





LITTLETON

News Items. The live motion pictures will be resumed on Tuesday evening, March 15. Note the date. Also, watch the paper next week for announcement of opening program.

rapidly and most liberal appropriations were made, which will probably bring a much higher tax rate than usual in Littleton.

INTERCHURCH SURVEY UNDER WAY THROUGHOUT NEW ENGLAND STATES Teams of 'Friendly Visitors' Making Important Religious Canvass - Rural Life Also Under Microscope - To See Where Church Stands

way the huge mass of material will be kept constantly up-to-date. The surveys are to become the great means of keeping the finger of Protestantism upon the religious pulse of the nation.

LEG SAVED BY 'Y' MAN Captain in 26th Div. wounded at Chateau Thierry, tells of service rendered by 'Y'

To Get up in the morning tired and unrefreshed, with a dull, heavy head, often amounting to headache, to feel low-spirited and "blue" - are symptoms of self-poisoning by food poisons, not neutralized or eliminated by bowels, liver and kidneys acting in harmony.

Electrical Supplies SPECIAL-WHILE THEY LAST Emeraldite Jr. Lamps \$5.75 Wallace Lamps \$3 Westinghouse Traveler's Iron, 3-lb. \$5.75

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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 MONEY SAVING MAGAZINE OFFER You Get ALL FOUR of These Magazines AND Our Newspaper For One Year Each FOR \$2.15

EXPORTS DRAIN TO FRANCE In the month ending April 22 the Y. M. C. A. Entertainment Bureau and the Overseas Theatre League recruited in America and sent abroad 126 American entertainers to be added to the force of 657 American and 150 French artists playing for the A. E. F.

WANTED Second-hand Chandler Accordian Platter and Chandler Side Platter, or information regarding same. Address, F. E. L., care of Public Spirit, Ayer, Mass.

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**TOWNSEND**

other two selectmen to make up the board.

The first matter of business at the afternoon session was to vote that the selectmen act as the board of health. Other officers elected were auditors, T. E. Flarity, Harry L. Whitcomb and Carl B. Willard. Later in the session Mr. Willard resigned and Dr. A. J. Atwood was elected in his place. Tax collector, Hudson A. Bray; justice, James L. Farris; and Abbot Hodgman, cemetery commissioner for three years, Frank B. Higgins; trustee of public library for three years, Rev. Alfred L. Struthers; tree warden, William W. Copeland; park commissioner, William A. Russell; trustees of Tucker fund, Dr. Harry S. Edgerly, William Z. Sawtelle; Perry W. Sawtelle; highway surveyors, George H. Tenney, John E. Donovan and Clarence A. King. It was voted to leave the long list of public weighers, cutlers of hoops and staves, fence viewers and surveyors of wood, bark and lumber, to be appointed by the board.

The following amounts were voted under the various departments: General government, \$2120.70; protection of life and property, \$2296.02; health and sanitation, \$655; highways and bridges, \$7521.75; charities, \$209.50; fire department, \$500; library, \$231.14; recreation, \$275; interest, \$650; town debt, \$1400; unclassified, \$600; soldiers' relief, \$200; special appropriations for care of soldiers' graves in the cemetery of the town, \$50; for brush cutting along the highway of the town, \$250; for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, the money to be expended by and in cooperation with the county trustees of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau and home economics, \$150, making the total appropriations of \$38,372.11.

For the consideration of a new general valuation of the town it was voted that all matters pertaining to a new valuation be considered at a special town meeting to be called by the selectmen March 20, at two p. m.

The selectmen were chosen a committee for the suppression of vice and to prosecute the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Under article 13, it was voted not to paint the school building at the Center.

Under article 15, 16 and 17, it was voted to accept from Henry A. Miner of Somerville the sum of \$100; from Mrs. Addie E. Gilson the sum of \$50, and from Mrs. Abbie A. Barber the sum of \$100 for perpetual care of their family lots in cemetery.

Article 19. The selectmen authorized the selectmen with the state highway commissioners to repair the town's part of the state road at West Townsend.

Article 20. To abolish the office of sexton, was passed by a rising vote of 44 to 39.

Article 21. To fix grades on North road and appropriate \$1200.

