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Fifty-second Year

Ayer, Mass., Saturday, February 21, 1920

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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

A. G. Pollard Co.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant, who planned to start south last Thursday, were obliged to wait a few days on account of a heavy cold contracted by Mrs. Conant. They plan now to leave 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 3-ton White army truck, driven by Private R. A. Mann of the base hospital, left the camp at 12.30 p. m., and 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 opportunity to proceed to Boston, where it 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 route. That night Rupert Sanderson carried him back on his motorcycle electric car tracks into Ayer. This, too, was some feat.

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 Pingroville and return to Kimball's corner. Mr. Shepard has concluded to use the trains a while longer. His Ford, however, was the first automobile seen on the Ayer road since the big blizzard nine days previous.

Miss Mary Kimball has taken a position in Martinsburg, W. Va., where she is dietician in the King's Daughters' hospital.

Hope Fletcher, Mrs. E. A. Adams, Elizabeth and Rosa Hill, Albert Wyeth, the J. W. Dodds children, Ruth Sawyer, Charles L. Smith, Jr., Muriel and John Lobnes, all the Imarous family, Mrs. John Osborne, Dr. J. N. Murray, Leo Taylor, Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Merrill, Elsie and Henry Ewing, the entire Marshall Murray family are on the influenza list. Dean Cooper and Fred C. Reed have been sick with heavy colds, Lyman Chase has tonsillitis, and Mrs. G. A. Barber has a bilious attack.

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

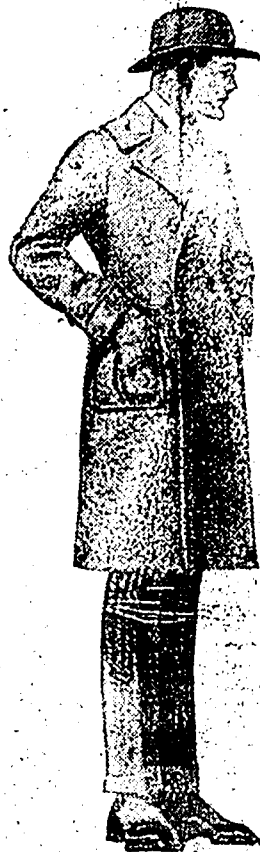
Katherine Kimball, of Brockton, was at home last week and plans to spend this week-end with the home people.

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 prohibited.

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

The meeting of the Historical society will be postponed on account of the epidemic.

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



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.

WAIST-SEAM MODELS

\$40

BELTED MODELS

\$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'

\$3.50

MEN'S

\$2.25 to \$4.50

Rubbers from 60¢ for the little folks to \$2.00 for Men's Heavy Work Ones

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OPPOSITE DEPOT AYER, MASS.

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RELIABLE CLOTHING AYER, MASS.

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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



Thursday with Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, with fourteen ladies in attendance. A picture of Lincoln taken from the Boston Post was shown, a remarkable likeness taken near the close of the war. The governor's proclamation in reference to Lincoln day was read by Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. F. B. Priest read "The second coming," by T. A. Daley. 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 welcome to these meetings.

Roger Priest's new house is progressing in spite of unfavorable weather and influenza.

HARVARD

News Items.

Schools closed this week, to be re-opened again on March 1.

Edw. J. McLaughlin returned home on Thursday afternoon from the Groton hospital. He is feeling very well indeed and needs only a few weeks rest to be his own self again.

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

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

Willard Bagster, with his lady friend, are home with his mother here in town for a few days.

Mrs. Blanche Davis spent last week-end with her mother in Methuen.

Mrs. George Tooker is recovering from 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 vacated by Mr. Bryant.

Still River.

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. 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 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 influenza, Miss Ruth Willard is at home.

Walter Haskell went out a little too 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 last Sunday.

Mrs. John Healey is quite an invalid 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 trouble.

New Advertisements

TO 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 meet 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

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 bleached 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.

Heavy Winter Golfs 75¢ to \$2.50

Regular Winter Caps \$1.50 to \$2.50

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 \$1.50

Heavy Fleece-lined \$1.39

Heavy Wool \$2.00 to \$3.50

Union Suits

Heavy Derby Ribbed \$1.89 to \$2.50

Heavy Wool \$3.50 to \$5.50

Boys' Derby Ribbed 95¢ to \$1.75

Boys' Wool \$2.15 to \$3.00

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 \$2.00 to \$10.00

V-neck Style \$7.50 to \$10.00

Army Style \$3.50 to \$8.50

Slip-on Style \$3.50 to \$8.50

Boys' \$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

Working Gloves, lined 75¢ to \$2.50

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
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Laundry and Dyehouse

HOLLIS, N. H.

