Four miles of road out of every five (unless it be ledge or white sand) has good hard dirt enough, if properly crowned up, to maintain good roads. The road to Groton, which has been under discussion so much lately, can be made by this method, one of the finest driver that one could wish to have, and there are many others of the same type.

The little two-horse scraper used is not efficient as it simply smooths the ruts and the water mains in the road. When we wake ip to the fact that more teams and less day laborers can be successfully used on the road machine, the time may not be far away when we will have better roads

New Advertisements

WANTED—A Young Man, preferably of high school education, for laboratory work. Apply to FECULOSE COMPANY OF AMERICA, Ayer, Mass. FURNISHED COTTAGE TO RENT IN AYER—Phone 82-11.

FOR SALE—1919 model Ford Seda: solf-starter, electric lights, demountab rims; run about 500 miles; new la October. ROBERT F. MURPHY, Bo 501, Ayer Mesa, Telephone 222-4. 21

CHOICE WESTERN BEEF NATIVE PORK, CHICKENS, FOWLS. LAMB VEGETABLES FRUITS CANDY AND CIGARS

TEAS AND COFFEES BREAD AND PASITRY BUTTER, LARD, OLEOMARGARINA FRESH FISH AND OYSTERS

Every Week Agents for ACME OLEOMARGARINE The finest and best substitute for Butter. Can be used on the table LARD COMPOUND

Cheaper than Lard and gives better Regults FIRST QUALITY WESTERN BEEF

Donlon & Co. Mead's Block AYER, MASS. Telephone 33

We have a big supply and our prices are right

Ponnut Butter Kisses \$5c. Ib. Currier's Peanut Brittle 500. Ib Peach Blossoms 500. Ib.

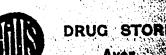
Hard Candica, high-grade 500. Ib Chocolate Almond Bars, sold everywhere as 6c. and 7c., 5c. Apollo Chocolates, highest-

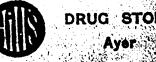
grade; no better made in the 88a. Ib. world Gibson's Fruit Tablets

Salted Peanuts, Spanish 35c.

Salted Peanuts, Jumbos 600

Epecially fine





HARVARD

The senior dance given last Satur-day evening was a success, about forty dollars being cleared. Sleighing parties were present from Ayer and West

The Edw. Thomas post, A. L., will hold a meeting this week Saturday evening in Odd Fellows' hall. A lunch is to be served. Members please take notice. On Monday evening, February 23, the legion will give a concert and ball in the town hall from eight to twelve o'clock. Music will be furnished by Collins' orchestra, of Marlboro, six pieces. Tickets are now on sale Everybody is cordially invited to par-

At the Unitarian church on Sunday Rev. H. C. Merrill, pastor, will preach on "Abraham Lincoln."

At the Congregational church on Sunday the pastor will preach. Sunday school at twelve o'clock. The morning service will be held in the auditorium of the church.

Our town nurse, Miss Frost, is busy these days of sickness, making many calls each day. Among the sick ones are Mrs. Lillian Taylor, who is, however, doing well.

Edw. McLaughlin is still at the hospital. He was prepared to come me last Saturday, when he had a light set back which will keep him on the sick list a few days longer.

Mrs. George Tooker is reported among the sick ones.

Miss Arline Bagster, of Portland, Me., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. anny Kavanagh, in town.

The Grange held a very interesting meeting on last Tuesday evening. Mrs. Ripley spoke of "Household accounts and efficiency in the home." West gave a talk on "Farm accounts," with some very interesting facts. Rachel Ryan gave a piano selection and Edith Haskell read two selections which were very much enjoyed. The Grange voted to send a representative to Boston on Wednesday, February 25, to attend the hearing before the legislature on the daylight savings act. Mr. West will attend, and if the farmers of Harvard are interested on eith er side of the question they will conhim a card, stating their objection to the system or otherwise, that he may have something tangible to take with Representatives from every Grange in the state are expected to be present with the state master. If you are interested, speak up.

LITTLETON

News Items. Harold Whitcomb came home from Amherst this week Wednesday even-

.. Again Littleton has been hard hit by influenza. Seventy-two cases are reported on Wednesday. Among those who are sick or convalescing are the Kendali family and Ruth Crane, of Harwood avenue, Mr and Mrs. C. J. McEnnis, Mrs. Eames, Mrs. G. E. Prouty, Roger and Barbara Priest, Edith Ames, Willis Stone, Augustus and Freddie Hosmer, Guy Green, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Yapp and four children, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kimball and son John, Mrs. Thomas Stephens, Pattie Hager, Marion Smith, Mrs. Ethel Dodds and daughter Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown, Charles Flagg and Harold Shepard. John Tarbox had influenza that has now developed into a serious attack of pneu-

Because of the epidemic the board of health closed the churches on last Sunday and the schools for a week. The Woman's club meeting for this week and the musicale for next week have been omitted for the same reason, and the sunset party of February 23 has also been called off. The meeting of the Historical society will be postponed unless the members are notified otherwise.

Mrs. Fred C. Hartwell attended the mid-winter meeting of the State Federation of Woman's clubs held in Revere, at which 800 women were present. She speaks very enthusiastically of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant left for Florida this week and will probably return about the first of April.

The Boston Post published a rare picture of Abraham Lincoln on February 12, and the tintype from which it was taken was lent by F. B. Priest of Littleton.

J. H. Kimball, conductor on the Boston and Maine railroad, has a new run, making but two trips between Ayer and Boston, and none to the New Hampshire towns as formerly.

At the first regular meeting of Lit-

tleton post, A. L., held in the select-men's room on Tuesday evening, February 12, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: John H. Remick, com.: Stanley F. Conant, vice com.; Daniel A. Healy, adjt. Rupert L. Sanderson, fin, of .: Richard C. Leland, hist.; Rev. Gail Cleland chap.; Walter G. Phelps, war risk ins of.; Richard S. Dodge, employ. of. Roger A. Priest, athletic of.; Dr. Ed ward A. Adams, Americanization of The executive committee shall be comprised of the first four officers named and in addition, Allen J. Hathaway Milton A. Robbins and Herbert I There will be a special meet ing in the selectmen's room on Tues day evening, March 2, at which it is urged that all members, as well as those desiring to become members be present.

Clipping.

The following article, quoted from the Boston Herald, will be of interes to readers of this paper:

Rev. Carl G. Horst, who has been minister of the Wollaston Unitarian church for eleven years, and who has just resigned to accept a call to the Unitarian church at Littleton, is one of the best known clergymen in New England. He came into prominence shortly after the time of the entrance of the United States into the world war. Although a native of Germany he was one of the most out-spoken of American patriots. He delivered two sermons and an address shortly after the breaking of the war, which aroused the hostilities of German sympathizers to such an extent that he re-ceived letters threatening him with death if he continued in the course paid no attention to these threats and continued to work earnestly and vigor-ously for the cause of world-wide de-Quincy to dedicate a national flag us to exclaim, "Where are we at? which was brought into his church under military escort in charge of Col. Watren Sweetser.

Although a representative of a conhe is very broad in his religious ten-On the Sunday when his Eminence Cardinal Mercier was in Bos- ing its petroleum production, exported ton the church, at his suggestion, sent more than 41,000,000 gallons last year. Page's Block

him a telegram expressing deep appreciation of his unfaltering faith in right and justice, and his undaunted cour-During the Boston police strike he preached a sermon on "Law and or-

Obliuary.

Mrs. Marie Green, wife of Silas S. Freen, died January 18 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Clark. She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Mrs. W. E. Clark, Mrs. E. A. Shea and Miss Mildred Green, of eterboro; six sons, Kenneth and Harold of Fitchburg, Robert, Charles and cade, of Greenfield, Mass., and Donald, of Peterboro; two brothers, Albert and George Sargent, of Boston, and ten grandchildren,

Mrs. Green was born in the year 1862 in Littleton, Mass., where she twenty present, pent the early part of her life. Her emaining years were spent in Peterboro, where she gave her whole time to her home and children. She was a devoted mother and loved by everyone with whom she met. She always had smile and a good word for those who

knew her. Funeral services were held at the nome of Mrs. W. E. Clark on Tuesday, January 20, at two o'clock. Two selections, "Face to face" and "Beautiful isle of somewhere" were sung by Mrs. Edith Parker and Mrs. George Cummings. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Interment was made in Pine Hill cemetery. Six sons officiated as pall bearers.

The above notice of the death and funeral services of Marie Green was elipped from the Peterboro (N. H.) Transcript. Mrs. Green was formerly Marie Sargent, youngest child of the late Samuel Sargent, of this town, by his first marriage. Her mother died when she was but a few weeks old, and she was cared for from that time mostly, until she married Silas Green, in the family of the late Alfred Tenney, also of Littleton. When about twelve years old Mr. Tenney moved to New Ipswich, N. H., and Marie attended school there in district No. 2. At an early age she entered Appleton academy when it was under the management of the Messrs. Preston and F. W. Jones (now Dr. Jones). After leaving school she taught for several She was quite a literary woman, writing at various times both prose and poetry. Two days before she "went home" she wrote a little poem. "Peacefully sweetly our mother lies sleeping," and it was a peaceful going to sleep—she told the family she was going to lie down and rest; her daughter a little later looked at her and found her unconscious, and she only lingered a short time.

She leaves besides her immediate family, a sister, Mrs. Adelia Hackett, of Fitchburg, and a half-brother, Albert Sargent, of Boston. M. A. B.

"Where Are We At?"

Some years ago a southern congress. man, making his maiden speech in the house of representatives, became confused, lost the thread of his discourse, stuttered, stammered and in desperation blurted out, "Mr. Speaker, where was I at?"

After reading the liberal portions of advice handed out to us in regard to old H. C. L. by eminent financiers, great kings of industry and foxy politicians, we have great sympathy for the above-mentioned statesman and in bewilderment exclaim with him,

Where are we at?" The eminent financier councils us to be economical; not to buy anything we can possibly get along without; put our surplus in war saving stamps and victory bonds, and sit tight until old

H. C. L. passes by. The great industrial king cries aloud or us to produce, produce, produce; work harder, longer hours and put every ounce of strength we have into turning out an increased amount of every useful article on the list, and having done this, he says, when we get time to look up from our work we will see old H. C. L. fading rapidly

The smooth politician advises us as of yore to vote for the party he cepresents, which ever party that may be, and so end all our troubles and arnoyances, including, of course, old H.

L. The counsel of the politician is so ancient and time-worn and so familiar to everybody it requires no further attention, but it may be well to consider the other two brands of advice for a brief space.

