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WESTFORD

About Town. There was a special meeting of th Grange on Thursday evening to catch up with the business long delayed by omitted meetings on account of storms that were not omitted, and when the weather did omit, impossible traveling filled the vacancy,

We notice the sale of a lot of land on the northern slope of Westford whill to Leon F. Hildreth, from Roy B. Wheeler. We have been informed that this lot was formerly owned by L. W. and R. B. Wheeler, and known as the Longley pasture of six acres. Sunday was observed generally as day of road-breaking in town as the result of the Saturday blizzard, which had such an easy, smooth sweep on the ice crust and unloaded in the roads. Everything was at a stand-still except the snow, which continued to fill in all places of attractions not previously provided for. Owing to these obstructive methods of the weather most of the milk delivered in Lowell daily was delivered Monday afternoon. Most of the roads are now

The next meeting of the Grange will be held next week Thursday evening. An out of town party will give an illustrated lecture on "My trip to Washington." This will be followed by an illustrated lecture on "Coffee," from planting and the stages of growth, and harvesting to consumption, including the correct method of cook-Any inquiry on above lines will receive prompt and have a cup of coffee with us.

under control and we are waiting for the next unstrollable move of the

Frederick A. Hanscom gave his il-lustrated lecture on "Yellowstone Park" before West Chelmsford Grange on Thursday evening.

The Drew fruit farm have finished shipping their large crop of apples to Boston. There remains several carloads to ship yet. Several carlots left this week and cars are ordered for next week's shipment. With the proswhen present and prospective get into bearing gear, Westford is liable to be as noted for apples as Aroostook for

Young Josiah Crosby, of Arlington as been visiting his aunt, Mrs. F. W. Banister. He is from the market gar-den section of Arlington, which is some contrast with our blizzard block-

Pomona Meeting.

At the meeting of Middlesex-North Pomona Grange last week Friday the morning session discussed the H. C. question. We called enough of human nature into the spirit of the discussion to see how helpful and happy it would be if we could maintain our present seiling price and lower our buying price, and this in no way re-flects on the character of those who discussed, for we are all inclined to quote the price "that used to be" when we buy, and when we sell the other fellow does the talking. Among those who took part in the discussion were Charles A. Wright, of Billerica Fred L. Fletcher, of Chelmsford; Nor-

man L. Peavey, of Dracut; Frederick A. Hanscom and Clyde Prescott, of A. Hansoom and Clyde Prescott, of Westford; Harry Dawson, of Tewks-bury. The session was enlivened by

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congregational singing by everybody, with Mrs. Lulu Johnson, of Lowell, formerly of West Chelmsford, at the

The afternoon session was open to the public. An address on "Farm problems and how to meet them," was given by Mr. Lombard, of Boston, who is a practical farmer. He had had the usual varied experiences of farm problems and as adviser was willing to take his own medicine.

LITTLETON

The young people of the Congregaional church have begun a most interesting line of study under the di ection of the pastor, Rev. Gail Cle

Mr. Smith, the plucky milkman, found traveling conditions the worst possible last Saturday and upon reaching the Fuller farm on his homeward journey put up his horse and walked the rest of the way. Undaunted he returned the following morning, his pockets filled with bottles of cream and with his trustworthy horse cover ed his route. Mr. Smith, in his 1919-20 triumphs, certainly deserves a place at the head of the honor list.

Samuel Reed, Jr. one of the latest influenza victims, ig now well on the road to recovery.

Rev. Gail Cleland's sarmon topic for Sunday morning will be "The most desparate situation in the world." Through the Massachusetts Agricul-

tural college, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics co-operating, there will be a pruning demonstration upon the farm of Robert C. Cobb, Monday afternoon March 15, at 1.30, given by Prof. R. A Van Meter from the Massachusetts Agricultural college, Amherst, and A R. Jenks from the bureau. Demon stration and meeting will be held rain or shine. Prof. W. R. Cole, of the college, who is interested in apple storage and by-products, will be present to answer questions on his line of

home a few days recently on account of a severe cold.

Mrs. Luckman, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. T. N. Ayers, for fourteen weeks, went to her son's in Everett this week.

Dr. Edward A. Adams has hired the apartment in Harry S. Barker's farm house, recently vacated by George E. Woods, and is moving in furniture at

The whist party which was to have been held last Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, was postponed until this week Saturday

A week from Sunday there will be a special service for the American Legion in the Congregational church, William Burnham came home from the Groton hospital on Wednesday and gave his friends a surprise, for they

were not expecting him for several days. He expressed himself as feeling fine and ready for Work. Mrs. Thomas N. Ayers has bought of George W. Whitcomb the house at the common next to the J. W. Fletch-

er place, and formerly used for Mrs. E. A. Flagg is recovering from

A church social, under the direction of the teachers, was held in the Congregational vestry on Wednesday evening. Games and sociability, with refreshments of cookies and cocoa constituted the entertainment of the even-The number present was not large, but all joined in making the occasion successful.

There will be a special meeting of the Grange in the selectmen's room on March 17, to receive further applications for membership. Among those who attended the Po-

mona Grange meeting in Leominster on Thursday were Mrs. Clarence Crosby and David Hall. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Griffiths are spending the week-end with relatives

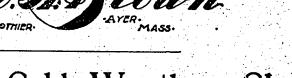
in town. They have recently moved to North Andover, where Mr. Griffiths works for the same construction company as formerly.

Mr. Beers and family have moved into the Houghton farm tenement on Goldsmith street, and Mr. Beers is em-ployed by R. G. Houghton.

Herbert Goodell has moved to Mid-Harold Whitcomb will not return to

the state agricultural college this spring, but will accept a position for the present with his father. As we look out upon the banks of slowly vanishing snow we hear that Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Fairfield are hav-

ing peas from their garden. Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb has visited her daughter in Worcester since her return east, and Mr. Whitcomb is with them for the week-end;



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Saturday, March 13, 1920

WESTFORD

Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth has been sick and under the doctor's care with an attack of tonsilitis.

While we do not having moving pictures for entertainment as the other villages do, there promises to be some good amateur dramatics staged a lit-tle later in the spring. The academy students, under the direction of Mrs. H. W. Hildreth, will present the en-tertaining two-act comedy, "Mr. Bob." and the local post of the American Legion, under the direction of H. W. Hildreit, are planning a patriotic play to be given one night at Westford town hall and one night at Abbot's hall. Forge Village.

G. H. Cadman represented the local fruit-growers at the Nashobah Fruit Producers association at their meeting in West Acton last week Wednesday. An illustrated lecture by Dr. George H. Twitchell, of Auburn, Me., on "Liv-H. Twitchell, of Auburn, Me., on "Living from twelve acres," and three addist church met with Mrs. J. E. York odist church met with Mrs. J. E. York odist church met with Mrs. J. E. York on last Thursday afternoon.

The bad condition of the roads has made traveling very difficult, particularly for the physicians. In some cases even the farm press," made up the day's program. Among a number of the Westford orchardists who have tolined this association are G. H. Cadman, O. R. Spaiding, William E.

fee from the plantation to the cup." Charles E. Greeley, from Dwinell, wright Co., Boston. This will be illustrated by pathascope and at the close coffee and light refreshments will be served. Anybody who enjoys a good morning cup of coffee ought to be interested in this program. It will be an open meeting and everybody is

Joseph E. Knight has not been as well as usual lately, but with his usual industry keeps as busy as many much younger in years.

Frank Chandler and his horse and sleigh have been much in demand in helping out the transportation problem since autos were out of the ques-

Mrs. L. G. Lumbert was summoned home to Wellesley last week on account of her daughter, Mrs. Ivan L. Kenney, being sick. Mrs. Kinney has recently been sick with influenza and her recovery has been retarded by heart trouble.

The meeting of the Tadmuck club in Library hall on next Tuesday after-moon promises to be of interest. Mrs. Herbort A. Guerney, of the State Federation, and its past president, will be the speaker representing the thrift campaign. It will be an open meeting and everybody welcome.

.The missionary meeting of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. George F. White, Friday afternoon of next week. Mrs. L. W. Wheeler is in charge of the program.

The reading circle of the Tadmuck club met with Mrs. H. W. Hildreth, its chairman, Wednesday afternoon Two one-act plays were read, "The work house ward" by Lady Augusta Gregory, and "Cathleen Houlihan" by William Butler Yeats. There was a good attendance and plans made for further readings. The hostess added to the program with a reading on how a woman might dress on \$50 a year. This was taken from an old magazine of the early nineties, and Its items were an interesting comparinon of present-day prices.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. O. I., Brown-mor will preach on "The futility of our lives and its cure," and in the evening phases of the christian life at which a number will take part will

There will be another social for the oung people on Saturday evening in the vestry. Mrs. Gumb and Mrs. Sutherland will be in charge.

We have noted a number with cam bout their buildings and snow cuts through the drifts on the roads.

There are not so many cases of sickthe village at present, as for some

Storm Raises Havoc. The blizzard of last Saturday and

Sunday, with its intense, cold, high winds and drifts re-blockading the previous blockade, has been the aborbing subject of the earlier week. it was certainly a hard proposition for anyone obliged to be out in it. Coming on Saturday it helped out the school session problem for Saturday and Sunday and there was no school on Monday, but sessions were resum-ed on Tuesday. The J. V. Fletcher library was not open on Saturday or for the usual hour on Sunday, some thing that has not happened for a long time. On Sunday there was a very small number out to church and the communion service scheduled for that day was omitted. There was no evening service. Shoveling out the roads and gutters had to be done all over again, and some of the roads are still about impassable. The road to Westford depot has had much hard work done on it through the great drifts for the somewhat limited train service which has been the only means of transportation. One auto was seen out on Wednesday and we are told became stranded in the drifts. The hopeful phase of the situation is the lateness of the season and that the great bulk of snow will have to suc-

Graniteville

Workmen from the Abbot Worsted Company, C. G. Sargent's shop and the Graniteville Foundry Company have put in some good work this week digging out the car tracks on the Low-ell and Fitchburg road. The road has been well opened throughout the village and it is understood that equally good results have been accomplished by the Abbot Worseted Company men n Forge Village. This is certainly a worthy object and the above-name firms should be commended for th excellent service rendered in "first aid" work for the trolley lines.

cumb to old Sol before a great while.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Meth odist church met with Mrs. J. E. York on last Thursday afternoon.

msn, O. R. Spalding, William E. sickness in town they have managed Wright, Robert Prescott and L. W. to come through and attend to their patients.

Owing to Thursday evening, March 18, there eling conditions at the present time, will be an interesting lecture on "Cof-making it difficult for the teachers residing out of town to attend the school sessions, the Sargent schoolhouse will close for two weeks. Although coming a week earlier than was intended, this will take the place of the so-called spring vacation

Mrs. Frank D. Riney has been a ecent visitor here.

Mrs. Lillian McLenna, of Lowell isited friends here recently.

Last Saturday's blizzard was the worst storm of the season and the people are beginning to wonder if this s going to be a weekly occurence during the month of March.

Forge Village.

Mattawanakee lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., held a well attended meeting on Monday night at which much important business was transacted.

Eddie Flynn, a prominent young man of Peabody, was the week-end guest of Miss Mary and John Flynn. Mr. Flynn, who was a former wellknown pugilist, is now an instructor in the schools of Lynn.

Work has progressed so well on the owell and Fitchburg street railway ine that it is expected the cars wil be running again this Saturday. A large force of men have been kep working steadily since the storm last Saturday. The manufacturers of this town, Abbot Worsted Co., C. G. Sargent's Sons Corp., and the Granite-ville Foundry Co., volunteered the services of a large number of their employees to hasten along the good The railway company have kept the tracks open and cars running in face of all the storms until th ast blizzard, which completely cover-

ed the tracks with ice. Mrs. Miller has returned home after spending a few weeks in Lowell with her grandson, Joseph Miller.

Rev. R. Carmichael, rector of th thurch of the Good Shepherd, will visit St. Andrew's mission and preach the sermon.

Funerals.

Costello.

A funeral service was held in St Catherine's church on Tuesday for Miss Ellen Thompson, at which high mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Du-pont. There was special music by the choir with Miss Mary Hanley at the organ. There were a great many peo ple present from Boston, Westboro and Lowell to pay a last tribute to one who has been honored and loved here ever since she came to this community several years ago. A great many beautiful floral offerings and spiritual bouquets were received which showed the esteem in which the deceased was held. The bearers were John Mann, John Kavanaugh, Albert Hobson, John Kelly, John Venn and Thoma

Jane Baker on Wednesday afternoon at the home of her son, John Baker. Mrs. Baker has resided in this village for twenty-four years, coming from Kidderminster, England. She was this village, always having a bright smile and kind word for everyone. Last August a birthday party was giv-en in honor of her eightieth anniver-

During the war she was a constant During the war she was a constant The house purchased is a large, and efficient worker for the Red Cross, eight-room residence, with outbuildof socks to her credit. An ample re-ward for all this work was a letter or by Edward Taylor. After its purchase

ed, to which her name was attached. At her own request there were no flowers at her funeral, although she has always been a lover of flowers. Rev. Leslie Wallace officiated at the service and the bearers were John Spinner, John Edwards, Francis Lowther, James Wigham, John and James MacMurray.

The deceased is survived by two sons, John and William Baker; two daughters, Mrs. Dinah MacMurray and Mrs. Fred Davis, and six grandchildren in this village, and two great-grandchildren in England. William Davis, of Amsterdam, a grandson, was present at the funeral service.

The funeral service for James Healy the five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Healy, was held in their home on Thursday afternoon, Rev Leslie Wallace officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Healy have the sympathy of their friends throughout the town in their bereavement.

PEPPERELL.

iews Items

The newly-elected street commisioner, Dennis O'Brien, has had an excellent efficiency test the early part of this week from the conditions of roads and walks from the blizzard of Saturday. Teams and shovelers have been in demand, and because of the extreme hardness of the drifts were not able to make rapid progress.

The movement for "preparedness, which we were made acquainted with during the days of the war, which was recently made by the Red Cross headtion here by the local branch, Red Cross, to any great extent. In the crippe cases here in more every day out of the 365. There for a few hours each day in the family of William Hanna, prior to the death of the child, and food for invalids was furnished for a short time. No other call has yet been made, and

the disease seems to be lessening. A business meeting of the Woman's Branch Alliance was held at the home of Mrs. E. B. Heald, Thursday afternoon of last week, with a small number attending. In connection with the same a committee held a food sale during the afternoon.

Organization of the republican town committee for 1920 was effected as follows at a recent meeting: Joseph A. Saunders, chairman; Archibald G. Pike, sec.; Leon P. Richardson, treus. The other members composing

the committee are H. N. Tower, C. H. Miller, L. A. Shattuck, A. F. Parker, Canney, Waldo Spaulding, Lyman Rainsford Deware and James Dunn. Mrs. Emma Taylor came from Som

rville on last Monday to visit her sis ters, Misses Eleanor and Josephine Lawrence, Park street. She reports conditions of walking and general traveling worse than here in and about the city.

Very few teams were seen on the reet last Saturday, and fewer pedestrians, and autos were confined to one hat of Rainsford Deware, which was run from his house part way down Chase hill, where a huge snowdrift engulfed it. After being stalled for a few hours it was shoveled out and taken by two-horse power toward the garage, although not for repairs.

Mrs. Lizzie Sartelle, who has been with Miss Mollie Wilson at the Mt. Lebanon farm for some time past, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Plerce, Ayer, the past week.

Mrs. Robert Gay was in Boston the early part of this week on business and a short stay with relatives.

An increase in rates was lately is sued to Pepperell patrons by the electric company here in town. A petition for a similar increase in rates by the Hollis Electric Company was met by hearing before the superior court in Nashua and continued until April 29. to give the company an opportunity to improve their service. The town of Hollis was represented by Atty, Moran, who urged that the company was giv ing such poor service that it would be an act of injustice to require Hollis people to pay a higher rate.

R. M. Graham announces her spring opening of millinery in the Barry building, Ayer, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, March 13, 15 and 16.

Sale of Real Estate.

Among the real estate transfers of the past week is that of Mrs. M. E. Letender to Edward H. Bliss of her small farm and buildings on Heald street. The deal also includes a wood-lot, it is understood. Mr. Bliss, who cost over \$10,000,000, and many of the

is in the real estate business, does not in this case buy for an investment, out is to reside there. of the new owner, C. E. Doner, of Kilderminster, England. She was Beverly, during the present month, well known and greatly loved by all in probably, weather permitting. Although it was anticipated that in mov-ing Mr. and Mrs. Bliss might settle out of town, their many friends are pleased to know they will remain among us.

having besides the bandages, wristers ings and stable. It was built about and other necessary articles, 100 pairs forty years ago by a party by the name postcard from some soldier showing by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Letender his appreciation of some article receiv-twenty-five years ago, several improvetwenty-five years ago, several improve-ments were made, steam heat being installed, and the outer part modernized by large plazzas. The introduc-tion of electric lights was under consideration by Mrs. Letender at the

present time. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss intend to make still other improvements in the interior, which are to be commenced at once. Mrs. Letender is already makonce. Mrs. Letender is already making her plans to vacate as soon as convenient, and has selected a tenement in the Deacon Hall house, Elm street, where she will also have the use of stable room for her horse

Southern California is a much talked of section of our country. three winters it has been my privilege to be in and around the city of Los Angeles, or as the Spanish called i years ago, "City of the Angels," or to give the original title by them, "Nues-tra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles." Los Angeles and vicinity are places where people go, and where a large percent of them stay and make homes. It is not a section where the "season s on" and where it is off every once in a while. Among the White Mountains of New Hampshire the "season is on and off." In many sections of our southland the season is "on and off," and in many of our New England towns the season is much the same "on and off." But here it is not so; the season is perpetual as it were; no "on or off." A colored porter was once asked by a traveler on a fast

Pullman express train if it stopped a

Rockford. He replied, "No massa, no massa; it does not even hesitate." So

here in South California the season does not even hesitate. is no hesitating. In the beginning of the building of a great city nature must do a whole lot. Here nature did her best. She laid down a fertile valley first, so to speak, and back of it to the north and east she piled a mighty wall of towering mountain peaks to protect it from the extremes of the climate of the great central lains. Upon these summits she stor ed the everlasting snow that feed the irrigating canals. At the western bor der she placed the great Pacific Ocean -the sea of commercial supremacy for the generations to come as many people suppose. Then lastly, but not least, the great warm Japan stream was caused to flow past it all, so that there is not a day but what blossoms

ways. Among the mountains of this section abound immense forests of timber surrounding lakes filled with trouand other fish. Underneath the sur-face of many parts of this land abide hidden lakes filled with crude oil, the the winter.

development of which has made this The valley esion first in oil reports of the 'nited States.

plow and the mocking bird sing al-

Again, the mean temperature of this climate is 63°. Add all these to gether and we have a whole lot in the building of a city. Here Los Angeles is built, or being built, for it has doubled every ten years in population since 1870. Then the people here numbered about 1500; now it is estimated at 750,000 souls. Boastful advertising may bring people to city, but it takes something else to make them stay,

buildings, 83,000 children, 3000 teach- this big continent, rich in brains and ers, the best in the world. This seccultural production. It has a fine system of boulevards which net the country in every way. It has an electric railway system extending sixty miles distant. The bank clearings and property values amount to over one property values amount to over one billion dollars. The bank has cleared one and one-half billion of dollars last year. The citrus crop here amounted to over \$75,000,000. The public library has twelve branches and twentyfive sub-branches. The hotels accommodate 150,000 people. There are twenty-five public parks, 4100 acres, and Los Angeles debt is only one-half. that of New York city. Los Angeles is famed for a home district. Cotton to the amount of \$10,000,000 was aised in the Imperial valley last year, and cotton manufacturers are expec-

From the snow-capped peaks of the Sierras 250 miles away Los' Angeles has caused to flow down to every home here a very sparkling, pure water at an expense of \$23,000,000. In its fall it generates a power equal to 250,000 horsepower. The harbor has

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"Get better acquainted with your neighbor—you might like him!" That's a pretty good motto for a community like ours, isn't it? Town folks should get better acquainted with country folks; the merchants and the bankers should get to know the farmers—and how they are farming. Speaking for this bank, we'd, like to get acquainted personally with every farmer hereabouts—he might like us enough to deposit money with us; we might like him enough to lend him some. Anyway, we could swap ideas—and perhaps add his name to the rapidly growing list of subscribers for

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quainted with farmers by giving the way of one whose story is told

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(My Address)_

U. S. boats of all kinds float in the These are some of the reasons bay. Los Angeles is a prosperou people.

The doors of the city are open t all. The people her are happy and contented. Strange to say the climate nere in summer is just as good as in

The valley people of the middle west come here to cool off in summer, and the northern people come here in the winter to be more comfortable-a perpetual good climate all the time There is room here for millions more upon the mountains and slopes-the rea is almost unlimited.