Article 21. Galen A. Proctor was elected a director for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics to serve in cooperation with the Middlesex County Farm Bureau, under provisions of chapter 273, general acts of 1915.

It was voted that the selectmen and A. Dudley Bagley investigate further relative to contracting with the Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Co. relative to extending the street lighting system to Townsend Harbor.

Under article 22, voted to maintain the third electric street light on lower Main street, which since its installation was maintained by C. A. Packard and to reimburse Mr. Packard for money already paid in maintaining the same.

On motion of C. B. Willard the meeting voted to extend to retiring selectman Everett W. Seaver by a rising vote: "Our sympathy at this time in his illness with the hope for a speedy recovery; that we acknowledge his efficient and faithful services during the many years as a public official and that a copy be sent to Mr. Seaver by the town clerk."

**Harbor.**

Two of the stock sheds at the leathereboard mill caved in last week, owing to the heavy weight of snow on their roofs.

James Bennett returned Wednesday night from a two-days' business trip to Boston.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher is under the doctor's care, but hopes to be about soon.

After a successful theatrical tour Mr. and Mrs. George Sullivan returned to the Harbor last Saturday evening. Not until the second day of their arrival were they able to effect an entrance to their snow-bound villa. On the night of their arrival they were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cummings. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan were given the name Tiantia Midgets by the friends.

The favorite winter sport in this vicinity is skiing.

A paper petitioning for a Sunday train was started in Greenville and circulated through the villages between that town and Ayer. Let us hope that the petition will be granted.

Mrs. Kloss, with her daughter, Miss Anna, are moving to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Sullivan, who will occupy the tenement in Cyrus Lane's house, where they will make it their home for the present. For five years Mrs. Kloss and her daughter have been living in the Fenway in Boston. Several years ago Miss Kloss taught the Harlow school and was one of its most successful teachers. At present she is connected with the State Board of Education and has her headquarters in the state house.

Miss Janette Theobald, of Brockton, and Miss Eleanor Jones, of Natick, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gray.

**Demonstration Work Report.**

The following report of demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, for which the town a year ago appropriated \$50 for the year ending February 28, is of unusual interest:

Galen Proctor, who was appointed Director, has appointed a number of project leaders as follows: Agriculture, Mrs. C. G. Cook; horticulture, Mr. Campbell; boys' and girls' clubs, Mr. Knight. The county agricultural agent has made 18 farm visits and the county horticultural agent 4.

The county agricultural agent has been present at three meetings of farmers for the discussion of practical home problems, especially co-operative marketing. The county horticultural agent has addressed two meetings of Flinn's, one in April and one in November, with a total attendance of 44.

The county horticultural agent addressed a mass meeting in April on planting the home garden. There were in attendance 225. An extension school of agriculture and home economics was held December 9 and 10, with various members of the members of the bureau staff and specialists from the Massachusetts Agricultural college.

During the year an opportunity has been given people interested to attend various field meetings under the auspices of the bureau, including a farm management tour, two fairs, excursions and a special apple and field crops school. The latter was held in Groton in January.

The home demonstration agent of the bureau has given four lectures two before the Parent-Teacher association, one before the Monday club and one before a group of Flinn's, with a total attendance of 112.

The home demonstration agent has made six home visits and has attended frequent committee conferences. The home department of the bureau furnished one-half of the extension school program in December.

Townsend was the first town in the county to have the benefit of a bureau dental clinic. Between May 8 and August 15, 80% of the school children received treatment and were given clean mouths.

A splendid record has been made in club work. County club leaders have visited the town on twenty-nine different days during the year for organization, demonstrating, judging and training. The garden club of five members produced \$191.50 worth of vegetables. Four members of the pig club raised 934 pounds of pork. Richard Hodgson received a two-days' trip to the M. A. C. for high grade work. Howard Knight's pig won prizes at the New England fair, Eastern States Exposition and Brockton fair.

The canning club of eleven members won a state award for their demonstration in fruit and vegetables. Hester Russell won a two-days' trip to the college for high grade work in canning.

The home economics clubs of fourteen members both won prizes and have made 514 loaves of bread and twelve cakes. Gladys Domina was judged the champion bread-maker of the state. A bread demonstration team won the county championship and represented Middlesex county at the Eastern States Exposition.

Townsend was the scene of a club field day for the northwest section of the county.

