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#### News Items.

George G. Tarbell was at his office for the first time in many weeks on Wednesday.

Raymond Bradshaw and his bride, from Oakville, Conn., spent the weekend and until Thursday with relatives in town.

Prescott Grange is to give the program at neighbors' night at the Townsend Grange meeting on Monday evening. The regular meeting of the Grange occurs on Friday evening, May 14, and is on the program as "An evening with the ritual."

Mrs. John R. Shattuck arrived here

from Concord to visit relatives and former friends and neighbors on Thursday morning.

The case of Mrs. M. A. Silney against Lester Adams, of Groton, for damages was tried in the civil court of Lowell from Friday to Monday of this week, the verdict rendered by the jury after being out one and a half hours being for the plaintiff for the sum of \$5000. The testimony bearing on the case concerning the manner in which the daughter of the plaintiff met her death on September 28, from the injuries received when the auto of the defendant struck her on the Groton road, was practically the same as at the hearing at the district court in Ayer in October of last year. The case will come up

for trial at the superior court in Cambridge at the next session. Frank West post, A. L., will hold its regular meeting at the rooms on Monday evening of next week, and a full attendance is especially requested. On Wednesday the remains of Mrs. Sarah E. (Parker) Tucker, whose death occurred at her home in Clinton on March 8, were brought here for burial in the family lot in Watson cemetery. Her three sons and other relatives accompanied the body to the final resting place. There were Lieut. Chandler Tucker, U. S. N., of Marlboro, and wife; Dr. and Mrs. Chase Tucker, of Peabody; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tucker, of Hudson, and two other more distant relatives, of Hudson. Miss Lizzie Tucker, the nearest relative of the deceased in this town, attended the brief committal service rendered by Rev. B. W. Rust at the grave; also, Mrs. Elizabeth Heald, a former friend; Mrs. Eleanor Colson and daughter, Miss Bertha, and a few other friends. The Salvation Army suggests that on mothers' day a red, white and blue ribbon or flag be worn in place of the flowers usually worn, and that public places display flags.

#### Church Notes.

At the Community church on Sunday morning, at 10.30, the pastor will take for his subject, "The mother." Communion service at the close of the sermon. Church school at noon. This is mothers' day and a special service will be held. The mothers and fathers of the scholars are especially invited to be present, and after the opening exercises to go into the classes with their children. At the suggestion of one of the members all will wear any white flower in memory of their mother, and any colored flower to honor their living mother. This is to be the last Sunday of the contest. Last Sunday Mrs. Woodward's class received the banner, and Katherine Maltman the highest honor. The class named to attend to the decorations of the church for Sunday is Mrs. Woodward's class.

The Sunday School association of the Ayer district will hold a convention in this church on May 20.

Valuable additions to the convenience and pleasure of the church people are to be found in the new hymn books, for morning worship, and for the Sunday school, and in the recently installed telephone—103-2.

Last Sunday saw the first issue of the church calendar, a feature which bids fair to become very popular.

The result of the canvass of the inter-church world movement, as conducted by the special committee, is gratifying to those responsible. The entire result is not yet available, but it is hoped that the quota, \$600, will be met.

Church night conducted at the vestry on Thursday evening of last week in charge of Messrs. McGraw, Fane and Walker, proved entertaining. The study class was conducted by Rev. Mr. Drawbridge. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Munson of the Middlesex County Bureau, who spoke on "Farm marketing." The young people were entertained at games in the adjoining vestry by Miss Lydia Walte and Miss Kathleen Rouse.

On Tuesday evening, May 11, church night will be observed under the com-



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mitted, E. H. Walker, Dana O. Merrill and Miss Anna Boynton. The entertainment following the usual sing will be something different in minstrels. A buffet lunch at the close.

The Community church workers will meet in the church parlors on Thursday, May 13, for an all-day meeting, at ten o'clock. Box lunch will be in order.

At the Methodist church at 10.45 morning worship; theme, "Faith." At twelve o'clock, church school. At 6.45 a meeting for boys, conducted by the pastor, in the chapel, and at the same hour a meeting for girls, conducted by Miss McNayr in the parsonage.

Evening services at 7.30 with preaching by the pastor; theme, "Queenly mothers." On Tuesday evening, subject for the service at 7.30, "Facing life."

Last Sunday the music was exceptionally fine, owing to the presence of Mrs. Laura Herrig Kelley, of Lexington, who assisted with her violin at the service to the delight of all.

The Boy Scouts will meet at their rooms at Pine Orchard schoolhouse on Friday evening of the coming week, these rooms having been given up until during the cold weather. The Scouts with Scoutmaster Rust took a hike to the pumping station on Thursday, of last week, enjoying a dinner cooked in camp style, followed by a ball game.

#### Gentlemen's Night.

The Woman's club observed the annual Gentlemen's night on Tuesday evening at the Community church vestry. The speaker was Rev. William Porter Niles of Nashua and his topic his favorite "Current events," out of which he is able to extract so much of real interest. The story of the doings of the day as presented by him, becomes very new and vivid. He is emphatic in his statements, which are sometimes strongly tinged with opinions of his own. He was very well liked by the club on a former occasion and equally so on Tuesday evening by the guests.

The club was pleased to welcome back among them, Mrs. Maude C. C. Parker, the president, who introduced the speaker in her usual easy manner, the singing of "America" opening the program, as usual.

Although Rev. Mr. Niles spoke on many subjects, making each highly educational, he perhaps devoted more time to a review of the presidential candidates. He stated that he hoped at the close of his talk that no one would be able to say whether he was republican or democrat, yet prominence was given to McAdoo and Hoover, the latter of whom was shown to be a man of wonderful power in that he rose from obscurity to prominence by his own exertions, and being thus self-made had yet made for himself a large place in the world's affairs.

Rev. Mr. Niles had the closest attention of his large audience and, at the close was given a rising vote of thanks.

In the musical part of the program the thanks of the club are due in large measure to the young pianist, Miss Esther Robbins, of the New England Conservatory of Music, who in her piano solo gave such pleasure by her fine execution and accuracy, combined with a true artistic appreciation of the selection.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the hospitality committee served coffee and sandwiches. Rev. Mr. Niles felt obliged to return some the same evening, as with Mrs. Niles, he was to celebrate their wedding anniversary on the following day by a short trip. A short business session followed the entertainment, at which the nominating committee of Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Towler and Mrs. Raymond Carter were chosen.

In the matter of the club's plays now in process of rehearsal the following have been selected for the casts: For the play, "Between the soup and the savoury," the parts will be taken by Miss Sara Hubbard, Miss Florence Flynn, Mrs. Irene Attridge, "Neighbors," Miss E. M. Miller, Mrs. E. E. Copp, Florence Flynn, Mrs. Frances Howe, Mrs. Hayes, Miss Mildred Gibbs, Mrs. Alice Bartlett, Miss Mary Wood. In the "Florist's shop," Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge, Mrs. Ruth Marchant, Mrs. Irene Attridge, Mrs. Carrie Buck, Mrs. Carrie Dennen. As far as possible the casts were from the membership of the club, only three ladies kindly consenting to assist in the absence of any volunteers for the parts.

Arrangements are nearly perfected for the play on May 21. Committees appointed for the stage properties and details, Mrs. F. Parker, Mrs. E. S. Durant, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, Mrs. E. D. Walker and Mrs. Viola Hershey. Committee for the printing, Mrs. Quia and Mrs. Shattuck. Advertising committee, Mrs. Tower, Mrs. Shepardon and Mrs. Pike.

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WESTFORD

Center. The two scarlet fever cases in the Oscar Anderson family are reported as doing well and not too severe. Westford friends will be interested in the announcement of the wedding of Wesley E. Hawkes and Miss Grace E. Leavitt, both of Melrose. The Edward S. Abbot hose company held their monthly meeting, hose drill and supper on Wednesday evening. After the drill a fine roast pig supper with all the fixings was served. O. F. Spaulding, Robert Prescott and John S. Clegg were the hosts in charge. It was the annual meeting and officers were mostly re-elected—L. W. Wheeler, capt.; S. B. Watson, 1st. Lieut.; Alce Fisher, 2d Lieut.; Alfred Phillips, 3d Lieut. and treasurer; Peter Clement, stew.; Alce Fisher, O. R. Spaulding, Robert Prescott, standing committee.

The Elliott F. Humiston, of West Chelmsford, have been calling on Westford friends this week, driving up in their new Buick automobile.

The dental clinic at the Frost school is making good progress under the direction of Dr. Sullivan and Stanford.

At the Unitarian church on last Sunday the pulpit was occupied by Mr. Green, of Chelmsford Center, and Mrs. Nano M. Leahy, of Lowell, was the soloist. Mr. Horst, of the Unitarian church in Littleton will preach at the four o'clock service on Sunday, and Harry Nottingham, of Lowell, will sing.

The Red automobiles being driven over the road from the factory at Longmeadow, passed through Westford last Sunday afternoon, making a brief stop at Mr. White's home. There were six Red trucks and two touring cars. They had a successful trip home with the exception of rain and mud. The principal cities passed through after Lansing were Jackson, Toledo, Oberlin, Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany, Utica, Pittsfield, Springfield and Worcester. The two ladies, Mrs. Wells and Miss Scribner, who drove the two touring cars, stood the trip nicely and proved themselves very capable chauffeurs.

The May supper and social at the Congregational church takes place on Thursday evening of next week. Supper will be served in charge of Mrs. Bridgford and Mrs. Felch, and the entertainment will consist of a popular lecture by Otis W. Foye, of the Dorchester Temple. There will also be musical numbers. Owing to this gathering coming on Thursday the Ladies' Aid meeting will be postponed one week.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Mr. Brownsey will speak on "The reign of the Prince of Peace," and at the evening service the subject will be "A church policy." Under the capable leadership of W. C. Roudenbush, this church met its full quota for the inter-church world movement and also a good part of the friendly citizens' quota.

