

**PEPPERELL**

**News Items.**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaulbeck from Ailston came on Saturday to remain with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Johnson over the holiday.

Frank McCormack, one of the ex-soldiers who has been at the Homestead Convalescent Home for nearly a year, and whose wife boarded here in town last summer for a short time, has finally been discharged, and entered a vocational school near Boston. He made many friends while here by his quiet, gentlemanly ways.

John A. Frossard left on Wednesday for an extended trip to Pennsylvania and from there into the middle west, installing some of his machines in the various papermills in that section.

The Pepperell Card shop resumed operations last week, and it is stated are to run five days a week for the present.

Mrs. Leonard Nodding came from Reading Saturday to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frossard, previous to their departure.

Charles Harris from Lowell spent Sunday and the holiday of the 22nd in the family of his nephew, A. H. Harris.

Mrs. J. E. Andrews was called to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Farnsworth, Ayer, last week for a few days. Mrs. Farnsworth was ill with tonsillitis.

Miss Mildred Lunt is having a protracted vacation at home from her school teaching at Beverly, as she is suffering from trouble with her eyes, which seems to affect her whole system.

Mrs. Alden K. Shattuck, a former resident here, is reported as critically ill at her home at Winchendon.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy and son

went to visit relatives at West Acton over Sunday.

Fred Durgin, assistant station agent on the Boston & Maine, W. N. P. division, started for town on Monday morning by auto as usual from his home in Dunstable. The drifts proved too stiff a proposition for his car and he was forced to abandon the trip. As he did not get back to Dunstable in time for the train he did not reach Pepperell during the day.

Celia and Beverly Potter from Brookline are at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blake, as their mother, Mrs. Althea Blake Potter, recently sustained a fractured left arm while skating.

William Grace, one of the patients at the Homestead Convalescent Home for some months, was transferred to New York last week. He received his discharge last summer in June, and went from here to his former home in Virginia, but at that season the weather proved too warm for his health, and he returned to the Homestead. He has an injury to the head which the surgeons of the hospital and a specialist of Boston, whom he recently consulted, fail to relieve.

From his long stay here and excellent address he won many friends among those with whom he mingled.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wilson, who received an injury to the head by falling a few weeks ago, is said to be improving. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are still remaining with A. A. Gilson and his sister, Miss Annie Shirley street.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held at the Community church vestry, on Tuesday afternoon, March 1. The program will be changed, the speaker being furnished by the State Federation of Women's Clubs. A program of music will be arranged by the committee, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge.

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Miss Hazel Soule, from Worcester and Mr. Yeaton, a friend from Hillsboro, N. H., spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Soule.

Duncan Rice, assistant to Electrician Allen, had a fortunate escape from serious injury last Friday at the Paper mill. While adjusting a fuse without pulling out the switch, he received a charge at the side of the head, when the fuse burst. His eyes were affected, and his hand badly burned. He suffered extremely while trying to find a physician, and reach his home, a distance of a mile and a half. On Saturday he went into Boston to consult a specialist, in company with his sister, Mrs. Dora DeRenzo who was visiting here from Boston. He has returned home, as it is thought his eyesight will not be injured, although it will be some time before he recovers from all his injuries.

Relatives in town received the message on Wednesday morning, of the death of Mrs. Dana Fletcher, of Townsend Harbor. Mrs. Fletcher was a native of Pepperell, but has lived in Townsend for many years. She leaves a brother, Henry Lakin of this town, who is the last member of that family, of five children, Mrs. Fletcher also leaves a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Knight, of Townsend Harbor, and a grandson, Harry Knight, of Somerville. Services will be held at her late home on Saturday afternoon, at two o'clock, and burial will be in Pepperell, in the Walton cemetery.

Austin, the year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Carr, of South street, died of pneumonia, Wednesday morning.

The child was the youngest of a family of eight brothers and sisters. Brief services were held at the house on Friday, and the body was placed in the tomb in the Groton cemetery.

Mrs. Sidney Tower returned on Thursday to her duties at Berwick schools.

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An all-day hike is planned for Boy Scouts, troop 2, on Wednesday of next week, meeting their scoutmaster, Mr. Rust, at the Methodist parsonage at eight o'clock in the morning. Several tests will be taken which are possible only when the ground is covered with snow, such as tracking, etc.

Miss Mabel Spooner, who has been stopping on Tower Hill with her sister, Mrs. H. N. Tower, went to Annisquam the last of this week.

The regular meeting of the Branch Alliance will be held on Thursday, March 3, at usual hour, at the home of Mrs. N. W. Appleton, Blakebarnere.

Katherine Hobart, who spent Sunday and the holiday at her home, returned to her studies at Simmons College, Boston, Wednesday morning.

The Hope Circle were again congratulated on the success of their powers of entertaining, the Washington party held by them at the Methodist church being a pretty and patriotic affair. The committee of the Circle, the Misses Emily Patterson, McClellan and Hilda and Hope Hobbart, in the short time given them, made artistic use of flags and bunting to ornament the walk and stage, the portrait of our first president being placed conspicuously. Music and songs filled the room until the refreshments were served, which were appropriate to the occasion, consisting of Washington pies and hot cocoa. Miss McNayr was assisted by Mrs. J. R. Patterson and Mrs. Walter Blinn in serving the same.

The next meeting of the Men's club will be held at Orange hall, on Monday evening, February 23, at eight o'clock. Bennett Springs, the magician, will be the entertainer. Chowder supper will be served.

Ernest Nash and wife, from Chelsea, spent the 22nd at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash, River street.

Mrs. Lawrence Smith went to Lynn to visit over Sunday, returning on the 22nd. Her sister, Mrs. Susie Danforth, kept house for her, returning to her home in Tyngsboro, Wednesday.

Considering the snowy streets there was a good gathering at the parlors of Mrs. H. N. Tower, on Monday afternoon, to enjoy Mr. Whitmarsh, and his presentation of Current Events. Another talk will be given at the same place in two weeks, alternating with the talks at the Lawrence Library, and it is hoped a larger number will be able to avail themselves of the privilege.

Miss Margaret Handley attended the reception given to Governor and Mrs. Channing Cox in the hall of flags at the state house, Boston, February 22.

Mrs. Louisa C. James of Boston will give a reading in the Lawrence library, Wednesday evening, March 2, at eight o'clock. Her selection will be John Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln," a play which has attracted wide attention and is being played in Boston at the present time. There is no charge for admission and all are welcome.

Among the successful applicants for admission to the bar of the state appears the name of Miss Anna E. McGrath, who formerly resided in this town and attended the public schools here. Miss McGrath is a graduate of the class of '20 of the Portia Law school, receiving in June of last year the degree of LL.B. magna cum laude. The admission of the successful applicants is to take place on March 18.

Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts, hiked to the pumping station Saturday, where they had received permission to establish a permanent camp. After a hearty dinner cooked over the campfire they took the trail for the Campbell lot to look at a camp there. The trip home was a "hike" except for five of the boys, who are making the "hike" home through Townsend. The Troop have come across with 76 tests during February up to this date, and are now out to make it a clean 100. The work of the Troop has been much hindered by lack of a suitable camp site and equipment. With a good camp site now in view, the loan or gift of camp equipment, new or used, would be much appreciated by the boys.

Shirley Auxiliary Entertain.

On Friday evening of last week the members of the Shirley auxiliary of the American Legion entertained the convalescent soldiers now at the Homestead, acting under the direction of the State Legion auxiliary, of which Mrs. O'Brien of Lexington, is in charge. Pepperell is included in the district of Concord, Lexington, Bedford and Shirley. Mrs. Frederic Parker, president of the Pepperell Women's auxiliary had notification to cooperate with the committee from Shirley.

