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LITTLETON

News Items.
 Several members of the Congregational society planned to attend the Sunday school convention in Groton Thursday.

Earl and Winfield Millet from Natick spent last week-end with H. F. Hume and family, Harwood avenue.

Miss Helen Hume entered Wednesday upon her work as stenographer and assistant bookkeeper in a Boston office.

At the grange meeting Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Shedd were chosen delegates to the state grange in Pittsfield to be held December 15, 16 and 17. At the whist party following the business Miss Nellie Callahan won first prize and was presented with a string of pearl beads. James Neagle won first prize of the men and was awarded a pocketbook. Miss Elsie Ewing received a bar of chocolate for consolation.

The next meeting of the grange will be held December 22 instead of the date in the calendar, as the report of the state grange is to be given on that occasion. There will be a Christmas tree and each member is requested to furnish a present for the tree valued at ten cents to twenty-five cents.

Mrs. William Goddard has been visiting relatives in Lexington. Forty-four head of Jersey cattle, belonging to T. F. Cooper of Coopersburg, Pa., were unloaded lately at the U. S. quarantine.

George and Albert Hartwell have bought the Fred C. Hartwell sawmill. The successor to James E. Smith, railroad section master, is expected at any time now. When he takes up his new duties Mr. Smith will leave for Cuba where he will remain for an indefinite period of vacation.

Virginia Hosmer's eighth birthday was the happy occasion of a party on Tuesday afternoon when several of her young friends shared with the young hostess in the good time provided at her pleasant home.

Mr. Hamlin, a student at Newton Theological seminary, is the preacher at the Baptist church Sunday.

Elliot Young, town clerk, informs us that he has blanks for the new automobile test to be filled out by new persons applying for automobile licenses. After filling out the blank the applicant can take the test at Ayer, Concord, Lowell, Fitchburg or any other large center in the state.

Miss Margaret Hartwell of Kingston, R. I., and Robert Hartwell with his college mate, Mr. Smith, as well as the other guests, spent the holiday with the C. A. Hartwells at the old homestead on Hartwell avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown of Ayer were Thanksgiving guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thacher.

The Thanksgiving service at the Baptist church last week Thursday afternoon will not soon be forgotten by those who were present. Rev. Mr. Horst preached a most thoughtful and inspiring sermon on "Home," no description of which could do justice to the spiritual and literary effort so eloquently presented. Rev. Gail Cleland also participated in the service, contributing in no small degree to its effectiveness. The worshippers, while more numerous than on some other



years, were not as many as we felt have wished, but they must have felt abundantly repaid for any effort made to attend.

United Workers Meeting.

Mrs. John H. Kimball, hostess, welcomed to her home Wednesday afternoon members of the United Workers and in spite of the most inclement weather of the season, there was an attendance of sixteen. The program for the study period was one in which all the ladies are kindly interested. "Under one flag, the American Missionary association," which cares for the spiritual and some material interests of people of many nationalities within the borders of the continent.

A brief survey of conditions among some of these people and the work of the A. M. A. in their behalf was heard with interest and appreciation. Miss Sanderson, Mrs. Sabin and Miss Kimball were the speakers and Miss Houghton made a plea for help among the famine-stricken people of China. The society voted to raise at least ten dollars for their relief.

Mrs. W. E. Conant reported the recent board meetings she attended in Boston and Mrs. A. M. Parker led in the devotion. Miss Conant, president, opened the meeting and presided over the business period.

The ladies of this organization sent last week two boxes of second-hand clothing to Kentucky where it will meet a much felt need.

SHIRLEY

News Items.
 Beginning with next Sunday, December 5, a five-minute children's sermon will be a regular part of the morning service at the Congregational church. Parents are cordially invited to bring their children to church.

Rev. S. F. Goodheart attended the Ministers' association meeting at Ayer Tuesday.

The sermon subjects next Sunday at the Congregational church are morning: "The what and the why," evening: "Shall the ten commandments be thrown on the scrap-heap?" Every Shirleyite is most heartily invited to attend all the services.

Mrs. S. F. Goodheart has been confined to the house for a week with a hard cold and laryngitis. Mr. Goodheart conducted the Woman's Bible class on Tuesday. Next meeting of the Bible class will be held at the home of Miss Bessie Dadmun.

Rev. S. F. Goodheart, John Conant, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles and Mrs. Nellie Holbrook attended the annual meeting of the District Sunday School association at Groton Thursday.

The weather Wednesday did not look favorable for the church supper but the committee on the various tables felt well repaid for their work when the evening was over as over \$50 was cleared. Supper committee: Mrs. Margaret Brockelman, Mrs. Nellie Holbrook, Mrs. Catherine Hooper, Miss Mary Park and Mrs. Abbie Wells; candy table: Mrs. Emma Walker, Mrs. Cora Van Tassel and Katherine Miner; apron and Christmas articles, Mrs. Ella Lawrence, Mrs. Lizzie Pomfret and Miss Nina Holbrook. The 35th Infantry orchestra from Camp Devens furnished an especially good entertainment.

Mrs. David Lindenberg is spending a week with friends in Boston and Lynn.

Mrs. Charles Tencksbury and Miss Charlotte Saxon are confined to their homes with severe colds.

Eleanor Madison, 18 months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Madison, died Wednesday at their home on Clinton street, Fitchburg, of intestinal poison. Mr. Madison will be remembered as a field clerk at Camp Devens, who lived in the Sanderson house on Harvard road.

The treasurer of the Cooperative bank will receive dues next Wednesday at Fred E. Shepley's studio in Peasley's block.

The Altrurian club held a reciprocity day meeting on Thursday afternoon at the Congregational vestry. The speaker was Mrs. Ernestine Swallow of Gardner, whose topic was "A mid-winter month spent in Texas." She told of life around San Antonio and showed pictures, maps and cards. Mrs. Charles O. Purdy sang an operatic selection. There were a number present from out of town, nearly fifty in all. The social committee served chicken patties, rolls, olives, cake, coffee and candy. The next meeting, December 16, is in charge of the Alliance and will be held at the Municipal building.

Rub the hands well with cornstarch on wash day before hanging out clothes; they stay warm much longer and will not chap in the coldest weather.

PRICE ADJUSTING SALE

DURING THE HOLIDAY BUYING SEASON

We have anticipated the lowest possible prices for several months to come and have repriced our entire stock of

MENS' and BOYS' SUITS, OVERCOATS and TROUSERS accordingly.

This means an entire loss of profit to us, but it will move heavy stocks of standard merchandise, including our famous HART, SCHAFFNER and MARX Clothes in a season when merchandise of this character is most in demand.

All Suits and Overcoats reduced from 20% to 30%.

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The buying public is expecting lower prices. We have determined to do our part in the present crisis to meet this expectation by making a radical price reduction on our entire stock of

MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS

This is done regardless of former price or of cost to us.

25% DISCOUNT ON EVERY SUIT and OVERCOAT

Nothing reserved—every Suit and Overcoat for Men and Boys in our stock included.

Not a price ticket changed. You simply deduct one-fourth off the original price marked—that is your saving right now at the very beginning of the season.

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Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, \$1.50 value \$1.00	\$12.00 Mahogany Brown now \$10.00
Cotton and Wool Shirts and Drawers, \$1.50 grade \$1.19	\$10.00 Mahogany Brown now \$8.50
High Rock Fleece Shirts and Drawers, \$1.75 value \$1.39	\$8.50 Mahogany Brown now \$7.50
Union Suits	\$7.50 Mahogany Brown now \$6.50
Derby Ribbed Union Suits	
\$2.50 grade now \$1.95	Men's Work Shoes
\$3.00 grade now \$2.25	\$6.50 Tan Bluchers now \$5.00
Wool Union Suits	
\$3.50 grade now \$3.00	Boys' Shoes
All sizes \$4.00	\$4.00 Black Shoes now \$3.00
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Sizes 34, 36, 38 and 40 only	
HATS	Men's Domet Flannel Night Robes
Entire stock of Fall and Winter Hats Lamson & Hubbard \$6 and \$7 grade now \$5.00	\$2.50 value now \$1.95
	NECKWEAR
	\$1.00 Four-in-hands 59¢
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Special Six Touring	\$1925
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Special Six Sedan	\$2985
Light Six Touring	\$1650

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The important style note is the handles, which are very smart and striking and appear in almost endless varieties.

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DRESS SERGE—Fine weave, light weight dress serge, strictly all wool. A standard make, in all shades. Former price \$3.00 a yard, **\$2.50** Yard

BROADCLOTH—Exceptionally fine quality all wool, sponged and shrunk ready for the needle. Colors are taupe, wine, plum, raisin, myrtle, navy and black. Former price \$5.00 per yard, **\$4.00** Yard

WOOL JERSEY—Knitted from finest pure wool; our best quality. The fabric is greatly in demand for suits or one-piece dresses. Good line of colors, 54 inches wide. Former price \$5.00 a yard. Reduced to **\$4.00** Yard

POINT TWILL—46-inch twill, weave particularly desirable for smart dresses. A superb quality, from one of the best manufacturers. Strictly all wool. Blue, brown and black. Regular price \$5.00 a yard, **\$4.00** Yard

NAVY SERGE—54-inch; a fine quality of French weave dress serge of standard make pure wool, good medium weight, in one of the best shades of navy. Former price \$5.50 a yard. Only **\$4.00** Yard

On Their Way to Aid Russia



American Y. M. C. A. Secretaries who sailed for Russia to work with the A. E. F. there.

Left to right, front row—L. Hall, Newark, N. J.; Geo. W. Garlock, Greenville; Dr. J. L. McLiesh, Cincinnati, Ohio; J. Gustav White, San Francisco; Paul Rowland, Oronota, N. Y.; Warren L. Stone, Kenosha, Wis. Middle row—H. L. Dunlavy, Salamanca, N. Y.; T. W. Records; H. A. Jennison, Tomkinsville, N. Y. Top row—J. E. Vandegriff, Ottumwa, Iowa; H. C. Bobbett, Lock Haven, Pa.; Percy E. Burt, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. C. N. Allison, Falls City, Neb.; H. M. Shirik, McCallsburg, Iowa.