The people here have had the energy and experience of the easterner -still need it. I do not in any way care to "knock" on my own state and town-they are good, rich in re-sources, romantic in beauty, wonderful in all its manufacturing and pow-And what has made them stay? er privileges, rich in its schools, First, natural resources of which I leges and hospitals, rich in its "family have spoken; second, schools—800 trees," the home of the founders of thought and spirit, rich in sentiment love and good will. But for all this

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Nows Items. There was a free dance held in Tar pell's half on Tuesday evening. This was run by the baseball boys. Mrs, Hattle Pierce, Mrs. Della Hall,

Mrs. Maude Greeley, Miss Velmar Taylor and Master Olin Greeley were

A. L. Devio, of Amherst, Mass., has

Mrs. Louise Parkey has been a re-

been the guest of Norman Spencer.

revent visitors in Nashua.

cent visitor in Boston.

eturned home.

Mrs. Edna Hall, Mrs. Katherine Cady Miss Hazel Goss and Arthur Goss at tended the Pomona meeting in Mil Mrs. Grove, who has been spending the winter in Dedham, Mass., has

Rebekah lodge in Hudson last week

Beat The Tobacco Trust Raise Your Own Tobacco

The cheapest smoking or chewing tobacco you can buy costs about 90c. a pound. Why don't you raise your own, and better tobacco than you can buy for that money, and save a substantial little sum every year. Tobacco grows and matures in all sections of the United States where frost doesn't grows and matures in all sections of the United States where frost doesn't occur after the first of June and not before the first of September. On receipt of 50c. in 2c. postage I will mail you enough tobacco seed to raise all the tobacco you, your sons and hired help will use for two years. A boy 14 years old can successfully raise a patch of tobacco if he follows my instructions. With the seed I will mail you my "Concise And Practical Treatise" tions. With the seed I will mail you my "Concise And Practical Treatise On Tobacco Culture," telling you in detail when, how and what to do from the time you put the seed in the ground until you put the tobacco in your pipe to smoke, or in your mouth to chew it. Address

HERMANN BOWER,

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New Haven, Conn.

There was no down train from Milford last Saturday afternoon on account of the storm, and so no mail was received until Monday morning. Mrs. Minnie Holcombe has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Maude Greeley was taken sudlenly ill the latter part of last week with the prevailing distemper, but is now improving. Dr. Dearborn, from Milford, was in attendance.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood is still conaned to her home by illness. A union caucus was held in Daniels cademy hall last Saturday evening.

Miss Hazel Storer spent the weekend in West Groton, being snowbound as the trains on either of the branch oads did not make the evening trip. Mrs. Elodrus Shattuck attended the nspection and banquet of the Echo

Last Sunday was the first time this winter that the Sunday paperman, Fred Campbell, failed to deliver his papers, but on account of the traveling he was obliged to stay at home.

The South Brookline Social club met with Mrs. Jennie Fessenden last week Thursday. There were eight members present and three visitors. All enjoyed a very pleasant time. During the afternoon the hostess served a very dainty lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss and Miss Hazel Goss were recent visitors in Nashua.

Reports from town meeting will be n next week's paper. Edward Shattuck, a former resident f this town, died at the Hunt Home,

Nashua, Sunday morning. Advertisements

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of AUGUSTA F. WOODS late of Dunstable in the County of Middlesox, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby directed to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

HORATIO N. TOWER. Executor

East Pepperell, Mass., March 1, 1920.

For the period ending last March

by the War Work Council was \$97,-

817,005. This left on March 31,

United War Work Campaign still re-

maining unpaid, is expected to be

sufficient to support the work from

In accounting for this balance, the

a total of \$43,333,166. These included

\$8,835,881 in cash on hand, and as-

sets overseas amounting to \$18.761.

On the same date its current lia

There was charged against it \$1,627.

the signatures

WONDER WORKER

tion and supplies, \$3,022,538.

house & Co., public accountants.

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Antwerp, Belgium (By Mail),-

Every morning when the two or three

railway coach loads of American

soldiers from the Third Army, in Bel-

gium on leave, arrive in the big cen-

tral station here the men get their

first thrill and it's a puzzler, for com-

ing down the line to welcome them is

a smiling and gracious young woman

who is dressed as an American Y. M.

C. A. girl, but who speaks with a

slight foreign accent. She informs

them all that a sightseeing party will

be made up as soon as they are

checked in, that it will visit the na-

tional art museum, all the principal

places of interest in the city, that all

who wish to come will be welcome, and that she will be the guide.

The concluding announcement set-

tles it-nearly all the soldiers, be

them see the works of great masters

absorbing the beauty and history of

daughter of Emile Wambach, Director

of the Royal Academy, and of Mme

Mary Wambach, whose paintings

have been exhibited in the Salon

works hard from morning till night,

tude as a Belgian to the soldiers from

Mademoiselle Wambach has per-

sonality enough to lead a crowd of

doughboys into the desert of Sahara,

without losing a follower, so in such

an unusual town as Antwerp her fol-

lowing steadily grows. Men who have

taken the trip before see her Ameri-

can army marching into the great ca-

thedral of the Guild Houses of the

Steen, and join it. And from the

time she meets her soldiers in morn-

ing till the 6 p. m. train leaves for

Brussels, she never deserts them. At

noon she takes them to the Anglo-

Belge Y. M. C. A. for luncheon, at 5

clock the sightseeing trip ends, but

she volunteers to conduct those who

wished to buy souvenirs and art pro-

ducts in the best shops and help do

When the Germans entered Belgium

in 1914 the Wambach family left Ant-

verp for a town near Holland. The

Germans reached that place, too, in

a short while, and gave the inhabitants

only six hours to leave before invest-

ing the town. Mile, Wambach had to

walk to the border, several miles

away, as there was no time to wait

for a train or even to collect one's

From Holland she went to Eng-

and, where she was cordially re-

eived. But before leaving Belgium

them, and she later returned to

France to resume that work. In Bor-

deaux she joined the American Y. M.

C. A. and became one of the most

valued assistants of Mrs. Vincent As-

tor, who was regional directress

there. Later she served as a Y. M.

Jack Scores.

The whims of will-makers are many

and curious, but for the pure sarcasm

commend us to the British sailor who

requested his executors to pay his wife

one shilling, wherewith to buy hazel-

nuts, as she had always preferred

cracking nuts to mending his stock-

An Old Settler.

A mammoth's skull and tusk found

at Denham, England, are said by Sir

Ray Lankester to be 70,000 years old.

C. A. girl in Eagle Hut, London.

the had begun working for the

heir shopping.

baggage.

nneur in Brussels.

Mlle. Nita

The guide is Mlle. Nita Wambach,

this fascinating old city.

America.

BELGIAN GIRL A

bilities and reserves amounted

ling \$9,735,366.

appears over

The school meeting last Saturday was adjourned until Monday afternoon at two o'clock, as there were only five On Monday afternoon the meeting was again postponed until Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

The town meeting dinner was serv d in the vestry by the Ladies' Reading and Charitable society, under the Supervision of Miss Arvilla Hardy. Miss Grace Marshall visited the first

of the week at Nelson A. Parkhurst's. Miss Lillian Tirrell visited at George W. Hardy's this week.

There were ten in attendance at the morning service last Sunday, including the janitor.

At the meeting of the Grange on next Tuesday evening the entertainment will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnard and Mr. and Mrs David Erskin. This will be a competitive program.

Among the many letters received by Mrs. Mary S. Burgo on her birthrecently was one from Peterbrough, England, and some from

Miss Mildred French was home over

George H. Hardy and son Frank were in town for town meeting on

Mrs. Emma Goodwin is with her son Otis, as his wife and Miss Ethel Goodwin, who is also there, are still far from well. At the meeting of the Ladies' Reading and Charitable society last week

they voted to renovate the desk in the Eaton were chosen to have the matter in charge. The Woman's club will meet with

Mrs. Anna Bell on next Thursday. Fred Muzzey came home to vote on

Warren Colburn is gaining, but is still confined to the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus J. Powers are now with their daughter, Mrs Emery Kline and family in Cana-joharie, N. Y. They expect to come home the last of the month.

The Girl Scouts held their regular meeting in the ladies' parlor Thursday evening of last week. Two members of the troop committee, Mrs. Robert M. French and Mrs. William A. Sanders. were present and gave the girls their tenderfoot test. They were assisted in giving the test by troop captain, Mrs. George W. Hardy, and lieutenants, Mrs. Philip Baker and Miss Doris Lovejoy. Twenty-three girls passed the test and became tenderfoot Girl There are two patrols in the troop and another one soon to be formed. Officers of patrol 1 are Hannah Burton, leader; Marion Sanders, corporal; Helen Morrill, surgeon; Alice Burton, nurse. Second patrol-Cassin donia Eaton, leader; Helen Mercer, corporal; Lois Brown, surgeon; Rheta Locke, nurse. After a social time lunch was served by the Scouts. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. George W. Hardy March 20.

Mrs. May T. Worcester was a Boston visitor last week Friday. Mrs. William Murphy, Hollis Depot,

is convalescing. Miss Margaret Cassidy, who is quite ill with pneumonia, is more comforta-

Mrs. George W. Hardy has received a card from Miss Clinton saying they got into Yarmouth safely at 7.30 last Saturday morning, but they had a pretty rough trip. They were just about starting for Chester Basin, about a day's journey.

Mrs. J. Frank Mercer is on the sick Mrs. Nellie Nichols is at home after

being in Gardner for twenty-one weeks caring for an aged aunt. Mrs. Susan B. Walch, whose death was reported last week, was the oldest

of a family of ten children, and left five daughters and four sons. One son died several years ago. She also left twenty-five grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

The eighteen acres of corn needed to bring the acreage up to the full quota asked for by the Saco Valley , to insure the establishment of a factory at Milford, has been

About eleven dollars was cleared from the town meeting dinner.

Mrs. Nellie Hale writes it is very doubtful if her friends see her home this summer.

Clipping.

There was an interesting article in last Saturday's Boston Globe about the Marash's reign of terror as described by Rev. C. F. H. Crathern, who was among 17 American survivors of 22 days of horror. Rev. Mr. Crathern and his family will be remembered very pleasantly by Hollis people, as spent one summer in town and he preached here during that time. He says the horrors are beyond

description during those days. Victims may total 20,000, the American flag was fired on and hospitals shelled; for 22 days they were shut up without outside communication in a mission compound at Marash, January 20 Rev. Mr. Crathern with several others attempted to leave Marash, but were driven back by a rain of bullets even though he displayed the American flag. The diary Mr. Crathern kept during that time is full of horrors

About a year ago Mr. Crathern entered Y. M. C. A. work and went over-seas. He was in Egypt a few weeks igo and cabled from there to his wife in this country that he was about to start for Marash in Asia: Minor, as a Y. M. C. A. secretary, Mrs. Crathern is now matron at the Lucy Wheelock school for kindergartners. He daughter at Simmons college. He has a

Mrs. Mary Cummings Coburn, wife of George A. Coburn, died suddenly at the home of her daughter. Mrs Frank Marvell, early Monday morning of heart disease. Mrs. Coburn was born in Prince Edward Island seventy-four years ago last Octobe and married Mr. Coburn in Weymouth fifty years ago next October. The funeral services were held at

the home of her daughter on Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock. Interment was in the North cemetery The deceased is survived by her husband; two sons, George H., of Hollis, and Fred A., of Nashua; two daughters, Mrs. Ernest Marvell, of Hollis, and Mrs. Albert Wetmore, of Nashua, four grandsons and a grand-

daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn had gone 'to their daughter's for a time as she was not well, and Mr. Coburn had not recovered from his recent accident. The Main Street

weather conditions make it particular ly hard for the family, who have the sympathy of all in their sorrow.

One of the well known summer resients of Hollis, John Frank Stark, of Nashua, died at the Memorial hospi tal there on the morning of March 4 Mr. Stark was a descendant in di rect line from General John Stark of revolutionary fame. He was the son

of General George Stark and was born in Nashua on April 14, 1851. He was educated in the Nashua public schools and Dartmouth college The deceased is survived by hi

wife; a son Frank, and a sister, Mrs. E. G. Towne, of Palo Alto, Cal. The cause of Mr. Stark's death was attributed to a clot of blood in the

Funeral services were held at his Sunday afternoon, Rev. Wilhome on Sunday afternoon, Rev. William H. Morrison officiating. The body was placed in the receiving tomb to await the arrival of relatives from California before the interment.

A coincidence is that John F. Stark, his father, General George Stark, and his grandfather, Judge Frederick G. Stark, each died at sixty-nine or in their sixty-ninth year.

Town Meeting.

There were a fair number out to town meeting on Tuesday and the following business was transacted: Town officers elected, without opposition, were: Albert F. Hildreth, town clerk; Edson L. Hurd, town treasurer

David J. Wright, Lewis S. Rideout Warren F. Gould, selectmen; Wilbert Farley, Charles F, Hayden, auditors Edson L. Hurd, sexton and caretaker of Mary Farley lot; Albert F. Hildreth chief, Harold Hardy, Francis Lovejoy fire engineers; Lily R. Saton, Charles Brown library trustees for three years It was left to the selectmen to appoint minor officers.

Voted to raise 1 6/10 of one percent for town charges for the ensuing year, outside of school tax. Estimated expense for running expenses of the town for next year, outside of schools, \$16. State ald was accepted. \$2300.08 required for maintenance of highways \$300 was appropriated for the library \$150 for Memorial day; \$200 for guide boards; these to be left with the select men: \$50 for Spaulding Park, and \$100 for Old Home day.

Voted to authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes for he ensuing year.

Voted to authorize the selectmen to sell to the Evangelical Congregational society or its agents that part of the Hollis meeting-house belonging to the town for one dollar, subject to the Grange hall lease and the right to use he bell when necessary.

The white pine blister and the needs to the selectmen with power to act. war was left to a committee to be appointed by the selectmen, the cost not to exceed \$500.

Voted to abate the taxes of Almon Adams and Patrick Sheridan on account of their loss by fire recently. Salaries of town officers were raised to first selectman \$125, second and third selectmen \$110 each, treasurer \$60 and town clerk \$35.

In the primary vote for delegates-atlarge, Charles Gale Shedd led the publican vote with 28 votes, Fred W. Estabrook 26, Frank Knox 25; alter-nates-at-large—William Dupont 30, Frank Challis 28; district delegates— Jesse Barton 30, Alfred Stanley 31. The democratic vote was very small.

Worst Storm for Years.

It is a good many years since Hollis has been so shut in as since the storm of last week Friday. Some roads were barely broken out since the last storm and were filled in worse than ever, the rainfall during the night making traveling impossible.

George W. Hardy started with the mail Saturday morning and found it impossible to get beyond the Worces-ter place on the depot road. This was the second time in thirty-one years he has failed to get the mail through. For the year ending December 31, 1919, Hollis is credited with selling war stamps and thrift stamps to the day afternoon, and then he was nearly amount of \$917.41 wo hours getting from Mr. Cari Arthur Lund's as he found them breaking the road there. No mail came in by rural from Pep-

perell from Friday till Tuesday and then the carrier came only part way and from the Pepperell line on foot.

C. J. Bell could not get milk into Nashua for two days, even though he made an effort to do so. His team left home about six Saturday morning and attempted to go through Charles Hill's private road to the depot road, but they got into the slush so deep other horses had to be sent in to help out. The men got into the water waist deep and the wagon was a wreck. All the milk was taken up to Mr. Hill's and t was five o'clock when the team got back to Mr. Bell's. Someone said the only team seen out in the middle of town Sunday was Norman Howe, who came up town with a pair of horses 4497,369 for Great Britain; \$3,139, and sled after the doctor, who was 951 for Italy, \$4,805,935 for Russia and called to Samuel Cassidy's, whose daughter was very ill with pneumonia

William Sanders, who is taking care of Warren Colburn's milk route, had to deliver milk with a hand sied taking what he could and going back for more. It was not until Monday that any signs of life was seen on any of almost like a d serted village.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASS'N SPENT \$97,817,005 ON WAR WORK

Finance Committee Reports on Gigantic Task World Survey Figures Reveal Accomplished —\$2,432,089 Loss Operating Canteens

New York-The National War flish currency the overseas figures Work Council of the Young Men's were converted at the market rates, Christian Association, through its resulting in a book loss of \$2,432,089. inance committee, have made public detailed statement of its receipts the grand total of expenditures made and expenditures for war work in this country and abroad in the period between April 26, 1917, and March 1919, a balance of \$27,465,854, which, 31, 1919. In a supplementary an with the payment of pledges to the nouncement the War Work Council explained that this is not a final report. Its war service, having reached its maximum in March of this year, April 1, 1919, to December 31, 1919. is being continued in the United States and foreign countries and the statement lists assets of the War collection on all unpaid United Work Council on March 31, 1919, to War Work campaign pledges is vitally necessary in order to complete the work of the various organi-

of \$125,282,859. Of this amount, 591, and outstanding accounts. \$123,254,052 was contributed by the people of the United States in the three campaigns conducted to finance Y. M. C. A. war work.

\$15,867,312; including \$2,792,964 in bills and salaries due in the United A detailed statement of the As-States and \$6,594,720 due overseas sociation's expenditures for work in the home camps shows that 950 buildings were constructed in the six 285 representing remittances received from the men of the A. E. F. for military departments at a cost of \$7,698,984. In maintaining and operating these buildings the Y. M. C. A. expended \$3,965,736.

The concerts, vaudeville and other entertainment provided the men on this side cost the Y. M. C. A. \$1,166,-767. Its motion picture shows in the home camps cost \$2,326,271. It provided athletic supplies and physical directors to carry out its athletic program at an expense of \$1,503,179. It expended \$923,629 for writing materials and for financing camp newspapers and publications.

The religious work in the home camps was done at an expense of \$2,105,816. For educational literature, lectures, French instruction and library service the Association spent \$1,192,737, and for sex hygiene eduof the bathhouses at Silver lake left cation and literature, \$73,704. Other items include \$260,634 for war work in the Canal Zone, Porto Rico, the The matter of a bronze tablet for in the Canal Zone, Porto Mico, the the soldiers and nurses of the world Philippines and other territories, \$192,386 for work among the employees of munitions plants and other war industries; and \$442,061 for work with the Students' Army Training

Corps. The Y. M. C. A's work overseas with the A. E. F., from its inception to the end of last March, also is stated in detail. In this period, it is shown \$4,801,271 was spent for huts and tents, \$2,950,421, for furniture, equipment and motion picture outlits, and \$1,014,337 for operation of huts and field units. The Y. M. C. A. further spent, for motor transport and miscellaneous equipment, \$2,671,738; for motor transport devoted exclusively to its canteen service, \$30,296; and for operation and maintenance of its motor transport, \$1,170,761.

The statement shows that supplies worth \$1,794,771 were distributed free to the doughboys, that Y. M. C. A. Christmas gifts and entertainments represented an expenditure of \$651,-963, and that it supplied writing materials, free newspapers, etc., to overseas men, to the value of \$2,296,808. In operating the leave areas in various part of France, the Y. M. C. A. spent \$831,601, and in managing a chain of hotels for the men on leave in the larger cities it expended \$477,-

On its overseas religious work the Y. M. C. A. spent \$467,584, on its not for money but to show her gratieducation and library work, \$991,932. Its concerts and entertainments were given at a cost of \$850,969 and its motion picture shows at a cost of \$1, Its overseas athletic program cost it \$1,957,301.

Through the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., \$16,042,695 was expended, from the beginning of operations in 1917 to the end of last March, in work with the Allied armies, and \$1,058,591 in work with prisoners of war. Of the sum of these two items the War Work Council contributed \$14,409,175.

The expenditures with the Allied armies included \$6,738,744 for France; \$860,694 for other Allied countries. For the prisoners of war in Germany the Y. M. C. A. spent \$117,988, in Denmark, \$99,087; in Austria-

Hungary, \$146,812; in Switzerland,

\$247,950; in Turkey, \$56,206, and in

other countries, \$390,545. The summary of the report shows that for its work among the men under arms in the United States the Y. M. C. A. spent in all, \$30,187,108. Its work among the men of the A. E. F. cost \$43,089,242. The total expenditure for Allied armies and prisoners of war was \$14,409,175. The cost of selecting, recruiting, training and paying the sustenance and traveling expenses of its secretaries was \$3,056,502. Administrative, general activities, campaign and publicity expenses disbursed in New York to-

talled \$3,164,802. Two items of loss are charged to expenditures for this period. One represents a loss on the operation of post exchanges and canteens totalling \$1,478,084. Due to the depreclation in values of French and Eng-

Perfumes Without Grease. A. Verley, a chemist of Isle-Saint-Denis, France, has patented a process of extracting perfume from flowers by using powdered wood charcoal instead of grease as an absorbent, and then washing the charcoal in alcohol.