For the year ending February 28, 1921, Townsend at its town meeting held on last Monday made an appropriation of \$150.

**West.**

Mrs. Clarence Sherwin and little son William, who have been ill with the influenza, are much improved.

Mrs. Davis, wife of the superintendent at the town farm, is still very ill.

Mrs. Chester Shaw, who has been working in West Groton, has taken a position in Boston.

I. P. Sherwin, who has been very ill since Christmas, is reported as somewhat improved.

Mr. Austin is quite ill at his home, suffering from a gripple cold.

Charles Donley, who has been confined to his home for two weeks with an attack of the influenza, has resumed his duties as clerk at Boutwell store, as improving.

Daniel Coffey, who resumed his work at the Center after a few weeks' illness, is suffering from a relapse and is again confined to his home.

Owing to prevailing illness and bad traveling the mid-week prayer service at the Baptist church has been omitted for the present.

Fred A. Patch has returned from a few days' visit with relatives in Brookline.

Clarence Jodry has been spending a few days' vacation with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

George Winchester, son of Mrs. W. Winchester, of the Squannicook Inn, is receiving congratulatory letters from his friends on his election to the office of selectman from this end of the town. The other officers at this end were re-elected.

Mrs. Lilla Hayward, Bayberry hill, was called to Providence this week by the death of her sister.

Mr. Raach, who has been employed at Damon & Richardson's mill, has entered the employ of the Fessenden Company at the Center.

Arthur Bruce, who was taken ill last week, has been taken to the town farm for care, as it was impossible to get any assistance at his home, where he lives alone.

Damon & Richardson's mill is still shut down on account of the impossibility of getting out of the snow.

Miss Marjorie Boutelle has returned to her teaching in North Andover after enjoying a brief vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boutelle, Bayberry hill.

Presilla, the ten-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ethel Welch, is very ill with double pneumonia, but at this writing is reported as somewhat improved.

Mrs. Martha Lawrence, her granddaughter, who was employed in New Ipswich, N. H., is caring for her, as her mother is still ill with the gripple.

Mr. Hadley and his two daughters were thrown from their sleigh Tuesday afternoon in the square, when their horse became unmanageable and broke away from the driver's control, running in a circle around the brick store, but no damage was done to the sleigh and occupants, who landed in the deep snow unharmed.

Both Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gowan, of the Hodgman farm, have been suffering from the gripple.

Miss Alice Seaver, who has been on the sick list for over two weeks, is able to be about again, but her mother, Mrs. George Seaver, although improving, is still under the care of Miss Dumas, a trained nurse from Nashua.

Miss Gladys Rawson, who has been spending a week's vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Herman L. Stekney, has resumed her teaching in Athol. Mrs. Stekney, who has been ill with the gripple, is recovering.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society, which was to be held on Wednesday, will be omitted for a month on account of illness and bad weather conditions.

Thomas Smith, whose horses have been doing very heavy work during the entire month, breaking out the roads, had the misfortune to lose another of his horses last Sunday night. Finding the horse very ill in the night, Veterinary Shaw was summoned, but it was impossible to save his life and the animal died in a few hours.

Mrs. and Mrs. Rodney Richards and their grandson, James Smith, are recovering from an attack of the influenza.

C. T. McDormond, who was confined to his home for the past week with the influenza, has recovered sufficiently to be about.

**The "Y" Water Wagon**

The Way They Lined Up for Cold Water at Y. M. C. A. Huts to Quench the Great American Thirst

**THE "Y" IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA**

Sixty Huts Now Being Operated by Red Triangle.

**FAR EAST ATHLETES TO COMPETE**

Contenders at Next Olympiad Will Come From All Over the World.

Boston — Athletes from China, Japan, the Philippines, and other Far Eastern countries may be contenders for honors at the seventh Olympiad to be held at Antwerp next August, and for a certain will be formidable contenders at succeeding Olympiads, so keen has become the interest fostered by the Y. M. C. A. in these countries, in China, particularly, the interest in American athletics has caused a demand to come from all parts of this great new republic for a native National Amateur Athletic Association.

