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SHIRLEY

News Items.

After forty-three years of faithful service as foreman in the President suspender factory Miss Mary Park has resigned to take a position in the office. John H. Dahlinger of Philadelphia, Penn., is the new foreman. He is said to have had twenty years' experience in the work and has been superintendent of the Pioneer suspender factory of that place. Mr. Dahlinger has secured a room in Fitchburg and will not bring his family at present. The weaving and stitching rooms are having very little work at present, but the buckling and boxing rooms have four and some weeks five days of work.

The dental clinic closed its work Thursday and moved to Townsend.

Miss Grace Kilburn was at the public library Wednesday afternoon, after being confined to her home several days with swollen glands of the throat.

A daughter was born Thursday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Joachim Jean (Edith Stebbins).

David C. Lash spent the week in New York on business.

Gladys Annis returned to her school in Holden Monday after an extended vacation on account of sickness.

The Alliance met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lester Holden. St. Patrick's day quotations were given at roll call. Mrs. Martha Conant read an excellent paper on the siege of Boston,

which was very timely as it was the anniversary of evacuation day. An invitation was read to a neighborhood meeting in Fitchburg for members and friends, April 26. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, coffee and fruit salad and candy were served by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Harold Beckhorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harkins and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker attended the auto show in Boston Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Stebbins, Mrs. Charles McDevitt and Mrs. Fred Coburn attended a military white party at the Pierce school, North Leominster, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Thomas J. Gately and Mrs. Matthew Gately spent Monday in Lowell with relatives.

Mrs. Richard Grenfell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Brockelman. Little Marjorie Grenfell celebrated her third birthday with a party Tuesday afternoon. Muriel Miner, Marion Adams and Elizabeth Brockelman were guests. There was a birthday cake, all so small cakes and ice cream.

Comrade Jubb attended Pomona Grange in Townsend on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lohnes are to leave about April first for Philadelphia, Penn., where they will join Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pierce.

Edwin Chapman has secured the tenement to be vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Lohnes and will occupy it May 1.

About twenty young people met on Monday evening at the Legion room in a farewell party to William Hunter. Mrs. Joseph Provost acted as chaperone. Dancing was enjoyed. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, home-made candy and ginger ale were served.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will meet next Tuesday evening with the regent, Mrs. Abbie J. Wells.

Next week there will be extra evening services at the Congregational church in observance of holy week.

The Ladies' circle met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Walter Knowles. It was voted to paint and paper some of the rooms at the parsonage. Mrs. Wright had notices of the work of the missions, both home and foreign, and the amount of money needed to carry on the work.

Millie Parker is home from her school in Northfield for a two weeks' vacation.

Louis W. Simon of 3 Phoenix street had the misfortune to have his automobile stolen last week. On last week Thursday he put the machine in the garage near his home and locked the door. On Sunday he went to the garage and found the machine gone, although the door was still locked as he had left it. As the noise of the machine would have probably awakened Mr. Simon, it is thought that the door must have been unlocked and the machine rolled out by hand. The machine was a Jordan seven-passenger touring car, with red wheels and blue body. No trace of the machine has as yet been found.

A rehearsal of the initiatory degree will be held at the next meeting of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., and all the officers are requested to be present.

Brotherhood Supper.

A good number attended the brotherhood supper Wednesday evening. In the absence of the president, Mr. Lash, James Holland presided.

and introduced the speaker, Mr. Farnum, assistant superintendent of the industrial school, who told of his life and work in the Philippine Islands. Mr. Farnum was sent with 20 more engineers by the government in 1901 to lay out and build roads. He stayed about a year and again in 1906 he went for a big New York contractor, who was to build three railroads. This took four years and getting material were interestingly told.

The cars were first operated by white men, but later natives were taught to do the various kinds of work. Knowing the people as he does Mr. Farnum is much interested to hear what report Gen. Wood will make to the president on the advisability of making the Philippines independent. Several questions were asked which Mr. Farnum answered.

Death.

Edmund B. Winterbottom passed away at the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston, where he had passed through a successful operation, on Thursday, March 10, at 6.47 p. m. Hardening of the arteries was the cause of his death.

He was born in Stalybridge, England, seventy years ago. He had lived in Shirley nearly twenty-five years. He served as sexton of the Congregational church for nearly fifteen years. He was a worker for years in the suspender factory, where he met Matilda H. Holt and had two children, Irving and Mary, all of them passing on before him. He was buried from the church he had faithfully served and of which he had been a member for many years.

Friday, March 11. He lived a life of usefulness, honesty and unselfishness. Those who knew him best found him worthy of their confidence and friendship. He passed the final test of life with christian heroism.

Center.

Clyde Graves broke a rear axle on his Chevrolet touring car Thursday morning near the top of Barrett hill on his way after the Fitchburg high school pupils. The machine had to be towed in and other means of transportation found for the children.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman returned home Thursday after a ten days' trip to Wisconsin where he spent a few days in Madison with his daughter, Miss Harriet Bridgman, who is attending the university of Wisconsin. On Sunday Mr. Bridgman preached in one of the western cities.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Miss Rosa Hill of Marblehead High school took a prominent part in one of two plays recently given by the high school pupils for the benefit of a scholarship fund.

Miss Margaret Harwood of Nantucket, and formerly of Littleton, interested a most appreciative audience at the Women's club Monday with her talk on the A. B. C. of astronomy. Several guests were present to enjoy with club members all that Miss Harwood, from her wealth of knowledge, had to say of the subject with which she has been deeply engaged for the last ten years or more. There was singing by the club. Mrs. Alice Prouty accompanying at the piano.

Mrs. Horst reported for the Civics committee about legislation now pending, etc. Two new members were voted into the club, making the present number 102, the largest in the history of the club. It was voted to present Mrs. Lillian Priest's name before the State Presidents' Club as a candidate for membership.

The grants reports a good meeting Wednesday evening when the first two degrees were conferred on a class of three. A literary program followed with readings by Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Blodgett, Mr. Hathaway and Mr. Newell, and the committee on the fair reported their intention to run a fair similar to that of a church. On the next meeting the third and fourth degrees will be worked and the deputy will be present on that evening.

Miss Mary MacMartin gave one of her popular music recitals before about twenty guests at her home on New Essex road Wednesday afternoon, delightfully interpreting to her audience the compositions of some of the classic composers.

It is reported that F. B. Priest has let his tenement house opposite the depot to a railroad man.

Mrs. William Griffiths visited her daughters in Waltham and their families this week.

Miss Elizabeth Thacher, J. P. Thacher, E. B. Priest, Miss Sarah Priest and Mrs. Priest attended the funeral of Miss Mary Adams, held in Shirley Tuesday afternoon. For the years Miss Adams taught the South Littleton school many years ago and made her home in the Priest family. Her scholarship, pleasing personality, and ability as a teacher impressed themselves indelibly upon the memories of the Littleton friends who have ever cherished her acquaintance, and it was with deep regret that the news of her death at So. Hadley was learned the day of this week.

Miss Elsie of Northfield Seminary is visiting Louise Caulkins in Hopkinton, N. H., during part of their vacation.

The remains of James Jeffrey of Boston, son of the late B. F. Jeffrey of Littleton, were brought to town of Interment Wednesday. Mr. Jeffrey had been an invalid for years. The immediate cause of his death was a shock.

There were seven young people who competed for the prizes in essay writing in the Congregational church. The names of the winners were announced at the Sunday morning service. They were Miss Marion Ruggles and Philip Cook. The two prize essays were read Sunday morning and the others, all excellent, were read at the Thursday evening meeting.

Henry Pope, who has worked for N. H. White, recently took his family and went to Vermont.

It is reported that Winthrop Kelley and his parents will soon return to Littleton to live.

New Advertisement

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COWPEAS FIRST USED AS FOOD FOR HUMANS

Earliest Published Record in America Was in 1798.

Plant at Present is Best Known and Extensively Grown Leguminous Crop in Southern States—Can Be Grown in North.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The cowpea is undoubtedly a native of Central Africa. A wild plant differing little from the cultivated cowpea occurs throughout much of that continent. Hybrids of this wild plant and the cultivated cowpea are readily obtained. The cultivated cowpea consists of three main groups—the asparagus bean, the cutjanga, and the cowpea, each of which represents a group of varieties having much in common but connected through intermediate varieties. The cowpea is the most important of the three groups.

The large number and great diversity of cultivated varieties throughout Africa and over the southern half of



A Good Stand of Cowpeas.