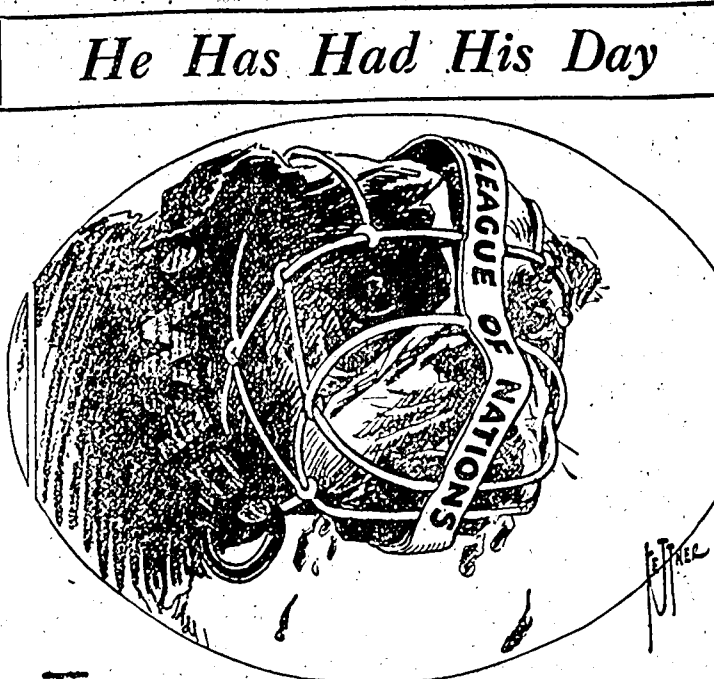
News Items.

The report last week of the death of Mrs. Lillian Stimson Richards should have read Lillian Stimson Webster.

nishings" by Miss Eaton, this being the last of four papers on that period.

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.



LEAGUE FULFILLS AMERICAN IDEAL

Herbert Hoover Says Democracies Replaced Autocracies at Our Bidding. FOOD ADMINISTRATION CHIEF.

Herbert Hoover is so deeply concerned over the opposition to the League of Nations in the United States that he has let himself be interviewed at length on the League situation.

American Ideas Have Prevailed. "We went into the war to destroy autocracy as a menace to our own and all other democracies."

Keep Up "Good Times." Keeping interested does not just point toward the serious side of life. It points to recreation—that absolute necessary constituent of sane, healthy living.

Waterproofing. To make cloth waterproof dissolve ten pounds of resin in four gallons of hot linseed oil.

BALL BAND advertisement featuring an illustration of a boot and text: 'We Sell this Rugged Footwear Marked by the Red Ball'. GEORGE H. BROWN, Ayer, Mass.

Electrical Supplies. Three Days' Special Sale—February 21, 24 and 25. Flat Irons \$6.25, PERFECTION \$5.25.

JOHN F. RYAN advertisement: 'If You Are Interested In Good Groceries At Reasonable Prices Make a Trip to the Store of CHAS. SHERWIN'.

We also have a good assortment of HOUSEHOLD GOODS. HOES RAKES SHOVELS SPADES WHEELBARROWS STEP-LADDERS.

ORDER NOW

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

YATES' GARAGE advertisement: 'Maple Street Telephone 157-2 AYER, MASS.'

MONEY SAVING MAGAZINE OFFER

Advertisement for Gentlemans, Household, American Woman, and Homelife magazines. 'You Get ALL FOUR of These Magazines AND Our Newspaper For One Year Each \$2.15'.

All remittances should be mailed to TURNER'S PUBLIC SPIRIT Ayer, Mass.

The ten papers we publish fully cover the towns of Ayer, Groton, Pepperell, Westford, Littleton, Harvard, Shirley, Townsend, Brookline, N. H. and Hollis, N. H.

At the Anna Keyes Powers chapter of the D. A. R. met with the regent, Mrs. Flora E. Hardy, last Saturday afternoon.

New Advertisements

FOR SALE—A second-hand one-horse sled and a little money. FRANK R. PRESTON, Blacksmith, Harvard, Mass. Tel. 118-2.

Lamson Hubbard HATS and CAPS FOR SPRING SOLD BY GEO. H. BROWN Ayer, Mass.

FISH Fresh and Frozen Fish, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Ralph H. Wylie DENTIST Barry Building AYER, MASS. Telephone 15-3

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Autos for Hire 5- and 7-Passenger Cars Prompt and Efficient Service with Careful Drivers

E. A. Whitney AYER, MASS. Office handy to Railroad Station—ask anyone—they all know Whitney. Telephone 62-3

What else does the League propose to do for Mankind? (1) Secure fair treatment for labor.