Saunders' hall was fairly well filled and the program presented by the visitors was excellent. The sketch, "The champion of her sex," was presented by the following cast of characters: Mrs. Beaton, Maggie, the maid; Mrs. Hester, Mrs. Hester, a widow; Mrs. Hester, Florence, a student from college; Dolly Knowles, Rhoda, her sister; Irene Jubb, Polly, another friend; Kathleen Miner, Caroline, a step-sister; Mrs. Howe, Katie, the maid; Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Duplex, "The champion of her sex." The play was finely acted, the entire presentation showing a good dramatic ability. Solo dancing by little Miss Anna Sissette was a very pleasing feature.

The young men from the Homestead, appreciating the efforts of their entertainers, decided on the occasion by several songs. William Bailey gave "Down the road to your dear nest"; Mr. Dunlap, "We'll take the place of Mary"; and Mrs. Bailey and O'Donnell brought in the house by their humorous "Down on the Bamboo Isle."

An hour following the program, Mrs. Kathleen Miner from Shirley, assisted by Miss Irene Saltor of Pepperell auxiliary, furnishing music.

The coffee from Shirley furnished refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and cake, and the party broke up about one o'clock, the boys at the Homestead giving three cheers for the Shirley auxiliary.

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\$ 7.00 Trousers, now ..... <b>\$5.50</b>	\$1.00 Heavy Wool Hose, now ..... <b>79¢</b>
\$10.00 Trousers, now ..... <b>\$7.50</b>	75c Heavy Wool Hose, now ..... <b>50¢</b>
	50c Contocook Hose, now ..... <b>29¢</b>

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\$3.00 values, now <b>\$2.35</b>	\$6.50 values for <b>\$5.00</b>	\$10.00 Brown Shoes, now <b>\$7.50</b>
\$3.50 values, now <b>\$2.75</b>	\$7.50 values for <b>\$6.50</b>	\$8.50 Brown Shoes, now <b>\$6.50</b>
\$2.50 Boys', now <b>\$1.75</b>	<b>BOYS' SHOES</b>	\$7.50 Brown Shoes, now <b>\$5.50</b>
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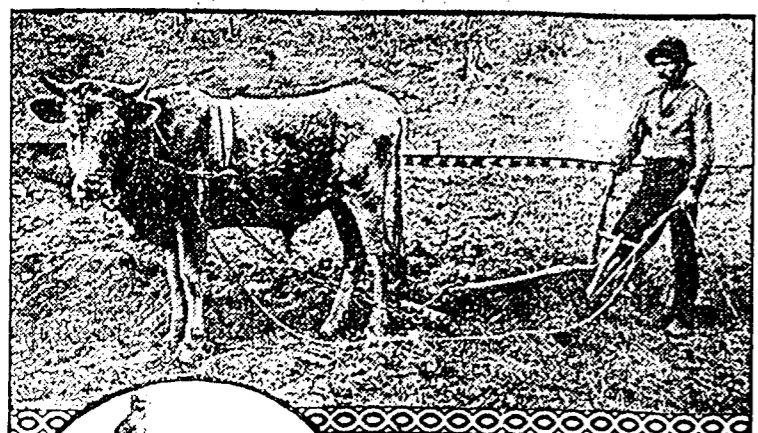
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Quality of Live Stock Important. On farms where live stock is an important enterprise, the quality of the stock is very important. On a majority of farms, except in the South and certain of the Western states, more of the crops are fed to live stock than are sold direct. On many farms the animals are the market for the crops, hence the production of these is a most important factor in farm profits.

The Essential Factors. There are a number of factors which materially affect success in the organization and management of farms. Some are of greater importance than others, some may be disregarded without serious consequences; but as a rule the profits derived from farming depend very largely upon the extent to which certain essential features of organization and management have been adopted and adhered to, say farm management specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Many farmers realize but meager incomes because their business is small. Such men often feel that their farm business is sufficiently large to keep them busy the entire year, when, as a matter of fact, the actual results accomplished represent less than a half year's work. Say farm management specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. A large volume of business may be done on a farm of few acres, while only a small business may be conducted on a poorly managed farm of much larger acreage.

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Well-Balanced Farm Profitable. A well-balanced farm business is nearly always profitable. The farms that are as good or better than the average of their community in all four of the factors here mentioned seldom fail to make a good profit. Thus, if a farm is devoted to a type of farming adopted to its conditions, if it is as good or better than the average in size of business, yield of crops, production of live stock, and efficiency in the use of labor, and is adequately and economically equipped, it is almost certain to be profitable.

Unusual Corners, Steep Slopes and Poor Soils Afford Good Opportunities for Timber. Steep slopes, poor soil, rocky land, unusual corners, gullied and wooded tract—all these afford opportunity for growing timber profitably. Certain kinds of trees, like the locust, build up poor soil through the nitrogen-gathering bacteria in the root nodules. Small gullies can be stopped up by closely packed brush and treetops. Large, open gullies are checked only by planting over the entire gully basin, supplemented by low brush dams across the large units of the gully.

Useful Homemade Limekiln. Where Necessary Materials Are Obtainable Farmer Can Prepare His Own Lime. When there is a source from which the farmer can obtain limestone or oyster or clam shells he can prepare his own lime by grinding or burning. If small amounts of lime are needed the burning of the material furnishes lime more cheaply than does grinding. Says the United States Department of Agriculture. Two rows of cordwood mixed with lighter kindling are put down to form a layer. Next comes a layer of coal, then a layer of limestone, and after this alternate layers of coal and limestone. One part of coal should burn several parts of stone. When the pile is laid up the whole is covered with a layer of earth and the kindling ignited. As the burning continues the gas must be allowed to escape through a hole at the top of the pile or the process will not be entirely satisfactory. Oyster shells and clam shells may be burned in the same way. The fire should be always under control and precautions taken to allow the flames to penetrate the layers of stone or shell.

Denmark Leads in Pigs. Ireland, supposed to be the great country for pigs, has, in fact, only one pig for every three persons, while Denmark has one pig for every two human beings.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Mrs. William P. Cutter, Mrs. C. J. Worcester and Miss Agnes Tomlinson attended the funeral of the late Mr. Wellington Hardy in Arlington, Vt., Wednesday afternoon.

Ernest Woodin and Clifton... were at home from the New Hampshire state college for the winter and holiday.

The friends of Henry W. Hollis will be interested to hear that the plans submitted by him for the bridge on the Wabash railroad track through the city of St. Louis were approved and accepted.

Jason Young, who has been seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Hayden, is reported so much better that he has allowed his nurse to go.

At the Grange meeting, Tuesday evening, March 1, the fourth district will be worked on a class of six, deputy inspection, and a harvest supper in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baker. A full attendance is desired, and generous contributions for the supper.

The stereopticon lecture this week is entitled "4000 miles through Africa." The W. R. C. held their regular meeting Tuesday evening. After the routine business a social time was enjoyed with games and dancing.

A lunch of cherry pies and Washington pies was served. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a birthday cake to Mrs. Flora Hardy by Mrs. Addie Hale in behalf of the corps. This was in the form of a Washington pie and was decorated with cherries and a hatchet.

George Walsh is restricted to his bed with an attack of tonsillitis. The annual school meeting will be held at the lower town hall Saturday March 5, at 2:30 o'clock. There should be a good attendance, as business importance is coming up for consideration.

Mrs. Samuel L. Gerould announces the marriage of her daughter, Marion Locke, to William Francis Brophy, on Tuesday, February 8. Miss Minnie Colburn was chosen alternate to the regent to the Continental Congress held in Washington in April.

Recent news from Marcellus J. Powers is that he is improving. Hazel Lougee is home from Plymouth Normal school for the week-end and holiday.

Mrs. Emma Goodwin is stopping with her daughter, Mrs. George F. Hill, and family. Frances Goodwin spent the week-end and holiday at George F. Hill's and attended the Bell-Worcester wedding. Miss Goodwin and Erving Simonds, who was home from Durham for the wedding, were with the bride, the only members of the class of 1919, Hollis high school.