Asia and the adjacent islands as well as the Mediterranean region of Europe indicate that the cowpea is of ancient cultivation for human food. It was early introduced in the Spanish settlements in the West Indies and was grown in North Carolina in 1714, probably coming from the West Indies. Its culture in Virginia was reported about 1775 and no doubt was quite general in the United States early in the nineteenth century.

Without doubt, the cowpea is the Phaseolus mentioned by the old Roman writers. In Italy the blackeye cowpea is still called by the same name as the kidney bean, namely, "fagiolo," which is the Italian equivalent of Phaseolus. In East Africa both the wild and cultivated cowpeas are called "kunda," while in India, where the cutjanga is more extensively cultivated, the name "lubia," with many others, is used. In America the cowpea was first known as "callivance" and later as "Indian pea," "southern pea," "southern field pea," and "cornfield pea." The first published record of the name cowpea was in 1708 and applied apparently to a single variety.

The cowpea at present is the best known and most extensively grown leguminous crop in the Southern States, but it can be grown profitably much farther north. Although it succeeds under a greater diversity of climatic, soil, and cultural conditions than most other legumes, the best results are obtained in forage, soil improvement, and seed production by a thorough understanding of the requirements and the best varieties of the crop.

ICE-HARVEST TIME AT HAND

Farmer Should Lay in Ample Supply for Cooling Milk and for Household Uses in Summer.

Farmers who have not already done so, should prepare to lay by a store of ice now for cooling milk and for household use next summer. In places where nature provides a sufficiently low temperature, the cost of harvesting and storing ice is low when compared with the saving effected. Ordinarily, it is safe to harvest 2 tons of ice for each cow in the herd. This will allow for melting and leave enough for family needs. Where cream only is sold, about one-third of that quantity of ice will be needed. Two farmers' bulletins, No. 623, Ice Houses and the Use of Ice on the Farm, and No. 1978, Harvesting and Storing Ice on the Farm, may be had by applying to the Division of Publications, United States Department of Agriculture.

ADDS BEAUTY TO FARM HOME

Shrubs Hide Foundation Lines of Buildings and Screen Many Unpleasantly Bare Objects.

Suitable plantings are necessary to unite the parts of a farmstead into a pleasing, homelike whole. Trees are used for windbreaks, as frames for the buildings or a background for them, and to give shade. Shrubs are needed in abundance to hide partially the foundation lines of buildings, support their corners, give reasons for turns in drives or walks, and to screen unsightly objects. Native trees and shrubs and those known by trial to thrive in the locality are the best to use.

Fertile Soil Carried to Ocean. The total annual rainfall upon all the land of the globe amounts to 29,347 cubic miles, according to the United States geological survey, and of this quantity, 6,321 cubic miles drains off through rivers to the sea. A cubic mile of river water weighs about 4,205,650,000 tons and carries in solution an average of about 420,000 tons of foreign matter. In all about 2,730,000,000 tons of solid matter is thus carried off daily to the ocean, and a good deal of this is naturally the fertile soil washed from the fields.—Farm Life.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Eugene Brileux's "The red robe," a play dealing with the administration of justice in France, will be given at the next meeting of the Reading Circle, to be held on Friday, March 25, at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hartwell at 2:30 o'clock. Anyone interested will be welcome, either to come and take part or simply to listen.

W. E. Hartwell, a student at Tufts college, was this day awarded his letter as a member of the Varsity hockey team. Hartwell is a member of the class of '21, and a student at the Engineering School.

The Philatelic class will hold a fourth sale in the vestry of the Congregational church, Saturday afternoon, March 26.

There will be a meeting of the Baseball club and all those interested in baseball in the lower town hall Tuesday evening, March 22. At the meeting reports will be made and plans discussed for the coming season. All those who are interested in having a baseball team for the coming season and in helping the boys in their plans, can show this by their attendance at the meeting.

Death.

Mrs. Maria E. Pales, 87 years of age, widow of George Pales, was called home on Saturday, March 12. Her last hours on earth were marked by tranquillity, following a long illness. Three days before her death she peacefully closed her eyes in sleep and entered into rest.

Mrs. Pales was a native of Stoddard, N. H., and since her marriage lived in different towns, including Pepperell, Littleton and Adams, where she made her home with her son and his wife the last 17 years of her life. In all these places she had many warm friends among her associates by whom she was held in high esteem. She was a devoted member of the Littleton Congregational church, from which she had never withdrawn her membership.

Mrs. Pales was of a quiet, retiring nature, always thoughtful, dignified and consistently Christian in word and deed. In the years of increasing feebleness she has enjoyed the affectionate devotion of her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pales, and her daughter, Mrs. Nelson B. Conant, and family, of Littleton, who have spent several weeks with her each year.

Besides these children, upon whom she had in her younger days, bestowed all that a fond mother's love could prompt and physical strength execute, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Albert Shedd, of Nashua, N. H., now more than 80 years of age.

Funeral services were held from her late home in Adams Monday afternoon and conducted by Dr. E. E. Shumaker. The burial took place in the Congregational church. The following day the body was brought to Littleton and laid to rest beside that of her husband, whose death occurred 17 years ago. Rev. Gail Cleland of the Littleton church reading the committal service.

High School Notes.

Baseball practice started Monday in preparation for the season which opens April 15. The schedule will be given next week.

The Glee Club will hold their first social Friday evening, March 18, at the home of Miss Henrietta Ewins, with Miss Wilson and Miss Copp as hostesses. The program will be in charge of Miss Edith Ames and Winifred Pickard.

The play, "The mishaps of Minerva," presented by the senior class and a few juniors of the Littleton high school last week Friday night was a great success. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity and the most exacting in the audience made its unqualified praise of the exquisite production which was largely due to the splendid coaching by Mr. Shoben, principal of the school. "The mishaps of Minerva," a farce of rapid action and compelling interest, commanded the closest attention and called forth applause after applause. The following were in the cast:

Parkinson L. Oddy, Jr., William F. Rooney, Warren Priest, Paul Wood, Roy, Donald Outhouse, Katherine Proctor, Charlotte Pickard, Alice G. Hazer, Hazel Bradlee, Hope Fletcher, Marjorie Smith, Beulah Kimball, Estelle Barber, Edith Ames, Beulah Kimball.

The music was furnished between the acts by the Girls' Glee club and dancing until twelve, followed the play.

The students wish to take this opportunity to thank the townspeople for their generous support, both in their attendance and in the making of candy, which was sold between the acts.

Brilliant Plays.

Two brilliant plays with very pleasing musical selections were presented in the vestry of the Congregational church Tuesday evening. The first, "How the missionaries came to Bear's Creek" was very well given by a group of girls described as "A band of helms from the wild and woolly west."

In the east were Luella Gardner, the Misses Esmer, Josephine Ruzgale, Sully Kimball, Dorothy Conant, Beulah Leighton and Audrey Outhouse. A happy part of the play was the singing by the amateur actors. The large audience showed keen appreciation of this production.

Unitarian Notes.

Tomorrow being Palm Sunday, the music, the service and the sermon will be appropriate to the day.

The Back-Log club will hold its next men's supper and entertainment on the evening Thursday, March 24, at 7:30 p. m. This promise of a usual delightful social affair.

A Good Friday service will be held in the church Friday evening, March 25, at eight o'clock. The program will give, by request, his last play, "Passion Play of Oberammergau." The public is cordially invited. The collection will be taken.

The worshippers last Sunday were under deep obligations to Mrs. Emma Ewing for her most beautiful play of flowers. The service for synchra was unquestionably the best seen in this community.

The state flag, a gift from the young people to the church, was dedicated Easter Sunday.

Rev. Carl G. Horns was called to Wollaston last Thursday to officiate at the funeral of a former parishioner.

Miss Margaret Howard of Northampton occupied the family pew last Sunday and a hearty welcome from her old friends.

Judge Frederick W. Fosdick of the superior court of Massachusetts gave an instructive address on the work of the superior court at a largely attended meeting of the Littleton chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League Tuesday evening. Guests were present from Ayer, Acton and Concord, including the Rev. Loren B. Macdonald of Concord and Rev. Frank B. Channing of Ayer.

A special collection for the Rainy Day fund of the church will be taken Easter Sunday.

At the quarterly meeting of the parish committee and minister this week it was voted to present a suitably inscribed Bible to members of the church school on the 10th anniversary of their baptism.

The Littleton chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League at its last meeting went on record as in favor of harmonizing state and federal laws for the enforcement of the 18th amendment and instructed its secretary to notify Senator Gardner W. Pearson. The next meeting of the chapter will be held April 10. Messrs. Daniel G. Houghton, George Eames and George Howard were appointed a nominating committee to bring in a list of officers for 1921-22 and A. E. Sheld to secure a speaker for April.