A meeting of Company H. M. S. G. was held in the town hall on Tuesday evening. Capt. Edward Fisher, presiding. Forty-five emergency enlistments were granted discharges, and six whose term was out, leaving nineteen still in the company. Refreshments were served to those present.

Among out-of-town guests present at the Tadnuck club luncheon were Mrs. A. E. Loveless, Mrs. John P. Wright and Mrs. William L. Woods.

Tadnuck Club.

The closing meeting of the season for the Tadnuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Unitarian vestry. There were about 100 members and guests gathered for the luncheon served at 1.30 by the D. L. Page Co. The waitresses were a group of academy girls in white. Handsome potted plants were used for decoration. Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant presided as toastmistress and filled this office with gracious wit and wisdom. The principal speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Gail Cleland, of Littleton, who gave a charming narrative of three years in Japan, giving from the woman's viewpoint portraying the home life customs, dress, etc., of the Japanese people.

Mrs. S. L. Taylor, the "well-loved member of the club," read a poem written by Mrs. William R. Taylor, which parodied the poem "Backward O Time in your flight, and was a plea for the old times of normal times. Miss May G. Balch, the club's original member," also read a bright, original poem portraying the future of the Tadnuck club. Miss Loker gave a charming speech on the club's welfare, and Miss Mildred Precious also contributed a bright sketch on "What each letter of the Tadnuck club stands for." An interesting feature was a presentation by the vice president, Mrs. L. H. Buckhorn, in behalf of the members, of a beautiful State Federation pin in enamel and gold to the retiring president, Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, who has so capably stood at the head of the club's activities for two years.

Mrs. Perley E. Wright, recording secretary, gave a comprehensive report of the year's work. Mrs. Wright recites after three years of faithful and capable service.

The club mourns the death of one member, Mrs. Bessie M. Watson. Miss May E. Day, corresponding secretary, reported forty-nine communications written. Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$216.13 and expenditures of \$187.55.

The remaining time was taken up with reports of the department committees and were full of interest. The new officers are Miss S. W. Loker, honorary president; Mrs. Hammett D. Wright, pres.; Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth and Mrs. W. C. Roudenbush, vice pres.; Mrs. A. H. Bates, sec. gen.; Miss May E. Day, cor. sec.; Mrs. Perley E. Wright, treas.; department and leaders and committees will be given later.

Entertainment.

On last week Friday evening at the Congregational vestry a pleasant evening's entertainment was enjoyed with "Mrs. Jarley's wax works," under the direction of Miss Elinor Colburn. Those who took the parts were Seth Banister, Chinese giant; two-headed girl, Misses Lillian Sutherland and Etta Crane; sewing lady, Miss Grace Hanney; Slamese twins, Bertram Sutherland and Morton Seavey; celebrated dwarf, Gordon Seavey; Yankee, J. W. Wheeler; vocalist, Mrs. Blaney; babes in the wood, Forest White, Charles Colburn; Red Riding Hood, Mrs. W. F. Taylor; Goldilocks, Miss Elinor Colburn; Giant Kild and his victim, John H. Fletcher and Miss Connors. Mrs. Perley E. Wright made a good Mrs. Jarley and Alfred Sutherland and W. R. Taylor were the capable assistants, Peter and John.

At the close of the entertainment refreshments of sandwiches, cake and cocoa were served in charge of Mrs. Colburn and Mrs. Felch. Miss Precious was the accompanist and Miss Colburn sang two attractive solos.

A good sum was realized for the electric motor for the church organ.

About Town.

The wheelwright shop at Brookside, an old landmark for more than a century, has been torn down by the Abbot Worsted Company, being part of the property that they bought of George C. Moore. This old shop has been moved several times. It is remembered by the older residents of town and especially in the Stony Brook village, as the wheelwright shop of the late Ephraim A. Harwood, and this in the palm days of the wheelwright business, when this shop was kept busy to its capacity and more, when a sawmill and a gristmill was the extent of manufacturing at Brookside.

About 1861 this water power, then owned by the late Theodore H. Hamblitt, and the Ephraim A. Harwood property was sold to Craven & Moore, of Granitville, and changed to a brooder mill, and later bought by George C. Moore, and the present large brick mill erected.

Allister McDougall is likely to be the largest potato raiser in town, having bought sixty bushels of potatoes to plant. This may look like some labor, but the government reports that with a potato planter, potato planter and potato digger, fifty-eight bushels of potatoes can be raised with an hour's work. This is assuming, of course, that weather conditions are favorable. Mr. McDougall, besides this acreage of potatoes, is setting out several acres of fruit trees.

Amos Poley, on the Prairie farm on the Lowell road, has the best stand of white clover in town and part of out of town. Agents of the farm bureau have been to look at it and pronounce it the best in the county and claim for it a stand of six feet in height.

P. Henry Harrington, of Granitville, the well-known reliable contractor, has been awarded the contract for the building of the social hall and club house, and eight cottages for the Abbot Worsted Company at their Brookside mill. The stone for the cellars is being supplied from the old wall that the Chandler field is bounded on the north with. They are being hauled by motor truck with drag as trailer.

A petition is in circulation for a postoffice at Brookside. So far the Brookside that is and is to be are unanimous. The Parkerville school as usual is on the key of action and gave a Victrola concert and play last week Thursday evening. The following children took part: Michel Griffin; Ethel Griffin; Bo-Peep, Hazel Sweetser; Boy Blue, Frank Jarvis; Simple Simon, Goldsmith Conant; Jack Horner, Alexander Bognoff; Jack and Jill, Linwood and Ruth Nesmith; Tom Tillohouse, Lydia Griffin; Old Man in Leather, Edward Griffin; King Willie Winkeo, Charles Young. Characteristic were William Bognoff, Tessie Bognoff, Elizabeth Nesmith, Clarence Martin, Ellen Martin, Marjory Wilson, Paul Cutler, Ellen Worthen. This school is noted for its sociability.

The ever welcome nightly whippoorwill has commenced his season of evening serenades. It is a welcome change from the noise of the frog, who has held forth since the spring thawed him from his winter quarters.

Sunday furnished us with a variety of changes—some rain, May showers, some light, some thunder and an attempt at lightning, with plenty of other variations.

English sparrows to the number of 100,000 were killed in Utah last year. It is estimated to have eaten \$131,000 of wheat.

Grantville.

The regular meeting of Court Grantville, F. of A., was held on Thursday evening with a good attendance.

It was with deep regret that the many Grantville friends of John Spinner heard of his death after a few days' illness at his home in Forge Village, last week Friday night. The deceased was the financial secretary of Court Grantville, F. of A., for nearly twenty years, having helped to organize the court, and holding the same position since the first meeting night. Mr. Spinner was faithful in his duties and always gave careful attention to the welfare of the organization as well as being public-spirited of sterling character and beloved by all who knew him. He has also been a member of the Westford school board for several years. His death is really a loss to the town and particularly to the organizations with which he was affiliated. The deepest sympathy is expressed to the bereaved family in the loss of a loving husband and father.

Leroy Cummings, who disappeared from his boarding place here last Saturday afternoon was located by a searching party at the Westlawn cemetery late Sunday night. He apparently wandered into the cemetery and could not find his way back. He appeared to be none the worse for his experience in the open, and was taken by the authorities to the Westford House and later to his boarding place in Grantville.

Mrs. Julia Chandler, of North Brookside, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wright.

Many local people attended the funeral of John Spinner, which was held from his home in Forge Village on Monday afternoon.

Baseball.

Manager McCarthy of the Abbot Worsted Company baseball club is fast getting an aggregation of ball players together that will furnish some great sport for the banding towns during the summer. This team will meet some of the fastest clubs in the state. The club will be composed of the following players, with more to be added later: Llyston and Sheedy of Lehigh College;

"Eddie" Boyce, formerly of Boston college and later with Fitchburg; Fallon and White of Tufts; Bulger, a Concord boy, who played with the Maynard town team last year; Freeman and Bridgeford, last year with the Lamons; "Bing" Falls of Lowell, and Buckingham, the fast local fielder, who played with the 2d Division, A. E. P. team last summer in Germany.

This is certainly a fast bunch of ball tossers and will be prepared to meet all comers. All games to be played by the Abbot Worsted Company this season will be umpired by William Bulger, of Concord, a well-known authority on baseball, who is at present officiating as umpire for the Middlesex school in Concord. It is expected that the season will open here the latter part of this month or the first week of June.

Forge Village.

The following is a report to the Westford Board of Health from the public health nurse, Miss Eva M. Lord, showing the nature and amount of work done during the month of April: There were 3 cases of scarlet fever reported, 9 visits were made to communicable diseases, 24 school visits, 24 baby welfare visits, 25 observation and advisory visits, 6 prenatal visits, 5 nursing visits, 9 business and social calls and 15 absentees visited in their homes. There were 9 office consultations for minor ailments. Two days were spent at the hospital in treatment. One patient taken to dentist for treatment.

A daughter was born Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudevior of Main street.

Mrs. John Harrington of Boston, formerly Miss Rose Dare, and Little son were the week-end guests of Mrs. Jarge Dare of Pond street.

Obituary.

The funeral service for John Spinner was held at his home on Monday afternoon. A great number of friends were present from this village and the surrounding towns. The local branch of Oddfellows was represented by the entire delegation. They accompanied the body to the grave and read the usual prayer for the deed at the home. The local lodge of Foresters of which organization Mr. Spinner was a member for twenty years and held an office during all those years, also sent a delegation and the Forester committee service was read at the grave. Rev. Leslie Wallace of Ayer officiated.