There were about 175 who attended the supper in charge of the men Monday night. Harry D. Verder, who had charge, was assisted by William B. Simonds, Willis C. Hardy, George Morrill and David Erskin, while Rev. Robert M. French had charge of the entertainment that followed the supper. This consisted of vocal selections by Wesley Ladd; recitation by Phoenix Baker; selections on the harmonica by G. Hammond Colburn; recitation, David Erskin; George Morrill played the bones, accompanied by Helen Morrill on the piano, singing of patriotic songs by the ladies. Games were played and a social time enjoyed.

The three-act comedy, "Aaron Slick from Pumpkin Creek," presented by the junior class of the high school, was played to a full house and everyone was a star in his or her part. Those taking part were John Mercer, Alan Orr, Leora Locke, Rosalie Williams, Hannah Barton, Alice Barton and Mildred Lund. The class felt greatly indebted to Mrs. Nellie C. Hardy and Mrs. Elizabeth Colburn for their assistance at rehearsals and the night of the play. Lund's orchestra furnished the music for the dancing that followed the play. A good sum was realized.

Henry W. Hayes of Arlington, who with Mrs. Hayes, spends the summer in Hollis, has been called to St. Louis by the city engineer to give expert advice on moving the tracks of the Wabash railroad that run through the city. Mr. Hayes is employed by the city of Boston and was chosen from among four or five others.

Mrs. Worcester, accompanied by her daughter, Helen, and Miss Agnes Tomlinson, motored to Wellsley on Saturday and brought Miss Elizabeth Worcester home. She will spend the week with her home people.

Miss Florence Taitte is enjoying a week's vacation from her duties as teacher in Brighton, Mass. Rodney T. Hardy and his brother, Charles, of Arlington motored up from there Friday and on Saturday were joined by Frank Walker, Ralph Smith and Leo Quimby, all of Arlington, who stayed over till the 22nd. The same party, with the addition of Mr. Hayes, were at the bungalow last year over the 22nd, but the conditions were quite different. At that time it was impossible to get up Love Lane to the bungalow, owing to snowshoes, there being drifts six or eight feet deep. About a foot of snow fell Sunday, however, so the "boys" had a chance for a good tramp on snowshoes, adding a good deal of pleasure to their little outing.

Mrs. Kenneth Wilson and Kenneth, Jr., were guests of Mrs. Anna Bell from Friday till after the holiday. Mr. Wilson joined them Monday to attend the Bell-Worcester wedding, and they returned to Piteburgh with him. Kenneth, Jr., celebrated his second birthday Saturday, February 19.

Mrs. Mary Burge celebrated her birthday February 22. She was the recipient of many cards and good wishes and friends called to wish her many happy returns of the day.

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society will meet at the ladies' parlour Thursday afternoon, March 3. Mrs. Mary Cutter Hardy, wife of Wellington Hardy, died suddenly at her home in Arlington, Mass., Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. Mrs. Hardy was born in Louisville, Kentucky, July 17, 1847. She was the daughter of John H. and Susan (Pool) Cutter, and came to Hollis with her parents when quite young and lived here until her marriage July 14, 1874, to Wellington Hardy, also of Hollis. She is survived by her widower, one daughter, Mrs. John Sawyer, a grandson, John Sawyer, Jr., of Arlington, a twin brother, Dr. William P. Cutter of Hollis, and two sisters, Mrs. Ralph E. Tenney of Hollis and Mrs. Charles Gage of Andover, Mass., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Francis A. Lovejoy and the Misses Doris, Bernice and Hazel Lovejoy, John and Kenneth Mercer went to Lowell last Monday and heard Resbiter, the violinist.

Mrs. George W. Hardy celebrated her birthday, the 22nd, by entertaining Miss Hazel Stark and Guy Warden of Melrose, Mass., Graham Blood of Wrentham, Mass., and Fred C. Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lovejoy and family are a bit anxious about their son Raymond, radio operator on S. S. Ozark, as he writes he is far from well and had been in bed 29 hours out of 24, but he tells them not to worry.

Wedding. A wedding of a good deal of local interest took place Tuesday afternoon, February 22, when Helen Day Worcester, daughter of Mrs. C. Fred Worcester and Harry H. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Bell, were married at the home of the bride's mother. The house was prettily decorated with pine, hemlock and other winter greens, and the marriage service took place in the living-room in the presence of about fifty relatives and close friends. Rev. Robert M. French performed the ceremony, using the double ring service, and the bride was given away by her grandfather, Robert Tenney. Miss Elizabeth T. Worcester, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Charles E. Bell, brother of the groom, was best man. Mrs. George Ladd played the wedding march.

The bride wore a gown of white georgette, her hair being fastened with orange blossoms that her grandfather, Mrs. Ralph E. Tenney, wore at her own wedding over 40 years ago. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses and foehsia. The bridesmaid's gown was of orange canton crepe, and she carried a bouquet of white crepe de chine. The going-away gown was blue tulle with a hat of henna crepe de chine. The bride's mother wore soft grey crepe de chine.

Page of Lowell catered for the occasion, serving a luncheon of chicken salad, rolls, cakes, leas, coffee, nuts and olives.

There were many beautiful gifts of silver, glass, china, etc. The happy couple left on the four o'clock train for North Conway. On their return they will go to house-keeping in an apartment finished off for the bride at the Bell homestead. The bride and groom are both descendants of two of the oldest families in the city, their ancestors responding to the first call in revolutionary days.

Those present from out of town were Miss Abby Flagg, Miss Lillian Sawyer, Miss Marion Worcester, Cambridge, Mass.; Miss Butterfield, Ayer, Mass.; Dr. and Mrs. Horace Howe and children, Mrs. Helen Leighton, and Miss Leighton, Boston, Mass.; Dr. and Mrs. Edward Howe, Pepperell, Mass.; Mrs. Dodge, Littleton, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, Piteburgh, Mass.; Mrs. William C. Hardy, Ralph Hardy, Amy Hardy, Arlington, Mass.; Rodney C. Hardy, Andover, Mass.; Blanch Wright, Brookline, Mass.

News Items. Mrs. Jennie Fessenden entertained the social club at her home Thursday afternoon, February 17. There was a large attendance with three little visitors. Considerable business was transacted, and after its completion a short literary program was given. During the social hour selections on the victrola were much enjoyed. The hostess served a lunch of fancy cookies, crackers, tea and cocoa. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Mildred Gilmour, February 24.

Mrs. Stephen Barnaby visited her sister, Mrs. Hinds of Townsend hill, last Friday. Mrs. Etta Rockwood left last Thursday for Lisbon to make an extended visit with her children, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Rockwood.

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HOMER'S AYER. Tel. 8020. After dinner remarks were made, stories told and poems recited by the members. Mrs. Della Hall was presented with a dainty gift in honor of her birthday. Mrs. Blanche Taylor was presented with a cut glass fruit dish by the Sunbonnets. A very interesting letter was read from a member, Mrs. Ella Tucker, of Quincy, Mass. The meeting was a most enjoyable one.

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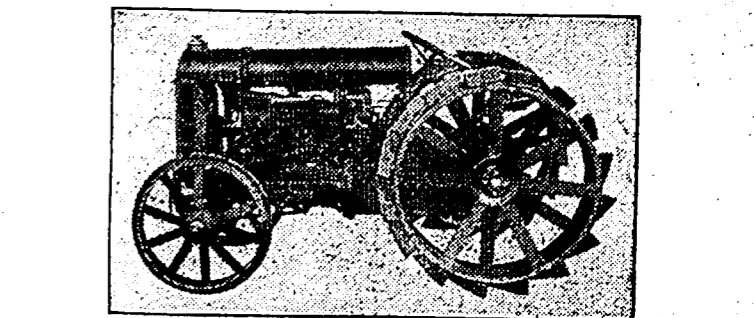
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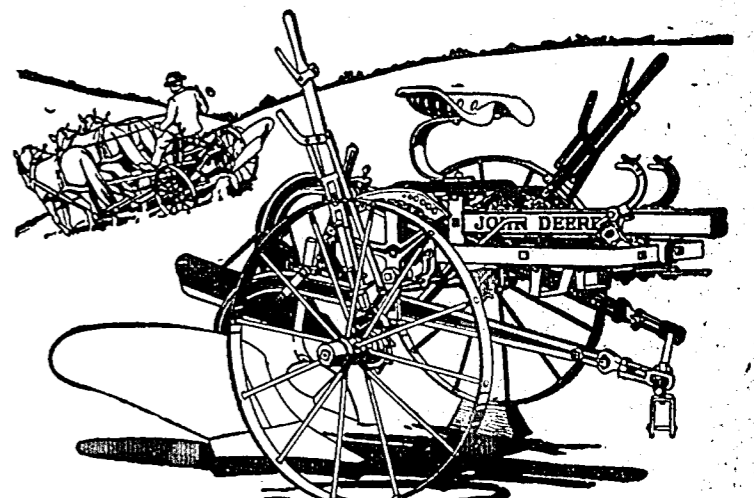
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The Unitarian Girls' club will meet at the home of Mrs. Nina Beverly, High street, Wednesday evening, March 2. Mrs. Beverly and Mrs. J. Harold Atwood, hostesses.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. Emma Kinney Nairn have received the welcome news that Mr. Nairn and herself are to return east and locate in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Nairn's company has transferred him from Pittsburgh, his present headquarters, to New York.