Congregational Notes.

Sunday morning Rev. Gail Cleland will preach on "The trial of Jesus."

The Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening will be led by Prescott E. Kimball. Subject, "The peril of moral shuffling."

The subject of the next Thursday evening meeting will be "The crucifixion."

Easter Sunday there will be special music by an enlarged choir. At the morning service several persons will be received into church fellowship.

Baptist Notes.

About 40 children were at the contest supper held last Saturday afternoon. After a few games they listened to a short entertainment given by Thelma Stiles, Barbara Woodbury, Harold Boynton and George Kimball. After a short talk one of the deacons of the church presented the prizes to Roy Kimball and Harold Boynton, the two boys who had attended Sunday school every week for three months.

The supper followed and the tables were prettily decorated with a small basket of Easter eggs at each place.

At six o'clock a supper was given to the adult contestants. This was followed by an entertainment, consisting of solos by Mrs. Gilson, Olive Flagg, Mr. Whitney and George Kimball, and readings by Mrs. Robinson.

The contest was a great success and we hope that even though it has closed we may still see the same number of people in the congregation and at Sunday school.

Last Tuesday and Wednesday nights meetings were held at Mrs. James Chapple's. Mr. Dunbar spoke on "Teacher training."

Thursday night the prayer meeting was held at the church. The topic was "The son's life."

The sermon Sunday morning will be "The true kingship."

The Lincoln class will discuss "Jesus on the cross" in Sunday school.

A Christian Endeavor topic is "Christ in progress in Alaska." Leader, Evelyn Kimball.

The Reverence.

During the great war and for some time after the armistice was signed, we read much about the ever ascending vicious circle of prices when every Monday morning each retail merchant marked up every article in his store a cent or two and the working man and non-working intervals in a will effort to keep up with the rising cost of existence. Though there was quite a good deal of grumbling and some heated argument as to the relative positions of the different parties in the race it was on the whole rather a noisy and unprofitable one.

Now that the profitable reversal has come the downward slide is not so cheerful a procession. Most working men really felt when things were on the ascent that they were a sort of paragon, but they now have the rather dubious satisfaction of knowing that they are really leading the parade on the way to a black bottom prices. Indeed some millions of them took a perpendicular drop to bed rock when they were given an enforced vacation without pay.

A rather able article in the Golden Age blames the much advertised Federal Reserve banking system for bringing about the sudden smash by sending out orders to all banks to curtail credits to farmers, business men and manufacturers alike and by this enforced curtailment of credits compelling all hands to realize as quickly as possible by cutting prices, cancelling orders and reducing working forces and in every possible way trimming their sails to meet the coming storm.

While this action checked rising prices promptly enough it surely did not tend to help business in general. Men out of work as a rule are soon out of money and they are not going to be very liberal buyers if they have sense.

Tomorrow had small chance to get ahead notwithstanding his high wages. It doubtless seems foolish to the men who never knew what it feels like to buckle to real hard work to earn one, that a young fellow who never had a chance to earn a decent week's pay should not know how to spend his money judiciously when it comes his way.

Yet this class is not so very far ahead in Englishness when compared with many of our sharp-witted awake business men.

A good many of this class that were sure they knew a lot and prided on their knowledge are willing up to this they are not so much of a talent as they thought they were.

Taken as a whole the situation, while not comfortable, is not as desperate as it might be, though some of our later we will all have to get our taste of the medicine as a part of our life.

Verily history doth repeat itself.

V. T. E.

New Advertisements.

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LOST BOOK—In accordance with the heirs-at-law, next of kin and amendments thereto, notice is given that Book No. 1429 has been lost and application has been made for the issuance of a duplicate book for the NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK. Ralph L. Hastings, Treasurer, Ayer, Mass., March 17, 1921. 3129.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of IDA A. KENDRICK, late of Middlesex County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, and it is the order of said Court, that the same be read at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on the next day of March, A. D. 1921, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing postpaid a copy of this citation to all known persons of this estate, at least fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, first judge of said Court, this second day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one. 3129. F. M. ESTY, Register.

Sheriff's Sale

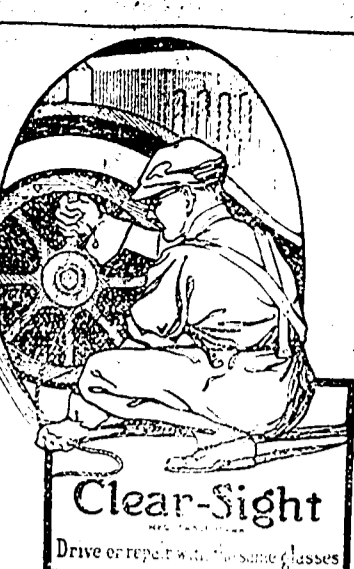
Middlesex, ss. March 19th, 1921.

Taken on execution and will be sold by public auction on Saturday, thirtieth of April, A. D. 1921, at eleven o'clock A. M., at my office, 31 Central Block, 53 Central Street, Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, all the right of redemption which GEORGE P. SULLIVAN, of Townsend, in said County of Middlesex, had on the tenth day of March, A. D. 1921, at thirty minutes past ten o'clock A. M. (being the time when the same was taken on execution) to redeem the following described real estate (said George P. Sullivan's right, title and interest in and to said Real Estate having been sold on January 22nd, 1921, on an execution in which Benjamin F. Beebe, was creditor and said George P. Sullivan was debtor) said Real Estate is bounded and described as follows:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, containing one acre more or less, situated in Townsend in that part thereof called Townsend Harbor in said County of Middlesex, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: beginning at a stake and stones on the westerly side of the road leading from said Townsend Harbor to the town of Shirley, the same being described in deed hereinafter referred to as a "portion of land assigned as dowry to the widow of Dr. Durant, deceased" said land named and being formerly occupied by one Todd; thence running easterly by lot named land to a stake and stones, thence southerly by lot named land to the mill pond, so-called, thence southerly by said mill pond to land formerly of Henry Spaulding, now a lately owned by the Donovan Brothers; thence easterly by said Spaulding land to the said mill pond, thence southerly by said road to the point of crossing, being a portion of the same conveyed to Abner Clark, deceased, by John Conant, by deed of May 11, 1883, and recorded in Middlesex County South District, book 924, page 140.

Also a certain tract of land situated in Townsend, on the west side of the road leading from said Townsend Harbor to Shirley and Lunenburg, containing one acre more or less, bounded as follows: beginning at the north east corner of the premises on the road, to-wit: Mrs. Lolly Root, land formerly of the said John Conant, thence northerly by the said Mrs. Lolly Root to the Mill pond, so-called, thence southerly on said Mill pond to land formerly of one Conant, thence by said road to the point of beginning; being the same conveyed to George Francis Sullivan and Jennie Theresa Sullivan by deed recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 149, Page 140.

BERNARD F. GATELY, Deputy Sheriff.



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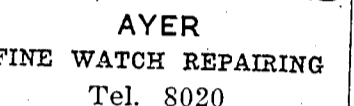
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of LOUIS V. THIBODEAU, in said County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MILDRED E. BICK of Medford in said County, or to some other suitable person;

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of March, A. D. 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Townsend Town, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing postpaid a copy of said citation to all the heirs at law of said deceased seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, first judge of said Court, this seventh day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one. 3129. F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY E. SANDERS, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MARY E. SANDERS of Townsend, in said County of Middlesex, or to some other suitable person;

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of March, A. D. 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing postpaid a copy of this citation to all known persons of this estate, at least fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, first judge of said Court, this second day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one. 3127. F. M. ESTY, Register.

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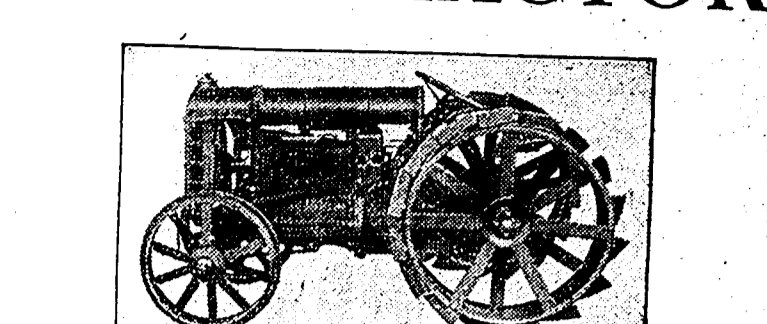
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Saturday, March 19, 1921

GROTON

News Items.