Mr. Spinner leaves a wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Spinner, two brothers, George Spinner in England and James Spinner of this town, one sister, Mrs. Geo. Reed of England, three sons, John, Edward and Robert, two daughters, Elizabeth and Edith and two grandchildren. He has been in poor health for the past seven or eight years, but has been active and cheerful at all times and will be sadly missed in this community. He has served on the school committee for fifteen years, therefore the school was closed on Monday.

Mr. Spinner was born in England and spent the early years of his life there. He joined the British navy at the age of fourteen years and served under the Union Jack for sixteen years. A wonderful display of floral offerings helped to show the esteem in which the deceased was held. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of a kind and loving father and husband. The bereaved family consists of Mrs. Fred Davis, Henry Harrington, Frank Furbush, Joseph LeClair and Charles Prescott. The burial was in Fairview cemetery.

Minstrel Show.

A minstrel show was given in Abbot hall last week Friday evening by the Abbot Worsted Soccer club. The program was as follows: Opening chorus, "Hittin' the minstrel overture" by the entire company, with chorus behind the curtain; "Pokey," Thomas Kelly; "Shadowland," Margaret Daroff; "My Sunshine," John Kelly; "Oh! by Jingo," William Blott; "Your eyes have told me so," William Kelly; "Daddy, you've been a mother to me," Francis Courchain; chorus; "All the boys love Mary," Charles Douglas; chorus; "Courtin' days," Margaret Dare; Francis Courchain, Charles Douglas and Thomas Kelly; "Boy of mine," Louis St. Cyr; "Shurr up," James Kelly; "I'm going to get wed in the summer," Alexander Scott; closing chorus, "The land of the free," entire company.

A number of clever and original jokes were sprung during the performance, and the endmen kept the audience amused throughout the entertainment. James May was the director and John Venn was an able accompanist. William Kelly acted as interlocutor. The endmen were James Kelly, William Blott, Charles Douglas and Thomas Kelly, with Misses Margaret Dare and Frances Courchain as valuable assistants.

Abbot hall was well filled and the applause showed the appreciation of the audience. The club is planning to repeat the performance in the near future.

Double Wedding.

A pretty double wedding took place on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock in St. Catherine's church, when the Misses Marie Theres and Katherine Agnes Blott were married. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Blott. The bridegrooms were William J. Barron, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Barron, of Philadelphia, Pa., and James P. Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bowen, of South Barre.

They were married with high mass. Rev. Charles P. Heaney officiating. It was the first double wedding at which Rev. Charles Heaney had officiated during his ministry in this parish.

Miss Mary Hanley presided at the organ and the choir rendered special music. James May was soloist. The brides wore beautifully gowned in white georgette crepe and carried huge bouquets of white carnations. Miss Marie Theres Blott and William J. Barron were first united in marriage, attended by Miss Katherine Agnes Blott and James P. Bowen; the ceremony was then performed for Miss Katherine Blott and James Bowen, who were in turn attended by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Barron.

The bridal party returned to the home of the brides' parents, where a wedding luncheon was served to sixty guests, catered by Harvey Co. of Lowell. The young couple left early in the afternoon for New York, from where Mr. and Mrs. Barron will leave for Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Bowen will start on a trip to Canada. Upon returning from their wedding trips they will make their homes in North Chelmsford, where they were the recipients of many beautiful gifts. There were friends present at the ceremony from Lowell, Lawrence, South Barre, Providence, R. I., Philadelphia and North Chelmsford. Both young women are well known here and they will be missed from the

social life of the village. They have the good wishes of all in their new homes.

LITTLETON

News Items. Miss Maribel Morris, of Wellesley college, was a recent guest of the Misses Sanderson.

Mrs. Hattie P. Kimball was one of the guests who helped celebrate the nineteenth birthday of her father, M. P. Palmer, of Groton, last Saturday.

The young people of the Congregational society enjoyed a pleasant social with games and refreshments in the vestry last week Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen, of Greater Boston, have moved into one of the Kimball cottages at Warren lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry, of Ashburnham, with their children, moved into F. S. Kimball's tenement house last week. Mr. Berry has accepted a position with Mr. Kimball.

There was no high school session Monday on account of the sickness of Miss Clark, a member of the faculty. Miss Katherine Kimball, of Brockton, was at home for over Sunday.

Westford academy baseball team defeated Littleton high at Westford last week Friday by the score of 11 to 4.

The King's Daughters held a very successful sale last week Friday, when \$11 was realized from a comparatively small number of patrons.

Mrs. Sadie Pierce expects to call for Mrs. Sadie, her native land, next Tuesday.

The Woman's Benevolent society will meet for work in the Baptist vestry on Wednesday afternoon, May 12, at 2.30.

The singing by the male quartet at the song service on Sunday evening, April 25, was much enjoyed, and will be a feature of the service again on Sunday evening in the Baptist church at 7.30. This is the service, it will be remembered, which alternating with the four o'clock vesper service in the other churches, was made with them, a regular feature of the Littleton "inter-church" program by action of a joint committee of the churches taken last autumn, the church in which each service is held providing the program with the help and co-operation of the others. It is everybody's meeting, wherever held. All are welcome.

A very pleasant party is reported as being given by the American Legion last Saturday night, and as many were present there must have been good receipts from the dancers.

Miss Blanche Savage is reported as gaining slowly at the Waltham hospital.

Mrs. W. H. Tenney is improving daily under the care of a trained nurse.

Earl Spear is in town superintending the work at the Unit factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt, of Belmont and Mrs. Emma Lemley, of Boston, were in town on Wednesday and visited relatives here.

From the Sunday Herald we note the following of interest to many Littleton friends: "Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Manning Bacon, of 10 Fairview street, Newton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Louise Bacon, to Francis Sanborn Fuller. Mr. Fuller is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Fuller, of Newtonville avenue, and was a captain of infantry in service overseas for seven months. He graduated from Harvard in 1911. Miss Bacon, who is a graduate of Abbot academy, is now engaged in secretarial work in the social service department of the Massachusetts General hospital. The bride-elect is the great-granddaughter of the late Dea. Otis Manning, and her parents and her late brother lived in town here several years ago.

"Christian mathematics" is the subject of Rev. Gail Cleland's sermon for Sunday morning. The Lord's supper will be celebrated at the close of the service.

The subject of Thursday's prayer meeting was "How we got our bible," and everyone was invited to bring his or her favorite bible and tell why it is a favorite.

The reorganized C. E. society of the Congregational church held an interesting service last Sunday evening under the leadership of the pastor. The next meeting will be held on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. All young people are cordially invited to these meetings.

The ladies of the Congregational society are invited to the annual meeting of the North Middlesex Alliance W. H. M. A., and the semi-annual meeting of the North Middlesex branch, W. B. M., in Groton on May 11. The forenoon program will open at ten o'clock with devotions, led by Mrs. Gail Cleland, of Littleton, and the afternoon program will begin at 1.30, when Miss Anne Buckley, of Boston, will speak on "Facing world facts," and an address will also be given by Mrs. Alden H. Clark, missionary from India, who was so enthusiastically heard in Littleton, and United Workers last fall. The Groton ladies will serve tea and coffee at lunch hour.

George H. Eames has installed a telephone and answers to 49-22 call.

David Snow, of Arlington, and Warren Hartwell, both of Tufts, were in town for the week-end.

Mr. Erlerson of the farm bureau staff has bought Mrs. Clarence E. Jackson's farm in Newtown district.

William Davis came home from the hospital on Sunday and is progressing well.

Miss Clark's father, from Maine, visited her at W. H. Davis' residence on Sunday.

Arthur F. Bradlee is the possessor of a new automobile.

Miss MacMartin, of New Estate road, gave a recital at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Prouty last week Thursday evening to which a large number of music-lovers accepted an invitation, and they listened to a merry treat from the organ and violin. The hostess served light refreshments during the social hour that followed the five o'clock program.

Miss Gretchen C. Horst, of Brookline, and Stanley R. Cummings, of Cambridge, were welcome visitors at the Unitarian parsonage, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cromb, of Wollaston, were guests at the Unitarian parsonage last Sunday.

Carl G. Horst, of the local high school class of '23, visited the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last Saturday and attended one of the classes. Rev. Carl G. Horst, of the Unitarian church, each Sunday reads a helpful poem as part of the devotional service. It is much enjoyed by the congregation.

Advertisement for Glenwood Range stove. Image of the stove is shown. Text: "Makes Cooking Easy". Why Trust To Luck In Baking Get A Glenwood And Be Sure. A Modern Glenwood Range gives wonderful results with the smallest possible amount of fuel. Call and See Them and you will understand at once why a Glenwood Range "Makes Cooking Easy". Glenwood J. J. Barry & Co., Ayer

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Standard Oil Company of New York. The floral decorations at the Unitarian church last Sunday were unusually attractive, being artistically arranged by Miss Henrietta A. Ewings, chairman of the flower committee. Rev. Frank E. Crandall, of Ayer, and Rev. H. L. Caulkins assisted Rev. Carl G. Horst at the vesper service in the Unitarian church last Sunday. We understand that repairs are now being made in the Unit brick factory, preparatory to starting work at the factory in a few weeks. Untrarian Church Service. A large congregation was present and entered into the spirit of the vesper service with appreciation last Sunday afternoon at the Unitarian church. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Carl G. Horst, and also participated in by Rev. H. L. Caulkins and Rev. Frank B. Crandall of Ayer. A stirring, patriotic address came from the earnest heart of the speaker, E. A. James, Company A, 36th Infantry, Camp Devens, who spoke on "Soldiers of an Idea." All great activities have a spiritual significance, and of the three essential developments in man—the physical, the mental, and the spiritual, the speaker emphasized the last-named. The music which was a strong feature of the service, was beautifully rendered and well appreciated. Much credit is due to the director and vocal soloist, Mrs. L. A. Hager, to the organist, to Austin Hartwell, "cello soloist," and the male quartet, as well as to the large and well trained chorus for their splendid work.