Call Out Convicts' Union. In the event of the prison officers striking in future several old hands now undergoing sentence have offered to come out in sympathy.

MINISTERS COST LESS THAN AUTOS

How Badly United States is Paying Its Pastors

MANY GET \$600 YEARLY; OTHERS BARELY \$1500

What are the chances of a young man who intends to be a lawyer of making \$3,000 a year? What are the doctor's chances? What of the minister or the manufacurer?

The lawyer has exactly one chance in five. The doctor's chances are one in seven. It is ten to one against the manufacturer. The modern minister, however, who formerly ranked with the doctor and lawyer as a member of the "learned professions," has fallen hopelessly behind. He is a 100 to 1 shot.

These figures are part of a mass of astonishing facts brought to light by the world survey being made by the Interchurch World Movement and whose sources of information are such that many economists and statisticians are availing themselves of the results This survey puts America's minister at the bottom of the ladder of the nation's income receivers-and with re sponsibilities which equal those of any captain of industry.

transfer to the United States. It A worker in a silk mill, a laborer in owed the British, French and United a rubber plant, a paper maker, a work-States governments, for transporta er in a shoe factory-all are getting The finance committee's statement shows, than does America's minister, city or country. Nor does the city George W. Perkins, chairman of the man receive the luxurious salary tha committee: Cleveland H. Dodge, many persons, including many country treasurer of the War Work Council; parsons, believe he does. Not four and H. W. Wilmot, comptroller. The ministers in a thousand, according to books were examined and the statethe survey, receive \$5,000 a year. In ment certified to by Prince, Waterno instance, whatever the denomination, does a majority receive \$1,000.

Cotton Pickers Better Off. Are you a Congregationalist? In 2,783 churches the yearly pay to our ministers has been less than \$1.000. Are you a Presbyterian? You are then on the less than \$1,000 list with 6,415 ministers. In the event that you are a Methodist the charge is that 4,719 pastors are trying to exist on the \$20 a week that you pay them. Episcopalians io a little better, yet half of their rectors receive less than the \$1,500 a year which government economists regard as the minimum on which a family car

be decently maintained. The initial cost of the cheapest "fliv ver' on the market is less than \$600 but a very good, conscientious pastor it is shown, can be hired for a year fo

Ministers in the South are preaching to fifty or more cotton pickers who individually are paid more for picking cotton than their entire neigborhood pays to the preacher in a year.

One of the aims of the present cooperation of the world's Protestant denominations is to end this disgrace of the underpaid minister. With universities, business houses and municipaliies daily taking action to provide for the comfort of their workers, the they colonels or bucks, come right along. The result is that most of thurch is to keep pace with the times, and to arrange not only for adequate pay for its workers, but to provide through the eyes of one who underpensions for those no longer able to stands them—for the guide is herself an artist-and spend the whole day

COMPLETING PLANS FOR STATE PASTORS' MEETINGS

Notable Gatherings in New England

Ministers all over New England are receiving a "call to the colors." The challenge is going out in the form of urgent invitations to the pastors conferences of the Interchurch World Movement which are to be held in each state during the spring.



Plans for these conferences in New England states are being rapidly completed by the office of Rev. Dr. Elim A. E. Palmquist, New England rewounded in hospitals, and singing for gional secretary of the Movement The pastors' conferences so far announced in New England states are the following: For Massachusetts at Boston, March 8 to 10; for Maine at Bangor, March 10 to 12; for Rhode Island at Providence March 3 to 5: for Connecticut at Hartford February 23 to 25.

> Her Occupation. Louise's mother was a busy club woman and was always serving on some committee. When Louise came home from her first day at kindergarten her mother said: "Well, dear, what did you do today?" "O," said Louise, with a patronizing air, "I was appointed on a committee to string

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Miss Susan Sturgis, with others of this season's debutantes, was present at the musicale on Tuesday, March 2, at the home of Mrs. Robert F. Clark in Boston, when Mile. Gondre again delighted her hearers, assisted by Mr. Leveene, violinist, and Robert Hughes at the plane. Miss Sturgls also attended the Three Arts ball at the Copley-Plaza, Boston, March 5, as the gues of Mrs. Francis L. Higginson.

Mrs. Nathaniel F. Emmons was one of the guests at the Three Arts ball at the Copley-Plaza, Boston, March 5.

Those who listened to Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth's lecture on prison reforms some weeks ago, may be in-terested to hear that Mrs. Walter Duncan, wife of the new commander of of the Volunteers of America in New England, has stated that she will be the personal representative of Mrs. Booth in these six states, and will Miss Evelyn Sanderson of Ayer, who carry on the prison work here that has made Mrs. Booth famous. Mrs. Duncan plans to establish a Hope Hall, where released prisoners may live and receive aid until able to re-

sume their places in society again. On account of Saturday's blizzard and its effects, it was thought best not to have the regular services at the Congregational church on Sunday. The roads were in such bad condition that several who deliver milk in the village were unusually late in getting through on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Woods and their son Victor are recovering from the influenza.

Helen Patterson, who has been ill with pneumonia, is better and has been able to go out doors.

Malcolm Wood has recovered from his iliness and went back to Dorchester last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hemenway mie Hemenway, though suffering from lighter attack of the same trouble, is taking care of them.

Vincent Chiaramonte of the Groton School is ill with the epidemic,

Claude Farwell has so far recovered his usual health as to be able to return to school on Monday.

Mrs. Lizzie Davis is now confined to her bed, being very feeble.

The meeting of the Book and Thimble club, which was planned for last week Friday with Mrs. Herbert Rockwood, has been indefinitely post-

The case of Irving Durant, of West Groton, has been continued until the next term of court.

David Downey has been ill in bed

News has been received of the re cent death of Rev. A. J. Hovey in Alva, Fla., but no particulars were given. Mr. Hovey was at one time the pastor of the Baptist church in town, and this news will be heard with sorrow by those who knew him

The citizens of Groton will regret to lose the services of Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Barteaux, who have done faithful and efficient service in superintending the work at the town farm since 1915. They leave their position there on the first of April.

Miss Julia McGrath continues to be seriously ill at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital.

Miss Julia Smith, who has been a victim of the influenza, is now reported a little better, but is unable to resume her work at the Shaw school.

Dr. F. Earland Gilson went to his office in Ayer on Tuesday for the first time since his illness.

The comedy, "Excuse me," will b given by the music section of the Woman's club, under the direction of Mrs. Lucius Fairchild, of Ayer, at the Groton town hall on Wednesday evening, March 17, at eight o'clock. cast includes Miss Fannie Moison, Mrs. F. A. Torrey, Mrs. Cedric Hodgman, Marjorie Seavey, Miss Harriet Hite, Mrs. Bessie Sherwin, Miss Flor-ence Roache, Mrs. F. C. Bishop, Mrs. Fred Torrey, Mrs. Mark Blood. The the entertainment are to be used for the support of two French

orphans. There were four applications membership received at the meeting Grange on Tuesday evening. Resolutions were read on the death of Fred Lancey by the committee appointed to draw them up. Mrs. Chas. Wright played a selection on the plane. Mrs. Ella P. Woolley gave a reading and Mrs. Woolley and Miss Breckenridge gave current
On account of the severe reather and bad traveling Charles M. Gardner of Westfield was not able to be present, and it was thought best to postpone the open meeting till a more favorable date.

On Thursday evening, March 4, it was gentlemen's night at the Unitarian church. Considering the weather and the amount of illness in town there was a good attendance. After partaking of an excellent supper, those present enjoyed the following enter tainment: Plane duet, Mrs Sherwin and Miss Dodge; then different adver tisements were acted out for the audience to guess; afterwards charades were acted to be guessed by the audence; a humorous selection was read by Rev. C. B. Ames; plano duet, Mrs. Sherwin and Miss Dodge.

On Monday night, March 8, at the Unitarian church a delicious supper was served, under the direction of Mrs. Marion Torrey. The table was lighted with candles. There was a very good number of the parish in attendance. At the parish meeting which Tollowed the supper the same officers were elected who served last year.

Mrs. George McKee has had a tele phone installed. Her number is 156. Mrs. Roy Cunningham and three of her daughters are ill with the influ-

It is expected that Rev. Arthur V. Dimock will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday.

A pruning demonstration on young old apple trees, given under the auspices of the Middlesex County Burean of Agriculture and Home Economics, with Mr. Jenks, the horticul-tural agent, and Prof. Van Meter of the Massachusetts Agricultural college in charge, will be held on Wedmeeday, March 17, at 9.30 a. m. at Pinecrest Orchards, Groton. Every-body welcome. S. W. Sabine, director.

On account of the storm last Satnrday the services at the Baptist pitted. On March 14 the pastor will games. The next meeting will be held fake the eighth in the series on the ten commandments for, his subject, The sanctity of human property and at the high school on Friday after-rights." Mr. Bangs attended on Tues-noon, March 19, at the usual hour,

thousand of the Protestant Evangelical pastors of Massachusetts gath ered in historic old Park street church for three days to discuss the raising Hazel Cronin; "Th and using of a billion dollars in the bed," Isabel Bixby. next five years for world education and evangelization.

There will be a food sale under the ously ill with influenza. auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Sacred Heart church on Tuesday, with pneumonia. Charles is quite sick. March 16; from three to five p. m., in the lower town hall.

There will be moving pictures of scenes in Ireland in the town hall on Tuesday évening, March 16, under the the Sacred Heart church.

The Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church will meet with Mrs. E. B. Gerrish on Thursday afternoon, March 18.

The Neighborhood club met on Wednesday afternoon, March 10, at the home of Mrs. Anna Gray. The mem pers of the club brought their own work with them and had a pleasan social time together, and enjoyed the refreshments served by the hostess was the guest of Mrs. Gray, sang several selections. The next meeting will e held two weeks later on March 24 with Mrs. Robert Sargent.

Ralph Sargent is improving. Hi nother returned to her home in Gro to go back to Northfield on Saturday On Wednesday afternoon the cur-

rent events and literature section of the Woman's club met with Mrs. Frederic A. Cross. At the last meeting the members had followed the history of the Pilgrims from their origin to a few days after their landing in America, and at this meeting they continued it from that time. Miss Claribel Vickery read the paper which she had read at the meeting of the Woman's club on February 27. Mrs. Virginia Tyrrell read extracts from the love history of Gov. William Bradford and his two wives. There was one guest present. Mrs. Cross served tea and there was an unusually good number present to enjoy the afternoon together. The next meeting will be on the second Wednesday in April with Mrs. Ardelle Warren.

Mrs. William Peabody still continues to improve in health, but is waiting for milder weather before going outdoors.

Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. S. W. Sabine and Miss Geraldine Lawrence have returned from their western trip. Miss Ella F. Vickery has been suffering from a cold and cough and has been under the doctor's care this week

Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Robblee anounce the engagement of daughter, Adelaide Jane, to George Leslie Blood. Mr. Blood is the eldes son of George Henry Blood of this town. He is a graduate of the Groton for a few days, but is now able to be High school, class of 15, and is at about the house again. present engaged in civil work at Camp Devens. Miss Robblee is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Robblee of Groton, formerly of Commonwealth avenue. Auburndale. She s a graduate of Northfield seminary, class of '15, and took a special course in the arts and crafts department at the Newton Technical High school. She studied vocal music under Miss Pauline Cushing Childs, while Northfield. She is a member of the incoln Park Baptist church at West Newton, and was active in church ociety while there.

Mrs. Arthur Tuttle is slowly improving and has been able to sit up in bed lew times.

How to raise your own tobacco and eat the tobacco trust is told in an advertisement in this issue. Read it. R. M. Graham announces her spring opening of millinery in the Barry building, Ayer, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, March 13, 15 and 16.

Benefit Sale.

The preparations are about comleted for the sale to be held for the enefit of the American committee for devastated France in Boston on March 18 and 19. The French street, which is to be made in the Boylston street quarters of the committee will present many interesting and unusual while her husband is in the hospital. Mr. Williamson underwent a surgical hospital and underwent a surgical beautiful and useful articles on sale. The hat booth will have the latest it is hoped that he will make a good styles in sport and dress hats and sweaters with hats to match will be found at this table. Articles directly from France are to be sold by a young French woman, Mile, Lorfray, who has brought from Paris work done by reduced gentlewomen, and also French posters, representing the war series. Mrs. James Lawrence will be assisted at the lamp shade and cushion table by Mrs. N. F. Emmons, Mrs. Richard Lawrence and others. Other stands are for candy and cake ancy and household articles, negligees and shirt waists. The garden and flower stall is to be the largest while the hat table will be the most popular. There is also a jumble table ind a bundle table, and all the tables will have most beautiful things, and at low prices, it is reported.

School Notes

The public schools were closed or Monday.

Miss Dorothy Kline is ill at her home in Leominster, and Mrs. Hill is substituting for her.

The senior class of the high school have selected "Bachelor hall" for the olay which they will give on April 9. The schools opened on Tuesday, but as Mrs. Blood's and Mr. Hynes' routes were not open, they were not able to frive their barges through to the schools.

Mr. Peters resumed his work school last week Friday. Olga Call and Arthur Sargent have

the chicken-pox. Since the crisis of his disease was

ssed on last week Thursday, Mansleld Branigan has been improving. Wallace Bishop, who has been ill with throat trouble, is better.

The Clover club met on last week riday afternoon at the home of Miss Vickery, as Mrs. Blood was sick with a bad cold. Miss Stockin was unable to be present. Seven girls were presnt and exhibited the garments which they had made and the stockings which they had mended. Rosie Maienski exhibited her second garment, which was a petticoat. Estelle Stiles, Dorothea Cross, Emily Wight and Ruth Patterson exhibited aprons. Rosamond Cross exhibited a loaf of bread, which was the twenty-fifth loaf that she had baked since January 6 (the date when the club was organized). The club sang songs and played games after the meeting. Guessing conundrums was one of the

with Mrs. Blood on March 19. Rhetorical exercises will be given

Frances L. Lackey, '18, has been at home for about a week, being seri-

Great sympathy is felt for William Kirkwood Lawrence on the death of his wife, Helen R. (MacChlerie) Lawrence, who died of pneumonia on last Sunday in Wollaston. She was a niece auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of of Mrs. George McKee of this town, and was a teacher before her marriage, being a graduate of Framingham Normal school. Lawrence were married last June when he was mustered out of the service.

Elizabeth Bywater is so far recovered as to be out on the street on pleasant days.

About Town.

No church bells rang last Sunday as the roads were unpassible, and as it was the first Sunday of the month it is expected that three out of four will be stormy—not a very cheerful outook for those who wish to attend

On last week Thursday evening the gentlemen of the Unitarian church erved a supper. The traveling was bad and there being much sickness, the attendance was small and the efforts of the gentlemen were not rewarded as they usually are. Supper consisted of escalloped oysters, baked beans, rolls, cold ham, all kinds of fancy pies and coffee.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian parish was held in the church parlor on Monday evening. A fine supper was served and the business for the year transacted. Frank Lawrence Blood was chosen as moderator, as he has been for many years and received every vote, but was unable to be present, and Philip Smith acted in his abwere elected, they having served so faithfully. The result of the meeting of the meeting heasing. A new member

Several of the helpers at Camp Devens are being discharged, among them ome from Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fay Sampson are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter (Joyce) born on Wednesday. Miss Annie Ryan, of Ayer, is in charge. Several from town attended the Po-

mona Grange meeting held in North Leominster on Thursday. The gentlemen met in Odd Fellows'

hall for whist on Wednesday evening.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Kirkwood Lawrence (Helen Mac-Chlerie) came as a great shock to her relatives and friends early this week. Only two weeks ago she was present at a family gathering at Charles Lawrence's. She contracted influenza, which developed into double pneumonia and was ill but a very short time. The funeral was held on Tuesday af-ternoon at Quincy. Mrs. Charles Lawrence and Ralph Lawrence attended the funeral. Mr. Lawrence has the sympathy of all in his great loss.

Mrs. William Ganley has been ill for everal days and under the care of a physician.

Miss Minnie Scott and little nephew f Hyde Park are visiting at L. G Strand's.

Miss May Hood of Lowell was the guest of Mrs. R. H. Burgess over the week-end. Rev. William Ganley attended the convention of Congregational minis-ters in Boston on Monday and Tuesday. He is very enthusiastic about the

ever attended. Mrs. R. H. Burgess visited in Lowell

calling them the best he

on Thursday. Mrs. A. J. Harrington went to East Walpole last week to be with her daughter, Mrs. William Williamson operation and has been very ill, but

A. W. Lamb was with his family from Friday of last week until Monday morning.

There was no church service on Sunday morning or evening, owing to the very bad condition of the streets.

The schools were closed on Monday Everett Durant is being given treatnents by a throat specialist in Boston A. H. Thompson spent the week-end at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ellen

Putnam, in Mattapan. William Bumpus has rented the ten ment formerly occupied by John Downs and his family.

AYER

News Items.

Miss Margaret Hume is taking the of her sister, Miss Hattie Hume, at the Guaranty Trust Co., Eoston, for

The Unitarian Girls' club will hold poverty party at the Soldiers' club West street, Friday evening, March Music for dancing will be furnished by an orchestra from the camp rizes will be given to the lady and gentleman whose costumes proclaim them to be the most poverty-stricken. There will be special spectator tickets for this event and may be obtained of Miss Evelyn Sanderson, chairman of the dance committee, or from any member of the club.

Dr. William Mansfield, of Manches ter, N. H., spent Wednesday with Dr. Fred H. Gathercole.

Lucius Wheeler has purchased the George J. Burns house on Washington street, now occupied by the family of James Craft. The sale through the real estate agency of T F. Mullin.

Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., held very successful military whist on Wednesday evening at the Hotel Dev-There were thirty-seven tables which were arranged in the dining adjoining rooms of the hotel. The high score of the evening, 76, was won by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fox and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Proc tor, the prizes being ash trays for the men and china butter dishes for the ladies. The low score prizes, sticks of candy, went to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Yates and Mr. and Mrs. George Mill-Following the whist refreshments

of ice cream and cake were served.

Word has been received from Congressman John Jacob Rogers that city carrier mail delivery will be established here on July first. The establishment of this service is conditional up on two changes to be made by the Tay and Wednesday the meetings held with the following program: "My townspeople. One of these require-financial career," Bertha Rose; "Scum ments is that each house shall have a ments. Enthusiasm ran high, as over of the earth," Daniel McCarthy; mail box or a letter slot in the front

ions will be held will be announced Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended in

later.

By the courtesy and kindness of Theodore W. Barry and Miss Edith
Longley a fine musical treat was given

Women's clubs. The speakers were to the ladies at the White Ribbon Home last week Friday evening. Ayer has an unusual opportunity to give as well as receive enjoyment in the various organizations that seem now to have a permanent location here and the White Ribbon Home has peculiar claims upon the people.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will rve refreshments at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon.

A whist party was held Thursday vening under the auspices of Harbinger lodge, K. of P., at the home of Frank B. Harmon. Seven tables were in progress. Mrs. Walter Robbins won a china dish as ladies' first orize, the first prize for men, a china tobacco receiver, going to George E. Millson. The consolation prizes, a fan-cy basket and an Indian doll, were awarded to Mrs. Ernest M. Noddin and Frank E. Crawford, respectively.

As a token of esteem Vesta Rebekal lodge presented Mrs. Charlotte Kno Corthell with a birthday gift this Friday afternoon, a rose and gold Nippor china celery set. Mrs. Corthell has furnished music for the lodge meetings for three years during which period her residence was in Shirley.

Rev. Sherrard Billings of Groton School will conduct the Lenten service this Friday evening at St. Andrew' Episcopal church. Rev. Robert R Rev. Robert R Carmichael, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd of Clinton, will conduct the service Sunday at 10.45

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held Monday afternoon, March 15. Dinner will be served at one o'clock. Work-Entered Apprentice degree.

Alfred Yates, distributor for Studebaker and Dodge cars in this vicinity, will be in attendance next week at the auto show in Boston and will be pleased to see his friends there.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held next Tuesday evening. Work—Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees. The annual department convention

of the Woman's Relief Corps will be neld in Shawmut Congregational church, Boston, April 6 and 7. Rev. Thomas McGinn attended the uneral of Rev. Joseph F. Mohan in

Everett last Saturday.

Edward E. Sawyer, jr., of Ashburn ham has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Sawyer. Mrs. Lizzie A. Sartell of Pepperell

has been visiting Mrs. Lucie S. Rich ardson. M. J. Horgan of Salem has been vis-

ting his son, William F. Horgan, Mrs. Sarah F. Brown recently cele rated her eighty-fifth birthday an liversary at her home in Ocean Park Cal., with appropriate observances.