GAVE WORLD SERIES RESULTS

Mass. State Guardsmen Get Special Service From War Work Council.

Boston—In cooperation with the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A., the Northeastern Department of the "Y" arranged to tabulate the world's series baseball games, play by play, in the armories where the State Guards are quartered. Every Army and Navy station in New England was also supplied with the same service.

Acting in conjunction with the Boston Y. M. C. A. the Boston district of the War Work Council, by permission of the authorities, established score boards, megaphone and wire services at the following points in Greater Boston: Commonwealth Armory, South Armory, Faneuil Hall, old City Club, Beacon street; Mechanics Building, Charlestown Armory, Charlestown Navy Yard, Cambridge Armory, Municipal Building, South Boston; Paris Street Gymnasium, East Boston; Roxbury Boys' Club and the Roxbury Municipal Building. This work was in charge of Kenneth B. Rowley of the Boston district.

The following Red Triangle secretaries were delegated for the period of the series to this special service: J. M. Bartlett, C. Koyl, W. S. Branton, A. E. Knowlton, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Balfour, H. E. King, D. Christie, E. W. Edwards, D. N. Nazen and N. T. Pierce.

Other New England points similar plans were put in operation by Camp General Secretary C. W. Stetson at Devens, District Secretary E. C. Andrews at Newport, District Secretary Frank Kilian at New London, District Secretary L. C. Schmalzried at Portsmouth; District Secretary N. B. O'Brien at Portland; "Y" Secretary George J. Volz at Naval Air Station, Chatham; "Y" Secretary Frank L. Gray at Fort Rodman, New Bedford; "Y" Secretary Paul C. Cable at United States Hospital No. 16, Allington, New Haven; "Y" Secretary A. J. Leech at Harwichport.

STATE Y. M. C. A. ELECTS NEW TREASURER.

Boston, Mass.—At the quarterly meeting of the State Y. M. C. A. Committee of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, held at the City Club recently, Mr. Preston B. Keith of Brockton, after twenty-one years service as Treasurer relinquished the office and Mr. Leland H. Cole, Treasurer of the Naumkeag Trust Company of Salem, Mass., was elected to succeed him.

Mr. Keith, who has always been a prominent "Y" man and one of the most influential and energetic directors of the Brockton Y. M. C. A., will still continue a member of the State Y. M. C. A. Committee.

BOSTON MAN WINS DECORATION

Russian Medal of St. George Conferred on Y. M. C. A. Worker.

New York—Wearing the Medal of St. George presented him by the Russian government for service to the Allied troops under shell-fire at Malobereznik, and a ring made from the nose-cap of a whiz-bang that took his tooth canteen away from him during the Allied retreat in north Russia from Ustapadonga, Ralph Albertson, a Boston business man, is home with a thrilling and enthusiastic report of the "Y" work in that country. Mr. Albertson operated on the Vaga River front from December 1918 to June 1919, having charge of the work for the British, Canadian, Russian and 5000 American troops.

"There is no starvation among the peasant population of North Russia," says Mr. Albertson, "except that which necessarily accompanies a condition of war. I ate Russian potatoes, Russian fresh meat and Russian flour all winter long."

Two Russian young men returned with Mr. Albertson's party and will enter Springfield College to prepare for Y. M. C. A. work. Their names are J. Yaroslaff and J. Egoroff. Brackett Lewis and W. F. Lewis were two other Americans in the work. The Russian soldiers were peculiarly appreciative of the spirit of service that underlay the American work, according to the secretary.

"We couldn't help working for the civilian population. We helped in a New Year's feast for the children at Shenkursk and by invitation of the Abbess in charge held a Christmas service for the soldiers in a monastery church. An Easter service was also held in the cathedral at Yemetsook," said Mr. Albertson. He hopes to return to Russia in the near future.

MADAME X IN NEW ROLE.



DOROTHY DONNELLY As "Y" Worker Overseas

She Was Always on the Job

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the local Red Cross auxiliary held Tuesday evening at the home of the treasurer, T. E. Flarity, the chairman, Mrs. R. G. Fessenden, presiding. It was voted at this meeting to extend the Home Service work and add three members to the committee, the same to be appointed by the chairman. It was also voted to limit the amount to be used for relief work in individual families. Mrs. John Piper and Miss Ella Wilder were elected a committee to work jointly with the school board relative to the matter of planning for school lunches.

An alarm of fire was sounded Tuesday evening for a stubborn chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Martha Hill-dreth. The fire department responded promptly with chemicals and the fire was subdued, which at first seemed very serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sims of Maynard, Miss Thelma Barber of Boston and Dr. Henry Easterling of the U. S. N., who have been spending the holiday season and week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Brackett, have returned to their respective homes, and Dr. Easterling to his home in Quincy.

Miss Mabel Bliss, teacher of the sixth grade school at Maynard, who has been spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bliss, has returned to her school duties.

The Girls' Athletic association of the Townsend high school will hold a food sale Monday afternoon, December 6, at 2.30 o'clock in the dinner room at the Center school building.

Holiday Guests. Among the holiday guests in town Thanksgiving were a family party of twelve at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

TOWNSEND

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Worcester of Waltham, Miss Mary Worcester of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Adams of the Harbor spent Thanksgiving day at the family home in town with Mrs. Iva S. Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Warren and Miss Mary Adams of this town were also guests for the day.

Miss Mary Doherty of Dorchester spent the holiday at W. J. Stewart's and at Mrs. Edith Sanders' were her son, Edwin Sanders of Boston, and Sergt. G. Pasco and Pvt. F. P. Brown of Camp Devens.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson and children from Woburn spent the holiday week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morse, on Townsend hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Woods spent the Thanksgiving season with his sister, Mrs. G. Galloway, at Hartford, Conn.

Adolbert Kilburn of Albany, N. Y., was a recent guest of his aunt, Mrs. Arthur Barber, of Townsend hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce recently came to town and moved their household goods to Littleton where they are making their home for the present with her father.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church are planning to hold a sale, supper and entertainment in the vestry Wednesday, December 16. The supper is to be in charge of Mrs. Emma Clarke and the entertainment in charge of Mrs. Ruoy Cowdry.

The usual Thanksgiving offering was made to the Home for Little Wanderers in Boston from the Congregational church Sunday school. Contributions of money were also sent.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill of Buenos Aires, South America, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Fessenden.

Miss Susie M. Turner who has been visiting with friends in Pepperell has returned to town and is visiting with her niece, Mrs. Angie Lang, before leaving for Orlando, Florida, where she plans to spend the winter.

The Community Willing Workers met last week Friday afternoon at the usual hour in the Congregational vestry and although there were but few present considerable sewing was accomplished in finishing work, now ready for shipping. The meetings hereafter will be held in the Methodist vestry, Friday afternoons at 1.30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wetherby and son, Roger, have moved from their bungalow home on Oak hill, Pepperell, to the Spaulding cottage on Highland street, for the winter, while their son, Roger, is attending the Townsend high school.

Mrs. Beckonet of Townsend hill, who suffered a shock last week is reported better. Mrs. Abel King is caring for her and assisting in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gilson who went to Hudson in the early fall to care for the aged aunts of Mr. Gilson, the Misses May and Lucy Gilson, have returned to their home here on School street. Miss May Gilson recently died at the age of 91, and Mrs. Lucy who is 89 has gone to the Harbor to live with Mrs. B. C. Cummings.

Carl Newhall, Miss Edna E. Bush, and Miss Mildred T. Stearns of Townsend have registered in the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University. This department of the University has the largest enrollment this year of any time in its history. A new course in sociology is offered, of which Mrs. Ernest R. Groves, formerly dean of the arts department of New Hampshire state college has charge. Also, there is a new combination arts and medical course offering two degrees, B. S. and M. D., in six years.

Mrs. Blanche Wheeler of New York is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Charles W. Hildreth.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bruce, who recently disposed of their household goods by auction lately, left here Friday for their new home in Roxbury.

Lunenburg defeated Townsend in basketball Wednesday evening, November 24, in Memorial hall. The score at the end of the first half was Townsend 6, Lunenburg 5. Lunenburg substituted new players in the second half and was thereby enabled to gain the lead when the Townsend players became fatigued.

There was a good attendance at the moving picture entertainment in Memorial hall Thanksgiving evening under the auspices of the Townsend Monday club. Pleasing musical numbers were furnished throughout the evening's program by Cline's orchestra of Houghton and candy and ice cream booths received liberal patronage. Mrs. George Hayward, Jr., Miss John H. Smith and Mrs. J. R. Smith were in charge of the candy booth and were aided by the Misses Florence Misner, Ruth Cowdry and Florence Higgins, who served as basket candy sellers. Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson served at the ice cream booth. Dancing followed the entertainment with music by the orchestra.

West. The Ladies' Study club held their fortnightly meeting at the reading room on Monday afternoon with eight in attendance. Mrs. E. J. Lees presided and Mrs. Fred A. Patch acted as secretary. The program in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Herman L. Stickey. The next meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Fred A. Patch on the 15th.

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Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin and son Roger, who have been spending a few days with relatives in Nashua, N. H., have returned to their home.

The Baptist Sunday school and help-sending out to the Little Wanderers' home in Boston.

Mr. Horkwood and son have been recent guests at the home of Mrs. Lois Vose in the former George Upton house.

The regular monthly meeting of the Squannecoak Seaman Co. will be held at Engine hall on Tuesday evening.

Duncan Rusk got a fox, while out hunting last week Friday and his son Richard got one the week before.

Mrs. Ella Farley returned Saturday from a visit to her brother and family in Wakefield.