If everybody should start in at once o actually act on the financier's adice and quit buying anything not abolutely necessary to sustain life in easonable comfort, what would hap-Of course we understand it wont be done. Those who from necessity or prudence have been sailing close to the wind will continue to navgate in that way, while those who have been cracking on all soil and naking the best possible speed while the speeding was good, will keep it up while the wind, otherwise the money But supposing it possible to start everybody at once on the abso lute basis it would be hardly a week before we would hear a wierd con cert of howis from retailer, wholeshler and producer, and the newspapers would commence to exhort us vigor ously to encourage business and buy

If in conjunction with the strict onomy crusade all hands should start the intensive production program and the two plans should be worked together, in six months the markets would be glutted, mills would shut employed and though we might put a crimp in old H. C. L., our last estate would be worse than our first. There seems, however, to be little danger. Nobody seems to hanker after the onor of being the first to slash prices. The former does not seem to be falling over himself to produce twice as much as he did last year for the same

profit or less. The manufacturer would like , to double his output if he could double his profit, otherwise he can't see where the fun in the increase of production Most surprising of all, perhaps, the laboring man is not apparently consumed with a desire to do two days' work in one for even his present pay. All these different classes of producers are willing and anxious see the other fellow start the cut. but as for starting it at home-no

Columns of advice will continue to oe written and printed, and we supose the problem will in time solve tself largely, and in the mean time

Seventy-five percent of the land under cultivation in Egypt is held by ervative wing of the Unitarian church | persons owning less than two acres.

Trinidad, which is steadily increas-

SHIRLEY

Center. The Center primary and grammal schools will close on Friday afternoon February 20, for the regular vacation of one week in every eight weeks and

will reopen on Monday, March 1. Mrs. Clarence Clark is recovering nicely from an attack of the grippe and expects to return with her daughter to her home in Springfield

On account of the storm and poor traveling services at Trinity chape were again omitted on last Sunday afternoon.

The Camp Fire Girls hold a very enjoyable Valentine party on last Sat-urday evening at the home of their leader, Mrs. Helen Graves, with about spent in playing various valenting Refreshments of ice cream games. and cookies were served.

Those who are attending Flichburg High school will enjoy a week's vacation next week.

Charles MacVeagh, jr., of New York, who met his death from exposure while climbing Mt. Monadnock, N. H. during the storm on Saturday, is understood to be a brother of Mr. Mac-Veagh of Groton School, who teaches one of the Sunday school classes at Trinity chapel.

It is understood that another social dance under the same management as that held last week, will be held in the town hall on Thursday evening. February 26. Good music for dancing will be furnished.

New Advertisements FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN

400 Egg Capacity Blue Hen Incubators In original crates, guaranteed never been used and guaranteed complete. 840 f. o. b. Littleton; \$35 each for two or more.

OLD PICKARD FARM Box 28 Concord Junction, Mass.

Box 28 Concord Junction, Mass.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the helrs-at-law, next of kin.
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of LOUIS A. TARBELL late of Pepperell in said County deceased, intestate.
Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to HENRY F. TARBELL of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of March 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire-First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-

3t25 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlessex, es. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of LEWIS C. GILLETT late of Littleton 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 LENA GERTRUDE GILLETT who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of March 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

If any you have, why the same snown 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 Littleton Guidom, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

3125 F. M. ESTY, Register.

thousand nine hundred and twenty.

2025 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the helrs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of CATHERINE E.
LYNCH late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to FRANK J. MALONEY of Ayer in said County or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of February A. D. 1820, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, this fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

3123 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of CASSIE E. STANLEY late of
Groton in said County, deceased.
Whereas WINFIELD TEMPLE the
administrator with the will annexed of
the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of
his administration upon the estate of
said deceased.

No administration upon the estate of said deceased.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the first day of March. A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed

have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same 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, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court, twitness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

2124

MADDERI, A. MINICLOM

WARREN A. WINSLOW (Successor to AUGUSTUS LOVEJOY)

Fire Insurance Agent Farms, Dwellings, Furniture and Mer cantile Property Written in Strong Companies

Washington Street AYER, MASS.

WILMOT B. CLEAVES

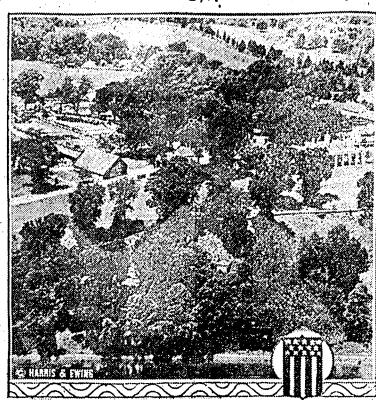
Phone 20 HARVARD, MASS.

Pianos For Sale and Rent 1y12* E. D. STONE

Fire Insurance Agent Automobile and Cordwood Insurance Esther A. Stone, Typewriting

from becoming moth-eaten. AYER, MASS.

Historic Mount Vernon, as it Appears When Photographed From an Airplane



An airplans view of Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. The photograph gives an excellent idea of the home's location in the Virginia hills facing the Potomac river.

MOUNT VERNON

Irving's Description of Washington's Home Brings Famous Spot Vividly Before Reader.

OUNT VERNON was beautifully situated on a swelling height, crowned with wood, and commanding a magnificent view up and down the Potomac The grounds immediately about it were laid out somewhat in the English taste. The estate was apportioned into separate farms, devoted to different kinds of culture, each having its allotted laborers; much, however, was still covered with wild woods, seamed with deep dells and runs of water, and indented with inlets-haunts of deer and lurking places of foxes. . .

"No estate in United America," ob served Washington in one of his letters, "is more pleasantly situated—in a high and healthy country; in a latitude between the extremes of heat and cold: on one of the finest rivers in the world, a river well stocked with various kinds of fish at all seasons of the

These were as yet the aristocratical days of Virginia. The estates were large, and continued in the same families by entail. Many of the wealthy planters were connected with old fam



George Washington Famous Portrait by Peale.

illes in England. The young men, especially the elder sons, were often sent to finish their education there and on their return brought out the tastes and habits of the mother coun try. The governors of Virginia were from the higher ranks of society, and maintained a corresponding state. The "established" or Episcopal church predominated throughout the "ancient dominion," as it was termed. . . .

Lived in Opulent Splendor. A style of living prevalled among the opulent Virginia families in those days that has faded away. The houses were spacious, commodious, liberal in all their appointments, and fitted to cope with the free-handed, openhearted hospitality of the owners. Nothing was more common than to see handsome services of plate, elegant equipages, and superb carriage horses -all imported from England.

The Virginia planters were prone to leave the care of their estates too much to their overseers, and to think personal labor a degradation. Washington carried into his rural affairs the same method, activity, and circumspec tion that had distinguished him in milltary life. He kept his own accounts, posted up his books, and balanced them with mercantile exactness. We have examined them, as well as his diaries recording his daily occupations. and his letter-books, containing entries of shipments . . . and correspondence with his London agents. They are monuments of his business habits. The products of his estate also became so

But Who'd Run the Ship? London Times Personal-James A. Please understand that were we the last two persons on earth and I found myself on the same continent that contained you, I should emigrate.-Boston Transcript.

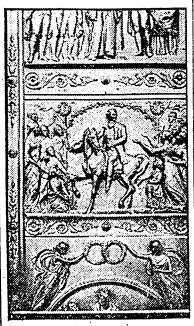
Moth Killer. It has recently been discovered that if X-rays are passed through furs they kill all the moth eggs and prevent furs

noted for the faithfulness, as to quantity and quality, with which they were put up, that it is said any barrel of flour that bore the brand of George Washington, Mount Vernon, was exempted from the customary inspection in the West India ports. He rose early, often before daybreak in the winter when the nights were long. On such occasions he lighted his own fire, and wrote or read by candlelight. He breakfasted at seven in summer, at eight in winter. . . . Immediately after breakfast he mounted his horse, and visited those parts of the estate where any work was going on, seeing to everything with his own eyes, and often with his own hand. Relaxation in Gaveties.

Occasionally he and Mrs. Washington would pay a visit to Annapolis, at that time the seat of government of Maryland, and partake of the gayeties which prevailed during the session of the legislature. The society of these sents of provincial governments was polite and fashionable, and more exclusive than in these republican days, being, in a manner, the outposts of the British aristocracy, where all places of dignity and profit were secured for younger sons and poor but proud relatives. During the session of the legislature dinners and balls abounded, and there were occasional attempts at thentricals. The latter was an amusement for which Washington always had a relish, though he never had an opportunity to gratify it effectually. Neither was he disinclined to mingle in the dance: and we remember to have heard venerable ladies, who had been belles in his day, pride themselves on having had him for a partner, though, they added he was apt to be a ceremonious and grave one.

In this round of rural occupation, rural amusement, and social intercourse, Washington passed several tranquil years. His already established reputation drew many visitors to Mount Vernon; some of his early companions in arms were his occasional guests, and his friends and connections linked him with some of the most prominent and worthy people of the through the campaign. country, who were sure to be received with cordial but simple and unpretending hospitality. . . . He was active by nature, and eminently a man of business by habit. As judge of the County court, and member of the house of burgesses, he had numerous calls upon his time and thoughts, and was often drawn from home; for whatever trust he undertook he was sure to fulfill with scrupulous exactness.-Washing-

Famous Works of Art



Bronze doors in the Capitol at Wash ington. The subject is the ovation tendered to the first president, at Trenton, N. J., In 1789.

"Nagging" Seldom Pays. Every man works better with encouragement than with carping criticism. The man that has to be nagged at all the time is not very valuable to anybody.

To Win Success.

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can well, and doing well whatever you do without a thought of fame.-Longfellow.

Colleges Now Being Organized For Work in the Nation Wide Campaign of the Episcopalians

Illustrated Lectures on Church History and Parish Activities Available For Parishes Everywhere to Quicken Interest in Movement



MRS. REGINALD W. BIRD Who is One of the Two Women on the Executive Committee of the Church's Call

Call. It is here pointed out that Church or with the community. there are thousands of Italians, for instance in this section, who were definitely Protestant before they came to this country, as well as tens of his diocese, has particularly stressed thousands who came here without the removing of obstacles to health definite church connections. Hence and morality as part of the work of there are masses of people of this nather Nation-Wide Campaign. He tionality to whom the Episcopal points out that Episcopalians may Church has an historic and missionary duty, which, if it will transform its temper and methods in some re-

spects, it can admirably discharge. Similarly, to other peoples of Southeastern Europe and Asia, the Episcopal Church can and should render great service. 'The only time that I that with people's minds informed, have ever seen Trinity Church, Boston, packed with a congregation almost all of whom were men," writes the Bishop, "was about two months ago; the congregation in question being made up almost entirely of Armenians who are fast becoming loyal lives for America during the war, and whom we should count it a privilege and about the same to Diocesan Misto work with and for in the upbuilding of an American Christian character and of the Church." It is further pointed out in this letter that the Diocese of Massachusetts has more communicants among the colored people its people know about the varied work than the total number of those in Alabama, Mississipi, Louisiana, Ten- foreign and domestic missions. nessee, Arkansas, Kansas, and the State of Texas. The Nation-Wide the present time, inasmuch as through deepen and strengthen its relations to through lectures with slide illustrathese people the Bishop points out.