Mrs. Brown is in good health.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Porter are to leave next week for Albany, N. Y. Mr. Porter has been in charge of the Camp Devens laundry.

A business meeting of the Minne haha Camp Fire Girls was held at the home of Miss Emmaiene E. Boutwell last Tuesday afternoon. Two nev members were admitted. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Conrad were

at the home of Mrs. Conrad's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Sanders, over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Wood, who

have been visiting Mr. Wood's uncle, James M. Boutwell, returned to their home in Harvard Tuesday. Frank Parker of Lowell has been

isiting friends in town. The following clipping is taken from the Boston Post of March 6 in the Observant Citizen column: "A visit to Camp Devens at this season of the ear would afford a surprise for the soldier who formerly tramped over the roads and slept in the barracks. Almost every barrack with few exceptions is deserted and piled high with snow. Most of the roads are impassable, and both the "Y" and the K. of have vacated. the camp but 2000 soldiers, which on paper is a large number, but in a camp the size of Devens they are com-

pletely swallowed up." Miss Nagle, of the Hat Shop, who held a very successful spring opening this week, had on exhibition a com plete line of advanced spring milli very, which is being replaced by the

newest models. Albert F. Kirby, probation office for the superior courts of Norfolk and Plymouth counties, will speak at Hardy's hall under the auspices of Harbinger lodge, K. of P., Monday evening, March 15, at eight o'clock: subject, "Our unfortunate brothers. The address is founded on twent years' personal experience in dealing with criminal offenders, which should prove extremely interesting, revealing many characteristics of the criminal and how he is handled when brought to task. A buffet lunch will be serv ed and music will be in attendance Members are urged to be present and bring a gentleman friend.

Special communications of Cale Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday and Friday evenings of next week, at which the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees will e worked.

The regular meeting of the Unitar an Girls' club will be held Wednesday vening, March 17, at the home of Miss Belle Murphy. Mrs. May T. Fillebrown and Miss Murphy, hostesses.

Christian Science society, Turner's olock, Main street. Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock; subject, "Substance.' Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30 Reading room open Saturdays from wo to five. All are cordially welcome

The forty-fifth annual concert and ball of Division No. 7, A. Q. H., who be held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, March 17. Music, Mescale evening, March 18. Music, Mescale evening, Music, Mescale evening, March 18. Music, Mescale evening, given at eight'o'clock.

Page: "Grin," Maurice Carlisle: "Out many from attending. The supper to old Aunt Mary's," Olive Evans; was well served and added another "The little God and the machine," Albert Davis; piano solo, Gladys Proctor; masculine element.

door. The other requirement is that each house shall be numbered, and plans are being made to handle this. These requirements must be met by at least 85% of the people of Ayer before the carrier delivery system will be established. It is planned to have Court scene from the "Merchant of the court of the court of the carriers and the court of the court of the carriers and the court of the court of the court of the carriers and court of the carriers and court of the carriers and court of the carriers and court of the court of the carriers and court of the carriers and court of the court of the carriers and court of the court of the carriers and court of the carriers and court of the carriers and carriers are carriers and carr "The house by the side of the road," Catherine Scullane, "A man's a man for a that," Henry Picard; "The song two carriers, who will receive a salary of \$1200 per year, and one substitute carrier. The date upon which civil service examinations for these positions will be held will be appropriate.

> Mrs. Trueworthy White, who is now chairman of the literature department of the General Federation of Women's clubs, who told the plans of that de partment; Prof. Walter C. Bronson of Brown university, whose subject was "Contemporary American poetry"; "Contemporary American poetry"; and Frank C. Hersey of Harvard college, who told "What makes a good play?" It was a very interesting and valuable meeting. Outlines for next year's study on "Modern American poets, including six Massachusetts poets," were distributed. Mrs. Truepoets," were distributed. Mrs. True-worthy White, who is often referred to as Mrs. Martha D. White, is a pecul larly interesting speaker who is thoroughly conversant with her subject, and whom it is a rare privilege to hear.

A citizen of Ayer has invented heating system which threatens to pur the steam fitters out of business for good and all. He calls it the "vaporizing system." When questioned by a neighboring householder he confessed that he didn't understand how it "It is all very deceptive, works. "This radiator feels cold but there is heat there just the same.
Will not some local heating man ex plain to our readers the principle of this great scientific discovery?

Mrs. Catherine Hirsch of Harvard, Christian Science practicioner, will have an office in the Carley block which will be opened about the first of April.

The League of Catholic Women ar to hold an apron sale in J. J. Barry's store, Saturday, March 13, at three o'clock. Other useful articles will als be on sale.

The Woman's club will meet in Hardy's hall on Wednesday afternoon, March 17, at three o'clock. It is to be "children's afternoon" and the en tertainment is to be given by a ma gician. All members of the club who have not had their two tickets can get them of Mrs. Jennie P. Chaffin at her home on March 13, 15 or 16. Club members are urged to be prompt at the business meeting of the club next Wednesday for some matters from the State Federation are to be presented in which every member should be in-terested. The meeting will open at three o'clock sharp, if a quorum is present. It is desired to have the special work that is to come up finshed quickly so as to give the children full time to enjoy their friend, the magician, Mr. Yarrick.

Alexander S. Gibb left on Tuesday for McGill university, where he is to take a course of study. Mr. Gibb, who served in France with the Scotch Highlanders, is well known about town, having been here for some time. Mrs. Annie M. Norris has recovered

rom her recent illness of the grippe The following Grangers attended the Middlesex - Worcester Pomon Grange meeting in North Leominster on Thursday: Mrs. James M. Boutwell, Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks, Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, Mrs. Henry W. Waterman, Mrs. Horatio N. Chase, Mrs. Georgianna Connors, Mrs. Georgianna

Mason. The Grange held a box party and ainstrel show after their regular meeting in Hardy's hall on Wednes-The Grange orchestra day evening. furnished music. Among those taking part in the show were Mrs. Charles E. Stone, Mildred Pillman, Etta Green, Edessa J. Crawford, Alice Rand, Reginald Bradshaw, Raymond Miller, Harold Wentworth, Frank Harmon and Lester Robbins. Many local hits were in order. The box lunches provided by the ladies proved a financial success. Several applica-tions were received. Dancing was enjoyed, until midnight. Guests were

present from neighboring towns. Mrs Gorham K Brooks visited Mr. Brooks' father, Harding Brooks, in Forest Hills, Wednesday.

Mrs. Francis Lovejoy is ill with pleurisy at her home. Mrs. Howard Blanchard is ill. Mrs Charles H. Crocker is the nurse in

attendance. At the meeting of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., Tuesday evening, the second degree was worked. One There are now at new member was also taken in by 00 soldiers, which on transfer at this meeting. At the transfer at this meeting. At the of all present, making many telling meeting next week the third degree points anent the soldier and civilian.

vill be worked. Dr. F. E. Gilson returned to hi dental office in Page's block this week after an absence of ten days, caused by illness,

Miss Elizabeth Crowley, who has been confined to her home in Groton for the past two weeks, with an attack of influenza, returned to her duties at the Ayer Electric Light Company office on Friday morning,

"Nan," a Shepherd dog, left home last Saturday in the bitter storm and has not been seen since by her little owners. She was brown and black with a white breast, and a long white line down her nose. Little Junior and Evelyn Auclaire will be greatly pleased to have her home with them again, and anyone finding her should let them know of the fact. Junior and Evelyn Auclaire live on Brook street, off Park street, in Henry Gendreau's house.

The Wayside Pulpit at the Unitaran church has long attracted a great deal of attention by the silent messages printed on the sheets which are put up each week. This week's sheet is one of the best that has yet ap--"Taking the line of least re sistance is what makes rivers-and ome men-so crooked.'

R. M. Graham announces her spring opening of millinery in the Barry building, Ayer, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, March 13, 15 and 16.

Well Attended. The annual men's supper of the

Federated church was held in the yes try last Tuesday evening in charge of Gorham K. Brooks, whose assistants Charles Burrell, Alfred Yates and The following rhetoricals were given Frank B. Harmon. The menu con at the high school this Friday after-noon: "A cheerful hostess," Esther catsup, cake, ice cream and coffee. A Washburn: "Casey at the bat," Daniel good number were present though Pender: "A rain reverie," 'Frances sickness and bad traveling prevented



TO AYER TO TRADE

Store News Briefly Put

This week's Store News contains information about seasonable and reliable merchandise. Read the prices and note the reductions.

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The entertainment, which followed, n charge of B. H. Tyrrell, was of great credit to the chairman and artists. It is seldom that every number on a program is not only entertaining but well worth hearing. Private Knickerbocker of Camp Devens, assisted by a comrade at the piano, ren-dered several solos, among them being 'Just a pal of mine" and "I had but fifty cents," which brought down the

Harold Johnson of the Red Cross Branch, accompanied by Miss Doris Dickerman as planist, rendered "Beeath the shadow of the cross.' Mr. Johnson has frequently assisted the boys' choir at the morning service. Miss Helen Graydon pleased her hearers greatly by a humorous read-

ng relating to the society pet Pomeranian. The famous quartet, B. H. Hopkins, B. H. Tyrrell, Holden C. Harlow and Ellis B. Harlow, were in fine voice, their selections comprising "Under

Southern skies," "Over the way (local and "Come where love lies dreaming." Chaplain Webster of the 13th infantry, who held a Baptist pastorate in Malone, N. Y., before enterting the service, spoke to the intense interest

The Boy Scouts gave an exhibition "first aid," showing proficiency in foot and head bandaging broken him and making a tourniquet. Vivid fire rescues were demonstrated. Mr. Tyrell is scoutmaster and the boys takng part were Roger Johnson, James Traquair, Allen McDonald, Ralph Richardson, Samuel Bray and Ken-neth Clark. Harold Wentworth, Raynond Miller and Frank Harmon, elabbrately costumed, gave a side-splitting

oantomime. Clarence W. Stetson of the Y. M. C. A., was, as usual, a welcomed per-former, and accompanied by Mrs. Lena H. Graydon, planist, played on the musical goblets, his selections being "The last rose of summer" and "Old Black Joe." Mr. Tyrrell proved to be not only a successful director but an entertainer as well. Accompanied by Mrs. Graydon he gave two solos on the slide trombone, "Hearts and flow "Love's old sweet song,"

which were well received. is noteworthy that the military and civilian elements are assimilating nore and more on these occasions and at this particular event added much to the genuine success of the affair.

TOWNSEND

Harbor.

The big snow drift that has hidden the Harbor dam is beginning to dis appear.

ard Doran is acting as substitute mai carrier over the Cape route. Miss Hartman of Leominster is sub stituting at the Harbor school this week. Mrs. Hudson Bray expects to resume her school duties next week

Owing to no trains Saturday even-ing Mr. Bagley with other men who do business in Boston walked from Ayer to Townsend. A drift ten feet high near Nisse

.No papers on last Sunday.

quassick villa is one of the record breakers in this vicinity.

On March, 8, at Robinson Memoria hospital, 82 East Concord street, Bos ton, born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wal lace, a daughter, Muriel Louise.

On account of the difficult traveling the As You Like It club has been obliged to postpone several meetings.

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of that name late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testamment of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by LOUIS F. LaPOINTE who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without glving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth day of March A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any your have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by malling, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court, this ninth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

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News Items.

Relatives and friends of Arthur and Mona Kittredge Cheney have received the news of the birth of a baby girl on Monday afternoon at their home in Southville. She has been named Caroline Frances Cheney. The mother and baby are both reported as doing

Rex Beach's great drama of the north, but all deliverles were late.
"The girl from outside." This played The first dance at the Sol all last week at the Boston theatre. A girl are the central figures. This is without question one of the greatest and most popular pictures ever shown at the Strand. Sunday—"Little Orphan Annie," taken from James Whitcomb Riley's poem. Matinee at 3.30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith arrived in town early Sunday morning from Nutley, N. J., where Mr. Smith has had the position of principal of the grammar school. Mr. Smith has giv-en up his position in New Jersey and on Monday went to Littleton, where he is to take up farming on the Brown farm. For the present Mrs. Smith will remain in town at the home of Mr. Smith's mother.

George J. Andrew, who has been ill with a quinsy sore throat, is able to be

On Monday afternoon a large deer, closely pursued by two dogs, was seen on the hill in the vicinity of Washington and Nashua streets.

It is kind of tough when you can't get a good sweat up with a pick and shovel on a medium warm day. Such was the scene enacted down Forge was the scene enacted down Forge Village way one tlay this week, when "Hank" was seen with his overcoat buttoned up and his ear muffs on, busily(?) swinging a pick and shovel on the ice-encrusted rails. Kindamiss side trips to Lowell, don't you

Pretty purt with your suggestions Fred. I am busy these days and want to say I have put Fitchburg and Robin Hood out of my life forever. But I also notice that however busy you are you still take time to greet that little fairy of yours on the 6.30 out. Sure it was some storm last Saturday, but it failed to break up that little week-end party. It was cold, but I suppose you were able to warm up in the sun-shine of her smile—but I guess a nurse knows what to do for heart trouble. How did you explain that cold sore? Methinks it was contracted from the outcast noble. Call again.

It sure did storm last Saturday, but Harry had his spats on Sunday.

"Barler" and "Dick" paid \$5.50 for the tickets, but they failed to see the scrap. Oh such train service.

George Carney, the yeast cake man, had the misfortune to tip over on his way from West Acton to Concord this week, but nothing serious happened. We don't see how a man could tip over with a load of "raisers" and not have a close shave.

For the first time this winter the Fitchburg and Lowell street railway was forced to suspend service on account of the severe storm of last Sat-urday. The snowplow, which was being used to break out the tracks, got difficulties in a cut near Forge Village and became snowed in Saturday. Since that time traffic on the line has been at a standstill. It is understood, however, that the Abbot Co. expected that traffic will soon be re-

The storm of last Saturday not only put an end to street railway traffic, but also badly demoralized the railroad schedules. Trains from the west on the Fitchburg division were practically all tied up, while trains from the east were few and far between. The next local train due here in the middle of the afternoon did not arrive until late in the evening. Conditions are considerably improved now, however, reight service is still badly tied up, many freight cars being frozen in the rivalry yard so that they cannot be

On Monday the Boston Chamber of. Commerce got in touch with the local Board of Trade and requested them to the school, who did good work Tuesclearing away the snow and ice and lessen the shortage of fuel and food which has been brought about by the Blackburn. tie-up of so much freight.

ly to run cars from Fitchburg nearly into town, after a tie-up of ten days.
On Saturday traffic on this line was again held up due to the severe storm, and the prospects now are that it will ot be resumed until there is a change is the weather. The tracks now are in the worst condition that they have been in this winter being covered in some places with several feet of snow, nd in other places being buried under from six inches to a foot and a half of solid ice. Through the centers of the owns the roadbed of the street railway resembles a miniature glacier, which

will take a good many days to remove. Marion Lyons, otherwise known as Helen Marshwyn, a seventeen year old girl of Polish descent, was before the court on Tuesday morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny, the ase being postponed until Wednesday morning. The defendant has been employed as a waitress at the Hotel Devens, and stole from another girl there a blue serge dress, hat, and other clothing. She was thought to have left town, but was found by Officer Pirone on Tuesday morning at the home of Frank Connors on Mill street, where she had hired a room. All of the property taken was recovered by the police, It developed that the defendant was one of three girls who had run away from their homes in North-

snow so badly that not only the street cars and railroad were blocked, but other forms of local traffic had to be suspended. Even the iltneys, which ever, that he seemed decidedly at have operated between here and Camp home in his part. He had a friend Devens with very few interruptions on some police force whose clothes this winter, were forced to give up.

H. K. Gray was unable to get into Between the acts the Ainstron sistown Saturday morning over the road which leads past the town farm, and had to give up his milk deliveries until Sunday morning when the road was broken out for him. Other milkmen This Saturday the Strand presents get here after considerable difficulty,

The first dance at the Soldiers' club all last week at the Boston theatre. A powerful drama of love, sacrifice and regeneration in which five crooks and members of the Girls' league are in-

vited. The Chelmsford Center Branch Alliance invite the Ayer Branch Alliance to a neighborhood meeting held in the church vestry on Wednesday afterioon, March 17, at three o'clock. Mrs Beatley and Mrs. Bailey of Boston will be the speakers.

The Soldiers' club cafeteria, under the direction of W. A. Sanborn, is now serving meals at all hours during the

The Unitarian Girls' club held an afternoon whist at the home of Mrs Beatrice Maynard Fletcher, Oak street Monday. Seven tables were filled Monday. Seven tables were filled. E. A. Whitney was the winner with a score of 37. She received as a souvenir an embroidered linen handker chief. Mrs. E. O. Proctor had the lucky low score of 13 and bore away a pond of sugar. The refreshments ere particularly excellent and consisted of punch, olives, nabiscos, fancy cheese, toasted crackers and home nado candies.

The following real estate transfers were recorded from this vicinity last week: Littleton, Frank B. Priest to G. L. Priest; Shirley, Abbie P. Longey et al. to Fred O. Stiles, Abbie P. Longley, guardian, to Fred O. Stiles; Westford, Claude L. Allen to Emma J. Murphy land on Littleton road; Lu-nenburg, Lewis M. Shaw et ux. to Daniel Charlton et ux. land on Eliza-beth street and Kirby avenue, John Barton to Fred O. Stiles land on Townsend and Northfield roads, and road to Townsend Harbor, and road to Fitchburg.

The tracks of the Fitchburg and Lowell street railway were cleared sufficiently to allow cars to run into town on Wednesday afternoon. The tracks have been cleared so that the cars started running through to North Chelmsford this week Friday.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page

Chautaugua.

Lawrence West, a representative of he Community Chautaugua is in town his week making arrangements for the holding of the Chautauqua here lext summer, and getting signatures of local men as guarantors of the proposition. The response with signatures has been very pleasing and it is an assured fact that the Community Chautauqua will be held here next summer, probably during the last part of June or the first part of July. This year the Chautauqua will be held at the Soldiers' club on West street, in This will do away with the necessity of committees for the preparation of the tent and grounds, and will reduce the work of the guarantors a great deal, so that the selling of tickets will be their only important task. The Chautauqua representative plans to not only canvass Ayer for signatures of Forge Village furnished the railway to his contract, but will also spend with one hundred men Tuesday and some time in Shirley, Littleton, Harthat they succeeded in breaking out vard and other surrounding towns in a good part of the line, so that it is an effort to interest some of their citizens in the Ayer Chautauqua, proceeds will be for the benefit of the Soldiers' club.

Play at Soldiers' Club,

The presentation of "The noble outcast," under the auspices of the Federated church, marked the re-opening of the Soldiers' club on March 5. Mr. and Mrs. Lucius C. Fairchild added to was an hour and one-half late and the their successes by ably directing the play, which greatly pleased an audience filling every seat in the club. "The noble outcast" is a four-act

play rich in dramatic possibilities and and passenger service is again normal yet well seasoned with excellent comedy lines. The action turns on the rivalry of Jack Worthington and James Blackburn for the hand of Frances Lee, the daughter of a southbanker. Blackburn overhears Col. Lee confide to Worthington, Frances' flance, that Frances is not make an attempt to get men to help his own daughter, but an orphan, the railroad free its freight cars which whose mother, just after the baby's are stalled in the local yards on account of the ice and snow. J. Harold Atwood, president of the Board of Trade immediately collections of the control of t Trade, immediately called up George son, shattered for the time at the loss of her own new-born child as a re-Shirley Industrial school, and obtained the services of thirty-five boys from the services of the serv convict. Blackburn forces him to ap day and several days following in pear and claim Frances as his own daughter. After protracted efforts to freeing the freight cars. A little of this sort of cooperation in other railroad centers would help materially to thorities unless he and Frances con

The sensation of the play was the Last week Friday afternoon the discovery that the daughter that Last week Friday afternoon the Jerry had falsely claimed as his own fritchburg and Leominster street railways in reality his own child, who had been lost to him when he went to prison to shield a guilty brother. With his innocence established. Jerry pre his blessings to Worthington.

A pleasing feature of the last act was the plea of Frances for mercy for Blackburn, whom Jerry had dis covered to be a man wanted by the authorities.

Mr. Fairchild took the difficult role of Gerald Weston, known as Jerry In the opinion of many Mr. Fairchild exceeded even his best efforts of the past. With the clean-cut work of a professional he masterfully handled, with equal effect, the comedy and intensely dramatic situations of the action. E. C. Page, as the stage, and was master of his lines Floyd Lane made a great deal of his part as James Blackburn. His acting

portrayed the cool, deliberate, and stealthy character of the villain. Fred L' Watts, who has had considerable experience on the amateur stage, and as a professional reader, was in word and deed an accomplished lover.