HARVARD

News Items. Out of respect to Evelyn Farnsworth Bigelow, whose funeral occurred on Monday afternoon, the annual meeting and May breakfast of the Woman's club was adjourned to Monday afternoon, May 10, at one o'clock. The Efficiency Clothing class will hold a public exhibition in the town hall on Saturday, May 8. This is not a class in fashionable dress-making, but in efficient clothing, and the work exhibited is intended to show that phase of the clothing question. Every one who is interested is cordially invited to attend from 2.30 until 6 o'clock. Tea will be served.

John Green is putting in the cellar for Mr. Swanson's new house. Fifteen Grangers from here went to Littleton on Wednesday evening to enjoy the fine entertainment and hospitality extended by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barrow at their annual May Grange gathering. As usual nothing was left undone by the genial host and hostess to make the evening a delightful occasion long to be remembered.

A sermon appropriate to mothers' day will be preached at the Congregational church on Sunday morning. A large attendance is desired by all who wish to do honor to the day in memory of a dear mother departed, or for the sake of a mother still living. In the evening the subject will be "Daring and achieving."

Man works under the auspices of the Health and Social Hygiene society. Sherman Cleveland, for thirty years one of the finishing room force at the paper mills, concluded his work there last week Tuesday, feeling that at his age he had better take a long vacation and devote his time to something in the out-of-door line, at his home on Brookline street.

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The tax collector has sent out poll and war civilian tax bills for this year. Three dollars of the tax goes toward the payment of the bonuses given by the state to the soldiers. It is necessary that these taxes be paid promptly to avoid extra expense.

Death. Sadness too bitter to be expressed in words came into the homes of two of our townpeople on last Saturday morning. Mrs. Evelyn Farnsworth Bigelow, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth, and wife of Harold D. Bigelow, passed away from her long suffering of a long illness.

WEST ACTON News Items. J. S. Hoar's carpenters are making quite extensive repairs and additions to the houses of Mr. Flynn, formerly the James Jewett property.

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Saturday, May 8, 1920

**GROTON**

**News Items.**

Fred O. Porter opened his market  
in West Groton on Thursday. He will  
deliver orders, but will not conduct a  
route.

The historical society will meet on  
Tuesday evening, May 11, at eight  
o'clock with Mrs. Elizabeth Muller  
will show some historical  
relics on this occasion. Members  
wishing to bring guests should notify  
Miss Boutwell.

The Community club, which met last  
week with Mrs. Anna Folkens, is to  
meet on Wednesday, May 13, with Mrs.  
Peterson.

Miss Hazel Gibson is visiting in town  
this week.

The Neighborhood club met on  
Wednesday at Ellishorpe farm with  
Mrs. James R. Bailey was at home, with two  
guests, one of whom, Miss Hooker,  
gave a reading. Mrs. Bailey played  
two selections upon the piano. After-  
wards a social time was enjoyed and  
refreshments were served. The next  
meeting will be two weeks later, on  
May 19, with Mrs. Fred Tuttle, and  
this will be the annual meeting of the  
club.

Mrs. Arthur Tuttle is now able to  
sit up for a little while at a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy L. Crowley  
were in town on Thursday, calling on  
friends.

Miss Mary J. Shattuck, who is now  
ninety-three years of age, is in quite  
feeble health.

The food sale given by the Ladies'  
Social Circle of the Baptist church on  
Friday afternoon, April 30, was very  
satisfactory, and a good sum of money  
was realized.

Miss Lois Wright, of Middlesex Re-  
bekah lodge, has been appointed  
district deputy president of E. Victoria  
Morse lodge of Fitchburg.

An next Sunday will be observed as  
mothers' day in the churches, the Con-  
gregation church have planned that  
the children shall have a part in the  
services by opening the morning  
exercises with singing as they march  
in with the pastor, who will preach a  
short sermon to them before that for  
the older members of the audience.

John Lawrence and his daughter,  
Mrs. Richard E. Fay, attended the  
Symphony rehearsal in Boston on Fri-  
day afternoon of last week.

The annual meeting of the Woman's  
club will be held in Odd Fellows' hall  
on Friday afternoon, May 14, at three  
o'clock. The officers will be elected  
and the reports of committees for  
the past year will be given at the business  
meeting. Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs.  
Stephen W. Sabine and Miss Geraldine  
Lawrence will furnish music for the  
afternoon entertainment. The essays  
which were awarded prizes in the con-  
test among the high school scholars,  
will be read by their authors, Misses  
Ella Ganley and Gertrude Parker, of  
West Groton. Refreshments will be  
served in the lower hall. Members are  
urged to pay their dues on this occasion.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of  
the Congregational church will hold a  
business and sewing meeting in the  
church parlors on Thursday afternoon,  
May 13, at 2.30.

Mrs. Alice D. Peabody went last  
week Friday to Dr. Ayres' hospital,  
and in the short time that she has  
been there seems to be improving.

Mrs. Frank D. Lewis' class of young  
ladies of the Congregational Sunday  
school entertained the other members  
of the Sunday school, with the excep-  
tion of the primary class, on Thursday  
evening, April 23.

At the Congregational church last  
Sunday morning Rev. Arthur V. Dimock  
preached on the topic, "Losing the  
gain." A letter which contained a  
cordial invitation from Rev. Wendell  
Peabody for the church and its pas-  
tor to join in the May services held  
on Sunday evenings in the town hall  
under the auspices of Groton School. It  
was decided to dispense with any other  
evening services on Sunday through  
this month.

On last Sunday evening Rev. Percy  
G. Karamer of Emmanuel church,  
Boston, preached a fine sermon in the  
town hall at 7.30 to a large audience.  
The preacher on Sunday evening, May  
9, will be Rev. P. F. Sturges, of Grace  
church, Providence, R. I.

Ernest Sawyer has returned from  
his winter's stay in Sanibel, Fla., and  
spends the summer with his cousin,  
Mrs. Emma Souther.

A meeting of the Groton branch of  
the Red Cross was held in the lower  
town hall on Monday afternoon at  
three o'clock. The following reports  
were given: For February, transporta-  
tion of district nurse \$8; milk and  
sundries, \$3.63; total, \$11.63. For  
March, transportation of district nurse,  
\$2.9; milk, \$5.20; social service work,  
\$3.85; total, \$12.03. The branch  
wishes to express their appreciation of  
Dr. Branigan's co-operation with the  
Red Cross in his dental work with the  
children. His next meeting will be  
held on the first Monday in June in  
the lower town hall at three o'clock.

The Book and Thimble club met on  
last week Friday with Mrs. Marcia V.  
Parkhurst. Seven members were pres-  
ent. The topic of the afternoon's dis-  
cussion was "General Leonard Wood."  
The next meeting will be held two  
weeks later, Friday, May 14, with Mrs.  
Louts Clark.

On Tuesday afternoon, April 27, a  
brilliant audience gathered at the Wil-  
bur theatre for the first perfor-  
mance of the opera, "Satni", given  
by the Vincent club. Among those  
present were Mrs. James Lawrence,  
Jr., Mrs. Malcolm E. Penbody and her  
sister-in-law, Miss Helen Peabody,  
Mrs. Warren Sturges, with her sons,  
Somers and Warren, and her brother,  
Col. James Barnes, of New York, who  
gave a lecture on the previous after-  
noon for the benefit of the Serbian  
fund. It is said that the Vincent club  
show for 1920 will go on record as the

cleverest and most finished production  
which this organization has ever given.  
Miss Susan Sturges was one of those  
in the class of the opera, which was  
plauded. Later, Mrs. Ranney sang an  
Egyptian song, assisted by several oth-  
ers, who were dressed as sphinxes in  
various-colored costumes. Mrs. Ranney  
was in cloth of gold with a glittering  
drapery and a large, gold, head-dress.  
Miss Susan Sturges and others took  
humorous parts in the show. Miss  
Margery Peabody was one of the ush-  
ers.

Among the spectators at the dress  
rehearsal of "Satni" on Monday after-  
noon, April 29, were Mrs. Richard  
Lawrence and her young son, Richard  
Lawrence, Jr., Mrs. Henry St. John  
Smith and Mrs. S. W. Sturges.

Miss Charlotte M. Robbins, who has  
been making a short stay in Boston  
after spending the winter in Florida,  
has returned to Groton and is stopping  
at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Boynton,  
with W. H. Boynton, Jr., went last  
week to Keene, N. H., where Mrs.  
Boynton and her son will visit her  
mother, Mrs. Sarah M. Boynton. Mr.  
Boynton returned after spending the  
week-end in Keene.

Patrick O'Connell, who has been  
the section boss of the railroad track  
in this vicinity, has been promoted to  
have charge of the yard at Worcester.  
His household goods were moved to  
Worcester on Monday.

Dr. Martin came back from town  
last Saturday from Florida, where he  
had been taking care of a wealthy  
patient.

Miss Alice Moulton, who is attend-  
ing school in Lynn, has been in town  
for a week's vacation, visiting her  
aunt, Miss Kimball, of Champney  
street.

There was an auction sale of Ay-  
shire heifers at the Lawrence Brooks  
farm last Saturday. Nearly all of  
them were sold.

Miss Ruth J. Blood, who has been  
spending the winter with relatives in  
Prineville, Oregon, will return to her  
home in Groton the first part of the  
summer. She will visit relatives in  
Portland, Oregon, going from there to  
San Francisco and taking the south-  
ern route via New Orleans to New  
York. While in New Orleans Miss  
Blood will be the guest of Mr. and  
Mrs. S. S. Streck, parents of Mrs. Fred  
Torrey of this town. She is also plan-  
ning a short stay in Washington, D.  
C. The many friends of Miss Blood  
will be glad to welcome her home.