7. Who are to be Charter Members of the League? A. The United States of America, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, British Empire, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, 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: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Persia, Salvador, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Venezuela.

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 Mandatory Commission, to look after colonies, etc., (5) a Permanent Commission, for military questions, (6) various International Bureaus; such as the Postal Union, etc., (7) Mandatories?

10. What is a Mandatory? 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 territories taken from them."

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.

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.

HARVARD

News Items. The senior dance given last Saturday evening was a success, about forty dollars being cleared. Sleighting parties were present from Ayer and West Acton.

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

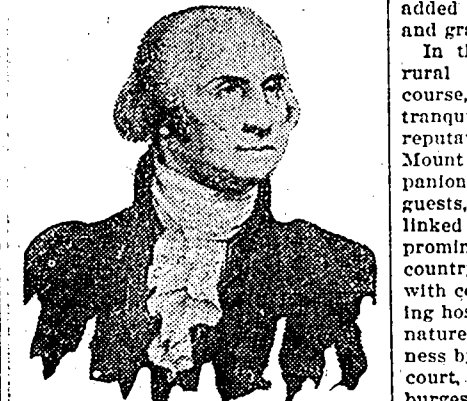
Colleges Now Being Organized For Work in the Nation Wide Campaign of the Episcopalians. Illustrated Lectures on Church History and Parish Activities Available For Parishes Everywhere to Quicken Interest in Movement.

SHIRLEY

The Center primary and grammar schools will close on Friday afternoon, February 20, for the regular vacation of one week in every six weeks and will reopen on Monday, March 1.

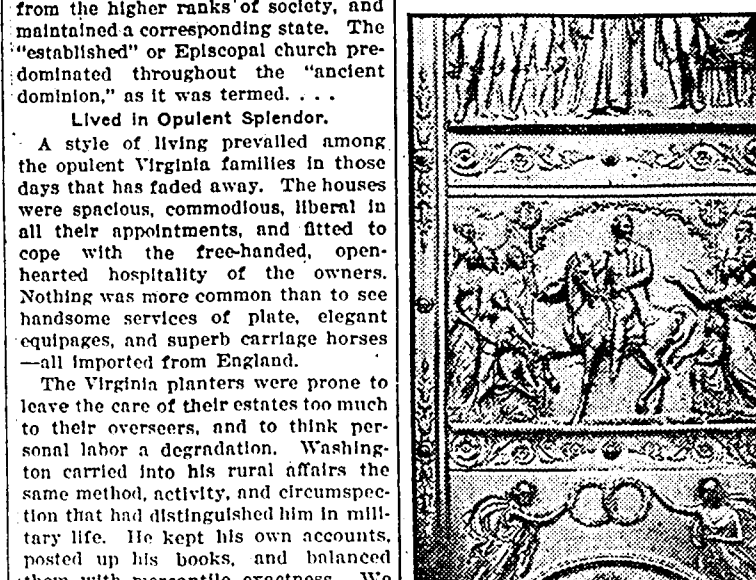
MOUNT VERNON IN EARLY DAYS

Irving's Description of Washington's Home Brings Famous Spot Vividly Before Reader. MOUNT VERNON was beautifully situated on a swelling height, crowned with wood, and commanding a magnificent view up and down the Potomac.



George Washington. Famous Portrait by Peale.

Famous Works of Art



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

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.

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

The great missionary opportunities of the Episcopal Church in Eastern Massachusetts is the theme of Bishop Lawrence's Fourth Letter to the Clergy, which has just been sent out as a part of the work of The Church's Call. It is here pointed out that 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 thousands who came here without definite church connections.

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

BEECHAM'S 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.



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

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FOR COLDS, BRUCE'S LAXATIVE AND CELERY QUININE

PRE-WAR STRENGTH OF QUININE AND NECESSARY DRUGS TO RELIEVE A COLIC IN ONE DAY.

PRICE 25 CENTS WALTER C. BRUCE Lowell, Mass. U. S. A.

WINTER SCHEDULE

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

Leave North Chelmsford once an hour from 6.15 A. M. to 10.15 P. M.

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

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

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.

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Send for STYLE CARD and PRICE LIST.

Plate and 50 Cards \$2.00 Plate and 100 Cards \$2.50

Call at TURNER'S PUBLIC SPIRIT OFFICE Ayer, Mass.