Miss Ethel M. Nixon spent the weekend as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Parker of Lowell. Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks and niece, Miss Margaret Eaton, spent the holiday with relatives in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Jones have been seriously ill at their home in Guilford, Mass. Harry Mack, principal of the Leicester High school, and Mrs. Mack are in town to remain over Washington's birthday as guests of Mrs. Mack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William I. Sherman.

Washington's Birthday Dinner. The annual Washington's birthday dinner given jointly by the Branch Alliance and the Girls' club of the Unitarian church was a notable success in every respect. The dinner was served cafeteria style this year for the first time.

Proctor's Strand, Ayer

PROCTOR & DONAHUE, Lessees. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26. Tom Moore in "HOLD YOUR HORSES." Charlie Chaplin in "The Champion." Pathe News.



MY FRIEND, THE WAY OF LIFE, IS LOVE. This picture was recently given its first showing at the Strand and Broadway Theatres, New York.

Special Prices—Matinee, Adults 25¢ Children 10¢. Evenings, Adults 35¢ Children 15¢. THURSDAY, MARCH 3. William Fairbanks in "A WESTERN ADVENTURER." Sennett Comedy.

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VELVET IN FAVOR

Soft Fabric Invades the Realm of Evening Gowns.

Lovely Creations Evolved Indicate the Material Will Hold Sway Indefinitely.

Velvet has invaded the realm of evening gowns, and judging from the way it has been received and from some of the lovely creations evolved, it will remain a favored medium for some time.

One gown is of a delicate shade of French blue panne velvet with touches of gold for trimming. The bodice is made on classic lines and is cut so that the wide shoulder straps are included, and there are no seams.



Evening Frock of French Blue Panné Velvet, With Gold Lace Tunic.

Hangs comparatively straight on the other. A tunic of silver lace appears from beneath the draped bodice and hangs obliquely, so that its lower edge is above the velvet drapery on one side of the skirt, but slants down almost to the hem of the undraped side.

SUITS FOR WEAR IN COUNTRY

Homespun and Tweeds in Attractive Colorings Make Good-Looking Outfits for General Use.

Homespun and tweeds in the loveliest of colorings make some extremely good-looking suits for winter sports or just general country wear. They will give a warm dash of color to the landscape on days when the ground is covered with snow and the air is chilly.

CREPE DE CHINE IS LIKED

Fabric Retains Prominence in Frocks Most of Which Have Plaitings in Grand Array.

It is not easy to find a frock that is not built of crepe de chine. Even at night crepe predominates. All these frocks have plaitings used in a bewildering mixture of lines and scallops. You can distinguish the American from the French woman by the tying of the slender girdle.

One historian estimates that it cost Spain only \$7,000 to discover America. It cost European militarists a great deal more than that.

Aviation is to be added to collegiate sports. It will probably be much affected by those students apt to be falling down in their studies.

According to Earl Curzon, the British drink bill is "staggering." If the mere bill staggers, what must the drink itself do to Britain?

MUCH FARM PRODUCE IS MARKETED DIRECT

Many Farmers Are Making Good Use of Motortrucks.

Producers Living Near Cities Often Can Sell Advantageously to Consumers—Middleman's Profit Is Eliminated.

A large amount of farm produce is marketed by the use of motortrucks. While a relatively small amount of this marketing is done direct to consumers, many persons have made use of motortrucks in their direct marketing.

A man who lives near Providence, R. I. for several months every autumn obtains orders for sufficient produce to require two or three trips a week with a motortruck. His orders are obtained from old customers and by advertising. Double or return postal cards are sent to old customers. The first half of the card gives information and prices, while the return card bears the address of the producer on one side and an order blank on the other.

New customers are obtained by the recommendations of old customers and by advertising. Small but attractive advertisements are placed in newspapers. Consumers are requested to order by postal card or telephone. Payment for produce is collected upon delivery.

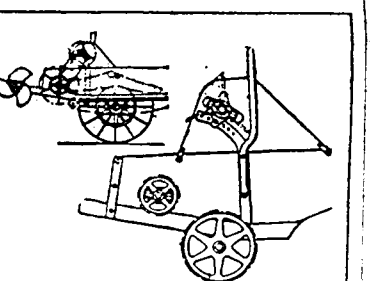
The loads of produce average about one ton in weight. Apples, potatoes and cider are the principal articles sold. About 15 or 20 stops on routes about 25 miles in length are made in disposing of a load of produce.

This method of marketing requires more time than to market wholesale, but many persons who are located favorably, can market in this way at a slight additional expense and deliver to the consumer produce which is loaded at the farm and not handled until it is delivered in the consumer's cellar. In this way less waste occurs than in many other methods of marketing.

HANDLING MANURE SPREADER

Implement Shown in Illustration is Lowered or Raised According to Nature of Load.

The new feature of the spreader shown in the illustration is that the upper beater can be raised or lowered according to the nature of the manure.



Manure Spreader.

It is lowered when the spreader is loaded shallow with heavy manure, and it is raised when the spreader is loaded high with light manure.

RATION FOR EGG PRODUCTION

Combination of Corn, Bran, Middlings and Tankage Is Recommended for Hen Flock.

A practical ration for good egg production is mash and scratch grains as follows: Make up a grain ration of 15 pounds of corn and 7 pounds of mash. Mix up 5 pounds of bran, 5 pounds of middlings and 3 pounds of tankage. The birds should eat the 13 pounds of mash while consuming the 25 pounds of scratch grain. If meat scrap is used in place of tankage, use 3 1/2 pounds, since it contains 10 per cent less protein. Feed only one-third of the daily grain ration in the morning in deep litter. This encourages the hens to eat their mash just before they go to roost and this should last them about twelve hours.

INCREASE OF DRAFT HORSES

Larger Number on Farms Shows How Agricultural and Transportation Needs Are Growing.

The United States census for 1910 revealed 19,833,000 horses and 4,210,000 mules on farms. The Department of Agriculture estimate for January 1, 1920, shows 21,100,000 horses and 4,900,000 mules on farms, or an increase of 1,278,000 horses and 785,000 mules in the last decade. Besides this we exported, during the nine years ending June 30, 1919, 1,140,763 horses and 376,836 mules. The rise in prices for good draft horses and mules, in spite of the existence of more than 21,000,000 horses and almost 5,000,000 mules on farms, indicates how agricultural and transportation needs are growing.

If prophets of a slump in the price of foodstuffs prove true ones, they have enthusiastic honor in their own country.

The women of the land are so busy improving their political prospects that the leap year privileges are passing unnoticed.

Prevailing fashions indicate that women are seeing not only how little they can get along with, but how much they can do without.

DEFECT IN EXISTING MAPS

That They Are Not Drawn to Uniform Scale Is Felt to Be an Educational Handicap.