TOWNSEND

Frank Higgins, Miss Annie Dudley of the Fitchburg Normal school at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dudley; Mrs. Nancy Longley and Charles Longley from Millbury were guests for the day of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Green of Nashua; Richard and Harry Gilchrist of Fitchburg; Mr. Alice Gilchrist; Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart of Amesbury and John Vincent of Detroit at the home of Henry Jenkinson; Francis Struthers of the N. H. State Agricultural college, Durham, and Miss Charlotte Struthers, a student at Mr. Holyoke with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Miller and family from Quincy at Mrs. Thirza Fessenden's; Mr. and Mrs. Withers and Miss Grace Tarbell of Braintree spent the holiday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tarbell, and Miss Helen Tarbell, who returned Miss Miriam Adams of Hallowell, former teacher here; Mrs. Oscar Evans of West Townsend was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Whitcomb for the day; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bullard and two children of Clinton and George Davis of Vinchendon were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson and Mrs. Mary Wilson of West Townsend and Miss Agnes Wilson of Waltham were at Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright's; Mr. and Mrs. George Wilder entertained Mr. Wilder's brother, Edgar Wilder, from Greenfield; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morse from Springfield and Miss Helen Morse, their daughter, returned to college were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Morse of Townsend hill; Miss Irene Maguire of Framingham Normal school and James Maguire of Springfield were at Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Maguire's and Robert Teehan of Lynn spent the day with his mother, Mrs. Mary Teehan and John Coffey's; Mr. and Mrs. John Arlin entertained Mr. and Mrs. Creighton and family and Miss Emma Arlin from Templeton; Miss Katherine Markham of Winchester was at the home of her mother, Mrs. Kate Markham.

Family parties in town were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Harvey of Danvers, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller of Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore of Amesbury and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jett of town; at Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spring's were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Green, Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan of Boston being unable to take part in the family gathering this year on account of illness; with Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Lancy were Dr. Clifford Lancy from Chariton, Miss Florence Lancy, a student at Tufts college and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Lancy and infant son from Merrimack; Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Goodwin were Mr. and Mrs. Enos Morgan from Leominster and Mr. and Mrs. William Heston and family and Miss Mary Hildreth of this town; Mr. and Mrs. Leander Jett entertained their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jett from Worcester; Mr. and Mrs. Milo Spaulding and daughter Bessie spent the holiday with their daughter, Mrs. Grace Beckonet of Fitchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown from Mrs. Brown's mother in Brookline, N. H.; Mrs. Flora Parker and daughter May, with her son, George Parker of Haverhill and Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall with her sister, Mrs. Lucretia Martin of Pepperell.

Wedding. On Thanksgiving afternoon two of the popular young people of the town, Leon S. Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Groves, and Miss Ruth W. Morse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morse, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride, the ceremony taking place at three o'clock, Rev. A. L. Struthers officiating.

Only the immediate families of the young couple, including Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson and family of Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. Laddell, who served as best man and Miss Myrtle Marshall, sister of the groom, as maid of honor, were married beneath an arch of evergreen and carnations, the double ring service being used. The bride was attired in a blue traveling costume and carried a bouquet of white and red flowers.

An informal reception followed the ceremony with willow refreshments, after which the newly wedded pair left for a brief trip and upon their return will make their home in the present in town, as the groom is employed as a painter by the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were the recipients of a number of beautiful and useful gifts from their friends and relatives and had the congratulations of both sexes in the town, the bride's graduating from the high school this spring and the groom was one of the Townsend boys enlisted and saw overseas service in the world war, enlisting in Company C, where he was then employed.

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Last Sunday Go-to-church Sunday and Sunday school Rally day was celebrated at the Baptist church, the pastor preaching a sermon appropriate to the day and special music was provided by the choir, Miss Dora Tenney playing the pipe organ in place of Miss Emma Adams. A concert was given by the Sunday school in place of the regular session.

Mrs. Howard White of Ayer has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Coburn in Mrs. Farnsworth's house.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Notice to Property Owners

You are hereby required on or before January 1, 1921, to destroy the gypsy and brown tail moths on your property in this town.

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

If a property owner fails to destroy such eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests, then the city or town is required to destroy the same, and the cost of the work in whole or in part, according to the value of the land, is assessed upon and becomes a lien on the land. (See Section 6, Chapter 381, below.)

The selectmen ask owners and tenants to cooperate with the town in its work on highways and other public places by making effective work on their premises. Citizens who have cleaned their premises of the moths, but find their trees endangered by the neglect of owners of adjoining estates should make complaint to the selectmen. The infestation of a residential neighborhood by the neglect of a few will not be tolerated.

The eggs of the gypsy moth should be destroyed at once with creosote. They should never be scraped off the object on which they are laid. Careful search should be made for gypsy moth egg clusters, not only on trees but also on the walls, window sills, fences and in rubbish heaps, etc. Trees in which cavities occur and which is not desirable to cut should have the cavities tinned or cemented. This is important. The present and future cost of combating this insect can be greatly reduced by cutting and burning worthless brush, hollow trees, etc. A few trees well cared for are more valuable to the property owner and the community than a large number of neglected trees.

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

Full instructions as to best methods of work against the moths may be obtained from the Local Superintendent, A. A. Adams, or from the State Forester, State House, Boston.

Work done by contractors should be inspected and approved by the Local Superintendent before payment for the same is made.

CHARLES H. WEARE, JR., THOMAS E. LILLY, ROBERT H. J. HOLDEN, 3113 Selectmen, Shirley, November 19, 1920.

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Saturday, December 4, 1920

GROTON

News Items

Mrs. E. C. Leonard of New Bedford has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. A. Durant, and making calls on her friends and other relatives here.

Miss Helen Forbes returned Monday after having spent Thanksgiving and the week-end at her friend's home in Clinton.

Miss Lena Tuttle is about to go to the regular business followed by the there to Haverhill.

Notwithstanding the bad weather the Neighborhood club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. G. May. Twelve members were present, besides four guests. The meeting opened with the reading of a story, the afternoon's sewing and then the serving of refreshments with a social hour. The next meeting will be held in two weeks with Mrs. MacGregor.

The Community club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Durant with a good attendance considering the unfavorable weather. The usual club business was carried on, after which refreshments were served and the members enjoyed a social time together.

Mrs. William Taylor and Miss Fanny Taylor of this town and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Shaw and Miss Mary F. Torrey of Ayer were the guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Taylor on Thanksgiving day.

Groton chapter, D. A. R., held their November meeting at the home of their regent, Mrs. C. Z. Southard. The chapter is to take up the work of knitting afghans for hospital. Anyone having pieces of yarn left over, even though small in quantity, is asked to contribute them for this use. The yarn may be left with Mrs. Southard or with the vice regent of the chapter, Mrs. E. B. Branigan.

It was announced at the first entertainment in the Elbow Room lecture course that the next in the course would be given on Tuesday evening, December 7, and would be a musical entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler W. Ames celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day on last Wednesday by giving a whist party, when four tables were filled and the friends present brought used and pleasure souvenirs as tokens of their esteem. Mrs. Ames received a diamond ring from her husband, and her gift to him was a sapphire scarf pin. Refreshments were served to the guests, some of whom came from Haverhill and some from places in New Hampshire to wish Mr. and Mrs. Ames many happy returns of the day.

The Red Cross roll call closed on Thanksgiving night with a result which must make every Red Cross member proud of the Groton branch. The sum collected was \$1415. The roll call committee wishes to thank all who helped in securing memberships, as well as all who contributed so generously.

Mrs. J. F. Peabody will have a sale of Christmas goods at her store on Court street. See advertisement on this page.

Born on Monday, November 23, a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. William Goble, at Dr. A. G. Kilbourn's hospital.

Fight tuberculosis by buying Christmas seals of the Groton Woman's club.

Mrs. Lewis Woods and two children from Buxton, Me., arrived in town last week Thursday, remaining until Monday evening. Lewis Woods came later in the week.

Miss Alice Peabody went this week to the White Horse Home in Ayer to spend the winter.

Mrs. Charles H. Bartz and two little daughters, who have been spending several weeks with Mrs. Bartz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Woods, returned to their home in Greenfield last week.

Miss G. A. Boutwell spent last week in Fitchburg.

Mrs. A. G. Kilbourn has returned from her visit to Toronto.

The second annual minstrel show of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club will be given on Saturday evening, December 11, in the town hall. There will be a double chorus, fifty voices. There will be solos by players of different instruments, original costumes, a new stage setting, and up-to-the-minute jokes.

The Baptist church had for its preacher last Sunday the Rev. Mr. Need of Norwood, a retired minister.

Mrs. Maria Bardeen, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leford, and Mrs. Leroy Shattuck were at Mr. and Mrs. William H. Southard's on Thanksgiving day. Leroy Shattuck was in northern Vermont near the Canadian border on a hunting trip.

Miss Margaret Bruce and her cousin, George Smith, of Lakewood, N. J., have been enjoying a visit at W. H. Bruce's. Miss Ethel Bruce, teacher of domestic art in Bedford, was at home for Thanksgiving.

The first and second degrees will be worked at the Grango on December 7. On Thanksgiving evening the young members of the Halloween club enjoyed a chicken supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fallon on the occasion of the thirty-sixth anniversary of their wedding day. The boys of the club, acting as waiters, served college leeks and cake during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William V. P. Topping of Ashland, O., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Frances S. Topping, to Daniel Needham, a Boston lawyer. Miss Topping is a graduate of the Lowthrop school in Groton in the class of 1919.

Mr. Needham is the son of Mr. Ellen M. Needham and the late Col. Daniel Needham of Groton. He was graduated from the Harvard law school in 1916. He was a captain in the 101st field artillery during the late war, and is now a major in the 101st field artillery, Massachusetts National guard. He is also commander of the Laurence W. Gay post of the American Legion of Groton and is judge advocate of the Boston chapter of the military order of the great war.

Lewis M. Knapp, Misses Helen F. Gay, Beatrice Murphy and Genevieve Harrington were home for the Thanksgiving recess.