Perhaps the comfortable Episcopalians of Masachusetts need to be stim-

Episcopal Church to 600 non-memyears, has been chosen by those in paign.

showed the power of the church to having thus been aroused, it was ded desire to borrow and use the slides. cided to launch an intensive drive to keep alive this power and ability to build up the Church itself. The designs of the campaign primarily, he points out, are two: first, to use to the limit of their capacity, the services of every man, woman and child in each and every parish for God and the Church; second, to mobilize the work of the Church. As a result of surveys taken in other parts of the country, it has been found that there is a great deal of power which has never been used in the Church, and it was estimated that about two-thirds great interest was shown in the work of the members of the Episcopal Church were not regular attendants at Church services, being satisfied to program of five meetings has already be carried along by the other onethird. "More people were content," been organized. says Bishop Thurston, "to enjoy the name of being Episcopalians than there were members actually willing to work for the Church of their choice or birth." This great loss of power is one of the things which the campaign will seek to correct, and

Ants as Excavators. Everyone has observed trees that

have been hollowed out by ants, and it is apparent that their biting powers are equal to working in the hardest woods. In tunneling, ants are expert, and authentic cases are known of their tunneling under ditches and streams Indeed, a South American ant is said to have excavated a tunnel under the bed of the Parahyba river at a place at London bridge.

The great missionary opportunities the very first effort will be directed of the Episcopal Church in Eastern toward getting every member of the Massachusetts is the theme of Bishop Church to attend services regularly Lawrence's Fourth Letter to the on Sundays. The next step will be Clergy, which has just been sent out to enlist every member in some form as a part of the work of The Church's of work connected either with the

Bishop Arthur C. A. Hall of Vermont, in his recent annual Pastoral Letter to the Clergy and people of well co-operate in this with all earnest persons of the several communions, not as members of different religious bodies, but as citizens at this time, in that it is Principles, not par-ticular Programs, which the Church is to uphold. For he recognizes and their consciences stirred, increased offerings both of money and of personal service will, of course, follow. "It must fill us with shame," he writes, "that the Episcopal Church throughout the country, gives on an average about three cents per com-Americans, many of whom gave their municant for the work of General Missions through the General Board, sions. Two-thirds of the Church's people are giving nothing regularly Possibly this is because the Church

has been remiss in the past in letting which it is carrying on in the field of This neglect is being remedied at Campaign will emphatically have the Church Officers' Training Corps,

failed of its mission if it does not through circulars and book clubs, and tions, definite information in regard to missionary enterprises of all kinds is readily accessible. The lantern slide ulated to their duty towards these bureau which has just been organized neighbors from overseas by hearing at 1 Joy Street, under the direction of the wonderful things which have been Frederick A. King, offers an admiraaccomplished in the western states ble means of education in regard to the Church in action, the history of The ratio of one member of the the Church, and the story of foreign domestic and diocesan missions bers in Oklahoma against one in 45 King, upon application, sends out sets in Massachusetts shows that if the of these slides already to use, and in campaign was a striking success in some cases can send a stereopticon the former state, it certainly should also. He is in great need, however, even more of a success here, of more photographs covering boys' Bishop Thurston, who is one of the camp work, work with prisoners, younger missionary bishops of the Church school activities, pageants. Episcopal Church, and who has been open air services; any aspect indeed in Oklahoma for more than nine of the varied undertakings of the Episcopal Church in this section of charge of headquarters of the cam- the country. The Board of Education paign in New York as one of the men feels that fectures which may be given particularly equipped to go out into with these slides as illustrations, are the field and to put clearly before a very important part of the Nation-many parishes the aims of the cam Wide Campaign, and trusts that in a district so rich in historic material as He shows that the movement sprang is Massachusetts, there will be many in a way out of the war, because it people interested to send in old manuscripts, pictures of early churches, do things which it had always wanted and much that has a bearing on the to do, but never before felt that it development of the Diocese, as well The activity of the Church as large numbers of parishes which

> Colleges Now Being Reached. Under the direction of Rev. Byrle . Osborn, of the staff of clergy of St. Paul's Cathedral, groups of undergraduates in the various colleges and preparatory schools about Boston have been organized. At a luncheon recently given at the Vendome to the chairmen of the College Committees, representatives were present from Tufts, Simmons, Institute of Technology, Harvard, Radcliffe, Conservatory of Music, and Dana Hall, and of the Nation-Wide Campaign as college men and women may have a

Another interesting series of services are those which have been planned especially to reach social Paul's Cathedral every other Sunday afternoon for four weeks. "Americanism" is to be the subject, February 22nd.

Endurance Test.

Two brothers, seven and nine, were quarreling daily, and it seemed that the little one always commenced the fuss, and always got the worst of it and then cried over it. When asked why he started things when he knew he would get hurt, the little fellow replied: "Well, I made up my mind a long time ago that some day I was going to be big enough to whip brother, where it is as broad as the Thames and how am I going to know when I am if I don't try it every day to see?"

You Get

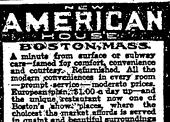
up "tired as a dog" and sleep is full of ugly dreams you need

BEECHAMS PILLS

Fatigue is the result of poisons produced by exercise or failure to digest food properly, and eliminate it promptly with the aid of liver and kidneys.







RATHSKELLER Trolley Express

Receiving Station

Office of

CHAS. H. HARDY, Central Ave. Ayer, Mass.

Car due from Fitchburg Mondays at 11.30 A. M.

Freight may be shipped to Shirley, Leominster, Fitchburg, Worcester, Gardner, Athol and other places. 10th





THESE TABLETS CONTAIN A LAXATIVE, CELERY, PRE-WAR STRENGTH OF QUININE AND NECESSARY DRUGS TO RELIEVE A COLD IN ONE DAY. ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES. SENT POST PAID ON RECEIPT OF PRICE IF NOT CARRIED BY YOUR DEALER.

PRICE JUNUSACTURE 25 CENTS WALTER C. BRUCE

WINTER SCHEDULE CHANGE OF TIME SEPTEMBER

Cars leave Aver for North Chelmsford and Lowell once an hour at 6.80 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.

LOWELL AND FITCHBURG ST. RY. Ayer, Maso. CO.

N. A. SPENGER & SON

Wish to call your attention to their stock of

GEMETERY MEMORIALS

which they would be pleased to have intending purchasers inspect and obtain prices.

PARK STREET

Ayer, Mass.



Plate and 50 Cards \$2,00 Plate and 100 Cards Call at

TURNER'S PUBLIC SPIRIT OFFICE

Ayer, Mass., And see our line of sample

RED TRIANGLE IN SOUTH AMERICA BALLOT BEFORE

Pioneer Work for Y. M. C. A. Done by Massachusetts Man in Uruguay

of Uruguay, a Wakefield man, H. patriotism and it is in this inter-rede Anguera, is introducing "frozen lation of the countries with one an Yankees" and high ideals and Y. M. other and with the U. S. that the C. A. hospitality and service to the Spanish population. "Frozen Yan-tion. There are ways in which the kees" is not a comment on the New Association can give valuable help to England temperament but is a literal the governments, as when Hopkins translation of "helados Yanquis," developed the playground idea of which is what Montevideans ask for when Conard and Monteverde, workat the "Y" canteen when they want ing with money provided by the ice cream. Mr. de Anguera, who has Uruguayan government, welcomed the been secretary in full authority since U. S. fleet. Thompson is already the first of January, writes to his working out an inter-South American friends at home that the people want meet or Hexathon. Dr. Mott's Chrismanv more important things than ice tian Student's Alliance is growing cream, though naturally that novelty to South American taste attracts the youth of the city who, once finding themselves at home in the attractive understanding the ideals and possibuilding, remain to benefit by more solid nourishment.

The local paper "El Siglo", in ar article of appreciation of the local association which was introduced under war conditions primarily to care the men of the American and British fleets but which is now firmly rooted as a native institution and is supported by the Spanish population, thus describes the atmosphere which Mr. de Anguera and his assistants

"The sailor and the Montevidean who enter find ther selves in the hosom of their own family with friendly hands stretched out cordially; if he is a stranger, gentlemen take pleasvisit to the Center, and gentlemen of distinction among the colonies of the Allied countries do all possible to make the Red Triangle reflect the distant country with its sentiments, joys and ideals."

Mr. de Anguera was born in Wakeindustrial and religious secretary at the Worcester Y. M. C. A. When the United States went into the war, and the National War Work Council Y. M. C. A. was formed, he became as sociated with E. W. Hearne, executive secretary of the Northeastern Department, as an expert in construction, having the building of huts and their distribution under his charge. Early in 1918, he was sent to Montevideo to assist in making welcome the sailors of the Allied fleets. On January 1st of this year he was made secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. which grew out of the war program.

His remarks in a letter to E. W Hearne on the visits of the American ships show that his hospitality was not limited to office hours nor to the official place but extended to his own brivate bounds:

Four ships have been in much of the time and the Red Triangle has hummed from 9 a. m. to 12 p. m. About 500 a day present, on an aver age of 50 constantly outside of rush hours. The canteen which supplied home-made ice cream, cake and sandwiches, etc., has run at times to \$100 a day with a profit of about \$400 to \$500 a month, and yet the prices are mighty low for here.

We ave had a fine group of Ameri can and English women who were constantly at the Red Triangle, and the moral effect on the boys has been Our house has been a sort of "Sail-Our house has been a sort of "Sair- of Sair- of with my wife and others in the afternoon and then come to the house for phonograph and records worked

to the Poys. his earnest ambition for the work the Jones, a Harvard athlete and profes gauzy-winged butterfly.

"People here can understand a man them up-lived up to those ideals. If the United States should play false to its high idealism now it would lose South America for a century. The U.S. today is the strongest exponent of the spirit of Christianity that the world has seen and its influence here is already making itself felt. I attended several Socialistic meetings of the people and the essence of them was: 'South America lacks a great basic element-it is morality in private life and public administration. The example of the U.S. is a challenge to us to realize this note and supply the lack.' What an opportunity for the Y. M. C. A.

to interpret this note to the comment for each other when there is ate with the Y. M. C. A. in its Naunder consideration a world objective tional Thrift Week Campaign to be such as the war, the unity of the launched next January. This com-Americas in the trade relations, etc., mittee, which is formed of men from but among themselves there is applall over the country will endeavor to

Keeping Sliver Bright.