**PRAGUE, CZECHO-SLOVAKIA**

Prague, Czecho-Slovakia—Sixty Y. M. C. A. buildings, staffed by fifty secretaries, are now in operation in Czecho-Slovakia, and plans for further extension have been approved by President Masaryk and his ministers. Huts are dotted over Moravia, Bohemia, Slovakia and that part of Silesia which is included in the new republic.

Some of the stations are castles, others are barracks or private dwellings. At Komarno, the government turned over to the association a handsome building formerly used as the Austrian officers' clubhouse. Now the common soldiers write their letters and see the movies inside its palatial walls.

**PHONY HALL MEETING DRAWS 3000**

EPISCOPALIANS TO HEAR FOUR BISHOPS

College Students Now Being Reached by Nation-Wide Campaign.

Three thousand people packed Symphony Hall Thursday evening of last week for a mass meeting to demonstrate their enthusiastic support of the Nation-Wide Campaign of the Episcopal Church in Massachusetts. A thrilling feature of the meeting was the entrance, promptly at eight o'clock, of a vocal choir of 600 men and women who formed a cross as they made their way up the centre aisle and on to the platform.

**REV. BYRLE T. OSBORN**

Who, Back From Service, is Now Organizing Work Among Students of the Episcopal Faith.

back, wearing quaint Dutch caps and broad black neckties; tall girls in college gowns with Oxford caps and silk tassels; a few old women with little muslin caps, and again young women with small black velvet caps. All, however, singing an old voice, to the accompaniment of the magnificent Symphony Hall organ, the stirring hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers, Marching as to War," and all seeming, indeed, "like a mighty army" as they made their way to the front seats or ranged themselves on the platform behind the four bishops who were to supply the program of the evening.

**HON. PHILIP S. PARKER**

Who Presided at the Great Symphony Hall Meeting at Which Four Bishops Spoke.

aspire our reserve, that reticence on which we in New England have long prided ourselves. New England, to be sure, was not always reticent about things spiritual. There was a time when people thought much and talked much about their souls. We, in our reaction from that, seem to have lost all ability to speak about religious things, but we must learn how to do this again. We cannot relegate to teachers in Sunday School all talk about things religious. I see no reason why two people who are interested in religion might not as well discuss the Trinity as Lansing's reply to Wilson, at an afternoon tea. If they are so minded, Vagueness and reserve," Miss Scudder insisted "are not the only reverend attitudes." The speaker then pleaded for more courses in Christian theology to be offered in schools and colleges, and quoted Cardinal Newman as having said that theology is culture. She also made a strong case for the utilization of Christian experience and Christian biographies in the teaching of young people. "I would put biographies of Newman, Pusey, Fox, Wesley and Donald Hankey, as well as the Christian mystics in the reach of all growing boys and girls. The revival of work as before the war, and is consuming more luxuries, that the cost of living has advanced," he said.

**The Poilus' Home**

A Typical Foyer du Soldat—The Equivalent of an American "Y" Hut for French Army. The Y. M. C. A. Built and Maintained Hundreds of Those in France.

**As Jimmy Saw It.**

James was too pugnacious to his mother's way of thinking. She often scolded him for getting into fights with other boys, and told him it would be better to stand a little pickling on than to be fighting half the time. One day he came home with garments soiled and torn and explained that he had been in a fight because he had refused to take a dare. After a heated argument with his mother about it he exclaimed, "Gee whiz, mother, I shouldn't think you'd want to bring up your boy to be a coward!"

**Not Much Credit Coming to Them.**

Jud Tunkins says he knows two men, and maybe three, who bragged about not being profiteers, simply because they never had a good chance.

With frowning brows a famous artist was transferring to canvas the beautiful highland scene before him, and furiously wishing that the spectator who was breathing down the back of his neck would go away. But that spectator was a "sticker." "Man," he said presently, "did ye never think ta study photography?" "No," snapped the artist, as he went on painting. "I wonder at that noo," said the spectator. "It's a hantle quicker as well's bein' mair like the

**View From High Points.**

At mountain stations, where one is above the greater part of the lower, dust-laden layers of the atmosphere, more stars are visible than at sea level. Some recent observations at Mt. Wilson by Van der Bilt show that the limit of unaided vision there, without even the aid of screens to shut out the light of the sky, is at about the seventh magnitude—that is, the faintest stars that can be seen on the mountain are two and one-half times brighter than can be seen at sea level.