William Gay went to Amherst on Thanksgiving day to his brother Alfred and their mother, who is still there. Miss Helen Gay and her father dined with Mrs. Charles Earle and family on Thanksgiving.

The household goods of Rev. and Mrs. Sumner Bangs were moved from town on Friday and they left for their new home in Williamsett on Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John William Finley of Park avenue, Bradford district, Haverhill, quietly celebrated their golden wedding at their home on Thanksgiving with their children. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Carleton and son, Joseph Radwin Carleton, and Miss Elsie M. Finley of Haverhill and Miss Florence G. Finley of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Finley were married in Groton by Rev. J. K. Aldrich of the Congregational church. Mrs. Finley was formerly Miss Marietta Raddin of this town, one of the Raddin twins, and is a sister of Joseph B. Raddin. On account of an illness two months ago that caused total blindness to Mr. Finley the anniversary was a very quiet event. Mr. Finley is a member of Gen. Lander post, G. A. R. of Lynn.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning the Rev. Arthur V. Dimock preached on "Love's deathless song," his text being taken from the account of the vision of St. John on the Isle of Patmos given in Revelation. The beautiful hymn, "Lead me, dear Saviour, with thy hand in thine," was sung by the choir. A beautiful bouquet of pale pink and white chrysanthemums adorned the platform with red and white geraniums on the piano. The subject of the mid-week meeting was the gospel of Luke. It was announced that the subject of the men's topic class next Sunday would be "The Christian view of work and wealth." On Sunday evening the pastor gave a wide-awake, vigorous address on "The message of Bible athletes to the people of today." A solo was sung by Mr. Adams, accompanied by the saxophone and organ.

Mrs. John Wooton of Elm street has returned from her stay in Worcester with the Nutter family. Mrs. Nutter is still at the hospital progressing as well as can be expected.

Chief of Police Dowling spent Thanksgiving day with his family in Marlboro, during which time Jerome C. Shattuck was on duty.

Arthur Tuttle, who has returned from the Boston hospital, intends to go south in December with his son Clarence and his grandson Kendall.

A collection of pictures from the Library Art club will be on exhibition at the public library until December 20. They display the uniforms of the United States army from 1775 to 1918.

Those of us who recall the days when Miss Susan J. Clarke of Ayer and Alert O. Browne of Northwood, N. H., were instructors at Lawrence academy, will be interested to read of the public recitation given in honor of the First Congregational church of Manchester, N. H., on the evening of November 28. The affair originally was designed to be confined to the congregation of the church, but the demand was such that the function was thrown open to the public. The pastor of the church, Rev. Albert A. Jump, and his wife were in the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Browne. There was music during the evening and light refreshments were served.

Next Monday night the Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., will work the third degree. Refreshments will be served.

Rev. Endicot Peabody and family will spend a part of February and March at the Samarkand, Santa Barbara, California's newest hotel. It is an excellent exclusive establishment built along Persian lines with most artistic terraced gardens. It is said.

Union fair, town hall, Ayer, December 7 and 8, from 2 till 10 p. m.

Bird Club Meeting

At the Bird club meeting on November 22 a description of her recent western trip to the national park and of the birds she had noted, was given by Miss Gerish. Among other birds mentioned were the mountain bluebird, western robin, varied thrush, Audubon hermit thrush, mountain chickadee, western tanager, white-crowned sparrow, pine siskin, yellow-headed blackbird, Clark's cross of nutcracker, raven, magpie, red-shafted flicker, road runner, violet-green swallow, and some of the water birds such as the white pelican, California gull, etc.

William P. Wharton took up some of the larger birds, some of which he observed when crossing the desert country of southern and eastern Oregon. Among the latter were the sage grouse, Canada goose, mallard, gadwall, pintail and cinnamon teal ducks, glossy ibis, avocet, still, Parulae corn-morant, Wilson's phalarope, black, Caspian and Forster's terns, American osprey, burrowing owl and porcupine. He also mentioned the killdeer, plover, American mercurialis, Barrow's golden-eye and barleugose ducks, Franklin and sooty grouse, and last but not least, the water ouzel.

The habits of the ouzel are of special interest. Though built like a perch, it is most at home on or under the water-flowing streams, being able to swim or walk on the bottom at will. Its nest is built over foaming falls or rapids, where it is constantly wet with spray. One bird was observed feeding its young in Glacier National Park. On the arrival of the parent at the roofed-over nest,

the young would protrude their heads to snatch the food from the old bird's bill. The parent would then fly a short distance down stream, drop into the water, and after floating a few moments would disappear from sight. It was not seen emerging from the water, but would be seen in a minute or two flying upstream to the nest to repeat the process.

On Friday afternoon, November 26, the Woman's club held its regular meeting in Oddfellows' hall. At the opening of the meeting two songs were sung by the club. During the business meeting it was announced that the civic committee, with Mrs. Fred Torrey as its chairman, would take up the work of selling Christmas seals for the benefit of tuberculosis sufferers, and urged all the members to buy them. The meeting was on Presidents' day, and guests were present representing the Woman's club of Ayer, Harvard, Lattitudo, Westford, Pepperell and Concord.

The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. George Minot Baker, the president of the State Federation of Women's clubs. Mrs. Baker's address to the club was a most inspiring one, telling us that it did, the good work being accomplished by the women's clubs of Massachusetts, one thing in particular being the raising of a thousand dollars to endow a bed in the Children's hospital. She spoke further of other lines of work carried on by similar clubs all over the United States and urged the continuance of such effort and still greater undertakings. There was a solo by Miss Susan P. Hill and instrumental music by Miss Alice Knapp on the violin and Ronald Dimock on the saxophone, with Mrs. Allen of West Groton accompanying them at the piano. After the meeting refreshments and a social hour were enjoyed in the lower hall.

The next meeting will be in the town hall, when guests' night will be observed at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening, December 8. The entertainment will be the opera, "The Japanese Girl," given by twenty-four persons. Each member is entitled to obtain one guest ticket free from the custodian, Miss Mary Parmenter, from whom others can be bought by the club members, if desired.

School Notes

Butler High School. Preliminary steps have been taken looking to the formation of a student council in the high school. The officers of the four classes are to be the nucleus of this organization. It is intended that this council shall be so constituted that it can be given a measure of student control over various school matters. It will cooperate wherever possible with the faculty and school authorities.

Principal and Mrs. Hall spent the Thanksgiving recess with relatives at Quincy, Mass.

Exercises appropriate to the season were held at the high school during the closing hour of the session on last week Wednesday. The sophomore class furnished the entertainment, which included recitations of Thanksgiving, two selections from Kipling and a prose selection dealing with Groton in Massachusetts and old Groton in England.

The following Thanksgiving program was given at the Tarbell school on Tuesday of last week: Grades 1 and 2, "Thanksgiving song"; reading, "The Dolly's Thanksgiving"; Hazel Wormwood; "Why we keep Thanksgiving"; Georgia C. Webster; "Five little turkeys"; and "The frightened pumpkin"; grade 1; "Grandma's pumpkin pie"; Irene Malley; "Thanksgiving song"; grades 1 and 2, Grades 3 and 4, opening recitation, Edwin Carter; "Thanksgiving song"; grades 3 and 4; "Story of the First Thanksgiving"; Porter Bixby; song, "Thanksgiving day"; Alice Parker and Florence Balcom; recitation, Hester Hartwell; song, "Thanksgiving"; Lawrence Showin; Harold Lullien, Lucille Dodge, Bernice Dalton, Stella Dymock; recitation, "An adventure"; Faith Tucker; recitation, "A good Thanksgiving"; Sophie Cutler; song, "The frightened pumpkin"; grade 3 recitation, Robert Tweedy; song, "Thanksgiving"; grade 4; recitation, Doris Cronin; story, "Mary's Thanksgiving"; Francis Johnson; song, "The landing of the Pilgrims"; grades 5 and 6, and grades 5 and 6; poem, "Thanksgiving day"; grades 5 and 6; poem, "The first Thanksgiving"; Caroline Allen; "Story of the Pilgrims"; Douglas Kaddy; poem, "Thanksgiving"; Margaret O'Sullivan; "Story of the first Thanksgiving"; Beret Simonton; song, "Thanksgiving"; grades 5 and 6; poem, "An advent song"; "Joy to the harvest"; Evelyn Parker; Dorothy Bixby; Robert Allen; "Original story of Pilgrims"; Dorothy Bixby; "Governor's proclamation"; Rudolph Bixby; song, "Harvest"; Evelyn Parker; poem, "Corn song"; Ad-laide Beattie; song, "Landing of the Pilgrims"; class poem, "Pilgrims"; Ralph Blood; piano solo, Elizabeth H. Cann; poem, "The pumpkin"; Trissilla Dodge; piano solo, Claire Duquette; poem, "Thanksgiving day"; Virginia Harrington; song, "America, the beautiful"; class.

Another engagement added to the list of those in the class of 1915 is that of the daughter of Virginia Woods and Robert M. Hart.

The teachers spent the Thanksgiving recess in their various homes, as follows: Mrs. Giptill, Meredith, N. H.; Miss Baker, Arlington Heights, Miss Barstow, Westford, Miss DeLauzon, Lowell, Miss Kline, North Adams, Miss Clapp, Northfield, Miss Keyes, Rowley, Miss Pillsbury, Malden, Miss Morgan, Worcester, Miss Trott, Leominster.

The senior dance is to be held on Friday evening, December 11, in the town hall. Clavin's orchestra of Fitchburg will furnish the music.

Miss Elizabeth Love has gone to New Jersey with her sister, Mrs. Mullig, who, with her son Lawrence, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Wilson.

The following high school graduates were in town for the holidays: Miss Constance Jacobi from Amherst Agricultural college, Marguerite Leonard from Cornell, Edna Leonard from New Bedford, Ruth Bell from Arlington Heights, Beatrice Murphy from Chelsea, Ada Bradley from Boston, Margaret and Alice Cleary from Everett, Celia Cleary from Hudson, N. H., Helen Gay from Quincy, Helen Wiseman from Maynard, Genevieve Harrington from Winstedton and Lewis Knapp from New Haven.