When the silverware has become badly tarnished put it in an aluminum dish, cover with water and boil for a short time, and it will come out bright and clean. The aluminum dish will be slightly discolored after this process, but it may be easily cleaned.

Out of Sight. If there ever was a fool-killer he must have retired from business,-Chicago News.

Down in Montevideo, on the coast | need for a larger interpretation of Association holds the strategic pos into dignified proportions here.

"The South American nations have waked up. They have seen with new bilities of Democracy and they want to realize them. In looking at President Wilson they have seen an actual living exponent of what a president of a modern republic ought to be—then they have looked at their own leaders and noted the contrast Believe me, the next elections will tell a new story; the people see what they want and the presidents in this end of the continent have got to de liver more goods during the next decade than they ever dreamt of be-fore, and the Y. M. C. A. has the opportunity to interpret these modern ideals in methods of community service, in developing leaders who can work out details of these ideals: and above all to furnish the moral ure in accompanying him during his element to the students—the future leaders-which in the present stage of th educational system is lacking.

."Montevideo has the first Rotary Club, affiliated with the parent organization in the United States, established in South America. Here is the Association's field for some lead field, Mass. For eight years he was ers in the future in civic movements.

"We can take care of about 300 men in the hall at 361 Piedras street along all the social lines familiar in the home Y. M. C. A.'s; and we have both wet and dry canteens. We give entertainments in the hall and in priva homes of Americans and English: tours and hikes about the city visits to boys on ships and in hospitals; gym meets, baseball, etc. W€ have purchased a lot, 33 x 43 metres on a splendid corner one block off the main avenue. This is big enough for a fine gym 90 x 50, and a big building of four stories sufficient to contain all the features we need for thethe next 15 years perhaps. It is a peach of a site and when we can get freight from the States we will think of beginning to build. If Worester has the best building in North America. Montevideo will have the best one in South America."

AMERICAN GAMES ARE POP ULAR IN AFRICA.

Worcester Coach Goes To Algiers As "Y" Secretary

Paris, (By Mail)—American base ball, basketball and army mass games have been played for the first time in Africa. Enthusiasm for Yankee athexcellent. You would laugh to hear letics was carried to the French colosome of them call my wife 'Mother.' nies in Africa by the returning colonial soldiery who learned the games in the Philippines. Not only has she fredu Soldat.

When the colonials were returned to a shower and supper, after which the Africa the French war ministry asked before women's clubs. The senors the "Y" to send to Tunis and Algiers hard. The home touch means a lot four athletic directors for permanent beautiful gowns of her home land, a work at the army posts there. This delicate pineapple fabric, hand-woven His review of the local field and being impossible, the "Y" sent Charles and hand-embroidered, shaped like a Y. M. C. A. has in prospect, is most sional coach in athletics at Wercester interesting to those who are loyally Academy, to spend six weeks in each supporting the Y. M. C. A. in foreign of the two African cities to train Senora de Veyra. "Laws made by her teachers in baseball, mass games and have combined the best of American basketball. Jones had been teaching and Spanish precedents, and she has or an institution which without any- at the French Army Center of Physi- come into her own with far less strugthing up its sleeve seeks to help cal Instruction at Joinville, near Paris, gle than either her American or her people to a realization of higher and at Algiers found a number of Spanish sisters. Married women may things and truths of life. I wish you "moniteurs," as the French call their hold property in severalty. They are could get a sense of how deep an army athletic instructors, whom he guardians of their own children. These impression Wilson's ideals have made had trained in American games at on this people. And the impression, Joinville. They were already playis deep because the U. S. has backed ing our games. Secretary Jones was able in six weeks at each army post to organize the sports on a permanent basis, running a baseball series, basketball tournaments, and programs of

> Varied interest is being taken in he National Thrift Week which will be launched in January by the Y. M. A. according to the endorsement of the executive committee of the National Federation of Constructive Industries. Resolutions were passed expressing united sympathy in the promotion of national thrift.

A committee of men qualified to give sound advice on economic ques-"The republics here have a senti- tions is being organized to co-oper parent a spirit of friction and self- make the national thrift drive a sucseeking and self-pride which shows a cess.

Pioneer "Whaleback."

On the 11th of June, 1891, the first "whaleback" left for a voyage across the Atlantic. The ship was the Charles W. Wetmore. She sailed from Duluth for Liverpool with a cargo of grain.

Sage Advice. Hank Himes says: Think twice before speaking, thrice before writing and four times before fighting. Columbus Dispatch.

FILIPINAS GET AMER. SISTERS

Senora de Veyra Describes Status of Women in the Philippines.

The Filipine, woman is destined te be in the world's spotlight more than ever before as a result of the news just received by cable from Manila to the effect that the Philippine senate has passed the equal suffrage bill giving women full political rights with men. This would indicate that the Filipina may beat her American sisters to the ballot box.

The Filipina has many admirers who predict she will make good if she gets the vote, just as she has made good in the very important role she has occupied in the family and business life of the Philippines ever since the introduction of Christianity in the islands three centuries ago.

"America's advent in the Philippines discovered a wonderfully interesting. responsive little being, the Filipino woman," writes one American concerning



MRS. JAIME C. DE VEYRA, Filipina who is doing important work for her people in the United States.

the Filipins. "Mothering the only Christian people in the far east, she holds a place of authority, love and respect in family and social life that is not accorded to women in countries neighboring the islands, or in India, China or Japan."

A Filipina who is doing an important work for her people in the United States is Mrs. Jaime C de Veyra, wife of the resident commissioner from conditions in the new Philippines, but she has visited various cities, speaking wears, in giving her talks, one of the

"In many ways the path of the women of the Philippines is easy," says are vested rights and cannot be taken

"Professional opportunities are as good for women as for men in the land from which I come. The Filipina is by custom the dictator in the home. She is usually the keeper of the family treasure. Practically all of the small shops in Manila are conducted by women. Women are already members of the Philippine Bar Association-a thing still impossible in Great Britain. They are also successful as physi-

Life is really a fifty-fifty proposition for women in the Philippines, according to the senora, who has taken such a prominent part in women's work there that she has sometimes been referred to as "the little mother of them She was the assistant matron of the Normal Hall Dormitory for Girls when she married. She speaks English fluently and puts her little talks "over" with real tact. She has four children. An evidence of her enterprise was her action last year in mastering shorthand so she might be "useful to her husband at home in the evenings in case he wishes to dictate a few letters or a speech."

Knew What He Meant. My three year old boy noticed all the others on leaving the party speak to their hostess, so when his turn came he looked up with a most engaging smile and said, "Haven't we had a terrible time?"—Exchange.

Tact. Tact consists in saying things that ing to things that people like to say .-Youth's Companion.

TOWNSEND

The Monday club held their meeting on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. L. Struthers, when the members enjoyed an afternoon literary pro gram furnished by several members of the club, who gave most excellent papers relating to the early Pilgrims. Mrs. Agnes Woods gave a paper on Why the Pilgrims came to this coun-"Why the Pligrims came to this country"; "The voyage to America," Mrs. Helen C. Jefts; "Early life of the follows: "Citizenship of Lincoln," Pligrims," Mrs. Lila Huyward; "Relations between the Indians and Pilgrims," Mrs. H. Litch. Mrs. Hayward Emma Arlin; "Glory of a man who also recited in a fine manner the loved his fellowmen," Mrs. Flora poem, "The first Thanksgiving," and Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren, of the Monday club, gave an interesting account 'The compact'' signed in the cabin of the Mayflower. Chorus singing was pleasingly rendered by the teachers of the grade schools, and rereshments served by the hostesses luring the social hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Woods at tended the funeral of Mr. Woods' mother, Mrs. Horace Woods, aged seventy-one, held in New Haven, Conn., Tuesday. Mrs. Woods died at the tome of her daughter in Marlboro, Y., and interment took place beside her late husband in the family tiful christian woman and was well known in this town, having spent several summers at the home of her son and while here she had gained many acquaintances who were proud claim her friendship and by whom her memory will be tenderly cherished. Since the sad death of her beloved and only grandson, Leland H. Woods, of this town, who died overseas one year ago she has never ceased to mourn her loss and last Sunday had not the storm prevented the altar flowers at the Congregational church were to have been in his memory. Therefore it seemed fitting at this time that these same flowers be placed on her grave in memory of both who were death they are not divided."

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Campbell f Worcester are receiving congratuation upon the birth of a son. Mrs. Campbell was formerly Miss Emily Brown of this town.

The funeral services of William Gurley, a veteran of the Civil war, who died Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dresser, after a lingering illness, was held on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the home. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at the Center cemetery. Mrs. Edna W. Bray is very ill with pneumonia at her home on Brook-

ine street. Master Carey Swinnington is confined o his home with an attack of tonsil-

Many of the school children are ill with the prevailing colds. Sixteen from one of the grade schools being Mrs. William Russell sub stituted the first of the week in the absence of Miss Teachout, who was ill

at her home in South Lancaster. Last Wednesday evening a sleigh ing party of the employees of the Sionds Mfg. Co., came from Fitchburg and enjoyed an oyster supper served n Memorial hall which was followed by dancing with music furnished by

Leo Hannon's jazz band of Fitchburg. The Ladies' Whist club met on Wedresday evening at the home of Mrs. Emma Lancey.

The members of the Country club were pleasantly entertained on Wed-nesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Anthony. A delightful luncheon was served at noon by the hostess after which an afternoon program appro Mabel Brackett gave a paper on "The childhood of Lincoln"; "Lincoln's thrift," Mrs. Emma Spencer, and Mrs. illa Seaver and Mrs. Annie Greeneaf gave brief sketches of the lives of Lincoln's sweethearts, Ann Rutledge and Mary Todd. Mrs. Greenleaf also gave a reading, "Lincoln's last dream," by Hezekiah Butterworth. meeting a very nice letter was read from a former member, Mrs. Lucy Hardy, which contained a special mes-

with Mrs. A. Greenleaf. The home friends of Albert D. Turner are sorry to learn that he has had to undergo another operation at his outhern home in Orlando, Fla., which morning. has left him in a weakened condition.

The Community civics class of the high school gave an interesting debate last week Friday morning on the question, Resolved, "That the street railway should be owned and operated and the street railway should be owned and operated the street railway should be supported by the street railway should the town"-George E. arey Swinnington, affirmative; Ernest Barnes, Muriel Gilman, negative. The were William A Russell. Charles O'Brien and Edward Lancey, who voted unanimously in favor of

The Sunshine club held a valentine party on last Saturday afternoon at the home of the president, Miss Florence Higgins. The afternoon was deasantly spent with games and refreshments served by the young

The Congregational Junior Endeavor society held a valentine party last Saturday afternoon in the vestry with an attendance of thirty-five. A general good time was enjoyed by the young lolks, hunting for hearts being a special feature of the program.