Mrs. Frances Forbes returned home Tuesday night from Alliston, where she has been for three weeks with her sister, Mrs. Whitcomb, since the death of her husband, Frank L. Whitcomb, who passed away on February 13.

After the regular business meeting of the Middlesex Rehekal lodge on Tuesday evening, a white elephant party was enjoyed, followed by refreshments.

On Wednesday, March 16, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley, Mrs. J. E. Messinger, Mrs. W. A. Brown attended a meeting of the Hillsborough Co. Pomona Grange at Nashua, N. H.

Miss Culen, our public health nurse, is staying at Miss Boutwell's. Her telephone number is 77.

A collection was taken at the U. S. contract hospital among the ex-service men there, which resulted in the \$21.00 was sent to the Boston Post's Irish relief fund.

On Thursday, March 17, the fire and drum corps from the U. S. contract hospital with a good number of their comrades had a St. Patrick's day parade through the center of the town, with decorations appropriate to the day. After making the circuit of the village, they proceeded to take possession of the bandstand, where they celebrated with some fancy dancing, singing and a cornet solo. As they passed John H. Sheedy's store, he presented them with a box of cigars.

Charles Henry Lewis, a former resident of Groton, passed away on Tuesday, March 1, at his home in the village of Sterling, where he had lived for the last year or two, having previously lived on a farm in the same town for many years. He was the son of the late Reuben Lewis of this town by his first marriage, and was seventy-five years of age. He had been a sufferer from asthma for many years, but died from pneumonia after only a few days illness. He is survived by his widow, Lucy (Moore) Lewis, a son, Joseph Lewis, and a grand-daughter. His funeral was held on Thursday, March 3, and the following persons from this town attended the services: his half-brother, Frank Lewis, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley, Mrs. Dudley Moore, Mrs. Edith Moore, George S. Knapp and Joseph B. Raddin.

The subject of the pastor's sermon at the Congregational church on Palm Sunday will be "The World Pageant." In the evening his topic will be, "Why join the church?" It is reported that the mother of Arthur E. Sargent is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Eber Keirstead returned from the south about two weeks ago.

The funeral services of the late George H. Kemp were held on Saturday, March 12, at two o'clock, the Rev. Arthur V. Dimock being the officiating clergyman. The pallbearers were Herbert J. Folkins, William Lackey, Eber Keirstead and Myron Swallow. Mr. Kemp's wife, who died seven years ago, was before her marriage, Miss Marietta Simonds, and their only child, Willie, died 20 years ago. Mr. Kemp was a member of Squannacook lodge, M. F., and many beautiful flowers were sent by the Odd fellows and other friends as tokens of their esteem.

Mrs. Dora T. Putnam has been recently appointed national aide of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Morton Sauter and family are soon to move into the apartments in Dr. Kilbourn's house lately vacated by the Chiarmontes.

Mrs. Martin Kilgallon and two children arrived in town on Monday and have taken rooms in Mrs. William Taylor's house on Court street. Mr. Kilgallon is one of the ex-service men under treatment at the U. S. contract hospital.

Mrs. Nellie Partridge is in town visiting relatives.

Special services were held several evenings last week at the Baptist church and four persons were received into the church last Sunday. Mr. Dolan preached at both services on Sunday.

The Alliance of the Unitarian church met on Thursday of last week at the Groton Inn, with Miss Dodge, Mrs. Needham and Miss Brigham as presences. There was a large number present, among them Mrs. E. H. F. Crandall, Mrs. E. H. Crandall, Mrs. E. H. Crandall's mother, Mrs. E. H. Crandall, who were the guests of the Groton Alliance that afternoon. There was a pleasant musical entertainment by the following singers: Mrs. W. B. Robinson, Mrs. Frank A. Turner, Mrs. Fred Sherman and Mrs. James Woodruff, with Miss Alice Knapp accompanying on the violin. Later Mr. Crandall gave a talk, and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served afterward. The next meeting will be with Mrs. F. L. Blood on Thursday, March 24, at three o'clock. Hostesses are Mrs. Blood, Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. May.

On last week Thursday evening, March 10, the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church held a social, which was well attended. Supper was served at the usual hour under the direction of Mrs. Reache and Mrs. Bruce. The entertainment program was as follows: recitation by an orchestra composed of the following players: Mrs. W. B. Robinson, piano; George Porter, violin; Ronald Dimock, saxophone and Joseph Gleason, alto saxophone. The songs were "Edy the Cunningham," "The days are like best," "Amy Wright, Rachel Wood, Hazel France, Elsie Cunningham; selections by orchestra. Games followed, among them a fishing game, in which Sarah Cunningham was the first prize and T. O. Hall, Jr., the consolation prize.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning the pastor continued his series of Lenten sermons with one on "World Triumphs." The musical selection was a duet by Mrs. George Porter and Miss Miriam Knapp, "My

God, my Father, while I stray." The flowers in front of the preacher were potted plants with blossoms in white and in lavender, with a bouquet of lovely carnations near the window and a Johninjoa in bloom on the piano. In the evening the pastor spoke on "The analysis of the church." He talked Christ and caused the world's greatest scandal? The choir sang an anthem, "Hear our prayer," and there was instrumental music on two saxophones and the organ.

There will be an auction sale of the real estate of the late Mary W. Shattuck in Groton on Saturday, March 26, at two o'clock p. m.

The music department of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Lawrence E. Blood on Monday evening, March 21, at 7:45 o'clock. Plans are made to start working on a cantata, which will be given later in the year. All members of the club who are interested are urged to come.

Clarence Tuttle and his son, Kendall, leave San Mateo, Fla., on Saturday, March 19, for the return trip to their home here. Arthur Tuttle, whose health at last accounts seemed improved, will remain until April 12.

The Community club will meet on Wednesday, March 23, with Mrs. Silas Northrup.

Unclaimed letters in Groton post office on February 23: Mrs. M. N. Ames; March 7, Mrs. J. G. Lawrence, Stanley Miller, Miss N. Walton, To Dr. Ayr.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Boynton are expected to return from Florida about the middle of next month.

Mrs. Arthur J. Sargent spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. William H. Boynton.

An adjourned meeting of the parish was held at the Episcopalian vestry on Monday, March 21, at 7:30 o'clock. Let every member make an effort to be present.

Woman's Club. On Friday afternoon, March 11, the Woman's club held its regular meeting. It was decided to postpone the next meeting, which would naturally fall on Good Friday, until April 1. This meeting will be under the charge of the department of education, of which the chairman is Mrs. Isabel Hill. The meeting on Friday of last week was under the charge of the department of music with Mrs. Frank A. Torrey as its chairman. The Woman's club chorus sang several selections in a pleasing manner, with Mrs. John O. Hall, Jr., at the piano. Mrs. C. B. Ames sang a group of songs with Mrs. Hall accompanying her. The music for one of these songs was composed by Mrs. Hall.

The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Arthur Davidson, chairman of the music section of the state federation of women's clubs. Mrs. Davidson gave a very interesting talk on music, in which she commended the club for its work in this line and urged that the members continue their study and practice in this important branch of their activities. She then asked the club to join with her in singing a variety of songs.

Groton School Boy Hurt.

Gilbert W. Kahn, 15-year-old son of Otto H. Kahn, of Kahn, Loeb & Co., and Miss Olive Crowe, 21, of Huntington, L. I., are in the Huntington hospital, with serious injuries received in a collision between Kahn's automobile and Kahn's motorcycle.

Young Kahn, who was home on a visit from Groton School, was hurrying toward his father's estate on the Jericho turnpike when his motorcycle struck the automobile on the side with terrific force. The car was hurled into the ditch beside the road, turning partly over, and settling back on young Kahn and the wrecked motorcycle. Miss Crowe's head apparently struck the steering wheel, and she fell from the car. The other two in the car were unhurt. Kahn suffered a severe concussion of the brain and his right ankle was broken. Both he and Miss Crowe were unconscious when picked up. The young woman did not recover consciousness until early Monday, and at the hospital it was said she had little chance for recovery. The condition of Kahn, beside whom his father and two physicians watched during Monday night, was said to be favorable.

School Notes.

All the public schools will close on Friday, March 18, and open on Monday, April 4.

All the public schools will have one session on Friday, March 25, closing at one o'clock.

Evelyn Parker, Dorothy Bishy, Virginia Harrington, Beryl Simonton, Norman Bates and Ralph Blood, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Kilne, principal of the Tarbell school, spent Saturday in Pithsburg.