A "good English" contest will be held at the Tarbell school for two weeks, beginning November 29. Grades seven and eight have been divided, fourteen on each side. The captain of the crimson side is Dorothy Bixby, grade eight. The captain of the gold side is Ralph Blood, grade seven. A Latin class has been started in grade eight, Tarbell school, under the

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supervision of Miss Fannie Woods. The children are enjoying the study very much.

To the Editor: George Kilbourn, who has infantile paralysis, is resting comfortably, the process having limited itself to his right foot. The other children have had the prevailing cold but have shown no symptoms of the above disease. The authorities give me comfort in saying that one case in a family is usually the extent unless two come down together, showing the disease is not very contagious. These same men headache, pains in limbs or body, a little constipation in the story and then the paralysis. The kindly interest and sympathy shown by every one for George is a great comfort to us all. Arthur E. Kilbourn.

West Groton. At Squannacook hall Saturday evening the feature will be "Red blood and yellow," with G. M. Anderson. Wednesday evening, "Her five-foot highness," with Edith Roberts.

Those going out of town for the holiday were: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thompson at David Petrie's in Lowell; Provost Thompson at A. L. Sedley's in Dorchester; Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge and family and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dodge at John Gilmore's in Brookline; Mrs. M. E. Williams and Miss Kate Tarbell at Mrs. Carrie Hume's in East Jaffrey; Marjorie Stone at Mrs. M. J. Shepley's in Waltham; John Downs and his little daughter Elizabeth visited relatives in Bath, Me.

The Misses Mary, Ellen and Anna (sister of Boston) spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. John Long.

Mrs. Crisp of Worcester was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Alfred Bunn, last week.

Several people went over to Shirley on Thanksgiving afternoon to attend the service in the hall and to help with the music.

Mrs. George Strachan entertained over the week-end her mother, Mrs. M. J. Shepley, and her two daughters, the Misses Madeline and Lorraine Stone of Waltham.

Thanksgiving Guests. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence of Worcester, Kirkwood Lawrence of Holbrook, Ralph Lawrence of Fitchburg and Harvey Lawrence of Boston, with Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson of this village, at Charles Lawrence's; Robert Bixby of Lynn at William V. Bixby's; the Misses Belle and Grace Bixby of Boston at Warren P. Lane's; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jarvis and Miss Rose Jarvis of Shirley at A. B. Bates'; Arnold Ganley from Bates college, Lewiston, Me., at Rev. William Ganley's; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strand and family of Lawrence, Me. and Mrs. Carl Strand of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Strand, Jr., and daughter, at Lawrence Strand's; Miss Amy Bailey and her sister Mabel of Shirley Village at John Lucas'; Mr. Webster of Orange at William Webster's; Mr. and Mrs. Quint and little daughter of Leominster at Mrs. George Parker's; Charles Moody and Charles Blood of Groton at Andrew Blood's; Miss Ruth Kane of Boston at P. W. Kane's; Bernard Cronin of Boston and Michael Cronin of Fitchburg at Lawrence Cronin's; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reed, Miss Lillian Reed, George Reed and a friend of Clinton at Alfred Bunn's;

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Saturday, December 4, 1920

AYER

News Items. Miss Ethel M. Nixon has returned from a visit with relatives in Lowell. This Saturday the Strand presents Justine Johnson in "Blackbirds." A most absorbing drama by Clara Beranger. A Realist production and one of her first pictures for this company. Miss Johnson was chosen in New York on account of her being one of the most beautiful women. Charlie Chaplin will also be seen in "Easy Street." Not so easy after all. The usual good Sunday show. Matinee at 3.30 p. m.

Charles J. Little, salesman for the Noyes-Bulek Co., of Boston, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Clayton B. Hart. Mr. Little is handling the G. M. C. trucks.

Mrs. Samuel J. Andrew is ill at her home with the grippe. Superintendent and Mrs. Frank C. Johnson entertained a party of fourteen on Thanksgiving day, among those present being Mr. Johnson's nieces, the Misses Gladys and Amy Johnson of Terryville, Conn., Mrs. Johnson's brother, Everett W. Durgin and family of Worcester, Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Durgin of Boston, Mrs. K. H. and Rev. and Mrs. William J. Kelly.

Henry E. Farnum has moved from the east half of the Whitcomb house on Fletcher street to the upper tenement in the house recently purchased by Robert J. Stevenson, corner of Elm and Grove streets. The tenement vacated by Mr. Farnum is to be occupied by Rev. and Mrs. William J. Kelly.

Miss Alice Murphy of Boston is at the home of her brother, John R. Murphy.

Miss Emma E. Butterfield returned last Saturday from a visit with friends in Hollis, N. H.

Miss Edith Charlton of Chelmsford has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Charlton.

Oscar C. Rand moved last week from the William Leahy house on Third street to the upper tenement in the house owned by Miss Emma E. Butterfield, corner Pond and East Main streets.

Mrs. Irving W. Kidder of Fitchburg has been visiting her son, Elbridge M. Kidder.

Herbert B. Wood of Boston has been visiting his uncle, James M. Boutwell.

State registrar of motor vehicles, Frank A. Goodwin, has ordered that hereafter no person shall be granted an original license to operate motor vehicles in Massachusetts without passing an examination. Examinations will be held at Ayer town hall the first and third Mondays of the month at 1.30 p. m.

Albert P. Langtry, secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Ayer branch, Unitarian Laymen's League, in the church vestry Monday evening at eight. His subject will be "After the war." Refreshments will be served.

Miss Ruth Lynds, a popular young lady of Mattapan, is a guest of Mrs. George Hall of East Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grady have sold their house and farm to Mr. and Mrs. Wilder of Rindge, N. H. The papers were passed on Wednesday.

Charles Calvin Fletcher of this town and Miss Helen Evelyn Harriman of Pepperell were married by Rev. Carl G. Horst at the Congregational parsonage in Littleton on Friday of last week. They will reside in East Pepperell where Mr. Fletcher is employed as moving picture operator. The groom has spent most of his life here. He served in the world war in the medical corps, being stationed at St. Albans, France.

Mrs. Glenwood E. Ross, who was operated on last week for throat disease in Nashua, is progressing toward recovery as well as can be expected and has been moved to her old home in Southboro.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded recently: Ayer—Mary Morrison to M. A. Hodgman; Townsend—Minnie Hironen to L. Mattila; William A. Rhodes to W. J. Baxter; Clarence Stecker to G. F. Epton; Westford—Joseph G. Abbott est. by tr. to Garret L. Parkhurst; Mand E. Muzzey to Eben C. Lybeck et al.; land on Lovell road, Harvard—Brower D. Chauncey to Wallace F. Bryant; Lunenburg—John Smith to Emily Hoife, land on Flat Hill road.

Miss Mildred Neat and her friend, Cecelia Trudeau, from Nashua, spent Thanksgiving with Miss Neat's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Burgess, Pearl street.

Baptist—Preaching at 10.45 a. m. on the subject, "Study in revelation." At seven p. m., subject, "The most wonderful picture in the revelation." Note the change in young people's service. Sunday at 6.15 p. m. Be sure to come. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

Mrs. Lizzie Sartell of Pepperell is visiting friends in town.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

Dancing School Reception and Ball. Mrs. C. R. White's dancing school reception and ball at the town hall Thursday evening was an artistic success and will be long remembered for all the beautiful pictures furnished by the dances and the enjoyment that pupils, parents, and all others present had in common. The event was marked by an attendance that taxed the capacity of the hall. The seats in the hall were ranged along the east, west and south sides and a considerable number were seated on the platform. The inner row of seats bordering the dancing floor on the three sides was reserved for the pupils.

The music was furnished by Colonel's Quality orchestra of five pieces of Fitchburg. At the orchestra's opening number the ushers escorted the matrons to their seats in the northwest

corner, Dr. J. Walter Desmond and Mrs. F. B. Crandall leading, followed by Herbert B. Farnsworth and Mrs. G. O. Fillobrown, Rev. Frank B. Crandall and Mrs. H. L. Farnsworth and Ellis B. Harlow and Mrs. C. A. Normand. The younger pupils followed soon after greeting the matrons as they passed their station. The march was led by Donald Pillsbury and little Helen K. Harlow, who was at once unanimously elected the belle of the ball. The march of the older pupils was gracefully led by Benjamin Normand and Miss Caroline Hopkins.

The program of dances for the pupils included solo, fancy and general dances. The fancy dances included a group dance by Misses Helen Authier, Anna Fissette, Marjorie Fletcheter, Caroline Hopkins, Madeline Murphy and Gladys Proctor, a Highland fling, a minuet in charming costume by Donald Pillsbury and Theodora Turner, a Spanish dance by Miss Phyllis Brown and Misses Fitcher and Dickerman, Regis Ryan and Elizabeth Proctor in sailor suits.

The solo dances in particular reflected great credit on pupils and teacher alike. The first was by Miss Barbara Fletcher. Her work after only a year of instruction was so good that it gives great promise for the future. Miss Lorraine Stone's dancing made a great impression. The last solo number on the program was by Miss Gladys Pillman. Her grace and skill was the artistic climax of the program.

Following the program of dances by the pupils refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening happily spent in general dancing.