The regular meeting of the Methndist L. B. S. which was to have been held this week Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence, has been postponed for two weeks on account of illness in the home. It is the custom during the winter to hold the meetings with Mrs. Lawrence instead of at the

Milton W. Wilder has recently been appointed foreman at the United States Tire Company plant in Detroit, Mich. Soon after his discharge from navy service Mr. Wilder moved to De-

Arthur Sloan, who lives on the Fitchburg road, met with a painful accident while at work on the saw iointer at the mill, last Saturday. In ome way his right hand caught under the saw and severed the second inger and crushed the third finger, which it is hoped can be saved. The mfortunate man is as comfortable as could be expected.

Miss Florence Wyeth is substituting as teacher of the Harbor school during the illness of Mrs. Edna W. Bray. The following are the honor lists

for the first half of the winter term of

the high school: Highest honor list-Alice B. Barnes, Persia Ormsby, Lucie Reynolds and William A. Russell, Jr. Special honor list-Ernest E, Barnes, Dorothy V. Bliss. Janet M. Clark. Holen B. Cook, Louise Drake, Annie B. people like to listen to and of listen- Dudley, Hazel M. Farrar, Daniel By Ormsby, Ruth T. Russell, G. Eldon

. Stearns, Dorls T. Tenney. Honor list—Edna E. Bush, Wendell B. Cook, Cora M. Farrar, Marshall E. Higgins, David Keefe: Edward A. Lancey, Elea nor R. Litch, Irene F. McGuire, Ruth E. Stearns, Carey Swinnington.

At the meeting of the Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., held Tuesday evening, a program was given in observance of Lincoln and Washing-ton birthdays. A paper on "Lincoln," written by Mrs. McMaster, under Watkins. Mrs. Albert Howard gave a paper on "Washington" and the members responded with quotations from Lincoln and Washington. selections were rendered by Miss Hattle Sanders. The president of the tent, Mrs. McMaster, being unable to be present, the chair was filled by the enior vice, Miss Alice Day.

All schools in town closed this week Friday for a vacation of one week. Osborne L. Drake, formerly of this town, now of Ayer, was a visitor in town this week.

Leslie R. Smith of Hadley, master of the state Grange, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity.

The Community Civics class of the high school presented the following debate at the Friday session this week: Resolved, "That a commercial curriculum should be included in the pro gram of the Townsend High school. Affirmative, Edward Lancey and Loi Wilder; negative, William A. Russell, Jr., and Ernest Barnes. Judges, Gorlon Bennett, Ralph Wilson, Carey Swinnington,

The Grange will hold an open meeting next Monday evening in Odd Fellows' hall when T. E. Flarity will give an address on "Americanism." A pleasing musical program is also being arranged. Mr. Flarity is a favorite speaker and the public is cordially invited to be present and hear this all important subject which should in terest every citizen.

On account of sickness and bad traveling the program for the Missionary meeting at the home of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence was not carried out.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown have been ill with influenza. The family of Warren Elliott are mproving. Harold Elliott is the only member, who has not been ill.

Topic at the Baptist church Sunday morning, "Does it pay to do right." Subject of the C. E. service, "Chrisian principles."

Mrs. George Frye and son, who have been at the home of Mrs. George Seaver for a few days, have returned to their home in Revere. Dr. Alton Wheeler of Atlantic, Ga., as been at the home of Rev. and Mrs.

A. work. Mrs. George Winchester is recoverng from an'attack of influenza; Ashbel Streeter, who has been oarding at the home of Mrs. W. A.

Robbins, is with his brother, George Streeter, for a few weeks. Mrs. George Frye was unable to return to Revere last Saturday, as she had planned, on account of the illness of her son Milton. She has been staying for a few days at the home of

Miss Alice Seaver. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott and their children have all been ill with influenza. Avis Wilson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilson, has also been ill with a severe cold.

The Live Wire class met last week it the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgnan.

The Whist club met last week a the home of Mrs. E. J. Lees. Frank Damon, who is employed at he mill of Damon & Richardson, is

ill with the grippe. Mrs. Howard Terrell and daughter May are ill with an attack of the grippe,

Mrs. Mary Forsythe, housekeepe sage for each individual member of the club. The March meeting is to be held prevailing epidemic. Aver or from Aver Monday, owing t

the breaking down and stalling of the snow plow at Vose early Monday Consequently no mail was received here at the postoffice. Trains esumed running Tuesday. Charles Hodgman is confined to his bed with a severe attack of the grippe.

Augustus Bruce assisted a few days in taking care of the schoolhouse of which Mr. Hodgman is janitor and now Clarence Streeter is doing the work for him. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott and

their children have all been ill with the prevailing epidemic. Other vic-tims are Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stickney, Alden Sherwin, jr., Mrs. George Upton, Chas. Hosley and Albert Wilson of Bayberry hill. The family of W. A. Boutwell are

recovering, but no order team was sent out from the store last week as Charles Donley is also ill with the disease. Mrs. Boutwell assisted in the postoffice and Frank Stickney has een assisting in the store. Mrs. Catherine Foley, who was in

own last week, has returned to Fitch-Mrs. Walter Weston has been confined to the house with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Huzzey have eturned to Leominster.

Saunders, Harriet Shepherd, Mildred Struthers at the Center Monday. Mrs.

Litch and Mrs. Hayward read sapers upon the Pligrims which they had prepared for the meeting of the Birthday club at Greenville, N. H.

but which they were unable to attend, Those from this part of the tewn who received honors for the first half of the winter term at the high school were Miss Eleanor Litch. Special honors were given to Daniel Ormsby. Janet Clark, Harriett Shepherd and Dorris Tenney. Highest hours were awarded Miss Persis Ormsby and Miss

Lucie Reynolds: Mrs. Fred Richards is recovering from an attack of influenza. Other ictims of the distemper are Frank Parsons, Oscar Lovering, Mrs. Daniel Coffey, Mrs. Charles Donley, Frances Hodgman and George Lawrence.

Everett W. Seaver of the Center was taken suddenly ill Monday night while he was staying at the George Seaver home on account of the illness of Miss Alice Seaver. His daughter, Miss Wilner-Seaver, of Boston, was ent for and he is now recovering.

Mrs. Horricks of Ashby is at the home of George Streeter, where she is caring for her mother, Mrs. Mary Forsythe, who is quite ill.

The Study club, which was to have neld its meeting at the home of Mrs George Seaver, Monday, will not meet Mrs. Elsie McKinnon, who has been

spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wise, has reurned to her home in Boston. New Advertisements

HORSES FOR SALE—Exchange in you have any to sell. C. H. YAPP Littleton, Mass. Tol. 14-14. 22tf

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Notice to Property Owners

You are hereby required on or before March 1, 1920, to destroy the gypsy and brown tail moths on your property in this town,

This notification is in accordance with Chapter 381, Acts of 1905, as amended by Chapter 268, Acts of 1906, which requires cities and towns to destroy the eggs, caterpillars, pupp and nests of the gypsy and brown tall moths under heavy penalty for failure to comply with the provisions of the

If a property owner fails to destroy Joseph McKean. He is on his way to such eggs, caterpillars, pupe and Japan, where he will take up Y. M. nests, then the city or town is required to destroy the same, and the cost of the work in whole or in part, according to the value of the land, is assessed upon and becomes a lien on the (See Section 6, Chapter 381, below.)

The selectmen ask owners and tenants to co-operate with the town in its work on highways and other public grounds by doing effective work on their premises. Citizens who have cleaned their premises of the moths, but find their trees endangered by the eglect of owners of adjoining estates should make complaint to the men. The infestation of a residential neighborhe od by the neglect of a few will not be tolerated.

The eggs of the gypsy moth should be destroyed at once with creosote. They should never be scraped off the object on which they are laid. Careful search should be made for gypsy moth egg clusters, not only on trees but also on house walls, stone walls, fences and in rubbish heaps, etc. Trees in which cavities occur and which it is not desirable to cut should This is important. The present and future cost of combating this insect can be greatly reduced by cutting and worthless brush, hollow trees, etc. A few trees well cared for are No trains went through here for more valuable to the property owner ber of neglected trees.

The nests of the brown tail moth should be cut from the trees, carefully ollected and burned in a stove or fur-

Full instructions as to best methods of work against the moths may be obtained from the Local Superintendent, A. A. Adams, or from the State For-ester, State House, Boston. Work done by contractors should

be inspected and approved by the ocal Superintendent before payment for the same is made. CHARLES H. WEARE, Jr.,

THOMAS E. LILLY, ROBERT H. J. HOLDEN, Shirley, Mass., Feb. 5, 1920. 3t23

(Chapter 331, Acts of 1905, as amended by Chapter 268, Acts of 1906) An Act to Provide for Suppressing the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths

Section 6. The mayor of every city and the solectmen of every town shall, on or before the first day of November in each year, and at such other times as he or they shall see fit, or as the state superintendent may order, cause a notice to be sent to the owner or owners, so far as can be ascertained, of every parcel of land therein which is infested with eald moths; or, if such notification appears to be impracticable, then by posting such notice on said parcels of land, requiring that the eggs, caterpillars, pupe and nests of said moths shall be destroyed within a time specified in the notice.

When, in the opinion of the mayor or

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Huzzey have returned to Leominster.

Mrs. Carrie Kaddy of West Grotor was in town for a day last week.

On account of the storm the School Economic club did not hold their rosular meeting last week, but will meet this week.

In spite of the severe storm fourteen were present at the Church Sunday morning. Eighteen were present at Sunday school. Rev. Joseph McKean preached-an interesting sermon. But few were present at the C. E. service on account of the bad traveling.

Recent victims of the grippe are Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shaw, Mrs. Roy Brown, Ellinor and Charlotte Litch, David Berard and son David, Daniel Coffey, Mrs. Justin Hodgman, Mrs. Charles Hodgman, Lawrence Thorpe, Richard Rusk, Fred Richards and Miss Alice Seaver. W. A. Boutwell has so far recovered has to be able to brick store this week.

Miss Maynard, the primary school teacher, is ill at her home in Pepperell and there was no session of the primary school Monday.

Schools closed Frhay for one week's vacation.

Mrs. Lila Hayward and Mrs. Litch attended the meeting of the Monday club at the home of Mrs. Alfred is Struthers at the Center Monday. Mrs. Is surthers at the Center Monday. Mrs. Litch attended the meeting of the Monday club at the home of Mrs. Alfred is Struthers at the Center Monday. Mrs. Litch attended the meeting of the Monday club at the home of Mrs. Alfred is Struthers at the Center Monday. Mrs.

One Dollar and Fifty Cents

Saturday, February 21, 1920

PEPPERELL"

News Items.