The women's parts included that o

Mrs. Lee, Frances and Sadie the maid thetic portrayal of the character o Frances' mother. Mrs. Grace L. Brad-shaw, as Frances, a "disputed possesrun away from their homes in Northampton. The court ordered her to be
placed on probation and returned to
Northampton.

Herbert C. Reddick has returned to
her bear to be obedient daughter. Mrs. Fairchild, as Herbert C. Reddick has returned to his duties with the Fitchburg and Sadie, "faithful but free," furnished a Lowell street railway after an absence large part of the comedy that gave of a few days due to an attack of warmth and light to the play. Mrs. pleurisy. Last Saturday's storm was by far the was, as she handled it, one of the worst this winter, the wind drifting the features of the play.

The person of the officer who appeared in the cast remains a secret and a mystery. It was observed, how-

Between the acts the Ainstron sisters, of Worcester, rendered pleasing music on piano and violin, and J. O. Stutsman, acting as manager of the club, and George H. Brown spoke on behalf of the club.

Ladies of the Federated church sold food and candy at tables at one

side during the evening.
In addition to his excellent work as coach and actor, Mr. Fairchild also proved himself a master in a difficult situation. There was a bit of irony in the fact that an act of rowdvism on the first night of the re-opened club came from one of those for whom the club is in existence. After a soldier in the audience had interrupted the actors a second time Mr. Fair-child courteously but firmly reminded him as the soldier slid down in his seat out of sight that he had been in-vited in as a guest and would be permitted the use of the stage if he thought that he could do so much better work than the people of the

Death.

Word has been received of the death of Daniel H. Felch at Nespelem, Wash Heart disease was the cause of his sudden death. Friends in town had received letters from him within a week of his death.

Mr. Felch was born in Ayer in 1856, the fourth son of Benjamin and Mary (Bennett) Felch. He was born in the house occupied by his late brother, Fred Felch, on Pleasant street There were seven brothers who were named in alphabetical order by their parents

—Amos, Benjamin, Charles, Daniel,
Edward, Fred and George. The one sister, a twin of Edward, was, in accordance with the same scheme, named Ella. Mr. Felch was the sole survivor of these children.

His education was secured in the Ayer public schools, Lawrence academy and Bowdoin college. After graduation he engaged in various work and finally took a position with the Cheney Express Co., of which his father was the local agent.

Later he went south and suffered a

severe attack of fever in Louisiana About the year 1885 he left the south and went to the state of Washington During a number of years Mr. Felch was a teacher in Cheney academy at Cheney, both of which were named in honor of the head of the Cheney Express Co., his former employers in the East. Subsequently he devoted himself to the practice of law.

A few months ago Mr. Felch moved to Nespelem. He is survived by a daughter Ruth, aged seventeen years Mrs. Felch died five years ago

Sunday Program at Y. M. C. A.

Between eighty and ninety men were present at Army Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon. In view of the unsea sonable weather this was a large at tendance. The 36th Infantry orches ra, with Secretary Earle at the plano rendered an excellent program of music. Much interest was manifest in the address by Arthur V. Dimock on "Facing the music; or, courage for the crisis." The present outlook was briefly analyzed and submitted as a challenge to the manhood of the hour A generous lunch was served by a large committee of the Woman's Relief Corps, under the efficient direction of the president, Mrs. John L. Kennison, and was much appreciated by the

Next Sunday afternoon from 2.30 to five o'clock there will be the usual good musical program and an address by Arthur V. Dimock on "The peril o peace; its economic consequences. This address will be a review of a re cent book by Keynes, a member of the Peace Conference at Versailles, en titled, "The economic consequences of peace." This book is creating a great This book is creating a great sensation in both England and America. All men invited.

Church Notes.

Unitarian church-Sunday service at 10.45—Regular offices and sermon. Offertory solo, "Dream of Paradise," Gray, Mrs. Sargent. Preacher, Rev. ject, "Building the church." Church school at twelve.

At the meeting of the parish committee last Sunday the committee au thorized building in a set of drawers in the closet room used for church school supplies. Tentative plans were drawn for organizing a chapter of the Lay men's league.

Federated church-Next Sunday at 10.45 a.m., the pastor will preach on the "Inter-church movement." boys' choir will sing. At twelve, Sunday school. Charles J. Burrill will lead the Men's class; woman's class at the same hour. At 6.30 p. m., young people's meeting; leader, Roger D. Johnson; subject, "Patience and its Johnson; subject, "Patience and its rewards." At 7.30 p. m., Chaplain Webster of the 13th Infantry will preach. Singing by the young ladies

Thursday at 7.30 p. m., mid-week ervice; meeting of the standing committee of the Congregational church to receive candidates for reception at Easter.

Last Sunday morning two united with the church by letter at the Com-munion service, Mrs. Lorraine J. Me-Mahon and Lester Corthell. At the evening service the Boy Scouts, troop had charge, B. H. Tyrrell presided s scoutmaster. James Traquair, Frank Harmon, William Porter and Roger Johnson spoke on "The boys' conference in Somerville." Frank C. Johnsuperintendent of schools, also The young ladies' choir sang. spoke, It was a most interesting service.

Clarence M. Stetson, Deacon Her bert A. Pollard and Rev. John P. Chaf-fee attended the in the conference in Boston this man water

Last Sunday afternoon the pastor baptized Phyllis Ruth Ladner, a child at the home of the sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McQuarrie. Baptist church—Preaching at 10.45

a. m.; subject, "Some things that thrilled me at the inter-church con-Sunday school at twelve. Preaching at seven p. m.; subject, "More thrills from the inter-church

The young people are all invited to attend the B. Y. P. U. on Tuesday at 7,30 p. m.; subject, "Patience and its

Prayer meeting Thursday at 7.30 p. n.; subject, "Romans.

We were privileged to attend the state inter-church convention, which was held in Boston this week. Some of the most outstanding religious leaders of the world were there to give information and inspiration to the 900 ministers in attendance for the great task that the churches are now facing.

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News Items.

The Brotherhood of the Congrega tional church niet in the vestry on Monday evening, about fifty sitting down to a splendid supper at 6.45. The guests of the evening were Dr. Bernard W. Carey, deputy state commissioner of health, and Dr. Oscar A. Dudley, health officer for this district, and both gave brief talks on the du-ties of their office, which was instruc-tive and proved interesting to all present. The supper committee consisted of John M. Stevenson, chairman, assisted by Lester James and Clarence Lohnes, who were assisted by Mrs. John M. Stevenson, Mrs. Clarence Lohnes, Mrs. Alice L. Wright and Miss Mary Park.

Charles Fredrick is at home, hav Ing trouble with his eyes, and is un-der treatment of a Nashua doctor. After an illness of several weeks E. Winterbottom is able to be out again.

Dewey Hanlon, telegraph operator at the Boston and Maine station, is confined to his home in Fitchburg by

Mr. and Mrs. George Conley, who has had charge of a cottage for several years at the Industrial school, gave up their positions last Saturday. About fifty of the boys from the Industrial school were among the vol-unteer snow shovelers for the Boston and Maine railroad to help dig out the tracks at Ayer.

Mrs. Annie Tewksbury left last Sunday for the home of her daughter, Mrs. Percy Gale, Medford, for a visit.

An eight-pound daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bodah last Sunday evening, who has been named Rita Magdalen. Mrs. Katherine Fernald is confined

to her home by illness. Howard Emerson spent Sunday visiting friends in Boston.

Miss Jennie Matthew is ill with pneumonia at the home of Mrs. George

Shirley post, A. L., have placed a large barometer outside the telephone office, giving daily information of their drive for clubhouse funds. Up to Wednesday night about \$187 had been

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church will meet for a business session and the tying of quilts, Wed-nesday afternoon, at three o'clock, in The vestry. At four o'clock the ladles will hold a food sale, at which all kinds of home-cooked food will be on Mrs. George Greenleaf will be In charge of the food sale and will be ably assisted by several of the ladies.

The Congregational and Baptist churches were closed last Sunday, owling to the storm. Communion will be observed at the

Congregational church on Sunday. New members will also be received into the church. The pastor, Rev. S. F. Goodheart, will preach an appropriate

R. J. Nugent, of Springfield, has ac cepted a position as accountant in the office of the President Suspender Co. Mr. Nugent is rooming with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, and taking his meals at the Brookside. Mr. Nugent's wife and three-year-old son will join him in the course of time.

Mr. Winterbottom has again resum ed his duties as janitor at the Con-gregational church after a sick spell of several weeks.

Charles W. Wolff is confined at home with a severe case of eczema.

Mrs. C. R. White left for Boston and Brookline on Wednesday to visit relatives for several days. She will hold no dancing classes this Saturday, but will positively re-open her school for dancing on Saturday afternoon, March 20, at one o'clock.

While at her work at the Samson Cordage Works last Monday, Miss Hattie Adams received painful injuries to two of her fingers. Three stitches were taken to close the wounds.

Mrs. Elliott Barrett is recovering from an attack of appendicitis. John E. Beach, of Framingham,

spent over Sunday with his family on Mrs. Charles W. Marshall is still

quite ill, not being able to leave her Deposited to se

The public library was closed last Saturday, owing to the storm.

A chimney fell last week at George Devarney's garage and ruined the new ceiling in the room of the Shir-

The Fitchburg and Leominster street railway got their cars running again to Ayer last week Friday only to have the storm on Saturday again tie the The storm filled the trackswith ice and consequently no cars have been running.

On account of the storm the meeting of the school committee, which was to be held last Saturday evening, was postponed for one week.

Harry H. Lynch has received word that his daughter, Agnes Lynch, who is a senior at St. Lawrence university. Canton, N. Y., has won the high honor of being elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Phi Beta Kappa, founded at William and Mary college, Virginia, in 1776, is the oldest college Greek letter society and has chapters in the leading colleges for men and women. students of the highest standing are elected this is a notable honor for Miss Lynch. There are several members of the society among college graduates in this vicinity.

R. M. Graham announces her spring opening of millinery in the Barry building, Ayer, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, March 13, 15 and 16.

Appointments Made by Selectmen. At the meeting of the board of selectmen on last week Friday evening, the following appointments were Patrick Dovian, Jeremiah Gleason, Jake Kuchtor, weighers of cotton for the Samson Cordage works; Benjamin F. Sherman, George B. Allen, John F. Lynch, Harlan E. Chamberlain, special police for the Indus-trial School for Boys; John E. Kelly, special police for the Boston and Maine railroad; Nelson W. Wambolt, Walter Knowles, George H. Farmer, Harold Blenkhorn, special police; Her-bert O. Poasley, Edward A. Warren, Frank H. Wheeler and Fred L. Smith, ir., weighers of hay, grain and coal; William F. Hewes and Louis J. Farnsworth, surveyors of lumber and meas-urers of wood and bark; Stanley F. White and Lewis H. Bradford, field drivers; Charles R. White and Howarrivers; Charles R. White and How-ard A. Hatch, fence viewers; George P. Davenport of Clinton, sealer of weights and measures; Guy R. Cook, registrar of voters; Robert H. J. Holden, town counsellor. In the matter of the appointment of field drivers the selectmen adopted a custom which is followed in many towns by appointing two of the newly married young men of the town to the office. Lester

G. Holden was appointed inspector of barns, subject to approval by the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Center.

On account of the impassible condition of the roads, no school was held on Monday in the local schools. Those who are attending Fitchburg High school also had a vacation on Monday on account of transportation difficul-

Augustus B. Cram was unable last Saturday morning for the first time to get through with the nine o'clock mail. He was able with considerable difficulty to take out the seven o'clock mail but could not make the trip back. The mail was brought in Saturday evening by Earl A. Graves, who made the trip on foot.

Mrs. Abbie Wyman of Ayer has beer spending a few days at the home of Mrs. John Stickney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Shepard have closed their home on Center road for a short time on account of the poor traveling and inability to get coal, wood and other necessaries.

Miss Lucy B. Lamkin, teacher at the primary school, is rooming at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford.

Services at Trinity chapel had to be omitted again last Sunday on ac-count of the road conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Driver and family, who have been occupying Mrs. Eva L. Marsh's house on Center road, expect to leave town soon. The next meeting of Shirley Grange

will be held on Tuesday evening, March 16, and will be a proud party. Each member is asked to bring a pound package to be sold at auction William Freeman auctioneer. roceeds of the sale will go for the benefit of the Educational Aid fund. The program for the evening is in the charge of the ten youngest members of the Grange.

The storm of last Saturday isolated the Center more completely than any time this winter. No traffic passed over Center road from the time Mr. Cram took out the seven o'clock mail until late the following day. Howard M. Longley started for the village on foot Saturday morning to cover his milk route, but had to give up the trip. The snow has become so deep some places that in the case of Mrs. Dakin's house, which is unoccupied this winter, it was necessary to shovel the snow away from the piazza and windows to keep the water from running in at the windows. The main roads have been broken out and are passable again, but in many places the roadbed is several feet above the

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Monday morning, March 22, at ten oclock, all the live stock and dairy equipment of L. Collins, Marsh-field.

New Advertisements

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Experienced on power sewing machines at good rates. We also want inexperienced.

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employees at actual cost at the Brookside Inn, which we have just remodeled. The Brookside is modern in every detail—Reception Room, Lounging Room, Showers and Baths. Hotand cold water. Steam heat and electric lights in every room. All outside rooms. The best of food, well cooked, served hot. You can live cheaper at the Brookside than you can at home. Write, telephone or call at the fac-

PRESIDENT SUSPENDER CO.

Shirley, Mass.

REPORT OF CONDITION of the First National Bank of Pepperell at East Pepperell in the State of Massa- chusetts, at the close of business on
February 28, 1920. Resources
Loans and discounts, includ- ing rediscounts

cure circulation (U.S. bonds par value) \$50,000.00 Owned and un-41,650.00 91,650.00 pledged ... Other bonds, securities, etc.:

Other bonds, securities, etc.:
Bonds (other than
U. S. bonds)
pledged to secure postal savings deposits... \$7,000.00
Securities other
than U. S. bonds
(not including
stocks) gowned
and unpledged 176,167,75
Collateral trust
and other notes
of corporations

and other notes
of corporations
issued for not
less than ONE
YEAR nor more
than THREE
YEARS' time... 995.00
took of Federal Reserve
Bank (50 per cent of subscription) 995.00 184.162.7 Bank (50 per cent of sub-scription)

Value of banking house, owned and unincumbered Furniture and fixtures.... Lawful reserve with Feder-al Reserve Bank...... Cash in vauit and net amounts due from nation-al banks

13,800.00

19,002.1

amounts due from national banks
Thecks on banks located
outside of city or town of
reporting bank and other
cash items
Redemption fund with U.S.
Treasurer and due from
U.S. Treasurer
Interest carned but not collected — approximate — on
Notes and Bills Receivable not past due.

Total Linbilities Capital stock paid in... \$
Surplus fund
Undivided profits. \$23.128.18
Loss current expenses, interest, and taxes paid. 7,020.13
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not carned (approximate)...
Amount reserved for all interest accrued
Circulating notes outstanding.
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding.
Individual deposite subject to check
Leposites requiring notice but less than 30 days...
Total of two preceding items
\$188,883.18
Postal savings deposite...
Total of 2 preceding items
\$180,439.34 3,893.97 50,000.00 16.13

\$500,123.8 State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.

I. H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of March, 1920. Joseph A. Saunders, Notary Public. Correct-Attest:

I. J. Rowell, Arthur P. Wright, T. F. Graham, Directors.

REPORT OF CONDITION of the First National Bank of Ayer at Ayer in the State of Massachusetts at the close of business on February 28, 1920.

Resources Loans and discounts, in-cluding rediscounts \$425,774.81 Overdrafts, unsecured 195.54 S. Government securities owned: ocheculation (U. S. bonds par value) \$20,000.00 bonds par value) \$20,000.00 bonds de la vinks deposits (Par value) \$20,000.00 postal savinks

courities, other than U.S. bonds (not including stocks), owned and un-111.671.7 Stocks of Federal Reserve
Bank (50 per cent of subscription)
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank
Cash in vault and net 3,750.00 70,000.00 115.737.2

eral Reserve Bank
Cash in Yault and net
amounts due from nationai banks
Checks on banks located
outside of city or town of
reporting bank and other
cash items
Redemption fund with U. S.
Treasurer and due from
U. S. Treasurer
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on
Notes and Bills Receivable
not past due 239.5 1,000.00

7,349.58 Total \$1,179,716.4 Liabilities 48,230.7 4,325,05 20,000.00 et amounts due to Nation-5,489.88

items \$23,230.91 Individual deposits subject to check 942,108.31 14,121.3 above stated

\$1,179,716.43 State of Massachusetts, County of Middiesex, ss.
I. Charles A. Normand, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and bellef.
CHARLES A. NORMAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before methis ninth day of March, 1920. D. Chester Parsons, Notary Public. Correct—Attest:

Howard B. White,
Hobart E. Mead,
Carl A. P. Lawrence,
Robert H. J. Holden,
Oliver K. Pierce,
D. W. Fletcher,
Directors.

REPORT OF CONDITION of the Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business on February 28, 1920.

Loans and discounts, including rediscounts Overdrafts, unsecured

U. S. Government securities owned: Other bonds, securities, etc.: Securities other than U.
S. bonds (not including stocks), owned and unpledged
Stocks, other than Federal

Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock...
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)
Value of banking house, owned and unencumbered Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks...
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items.

Capital stock paid in.....\$100,000,000 the water boils in the covered kettle, surplus fund 20,000.00 the water boils in the covered kettle, the performance, even if they had a she turns the fire low and allows the she turns the fire low and allows the whole to cook for twenty minutes.

Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid. 2,217.18 22.804.19 Circulating notes cutstanding. 100,000.00 to conserve food time fuel labor thus never crent into John Bull's were fired. rtified checks outstanding

Ing.
Certified checks outstanding
Individual deposits subject
to check
Dividends unpaid
Total of two preceding
items \$247,472.44
Certificates of deposit (other
than for money borrowed)
Other time deposits
Total of two preceding
items \$50,358.75

\$540,645.20 State of Massachusetts, County of Mid-diesex, ss. I; C. B. Willard, Cashier of the thove-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. C. B. WILLARD, Cashier,

Subscribed and sworn to before me his 'th day of March, 1920, T. James Harvey, Notary Public. 'orrect-Attest;

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Thrift and Opportunity



MRS. L. A. RHEAUME AND CHILDREN

Mrs. L. A. Rheaume, of 48 Lyman | Mrs. Rheaume is of French descent street, Holyoke, Massachusetts, has and a very capable woman, mother of been buying War Savings Stamps for three little children. She and Mr. year. Early in March she applied Rheaume own a small apartment in at the postoffice to cash what she had which they live. She said that be -\$850.' She told the postmaster that cause a payment of \$850 was due her husband, who sells bread, was April first, she had to use her stamps buying a motor truck for \$825 and for the truck.

They needed the money. The postmaster advised her to hold the stamps Savings Stamps to my utmost because antil April first, and explained the in- it is a sure and correct investment and

crease in value (about \$2). She while buying the stamps I am lending was very glad to take advantage of my money to the Government with the suggestion.

"ONE-PIECE" COOKERY. Food, Time, Fuel and Labor May be Conserved by This Method.

"One-piece" dishes, which were brought into favor by war-time con ditions and economics, remain popular with thoughtful and progressive housewives, as a well-balanced meal may be quickly and easily prepared in this manner. Rice, for example, lends it-

self admirably to combination. Of several ways of cooking rice, the best, perhaps, is to add to a given quantity of rice about twice as much water, and cook over a very low fire in a covered kettle. Carefully cooked in this way the grains will "stand apart" as well as by boiling the rice as you will see a little later. in a lot of water, rinsing with cold What is a billion, anyway? water, then drying in the oven.

cheese, meat, eggs, nuts, fats, etc .- The Treasury Department received a combine with it harmoniously. A billion dollars from War Savings 581.15 fat, butter or butter substitute, and have done it-not much of a drain for every half cup of well-washed rice an office boy. which, for this particular recipe, has not been previously cooked. When

100,000,00 to conserve food, time, fuel, labor, thus never crept into John Bull's war figincreasing the working capital of the ures. housewife. Every penny saved increases her ability to purchase Thrift and War Savings Stamps regularly, a standard of their own, and their biland thus make provision for the

> KEEP YOUR LIBERTY BOND INTEREST BUSY.

Your Liberty Bonds busy?

be a substantial amount to invest in by the purchase of a little green slip something worth while.