The following are the pupils who took part: Mary Gray, Lorraine Stone, Barbara Fletcher, Regis Ryan, Elizabeth Page, Elizabeth Proctor, Helen McQuinn, Helen Authier, Richard Boisseau, Alice Harrett, Evelyn Dustin, Clayton Hart, Elizabeth Bean, Evelyn Hart, Mona Freeman, Vera Hodjdon, Marjorie Sanderson, Carole Lynn, Alice Ryan, Evelyn Cole, Gertrude L. Gardner, Samuel Bray, Evelyn Harmon, Harvey Plagge, Joseph Scagel, Bernard McQuinn, Benjamin Normand, Madeline Murphy, Katherine Good, Arthur McDonald, Timothy Cleary, Alice Beard, Elizabeth Bean, Beryl Proctor, Leslie Beard, Cecylle Hopkins, Marjorie Fletcher, Irving Hemenway, Mary Hemenway, Barbara Sullivan, Ruth Shea, Vivian Pelletier, Helen Bell, Barbara M. McNiff, Donald Pillsbury, Donald Pillsbury, Frank McGray, Donald Griffin, Donald Dickerman, Philip Ryan, Walter Smith, Phyllis Brown, Edwaine Gault, Gladys Ryan, Ruth Lambert, Boutwell, Juliet Flint, Ruth Lambert, Pearl Fletcher, Edna Willis, Anna Harlow, Barbara Dickerman, Ruth Montgomery, Patricia O'Connell, Theodora Turner, Virginia Larkin, Theodora Turner, Eleanor Connor, Doris O'Mara, Lester Berry, James Lorraine, Eleanor Friend.

W. R. C. Meeting. George S. Boutwell, W. R. C. held its usual supper previous to the regular meeting last Thursday evening in Hardy's hall. Members were present from Harvard, Shirley, Leonminster and Pepperell as well as Ayer. Comrade Francis Lovejoy was a special guest. It was announced that a medical county association will meet in Malden December 23 in the M. E. church. The auditing committee will meet at the home of Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy at 7.30 p. m., December 29.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. Louise P. Kennison, president; Mrs. Leona E. Yates, senior vice president; Mrs. Helen McNulty, jr. vice president; Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, treasurer; Mrs. Augusta D. Scruton, chap.; Mrs. Ida L. Preble, cond.; Mrs. Katherine Groves, guard; Mrs. Ida L. Preble, delegate to dept. convention; Mrs. Etta Craig, alternate. Mrs. Alice M. Crawford and Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell were appointed a committee to arrange a social event for January.

Unitarian Church. Sunday service 10.45—Regular offices and sermon. Offertory solo, Mrs. Sargent. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "Lock and keys—A modern parable." Church school at 12.

The report of the chairman of the local Unitarian campaign shows that the young people of the church school had a 100 per cent record in their contributions. The total from the school, in which every pupil had a part, was over one hundred dollars.

On Monday the church school holds a party in the vestry from four until 7.30. A supper will be served at six o'clock.

To the Editor: Will you kindly allow me space in your paper for the following article. In looking over the situation of affairs as they appear today I cannot see how we are getting much or any relief in fact from post-war conditions. During that time we swallowed all that was given us uncomplainingly feeling it was the right spirit to exhibit with all our loved ones fighting for the goal of the country that has ever been our pride and our flag pre-eminence. But even then we were made unknowingly the victims of greed and avarice.

The war is over but the practice is still going on with much greater velocity. But the scales have fallen from our eyes and we visualize conditions as they really are. The present economic situation is one of the most gigantic swindles that was ever perpetrated upon a defenceless people.

That one of the absolute necessities of life should be withheld and made so difficult to obtain and all substitute employed to have the semblance of a thing through the greed of man should be regarded as being one of the deepest dye and deal with as such. But our so-called laws are very lax in such cases and are more apt to condone the offence. It is an open secret that profit that is made from a product man had no part in implanting in the earth, but a provision of nature for the comfort and preservation of all humanity and the greatest factor in the commerce of the world.

While making these so-called investigations that only increase the price beyond reach it would not be amiss to probe the quality of the article offered us at such exorbitant figures, especially coal. That we are defrauded beyond belief is made manifest by the quantity of stone and slate contained in the coal. As we have not the art of burning such it detracts from the amount bargained for.

We are already sated with the dope that has been held out as a panacea for wrongs inflicted. Why we need and demand relief from this money-mad fever that has become an epidemic and is sweeping the country and consuming so many with its fetid breath. We refuse longer to help fill the coffers that are already bursting with their ill-gotten gains. We also demand protection from the outrages perpetrated upon us.

Already on the result of social conditions. Crime and predatory practices are rampant and our safety is menaced. The handwriting is on the wall and worse things will follow unless

special action is taken and protection assured for empty dinner pails do not tend to lay and order. Our only hope is in a new regime that will bring order out of chaos and establish business on a firmer and more secure basis. With the dawn of a new year we shall watch with an optimistic eye for signs of justice and returning prosperity. Anonymous.

K. of P. Entertainment. Harbinger lodge, K. of P., entertained Nashobah lodge of Oddfellows of Littleton and a few other invited guests Monday evening at their rooms in Hardy's hall. The greater part of the evening was devoted to playing bridge. The hosts and the visiting lodge and other guests were drawn up in a tournament.

During an intermission in the playing George E. Millson, a past chancellor of Harbinger lodge, who presided over the evening entertainment, introduced a number of speakers. The first speaker was H. R. Lawrence of Lawrence, grand master at arms of the grand lodge, K. of P., of Massachusetts. He spoke of the founding of the order and its remarkable growth to its present number of 300,000 members. He said that the Knights of Pythias was the first fraternal order definitely to debar from membership professional gamblers, saloon keepers, bartenders, etc., and the first to require the display of the American flag at every meeting. He mentioned other characteristics of the order showing its high demands of manhood, patriotism and reverence in its members. Others who spoke were H. A. Brimmer, B. W. Miller and T. L. Heald, all past chancellors of Black Prince lodge, K. of P., of Lawrence, M. E. Murray of Littleton, noble grand of Nashobah lodge and Rev. Frank B. Crandall.

At the conclusion of the whist tournament it was found that the score was Harbinger lodge 236, Nashobah lodge 152. There was a tie for individual winners, Clarence Chase and Rev. Frank B. Crandall and Frank Harmon and Edward E. Sawyer having the same high scores. These four played off the Messrs. Chase and Crandall defeating Messrs. Harmon and Sawyer. The two winners received boxes of cigars.

Refreshments were served after the award of the prizes.

High School News. The chocolate which the high school pupils have been selling for the last three weeks is practically gone. The proceeds will be used to meet the expenses of next year's baseball team.

Miss Noble is ill at her home in Pittsfield. As a result, there have been no classes in domestic science this week.

At a meeting of the senior class Tuesday, officers for the year were elected as follows: Stanley Livingston, pres.; Myrtle Mullin, sec. and Margaret Murray, treas. Plans are under way for a dance to be held in Hardy's hall, Friday, December 10. The following are on the dance committee: Marguerite Clark, Doris Wood, Dorothy Carman, Helen Stone, Charles Corrie and the class officers.

Mr. Crandall has offered to give free coaching in modern languages to any seniors who are to take college entrance examinations. As he has been a college teacher, he will be glad to give any help to any student in selecting a college or arranging a college course.

District Court. On last Saturday morning Theodore J. Saucier of Fitchburg was before the court charged with larceny of \$300 from James S. Farrar of Townsend. It appeared from the evidence that Saucier in October, 1919, bought of one Matthews a Hudson motor-six touring car for \$500 to be paid in monthly payments of \$100 each. On May 5 of this year he sold the machine to Mr. Farrar for \$600, receiving \$300 down, the balance on delivery of the car. On his way home from Townsend he smashed the machine, but did not return Mr. Farrar's money. However, before this case came to trial he made a settlement with Mr. Farrar. The court found him not guilty of larceny. The complainant was represented by Attorney Charles E. O'Toole of Fitchburg and the defendant by Attorney Herbert W. Blake of Gardner.

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On Wednesday morning the continuing case of John Mazurek of Shirley was tried. At this time the shoes in question were identified more accurately by the witness who lost them, and the soldier who stole them and sold them to the defendant testified that he did so. There was no evidence that the defendant knew the shoes were stolen, but he was presumed to know they were government property and that for that reason he had no right to buy them. Ignorance of the law is no excuse, and the court found the defendant guilty and imposed a fine of twenty-five dollars which was paid. Attorney Robert H. J. Holden appeared for the defendant.

Dennis Baldrige, a soldier from Camp Devens, was in Wednesday morning also, charged with drunkenness, carrying a loaded revolver, and being in the company of a woman. The prisoner was one of the soldiers who came in on the last train from Lowell the night before, and was wildly drunk when he reached here. He had a loaded U. S. army revolver and threatened Chief of Police Beatty with it. The court continued the case until Thursday in order to take the matter up with the camp authorities. On Thursday morning it was reported to the court that the camp authorities were willing to let the law take its course in this case, the prisoner already being on probation. When questioned as to the reason for his probation the prisoner stated that it was for fifty days' absence from an office. The court found him guilty of carrying a loaded revolver, and imposed a fine of one hundred dollars; he was also found

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

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guilty of drunkenness and the case placed on file; on the charge of assaulting an officer he was found guilty and his case was continued nisi. The revolver which figured in the case was confiscated by the court.

A. W. C. At the meeting of the Woman's club held in Hardy's hall, Wednesday, December 1, Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, the president, gave an account of presidents' day at the Grotto Woman's club, which she and Mrs. Winifred T. Proctor had the pleasure of attending. The principal event of the afternoon was a "Talk on reconstructed France," presented by Miss Helen Peabody of Grotton. Although the weather was unfavorable a large audience enjoyed Miss Peabody's talk and were glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of meeting her personally.

Two pupils of Miss Edith Longley, Master Edward Hadlow and Miss Helen Stone, entertained with piano solos.

Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, the president, Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, Mrs. Sacie A. Sanders and Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverley attended recently day at the Shirley Altman club, Thursday, December 2.

Union Fair. The sixth annual union fair will open at two p. m. in town hall next Tuesday. Here one may purchase Christmas gifts to please every recipient, satisfy one's sweet tooth, ascertain one's future, receive a manicure, provide for the family table, enjoy a good meal accompanied by music and sip a good coffee.