It has been understood that the case against Rodman Blake, of this town, brought by Albert S. Howard, of Low-ell, for injuries to himself and party from an auto collision, in October of last year, had been postponed indefinitely. In connection with the same, the following appears in the superior court news: "Five suits, \$70,000 in damages, from A. J. Donahue & Co., of Lowell, have been filed in superior court for Middlesex county at East Cambridge. The claim is made that an auto accident was caused because the concern gave or sold liquor to a chausseur. The plaintiffs are Stephen Dee of Pepperell, Albert S. Howard, Edna M. Howard, Mrs. Nannie M. Sibley and Clarence C. Sibley, all of Lowell. Dee also sues Rodman R. Blake of Pepperell, alleged to be the driver of the car which figured in the Damage in this suit is set at \$10,000.

Miss Dorothy Luce, who with Ar thur Karr, of Nashua, have been conducting a dancing class in town, has been obliged to cancel all of her en-gagements and take a rest of several months, by advice of her physician, at her home in New York. Her part here will be filled by her understudy and the class will meet as usual.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Men's club it was decided that in view of present epidemic conditions and the difficulties of travel and conveyance, the banquet programed for next week, February 23, would be postponed.

S. Thompson Blood, of Concord Junction, a former Pepperell resident, Is noted as the entertainer at the annual concert and ball of the Nashua Aerie, F. O. E., on Friday evening of last week. O'Donnell hall was filled to capacity, and the great audience were delighted with his impersonations and character changes in cos-

The regular meeting of Prescott Grange was given up on Friday evening of last week on account of the storm; the "99th snowstorm," so-call-

Francis Drumm, who came home from Holy Cross college, Worcester, last week, owing to the prevalence of the epidemic, received a message the early part of this week, that owing to ary 24, after the holiday of Monday.

I. F. Salter was at home last week owing to a shut-down at the paper mills in Pittsfield, where he is now employed, from lack of fuel. He returned to Pittsfield on Friday.

Announcements have been receive of the marriage of Miss Harriet Errington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Walter Errington, formerly of this town, to Benjamin Ball, son of Mr. ceremony was performed at the home of the bride in Shirley on Tuesday afternoon, February 11, Rev. S. F. Goodheart officiating. The groom is Goodheart officiating. an ex-service man, and now has a position in the President Suspender shop.

Harold Westcott, an ex-soldier, who formerly visited here when stationed at Camp Devens, is now employed as electrician at the Nashua River Paper

encouraging guarantee that some people are expecting spring some gleaned from the statement of O. B. Olsen that he has orders for 5000 chicks, and has about 3500 now hatching in the incubators for delivery during the first week in March.

Horace I. Whipple was in town with iends over the week-end from his present home in Ipswich.

Mrs. Ralph Buck has been assisting in the office force at the Nashua River

Paper Company the past week. The friends of Mrs. Morton Klein, formerly Miss Alice True of this town, regret to learn that she is very muc of health and is at the Battle Creek sanitorium in Michigan.

Henry Sculley, who has been unable attend to his work as engineer at the paper mills by reason of a hard sickness with inflammatory rheumatism, is still confined to his room at his boarding house with W. B. Chamberlain. His wife came from their home in Bennington, N. H., but the attending physician would not sanction his removal at that time, and she was obliged to return to her children.

Mrs. Edward H. Bliss returned home from the Memorial hospital in Nashua last Saturday, where she went for treatment following the accident to her eye. Her sight has already re-turned somewhat, and she has the encouragement of the physicians at the hospital that it will continue to im-prove. The sale of the Bliss residence and farm occurred during her absence. At present the purchaser, Mr. Doner thinks that March 1 will be rather early to take possession, judging by the looks of the country roads. It seems probable that Mr. and Mrs. Bliss may be with us longer than it

was at first mentioned. Dr. C. G. Heald has been out o

town this week on a business trip. M. E. Gaskill, at Crown hill, is much the same as M. E. Gaskill at Oak hill. it would seem, judging from the ac count of the recent minstrel show of some society in that part of the city of Nashua, where Mr. Gaskill, who is now a resident there, was largely in-strumental in the success of the entertainment, his name, and that of his son Raymond, being mentioned among the black-face artists.

school barge, reports that with the spite of the high cost of the film and assistance of his brother, Emanuel of Sew other expenses. The Scouts an Olsen, from Harvard, the children ticipate a sum left over office of the service of were conveyed every day there was a session of school, although it required some shoveling. The roads have been badly blocked in the western section of the town, and almost impassible, evidently through to Townsend, as the mail has only reached the people in that section two or three days a week from the Townsend Harbor office.

The close of National Scout week was celebrated by a social gathering of Troops 1 and 2 in the rooms at the Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, and both here, who so kindly remembered them second masters, Rust and Allen, were in their great sorrow in the loss of content of the content of the

present. S. Albert Yeaton was also guest, a most essential one and highly appreciated, as he had been invited to make the oyster stew, with which the W. A. Drummey. East Pepperell
Brockelman Bros. Shirley
H. P. Talater. scout work and a knot-tying contest, during which one scout made a record of nine knots in four minutes. A very pleasant evening is reported.

Messrs, Harry K. White, Addison Woodward and E. L. Tarbell. A pleasant meeting of the Mt. Leb anon Community Associates was held at the home of Mrs. E. D. Walker on Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was rather small, owing to the many cases of illness on the hill, as elsewhere. The work was carried

along on the aprons and a new quilt was started. The ladies enjoyed a social hour, at the conclusion of their wrok, when refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting of the Associates will be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 3, with Mrs. Arthur Bannon.

Letters have been received fro Mrs. John Boynton, who is still with her daughter Anna at Troy, N. Y., stating that there is a slow but steady improvement in the condition of the latter. Mrs. Boynton also writes that there is more snow there than here and the weather has been most intensely cold. It would also seem that there is more illness from the influenza, as the physician attending Miss Anna during her attack of pneumonia, has given out, and is confined to his nome with the disease.

A. E. Bannon was at his home with his family over the week-end, going into Boston to be in the offices of the Federal Tire Company, for whom he travels, for a few days this week.

Leslie Parker, who has had a most tedious iliness from rheumatism and the adhesions in the arm, resulting from the same, is improving perceptibly, his illness dating back to the middle of October of last year He visited friends at Winchendon a part of last week, although still under the care of a physician.

Town schools closed this week Friday for a vacation of the comnig week; commencing February 23.

Miss Barbara Bancroft has been ab sent from her duties at the office of the Pepperell Braiding Company this week, detained at home by illness with the epidemic cold. Mrs. Bancroft has also been afflicted.

Mrs. E. J. Davis is having her share of nursing, as her son, Frank Marston, came home last week from Boston, ill with jaundice, and on Monday Mr Davis came home with the epidemic cold.

The icy crust on the rails on Mon day morning prevented any trains from running over the Milford branch the illness among the faculty the during the forenoon. A snow plow school would not reopen until Februsiany 24, after the holiday of Monday. the engine forced its way to the assistance of the snow bound Milford people. The first passenger train came down about six o'clock, returning to Milford about nine in the evening. No freights came in over that branch during the week, up to Wednesday noon, the papermill being shut down on Tuesday for lack of fuel.

Henry Wood, who has been quite iil with the grippe cold at his home at W. E. Chapman's, was moved to the ome of his sister, Mrs. P. J. Kemp, last week, as he is not showing any improvement.

Joseph Patterson is at the Memor ial hospital, Nashua, where he under-went an operation on Tuesday for a rouble arising from his recent attack of pneumonia following the epidemic His present trouble is of an inestinal nature.

Dr. E. D. Howe has been absent from his dental office a part of last week, owing to an injured cord on his right hand, affecting the joint of the finger.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will observe Washington's birthday. according to their annual custom, on Monday, February 23, at the home of Clm street Presentation of historical will be given by Mrs. N. W. Appleton and Miss M. L. P. Shattuck, the other member of the committee appointed for that day, Miss Ida Shattuck, being in the south.

At the meeting of the Woman's club Tuesday afternoon the vice-president, Mrs. Irene Attridge, presided. The speaker, Miss Robinson, from the county bureau, had a small attendnce but an interested one. Her talk "Practical hints on sewing" contained much of value and instruction She demonstrated that the term: "thrift" or "economy" need not inter fere with dainty, tastefully made and trimmed garments. Her suggestions were worthy of being adopted and no doubt will be.

Lincoln's day, February 12, was oberved at the Main street school building by appropriate exercises in the various rooms of a patriotic charac

Mrs. C. C. Tucker is somewhat im-proved, and her daughter, Mrs. Maxwell, intends to return to her home in South Natick next week. Mrs. Tuck-er's sister, Miss Clara Shattuck, will spend her week of vacation with her. Other Pepperell matter on page two

Girl Scouts Benefit.

The Girl Scouts came in with flying colors in their benefit entertainment on Thursday afternoon and evening of last week, when the famous film, or last week, when the tailous man at Aletheia theatre, by courtesy of Manager Johnson. His generosity and assistance were thoroughly appreci-

ited as well as the liberal patronage and gracious reception of the members for the same. Requiring all this, as well as much good work on the part of the Girl Scouts, under the efficient guidance of their captain, Mrs. Allen. it is not too much to say that all helped to make it a success financially, in the boys convalescing at the Home-stead. They have been much pleased with the attention, and the Victrola has helped to while away many hours

of cold, stormy weather, and added records from time to time will sustain the interest. The Scouts who helped at the hall were the Misses Hobart and Geiger, Dorothy Jacobs and Beth McNayr taking tickets, assisted by fly lot at Woodlawn cemetery.

held at the chapel on Wednesday of last week, Rev. Alexander Bowser, of Cambridge, brother of Miss Frances

J. Bowser, of Pepperell, a relative of the young girl, officiated. Their former pastor, Rev. D. R. Child, was unable a "mess kit" for the occasion. After to be present, from Hudson, owing to throat trouble. The casket was completely covered with flowers from loving relatives and friends, among them being the sweet flowers sent by her Hill friends, and former companions the white casket were seventeen Easter lilies, with their golden hearts, sent by an uncle from Orleans. Fortunately the foral pieces were received in season, despite the weather conditions, and gave comfort to the stricken family.

> Birthday Party. Little Geraldine Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Parker, Hollis street, celebrated her eleventh birthday at her home on last Saturday. She is the only "valentine girl" in the class of Mrs. E. D. Walker, who are called the Little Helpers. Every birthday of the members is observed in turn and enjoyed. There were many beautiful valentines, besides the real live one, and Geraldine received many pretty gifts which were appreciated The entertainment consisted of recitations by Leslie Walker and Margherita Hill, a plano duet by Constance and Geraldine Parker. Gwenn Parker gave a recitation in her usual pleasing manner and responded to an encore. Ruth Pitman, Lorraine Geiger, Natalie Blake and Katherine Parker also gave recitations, and games were enjoyed under the direction of the teacher, Mrs. Walker. Refresh-ments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake, fancy cookies and other delicacies, as they gathered about the brightly lighted table.