And see our line of samples

RED TRIANGLE IN SOUTH AMERICA Pioneer Work for Y. M. C. A. Done by Massachusetts Man in Uruguay

Down in Montevideo, on the coast of Uruguay, a Wakefield man, H. de Anguera, is introducing "Frozen Yankees" and high ideals and Y. M. C. A. hospitality and service to the Spanish population.

The local paper "El Siglo", in an article of appreciation of the local association which was introduced under war conditions primarily to care for 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 have created:

"The sailor and the Montevideo who enter find themselves in the bosom of their own family with friendly hands stretched out cordially; if he is a stranger, gentlemen take pleasure in accompanying him during his visit 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 Wakefield, Mass. For eight years he was industrial 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 associated 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.

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 private boules:

"Four ships had 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 average of 60 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 have had a fine group of American and English women who were constantly at the Red Triangle, and the moral effect on the boys has been excellent. You would laugh to hear some of them call my wife 'Mother.' Our house has been a sort of 'Sailor's Retreat.' Constantly there would be groups of one to five up for tennis with my wife and others in the afternoon and then come to the house for a shower and supper, after which the phonograph and records worked hard. The home touch means a lot to the 'Y's.

FILIPINAS GET BALLOT BEFORE AMER. SISTERS

Senora de Veyra Describes Status of Women in the Philippines.

The Filipino woman is destined to 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 Filipinas may beat her American sisters to the ballot box.

The Filipinas 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.



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

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

"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 the Philippines. Not only has she frequently addressed the wives of members of Congress in Washington as to conditions in the new Philippines, but she has visited various cities, speaking before women's clubs.

"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 physicians."

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 program.

At the meeting of the Phoebe Weston Farmer's Club, held Tuesday evening, a program was given in observance of Lincoln and Washington birthdays. A paper on "Lincoln," written by Mrs. McMaster, under three subject headings, was read as follows: "Citizenship of Lincoln," "Miss Alice Day," "Sympathy of Lincoln for the unfortunate," by Miss Emma Arlin; "Glory of a man who loved his fellowmen," Mrs. Flora Watkins. Mrs. Albert Howard gave a paper on "Washington" and the members responded with quotations from Lincoln and Washington.

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 program of the Townsend High school."

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 improving. 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, "Christian 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 Fitchburg. Dr. Alton Wheeler of Atlantic, Ga., has been at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean. He is on his way to Japan, where he will take up Y. M. C. A. work.

Mrs. George Winchester is recovering from an attack of influenza. Ashbel Streeter, who has been boarding 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 Fitchburg 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 at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman.

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, pupae and nests of the gypsy and brown tail moths under heavy penalty for failure to comply with the provisions of the law.

If a property owner fails to destroy such eggs, caterpillars, pupae and 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 become a lien on the land. (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 neglect of owners of adjoining estates should make complaint to the selectmen. The infestation of a residential neighborhood 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, chimneys, fences and around rubbish heaps, etc. Trees in which cavities occur and which it is not desirable to cut should have the cavities tinned or cemented. This is important. The present and future cost of combating this insect can be greatly reduced by treating and burning worthless brush, hollow trees, etc. A few trees well cared for are more valuable to the property owner and the community than a large number of neglected trees.

The nests of the brown tail moth should be cut from the trees, carefully collected and burned in a stove or furnace. 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 Forester, State House, Boston.

Work done by citizens should be approved by the Local Superintendent before payment for the same is made. CHARLES H. WEARE, JR., THOMAS E. LILLY, ROBERT H. J. HOLDEN, Selectmen. Shirley, Mass., Feb. 5, 1920. 3123

(Chapter 381, Acts of 1905, as amended by Chapter 268, Acts of 1906.) An Act to Provide for the Destruction of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths. Section 6. The mayor of every city and the selectmen of every town shall, on or before the first day of March in each year, and at such other times as he or they shall see fit, or as the state superintendent may direct, cause notice to be sent to the owner or owners, so far as can be ascertained, of every parcel of land which is infested with said moths; or, if such notification appears to be impracticable, then by such means as he or they may deem proper, requiring that the eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests of said moths be destroyed within a time specified in the notice.

Those from this part of the town 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, Harriet Shepherd and Dorris Tenney. Highest honors were awarded Miss Persis Ormsby and Miss Lucie Reynolds.

Mrs. Fred Richards is recovering from an attack of influenza. Other victims 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 Mrs. Alice Seaver. His daughter, Miss Wilmer-Seaver, of Boston, was sent 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 held its meeting at the home of Mrs. George Seaver, Monday, will not meet next week.

Mrs. Elsie McKinnon, who has been spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wise, has returned to her home in Boston.

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