The tea-room offers an attractive menu: sandwiches, salads, baked meats, rolls, ice cream, cake, tea, coffee. The little people are not forgotten; a luxurious garden of blossoms will bloom especially for them. Our well-known neighbor Grotton School, will present the farce, "The sleeping car," with the following cast: Amy Marx, John Abbott, Mrs. Roberts, Samuel Thorne, the westerner, John Ives, Willie Campbell, Francis LaFare, Mrs. L. G. Ashburn, man in the upper berth, John Whitney. This farce is written by William B. Howell, Robert Sanders was a former Ayer resident.

Tabernacle. A given appropriate to the occasion. Prof. Joranson of Grotton S. S. will present a play of hand trucks. Special music will be rendered on Wednesday evenings. The entertainment Wednesday evening will begin at 7.30.

During the past week some \$1000 from four to six hundred persons from the various churches. The evening music will be furnished by Scholt's orchestra. Music will be rendered during the tabernacle by Miss Edith Longley and Theodore W. Henry.

Puffer-Hazard Decision. Judge Keating has made an order for a decree in favor of the plaintiff in the equity suit brought by George I. Wilson as temporary guardian of Mabel E. Puffer, Arthur Garfield Hazard, and her sisters and others, to recover money and other property given by said Puffer to said Hazard in the spring of 1919. The trial began November 15 and continued until November 19. John M. Maloney appeared for the guardian and Lewis, Fox & Andrews of Boston for Mr. Hazard and the other defendants. The statement of findings and order for a decree are as follows:

Mabel E. Puffer was born in Ayer, graduated at the high school in Ayer and attended the Emerson School of Oratory at Boston. She was white, about forty-nine years old, and unmarried. She lived with her father at Ayer until he died in 1915, and after that she lived alone. She had known the defendant, Arthur Garfield Hazard, about fifteen years. He did chores for her father occasionally, and after her father's death he did chores for her at times. He was colored, about thirty-five years old and unmarried. On

March 1, 1919, he had practically no property. On several occasions between March 1, 1918, and July 1, 1919, she withdrew sums of money from banks, amounting to fifty-seven hundred dollars (\$5700), and gave them to the defendant, Arthur Garfield Hazard, and also gave him personal property other than money, which is described in the plaintiff's bill. Between said date and before and after 1919, in the likeness of different persons, no such person as Charles McKee or Charles H. McKee actually existed.

About March 1, 1919, she asked the defendant, Arthur Garfield Hazard, if he was Charles McKee and he said he was. Believing that he, Arthur Garfield Hazard, was Charles McKee, she was not mentally competent to do so. She had an insane delusion that it was ordained by God that she should marry Charles H. McKee, otherwise called Charles McKee, who appeared, as she believed, in the year 1919 and before and after 1919, in the likeness of different persons. No such person as Charles McKee or Charles H. McKee actually existed.

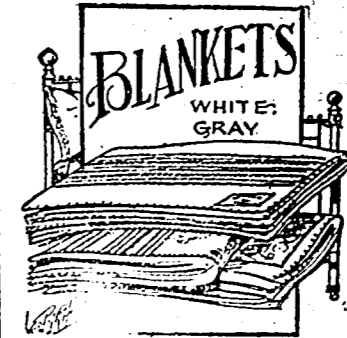
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The defendant Everett furnished bail for the defendant, Arthur Garfield Hazard, and received as compensation \$450 out of the money which Arthur Garfield Hazard received from Mabel E. Puffer. The defendant, William Hazard, brother of Arthur Garfield Hazard, received from Arthur Garfield Hazard \$50 of the money which Arthur Garfield Hazard received from Mabel E. Puffer. The defendant, William Hazard, received from Arthur Garfield Hazard \$50 of the money which Arthur Garfield Hazard received from Mabel E. Puffer. It is material to find that the defendants, Lewis, O'Neil, William Hazard and Everett, were not in the position of bona fide purchasers for value without notice when they received said sums of money.

Order for a decree. Ordered that a decree be entered declaring the gifts to Arthur Garfield Hazard from Mabel E. Puffer invalid; dismissing the bill without costs as to the defendants, Mary I. Hazard, Bertha Hazard, Annie Roland and Daniel C. Parsons; directing the defendant Lewis to pay to the plaintiff fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) with interest, and the defendant O'Neil to pay to the plaintiff five hundred dollars (\$500) with interest, and the defendant Everett to pay to the plaintiff four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) with interest, and the defendant, William Hazard, to pay to the plaintiff fifty dollars (\$50) with interest, and the defendant, Arthur Garfield Hazard, to pay to the plaintiff thirty-two hundred dollars (\$3200) with interest and costs, ordering the said Arthur Garfield Hazard to return to the plaintiff the two watches, the two gold pieces (one for \$10 and another for \$1) and the certificate for \$20 which are mentioned in the plaintiff's bill; and as to the other articles described in the plaintiff's bill (all of which it is admitted were taken by virtue of a search warrant), directing said Arthur Garfield Hazard to execute such release or other instruments as may be necessary to restore the plaintiff's title to them, and to enable her to get possession of them.

Town Meeting. A special town meeting was held in the town hall Monday evening at eight o'clock for the purpose of acting on two proposals for raising money. Howard B. White was elected moderator of the meeting. On motion of John D. Carney it was voted to pass over article 2, providing for raising money for the highways and bridges department.

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Article 3, the proposal to raise additional money for the school department, brought out considerable discussion. George H. Brown, speaking for the school committee, moved the expenditure for the schools of one thousand dollars on the condition of its being available in the town treasury at some future time. Mr. Brown admitted that the committee has technically violated the law in spending money in excess of the appropriation, but contended that circumstances that could not be foreseen had put the committee in the dilemma of exceeding the interests of the schools.

Mr. Brown declared that he had had no advance information that a ceiling was about to fall in the Pleasant street building and had not been able to foresee marked advances in the cost of school supplies. He added that but twice in the thirty years that he had managed the financial affairs of the schools had he underestimated the necessary expenditures for the coming year.

T. Frank Mullin, while recognizing the devotion of the school committee to the welfare of the schools, urged the voters to think carefully before they rode over the report of the advisory committee in its first act of service to the town.

John M. Maloney declared himself against the motion for the good reason that there was not in the town treasury and was not likely to be available such a sum as the motion named. He explained the necessity of the law prohibiting public officials from exceeding appropriations voted for particular public purposes. He pointed out the fact that the committee's fault was not one of motive but of method. He suggested that when the meeting was adjourned it should adjourn to a date near the end of the year and that the voters then see whether there was an available balance in the town treasury. If so it could, he suggested, be used to apply on the deficit, the balance of the deficit to be provided for in the budget of next year. In conclusion he declared that he must oppose the motion since, if passed, it could not mean anything.

Mr. Brown then withdrew his motion and moved instead that when the meeting was adjourned it should adjourn to December 30 at eight p. m. The motion was unanimously carried and the meeting was adjourned at nine o'clock.

Although not largely attended the meeting was marked by a fine spirit. The voters were in agreement with the advisory committee on the point of the school committee's error of method. Many of them could not, however, quite appreciate the advisory committee's super-sensitiveness of conscience in their struggle to see that loose plaster hanging over pupils' heads and bare lath, permitting draughts and loss of heat, were intimately related to the safety and health of the pupils. The combination of sharp disagreement, with friendliness, and constructive common-sense indicated a high level of civic feeling in the town.

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LITTLETON

News Items. Mrs. Leander Fisher is at Groton hospital for treatment. At the First Congregational parsonage, Friday, November 28, Rev. Carl G. Horst united in marriage Charles Calvin Fletcher of Ayer and Helen Evelyn Harriman of Pepperell. They will reside in West Groton.

Shirley. Shirley has made a splendid response to the Red Cross drive and David C. Lash, chairman of the membership committee, through the house-to-house canvass of his workers, has received \$225. At the President Susceptor factory every woman was made a Red Cross member by taking the money from the candy fund.

Thanksgiving gatherings. One of the largest Thanksgiving gatherings thus far recorded was that held at the Lawrence homestead on Thanksgiving day. The guests, with the regular members of the family, numbered upwards of eighty.

Community Church Notices. Morning service at 10:30. Rev. Mr. Dowbridge will preach. The decorations will be distributed and furnished by the members.

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PEPPERELL. News Items. William H. Brown, with college name home on Wednesday of last week for the holiday and week-end at his home, returning Sunday night.

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Saturday, December 4, 1920

PEPPERELL

News Items.

The body of Mrs. Allison Lakin, accompanied by her husband, was brought here on the early train Monday, coming from Florida where her death occurred the preceding week. But a few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Lakin started for Florida by auto, as they had for the past five years, as Mr. Lakin had been in the taxi business there for ten winters. Mrs. Lakin enjoyed the trip, but the second day after arrival she was taken ill and went to St. John's hospital, where her death followed.

A pleasant family dinner party of twelve met with Mr. and Mrs. Appleton at Blakesmere on Thanksgiving day, as is their usual custom. The observance of the day was made a double pleasure by the celebration of the birthday of Miss Natalie Blake. Mrs. Appleton has always held a party of some kind in celebration of this event, the twelve years of her grandniece's life and Miss Natalie was this year given a charming pink tea. The decorations of the rooms and table and colored candles adorning the birthday and individual cakes, were all of pink, and made a pretty scene. The young miss received many greetings and fine little gifts from friends present and absent.

Miss Nellie Elliot from Salem and Mr. and Mrs. James Hill and family enjoyed Thanksgiving day at the home of Mrs. Frank Dow. His relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kittredge and children motored here from Cambridge on Thanksgiving day, spending the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls Kittredge.

Ray Willoughby from Boston, with a friend, took dinner on Thanksgiving day with his sister, Mrs. Carroll Robbins, and family.

One of the many pleasant gatherings on Thanksgiving day was that of the E. W. Maxwell family at the home of Grant E. Maxwell in Townsend, where twenty-five from Townsend, Pepperell, Plymouth, Manchester and Brookline, N. H., enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving dinner. We understand that one son, A. E. Maxwell, who for some years has been successfully running a bakery in Plymouth, N. H., has sold his place and bought the Peterboro, N. H., bakery, where he will soon locate.