Mrs. Jennie S., wife of D. W. Hazen Pleasant street, passed from this life to a higher sphere quietly and pain lessly on last Saturday afternoon. Her sudden death came as a great shock to her friends in town, as her health had been considered frail, but not serious. Her vivacity and appearance of courage were misleading and only physician and immediate family knew of her real condition. Mrs. Hazen was taken ill about Christmas, and owing to the severity of the winter she has

of the arteries. Mrs. Hazen was of English descent out was born in Reading of this state sixty-one years ago. The family came to Townsend to reside, and her early life was passed there. She married, when quite young, Frank D. Kemp, of this town, and their three daughters, Mrs. Charles Smith, of West Newbury: Miss Della M. Kemp, of Cambridge and Miss Ethel, of this town, survive her. Mr. Kemp's death occurred about thirty years ago. The family resided in Brookline, N. H., and in Groton, where they formed many pleasant associations before coming to Pepperell

Mrs. Hazen's marriage to her present husband occurred about fifteen years ago. He survives her; also, a grandchild, Miriam Smith, and nieces and other more distant relatives in Cambridge.

Mrs. Hazen enjoyed social life, and without caring for a large number of friends, she had great affection for her few intimate associates, to whom she clung with a loving tenacity, treasur-ing every kind act and attention. Even in her failing health she enjoyed their visits. Always ready to do for others, it was hard for her to give up any of her duties to even her daughters, who have so willingly placed themselves in

readiness to take up her work.

As long as her strength allowed she was a member of and regular attendant at the Woman's club and at church in this village. She was also a member of Acoma Rebekah lodge which it was her pleasure to attend, many rare flowers from relatives and friends testified to their affection and steem for her.

On Tuesday afternoon private serv ices were held at her late home, as the condition of Mr. Hazen, after a six-weeks' illness, did not warrant a large gathering. These were conducted by Rev. B. W. Rust, pastor of the Methodist church, and the brief, simple service was beautifully impressive and comforting.

The remains were placed in the recelving tomb at the Pepperell cemeery, R. H. Blood, the undertaker, being assisted by the son-in-law, Charles Smith, and J. A. Frossard and Lyman Robbins, of this town, as bearers.

Mrs. Jane (Taylor) Fletcher, widow

way on Wednesday afternoon at the

of the late Timothy Fletcher, passed

home of Mrs. Catherine Hills, Brook-

ine street, where she has received the best of nursing and care for about fifteen months. Mrs. Fletcher had suffered two slight shocks previous to last Sunday, when she suffered the third shock, which proved fatal. She has been confined to her bed for the past four weeks, and constantly fall-ing, and the end was not unexpected. Mrs. Fletcher was born in Milltown near the city of Leominster, about eighty-one years ago. Following her marriage to Mr. Fletcher, she has resided in Townsend and Lunenburg, but mostly here in Pepperell. Mr. Fletcher died in 1901, and her daughter Mabel, who became Mrs. Clarence King of Townsend, died a few years later. Since that time she has been tenderly and thoughtfully cared for by her only remaining son, Eugene Fletcher of this town. Her ill health commenced of the Scouts, who sold advance tickets more than ten years ago, and during much of that period she has been at-tended to and every want granted by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fletcher, at their home, with the exception of the time of the serious illness and subsequent operation, which Mrs Fletcher suffered, a few years ago. Her care by the nurse, Mrs Hills, has been most sat-isfactory, and everything has been done to render the aged woman comfortable. With the exception of the son, above named, she leaves no im-

> Funeral services were held at the residence of Mrs. Hills on Friday af-ternoon at two o'clock, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge attending. The remains will rest in the receiving tomb until spring, when burial will be in the fam-

meeting and P. J. Kemp, clerk. There was no contest on the following nominations, the clerk casting one ballot in each case: Town clerk, P. J. Kemp; treasurer, Addison Woodward; selectman for three years, Alta A. Shattuck; ssessor for three years, Lyman C. Blood. In nominating an assessor for one year, for the unexpired term of Willis C. Perry, there were two names offered as nominees Frank R. Benvotes and B. W. nett receiving 30 former teacher and classmates of the Parker 15. Since the caucus Mr. Park-Sunday school, a wreath from the er has filed nomination papers, and Lend-a-Hand club, and one from Oak will be a candidate for the office. School committee, three years, Leroy of the high school. Across the foot of A. Shattuck; overseer of poor, three years, Dr. L. R. Qua; cemetery com-missioner, R. H. Blood; water com-missioner, three years, A. P. Wright; Lawrence library trustees, three years, C. A. Cook and Frank T. Wright; one year, N. S. Shattuck and D. L. Whitmarsh; tax collector, Arthur P. Wright; tree warden, John W. Tune; auditors, R. H. Blood and Dana O. Merrill: constables, A. A. Lawrence

and G. G. Tarbell.

In the contest for highway surveyor Warren M. Blood received 23 votes, and Dennis O'Brien became the caucus nominee by receiving 33 votes.

Election of officers will occur on
Monday, February 23, at the two precincts, the town and the Foster street engine house, the polls being open at

30, and may close at three o'clock.

The evening session of the annual town meeting for action on the eightcen articles in the town warrant, including appropriations, was held on Monday evening, February 16. Conditions did not promise a large attendance, and the number of the town's prominent citizens was few. were not more than sixty people present at any time, and this number was diminished when the dance held by the K. of C., in Prescott hall, set for the same date as the town meeting by some error, commenced. The festivities won the precedence in attendance The meeting was called to order at

J. Kemp, town clerk. Charles H. Miller was chosen moderator.

Articles 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 were taken up in regard to accepting certain sums, the income to be used the care of the different lots in Walton and Woodlawn cemeteries, as per warrant, and voted to be accepted.

.40, and the warrant duly read by P

Under Article 4 it was voted to raise and appropriate \$100 for Memorial

Art. 5. Voted to authorize the treas urer, with the approval of the select-men, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial been out very little since. Her death year, and issue notes therefor, the was due to heart trouble and disease amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Art. 7. Voted that the choice of

ecessary town officers, not required to be elected by ballot, be left with the solectmen. Art. 16. Voted to raise and appro-

priate the sum of \$200 for cutting and Art. 8. Voted to raise and appro-priate the sum of \$500 for district and school nursing, the same to be applied to the salary of the nurse supplied by the Pepperell District Nursing associa-

tion. Art. 10. Voted to raise and appro priate the sum of \$700 for gravelling River street from the point ended in 1919, provided the state and county appropriate a like sum, as provided or under the Small Town Act.

Voted to appropriate the Art. 9. sum of \$100 for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics; O. B. Olsen chosen director. Art. 6. Voted to adopt same method

for collection of taxes as last year-All taxes Secome due October 15, and interest will be charged on same after November 1, to be reckoned from October 15, and that all taxes must be

paid on or before January 1, 1921.

Art. 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 to aid the Daughters of the American Revolution in procuring a new flag pole or

the common.

Art. 18. Voted that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the account of the condition of the roads special town meeting which was a decount of the condition of the roads and the weather, it was impossible for the people to attend, consequently we did not have a recommendation of the roads and the weather, it was impossible for the people to attend, consequently we did not have a recommendation of the roads and the weather, it was impossible for the people to attend, consequently we did not have a recommendation of the roads and the weather, it was impossible for the people to attend, consequently we did not have a recommendation of the roads and the weather, it was impossible for the people to attend, consequently and the people to attend the roads and the weather, it was impossible for the people to attend, consequently and the people to attend the people the people to attend the people to attend the people the people the people the people to attend the people the special town meeting which shall be crowd to carry on the town's affairs, which it was nor pleasure to attend, special town meeting which shall be particularly at the social functions of the order, from which she will be missed. A beautiful floral tribute from the members of the lodge and to retire and select standing the members of the lodge and cake were served during the so-and a motion was made that the meeting has adjourned to Thursday night at named to retire and select standing the members of the lodge and cake were served during the so-and a motion was made that the meeting has adjourned to Thursday night at named to retire and select standing the served during the so-and a motion was made that the meeting has adjourned to Thursday night at named to retire and select standing the was not the waves of the committee. A. P. Wright, Rainsford music floated over the audience, it is meeting it was voted to send the music floated over the audience, it is meeting it was voted to send the missed. Deware and Thomas Drummey were named. They reported on their return the following committee to act in the matter: E. D. Walker, H. K. White. Dr. C. G. Heald, J. A. Saunders and

C. H. Miller,
A petition was read asking for signatures for a state road from Tyngs-boro through Dunstable and Pepperell to Townsend, which had already received the signatures of the selectmen of the other towns. It was voted to instruct the Pepperell board of select-

men to add their signatures. Article 2 was taken up and it was voted to accept the reports of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, town treasurer, school committee, and other own officers or committees as printed n town report.

Voted that the selectmen be authorized to call a special town meeting on or before April 20, 1920. committee on appropriation

brought in the list of recommendations for appropriations for the ensuing year, which were voted upon as fol-

Water bond..... Treasurer's and Collector's bonds Treasurer's and Collector's bonds
Highways
Bridgos, unexpended balance
Culverts
Sidewalks
Snow paths, unexpended balance
of \$390.11, and.
Watering troughs, unexpended balance
Care of common.
Care of town clock.
Cemeterles, unexpended balance of \$59.81, and.
Fire department.
Forest fire warden, unexpended balance of \$7.45, and
Guide boards, unexpended balance
hydrant service, unexpended balance
lydrant service, unexpended balance of \$2,820, and.
Hoard of health

Hearse upkeep, the income 1,500 00 Interest
Insurance, unexpended balance of \$33.51, and
Compensation insurance
Mothers' pensions, unexpended balance ed balance ...
Suppression of brown tail moths ...
Poor department ...
Repairs on almshouse ...
Playground, unexpended balance ...
Police department ...
Support of schools, dog tax,

school fund, and section of tax, school fund, and section of section of tax, school fund, and section of weights and measurements. State Aid, unexpended bali ance and
Soldiers' relief
Town charges
Town house, unexpended balance of \$79.06, and
Tree warden
Varnum place, income
Fire alarm

electric lighting company, as having failed to secure such a meeting, no report was possible. It was voted that the selectmen be empowered to act on the matter and report at the April meeting.

Church Notes.

Patriotic services will be held at the Community church on Sunday morning at 10.45, with an appropriate sermon by the pastor. The members of the D. A. R. will attend in a body, meeting in the vestry at 10.30, and the G. A. R. members of the Frank West post, A. L., the two troops of Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts have been invited to join in the Lincoln-Washington memorial service. Acceptance of the invitation has been received from Vice Commander Hayes of the American Legion, regretting that with so many of the members ou of town, and several who would attend their own church, the attendance from the post would necessarily be small. The music rendered by the choir will be of a patriotic nature, fiting for the occasion. The young soldiers who are in town to regain their health have also been invited to the service, and it is hoped all may at tend.