Watch out for these dates of Liberty week for something less than ten Bond interest payments for the re- months. mainder of this year: June 15, No. 1; September 15, No. 3; October 15, No. 2; November 15, No. 4; December 15, Victory Loan, No. 5.

good interest." WHAT IS A BILLION, ANY

WAY? How the American and British Billions Vary.

By James H. Collins. "One billion dollars," dictated the oss to Tillie. "Do you want that in figures?" she

"Yes." But Tillie hit the cipher key too many times and wrote: \$1,000,000,000,000

It looked large, even for a war fig-And it was both wrong and right

Last year, the people of this country Using plain boiled rice for a basis, did something which gives a very nany balancing articles of food-good illustration of \$1,000,000,000.

cooking expert so uses up the coarser Stamps bought by the people. Just leaves of lettuce, romaine, endive, etc., who bought them does not matter. that may have been left over from a Every man, woman and child in the salad. To these she adds a sliced United States buying a 25-cent Thrift onion, about two tablespoons of bacon Stamp weekly for forty weeks would three-quarters of a cup of cold water upon anybody's income, even that of

We use the French billion, which is 1,000,000,000, whereas the British use

lion is 1,000,000,000,000. So that is why Tillie was both

wrong and right. A billion of anything is a whole lot whether one measures it by the British or American standard. But as Are you keeping the interest on war taught us to think in terms of this big unit, so it has taught us to pro By taking the coupons to the post- duce in terms of billions, and one of office as they come due, and reinvest- the most interesting measures of our ing them in War Savings Stamps, they production and thinking is the com will continue to work for you, and parative ease with which we as a at the end of five years there will nation may save up a billion dollars of paper, the Thrift Stamp, once a

The holes in a sieve are small but water runs oùt mighty fast. Does No. 1, also first interest payment on your money dribble away? Save it in Thrift Stamps.

War Savings Stamps Are Thrift Dividend Stamps! Thrift Pays!

Going Back to the Beginning. Human Life Needs Beauty. The first hole that early man made Men cannot live by bread alone. The in a piece of shell or stone was by a mind cannot develop on an exclusively scientific diet. If we sat on our spinblow of a stone hammer, which hapning globe and studied only the physpened to strike in such a way as to knock out a small bit of the stone or ical laws that keep it going we shell, says Dr. Clifton Harby Levy. should become either lunatics or machines. The lines of beauty in the When this man saw the hole and noted its convenience, he slipped the sinew form and decoration of a vase, and the of a deer into the shell or stone and studied harmony of tones and colors hung it around his neck as an ornathat stir the soul, as though they were musical sounds, are like to the inscripment. Others began to ask themselves tions made on his dungeon walls by a how they could make holes in things and, taking a bit of pointed stone, they life prisoner, who, with their aid, drives away madness and keeps his worked with that until the hole was drilled, mind sweet."—Chicago American.

Sending Money Home



The Y helped the American men in service to save by sending their money home for them free of charge, Hun- dreds of thousands of dollars, were safely transmitted.

DUTCH ART FOR DOUGHBOYS

Rotterdam Women Decorate "Y" Building and Everybody Is Happy.

Rotterdam-When the clubwomen

of Rotterdam learned that the American Y. M. C. A. was erecting a hut in the American camp here for the entertainment of the soldiers doing guard duty at the warehouses and the sailors bringing supplies from America and taking them on from here to the Army of Occupation, they asked permission to decorate it in true Dutch style. The request was granted, and the women not only secured an artist of local note in Rotterdam to paint a large panel across one end ern France. Many were under shell of the auditorium and supervise other decorations, but themselves did much of the work. Besides the interior decorations, they set a low hedge before the main entrance to the hut and low hedges in window boxes out side all the windows. Then the Hollanders asked permission to dedicate the hut as a further evidence of their friendship for the Americans. That ated and attractively furnished with request also the Y. M. C. A granted wicker chairs and settees. and the event that resulted was a memorable one. There was an entertainment in which some of the best singers and musicians in Holland took part, followed by a reception and dancing with society girls of Rotterdam.

At first the American boys were a bit shy about meeting the Dutch girls as they put it, they feared they couldn't parlez-vous Hallandese. But soon they learned that most of the better educated Hollanders can speak or at least understand English, and dance music was the same in both languages.

"It sure was a peach of a party," said one of the boys to one of the hostesses, when they were saying good-"but we never would have had the nerve to come if it had been any place but here in our own 'Y' where we're right at home. It sure was nice of you folks to play us the first match olate wasn't as sweet as it should have ready to give you a return game any-

All of which probably was pretty puzzling to the hostess, but she smiled a sweet Dutch smile and invited him to her home for Sunday

CHRISTMAS CHEER-"Y" REMEM. BERS SAILOR BOYS

mas boxes have been shipped by the Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel and the Y. M. C. A. for distribution to Ameri-Meuse-Argonne fights. They know can naval forces operating in the the country, many of them, as well as Adriatic and Black Seas, according the fighter knows it, and they like to to an announcement from "Y" head- talk about the old days just as the quarters here today. These boxes are fighter does. being sent by the Y. M. C. A., and each one will contain a pack of cigarettes, huts scattered over the 3d Army retwo handkerchiefs, two packages hard | gion who came over since the armiscandy, two bars of chocolate, two tice was signed. The new workers packages of gum, a pair of socks, two are very popular and have helped to cakes of soap, a package of chiclets, make this territory famous for its a tube of shaving cream, a tube of dances, picnics, boat excursions on tooth paste, a tooth brush and a pen- the Rhine and other recreational ac-

TIMES CHANGED AT "Y" CANTEENS

Instead of Rubbers Girls Now Wear Dancing Shoes.

Coblenz.—The Y. M. C. A.'s canteen company in the army of occupation leave areas includes 57 attractive girls rom many different cities in the Uni-

ted States. While the boys are waiting for the order to evacuate they are putting on an intensive campaign of amusement exclusive of that staged by a corps of entertainers working under the auspices of that particular department of

the association. Time has brought many changes for the canteen girls working overseas with the A. E. F. A year ago she served chocolate and cookies in makeshift quarters along the line in Northfire and those who were not experienced the thrills of crawling out of bed at midnight to seek shelter from

the Gothas in damp, cold cellars. Today the canteen girl works under improved conditions and with every modern convenience to facilitate her enterprise. The huts in Germany are spacious structures, beautifully decor-

If she serves chocolate-and the chances are she doesn't, for ice cream is now the popular refreshment—it is made in giant marmites each built over a stove.

There are real kitchens in the new Y huts, with running water and sinks and open windows breaking the rows of neatly arranged cooking utensils that hang on the walls. In the old days many a pot of chocolate was boiled over a fire built between bricks piled in a hollow square. Sometimes the awter was a mile away and cups had to be used over again and again

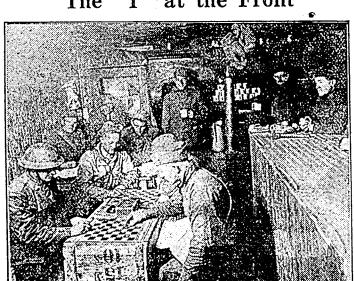
but that's an old story now. The maximum of effort was expended by canteen girls in those days in accomplishing the minimum of result. They worked in rubber boots that protected their feet from the rain and mud of camps near the combat centers. Their supplies didn't always come up. Many, many times the chocbeen, because the sugar gave out. The

cookies were broken and moist from No doughboy ever gets a broken cookie now. His chocolate is made according to the most improved recipes, and there is always an unlimited supply of ingredients for every dish

concocted in the Y. M. C. A. kitchens. The girl who smiled over the hardships a year ago is still smiling, the doughboys will tell you. They have plenty of time now to leave the couner and chat with the soldiers over

There are a number of girls in the tivities.

at the Front



Playing checkers with your gas mask at the "alerte" must have its fascina from duty in the trenches, are refreshing themselves with coffee. Hanging from the ceiling are boxing gloves which the "Y" secretary keeps handy when checkers get too slow for the boys. tion. In the photograph a group of soldiers is shown playing in a Y. M. C. A. hut just behind the from lines. In France. Others, tired from duty in the trenches, are refreshing themselves with coffee. Hanging

Looking for Cat.

Little Paul, age seven, and his aunt were playing with the cat when it ran under the buffet. Stooping down his nunt said: "I can see only his hind quarters." Paul ran to the other end of the buffet and looking under ex-"Oh, I can see its head quarters."

That's Easy Enough. A man's hair, it is estimated, turns gray five years earlier than a woman's.

Home-Made Water Filter. To make a cheap water filter, take large garden pot and stop the hole in the bottom by placing a piece of sponge in it. Cover with a few inches of powdered charcoal, fill with water, and let it stand over a pail or tub supported by two or three sticks laid across. The water filtering through the charcoal will be freed from all impurities and will be fit for family use. The charcoal should be changed every three months and the sponge several times a year.

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

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

in the morning. Last car from North Chelmsford to Ayer 10.15 P. M. Last car from A Chelmsford 9.00 P. M. Ayer to North

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OMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU
S. Middlesex, es. Probate Court.

To the helrs-at-law, next of kin.

Hitors, and all other persons inter
red in the estate of JAMES NORKUS

to of Shirley in said County, deceased,

interlate.

Whereas a petition has been presentd to said Court to grant a letter of

dministration on the estate of said de
ased to LOUIS W. SIMON of Shirley
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,
a said County of Middlesex, on the

venty-second day of March A. D. 1920,

nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show

ise if any you have, why the same

'uld not be granted.

Ind the petitioner is hereby directed
to give public notice thereof, by pub
Ha.ing 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 second
day of March in the year one thousand
nine hundred and twenty.

3127 F. M. ESTY. Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of FRANCIS G. LAW-RENCE late of Groton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, tostate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving hond, as the law directs ond, as the law directs.

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

LAWRENCE PARK, Executor. Concord, Mass., March 3, 1920. 3t27

INTERCHURCH IDEA ENDORSED

Important Congregational Committee Votes to Join Big Protestant Movement

DENOMINATION WILL ASSUME BUDGET SHARE

One hundred leaders of the Conregational Church have just met in Chicago and enthusiastically endorsed the Interchurch World Movement, pledging that denomination to underwrite its portion of the Interchurch This action definitely and formally ties up the Congregational World Movement with the Interchurch World Movement and marks the addiion of another of the great denominations of America to the World Move-

"There was no question about on endorsement of the Interchurch World Movement or of underwriting our share of the budget," said Dr. Frank H. Sheldon, general secretary of the Congregational Education Board. 'The church stands behind the movement as an united body, deeming it a world need at the present time."

On motion of Dr. C. E. Burton, sec-retary of the Home Missionary Extenion Boards, the committee refused, at the present time, to accept any greater allocation of the Interchurch budget than is contained in its own world novement budget.

Chesen by National Council

The Committee of 100 was apointed by the National Council of the church at Grand Rapids in October to arry on the campaign of the Congregational World Movement for \$50, 00,000 a year for Home and Foreign Missions, Education and Church Ex-

Among those present were Dr. Huert Herring, general secretary of the National Council: Cornelius H. Patton, secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, and Herman Swartz, secretary of the Congrega-

tional World Movement. The action of the Committee of 100 was forecast by the announcement of the Congregational delegates after attendance at the recent World Survey Conference at Atlantic City. There vere 115 members of this delegation, representing all sections of the country and all interests in the denominational life of the church. This delegation, after the conclusion of the Survey, and a very free discussion of the most important problems and methods, gave its emphatic approval to the Interchurch World Movement both for the soundness of its policies and the wisdom of its program.

FEMININE AMERICA IN THE WORLD'S ARENA

Boston Leader Emphasizes Vioman's Great Part in Christian Program

Boston-"American women, while retaining all the feminine virtues, have stepped from the fireside into the world's arena, placing the mothercraft of the United States at the disposal of was the statement just made here by Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, one of the Boston delegates to the conference of Christian women held in Washington, Feb. 7, 8 and 9. This conference was under the ausmices of the Interchurch World Movement, and was the first national gathering exclusively for Christian women that has ever been held.

"The Interchurch World Movement," declared Mrs. Peabody, "is merely the outward expression of the applied religion of today. It is the assimilation f facts concerning the world's needs, the ways and means of meeting those facts in inspirational fashion.

"The common sense taught in the New Testament is much more needed than a league of nations, or treaty re-

Alluding to the force of femininity n religion: which has come to the front with the announcement of plans for this conference, Mrs. Peabody declared that the wer "discovered" women. It proved their capacity for responsibility and their executive abil-

ty in numerous fields. She summarized one striking enleavor which the Interchurch World Movement has in view for feminine

aplift as follows: "Over six million dollars have been appropriated for the women's budget. Much of this money will be expended n equipping and completing women's Christian colleges already established n China, Japan and India.

"The need in that direction is anparent when it is realized that at the present time there are only 95 women doctors serving two hundred million women in China, and only 150 women doctors supplying the needs of one hundred and fifty million women in (ndia.

"The translation of Christian books and magazines into foreign languages is an important part in the campaign. Some of these are representative popular works of this country. Right now every Christian girl in Japan is reading 'Pollyanna,' and the Christian women of China are reading 'The Wide Wide World'."

Life at its Best.

To work, to help and to be helped to learn sympathy through suffering, to learn faith by perplexity, to reach truth through wonder; behold this is what it is to prosper; this is what it is to live.—Phillips Brooks.

Higher and Higher.

Bob Minkin's father is making him study higher mathematics so that he will he able to write the price tags when he gets old enough to go to work.

TOWNSEND

Center. The community civics class of the high school gave an interesting debate at the Thursday morning session last week on the following question: Re solved, "That a commercial curricu-lum should be included in the program of the Townsend high school." Edward A. Lancey and Lios Wilder had the affirmative, and William A. Russell and Ernest Barnes the negative The judges were Gordon Bennett Ralph Wilson and Carey Swinning-ton. The judges voted unanimously in favor of the negative side of the que tion, and the school vote was in favor of the affirmative.

The Glee club of the high school have been rehearsing for the past few weeks for an operetta, entitled "The feast of the red corn," which they are planning to present in the Memorial all on Friday evening, April 23.

The Girls' Home Economics club innounce a food sale to be held in the dinner room in the Center school ouilding on Saturday afternoon, March 3, at three o'clock.

At a social gathering of the mem pers of Mrs. G. Clarke's Sunday school of the Congregational church, held at her home, they formed themselves into an Every Ready class and organized with the following officers: Helen Cook, pres.; Evelyn Wright, v p.; Hester Russell, sec. and treas.; Rachel Knight, Grace Swicker and Nellie McDonald, lookout and social committee. Their motto is "Ever eady for good works" and they plan o meet once a month at their several iomes.

Mrs. A. L. Fessenden, who has been ery ill, is reported more comfortable and a trained nurse from Hartford, Conn., is in attendance. Her sister Mrs. Henry Hyde, from, Somersworth V. H., arrived this week.

Miss Ethel Spofford, who has been eriously ill with bronchial pneumo-nia, is reported better, and is under he care of a trained nurse from Conord, N. H.

Mrs. Annie N. Greenleaf was called to Boston this week by the death of her niece, Miss Ethel Nash, from spinal meningitis, following influenza Frank Dudley, of Fitchburg, is visitng his mother, Mrs. William Dudley, for a few days.

Wiley Swinnington is substituting n the R. F. D. route during the illess of the carrier, Frank R. Jefts. Anyone having Victrola records they yould like to contribute for the Viccola at the town home may leave hem with the Red Cross auxiliary

naving the matter in charge. Miss Grace S. Nies, daughter of Rev A. Nies, of Trinity church, Worceser, and Mrs. Nies, has recently bee dded to the staff of the-department of publicity of Boston university, and is give all her time to this work. Miss ies, who is a graduate of the College of Liberal Arts of the university, was onnected with the publicity department of the Boston area office during he centenary financial campaign last spring. She has been during the past ix months instructor in freshmar English at Ohio Wesleyan university Miss Nies is a native of Townsend orn to Mr. and Mrs. Nies during his pastorate at the Methodist church ir

Miss Bessle Parker, daughter of Mrs Flora Parker, of this town, has recently graduated as a nurse from the Conway, N. H., training school and has registered in the city of Hav-Miss Parker is a graduate of the Townsend high and Fitchburg Normal schools and followed teaching successfully for several years, and her home friends wish her continued success in her new vocation,

The B. & A. D. Fessenden Company sent out fifty kegs by parcel post or This is the second consignment the firm has shipped by mail.

At the regular meeting of the Frange on Monday evening, during the literary program the miscellaneous readings were given by different members in place of the papers which were to have been read on "Garden work" he Miss Hester Burdett and Nelson Birch, they being unable to be pres- ted. ent, "The firing line, do you know was in charge of Mrs. Victoria Swick er, minuteman. Mrs. Ivora Austin vas in charge of the "surprise social, during which a clothespin race and pessing contests were enjoyed.

The Dorcas class of the M. E. church met on Tucsday afternoon with Mrs Wing, a large number being in at endance and much enthusiasm mani fested by the members in planning vays and means of aiding financially in the church work. It was voted to hold a food sale this week Friday afternoon in the social hall of the church at 3.30.

Special Meetings.

Plans are being made for a series of Plans are being made for a series of special union of bible services to be held alternately at the Congregational and Methodist churches during Passion week, beginning March 29, and lasting until April 4. Preparatory cottage prayer meetings are being held it the various homes in the commu nity each week, leading up to the special meetings. The program preared as follows: Monday evening March 29, preparatory service of felowship and prayer, Rev. John O. Long and Rev. A. L. Struthers, M. E. church; Tuesday, Rev. William Gan-ey, West Groton will speak at the Congregational church; Wednesday, no services; Thursday, Rev. Mr. Mer-riam, of Fitchburg, will speak at the ongregational church. A gospel team from Boston university is expected on Friday evening, April 2, at the M. E. church, and Saturday evening at the tongregational church. On Sunday April 4, each will hold their regular laster services in the morning, and in the afternoon a special meeting for men only will be held at the M. E. A union evening service will e held at the Congregational church There will be good speakers and good stopping with Mr. and Mrs. George music at these meetings, including the chorus choir.

interesting Meeting.

At the Parent-Teacher association meeting held in the high school room Tuesday evening, Rev. Joseph Mc-Kean, of West Townsend, spoke on 'Literature for our young people," di-'What to read—how to read—when o read." Mr. McKean is an interesting and delightful talker, his thorough familiarity with his subject being at once evident, and at its close he read humorous original poem. John Babrief talk on "Nature study," and announced that prizes were to be offered to the seventh and eighth grade schools in town, competing as schools, for the best study of "Trees," their names, uses, and so forth, and the lower grade schools the study of flow- and Mrs. Louis Welch passed away ers this spring, and that an individual at the home of her grandparents, Mr. prize would be awarded in the fall to and Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence, on fifteen years of his life were devoted ing coal from the South Acton Coal

During the evening excellent musiwere pleasingly given by Miss Louise Drake. Herman C. Knight, former superintendent of schools, was present ternoon, but owing to the terrific at this meeting and made pleasing re- zard prevailing, were postponed until narks. The evening's program was in Sunday afternoon, when Rev. Joseph charge of Mrs. W. A. Russell.

Another Near Blizzard.

Townsend was again hard hit by last Saturday's storm, which as the day advanced assumed the propor-tions of a northeast blizzard, and it was with difficulty that man or beast faced the driving gale, and the streets soon became deserted. The faithful physicians had a hard time of it visiting their patients, some having to abandon the sleighs and go on snowshoes. The only train during the day was the 7.20 morning train from Greenville, going to Ayer, which did not return until about three o'clock the afternoon. On Sunday the road low with men and shovels were busy all day breaking roads throughout the village and partly on the hills so that there was a session of schools n Monday. In many places the plow encountered drifts ten feet high. residents of the Harbor, A. D. Bagley and Earl Wallace, walked the track Saturday night from Ayer and reported drifts nearly as high as the tele-graph wires in some places. The idewalks were not broken out Monday as the force of horses and men was still needed for the roads. The communication with the outside world was by telephone, which was fortunately not out of commission,

Mrs. Charles E, Patch has been quite ill with an attack of the grippe and her daughter, Miss Agnes Thomp son, from Fitchburg, is caring for her She is reported as improving.

Mrs. Lucy Thompson is recovering rom the effects of a fall on the ice. Mrs. Vernon Saunders, who has been visiting relatives here and at the Cenreturned to her home in Stat-

en Island, N. Y. W. A. Boutwell was confined to his nome again last week for a few days by illness.

At a recent meeting of the trustees of the public library Miss Alice Seaver was re-elected as custodian of the books at West Townsend for the en-

Irving Streeter, from Hull, has been visiting his father, Ashbel Streeter, who is at the home of his brother George and is recovering from an attack of the grippe. Owing to illness and bad weather

conditions the meetings of the Ladies' Study club for the month of March will be omitted. Justin C. Hodgman has been on the sick list at his home.