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greatest event of the year. The glos-  
sious wind-up comes Saturday, at 10  
o'clock on Saturday there is to be  
a food sale in the lower town hall.

The annual meeting of the Alliance  
will be held on Thursday at three p.  
m., with Miss G. A. Boutwell.

On Tuesday evening after the regu-  
lar business meeting of the Middlesex  
Rebekah lodge, a picnic social was en-  
joyed.

As Mothers' day is to be observed in  
the churches on next Sunday, it is  
planned to have the exercises at the  
next meeting of the Grange on Tues-  
day, May 11, appropriate to that day.  
The topic is "Mothers' night  
and home economics, interior decoration."  
Mrs. Amy Robblee will speak  
on this subject. Mrs. Ella P. Woolley  
will present "Ten modern labor-saving  
devices for housekeepers." Mrs. Grace  
E. Bradshaw will talk on "What bene-  
fits result from the appointment of  
women on boards of institutions that  
care for women and children." Miss  
Claribel F. Vickery will give current  
events. There will be singing during  
the evening and games under the  
charge of Clarence Anderson.

Prepared to help the Salvation  
Army drive on May 10 to 20, Groton's  
quota is \$265. The following is the  
local committee: Carl A. P. Lawrence,  
chairman, Mrs. Frank A. Torrey, Dr.  
E. B. Branigan, Miss Gertrude Ger-  
erish, Mrs. C. A. Shaw, Mrs. S. W. Sa-  
binne, Mrs. W. P. Wharton, Daniel  
Needham.

**Annual Meeting.**  
The annual meeting of the North  
Middlesex Alliance, W. W. H. M. and  
the semi-annual meeting of the North  
Middlesex branch, W. B. M., will be  
held in the Congregational church on  
Tuesday, May 11, beginning at ten in  
the morning. The executive commit-  
tee of the Alliance and branch will  
meet at 9.30. The morning session  
will open with a devotional service, led  
by Mrs. Gail Cleland, Littleton. This  
will be followed by the report of the  
secretary, Mrs. Frank D. Lewis, of this  
town, and then Miss Maud Piper, of  
North Leominster, will tell "What the  
auxiliaries have accomplished." After  
the business session, the report of the  
treasurer, Miss M. E. Cutter, of Pith-  
burgh, and then follows the business  
meeting, when the officers will be elec-  
ted. At eleven o'clock Miss Leora M.  
Taft, of Boston, will speak on "Asso-  
ciation finances," and at 11.30 Mrs.  
Edward T. Teal, of Boston, will give a  
talk on "Training christian leaders." At  
12.15 there will be a lunch with tea  
and coffee served by the Groton aux-  
iliary.

The afternoon session will open with  
a praise service at 1.30, after which  
the report of the branch secretary,  
Miss H. H. Brown of Concord, will be  
given, also the treasurer's semi-  
annual report by Mrs. F. T. Kimball,  
of Littleton. At two o'clock Miss An-  
nie L. Buckley, of Boston, will speak  
on "Facing world facts," followed by  
a solo by Miss Susan P. Hill, Groton,  
"A Wake, triumphant man." At 2.45  
an address will be given by Mrs. Alice  
H. Clark, of Ahmadnagar, India. At the  
close of the address an offering  
will be taken. At 3.30 will be the  
service of intercession, led by Mrs. E. A.  
Kirkpatrick, of North Leominster, af-  
ter which the meeting will adjourn.

**School Notes.**  
The superintendent of schools at-  
tended the second annual conference  
of state superintendents under the aus-  
pices of the state officials at Framing-  
ham Normal school on Wednesday,  
Thursday and Friday of last week.

Plans are being made for the senior  
class in the high school to go to  
Washington in the near future.

A Girls' Health League has been  
formed under the direction of our  
superintendent, Miss Cullen. There will be  
two classes, which will meet weekly  
on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Friday, in the domestic science rooms  
in the Chapel school at 3.15 p. m.,  
directly after the close of school. The  
lists of names in these two classes are  
as follows: Rosa Majenko, president,  
Emily Wright, vice pres., Margaret Mil-  
ler, sec., Mary Mitchell, Josephine Ma-  
jenski, Elizabeth Marshall, Rollis  
Forbes, Virginia Buda, Beatrice Pal-  
mer, Louise Cunningham, Doris Tarr,  
Emily Alfrey, Ruth Patterson, Dor-  
othey Cross, Pres., Mabel Mansur, vice  
pres., Catherine Freeman, sec., Barton  
Ruddin, Catherine Denahy, Stella Ren-  
is, Edythe Cunningham, Sarah Cun-  
ningham, Eleanor Denahy, Sadie Tarr,  
Barbara Patten, Josephine Buda, Eliza-  
beth Denahy, Sarah Stone, Edith  
McGregor, Mary Cross, Barbara Pease.

The Clover club closed its winter  
work by holding a picnic on May 1 at  
Mrs. Shaw's playroom. The club played  
games and refreshments were served  
by the committee. Mr. Trask will  
judge the club's work on May 13 at  
3.30 p. m., at the Boutwell school. All  
parents are invited.

Miss Elizabeth Hill gave a review  
lesson on the sparrow family at the  
Boutwell school on Thursday, April  
22. She showed the scholars picture  
cards of about fifty birds which can be  
seen at this time of the year and gave  
imitations of the different bird-calls.  
The children showed great interest in  
the lesson and proved themselves apt  
pupils in picking out the different  
birds, describing how they were raised,  
seeds of flowers and vegetables to the  
children for their use in home gardens.

The regular meeting of the school  
committee was held on Tuesday even-  
ing for the election of teachers and the  
superintendent of schools was re-  
elected for three years.

The high school baseball team  
started its season with two over-  
whelming victories, defeating Groton  
School second 17-8 on last Saturday  
and Pepperell High 14-6 last Wednes-  
day. The score with Pepperell was  
disputed, but according to our score-  
book we are correct. The team's only  
weakness that cannot be very easily  
remedied is the lack of hitting, but  
that will not hinder us as the team  
has a fairly heavy hitting line-up. The  
line-up for the season is as follows:  
Freeman 3d base, Souther c. f., Cronin  
1. f., Smith 1st base, Rogers 2d base,  
Lawrence p., McCann s. s., Folkens c.,  
Harrington c. f., Cleary and Harrington  
change places in order to give each  
chance in capturing the sweater to be  
given by the athletic association to the  
best all-round player.

The schedule is as follows: May 8,  
Ayer at Ayer; May 12, Westford at  
Groton; May 16, open; May 19, West-  
ford at Westford; May 22, open; May  
26, Ayer at Groton; May 29, Groton at  
June 2, Townsend at Groton; June 5,  
Townsend at Townsend; June 9, Pep-  
perell at Pepperell; June 12, open.  
Two dates will be omitted because the  
senior class is going to Washington.  
It is not yet definitely decided which  
ones. It is thought that many towns-  
people as possible in order to give each  
a chance in capturing the sweater to be  
given by the athletic association to the  
best all-round player.

**Conservation.**  
My theme today is the value of coal  
ashes in road-making. The dirt on the north side of  
my house is topped to a considerable  
depth with coal ashes. It is used by  
the auto which brings meat, groceries,  
coal, etc., to the house. It is also used  
for parking, autos belonging to  
friends who come to the town hall.  
During this spring and also in other  
years we have seen the dirt on the  
roads are, no perceptible dent is made  
on the road and nothing that can be  
called a rut. So far as I can judge  
the dirt roads in town, even those that  
have no heavy trucks using them, have  
all of their deep ruts in the spring  
of the year.

A large number of householders all  
over town have each spring a greater  
or less amount of coal ashes, most of  
which they cannot use and are put to  
some trouble or expense to get rid of  
them. Besides, the town has in all its  
streets and in the town hall coal  
ashes that have to be taken from the  
cellars at some expense to the town.

In these later days I do not drive  
over as many of the roads as I did  
formerly, but I have no recollection of  
seeing any coal ashes spread upon any  
road in Groton. It is usually the dirt  
removed and fresh gravel filled with  
the vain effort to remedy the diffi-  
culty. It is as muddy today after a  
rain as it has been in other years.  
During all these years no effort has  
been made to utilize the coal ashes  
which presumably, if a nuisance on  
one side, are a benefit on the other.  
On the other side of the street,  
eliminating cost of gravel and cartage,  
as the coal ashes have to be re-  
moved from cellars and dumped, and  
cartage would be saved not only on  
the gravel used but also on the ashes  
used near the house, by the fact that  
they are carted away from the vicinity of  
the cellar.

On Hollis street there are places  
where the mud is deep deeper than on  
the street generally. Many of these  
places are between the Boutwell school  
and the town hall. The mud is often  
removed and fresh gravel filled with  
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about the Pilgrims for their work in  
English. Miss Ella Ganley chose for  
her subject, "The Pilgrims in Holland."  
The topic was awarded the first prize,  
which was ten dollars. Miss Gertrude  
Parker wrote on "The Pilgrims in  
England." The second prize of five  
dollars in gold was given to her. Miss  
Hazel Cronin received honorable men-  
tion. Her subject was "The Pilgrims  
of Massachusetts Bay Colony." All  
the young ladies are members of  
the junior class. The judges were Wal-  
ter S. Hinchman and his first assistant,  
Mr. Barrett, of the Groton School.

George Strachan is taking a vaca-  
tion from his work at Bixby, Webster  
Co.'s store. He plans to spend a part  
of it in New York city with friends.