The active members of the council of the Tarbell school are to hold a St. Patrick's party in Squannacook hall, West Groton, on Friday, March 18, at 7:30 p. m. Each member is asked to bring a friend.

Miss Rosalie Triot, teacher of grades 1 and 2 at the Tarbell school, spent the week-end at Norwood with Miss Gertrude German, a former teacher here.

The chairman for the comedy, "The Partners," to be given at the St. Patrick's party, is Mrs. E. H. Crandall. The cast of characters is as follows: Will, Ralph Blood; Tom, John Allen; John, Norman Bates; Anna, Evelyn Parker; Beryl, Beryl Simonton; Dorothy, Dorothy Bishy; the maid, Virginia Harrington.

Clarence Tuttle, who attends the Episcopalian school, has the broken leg.

Bird Club Lecture-Recital.

Owing to a misunderstanding, no mention was made in last week's issue of the delightful lecture-recital given by Edward Avis, bird mimic and violinist, in the town hall on Tuesday evening, March 15, under the auspices of the Groton Bird club and Grange. W. P. Wharton, the president of the Bird club, stated at the opening of the evening that, while all were most welcome, as the Bird club had spent the larger part of the funds in its attempt in giving this entertainment, the club could not readily receive any small contribution, such as a dime or a nickel, to help on its work.

The large audience which had gathered to hear Mr. Avis, testified to their appreciation of his pictures, music and interesting lecture by an unexpectedly generous response, which was very gratifying to the club members. The colored lantern slides portraying bird life in its different phases were a series of lovely views, many of them of woodland scenery with brooks and feathered songsters.

In one rural landscape the lowing of a cow amused the audience. The thrushes, sparrows, juncos, vireos, robins, sandpipers, brown thrashers, whip-poor-wills, grosbeaks, meadow-larks, bobolinks, bluebirds, juncos, pewees, kinglets, wrens, veeries, "mocking birds," yellow throats, starlings, chickadees, ovenbirds, chickadees, catbirds, paries, blackbirds, crows, flickers, cardinal birds, screech owls, all appeared on the slides in their array of "latter-day beauty," while the lecturer made the air vibrate with his wonderful imitations of their melodies. The very pretty picture was of a scene over a brook in a grove, where the phebe had its home, and another of the country church among the trees when Mr. Avis played one of the familiar hymns heard in such a place, accompanying it with the song of a sparrow. Some views showed members of a junior Audubon society feeding birds. Mr. Avis frequently called upon the children in the audience to identify the birds whose notes he was imitating and commended the accuracy of the responses made in nearly every instance. There were many children in the audience, whose close attention to the recital showed their enjoyment. The children of the public schools of Boston certainly were fortunate in having Mr. Avis as their teacher in bird lore during a series of talks in the last three weeks of the school year.

West Groton.

Saturday evening at Squannacook hall the feature picture will be "For Freedom of Ireland," with Hal Reid. Next Wednesday evening, "Bacon and Pythias," special.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burns, with Mrs. N. A. Nutt, as their guest, are spending the week in Falmouth.

Miss Marian Melish of Alliston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Melish, on Thursday of last week.

Howard Jewett returned last week to his work for Mr. Hardy of Ayer.

Mrs. Carrie Kaddy has rented Michael McGowan's house, and moved there with her children this week.

Miss Rosalie Triot, teacher of the primary grades at Tarbell school, plans to accompany the senior class of the Groton high school on their trip to Washington on the 25th of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thompson attended the auto show on Tuesday, remaining over Wednesday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Small of Watertown.

Rev. M. Snyder of Acton occupied the pulpit at the Christian Union church on Sunday.

Mrs. R. H. Burgess visited friends in Methuen on Wednesday.

Andrew Taylor returned on last Thursday evening from a two-year stay in South America.

Robert Bixby of West Lynn was in town over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lindall of Rosindale came last Saturday to C. E. E. Blood's. Mr. Blood spent Sunday and Mrs. Lindall will remain a few weeks.

Hollingsworth & Vose Co.'s papermill has been shut down this week.

Clifford Bixby, Provost Thompson, Lawrence Strand, Jr., and Leon Kane attended the auto show this week.

The supper served by the Ladies' Aid society last week Thursday evening was well patronized and of its usual excellence.

Successful Play.

A play, "The Minister's wife," was given in Squannacook hall on Thursday evening, March 10, by the members of Miss Florence Woodson's Sunday school class. The parts were well taken, and many with sayings kept the audience laughing. The actresses were Dorothy Blood, Ruth Ludden, Gertrude Wheaton, Ruth Ludden, Ruth Blood and Dorothy Kaddy. The object of the play was to raise money that had been pledged by the class for the Armenian child fund. Over \$50 was taken from the sale of tickets and from the proceeds of the play. The money for the Armenian fund, plants were purchased for shut-ins and \$20 was given to the Sunday school. Miss Woodson planned and carried out the entertainment and was given much praise.

AYER

On Palm Sunday there will be holy communion in St. Andrew's church at 8:30 a. m., and morning prayer and service at 10:45 a. m. The Sunday school meets at twelve noon. During holy week under special services will be conducted every evening of the week at 7:30. The services will be held on Monday at the Federated church, on Tuesday at the Unitarian church, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at the Episcopal church.

George Chauvin is dangerously ill with pneumonia at his home on Park street.

The Unitarian Girls' club held a meeting at the home of Miss Evelyne M. Sanderson Wednesday evening. Miss Sanderson and Mrs. Lydia A. Partridge were the hostesses.

Among the electric installations for early completion by John E. Ryan, master electrician, are George H. Will's Park street, Charles R. Crawford's Central street, and Mrs. E. H. Crandall's new home on Grove street, George G. Gile, Grove street, Charles Morbin and Michael Sullivan, West Main street, also, Edward Lambert of Shipley street and Laman Palmer's property on East Main street.

Proceedings at the Baptist church on Sunday at 10:45 a. m. from the subject, "The Mind of Christ." The Sunday school meets at twelve o'clock and the young people's service at 8:15. The subject of the sermon at seven p. m. will be "The scorn of conscience." The ladies of the Sunday school were royally entertained by the girls on Tuesday evening. There were about 125 present.

Watch for the date of the indoor picnic to be given soon by the Unitarian Girls' club.

There will be a meeting of the Catholic Girls' club in K. of C. hall, Monday evening, March 21.

The men of the Federated church will serve a supper in the church vestry at 6:30 sharp on Tuesday, March 22. The supper will consist of mashed potatoes, green peas, roast pork, baked ham, sliced beef, cranberry sauce, pickles, coffee and fancy pie. Fred A. Smith chairman of committee.

Basil Maxant of Chicago has been visiting his brother, Frank Maxant. Mr. Maxant accompanied him to New York where he will meet his son, Arthur, who will return with him.

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Miss Addie Harlow is in Ayer, making a two weeks' visit with relatives.

Miss Natalie Bigelow leaves this week Friday to resume her position at the South Acton Inn.

Fourteen grangers attended the Pomona Grange meeting in Townsend Thursday. Ayer Grange furnished home-made candy which realized over \$10 for the Near East and Chinese relief funds.

Capt. George V. Barrett camp, 8, will hold a class initiation Thursday evening at eight o'clock. The work will be done by the division decree team of Boston, Leominster, Fitchburg and Townsend camps are invited. All local members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held Monday afternoon, March 21, at 7:30 o'clock. The work will be done at one o'clock. The work will be the Master Mason degree.

It is understood that last Saturday night Chief Beatty and Officer Theodore H. Clark assisted in a raid at South Chelmsford, on the way home from a machine which they were in because of the machine in the vicinity of Westford. The two officers started out to find a telephone and by the help of numerous goodboards all of which read "Littleton, 3 miles," they finally located the home of Alexander McDonald. From there they again started their wanderings in the dark, finally becoming separated. It is understood that Chief Beatty arrived in town with the morning sun after covering about fifteen miles on foot, while Officer Clark drifted about eight a. m. The report that after having this preliminary training the chief was to enter the next Marathon has not yet been verified.

The annual meeting of the Ayer Branch of the American Red Cross was held at Board of Trade rooms on Tuesday evening, March 14. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Berton Williams, chairman; Mrs. Theodore W. Barry, vice chairman; Mrs. Waldo Sprague, sec.; Charles A. Normand, treas.; T. F. Mullin, auditor.

A baby girl, weighing seven pounds, was born on Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Horgan of East Main street.

Benjamin Normand has been confined to his home on Nashua street for several days suffering from an abscess.