Louis Welch, of Fitchburg, has been with his family here, called home by the illness and death of his ittle daughter.

Fred G. Smith, a former resident here, now living in New Boston, N. H., has been a recent visitor in town. Chester Shaw, Fred Richards and Edward Jodery, formerly employed at Damon & Richardson's mill, have

Irving Edwards, of Troy, N. H., has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, Stevens' hill.

commenced work at the Vose paper

Mrs. Hazel Tole, who has been spending the winter with her little daughter at the home of Miss Emily Cutting is at present assisting at the ome of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman.

Miss Myrtle Hobart, from Waver ley, has been a recent visitor at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Rob-

Owing to the bad condition of the roads and the many cases of illness, the meetings of the Ladies' Study club for the month of March will be omit-Miss Myrtle Hobart, of Waverley,

has been a recent visitor at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Robbins. The regular monthly business meet ng of the Y. P. S. C. E. for March

will be omitted. The Misses Janet Clark and Eleanor Litch, who are attending the high school at the Center, are boarding for the present at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers.

Mrs. Edward Seaver, who has been spending several weeks with Mrs. G. . Seaver and daughter, has returned o her home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Annie Murphy, who has been spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farnsworth, is assisting at the home of Mrs. G. A. Scaver.

Since the recent blizzard the North road has been impassible, the two bridges being overflowed and the enire road under several feet of water. Henry B. Hathaway, who has been ill for several weeks with grippe and complications, is able to be about

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boutwell, has been under treatment at the Burbank hospital for an abscess on the mastoid

Mrs. W. Cook has been quite ill for the past week with the grippe. Quite a party from this village at ended the meeting of the Parent-Teachers association at the Center on Tuesday evening, wher Rev. Joseph McKean addressed the gathering upon the topic, "What books to read."

Mrs. W. C. Winchester, Charles Win chester and Mrs. Caswell are spending a few weeks at their former home in Taunton, and the Squannicook Inn is closed for the present. Miss Maynard, who is a regular guest at the inn, is

Winchester during their absence. Mrs. Mary Tucker has a telephon installed in her cottage.

Rev. Joseph McKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, and in the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. service will be conducted by Mrs. Henry Hathaway, the subject being "Patience and its reward." Mrs. E. J. Lees, who has lived for

f Mrs. Farnsworth, has given up her tenement and will move the first of the month into Mrs. Louise McElligott's cottage on Main street. Louis Welch, who was called to this village by the illness and death of his little daughter, has returned to

number of years at the residence

Death. Priscilla, the little daughter of Mr.

Fitchburg.

private on account of the nature of her illness, were set for Saturday af-McKean held a brief service at the home and the body was taken in the hearse as far as the roads were pass able, and carried by the bearers the remainder of the way to the cemetery where it was interred in the famil ot after the committal service by Mr ickean. The bearers were the child's father, Louis Welch, of Fitchburg; the grandfather, Herman W. Lawrence nd Frank D. Parsons, Roy Brown and Clarence Webster, assisted by J. L.

Little Priscilla was a great favorite in the neighborhood; where her kind and helpful spirit was always manifest, and popular among her school and classmates. Pretty and graceful in appearance, and charming in manner and disposition, she was beloved by all who knew her and many besides the mourners in the home are sorrowing at her loss. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

LITTLETON

News Items. A reminder-the Catholic club will hold a social dance in the town half on Wednesday evening, March 17. Music by Dunfrey's orchestra of Lowell, four pieces.

The United Workers of the Congregational society will hold their March meeting with Miss Elizabeth Houghton next week Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour. The program is in charge of Miss Woodbine.

The Woman's club was omitted again this week Monday, owing to bad raveling and crippled train service.

Saturday, March 6, was one of the wildest, bitterest days this season Sunday morning proved one of the coldest of the year, and with fresh banks of snow impeding the progress of the traveler, the inclination for church-going was not pronounced. However, there were services, and few worshippers were in attendance at all he churches excepting the Unitarian

On account of the disturbing ele nents in nature it was thought best to postpone the supper planned for Wednesday, March 10, by the Congregational club until fairer skies and patronage.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chase, of Fitchburg, learn from her that he is still in the hospital with an arm far from well, but a good supply of courage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb reached home this week Tuesday after spending nine weeks in California They had a wonderful trip. While near the Pacific coast they motored 2500 miles through California. They stayed in San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs and Denver on their homeward journey. The climate was warm and sunny and it rained or only three days during their absence from home.

There will be a meeting of the Gir Scouts in the selectmen's room at 2.30 o'clock on next week Tuesday afternoon. All girls ten years of age and ver, who are interested, are invited to be present. A large attendance i

Rev. Gail Cleland has installed telephone in the Congregational par

onage--42-3. Mrs. S. E. Abbott opened her at ractive home to the members of the Woman's Alliance on Friday afternoon, March 5. All those present were greatly impressed by MIss Elizabeth Everett's graphic account of her work among the blind. As a member of ations this year, exclusive of the state the Massachusetts commission for the and county taxes are found to be blind she has visited numberless fac- \$40,001.71. Last year the appropria tories in an effort to find all possible tions for all purposes, except taxes, positions for the blind. Many were taxes, were \$20,544.50—considerably less the obstacles she encountered. The than was voted this year. Besides this

o of Mise Abbie Billings J. H. Kimball was snowbound in is expected from this source, but there Milford, N. H., last Sunday, and at the same time for several days Mrs. year which amounted to \$2,527. This

Rindge, N. H. The apples which would usually be carried by trucks to Boston at this season have been shipped in freight cars, and perhaps even more to pay for breaking roads and removing snow this winter. Last year the tax rate

one car leaving this week and one a few weeks ago. The local coal supply having beer een stalled at Mechanicsville, N. Y., some of the Littleton people have been obliged again to resort to the Concord Junction dealers to meet immediate

demands. The Ladies' Benevolent society held the regular meeting at the Baptist par-sonage on Wednesday afternoon. The lyceum pictures will begin o uesday evening in the town hall at 45. The opening feature will be the ery popular play, Mary Pickford ir

prevail. A supper will be given in the Bap tist vestry on Monday evening at 6.30, followed by an entertainment and an address by Rev. William F. Wilson, formerly of the noted "Brown class" for men in West Somerville. See pos

Rev. H. L. Caulkins attended the conference of ministers of all denominations in Park street church, Boston, Monday to Wednesday. Nearly all he protestant ministers of Massachusetts were present. No such gather-ing has ever before been held in the tate. An account of the proceedings will be given at the service on Sunday norning at the Baptist church.

R. M. Graham announces her spring pening of millinery in the Barry building Aver, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, March 13, 15 and 16.

The funeral of Rev. Elihu Loomis, who died at his home in Centreville on Tuesday of last week, was held last week Friday afternoon in the Union hurch chapel, Columbus avenue and West Newton street, Boston. Frank B. McAllister, of Worcester, conducted the ceremonies. The body

was taken to Bedford for burial. Dr. Loomis was born in a log cabin at Huttonsville, Va., ninety-six years ago, where his father, Rev. Aretas Loomis, was engaged for a time in nissionary work. Both his parents were of Purltan stock. He spent his youth at Colerain, Mass., and in Bennington, Vt. He was graduated from Williams college in 1847 and was the only surviving member of that class. Three years later he was graduated from the Princeton Theological seminary.

He was twice married. More than

the boy who had gained the most Thrusday evening, March 4, after a to missionary work in the middle west, knowledge by the study of trees two-weeks illness of double pneumo-throughout the season. It is two-weeks illness of double pneumo-nia, following the influenza. She was Missouri and Michigan. He had two 10 years, 7 months, 23 days old and pastorates in Massachusetts, one at cal selections were rendered by the is survived by her parents; a brother. Littleton for sixteen years, and anoth-Girls' Glee club with Miss Hazel Copp Lawrence Welch, and her grandparer at Chesterfield for ten years. Duras plano accompanist, and plano solos ents. The funeral services, which were ing the civil war he served two years

with the Christian commission.

Mr. Loomis is survived by his widow, a sister, Mrs. Henry J. Patrick, of West Newton, and four children— Judge E. G. Loomis, of Boston: Dr. S. L. Loomis, of New York; Miss Sarah A. Loomis, of Concord, and Aretas M. Loomis, of Centreville.

LUNENBURG

News Items. This town, with all the rest of New England, has been snowbound so long that we almost wonder if we ever did have a street railway. The track has been buried under from four feet of now and ice upwards, and is likely to remain so indefinitely, waiting for the warm sunshine to thaw it out. of the wagon roads had been plowed out and rendered fairly passable, but the blizzard of last Saturday filled

them up again, making them as bad

if not worse than before. But hever mind, "it will be summer time bye

and bye," and everyone will be glad

to see it. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lewis, who have been spending the winter in arriving here on Tuesday. They re-port a very pleasing and enjoyable winter season, but are glad to be in New England again even if there are such huge snowdrifts everywhere. They saw nothing of the kind in sunny Florida.

The Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. E. C. Smith last week Friday afternoon. The entertainment was entirely musical in charge of Miss Emma Southwick, who played one of Beethoven's sonatas. As is always the case when Miss Southwick has charge the music was fine and much enjoy by all. The hostesses were Mrs Smith, Mrs. Augustus Taylor, Mrs. William Harley and R. W. Harley.

Obituary.

Last Sunday the community received a shock upon hearing of the sud-den death of Mrs. Marian (Warren), wife of Lewis L. Harrington, aged 28 years, 4 months, 27 days.

Ten days before Mrs. Harrington and given birth to a little son and both mother and son seemed to be progressing finely, when on Sunday morning a change came most unexpectedly and she passed away about eleven o'clock. The funeral was held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Warren, Tuesday afernoon, and was private.

The deceased leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Lewis L. Harrington; her infant son, Lewis E., Jr.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. War-ren; two sisters, Mrs. K. F. Goodrich and Miss Elizabeth Warren, and a brother, William A. Warren, besides many friends in Lunenburg and Fitch

Mrs. Harrington was one of the graduates of the Lunenburg high school, and as pupil and afterwards teacher of domestic science, had endeared herself to all who knew her. Her marriage to Lewis L. Harrington occurred a little less than three years ago, and they had purchased a pretty home in Goodrichville, and everything seemed favorable for many years o happiness—but death came into the iome, the family circle is broken, and their hopes are blighted. Much sym pathy is felt for all the family in this sad and sudden bereavement.

Last week the prospect of an ur

High Tax Rate Inevitable

usually high tax rate for this town was hinted at. This week it is almost certain, in view of the very liberal appropriations voted at the town meet ing. The sum total of the appropri mext sewing meeting of the Alliance will be held on Friday, March 19, at railway excise tax, and this wesspend REPAIRING OF ALL KINDS was snowbound in West more than offsets the street railway tax, but it will probably all be need was \$20; if the state and county taxes should be the same as last year quite likely that the rate will be \$27 this year. When the sale of the elecexhausted and the coal ordered having tric lighting plant is concluded the town may vote to use some of that money to replenish the treasury. If this is done it will help out on the

WEST ACTON

taxes.

News Items. Acton lodge, I. O. O. F., conferred he initiatory degree on two candidates Monday evening.

Mr. Flynn, who bought the property

tnown as the James Jewett estate, is to repair and improve the smaller dwelling for a residence for his daughter's family. The Philathea class met in the church parlor on Monday evening for the monthly social. About thirty were present to enjoy the pleasant occa-

sion. A guessing game was given by Mrs. Bertha Montague, which elicited ome original Yankee answers, a portion of which were near and some wide of the mark. Light refreshments were served by Misses Mabel Bezanson and Marion Davis, hostesses. One of our most veracious citizens claims to have heard the thrill of a real bluebird last Sunday, and a lady

At the meeting of the West Acton Woman's club on Monday afternoor Miss Florence Tuttle, organizing secretary of the Intercollegiate Community Service association, gave a very able and interesting talk on the obects and work of that orgnization, viz., to arouse interest in college ments and aid in their establishment support and management; to promote further undertakings in cities and owns and rural districts; to stimulate and direct the interest of under-grad untes in social welfare activities; to assist in the work of social education through fellowships, scholarships, apprenticeships and other means; to decolon the sense of social justice and responsibility, all of which are highly commendable and should appeal to all who can give their time or support in any way to aid. Miss Elizabeth Hali gave a piano solo, which was much appreciated. A social hour followed with afternoon tea, Mrs. Minnie R. TURNER'S PUBLIC SPIRIT OFFICE Hoar, hostess.

Everett Spinney is very busy draw

Lumber Company for customers here who have run short in their winer's supply on account of the extreme

weather, Michael Denahy of Groton, was a ruest at the home of Mrs. George Veaver last week.

The Civics club meets on Tuesday evening, March 16, at 7.30. A good program will be given and a general ittendance is hoped for. These meet-

ings are open to all. Frank McDonald has been enjoying his annual vacation, which he spent in New York and Pennsylvania.

HARVARD

News Items. Next Tuesday evening the Grange will enjoy a "sing." Good leaders will keep the air moving and everybody will enjoy this part of the meeting. The postponed subject, "Bees," will be continued. The social hour will also be a feature for the evening.

At the annual town meeting held on Monday in Farmington, Me., our friend and former townsman, Ithel Ryan, was elected as chairman of the joint board of selectmen, assessors and overseers of that town. knowledge of Mr. Ryan leads us to say that Farmington has a live wire connected up with its town machinery.

Our local traffic manager, Gordon MacCleery, has shown his "stick-to-it-iveness", during the past weeks of weather." He has made the regular three-trip daily to the station regardless of the conditions, carrying the mail and passengers. The other in-dustries about town have either party or wholly suspended delivery serv-

Bromfield school resumed its sesions on Tuesday.

R. M. Graham announces her spring opening of millinery in the Barry building, Ayer, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, March 13, 15 and 16.

Church Notes.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday norning Rev. H: C. Merrill will preach on "The Pilgrim ideal." Rev. F. C. Kattner, of Cambridge, will preach at the Congregational church. Services will be held in the vestry of the church.

The annual parish supper of the Congregational society was postponed on account of the weather conditions. The union meeting of the Men's clubs of the churches was also post-poned for better weather.

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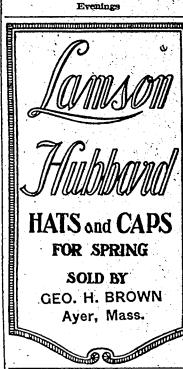




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PEPPERELL

Owing to the condition of the streets and the disaster to the river bridge near Blakesmere, there will be no meeting of the D. A. R. on March 17 with Mrs. Appleton, as previously announced, and it is indefinitely post-

Melvin E. Gaskill, now residing in the Crown hill section of Nashua, is suffering from heart and other troubles, and was recently obliged to give up work for a while.

Mrs. Arthur Morrison received word of the death of her brother in Worcester the latter part of last week and Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were planning to attend the services on Saturday, but found themselves unable to so on account of the storm and its

Miss Elizabeth McNayr has been absent this week from her place as clerk in Saunders' store and confined to her room at her boarding place with Mrs. Saunders. Her arm, for which she recently had treatments at a Fitchburg hospital, is yet troubling her, and a new course of treatment prescribed by her physician from the hospital eems to have been too strenuous for her general health. It is hoped that a few days' rest may be all she needs to rectify the illness.

Charles Card visited his son Leroy at the hospital in Worcester on Sunday, and found him much improved. He is now on a strict diet and unde a regular course of treatment for dia-

Frank Messer, who recently got through working on the railroad in Ayer on account of a strained arm, has been helping at the grain store of I. J. Rowell on the delivery team.

Miss Bertha Colson returned home this week from Newton, where she has been at the home of a relative, sewing. She has also been with Mrs. C. A. Mills, Hyde Park, and with Mrs. Christien at Braintree, where, with her husband, they have charge of a large establishment on the town farm. Miss Colson somewhat intended to have returned home the latter part of last week, but was stopped by the storm and poor train service.

The Woman's club will meet in Saunders' hall on Tuesday afternoon, March 16. The speaker will be Rev. B. W. Rust, and his subject, "Our recent social crisis and the way out."
There will also be music and club tea.

The roads leading to the small bridge over the Nissitissitt river, near Blake's shop, were closed, Tuesday, side was found to be sagging badly from the weight of the snow, in part. In the opinion of many the bridge has not been oversafe since the heavy traffic of the large auto trucks used in Mould shoe shop. It is also said that as far back as the time the late Henry Blake was active in the business near the bridge he made the remark that the bridge should be looked over, as it was none too strong. The combined loads of last summer and the pres ent weight of the snow seemed to have proved to much for it. It is a shor suspension bridge, built some years ago, and only replanked and minor repairs made since.

A meeting of the Mt. Lebanon Community associates will be held with Mrs. E. D. Walker on Wednesday afternoon, March 17.

The Brookline and Milford trains were unable to keep any regular schedule on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday morning a snow plow, engine, passenger car and the caboose came up from Ayer to clear the track.

Just after leaving the Pepperell stathe train encountered drifts in the cut between the overhead bridges on Tucker and Hollis street, and be came stalled for more than two hours A crew of trainmen and section hands nally shoveled them out. They evidently got through, as the train came back late in the afternoon. The 7.30 Monday morning train was on time, but did not start for the north until nearly noon, coming into the Pepperell-station as a mixed-train, with two of coal for the mills.

William Breen, who recently left his work in Worcester and went to Philadelphia, has now come back to Conn., and taken a place with the Meriden Construction Co.

to the extent of walking about the house, and seems to be gaining daily. Although she is eighty-eight years of age she has always seemed younger. being very active and smart for her age. She was able to write a few words to her granddaughter, Miss Helen M. Robbins, last week, which seemed an indication of returning strength.

Paul Kimball, who remained at his home in town for some time after his discharge from the service, last summer is now at one of the schools under the control of the Federal Board,

Lawrence Smith was in Gilmanton N. H., Wednesday, to attend the funeral services of a sister, who died of pneumonia, suddenly, Monday. She was but twenty-five years of age and leaves a husband and two children Mr. Smith received news of her Illness and started to go to Gilmanton on Monday. He succeeded in reach-ing Concord, N. H., but could not procure a conveyance of any kind at any price that would agree to take to his destination. He finally ascertained, by telephone, that the death of his sister had occurred at noon that day, and decided to return home that night, and try to reach Gilmanton later.

Mrs. L. A. Boynton went to Boston on Monday as a delegate from Pru-dence Wright chapter, D. A. R., to the state convention of that organiza-

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Johnson are ex pected home the latter part of this week, if he continues to gain. He has been at the home of his daughter Mrs. Bertha Kaulbeck, Allston, with Mrs. Johnson, being still under the care of the specialist at the hospital during the week.

Miss Barbara Bancroft resumed her duties in the office of the Pepperell Braiding Company the first of the week, having made rapid gain from

Plans are being perfected by the committee of Acoma Rebekah lodge for the St. Patrick's day dance in evening at Prescott hall. The committee, consisting of Miss Helen no school on account of the deep emy, finishing at a select school for M. Robbins, chairman, with Miss

her illness.

Florence Fiske and C. D. Gilman, are sparing no pains to make it, a brilthat the participants will not be dis-Mack's orchestra, of Leominster.

Jonas E. Andrews was in town last week, leaving for his work with the construction crew of the railroad on Saturday in the blizzard for Eastview, N. H., where they are putting in a new fron bridge. He expects to go to Worcester soon, probably this week, unless prevented by the weather.

Mrs. Ann Davis has been restricted to her room at her home on Nashua street as the result of a fall last week. She sustained many severe bruises, but no broken bones, fortunately. She is somewhat advanced in years, and her recovery is slow. A physician has been in attendance and she also has care from the district nurse.

Premo Borgatti has received his necessary papers and leaves for Italy about March 18.

A church dinner, followed by a sale in the vestry in the afternoon, and a unique entertainment in the evening, s being planned by the committee of he Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church for March 24. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Handley is chairman of the arrangements.

Mrs. Fred Ringdahl spent last week at their home on the South road, it being vacation week at her school in Mr. Ringdahl joined her Rèvere. rom Leominster for the week-end, and was here through the blizzard on las: Saturday. They were to return to their respective school duties on Monday and left here on Sunday for Ayer by team, where they were to leave the team as usual. It is sup-posed that somehow they made the trip, although the road on Monday was considered to be next thing to mpassible.

Mrs. Elbridge Jewett, Pleasant street, has been quite ill with a hard

old and pleurisy. D. W. Hazen continues to improve slowly. Mr. Smith, who with his wife has been at the residence for some time, went to West Roxbury for a short stay the first of this week.