A business meeting of the Commu-nity Church Workers will be held in the church parlors on Thursday afternoon at the usual hour. The supper served by the committee for month will follow in the evening at 6.30.

An enjoyable conference of teachers and workers was held in the Community church parlors on Thursday evening. W. Vernon Lytle, of Boston, was present and gave some very interesting suggestions on the subject of "Religious education." Following the conference tea was served by the ladies. Although last Sunday was stormy.

twenty-five percent of the church school's members were present to receive their points in the contest. Many are winning higher points than ever before. Geraldine Parker was awarded 70 points, which is the highest ever given on one Sunday. A special evenng service was given in memory of Lincoln, and a special offering was taken for missionary work. Those who were able to attend can bring in their offering on Sunday.

Morning worship at the Methodist church on Sunday at 10.45, with sermon by Rev. C. E. Spaulding, who will also hold the fourth quarterly conference at this time. Sunday school at twelve. Meetings of the boys and girls in the chapel and parsonage, respectively, at 6.45. At 7.30, evening worship, with sermon by the pastor or "The first allegiance."

On Tuesday evening devotional "David sparing Saul." Study topic "Three social transformations." The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid society will be held on Thursday

afternoon at 2.30 with Miss Anna Sar telle, Groton street. On Thursday evening, at 7.45, the Helpers will meet with Mrs. S. A. Yeaton, High street.

To the Editor:

The writer had the opportunity o attending the annual town meeting of the town of Pepperell held on Monday, Februaray 16. The first town meeting was held in Peppereil 178 years previous to the last one on the same date. The writer should question very much if, during those 178 years, they had ever held a town meeting to the music of a jazz band.

The population of the town of Pepperell is approximately 2700 people and was represented at this meeting by less than 50 voters, of which number 18 people voted and appropriated for the year 1920 approximately \$68,-000-with still other appropriations to come. The largest one will be for the re-building of the Main street from Pepperell Center to Railroad square. It was stated in the meeting that, on seemed as if they were spell-bound consequently they voted to carry on the business with a handful of men to represent the town. This meeting was certainly one of the most un-busness-like meetings that the writer has had the opportunity of attending for a great many years. I doubt if there ever was such a meeting held in the town of Pepperell. The music from he town hall above was a dance which drowned out the voices of the speakers in the hall. It seems as if the two should have been held on separate nights. Writer does not criticise for a moment the people that held the ball but criticises very much the judgment used by the officials in holding a town meeting on the same night.

The town is very heavily in debt and unless the people of Pepperell get together and so into this thing more deeply, there is no doubt but before very long the state will take the management out of the hands of the people and direct the running of it.

The writer is not writing this letter for a personal reason but for the betterment of the conditions in the town

of Pepperell. The population has decreased over 25% in the last 20 years. The business industries have decreased 50% and the taxes have increased probably more than 100%. The quicker the town's people get wise to these conditions and cut the corners that are possible, the quicker we can get business and industries to come here. No industrial concern will ever locate in the town of Pepperell with the con-ditions as they are at the present time.

I say to the voters let's work together and bring the people together for business and have economy in handling our town affairs.

Rainsford Deware.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items

42 50

325 00 450 00

377 33

24,000 00

75 00

Miss Ruby Viets, of Waltham, daughter of Rev. Francis Viets, a former resident of this town, will sall March 6 for Spain, where she will enter Miss Gulick's school for mission-She expects to remain three years.

Alfred Cobleigh and family have recovered from their recent attack of influenza. Mrs. Lester Moore is quite ill with

bad cold which threatens to develop into pneumonia. Mr. Moore is much improved from his recent illness. The high school girls gave a valen

tine party in the town hall last Sat-urday evening, about sixty partici-

20-21

Fitchburg's Big Market FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SPECIALS

FEB. 20-21

Steak ROUND SIRLOIN Saturday Morning

Limited Sale

Fresh Thick Rib 20c lb. Fresh Middle Rib of Beef 10: 1 Prime Rib Roasts 116, 286, 306 lb.

James & Pot Roasts 15c lb. Boiling Boof 8c, 10c, 12c lb.

Chuck Roasts of Beef...... 15ϕ , 18ϕ , 20ϕ lb.

Boneless Chucks 22c, 28c lb.

Forequarters 30c lb. Hindquarters 340 lb.

Fresh Shoulders 20c lb.

Babbitt's White Naphtha Soap...... 3 calors 27c 1 cake free Babbitt's 1776 Washing Powder 3 pkgs, 25c 10c Soap Shaker Free N. B. C. Cheese Wafers 15c pkg. N. B. O. Oatmeal Crackers 15c pkg.

Footo's brand 15c Wallace brand 19c Pride of Cambridge 13c

FULL LINE FRESH VEGETABLES

Fancy Smelts 25¢ lb. Haddock 10c, 12c lb.

Sliced Halibut 33¢, 35¢ lb. Mackerel 25¢ lb. Oysters, Fresh Sardines, Large and Small Herring, Salmon

USE BROCKELMAN'S OCCIDENT BREAD GRAPEFRUIT APPLES

Pure Lard 30c lb. Swiss Cheese, Regularly 65c lb., 59c lb.

Camembert Cheese 47c box

White Pea Beans 9c lb. Crab Apple Jelly 22c, 25c jar Webber's Honey 20c jar

TEA—Black Rabbit Oolong.... 3 pounds \$1.00 Gold Bar Pincapple 35c, 45c can Fancy Prunes 25c, 27c, 29c lb.

MAIN OFFICE—FITCHBURG, MASS. U. S. Wheat Director's License No. 015,182 V. B. STORES IN FITCHBURG, LEOMINSTER, CLINTON, MASS.

the week-end with friends in Malden, attending the McCormack recital in

Boston on Sunday. Influenza and bad colds have been prevalent the past week. The latest victims are Wallace Robinson and

The Grange entertained its members last week Friday evening with a valentine party. The hall was tastefully decorated with hearts and other favors. Games appropriate to the ccasion were much enjoyed, as was a violin solo by Mrs. Mabel Whitcomb accompanied at the piano by Walde Livermore, and a piano duet by Mrs Ada Durkee and Mrs. Mabel Robbins. Four young ladies and four young men bashfully told in verse their reasons for their present state of "blessed singleness." Ice cream and cake were served during the so-

delegates to the hearing in reweek. Prescott Burroughs and Rogene Priest have been appointed.

The second meeting of the Nash-

The meeting of February 27 wil

obah Fruit Growers' association was held in G. A. R. hall, West Acton, Wednesday. This association has een organized to promote an interest in apple-growing in this section, as well as to bring the fruit growers together and enable them to discuss the best methods of raising, packing and disposing of their fruit. Many interemphasized which must prove of unusual interest to all-Boxborough is in the heart of the finest apple country east of the Mississippi. Such conclusion has been reached by experts who have examined the soil and taken into consideration the climatic conditions, all of which are most favorable to the growth of apples.

The association now boasts 100

The following officers were elected:
John Hardy, Littleton, pres.; Mr.
Dodds, Littleton, v. p.; Harold Priest,
Stow, sec.; Gordon Hutchinson, Conord, treas.; one director was appoint ed from each town as follows: "Actor Fred Davis; Littleton, C. B. Flagg Harvard, Arthur Calkins; Boxborough B. C. Steele; Concord, Gardner Lav rence; Stow, A. L. Underwood; Bol ton, Mr. Hackett; Hudson, Mr. Little on; Westford, Mr. Cadmun; Shirley Mr. Davis.

The next meeting will be held in the G. A. R. hall, West Acton, Wednesday, March 3.

day! Nonsonso you say. But listen: In France, they are now taking milk and robbing it first of its fat. Then it

AUTO REPAIRING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION

LONG AND SHORT DISTANCE

PARTIES Any number accommodated at reason

able rates

Telephone 122-12

METHODS based on long experience, experience based on practice, and practice intelligently performed as the result of training in the best optical schools of the country enable us to give you a service that assures careful, scientific examinations, handsomely designed, well-made, correct fitting and distinctive glasses. The testimonials of those we have served are on file in our office.

F. H. GATHERCOLE Consulting Optometrist

New Carloy Block Ayer, Mass. WE GRIND OUR OWN LENSES

Union Cash Market Ayer, Mass.

BOAST PORK 25c. lb SMOKED SHOULDERS 23c. lb GOOD CORNED BEEF CORNED BEEF, all solid meat, 20c. 1b FRESH SHOULDERS 23c. lb. SKINNED BACK HAMS 28c. 1b. YEARLING LAMB FORES 23c. 'lb. YEARLING LAMB LOINS 20c. lb.

CRANBERRIES 3 qts. 25c., 9c. qt. CONDENSED MILK 17c. can EVAPORATED MILK PIGS AND BEEF LIVER GOOD ROAST BEEF GOOD STRLOIN STEAK BEST SIRLOIN STEAK

FAT SALT PORK CAN SOUPS BEST CHEESE BEST TUB BUTTER EXTRA GOOD COFFEE SHREDDED WHEAT

67c. lb. 38c. lb.

10c. lb.

40c. lb.

50c, 1b,

30c. lb.

10c. can

LAMB

Boneless Rib Roasts 25c to 38c lb.

LAMB

Short Logs 40c lb.

PORK—By the strip 28¢ lb. Smoked Shoulders 20c lb. Small Roasts 28c, 80c, 32c lb.

Demonstration—Friday and Saturday

BROKEN CRACKERS, special 15c lb.

SPECIAL SALE OF PEANUT BRITTLE Regularly 38c lb., Friday and Saturday 30c lb. Salted Peanuts 35c lb.

BIG SALE CANNED TOMATOES

Fresh Lettuce, Celery, Spinach, Ripe Tomatoes, Cauliflowers, Rhubarb, Cranberries, Sweet Potatoes, Spanish Onions

Fresh Opened Clams 55c quart Owl's Head, Me., Scallops 70c pint

Brockelman Bros.

family and George and Berger Keyes.

Grange Notes.

gard to the daylight saving law to be held in Boston on Wednesday of nex-

A class will be initiated in March Those desirous of entering the Grange must present their applications by

be a leap year social, open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Fruit Growers' Meeting.

esting speakers were present who spoke of the great future in store for this section. One interesting fact was

charter members, twenty of whom are from this town.

You'll dress yourself in milk som

is converted into curds by means of rennet. After the curds have been parboiled, exposed to the air and treated with acetone, a substance is ob tained as plastic as putty, as trans-lucent as alabaster: a substance which can be molded or rolled. The product

Contract to the Contract of

A de la companya de l

AUT® TRUCKING

Groton, Mass.