The Bird club is anticipating special pleasure on Saturday afternoon in an address on birds from the deputy game warden, Edward E. Backus, who will speak to the club at 2:30 at the clubhouse of the Middlesex Country club. This meeting will be open to both adult and junior members and also to others contemplating membership in the club. Mr. Backus plans to speak along the line of birds useful to the farmers and as to what may be done toward bird protection.

The new warden of the town farm, James F. Carter, formerly of Milford, N. H., Mr. Carter who has been a resident of the town for about three years, was formerly superintendent of the Edward H. Best farm in Mt. Vernon, N. H. Arthur E. Felch, the present warden, retires April 1, when Mr. Carter will assume his duties.

Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks met with a painful injury last Monday evening running a crochet needle into her forehead. Dr. Hopkins was called and extracted the needle.

Mrs. Francis Lovejoy has been ill at her home on East Main street.

Mrs. James M. Boytwell visited Mr. Boutwell's nephew, George E. Wood, in Littleton Tuesday.

Lynman C. Sprague has been receiving treatments from Dr. Kittredge in Nashua.

Mrs. Kenneth M. Wilson returned Tuesday from Groton hospital.

Miss Jessie R. Wilson has returned from a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Joseph Carter, in Nashua.

James Craig of Methuen is visiting his brother, Charles E. Craig.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded recently from this vicinity: Littleton—Nathan A. Taylor adm. to E. E. Carlson et al. Pepperell—Frederic H. Parker to G. A. Shattell; Henry A. Parker et al. by trustee to E. F. Woods; Shirley—Arthur J. Boucher to William Gionet; Edith M. Carkins to Aris Holmes. Townsend—Caro T. Doherty et al. to M. J. Look.

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There will be a big Easter concert and ball in town hall, Tuesday evening, March 22, given by Tinker's singing orchestra, composed of nine musicians, to be held from eight to nine o'clock from nine to one. This is New England's premier dance band.

The Sunshine Girls' club of the Baptist church met with Gladys Hillman Thursday for a picnic. Refreshments were served.

Charles Morrison has purchased a five-passenger American six sedan car. Lynman W. Palmer is building an addition to the house recently purchased by him, occupied by John Conner.

Ha McKinley chapter, O. E. S., held an enjoyable meeting, which part of a Thursday evening in Masonic hall with thirty-seven tables in progress. Mrs. Edward E. Sawyer had the affair in charge. First honors for each of the three tables were captured by Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Charles A. Conner, Mrs. J. J. Edward, H. B. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Warren A. Winslow, Miss Edith Longley, Miss Gertrude Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Horatio C. Chase, Daniel W. Fletcher and Charles W. Mason, who won loose leaf note books and Japanese trappets. Consolation prizes were given to Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. William S. Beckford, Miss Natalie B. Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kyle, Mr. and Mrs. William Scutten, Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bray. The prizes were initial seals and nutmeg grates. Refreshments were served.

Busy Month Ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius C. Fairchild and the Fairchild family have a busy month ahead of them. The players present the comedy, "Bubbles," which made so good an impression on its presentation here, at Harvard on March 23. The play is to be given at the town hall for the woman's club, on March 20. The play will be given at the town hall in Groton for the consolation exercise men. On April 1 it will be presented at Fitchburg under auspices of Mt. Rollstone lodge, I. O. O. F. On April 12 the players will go to Concord Junction under the auspices of the local I. O. O. F. lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild are to give an evening's program in Harvard on the occasion of the Woman's club guest

night, April 4. Mr. Fairchild is to give an evening's program of character impersonation by appointment of the Boston Lyceum baronet at Arlington Heights, April 18.

Unitarian Church.

Sunday service—10:45 regular offices and sermon. Music "Los Ramones" (The palms) "The city dweller" (The city dweller) "The city dweller" (The city dweller). Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The triumphal entry." Church school at twelve.

On Sunday palms will be distributed, according to the Palm Sunday custom of this and other churches.

Union holy week services will be conducted every evening of the week at 7:30. The service will be held on Monday at the First Unitarian church, Rev. F. W. Wallace, preacher; on Tuesday at the Federated church, Rev. James T. Rider, Jr., preacher; on Wednesday at the First Baptist church, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, preacher; on Maundy Thursday at St. Andrew's church, communion service, and on Good Friday also at St. Andrew's church, Rev. William J. Kelly.

The Federated Church.

Morning worship and sermon at 10:45. Bible school at twelve. Young people's meeting at six. Evening worship and sermon at seven.

Tuesday evening supper served by the men of the church at 6:30 sharp. Union service at 7:30 with sermon by Rev. James T. Rider. See program of union services in another column.

Classes for religious instruction on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons after school.

Y. W. C. A. Young People's Society, Saturday afternoon, 1:30 to three o'clock. The special offering last week for the China Famine fund amounted to about \$90. Over \$20 were contributed in the Bible school.

WEST ACTON

News Items.

Winona Rebekah lodge initiated candidates at the meeting Wednesday.

The Baptist church has voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Rev. George L. Nicholson.

Miss Lucie Blaisdell has gone to Arlington to visit her grandmother.

Charles Whitcomb's family is soon to move to Littleton on a farm just over the Acton line.

Charles Dudley is still in a very weak and feeble condition.

Jesse Briggs' family is to occupy the tenement soon to be vacated by Chas. Whitcomb's family.

The Woman's club met Monday afternoon with a large number of members present. The program for the afternoon was furnished by home talent. Mrs. Charlotte Blanchard in charge. Mrs. Hazel Blanchard gave piano solos which were greatly enjoyed and Mrs. Elizabeth Forbush vocal solos charmingly. Mrs. Blanchard read a paper on "Historic places in Massachusetts," which was illustrated by Mrs. French with stereopticon slides, all making a very delightful entertainment. At the social hour tea and sandwiches were served by a committee with Mrs. Spinney, chairman.

Miss Florence Potter, who has been at Florence Payson's several days, has returned to her home in Waltham.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Miss Lydia and Hattie Porter Wednesday.

HARVARD

News Items.

Heirs of Arthur L. Hunter of Harvard will share an estate valued at \$60,000, according to an inventory filed in probate court March 10 by his administratrix, Gertrude M. Willard. The appraiser was Mark A. Farnsworth of Harvard.

The men of the Unitarian society will hold a social in the town hall Friday evening, March 25; supper at six and seven o'clock, and entertainment at eight.

Mrs. Jane Jewett O'Brien passed away Thursday evening of last week at the home of her son, Fulton O'Brien on Bear Hill, aged 58 years. Mrs. O'Brien was born in Cornish, Me., was educated at the Kent's Hill seminary, and was later married to the late Albert O'Brien, who was a hay and grain dealer in Boston. She has made her home with her son for some years; has been an invalid, and has received the untiring care of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien. Services were held at the late home Sunday afternoon.

Rev. A. W. Lyver officiating. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien accompanied the remains to Cornish, Me., where the burial was held Monday.

Still River.

Rev. Mr. Dyson, pastor of the Congregational church, Harvard, occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday and preached an excellent sermon. Mrs. Mary E. Houghton and Miss Annie Haskell sang a duet. Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Kent, pastor of the Unitarian church, Harvard, will occupy the pulpit here.

Miss S. Savage left town Monday morning to spend a week with his brother Joseph in Randolph, Vt.

Mrs. Chester Willard had a very serious operation performed at the City hospital Monday morning. She has done very well so far, much to the relief of her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackstone, Mr. Rose and Mrs. Rose moved into the west tenement of the Acton house Thursday.

Men are at work digging the cellar for the house that Mr. Hooley is to have built, near the Whitney cottage.

Mr. Hutcherson is still confined to his bed. He has had quite an attack of pneumonia, but is making a good recovery.

Miss Laura Brown attended a meeting of the Woman's club of West Acton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker returned last Sunday afternoon from the home of his parents in Watertown, where he was sick for about a fortnight.

Milton Walker, who has been working in the woods in northern Maine, is at home and working for C. P. Willard.

Mr. Beadle, who lived here a few years ago, was a caller on Wednesday afternoon on a few former acquaintances.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Mr. Ford is to manage the Titcomb farm, owned by Mr. Taylor.

Mrs. G. W. Prouty spent last week-end in Boston.

Miss Florence B. Bartlett of Greenfield visited her aunt, Mrs. Austin Kimball, and other friends the first of this week.