Miss Mary Lavalley has been acting as substitute for Mrs. Myra Attridge at the local telephone exchange past week, during the illness of the

latter. The little group of girls called the Sunshine club were obliged to give up their plans for the celebration of the birthday of one of their members last ent in Serbia, having served during Saturday on account of the severe the war in that country as ambulance owing to repairs on the bridge. One storm of the forenoon, and consequent bad walking. The birthday anniversary will probably be observed later.

Arthur E. Bannon has been in town with his family at the residence of J. H. Holt, Mt. Lebanon street, for the carrying big loads of both pulp and past few days. Later, he goes to Bospaper last season for storage in the surpass those of former years both in decorations and extent. The Mechanics building and the Irvington street armory are to be lighted by vari-colored electric lights, the latter place to be under the direction of the YD club. A special feature in Grand hall is to be the "spring effect," duced by huge apple trees and bud-ding branches, all the balcony supports to be converted into blossoming rees with electrical devices to add to the beauty.

Mrs. D. R. Child and son Robert were the guests of Mrs. W. H. Bowman on Wednesday, coming from

Miss Georgianna Maynard returned to her school teaching duties in West veeks spent at her home in town. The first week she was the sick one, and the other two weeks she was trying to ger better, and at the same time elp the other members of the houseold as they were sick in turn. Mr. Maynard was made worse by his old nemy, asthma, and his son, Ernest Maynard, had congestion of the lungs in connection with his cold. All are now on the gain, although Mrs. Mayard has the hard cough left from the cold like many others.

The twelfth birthday of William Davis, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis, Nashua road, was fittingly observed on Monday evening, the date this year coming on Sunday. Latest reports of the condition of Mrs. Sarah Robbins, a well-known former resident of this vicinity, are made one of rare pleasure by the presence of Rev. Joseph E. Connoliv. made one of rare pleasure by the now much more encouraging. Her presence of Rev. Joseph E. Connolly, fall of about four weeks ago, at her who took pains to be present to help home with her son, Rev. Guy Rob-commemorate the birthday of one of bins and wife, at Lawrence, was pro-the altar boys of the church. His ductive of injuries, which it was fear- presence was much appreciated and ed might prove permanent. She has was particularly gratifying to the now recovered the use of her limbs young host. After the games and was particularly gratifying to the pleasures of the evening Mrs. Davis served delicious refreshments suitable to the occasion.

Mrs. Thomas Attridge has been ill with pneumonia since Thursday of preceding day. Her mother, Mrs. day afternoon at two Eloise Grenier, cared for her during W. Rust officiating. the day, and Mrs. Louise Dunton dur-ing the nights until Wednesday, when a trained nurse was secured. At last reports she was comfortable, the disease having only affected one lung

A little daughter, the second child as born in a Dorchester hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reed. Sunday March 7. Mrs. M. E. Reed is remain ing at the home of her son to care for him and the older child.

The Pepperell Card shop was shullown on Wednesday for lack of stock although teams were sent to Fitchburg uesday night and Wednesday for supolies. The Nashua River Paper Mills have been shut down most of the weel for shortage of fuel and stock Freight is beginning to arrive more freely and it is hoped the situation wil oo relieved before long.

George, Page from Pawtucket, R. I risited his mother, Mrs. Lucy B. Page

on Wednesday. The Brookside laundry team wen to Townsend as usual, to deliver goods on Friday of last week, Mrs. Willard Gray accompanying her husband on the trip, as the day was fine. They ere storm-stayed by the rain of the night and blizzard on Saturday, and managed to get back to their home o

The Frank Bennetts have a sick household, the "flu" having seized the parents and three of the children. Other Pepperell matter on page two

Birthday Party,

A delightful party was given the circle of "Little Helpers" on Monday afternoon, the birthday of Ruth Pitman being the occasion, and the party being held at her home, by her grand mother, Mrs. A. E. Elkins. The hour was earlier than usual, as there was

Lydia Waite, Mrs. Irene Attridge, Mrs. of the members of Mrs. Walker's class at the Sunday school, as well as the teacher, who made quite an exertion liant success, and recalling the cele-bration of Ail-Halloween arranged by the same committee, it is safe to say was conveyed a part of the distance participants will not be dis-and finished by walking. Mrs. Elkins Fine music is expected by had made elaborate preparations and in the games of the afternoon the winner in the peanut hunt, Lorraine Geiger, was given a fine box of chocolates as a prize. In the same game Geraldine Parker won the consolation prize, a celluloid toy. Miss Ruth eccived many fine presents from her little friends, and a five-dollar goldpiece from her grandmother, and a next month.

> Deaths Mrs. Mirand Baker, widow of the ate Robert B. Baker, passed away at her present home in Manchester. N H., Wednesday, March 3, after a short liness from bronchial pneumonia.

The Baker home on Shepley hill was closed last fall, Mrs. Baker, who was in rather poor health and suffering from eye trouble, going to live with her daughters, who were in Manchester, Miss May being visiting nurse in that city. The family were residents of this town for more than forty rears, coming here from the vicinity of Manchester, at that time, where they still have many relatives. They oc-cupled what was known as the Shepley mansion house, a brick structur erected by Mr. Shepley nearly 100 years ago.

Mrs. Baker is pleasantly recalled by her associates and neighbors as woman of refined tastes, energetic and helpful. Always cheerful and cordial to meet, and a woman of large capabilities in her younger days. time ago her eyesight began to fail as the result of cataracts forming, and if her days had been prolonged it seems probable that an operation would have been performed, although at her advanced age, eighty-four cars, it would have been a hard or deal for her to undergo.

Mrs. Baker is survived by two daughters and three sons. Everett Baker is a portrait painter residing in Boston; Ernest is a machinist and has lived on the home place: Miss May is a nurse and Miss Edith a teacher, and the youngest son, Clinton, is at presthe war in that country as ambulance operator under the Red Cross society He was the only member of the im-mediate family not with Mrs. Baker at the last, the other four children accompanying the remains here on March 5 after prayers at her late home. Services were held in the vesdry afternoon. There was quite a springfield Tire Co. According to all accounts the auto show of 1920 is to surpass those of former years and the country of the Community church on Friday afternoon. There was quite a gathering of Mrs. Baker's old friends here in town, who had been applied to the community church on Friday afternoon. here in town, who had been hastily notified. A simple, though impressive funeral service was given by pastor of the church, Rev. R. Drawbridge, and the selections, "Rock vere sung by Rev. and Mrs. Draw bridge very sympathetically.

Interment will be made in due time in Woodlawn cemetery beside her hus-

The remains of Miss Ella Blake were brought here on Monday from Still River, where her death occurred n Sunday at the home of Mrs. Dadman, with whom she had been boardng since last fall.

Miss Blake's age was 69 years, 10 months, 17 days, the eldest daughter of the late Charles C. Blake and his wife, Sarah A. G. (Wright) Blake, and was one of nine children. The Blake family was one of the well-known older families of the town, residing on Brookline street in the small house it the corner of Nashua and Hollis streets, and finally at the place now owned by F. G. Kennedy, Hollis street, called Pinehurst. Mr. Blake was one of the sons connected with Blake's machine shop for several years.

Miss Blake has been in poor health

for some time. She formerly resided here with her sister, Mrs. T. F. Graham, and later with Mrs. H. A. Phelps on Park street, going from here, as has been said, to be cared for by Mrs. Dadman at Still River, last fall. The cause of death was

pneumonia.

The deceased is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Minnie Graham, Mrs. Maude Morrow residing in California. Miss Hattle Blake of Roxbury and Mrs. Alice Wright, of Lynn, and two brothers, Frank Blake, and Arthur Blake, of this town. Two older brothers, George and Charles E., died in early life, the first from an accidental discharge of his rifle while hunting. and the second from a fall from a

Funeral services were held from with pneumonia since Thursday of the home of her brother, Arthur last week, taking a heavy cold on the Blake, and wife, Mill street, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. B

> On Tuesday the friends of Mrs. Sarah E. (Parker) Tucker learned with sorrow that on the preceding day the passed from a quiet sleep into the eternal sleep from which there is no

> waking.
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> Mrs. Tucker as child, maiden, wife nd later widow, passed many years of her life here in Pepperell, and through her decided individuality and warm-heartedness became too closely allied with the people and interests of the town to be forgotten, although she has been absent from us, living in linton the latter days of her life,

where her death occurred.

The many old-time associates and schoolmates of Mrs. Tucker recall her lovable peculiarities with pleasure. As the daughter of Dr. Charles Parker a practitioner of note, and the principal physician of the town, seventy years age, she held a position then often envied by her mates. The family then lived in the house which was removed from the public library grounds and is now used as a double tenement rent by Dr. Qua at the foot of Chase hill. It was built by Dr. Parker about the time of his marriage with a Pepperell girl, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Parker. Their resilence, which was the center of the town socially as well as geopraphically was the house now occupied by Mr. Deware, at the summit of Chase hill although enlarged and modernized since that day. It was here that the subject of this sketch grew to womenhood, with her grandparents, as, her mother dying when she was very young Dr. Parker, her father, removed to Illinois, soon after a second marriage the second wife being from out-of-

Mrs. Tucker was educated in our public schools and the Pepperell acad-There were present fourteen girls at Ipswich. Her marriage to

own, a niece of President Pierce.

Samuel Tucker of this town, occurred being performed by the late Rev. Chas Babbidge, his daughter, now Mrs. Eliz. abeth Heald, being one of the wedding guests, and so far as is known, the only one now living. The young couple went immediately to reside in Hudson and Mrs. Tucker became established in a hardware business. It was here the three sons were born to them, and it was here that, following her husband's early death, Mrs. Tucker sturdily set herself to the task of accom-plishing the means of a higher education for her sons, Chase, Crandler and Charles. Small of stature, hampered camera flashlight. The participants with the infirmity of total deafness were finally treated to nice refreshments. Mrs. Carrie Pitman, mother perservered and succeeded where of the little hostess, was able to remany a strong man would have falled turn from her duties at Nashua to Her indomitable will and keenness of share in the last part of the after-noon. The next birthday party is that of Lorraine Geiger, to be held probably at her home on Oak hill profession, as doctor and lawyer, and one filling a position of responsibility n the navy.
Mrs. Tucker came back to Pepperell

to live about fifteen years ago, her son Charles and family occupying the home place in Hudson. She had rooms n various places in town, out of sentiment for her first home, taking a tenement in Dr. Qua's house on Chase hill Wherever she went she gathered about her the young people, her own young-heartedness making this a mutual pleasure. She had her clubs of girls. able talent as an artist, and finding it desirable as a diversion. The walls of her home were covered with landscapes taken from New England scenery, sea views, winter scenes, many exceedingly true to nature. She has often expressed herself to the writer as unable to produce portraits which satisfied her. The portrait of her young mother, which was always shown by Mrs. Tucker to her guests with much pride and tenderness, she had often tried and failed to copy to her satisfaction, the portrait being one of great beauty and daintiness. Through all the years of her last

residence here in town Mrs. Tucker made the young people her firm friends, and proved a benefactress to forgotten when surrounded by a happy usual business was taken up. group of young folks, and their aims and enthusiasms rejuvenated her. In eturn for her labors in their behalf she was beloved by them all. And thus she last lived among us—ministering, sustaining the weaker one, bestowing with gracious hospitality, loving life, and beauty and art and nature in every form and teaching it to others. Since leaving town for scenes nearer her former home, Hudson, she has kept Miss Lilla Harrington with her. was formerly of Pepperell, and has also been near her youngest son. The last sad rites were held on Thursday at her old home in Hudson, at her son's home, and were attended pastor here in Pepperell, now having pastorate at the Hudson church. Interment will be in the Parker lot, beside her husband, here in the Pepper ell cemetery.

The death of Edwin A. Shattuck occurred on Sunday, March 7, at the John M. Hunt home in Nashua, N. H., where he had been an inmate since the death of his wife about five years ago. He was a native of Pepperell, the only son and youngest child of Capt. Abijah and Kezia H. (Blood) Shattuck, and was born on November 3 1840. His sister Nancy died in 1859 at the age of twenty-five years, and an older sister, Electa, died in 1918, aged eighty-six years.

The family home was on Heald treet, in the house now occupied by Mr. Melendy and family, where they lived for many years, and also lived in Brookline and Nashua, N. H. The father died at the age of thirty-nine years, leaving the mother and three small children. Like many at that period, the boy was bound out with family in Townsend, to work and attend school. After a common edu-cation he learned the carpenter's trade which he followed up to the time of his failing health, being employed for years by Cross & Tolles of Nashua

Mr. Shattuck was twice married, his son by his first marriage residing in the second marriage having died when young. During the past five years he has been at the John M. Hunt Home for Aged Men, in Nashua, where he has had every comfort one could wish

Funeral services were held at the ome on Tuesday afternoon at two clock, Rev. Henry H. French of the irst Congregational church officiating. There were present many neighbors embers of the home and from out of town-Mrs. Herbert Corey and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss and daughter, from Brookline, H., and R. H. Blood, from Pepper-As far as in known his neares living kinsman is Lyman C. Blood, of his town, a cousin. Interment will be made here in the spring in the family ot in Woodlawn cemetery

Church Notes.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning, worship at 10.45; subject, "Doers and sayers." At 7.30 in the "Doers and sayers." At 7.30 in the evening the pastor's subject will be "The waiting guest." The usual church school at noon, and the services for the boys at the chapel, and girls at the parsonage at 6.45. Tuesday evening, at 7.30, the topic will be "In as much."

On last week Friday evening, although the rain had already com-menced, making slushy walks, several responded to the invitation to the so-cial of the Epworth league, which was held at the parsonage. The committee n charge, Mrs. James Hill and Mrs. Thomas Robinson, had prepared an interesting program of amusements, and refreshments were served in charge of Mrs. S. A. Yeaton.

At the Community church on Sunlay morning, at 10.45, the commu nion service, followed by a sermon by the pastor, will occur, as no serv-ices were held at the church last Sunday on account of blocked roads from the storm.

The contest in the church school will be extended one Sunday, and credits will be given on Sunday for all points carned during the two weeks The committee appointed for the Easter program for Sunday, April 4, are Mrs. E. D. Walker, Miss Helen Pond, Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. eroy Cook and Miss Marguerite Devare.

The second church night, announce ed for Tuesday evening of this week was postponed until Thursday evening for conservation of fuel, since the vestry was to be warmed on Thursday afternoon for the meeting of the Com-munity Church Workers. The committee were Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. G. H. Shattuck and Miss Annetta

Merrill. The Woman's Missionary society March 28.

will meet at the home of Mrs. John L. Boynton, Main street, Wednesday afternoon, March 17, at three o'clock.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

The H. and D. club of the Congre sational church will meet this Friday vening at seven o'clock with Miss Marion Jubb.

The many friends of Mrs. C. W. Marshall, who has been critically iii uring the last month with a compli cation of diseases, will be pleased to earn that she is now slowly recover

Middlesex County Farm Bureau will nave a pruning demonstration on Wednesday afternoon, March 17, at pruning demonstration on wo o'clock in John H. Hardy's orchard, formerly belonging to Howard M. Longley. A splendid opportunity will be given for all interested to observe the method used. The public is cordially invited.

Charles K. Bolton, of this town vas re-elected president at the tenth annual business meeting and election of officers of the Society for the reservation of New England Antiquities which was held last Wednes lay eyening at the Harrison Gray Otis House, Boston.

Alice Cole, daughter of Mr. Mrs. Walter Cole, celebrated the thirteenth anniversary of her birth at her home on Munson avenue, Thursday afternoon, about twenty-five young people being present to enjoy the festivities provided for them. All entered into the spirit of the occasion, play ing games, and refreshments were served. Alice was the recipient of many practical gifts, including beautiful sapphire ring with Tiffany setting from her parents. The after-noon proved one of delightful memo-ries for the young hostess and her

Altrurian Meeting.

The Altrurian club held their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Hattie L. Conant. Notwith standing the weather, a large number of members were present, the presinot a few. Her seventy odd years were dent, Miss Howe, in the chair. The subject of a dental clinic was again brought up and discussed, after hav ing heard much correspondence and ways and means on the subject. An invitation was received from the

Tadmuck club of Westford to attend a meeting with them.

'The Altrurian club magazine." Mrs Martha J. Conant and Mrs. Mary E. Lilly, editors, followed, and as has ever been the verdict was better than Particularly good articles were given by club members. A greet ing from Mrs. George Minot Baker of Concord, state federation president pening article, followed by lent's greeting, then a very fine editorial, "Pictures," dealing with ex-hibits of pictures at the Boston Art fuseum and public library. Shirley accomplished during the war, by Mrs. Lindenberg was an extremely lear and concise paper, and showe that Shirley surely did her part to aid in the war.

The last article "Pictures in the home, a plea for good pictures," written by Miss Annie B. Hunter shortly before her death, was so much ap preciated, more particularly so by those who knew Miss Hunter and her love for art.

There were original poems and witty sayings interspersed, all of which Much credit should be given the editors of the mazagine, also Mr. Car-penter, who designed the cover with the shield in gold and the club colors blue and white forming the letters A. C., and to Mrs. Grace U. McCarthy who so kindly did the typewriting.

Center.

Mrs. Alice Cummings, Miss Hazel Cummings and Mrs. Mabel E. Graves attended the session of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange held in North Leominster on Thursday,

On account of the storm last Saturday Horace C. Harris, the local R. F. D. carrier, was unable to cover his utes about town. Mrs. J. Edward Adams is confined

to her home on Center road by illness A recent number of Leslie's Weekly ncludes an excellent review and criti cism of "Rip Van Winkle," Percy Mac aye's new opera, for which Reginald DeKoven wrote the music. The artile speaks very highly of Mr. Mackaye's work, although it emphasizes the fact that he has departed from the usual conception of Rip Van Winkle as given us by Irving. It was necessar, for Mr. Mackaye to avoid certain ele ments of the familiar story of Rir Van Winkle, and to make his leadin character more ideal. The writer o the article is of the opinion that Mr Mackage has excellently fulfilled the promise of librettist in this work.

Charles E. Haskins drove to Barr his week to spend a few days with his son, George Haskins.

HARVARD

News Items,

The annual supper and business necting of the Congregational parish ostponed from last Tuesday, will be held at the church vestry on Friday evening, March 19. Supper will be served at seven o'clock. Every mem per must attend-first, because the supper committee promise a real supper with everything to satisfy the in terman and secondly because business and prospects of the parish are to be thoroughly discusse you cannot come yourself send your

Mrs. F. C. Kattner is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. William Hanna. Miss Herta Maret of Yonkers, N. Y

visiting with Miss Josephine Baker Signs of spring-Kenneth West shot woodchuck on Thursday. itill River.

Miss Ella Blake, who has beer taying with Mrs. Abbie Dadmun for several months, an invalid, passed away last Sunday evening of heart disease. Her body was taken to Pepperell on Monday afternoon Word was received in Still River

of the death in South Lancaster on Tuesday of Warren L. Rowell. Mr. Rowell was well known here as h has been in business as a tinsmith repairer of pumps, etc., for many years, succeeding his father in the ousiness some thirty years ago.

Miss Madeline Russell visited her sister Ethelyn in Northampton a few lays last week. Rev. and Mrs. William Gussman

started on Monday for a two-weeks' visit with their daughter near New London, Conn., so there will be no services in the Baptist church until MARCH 12-13

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The storm of last Saturday so blocked the roads that it was impossible for C. H. Haskell and Chester Willard to get to the railroad station with-milk-on Sunday morning, and there were no services at the Baptis

East Pepperell

hurch on Sunday. William B. Haskell has so far re overed as to be out of doors, H. D. Stone and men have begun

alterations on the Reed home, opposite the church, recently bought by Mr. Dalby. The sick ones have about all re covered except Mrs. John Bigelowho is still quite ill, but is gaining. Letters have been received from fiss Alice Marshall, who is at Wes

Palm Beach, Fla., for the winter. **BOXBOROUGH**

News Items.

The sleighing party to the Bedford nn, scheduled to take place on Wed nesday evening, has been postnoned until the roads are in better condi

Mrs. William Withington is recover ing from a severe attack of bronchitis Leo Cunningham has been ill with jaundice the past week, but is much improved.

Mrs. B. C. Steele returned Tuesday rom a visit with relatives in Clinton Clifton Steele is home for a few days from his work at the saw mil in Bedford. Schools 1, 3 and 4 were closed or

Monday on account of the traveling George Burroughs has been ill the first of the week. A short time ago he received a bad fall which caused an inflammation around the heart. He is much better at present, but will probably be confined to the house for

nnother week. . The missionary meeting has beer postponed to Wednesday, March 17 at 2.30 in the afternoon. It will be held in the vestry of the church.

The baked bean supper given by the Ladies' Aid, Friday evening, was a success. Considering the weather conditions there was a good sized gathering. The evening was spent in games and music.

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