It has long been the dream of geographers to make a series of maps of the world on a uniform scale. Indeed, it is considered unfortunate for school children that the geographies do not show all countries by maps on a single, uniform scale for unless a student observes very carefully the figures showing the area of the country mapped he is likely to get the impression that certain distant lands, which are generally mapped on a small scale, are smaller than those with which he is most familiar. Take Australia, for example. The maps in the geographies now used in most of our schools show it on a small scale—about one-third as large as that used for the map of the United States; yet Australia is, in fact, nearly as large as the United States—only about one-fourth (25 per cent) smaller. China is generally shown smaller in area than the United States, yet it is about one-third larger.

The work of preparing maps of the entire world on a uniform scale of one to one million—that is, maps on which one unit (any unit—inch, centimeter, millimeter, etc.) represents one million like units on the ground—has been under way for several years, and the United States geological survey, Department of the Interior, has made considerable progress in its work on the parts of this map that were assigned to the United States. The principle used in preparing these maps, if adopted by the publishers of school books, will give the children accurate impressions of the relative sizes of the countries of the world.

TEMPTED BY BRIGHT LIGHTS

Adventurous Bossie Attempted to Make Her Way into Vaudeville in City of Dallas.

Gentle Bossie, tired of the humdrum life of giving milk and butter for the hungry mouths of some family, and bored with the pastoral quiet of the farm, determined the other night to have a taste of the gay life of the big city at least once before she crossed the River Styx. Accordingly she sought out the brightest lights of the city, a vaudeville house.

But first her bovine majesty sauntered gayly up Elm street from Lamar, gazing in the show windows as she roved. While in this vicinity she even attempted to enter a street car. Then, pursuing her peripatetic course, she plodded on toward the center of the city until she was confronted with the front of a vaudeville show. Not considering whether she would be a welcome guest, Bossie walked into the lobby of the show, thereby nearly causing the head usher to be smitten with hysteria. He finally recovered, and, taking courage and a stick, he rushed at Bossie. Feeling that she was not wanted there, Bossie walked out again.

At the door she was met by a reception committee consisting of two policemen who had been summoned and without ceremony she was roped and led away to the city pound, where she brooded over the sights of the big city as she had seen them.—Dallas News.

Expect New Boom in Yukon.

That, with the discovery of the large silver areas in the vicinity of Keno Hill, the Yukon is entering on a new industrial era, is the statement made by Colonel Thompson, M. P. for the territory, who recently arrived in Ottawa after a three months' absence in the Northland. He expresses the opinion that the new silver find will take the place of the gold that first put the Yukon country on the map. Keno Hill is on the Mayo river, a tributary of the Stewart, 250 miles southeast of Dawson. The camp has a population of about 500. The ores are galena, carrying very high values of lead and silver, the latter running from 80 to 250 ounces to the ton. Discoveries have been made over an area 50 miles in extent.

Madonna and Child on Stamps.

Religious subjects are not commonly used as the basis of stamp designs, although figures of the Madonna and child are known on the early stamps of the Virgin Islands and more recently on the high values of Bavaria. A set of three special postage stamps, newly issued in honor of the eightieth birthday of the reigning prince, Johann II, represent the vision of the Virgin and the Holy Child appearing in the heavens above the capital town of Vaduz. The stamps are lithographed in large format, and comprise the denominations: 50 heller green, 80 heller carmine and 2 kronen blue.

Woman Best Hunger Striker.

Could a woman set the world's record for hunger striking? Reports from Vienna, where the American relief administration European children's fund is feeding 100,000 boys and girls a day, indicate that a woman can live longer without food than a man. "Girls show more resistance in fighting malnutrition than boys," said Ignatz Panzer, representative of the New York Produce exchange, who has just returned from Austria. "Physicians have found that a girl can go longer on less food with less serious results than a boy of the same age."—New York Sun.

Remarkable Family.

A woman with six young "hopefuls" in assorted sizes entered the day coach. She selected a double seat and occupied one-half herself. The oldest child lay down on the opposite seat and the other five sat on his prostrate body. By and by the conductor appeared, and upon being handed one full-fare ticket he sized up the little group and said: "You'll have to pay for some of these children. What is the age of the oldest?" To which the lady answered tartly: "Go on with ye; the oldest one is under five."

LITTLETON

News Items.

Miss Ella Penhaly is reported much better. Miss Julia S. Grant has had an attack of bronchitis which has kept her house for a week or two. Edwin Easton of Waltham Hills and Eugene Eaton of the college senior class, spent the holiday season at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon T. Ester.

Several of the natives and friends attended the Littleton School play, when Robert Sanderson took a prominent part and Mr. Sanderson played in the school orchestra.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Alexander (Eames Griffiths) in Waltham, January 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester W. Griffiths are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Ruth Estlin, born at Deaconess hospital, Monday, Tuesday, February 22.

Miss Elizabeth Bonahit has been visiting her mother, John H. Houghton, and Mrs. Houghton at their home in Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Connell spent the holiday season at the relatives in Gardner and Waltham.

Douglas Gardner and family of New Bedford were holiday guests of Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb and the G. A. Gardner.

A. H. Knowlton and friends in Exeter, N. H., over the week-end.

All Littleton schools were closed for vacation from Friday to Wednesday.

Miss Wilson spent the holiday season in Boston and Portsmouth, N. H. Miss Copp in Chelsea and Manchester, N. H. Miss Savan in Manchester, N. H. and Mr. Fuller spent Saturday in Boston.

Miss H. A. Ewins visited Littleton relatives over the week-end.

Frank Farmer, who has spent most of the winter in northern New York, came home in time for the severest snowstorm in this vicinity this season. He tells of weather 16 and 18 degrees below zero ordinarily and on one morning 40 below in the Adirondack region where he stayed.

An all-day meeting will be held in the Unitarian vestry, Wednesday, March 2, when Mrs. Merriam will demonstrate making your own dress form. Meeting beginning at ten a. m. All ladies interested are cordially invited to attend. The meeting is under the auspices of the civic committee of the Woman's club.

Miss Mary MacMartin of New Estate road gave a most instructive and charming lecture-recital at her home the afternoon of February 17. The special subject was "French music and Debussy." The next recital in the course of "Modern Music" will take place March 16.

The last in the series of entertaining of the lyceum course will be given in town hall Wednesday, March 9 at 7.45. In place of a play by home talent will be given motion pictures, "Air stercory" and Douglas Fairbanks in "His majesty, the American."

Unitarian Notes.

The sunset party on Washington's birthday under the auspices of the Unitarian church was a most delightful affair. The afternoon was devoted, especially to the children. The music was furnished by the Colonial orchestra of Waltham. The ladies of the church served a delicious supper and the tables had to be set twice to accommodate the large number present. The Hack-Log club is now in its 39th season. The next sunset party occurs April 19.

Judge Frederick W. Posdick of the Massachusetts superior court will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Laymen's league. This will be a treat.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl G. Horst last week quickly observed the 25th anniversary of their wedding. They were married February 18, 1896 by the late Rev. Martha C. Aitken, mother of Mrs. Horst. This is probably the only instance on record where the mother of the bride was the officiating clergyman. Because of this unique distinction the marriage attracted considerable attention and was reported in the leading papers in this country, Canada, South America and Europe.

The Woman's Alliance will hold an all-day meeting, Friday, March 4, at the home of Mrs. G. Edward Prouty, Speaker, Mrs. Chandler W. Smith of Wollaston. Subject, "Our Sunday school and the summer meetings at Star Island."

Miss Gretchen C. Horst of Brookline and her fiancé, Stanley R. Cummings of Wollaston, an instructor in the M. I. T., were guests at the parsonage over the week-end.

Baptist Church Notes.

Rev. Mr. Dunbar's sermon of last Sunday was on "How a true Christian may strengthen his faith." Next Sunday morning he will take for his subject "The life in Christ." The attendance last Sunday was very good in spite of the storm.

The prayer meeting this week Saturday evening will be held at Elnor A. Flagg's residence.

The Benevolent society met at Mrs. Little Robinson's home last Wednesday afternoon.