The Ladies Aid society met with  
Mrs. Olive Hall on Thursday of last  
week. F. E. Harrington of Ayer  
and Miss Emma Hall of Salem, N. H.,  
were the out of town guests. After  
the routine work delicious refresh-  
ments were served. Each person pres-  
ent received a dainty may basket made  
by Mrs. Jennie Slocum, Mrs. Halley's  
guests. The next meeting will be at  
the home of Mrs. Van Eldenstein on  
Thursday afternoon, May 20.

Miss Malar Farnsworth of Shirley  
is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward  
Mellish.

Mrs. William Ganley and Miss Em-  
ma Hall visited friends in Fitchburg  
on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cottrell and their  
daughter Edith left by auto on Friday  
morning for South Manchester, Conn.,  
where they have gone to make their  
home.

Miss Freda Humiston left on Sat-  
urday to visit her sister, Mrs. Helen El-  
lison in Brookline.

Mrs. Clifford of Boston is keeping  
house for William Bumpus.

The Ladies Aid society will give a  
supper and entertainment on Thurs-  
day evening, May 13, at Squannacook  
hall, Mrs. C. E. Bixby, chairman. The  
entertainment will be in charge of  
Herbert Evans.

The union Sunday school will meet  
at 9 a. m. until further notice, in-  
stead of twelve o'clock as formerly.

Rev. William Ganley and quite a  
delegation of his parishioners at-  
tended the first May meeting in Groton  
at the town hall on Sunday evening. Mr.  
Bixby very kindly offered the use of  
his auto truck to carry the people.

Miss May Hood of Lowell spent the  
week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Ida  
Egess.

Mrs. and Mrs. Carl Strand of Boston  
and Mr. and Mrs. William Tooker of  
Ayer visited at Lawrence Strand's on  
Sunday.

Francis McDougall of Lowell spent  
last week with his aunt, Mrs. Frank  
Murch.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Blood attended  
the funeral of Mrs. Blood's grand-  
mother in Chelsea on Wednesday.

John Allen has been ill with tonsillitis  
for several days.

Miss Grace Nichols of Reading was  
the week-end guest of Mrs. Charles  
Lawrence.

Mrs. J. Sintonon was in town on  
Friday of last week.

A. H. Thompson & Sons have instal-  
led a new motor in their stave mill  
this week.

Mrs. Frank Jaquith has been ill with  
the grippe for several days.

Miss Vera Donovan has been suffer-  
ing with a grippe cold this week.

**AYER**

**News Items.**

J. Harold Atwood left Sunday after-  
noon on a business trip to Chicago.

Mrs. Harry Cary and son George, of  
Whitefield, N. H., are in town this  
week.

A party including Walter Blodgett,  
George O. Pillsbury, Howard Fletcher,  
George W. Osgood, Vera Pitt-  
man, William H. Reynolds and Dr.  
Ralph H. Wylie, of Ayer, and Alfred  
L. Shearer, of Shirley, left last week  
Friday night for a week-end fishing  
party on Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H.

The party made the trip in cars bel-  
onging to Messrs. Blodgett and Pills-  
bury. They brought eight traps with  
them.

The regular meeting of the Board  
of Trade was held on Wednesday ev-  
ening at the Board of Trade rooms. In  
the absence of the president, J. Har-  
old Atwood, George L. Osgood presided  
over the meeting. One new member  
was elected. Robert H. J. Holden re-  
solved the introduction of a bill to  
the House of Representatives of a bill to  
provide for the purchase of a site and  
the erection of a new postoffice build-  
ing in this town.

R. Curtis Moffat, the aviator, who  
some months ago used to fly over the  
town, has returned and has his head-  
quarters at Camp Devens. He has  
procured a larger plane which he in-  
tends to use to take up passengers.  
He will keep his new machine in the  
hangar which he formerly used, and  
fly from the parade ground. Moffat,  
who is a Cornell man and, prior to  
securing his discharge from the serv-  
ice, was a first lieutenant in aviation  
overseas, has many acquaintances in  
Ayer where he is a member of Caleb  
Butler lodge of Masons.

Born on Thursday morning, a  
daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Edward N.  
Wilson, of Arlington.

Mrs. Elmer Lawrence and son Mil-  
ton, of Fitchburg, have been visiting  
Mrs. Lawrence's mother, Mrs. Martha  
H. Graves.

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Anyone affiliated with the Unitarian  
parish is invited to a covered dish sup-  
per on Tuesday evening at 6.45. The  
supper will be served by the officers of  
the Unitarian Girls' club. Those at-  
tending are expected to bring in a  
covered dish something to add the com-  
mittee in serving the supper. Coffee  
will be provided by the committee.  
The supper will be followed by a so-  
cial evening, arranged by Mrs. Frank

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**AYER**

**News Items.**

Fred T. Auld, for ten years linotype operator and printer in the office of this paper, concluded his duties this week in order to accept a position on the Sunday Telegram of Lowell, where he is offered a larger field. He will be much missed not only by his associates in the office but in town. He has been connected for a number of years with the fire department. He is a special police officer of the town and has served as special motorman and conductor on the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway. Mr. Auld is a pastmaster of Ayer Grange. His family will remain in town until the schools close for the summer vacation.

Clayton B. Hart, of Pond street, who has recently been employed in Boston, will be the new linotype operator at the office of this paper.

George S. Boutwell, W. R. C. held its regular meeting in Hardy's hall last Thursday evening. Members of the order from Harvard, Shirley and Dorchester were present. Comrades from Harvard and Shirley as well as Ayer were welcomed. Nine applications for membership were received. An invitation was received from Rev. James T. Rider, Jr. to attend memorial services at the Baptist church this year. The president appointed Mrs. Lois E. Porter, Mrs. Mary L. Brooks, Mrs. Mary E. Young and Mrs. Etta Craig as department aids. The usual supper was served previous to the meeting. Mrs. Ellen Sawyer will be the chairman of the next supper. The corps will meet at the home of the chairman of the executive committee, Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell, on the afternoon of May 29 and 30 to make wreaths. Members will decorate graves of deceased members at six p. m., May 31.

The citizenship class met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Alice M. Burdill. The new subject stated was the study of the initiative and referendum.

Happy Jack is still working for thrift and war stamps. Eight schools were visited this week.

A special Mother's day program will be offered to men at the Army Y. M. C. A. next Sunday afternoon from three to 4.30. There will be a good program of music. Refreshments will be served as usual. Secretary Dimock will give an address on "Medals for mothers." All men invited. Beginning next Saturday night and thereafter throughout the summer, the movie programs at the Y will begin at eight o'clock instead of 7.30.

George S. Pouliss has been breaking in a handsome new Stutz sport-model car.

Philip R. Andrew left on Tuesday morning on a ten-days visit in New York city.

Howard M. Beverly has been confined to his home on High street by sickness. It was feared that he had contracted malaria during his trip to Florida.

Janet Sherwin is ill with the whooping cough at her parents' home on Pleasant street.

Donald Grin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Griffin, is seriously ill with double pneumonia.

Fred Montgomery, brother of Robert Montgomery of the Ayer Hardware Company, and who recently joined the force at their store, has moved into the Martell apartment recently occupied by Carl S. Proctor.

Three men of the regular army troops stationed at Camp Devens have developed well defined cases of hook worm disease and are confined to the camp hospital for treatment and observation. None of the three men afflicted was born or has seen service in tropical countries, where the hook worm malady is supposed to originate.

Oliver K. Eklund, whose body was found in the vicinity of the Faunton fair grounds in a pool of water, the victim of a murderous assault, was formerly a soldier at Camp Devens, where he was discharged from the service last August.

The store of Morris Miller was entered on the morning of May 6 and the following goods taken: 12 Waltham fountain pens, military rings, stockings, a lady's gold filled wrist watch, two russet dress suit cases, men's shirts (Arlington brand), cuff links, collar buttons, belts two pairs of shoes, men's underwear, five nickel watches and three Morey caps. Entrance was gained by breaking in a rear window.

The next regular meeting of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. V., will be held on Thursday evening, May 13, at 7.30 o'clock in Hardy's hall. All members are urged to be present as business of importance is to be transacted, making preparations for Memorial day, etc.

The Sewing Club, a social organization of young women of Ayer, gave an enjoyable and successful informal dance at the town hall on Wednesday evening. Dancing lasted from eight to twelve o'clock. Broderick's six-piece orchestra, of Lowell, played inspiring music which was enjoyed by everyone present. The party was well attended. Shirley among the neighboring towns being especially well represented. During the intermission refreshments of ice cream and delicious home-made cake were served. The committee were Mrs. L. D. Sullivan, Misses Helen Griffin, Mary McCarty, Nellie McNitt, Sarah Ross, Mary Sullivan and Clara I. Cole.

Flora I. Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Cole, East Main street, married on Monday afternoon at the home of her parents to Wilbur Hart. Rev. John R. Chaffee, former pastor of the Federated church, officiated. The young couple are on a wedding journey in New York and on their return will reside in Norwood.

The fire department has bought for public use a device known as a lung-motor to be used in resuscitating persons who have been suffocated by gas or smoke, who have narrowly escaped death by drowning, or who have suffered an electric shock. The instrument will be demonstrated at the town hall on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

The body of Miss Frances Gould, a former resident here, who died in

Brockton last week, was brought here for burial in Woodlawn cemetery last Saturday afternoon. Rev. Leslie Wallace officiated at the committal service. A number of out-of-town relatives and former friends here were in attendance.

Mrs. Annie K. McMillan is ill at her home on Natus street. Her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Woodhead, is with her. Archibald Messenger a former employee of Huntley S. Turner, and well known in the surrounding towns, being a native of Groton, will bring his celebrated orchestra to the town hall on Monday evening, May 17, for a May festival dance. Mr. Messenger and his orchestra are favorites with the local dancers and is sure of a well filled hall.

Captain Murphy, who has been living on Lancaster road, Shirley, moved last week Friday into one of the cottages at Sandy pond.