Mrs. W. C. Lee of Winchester was



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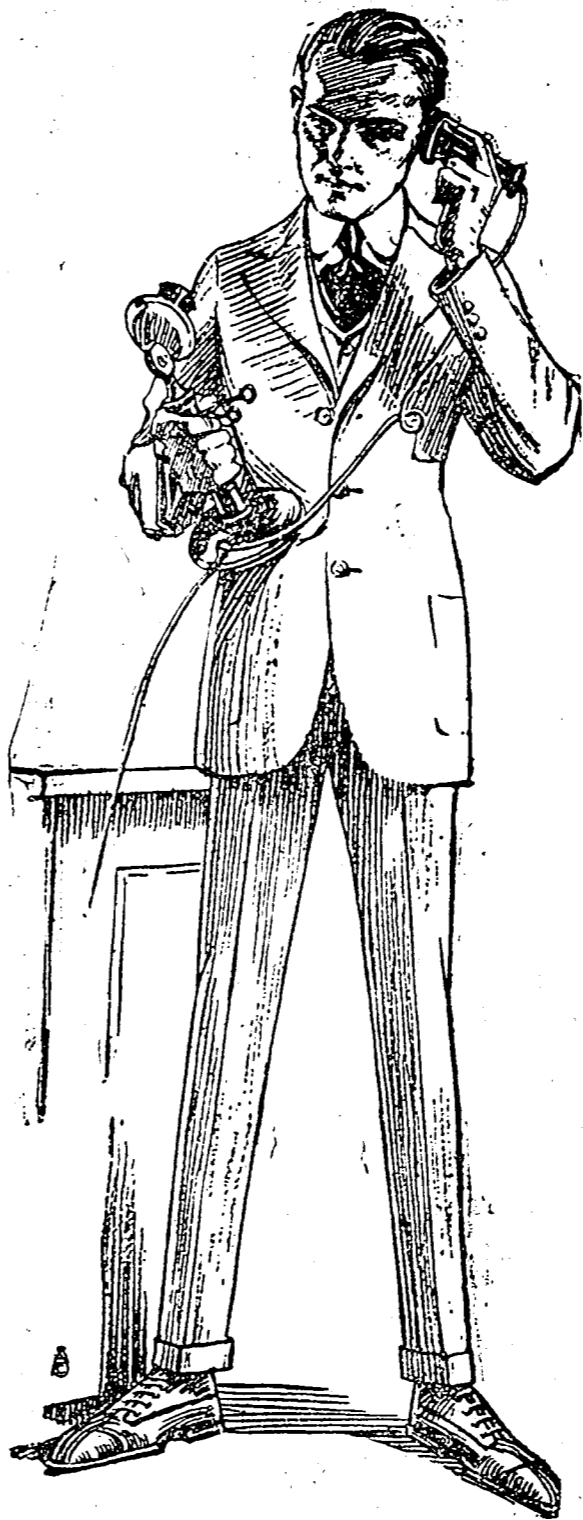
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unusual picture. Lastly, but by no means least important, is the charming picture the young star gives as the completed statue, a round which critics and friends through the stand motionless through these scenes show how perfect is Miss Minter's screen technique.

Sunday, usual double feature bill. Mae Marsh in "Polly of the Circus." Also a Paramount picture. Two shows only Sunday, 3.30 p. m. and seven p. m.

Former Devens Officer Injured

Dr. John L. Pepper of Madison, Me., formerly a lieutenant in the medical corps at Camp Devens, was seriously injured on Tuesday when he opened a package containing a bomb. Dr. Pepper's right hand was blown off and his left hand and lower jaw seriously injured by the explosion. The doctor is unable to furnish any clue to the authorities by which they may trace his would-be murderer. He declares that he knows of no enemy who could have perpetrated the crime. In the wreckage of the office the officials found a piece of lead, tacks, nails and pieces of iron with which the bomb was filled. The only fact known so far concerning the package is that it was mailed some time the day before in the neighboring town of Anson.

A. W. C.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held in Hardy's hall March 16 at three p. m. Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence presiding. The program for children's day began at 3.30. Mrs. Florence S. Pillman having charge of the entertainment. One hundred and sixteen children were present and enjoyed the program. The program included singing, dancing, etc. As the children were leaving one was presented with a lollipop. Prizes were awarded to the winners in the various contests. The children greatly appreciated the serving of ice cream and cookies which brought to a close the most desirable manner the only too short afternoon.

High School Notes.

The marks for the third term were sent out last Friday. The following pupils, having received A in all studies and deportment are on the highest honor list: Beryl Proctor, Ruth Lavin, Helen Graydon. The following, having received A and B in all studies and deportment are on the high honor list: W. Carman, E. Clary, M. Clary, E. Dickerman, E. Johnson, R. Johnson, L. Kennison, M. Laramore, R. Lambert, A. Mead, I. McWhorter, M. Noddin, G. Murray, G. Phillips, M. Prescott, G. Proctor, M. Ryan, H. Whitney, P. McMahon, H. Wilder. The following, having B in all studies and deportment are on the honor list: M. Whitney, E. Connolly.

Glady's Proctor, Helen Whitney, Gladys Pillman and Marguerite Rand have received interesting letters from their French correspondents, Mathilde Jeanjean of Montpellier, Denise Bonfery of St. Dizier, Jane Grange of St. Chamonde and Laure Dubois of Beaunous.

Miss Tarbell, teacher of grade six, has received a very attractive offer of a teaching position in Waltham, carrying with it an increase in salary of twenty-five percent over that received here. She still has the matter under consideration.

Miss McCarthy of the faculty was absent Monday, owing to illness. The seniors have finished their essays for the Knights of Pythias prize contest and are now at work on their commencement essays. The cantata, "The Landing of the Pilgrims," will be given by the school at the annual concert which is to be held in the near future. The work in preparation is being rapidly pushed and it is expected that the concert will be fully up to the standard set by past years.

The entire junior class is entered in the essay contest of the Ayer Woman's club. Two prizes are to be awarded for the best essays on "The Pilgrims."

Miss Palmer, the music instructor, was unable to be present on Tuesday.

Warmer weather makes the boys think of baseball. Formal practice for the school team has not yet begun, but every noon and night, many of the boys indulge in light exercise in preparation for the season to follow. Mr. Richardson has arranged a tentative schedule of fifteen games, which, when finally determined will be printed. At an athletic association meeting held last Friday it was voted that a committee of four, composed of President Kennison, Capt. Cornell, Paul Ryan and Roger Johnson, confer with Mr. Gleason and Mr. Richardson as to financing the ball team and to drafting a constitution for the athletic association and report at a later meeting. Up to the present time the association has been only an informal body, but it is now desired to make it a firm, substantial organization. The committee has met and is still deliberating the matter.

Clipping.

Taken from the Boston Herald, March 15:
 Priv. John Chestnut, wanted by the Chelsea police for the alleged assault and robbery of Mrs. Annie Lukosevic in her home at 43 Louis street, Chelsea, Saturday night, failed to return from Framingham, the machine gun company of the 3d infantry, at the expiration of his leave of absence at noon Monday.

It was discovered that Chestnut had cleaned out his locker before leaving the camp Sunday night, taking with him photographs of himself, Liberty bonds and letters. His pass was made out for Chelsea on Sunday he telephoned and asked that his pass be extended until noon Monday which was granted, no knowledge of the Chelsea case having reached the camp.

Col. Charles Goodhart, camp commander and commanding officer of the 36th infantry, said that the offense charged against Priv. Chestnut would result in his dishonorable discharge on his conviction by the civil authorities, to whom he would turn the man over at his next stop. It is believed, however, that Chestnut has deserted and at the expiration of a period a reward will be offered for his capture on this charge, regardless of the Chelsea case. Priv. Chestnut had been ordered to transfer to the 3d infantry. He was unqualifiedly trained work and had not learned the technique of the machine gun. A month ago he obtained permission from the commanding officer to carry a Lithuanian girl in Greenwich to get a five-day pass to marry. At the end of three days he returned and said that the woman of his choice had made the condition that he desert and live with her in Canada.

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District Court.

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Henry Carr, a sergeant from Camp Devens, was found guilty of drunkenness as the result of a too free use of beer while in the wrong place. He stated that he would probably have further difficulties when he returned to camp, and the court ordered his case placed on file.

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Arrangements are being made to play the rubber game on some future date, to be announced later.

Two other games were played, the Ayer K. O. C. defeating Battery C. from Concord to the tune of 59 to 14. This game was rather one-sided, but the K. O. C. boys showed the fans that they can handle the ball.

The Grange battled with the Pilgrim A. C. from Leominster, and the what they were on the map as basket ball players, defeating the Leominster quintet in a fast game, by the score of 28-16.

Do not forget the concert and ball to be held on the 19th of April for the benefit of the baseball team. Greene's famous eight piece orchestra from Framingham will furnish music. We need all the fans' support to start the baseball team off right.