Sunday evening the Christian league society will be held at Mrs. George A. Kimball's. Subject, "The new work our Lord is doing in the world."

The Sunday school society will meet next Sunday.

The Littleton class had an interesting business meeting on Sunday. The class of 20 members present. Keep up next month a use of our all efforts will be made.

Congregational Notes.

The men's meeting on last week Thursday evening was enjoyed by the good number in attendance. The ladies prepared one of their excellent suppers, which was thoroughly appreciated.

Mr. Merrick's address commanded the best attention, and the speaker's personality as usual won the admiration of every listener. Dr. Merrick was one of the few men in the west called back the second time, and at the conclusion of his second period of service these the Y. M. C. A. men gave him a farewell dinner. He was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Cleland while in town.

The fourth in the series of sermons on doctrine of the church will be Rev. Mr. Estlin's theme Sunday morning, "Our faith in prayer."

The 11th meeting was omitted last week because of inclement weather. The subject will be repeated this Sunday evening, "At the foot of Mt. Sinai." Leader, Hope Fletcher.

Advertisement for HOMER'S DIAMOND RINGS. Text: To stimulate Wednesday afternoon trade we shall place on exhibition in our window one of our \$25.00 DIAMOND RINGS. Anyone making a \$1.00 or more purchase on any Wednesday afternoon during March will be entitled to one guess as to the serial number of the ring. To those making a \$10.00 or more purchase two guesses; a \$20.00 or more purchase, three guesses and so on. The nearest guess wins the ring. CONTEST CLOSURES MARCH 30TH. HOMER'S Ayer, Mass. Tel. 8020.

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Advertisement for LUNENBURG. Text: Lunenburg. A Large Audience. An entertainment was given at the town hall on Friday evening, February 18, which drew a large audience. Every seat being filled, and clearly proved to every one attending that there is great abundance of dramatic talent right here in the little country town of Lunenburg. Two plays were given which were full of witty bits and sparkling dialogue from beginning to end. "Hiram Jones' hat" was a very funny little farce and the different characters took their parts so well it almost seemed as though the play had been written expressly for them.

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**TRUTH ABOUT AVERAGE MAN**  
 Not a Bad Fellow at Heart, and Really  
 is at Least Entitled to  
 Toleration.

The average man is not a bad fellow when you come to know him. You have to make his acquaintance if you are not to hold yourself aloof from this human, interdependent world, remarks a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger. He constitutes a majority. It is by his vote that candidates are set up and issues determined and business governed and charities supported and plays patronized. There is a great deal of money in pleasing the average man. Moreover, the level of his tastes is rising, though pessimists refuse to see it or to say so. He is capable of education and he has traveled far since his training began. He needn't always be given all that he asks for; sometimes he makes mistakes, and sometimes he wants what isn't good for him. Sometimes he loses his head, and in an incendiary or inebriate temper, loses that which a cooler judgment in a calmer hour leads him to worry for. But on the whole he is strangely reasonable and patient and self-controlled. It is touching to find how often he is doing the best he can, according to the light he has. He serves the world far better than some eccentric and unconventional mortals who sneer at him for following a dull, unemotional routine. Leaders of men have learned to deal with the average man, to talk his language and to understand his ways. They have taught the rank and file to discover a latent capacity and to reveal a strength hidden and unsuspected. They have had faith in "the general good sense and honest intentions of mankind." They have genuinely loved their fellows and their sympathy has been real and manifest. Neither in war nor in peace is a victory to be won unless the captains put their confidence in a host.

**SCORED ON THE PRINCIPAL**  
 Young School Teacher Got Gloriously  
 Even for Long Series of Sarcas-  
 tic Observations.

Now, the principal of this school is sarcastic as well as intelligent, and whenever she happens to mention a subject and finds that her teachers are ignorant on the subject she "bawls them out" for their ignorance. Especially is this resented by the newest recruit at the building. Recently the principal acquired "a man," who was a widower. She is proud of the acquisition, mentioning him often in her conversations. The other morning she began to ask the teachers about an article she had just read in the paper. Now, none of them had read it. Sarcasically she asked: "Well, don't any of you read the papers?" The newest recruit smiled sweetly and wisely, "Of course," she returned, "but not everything in them. We just have time to read the society page and then the death and funeral list so that we shall know who the new widowers are."—Indianapolis News.

**Autoting for Wolves.**  
 The motorcycle threatens to out-  
 rival the broncho as an instrument of  
 locomotion on Western ranches and  
 cattle ranges. According to the Illus-  
 trated World, cowboys are using it  
 for rounding up cattle, driving in stray  
 animals, inspecting long lines of  
 fences and other such work. By all  
 odds the most remarkable purpose for  
 which the motorcycle is employed,  
 however, is that of chasing coyotes.  
 Such a machine, if the terrain be not  
 too difficult can easily overtake one of  
 those little gray wolves, tiring the  
 beast down to a point where it can no  
 longer turn and dodge successfully.  
 Then it is simply a matter of a whirl  
 of the larlat, and the vicious brute,  
 with a few quick spurts of the motor-  
 cycle is choked to death.—Philadel-  
 phia Public Ledger.

**She Knew.**  
 The girls in the seventh grade all  
 wore large hair bows made of beau-  
 tiful, bright tissue paper. They were  
 not only inexpensive but so pretty  
 that they were declared a great suc-  
 cess until one day it rained and the  
 bows faded all over the little owners'  
 hair. Then great was the lamenting.  
 One of the boys looked from the  
 girls with their spotted red and blue  
 and purple hair to two spinster teach-  
 ers in the fifty-year-old class. "I don't  
 know as they're so badly off," he re-  
 marked to the teacher who was young  
 and pretty and with a strong sense  
 of humor, "I'd rather be faded on ac-  
 count of having beans than to be on  
 account of not having them."  
 Then teacher smiled. She too had  
 preferences.—Indianapolis News.

**Belt Full of Sea Lion Sculp.**  
 As the sea lion is regarded as the  
 worst enemy of the salmon, the state  
 of Washington pays a bounty of \$2.50  
 on every sea lion sculp and recently  
 William Hunter, who devotes his en-  
 tire time to hunting sea lions, collect-  
 ed \$880 for 352 sculp which he gather-  
 ed during the season. This man is  
 also paid by the salmon fishermen for  
 his efforts to rid the waters of the  
 sea lions. He is known as the "king  
 of the sea lion hunters."

**Black Opal Prized.**  
 Almost every known gem is mined  
 in Australia. The black opal is the  
 most beautiful of all. It has increased  
 300 per cent in value in the last two  
 years and the best quality now brings  
 nearly \$40 a carat. It ranges in size  
 from 1 to 40 carats.

Pride is not a bad thing unless it  
 gives a fool the swellhead or makes  
 one too trifling to work for an honest  
 living.

Now is a good time to hold the Lib-  
 erty bonds you have and buy more.  
 They are the anchors of the world's  
 credit.

A cable reports "Simple clothes are  
 the fashion in Paris and not many of  
 them." Shouldn't it read "not much  
 of them?"

**SHIRLEY**

**News Items.**  
 G. Scott Fowler spent the week-  
 end and holiday with his parents, Mr. and  
 Mrs. Frederick H. Fowler.

Mrs. Carrie Filden of Waltham was  
 the guest this week of her cousin,  
 Mrs. Little W. Evans, and attended  
 the guest night of the club.

There were no meetings of the  
 home-nursing classes this week on  
 account of the holiday. Lessons will  
 be resumed next Monday evening.

Little Anna Mulholland has been  
 quite sick with scarlet fever, but is  
 gaining.

Herbert Wells, young son of Mr.  
 and Mrs. Clayton Wells, is due to set  
 up a short time after a severe attack  
 of grip. Margaret, the little daughter,  
 is able to be out after being confined to  
 the house ten days with the grip.

Thomas L. Hazen, who is spending  
 the winter in Boston, celebrated his  
 75th birthday last Friday and entertain-  
 ed his niece, Mrs. Frank Wheeler,  
 Mr. and Mrs. Hazen are very well and  
 enjoying their stay in Boston.