Gov. Coolidge has appointed Frank C. Johnson, local superintendent of schools, to represent Massachusetts at a conference called by the commissioners of education at Washington, D. C. and to be held from May 19 to May 21.

Real estate transfers recorded last week from this vicinity were: Ayer, Albert M. Phelps to Simmons Hardware Co., Albert M. Phelps et al. to Simmons Hardware Co., Lunenburg; John Smith to Andrew J. Callum, land state road, Frank L. Robbins to Elmo Kauppinen et ux., land near Whalom Park.

The Catholic Girls' club will conduct a minstrel show in the town hall on Thursday evening, May 27. Don't forget the date. Further particulars in next week's issue.

Preaching at the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10 a. m. subject "The ideal mother." Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Preaching at seven in the evening; subject, "Satan and his kingdom." B. Y. P. U. on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30. The total amount pledged on the new work movement drive was \$432.32. Mrs. Thos. is the campaign director, and Miss Marion Felch and Harold Pihlman, the team captains, with their teams, did a most excellent piece of work in the drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Filibrown, of Framingham, have been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Samuel H. Proctor is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edwin H. Burkhard, in Holyoke.

The Soldiers' club is to close this week Saturday evening. Insufficient funds to maintain the work as it ought to be carried on is the reason assigned for the closing. This bright spot will be missed on the street by night and the cafeteria with its excellent food will be equally missed by day.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

**Unitarian Church.**

Sunday service: 10.45—Regular-offices and Overture solo, "Far from my heavenly home," Vincent. Mrs. Sargent, Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister; subject, "A modern parable." Church school at twelve o'clock.

A well attended meeting of the Men's club took place on Monday evening. A considerable number of new members were added to the club. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Charles W. Casson, minister of the Unitarian church in Roslindale. Mr. Casson was formerly editor-in-chief of a Montreal newspaper before preparing for the ministry. He has gained a wide reputation as a speaker of nearly 400 hundred members in his church. In his address he compared the growth of man's conception of God to that of a child's growing conception of his father. The child's first sense of a father is merely that of a power that hits and scares the parent and is nearly another person. The idea that that person is his father comes next. As the child grows toward maturity there comes the sense of partnership with the father in the duties and privileges of the family. Man's first idea of God is as a power that strikes and punishes. Then comes a personal God follows upon the conception of God as a power. Jesus of Nazareth proclaimed the gospel that God is the father of men. The idea of man's partnership with God in bringing in the better day is the great moral gospel of modern times.

**District Court.**

Charles Robinson, of Boston, was before the court on Monday morning, charged with breaking and entering, and larceny from the store of George Underhill in Ashby. The testimony showed that the defendant was in Underhill's store last week Thursday afternoon and made some purchases. There was a glass near the fastener of one of the windows was broken and entrance was gained to the store. Several cans of peaches, a box of Totem cigars, several hands of tobacco, chocolate and eggs were found to be missing. Upon search being made the defendant was found in a vacant house a mile or more from the scene of the robbery, and in his valise were found articles which were identified by the grocer. It was stated that a fire had been seen in a field nearby and upon search being made, an empty peach can, etc. were found hidden under juniper trees in the field. The defendant denied that he had broken into the store and stated that he had bought all of the goods that were found on him. He also stated, when asked if he desired counsel, that he did not wish counsel at this stage of the proceedings. The court found the probable cause and held the defendant for the grand jury. There have been a number of small breaks in Ashby during the past few months, the break at Mr. Underhill's store last week Thursday night being the most recent.

**Alliance Meeting.**

The Ayer Branch Alliance held its annual meeting in the vestry of the Unitarian church last Monday. There was a full meeting. The purchases were Mrs. Mary Harlow, Mrs. Sheldon and Mrs. Kinney. The reports of the various officers and committees showed that it had been a busy, successful and happy year. Much excellent work had been done for the Red Cross. That committee is now to change its name and will be the general service committee, the corresponding to the committees in other Alliances.

The Alliance has suffered a loss during the year of two always active members in the removal from town of Mrs. Clara S. Burns and her daughter, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, who have always been devoted and acceptable workers in the Alliance. Very pleasant letters were read from them from their new home in California, and many views of these homes were sent. Mrs. Fisher has been president of the Alliance several years in the past and was given the entertainment of the month. Her kind and pleasant letter was a partial compensation for her absence.

The treasurer's report showed nearly four hundred dollars earned, which has been given to the church. A good amount of missionary work has been done in the collecting of appeals. The nominating committee gave its report and the officers and committees were elected: Mrs. Sarah E. Barry, pres.; Mrs. Ruth Sherwin, vice pres.; Mrs. Ellen T. Kittredge, sec.; Mrs. Emily Robinson, treas.; Mrs. Alice Butterfield, cor. sec.; Mrs. Carrie Murphy and Mrs. Mary Harlow, Mrs. Susan M. Barker, post office mission and cheerful letter committee. The entertainment committee is Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, Mrs. Ruth Sherwin, Mrs. Sarah B. Barry and Mrs. Carrie P. Murphy. The committee to arrange meetings is Mrs. H. M. Bishop. Mrs. D. W. Fletcher was chosen to have charge of the summer picnic.

An ovation in the form of a rising vote of sincere thanks was given to the retiring president, Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield, who has been a very acceptable president, having at all times and occasions the true interests of the Alliance in heart. She was elected to represent the Alliance as delegate at the annual May meeting in Boston.

Refreshments during a social hour were served by the hostess. Thus closed another year of this fine organization.

**Postoffice.**

Congressman John Jacob Rogers, congressman from this district, has introduced in the house of representatives a bill to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a new postoffice building in Ayer. This was brought about through the efforts of J. Harold Atwood and Robert H. J. Holden, who met Mr. Rogers in Lowell on April 23, and discussed the matter with him. It appears that the government for several years has done no building of postoffice buildings, but probably will again in the near future. In this district there are only two places on the waiting list, namely, Lowell and Andover, so that Ayer would be third.

Mr. Rogers was very interested in the matter and expressed a willingness to take it up at once with the result that on May third this bill was introduced and referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds. The bill in substance authorizes the secretary of the treasury to acquire a suitable site and to contract for erection of a suitable and commodious building, including fireproof

vault, heating, hoisting and ventilating apparatus for the use of the Ayer postoffice at a cost not exceeding \$100,000 for the site and building.

It is to be remembered that the movement of such a bill of necessity very slow. By the bill has at least been started rolling. The difficulty in finding a suitable place for the post-office together with the fact that Camp Devens mall is handled here should have some influence on the ultimate passage of this bill.

**Ladies' Night.**

The annual ladies' night of the Board of Trade, which was held on Thursday evening at the Soldiers' club on West street, was one of the most successful social events of the year. About sixty-five couple were present, representing members of the Board of Trade and their guests. Tables were arranged for the banquet on the first floor of the building and an excellent dinner was served by the management of the Soldiers' club. The banquet menu included oyster-cocktail, cream of chicken La Reine, olives, sweet pickles, baked chicken halibut Norway, Dutchess potatoes, roast chicken, cranberry sauce, Franconia potatoes, string beans, Harlowen ice cream, assorted cakes, cafe noir.

During the banquet, which lasted from 7.30 until 9.30, a fine program was presented by Cartwright's orchestra, assisted by James King, tenor, and reader. The program was as follows: March, "National emblem"; overture, "Light cavalry"; violin solo, selected, Joseph Pollak; tenor solo, "Bearfoot trail," James King; trombone solo, "Remembrance of Liberty," Herbert G. Cartwright; string quartet, "A summer drama," Cartwright brothers and Pollak; reading, "Mirandy on engagements"; selection, "Ameer," orchestra; cornet and trombone duet, "Ida and Dothe Polka," Cartwright brothers; tenor solo, James King; xylophone solo, "Boston," James King; Harry Cartwright; string quartet, "Dardanella," orchestra; reading, selected; trombone solo, selected; march, "Stars and Stripes Forever," orchestra. The program was given in an exceptionally pleasing manner, the tenor solos and the xylophone solo being especially worthy of mention.

After the banquet the tables were cleared from the dance floor and dancing was enjoyed until twelve o'clock with music by Cartwright's orchestra. The whole evening was a very pleasant and enjoyable one, and a great credit to the committee on arrangements, George H. Brown, Thomas F. Mullin, Edward C. Page, Robert J. Stevenson and Alfred Yates.

**Coon-Skin-Game.**

All coons look alike to Tony Messina, the tailor, when they are in a bag. A soldier trapper bagged a coon in the vicinity of the former depot. Tony did not see the animal, but caught by the captive for five dollars. The trapper brought in his prize and let Tony have one eye full through the neck of the back. The animal showed his resentment of this undue familiarity by kicking, spitting and trying all at once. After seeing this display of temper Tony declared that he wouldn't pay more than three dollars for so savage a beast. The soldier parted with his "coon" and Tony with his coin.

The first thing to do with a prize animal is to show him a judge. This Tony did, calling in Walter Blodgett as an expert witness. Mr. Blodgett promptly found the animal not guilty of being a coon, but declared that he was guilty of being a woodchuck.

Depression lay upon the tailor shop until a friend informed Tony that a woodchuck was great stuff when served on the table. Following this timely advice Tony bore his prey home and put it into a rabbit-pen to await the feast day. The joy of expectation, however, was spoiled all over the place when the news came over the telephone from his wife that the woodchuck had "escaped." This news sounded phony all right, but the cheerful Tony easily forgave his wife's tender consideration for the woodchuck.

The worst shock of a series of alternating smothery came when Tony saw a fresh woodchuck skin nailed on a neighbor's barn door. His worst fears were realized. The captive had run into another trap and was no more. Gone were the three dollars, gone was the proud hope of owning a coon, gone was the tender, juicy morsel that almost tickled a palate that was fondly waiting.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

A pretty home wedding took place when Miss Doris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Dudley, of Union, was united in marriage to Guy Edwin Eaton of East Weare on May 4.