The woman's club will observe Children's day at Prescott hall on Saturday afternoon, December 4, by an entertainment by the "Ruth Fielding Players" at three o'clock. This is open to the public and children under fifteen years of age are admitted free. The entertainers come highly recommended and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

tem. It was well attended, about fifteen being present to discuss plans for the winter season and holidays. Mrs. Katherine Carter Smith was present with her sister, Miss Gertrude Carter, being at her old home on a short visit, also Miss Helen Willard, as the guest of Miss Wright. Miss Anna Boynton was appointed a committee from the club to confer with prospective committees and the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday evening. A social hour at the close of the business was enjoyed, the hostess serving light refreshments.

Little Donald Palmer, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Palmer, was brought home from the Memorial hospital on Tuesday, where he was hastily taken last week, following quite a serious accident for a small lad. While playing with an axe he struck his right hand a blow, which nearly severed one finger, broke the bones in two others, and cut a gash across his hand, requiring ten stitches to close. It is now hoped to save the injured finger without amputation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Darling spent their Thanksgiving with friends at South Hamilton, returning on Friday. The date of December 17 has been set for the annual firemen's ball, to be held at Prescott hall.

Bernard Hamilton and family have recently moved from the Marshall cottage at the end of Pleasant street and the house was immediately taken and ready to occupy. It is understood that the property will be sold and that there is already a prospective purchaser.

Charles Tucker has been in town several days this week adjusting the affairs of his aunt, the late Lizzie Tucker, and arranging for the removal of her remains. It is understood that the property will be sold and that there is already a prospective purchaser.

Miss Irene Whitcomb, now teaching at West Newton, was at her home over the holiday and week-end.

Incidence of the recent death of B. W. Richards at his home in New Boston, N. H., was conveyed to relatives in town, and Mrs. M. M. Richards, with Mr. Ross, attended the funeral services. Mr. Richards was for several years a resident in town, known as Will Richards during the years he was an employee at Leighton Bros' shoe factory, and later when he went into the concrete business with his brother, the late A. S. Richards, of this town. He left here about twenty years ago, buying the farm at New Boston, which he has since retained. He has been failing in health for a year past, but his death was due to a shock. Mr. Richards was in his 69th year, and is survived by a widow. That he was highly esteemed and respected in the community where he has made his home is shown by the large number who attended his funeral services, and the profusion of very beautiful flowers.

The E. H. Bakers have closed their house on Keyes' hill and returned to Boston.

The J. B. Hendersons closed their summer home at Rock Maple farm on Tuesday, going to Boston, where they will pass the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shattuck went to Fitchburg Thanksgiving day to pass the holiday with her relatives.

Mrs. Charles Parker and Mrs. Lucy Page were Thanksgiving day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Parker, Townsend street.

Mrs. E. A. Harrington was summoned from Leominster last week by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Marchant, and will remain with her until she is convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marsh from Springfield were guests over the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Mault.

William Mault continues to show marked improvement and moves about his place and rides out on pleasant days.

J. Fletcher Smith came from his duties as instructor at the Boys' school at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., to spend his Thanksgiving vacation at his home in town with his mother, Mrs. J. Walter Smith, and brother and sister, Mr. Smith is still in Europe and recently wrote of the great advancement the Belgians were making toward rebuilding and general improvement all along the railroads, which they are rebuilding, also.

The rain and illness resultant from the same on Wednesday morning caused many a fall and Mrs. Jasper Shattuck had the bad luck to break the bone in her left wrist, when crossing the walk to the letter box in front of her home. Mr. Shattuck's mother, Mrs. Alden Shattuck, at Winchendon, was telephoned to and will probably come to remain with her for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ham (Alice Dewar) will occupy the upper tenement in the Francis Conant house, Main street, their goods having already arrived from Lynn.

The local branch of the American Red Cross will meet in the rooms at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, December 8. There will be a business meeting and work will be finished on some of the children's garments, if possible, and the presence of everyone interested, where possible, is earnestly requested. Future meetings for work will be decided at this meeting, as additional garments are called for from headquarters.

Verner Bancroft went to Boston last week to pass the holiday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Farnum of Ayer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Grenache on Thanksgiving day.

Owing to the storm and bad walking on Wednesday evening, the East Village club was postponed one week, and will be held at the same place with Mrs. Alice Raymond on December 8, and the "Joke telling contest" will be the same, with an additional discussion on some of the Christmas plans of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Getchell from Cambridge were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Adams over Thanksgiving. Mrs. Getchell having been stopping with Mrs. Adams for a few weeks previous. Miss Sarah Pratt was also at the Adams home from Boston for the day.

Mrs. Julia Adams Lindsay and husband from Lowell were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adams over Thanksgiving and the week-end.

Miss Marie Jordan went to Providence, R. I., on Wednesday to visit her niece, Mrs. Rebecca Jordan, who has also stayed a while with her friend, Miss Annie Brown, at Auburn, R. I., whose mother is quite ill.

The Christmas seals are finding ready purchasers from the group of school-children who have the work of household canvass. They are sold this year under the auspices of the National Tuberculosis association and will be by the committee of the Red Cross.

Miss Hope Davison came from Boston last week to open her cottage on Townsend street for a short vacation.

Charles Andrews from Hudson was the guest of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Andrews, on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. L. J. Dow went to Nashua on Tuesday to see her daughter, Mrs. Lester Torrey, and week-old granddaughter, Charlotte Marion, at the St. Joseph hospital.

Miss Vida Patch returned home this week from a visit with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mitchell, at Peterboro over Thanksgiving.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Hazel Storer on Thanksgiving day to Edward Pace at Brookline, N. H., the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. R. Child, Mr. and Mrs. Pace are to reside with E. C. Storer at Brookline, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thiberson has been acting as caretaker at the Miss Lizzie Tucker house, since the death of the owner, and assisting Charles Tucker and wife to pack and care for the goods. It is understood that one of the relatives, Mrs. Dorothy Lanprecht, in Cleveland, is unable to attend to business at this time, as she has been ill.

A few of the prominent citizens of the center with their wives and sweethearts, called on E. C. Chapman and wife, on Saturday evening, November 27, to welcome them to their city. E. L. T. Bell is prominent in tall hat and brass buttons, is in command of the firing squad; Fred Bennett, scoutmaster; Leroy Nutting, bandmaster. After playing a few choice selections they were present in and spent a short social evening. They returned to the center by way of the clubhouse, the boulevard and Townsend street, serenading the citizens along the line of march. Everybody reported a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. Fred Hartwell and little grand-son, Hartwell Bell, returned home this week from Beverly, where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Lorain Sanford.

Jerry and Oliver Thayer and sister, Miss Katherine, from Epping, N. H., were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Hall, on the occasion of the Men's club entertainment and dance on Monday night. The music by the three-piece orchestra was much liked, as the trio are true musicians, and it was more than pleasant to meet these former Pepperell young folks once more. The young men have positions at the station at Epping, and Miss Katherine is now the English teacher at the Junior high school at Dedham. It was unfortunate that the announcement of their coming could not have been made on the posters and newspapers, but the decision could not be made until late, owing to a previous engagement which had to be adjusted in order to secure the free date here in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood and friends motored here from Springfield recently for a stay of only a few hours with their aunt, Mrs. George H. Stewart, and family. Their stay was shortened by the storm of rain and sleet, which came up about noon and hastened their departure.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Helen Evelyn Harriman and Charles Calvin Fletcher, which took place quietly on Friday afternoon, November 26, at the Congregational church at Littleton, the Rev. Mr. Huse, officiating. Miss Harriman is a former Pepperell girl, although resident in Winchendon for a short time. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher are to reside here with Mrs. Harriman at Littleton.

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HARVARD TOWNSEND

News Items. Married December 2 at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. Arthur W. Dyer, Frank Albert Pollard and Mrs. Cora Munroe.

Mrs. Emma Atherton spent Thursday in town visiting her brother, Albert Bigelow, and calling on old friends.

Allan Hazard has had his residence on the Ayer road refinished and papered inside, parties from Leominster doing the work.

The Misses Della and Susan Haggood have had a telephone installed.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Shattuck have closed their house for the cold weather and will spend the time with their daughter in Malden.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bagster will be pleased to know of the arrival of a baby girl, born at her home in Portland.

E. F. Houghton has installed a water pressure system in his house with bath room and other modern appliances.

Frank Pollard and Mrs. Monroe spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pollard at Ayer.

Still River. Mrs. Bridget Joyce has closed her house for the winter and has gone to Boston to stay with her daughters.

Miss Alice Marshall has gone to Toledo, O., for the winter, making another house here shut up.

Mrs. Gussman has been in Boston three days this week.

Mr. Dalby and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McNamara have closed their summer places here and gone to Newton for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Walker of Marlboro and his sisters Marjory of Worcester and Bernice of Wrentham spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Walker.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes CARD OF THANKS, Work on the road in the village that completes the link to the state road at Farnsworth's corner is now practically finished, and it is now hoped that we will not be troubled with the deep mud of the coming spring, which has been a great trouble for many years.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes ITEMS OF INTEREST, Use cold tea or coffee to wet house painters; it acts as a fertilizer. White organdie bands form the only trimming on a black taffeta silk frock. The use of silk ribbons to tie up cigars originated in Cuba. Done buttons make a good contrast when used with a white silk knitted sweater. The buttons are smoked. Artificial flowers in colored silk are fastened carefully over the surface of white organdie frocks with good effect. Women who wear shields in their dresses will find it very convenient to sew little snaps to the shields and to their sleeves so that they can be changed from one dress to another quickly. During the middle ages and in the renaissance period brides wore crimson to the exclusion of all other colors. It is recorded that the Colosseum at Rome had accommodation for 87,000 spectators. The Bible has been translated into 150 languages and dialects.