Mildred Brooks is visiting at the  
 home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whit-  
 aker.

The Samson Cordage Works closed  
 Monday and Tuesday, giving the em-  
 ployees a longer holiday.

Mrs. Charles Stebbins, Mrs. Ralph  
 Wheeler, Mrs. John Squire and Mrs.  
 Idella Pritch attended a military whist  
 party at the home of Mrs. J. W. Pritch  
 last Friday evening under the  
 auspices of the Parent-Teacher  
 association.

Mr. and Mrs. Westphalen and son,  
 Elmer, of Dorchester, were guests of  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson over  
 the week-end and holiday.

Friday evening those who took part  
 in "The Champion of her sex" went  
 to the home of Mrs. J. W. Pritch and  
 their friends. Miss Anna Filden did a  
 wonderful dance with Kathleen Miner at  
 the piano. Mrs. Anne Desmond and Mrs.  
 Catherine Hooper went also. The  
 party carried cake, sandwiches and  
 coffee and a pleasant social time was  
 had. Stanley Wells and Rod-  
 erick Casavoy took the party over in  
 autos.

**Guest Night.**  
 The Altruistic club held another of  
 its successful guest nights after having  
 passed them over several years on ac-  
 count of extra calls to the community  
 during the World War.

A large and informal party gathered  
 in the vestry of the Congregational  
 church, which had been turned into a  
 homelike drawing room by the decorat-  
 ing committee. Each person re-  
 presented a present and it was a busy  
 half-hour making out slips that would  
 give the correct name of the book, as  
 the lady and gentleman with the largest  
 correct list would receive a prize.  
 There were 74 books represented. Mrs.  
 Stanley F. White had 39 correct, Rich-  
 ard Lilly 18. Each received a box of  
 chocolates. The books were furnished by  
 the Rooney trio of Fitchburg.

The president, Miss Alvie Howe,  
 welcomed the guests in a few well-  
 chosen words. The reader, Mrs. Irene  
 Attridge of Pepperell pleased her  
 audience with her wonderfully varied  
 selections. Mrs. Madeline Sargent  
 of Ayer gave several vocal selec-  
 tions in her usual pleasing manner,  
 making the entertainment one of un-  
 usual pleasure. Caterer Kenney of  
 Fitchburg, with his able assistants,  
 served a delicious lunch, consisting of  
 oyster patties, chicken salad, rolls,  
 olives, ice cream, cake and coffee.

**Center.**  
 Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman  
 and family, who have been in Boston  
 for a few weeks, returned to their  
 home on Center road last Saturday  
 evening.

On account of the snowstorm the  
 services at Trinity chapel were delayed  
 on Sunday. Regular service next Sun-  
 day afternoon at 3:15, followed by  
 Sunday school.

Mrs. John W. Farrar, who has been  
 with relatives for a few days, arrived  
 here last week.

The Center Primary and Grammar  
 schools, which are enjoying a vacation  
 this week, will open again on Monday,  
 February 28. On the same day the  
 new Intermediate school in the town  
 hall will be opened for the first time.  
 The board of selectmen met at the  
 Municipal building last Friday evening  
 and organized with Charles H.  
 Wear, Jr., chairman, and Robert H.  
 J. Holden, clerk, this being the same  
 as last year's organization.

The Republican Town committee  
 met at the home of Frank H. Wheeler  
 last Saturday evening and organized  
 for the year. The following are the  
 following officers: Arthur G. Dunn, chair-  
 man; Earl A. Graves, secretary; Henry  
 W. Brockelman, treasurer.

**HARVARD**

**Burial.**  
 An unusual tribute was paid to the  
 memory of James S. Scobie, who had  
 been superintendent of Mt. Auburn  
 cemetery for 25 years, when at his  
 funeral at Mt. Auburn chapel Friday  
 last week, the pall bearers carried  
 his coffin from the chapel to the  
 grave.

Two ministers officiated at the ser-  
 vice, Rev. George Kent, formerly of  
 Harvard, where Mr. Scobie had his  
 summer home, and Rev. James C.  
 Duncan of the First Unitarian society  
 of Milton, who was a life-long friend  
 of the deceased.

The honorary pallbearers were Pres-  
 ident Thomas P. Beal of the Second  
 National bank, who represented the  
 Mt. Auburn corporation; George A.  
 Berry, representing the cemetery su-  
 perintendents; Forbes McKenney, rep-  
 resenting the Scotch organizations; Prof.  
 Frank B. Sanborn, representing the  
 75th anniversary of the birth of Har-  
 vard, representing horticultural in-  
 terests, and Arthur H. Turner, rep-  
 resenting the town of Harvard.

The active bearers were all employ-  
 ees of the cemetery of from 20 to 42  
 years' standing, and the chief bear-  
 er, Charles A. Alexander, of the cor-  
 poration and members of organiza-  
 tions of which Mr. Scobie was a mem-  
 ber.

**Still River.**  
 The annual men's supper and enter-  
 tainment will be given in the vestry  
 on Thursday evening, March 3. The  
 entertainer of the evening will be  
 Thompson Blood of Concord Junction,  
 and as is well known, when Mr. Blood  
 comes on to the platform it will be  
 one continuous round of laughter from  
 beginning to end, and a full house is  
 expected on that evening.

owing to the severe storm there  
 were no services at the Baptist church  
 last Sunday.

**Masquerade Party.**  
 Monday evening at the home of Mr.  
 and Mrs. Russell Baker a masquerade  
 party, given by the Thursday Night  
 Whist club, was held. The party  
 came dressed in unique costumes and  
 was masked. The grand march was  
 followed by dancing the Virginia reel,  
 fox trots, etc., followed by games. Re-  
 freshments and cake were served,  
 followed by more dancing and  
 games, and the party broke up in the  
 wee small hours with singing "Good-  
 night, ladies." As should be expected,  
 considering where the party was held,  
 all had a glorious good time.

There were present Mr. and Mrs.  
 Baker, Fred and Peter Baker, Mr.  
 Warren K. Harrod, Miss Alice M. Har-  
 rod, William Healey, Mr. Holland, Mrs.  
 Flavilla Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur  
 E. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Howard D.  
 Stone, Miss Helen E. Stone, Miss Edna  
 Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell E.  
 Willard, Miss Mary Guesman, Miss  
 Ruth E. Martin, Dolphin, Miss  
 Eleanor Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Scott,  
 Mr. and Mrs. Silas Parmenter, Mrs.  
 Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Has-  
 kell, Winthrop Haskell, Miss Edna  
 Flanders, Alvin and Allen Walker,  
 Mrs. Klein and daughter, and Mr. and  
 Mrs. Evans of Natick were also pres-  
 ent.

**Interesting Letter.**  
 The following letter from Mr. and  
 Mrs. Merrill Isley, who are in Turkey  
 on mission, will interest their Still  
 River friends.

Constantinople, January 22.  
 Dear Friends—It is time I was  
 again letting you know some of the  
 interesting things that have been hap-  
 pening to us recently. In a religious  
 way several interesting things have  
 happened. Several of these I cannot  
 give you, but I heard a great deal  
 about them. The first was the "Throw-  
 ing of the cross into the sea." It is a  
 ceremony of the Greek church. We  
 don't happen to have a Greek church  
 of importance in Scutari, so have not  
 been able to see it. It occurred last  
 Wednesday, January 19, for us, Ar-  
 menia Christmas for the Armenians  
 and Epiphany for the Greeks. The  
 priest after a service at the church  
 goes to the seashore (sometimes gets  
 into a boat) carrying a little wooden  
 cross, which he throws into the sea.  
 There are men stripped of clothing to  
 swim for the cross, the one getting it  
 first being the victor. It is a great  
 day from all his friends, thus becom-  
 ing wealthy for a time at least. At  
 the ones the Markhams saw, these  
 men climbed into the priest's boat  
 and had to be put out by force. Dur-  
 ing the struggle the boats all came  
 up near. Finally the priest threw the  
 cross into the sea. It came up near  
 a man with his clothes on, but he  
 would not let such a good chance of  
 getting rich pass, so dived for the  
 cross and got it. It was said that he  
 should not have it, because he did  
 not have his clothes off. Second, that  
 he was an Armenian, not a Greek,  
 still he would not let it go. The boat  
 for him there was an allied  
 Patrol boat and Turkish troops; one  
 of the latter got into his boat and  
 thus protesting him. This is one of  
 the reasons for the Turks killing so  
 little Christians.