Norman Trow, of Nashua, has bought the Burbee place and with his wife and children has come here to live.

Jason Young and Mrs. Walter Hayden have been chosen delegates to the Sunday school convention to be held in Manchester on May 10.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed last Sunday morning by Jason Reed and family.

There was a fair attendance at the supper and dance last week Friday evening.

Ernest Davidson and little son are at the Edgar Patch camp this week.

A company of Boy Scouts has been formed here under the leadership of Phillip Baker.

Samuel Bascom has gone to work for the Nashua Manufacturing Co.

At an all-day meeting in Grange hall on Tuesday the pressure cooker and home-made fireless cooker were discussed.

Miss Elizabeth Worcester came home last week Friday evening to attend the senior high school class supper and dance.

Mrs. Ellen H. Lovejoy has been spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Day Worcester.

James Hogan, who has been at the Graeme insane asylum, escaped on Monday, and at last reports had not been found.

The auction at Andrew Jewett's brought out a big crowd.

Charles Bell and family are located in Beverly, Mass.

Warren Colburn, who has leased his farm instead of selling it, as was reported, sold his household goods at auction on Thursday.

Miss Bertha Clinton, who has been visiting her parents for seven weeks at Chester Basin, N. S., came back to Mrs. Hardy's last week Thursday.

Cyril Denault is working for Mrs. May Worcester on the farm, taking Everett Wentworth's place.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodward, from Milford, were visitors in Hollis on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus J. Powers were visitors in Nashua on Monday.

Aurora lodge, I. O. O. F., gave a dance this week Friday evening with music by the I. O. O. F. orchestra, of Nashua.

Daniel Goodwin was in town for the week-end.

Harold Guething, formerly of this town, but now living in Toledo, says potatoes are selling for three dollars a peck out there.

Mrs. Emma Goodwin was in town for a few days this week. She expects to open her house here soon.

Miss M. Louise Stratton is suffering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Carl Nelson and son Lars, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodin.

Avalon Rebekah lodge will hold their annual inspection on Monday evening.

When Henry Wilson returned from his weekly trip to Boston with eggs on last week Wednesday, he brought back the household goods of E. H. Fletcher, of Dorchester, Mass., to the Burdoo place, which Mr. Fletcher owns.

William Lund had the misfortune to lose one of his pair of handsome grey horses last week.

In a clipping from the Arizona Sun of Saturday, April 24, Lieut. Taylor, commander of the ocean aviation camp, says that Lieut. Bell was evidently attempting to make the best of a bad situation, as his engine refused to work which he was flying over Yuma, and he evidently decided to try the river rather than the city of Yuma.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clement and Burton Clement visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clement, Sunday.

Brookline, N. H. Mrs. Katherine Cady has been a recent visitor in Boston.

Dr. Ethel Rockwood, of Worcester, Mass., and Walter Rockwood, of Townsend, spent the day recently in town, fishing some of the brooks.

W. E. Brown and family have moved their household goods to Lowell by truck.

Miss Mary O'Connell and cousin, Miss Lynch, have been spending a few days with Miss O'Connell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Connell.

Mrs. Mabel Smith and family, of Newton, Mass., are at their summer home.

Rev. George L. Pein and family, from Brookline, Mass., have been spending a few days at their summer home.

Mr. Lakin, of Pepperell, has purchased the auto owned by the late Dr. C. H. Holcombe.

Rev. Edward Kelley and a large party of boys took a hike to the stone house woods and visited the "stone house" on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stanley have been called to Swampscott, Mass., by the sudden death of Mr. Stanley's mother.

Miss Marion Stiles, from Nashua, has been a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. Josie Stiles.

Willis Hughes, from Pepperell, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes.

Mrs. Mary J. Hobart is visiting with friends in Leominster, Mass.

Mrs. Adella Whitcomb has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Hall, in Fitchburg, Mass.

William Bailey was the week-end guest of Peter J. Parkey in Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. Walter Fessenden and Mrs. Louise Parkey have been recent visitors in East Pepperell.

Miss Edith Hughes, of Worcester, Mass., is spending a week's vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes.

The household goods of William Riordan have arrived and Mr. and Mrs. Riordan are keeping house at the house vacated by Mrs. Eva Elliott.

Miss Eleanor Storer and father Cecil Storer, and Miss Hobbs, of Nashua, were the week-end guests of Miss Hazel Storer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Richards, of Quincy, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunbar.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Woolson, who have been spending the winter at the Tucker homestead, have returned to their home in Northwood Narrows.

The Loyal Workers met at the home of Mrs. Augusta Gould on Wednesday afternoon. A good number were present.

Mrs. Etta Rockwood entertained the South Brookline Social club at her home on Thursday afternoon of last week. A good number were present and a very enjoyable afternoon passed. The hostess served a very dainty lunch.

Forest Hall and family are visiting Mr. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hall.

Four of the Sunbonnets gathered at the home of Mrs. Helen Hall on last week Friday afternoon to remind her that she had reached another milestone. A very pleasant afternoon was passed.

John Ferguson united with the M. E. church last Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Brown, from Townsend, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Gilson.

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Grange. Ladies' night was observed by the Grange on Wednesday evening of last week. A very entertaining program was given by the lady members, as follows:

Opening song, "Keep the Grange fires burning," sung by the ladies of the Grange, original poem and welcome to the brothers, written and delivered by the brothers, and the milkmaids, Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood, Misses Lillian Parsons, Mildred Dodge and Velmar Taylor, sang a very pretty milkmaid's song, dressed in costume; they responded to an encore and each by the men.

Other features of the evening were music, both instrumental and vocal. The first number was a song, "Little Bo-Peep," sung by charming Wilma Outland, a little miss not yet of school age.

At the close of the entertainment the men presented each lady who took part with a beautiful pink.

The next meeting will be held on May 12, when the men will try and defeat the lady members. The entertainment will also be present for inspection. The gentlemen's entertainment will be in charge of Forace Hall and Chester Barnaby.

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PEPPERELL

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The meeting of the Branch Alliance held with Mrs. H. F. Hobart on Thursday, May 6, was fully attended by members, making a large gathering for this annual meeting.

The following is taken from the Nashua, daily of May 5, and concerns two of our Peppereil young people: Mrs. Ruth P. Anderson and George E. Boutwell, both of Peppereil, were united in marriage at Pilgrim Congregational parsonage at 3.30 this morning, officiating by Rev. Lawrence Barber, pastor of that church.

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Mrs. A. S. Woodward returned on Wednesday to open her house at East Village for the summer.

The annual meeting of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will be held at the chapter house on Monday afternoon. The board meeting will be held at two o'clock, and the chapter meeting at 2.30. The regent, Mrs. Lucy Dow Cushing, will preside.

Deacon Ansel Shattuck and wife, of Grotton, with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Kruse, of Williamsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Lynn, motored here last week to call on their relative, Mrs. Sarah Pech, Nashua street.

H. Thurston has sold the place on Main street, and the Butterfield house, to the real estate dealers, Kemp & Bennett.

Mrs. Alvin Wright, of Ayer, was in town last week, calling on her sister and old friends and neighbors.

Miss Myra Fairbanks, of Northboro, has been the guest of Mrs. John Pierce this week, coming to attend the golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

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SHIRLEY

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At the women's gathering in Manchester the question was raised to Mr. Spaulding's position on the league of nations, and the statement was made that the prospective candidate favors some kind of a league for the purpose of which the republicans are interested. Senator Moses is not an exponent of a league of nations, but holds views similar to those of Senator Johnson, which have received such wide, popular support in recent primaries in the west and middle west.

The female advance for Mr. Spaulding began some months ago at a meeting in Concord, when a telegram was dispatched to Mr. Spaulding, at that time in conference with Herbert Hoover on the presidency, asking him over the signature of some forty women to probably make public his affirmative reply to that request within a few days.

Within a few days a Men's Spaulding league will be launched under the lead of Leslie Snow of Rochester, and John R. McLane of Manchester, the

worked the past few weeks, namely, "Buy now at next time you buy it will cost you more."

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HARVARD

Still River: Miss Katherine Lawrence was at home for a few days last week, but has returned to Lancaster to look after the house of her sister, Mrs. Annie M. Clark, who died recently.

Miss Alice Marshall returned from her visit to West Palm Beach, Fla., last week Friday.

Morrill Sprague went to Dartmouth college, Hanover, N. H., last week Friday. He has been out for some time on account of illness.

Mrs. Josephine Whitney, of Worcester, has been here this week getting her summer cottage in readiness for occupancy later.

Kenneth Russell was at home last Sunday from his studies in Worcester. Mrs. Helen Morse, of Worcester, was the guest of Still River friends from Saturday until Wednesday.

Mrs. Orde is helping Mrs. Higgs with her housework. Warren K. Harrod has been at home for a week's vacation from his school duties in Worcester.

Mrs. Heeley is making a good recovery from her operation at the Clinton hospital, and hopes to get home soon.

Joseph Stebbins is working for Chester Willard. Someone broke into the crossing-tender's house at the railroad station on Wednesday night and stole twenty-five cents that was left there. As no entrance was made at the station it looks as if someone knew of the money in the crossing-tender's house. It was money that a brakeman had left for milk that he gets of C. P. Willard every day.

A. A. Hutcherson attended a Commandery meeting at Masonic hall, Hudson, Wednesday evening. The first supper and social for a long time will be held at the Baptist vestry on Friday evening, May 14. The supper will be ready at 6.45. It is hoped to have outside talent for a musical entertainment, but plans were not fully made at this writing, but whatever is decided upon will be worth attending.

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