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Student Nurses Learning to Make a Poultice. Insert, Miss Mary M. Riddle, Chairman of Publicity in Campaign to Recruit Nurses; Henry Copley Greene, Health Service Department, American Red Cross.

Massachusetts' training schools today are short just 700 student nurses. That means that 700 girls who should be preparing to don the cap and the uniform of the most dignified calling in the world, are choosing instead the strenuous drudgery of the typewriter, the monotonous, nerve-racking work of the telephone operator or have decided to become teachers because of the long summer vacations members of this profession enjoy. Meanwhile suffering men and women on beds of pain are left unattended in hospitals and in private homes.

In order to promote recruiting and to help the situation a special committee has been formed to devise ways and means of bringing to the attention of young girls, especially, the advantages that the nursing profession offers as a means of livelihood. Every county in Massachusetts is represented on this committee, which consists of Bertha W. Allen, Superintendent, Lowell General Hospital, Chairman; Charlotte Holden, Public Health Nurse, Falmouth; Lizzie L. MacNeill, Pittsfield, Mass.; Bessie Tripp, Cray Hospital, North Dartmouth; Della Luce, Martha's Vineyard; Betty Eicke, Lawrence General Hospital; Lawrence; Anna Koch, 17 Federal St.; Greenfield; Elizabeth Price, Superintendent of Nurses, Springfield Hospital, Springfield; Alice Cleland, Superintendent Nurses, Cooley-Dickinson Hospital, Northampton; Melissa Cook, Superintendent Melrose Hospital, Melrose; Miss Ellen C. Day, Superintendent Nurses, Boston City Hospital; Mrs. Mary McGee, 33 Cottage St., Brockton; Marietta Barnaby, Superintendent Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital, Gardner; Miss Katharine C. Welch, Asst. Superintendent, Newton Hospital, Newton; Miss Ruby Cameron, Federal Board for Vocational Education, Worcester; Dr. May S. Holmes, Superintendent, Belmont Hospital for Contagious Diseases, Worcester; Mrs. Newton, Executive Secretary, Worcester Chapter of American Red Cross; Mrs. F. D. Stowell, Instructor in Home Nursing, Worcester; Mrs. T. F. Harnett of Worcester, Public Health Nurse; Miss Shannah N. McFadden, Superintendent of Leominster Hospital, Leominster; Miss Laura Jacquith, Superintendent Worcester Memorial Hospital, Representatives from The Red Cross are: Mrs. Russell Brigham Frye of Marlboro, Miss Isabel W. Eaker of the N. E. Division of the American Red Cross in Boston, Mrs. C. J. A. Wilson of Newton, Miss Blanche Wildes, Supervisor of American Red Cross in Boston, and Miss Mary Van Zile of Salem.

An advisory committee has set itself to solve the whole problem by publishing newspaper articles concerning the shortage of nurses in the leading journals of Massachusetts, and through posters, literature, a Speakers' Bureau service, mass meetings, sermons in churches, on the high vocation of nursing, after noon teas given to seniors in High Schools, a showing of the Florence Nightingale films at regular movie shows, so bringing to the attention of every young girl in Massachusetts who might become a good nurse, the opportunities afforded by this profession and the imperative need of filling up the gaps now existing in the ranks of the nurses.

This committee includes Miss Bertha W. Allen of Lowell General Hospital as the chairman, and those members: Miss Esther Dart, president of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association; Miss Mary M. Riddle, Superintendent of the Newton Hospital; Miss Carrie M. Hall, Superintendent of nurses at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital; Miss Marian Sawyer, Superintendent of nurses at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford; Henry Copley Greene, executive secretary of the Health Service Department, Metropolitan Chapter of the American Red Cross; Dr. Walter F. Bowser, Secretary of the State Board of Registration of Nurses, Boston; Robert O.

TOWNSEND

Center.
At Fitchburg last week Friday evening the high school basketball team was defeated by the Fitchburg High School freshmen. The Townsend team took the lead at the start and soon had the score 10 to 0 in their favor. They then outplayed their opponent work and did not allow individual players with the exception of Fitchburg's steady guard, finally won by a score of 29 to 10. High school basketball season is over. The season's last game was with Wadsworth High School at Winchendon Friday evening and another with Holy High at Fitchburg on Saturday.

A prize speaking contest under the auspices of the high school will be held at Memorial Hall on Friday evening, April 15. Prizes for the 7th and 8th grades at the Center West High School have been provided to participate.

The ten needle workers club entertained the eight members of the Fitchburg Needle Club at their regular meeting in the high school room after school sessions. A social time with sewing and games were enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served by their director, Mrs. Harrison Bliss. The meeting was held last week Thursday.

Joseph Marshall, a high school student who has been in hospital, however, was taken to Hartford Hospital this week where he expects soon to undergo an operation for the removal of tonsils.

Mrs. Robert Copeland attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Deane, held at Foxbury last week Thursday.

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T. P. T. A. Contest.
The prize contest conducted by the Parent-Teacher association for the best drawing of "Child welfare posters" by school pupils in 7th, 8th and 9th grades and high school pupils in town has closed and the following are the prize winners: High school—Carey Swinington, 12; Rachel Knight, 2d; Hester Russell, 2d; Clay modeling, Louise Drake, 1st. Center grammar—Leon Gilbert, 1st; Florence Higgins, 2d and Helen Morton, 2d. West grammar—Benjamin Bradford, 1st; Charles Jodrey, 2d and Adolph Babala, 2d.

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and of David Howard and family of Annapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard and Principal Charles Ross and Mrs. Ross of Washington, D. C. passed among the members maps of the route of the coast camera pictures and books on views.

Refreshments were served by the hostess during the 10th hour, who was aided in serving by Misses L. H. and Mabel T. and the grade school teachers.

Recruiting Student Nurses.
A challenge has been issued to the young women of America to "world needs nurses" and a movement to recruit student nurses organized.

for the National Nursing organizations and the American Red Cross has been outlined. The movement has come for the purpose of recruiting students to the hospitals for their education, to pursue education and the opportunities open to graduates of the profession in order to teach and conduct the plan it is desired that in each community there be a representative of the Student Nurses' Recruiting committee and Mrs. Robert Copeland, chairman of the local Townsend branch, has been chosen to Townsend and anyone interested in the work can secure the desired information from her.

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morning. As Elliott was on probation for a similar offence coupled with larceny, they were committed to the lock-up until Tuesday morning, when the state officers appeared and Elliott was taken to the penitentiary at Westboro, but Richards was returned to his home here on parole. The Elliott boy, while on probation, attended the party and openly boasted of his adventures and his runaway excursions, apparently inciting the imagination of some of the other boys to like him.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Boutelle announce the engagement of their daughter, Marion, to Benjamin Parley of North Andover.

Quite a party from Westboro, E. and the Ladies Aid of the village of Fitchburg were in town for a time to attend a performance of "The Old Homestead" at Cummings theater making the trip in the Winchester house.

Mrs. A. J. Manchester has been on the sick list at her home for the past week.

Mr. Reed from Waltham was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hart.

Mrs. Joseph McKean has been confined to her home for several days with a severe cold.

Mrs. Lucy Thompson, who has been on the sick list at her home for the past week, is able to about again.

Richard Lovring has been on the sick list a few days suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. W. T. Cook of Elm street has returned from a few days' visit to relatives in Worcester.

Mrs. Hazel Towle and little daughter, Blanche, have returned to the Sunnyside Inn after several weeks' vacation.

Arthur Homer and family have arrived from New York at their summer home on Main street for the season.

George Ways of Boston is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farnsworth, where he formerly made his home.

Mr. Pass of Jamaica Plain is visiting at the home of Rodney Richards.

Miss Ada Clark, who has been spending a few days with friends out of town, has returned to her home on Upper Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevins of Worcester have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill of Stevens Hill.

John Coffey son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coffey, is one of the victims of whooping cough, as is Glenn Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hart.

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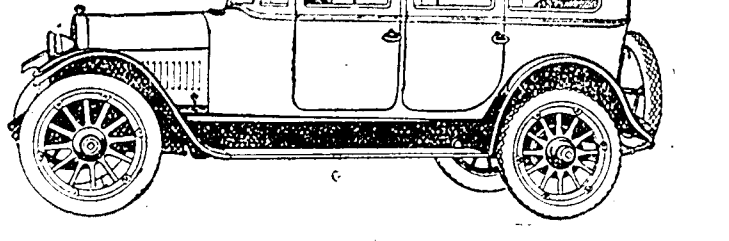
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