The second interesting event of inter-  
 est was the burning of the Vian  
 church of the Protestant church at  
 Gedik Pascha. The land on which the  
 church was built was bought in 1850.  
 The year that the deed came to Con-  
 stantinople, the permit to build  
 was not granted by the Turks until  
 1911, when the Armenians, who at the  
 time, came to the city, they have dis-  
 tinguished where they will have  
 services. The church was used  
 so that they could make a school for  
 them. They have been meeting at our  
 A.B.C.M. girls' high school. Their  
 dedication was on Sunday, over 600  
 there, a beautiful service. It was in  
 charge of a native churchman,  
 Armenia, most of the money was  
 American money, in this case. Most of  
 the churches in the interior are de-  
 stroyed and the people killed. We  
 have been having fine weather. We  
 have gotten the garden ground stirred  
 up and hope to get the cold frame  
 working soon. We are now getting  
 some of our native flowers bloom. It  
 looks as if the Turks were really de-  
 feated by the Greeks in the interior. We  
 understand that the British are going  
 to strengthen their forces here. The sit-  
 uation, with many Russians, is  
 very critical.

The third interesting event was the  
 official opening of the Stombol branch  
 of the M. A. S. Mr. Goodsell, our  
 director, is the local secretary. There  
 must have been 400 or 500 there.  
 Many were Turks. It was mostly in  
 Turkish, also English and French.  
 Several important Turks were there,  
 such as the post office of the city, and  
 several district officers. It was an  
 interesting affair, and we are an  
 Christian group. We have rejoiced to  
 have the Rambos, Miss Clou's sister  
 and brother with us several times.  
 They have just come from the Cau-

casus and are headed for America  
 soon. They were with us today, when  
 we went to the National museum,  
 which by the way, is a most won-  
 derful place, especially being Turkish.  
 Their vases are sculptures (Greek reli-  
 efs) are wonderful, especially the tomb  
 of Alexander the Great, from Sidon.  
 This is almost perfect preservation,  
 as well as the six others from the  
 same place. We have been going to  
 church at the Bible house, which is in  
 Turkish. Rev. Stombol is a won-  
 derful preacher and the chapel is full.  
 Their worship, which we can yet un-  
 derstand is something that makes one  
 really see true worship.

Conditions in the interior are most  
 uncertain, still not much news. The  
 French apparently are still holding on  
 in Cilicia. It hardly seems that  
 there will be anything of a civilization  
 left there. The Turks are completely  
 destroying some villages. One case I  
 heard of today, one of our own pro-  
 tectant pastors, who had returned and  
 found his house in ruins, and the place  
 was not able to locate the place of  
 his home. Still things could be worse.  
 Bolshevism at times seems to be mak-  
 ing advances, still it must burn out.  
 God still rules. The disarmament ad-  
 vocates are growing in America. Peace  
 of the right kind can still be made by  
 American aid, though many of the  
 wonderful spirit at the close of the  
 war seems gone. "Oh, for America's  
 aid," is what we see and hear, for  
 a real Christian big brother.

Merrill N. Isley.

**WEST ACTON**

**News Items.**  
 Frederick C. Nash, a former well-  
 known resident here, died at his home  
 in Newton, February 19, aged 82 years.  
 His death was due to failing health  
 for several years. The body was to  
 have been brought here Monday and  
 interment made in Mt. Hope cemetery,  
 but owing to conditions caused by the  
 storm, it was not thought advisable  
 until later.

Miss Ella Mackay of Lowell was a  
 guest of Miss Lucile Blaisdell last  
 week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hall and child  
 of Boston spent the holiday at the  
 home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Eugene L. Hall.

Notwithstanding the severe storm  
 Sunday there were 50 or more present  
 at the Baptist church for the morn-  
 ing service.

Mrs. Susie Hall entertained her  
 children, grandchildren and great-  
 grandchildren Washington's birthday. In-  
 vited were the families of Mr. and  
 Mrs. Eugene Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Ber-  
 tram D. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. H.  
 Wesley Hall and little daughter of  
 Westley Hall.

E. L. Hayward has been quite sick  
 with the prevailing distemper.

A large number of our citizens, both  
 men and women, attended the caucus  
 at the Center Monday evening, free  
 transportation having been provided.

In our village there are nine octo-  
 genarians, none of whom are natives  
 of Acton, although long-time resi-  
 dents.

Among the more recent sick ones  
 are Mr. and Mrs. George Towne and  
 George Parker.

Charles Dudley seems to be improv-  
 ing at the present time.

**W. R. C. Meeting.**  
 The Woman's Relief Corps held their  
 regular meeting Monday evening with  
 a good attendance of the members.  
 Two new members were initiated and  
 an application received for mem-  
 bership, which will be acted upon at  
 next meeting.

Following the business a camp-  
 fire was held, to which comrades of  
 the G. A. R. were invited, but owing  
 to illness of the resident members and  
 the electric road out of commission,  
 not one was present. The ladies en-  
 joyed a very pleasant hour in record-  
 ing the Washington's birthday and  
 reminiscence anecdotes of Lincoln read  
 by Miss Juliette Blanchard, inter-  
 spersed with music. Refreshments of  
 sandwiches, cake and coffee were  
 served.

**Hawk Really Farmer's Friend.**  
 From early times in the eastern  
 United States country boys, and even  
 sportsmen, have held "hawk shoots"  
 during the autumn flights, making  
 their ambushes at places where wood-  
 land gives way to fields, and particu-  
 larly where the light-line is deter-  
 mined by an adjoining body of water.  
 Such hunting is in general rather  
 senseless, or worse, for most of our  
 hawks are beneficial birds.—Exchange.

**Imported Insect Pests.**  
 Mexico has contributed its share of  
 insect pests that are now established  
 in this country. Chief among these are  
 the boll weevil, the pink bollworm  
 and the little Mexican beetle, known  
 as the bean ladybird. The last, which  
 has been discovered in Alabama,  
 threatens to spread to other states  
 and inflict immense damage to the  
 cowpea and bean crops.

**Doggie Surely Lost.**  
 Junior's dog, Rex, had a collar with  
 his name and address engraved on it.  
 One day the boy let the dog go out.  
 Later he discovered that he had for-  
 gotten to put the dog's collar on. "Oh,"  
 said the child, "now he's sure to get  
 lost. How will he ever know where he  
 lives without his collar?"

**Feb. 26 Fitchburg's Big Market Feb. 26**  
**1921 SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY 1921**

**FANCY NATIVE VEAL**  
 FORES, 20c lb. LEGS, 30c, 35c ROASTS, 25c, 30c lb.

**YEARLING FORES, 10c lb. YEARLING LEGS, 22c, 25c lb.**  
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**STEWING PIECE, 12c lb.**

**PORK BY THE STRIP**  
 SMOKED SHOULDERS, 18c lb. FRESH SHOULDERS, 15c lb.

**BEEF**  
 BOILING BEEF, 8c lb. CHUCKS, 16c, 18c lb.  
 PRIME RIB ROASTS, 25c lb.  
 Boneless Pot Roasts, 14c lb. Prime Boneless Chucks, 20c, 25c lb.  
 Boneless Rib Roasts, 25c lb.

**FISH DEPARTMENT**  
 Canadian Salt Cod Strips, lb., 15c Pink Salmon, No. 1/2 can, 2 cans 25c  
 Clover Leaf Salmon, No. 1/2 can, 2c, Clover Leaf Salmon, large can, 42c  
 Canned Shrimp, can, 22c

**GREEN MOUNTAIN VEGETABLES IN CANS**  
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