

### AYER

#### News Items.

Miss Lucille Hollis left Monday to resume her studies at Wheaton college.

A baby girl was born Friday night at the Clinton hospital to Mr. and Mrs. P. Fletcher of Washington street. The baby has been named Beatrice Fletcher. The baby weighed seven and three-quarters pounds. Both the mother and the child are doing well. Mr. Fletcher and daughter, Marjorie, went to Clinton Sunday to see them.

The Ayer schools reopened Monday after a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius C. Fairchild gave a program of readings and character sketches at Harvard Monday evening for the annual guest night of the Harvard Woman's club.

Daniel Dalton is to move from the residence of Charles L. Jackson in Harvard to the Kennison house on East Main street.

Ayer Grange will hold the next whist party of its series in Hardy's hall, Friday evening, April 23.

Clayton Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Guthrie, celebrated his fourth birthday anniversary at his home on East Main street last week Friday afternoon assisted by a dozen of his little friends. Those attending were Glenn, Rodney and Devena Kidder, Leah P. Lufkin, Alice Barrett, Ida Branson, Paul and Constance Lathrop, Frank Luddington, Junior and Edward Guthrie. Ice cream and cake were served. Clayton, who is a neighborhood favorite, was well remembered with gifts, including a birthday cake.

Mrs. Martha H. Graves observed her seventieth birthday anniversary at her home on East Main street last Monday. Relatives and friends called during the day, leaving tokens of their esteem on this memorable milestone. Ice cream and cake were served. Victrola selections were enjoyed. Mrs. Graves received many pretty gifts, including flowers, bonbons, money and a birthday cake. A postcard shower was tendered by distant friends.

Mrs. Elmer Lawrence and son, Milton, have been visiting Mrs. Lawrence's mother, Mrs. Martha H. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Livingston spent a few days in Greenville, N. H., Mr. Livingston's old home, last week and attended the American Legion celebration.

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

Rev. William Greenough Thayer and Mrs. Thayer sailed last Saturday for a two months' tour of Europe.

Mr. Thayer was formerly vicar at St. Mark's church in Southboro.

Mrs. Augusta D. Sermon has returned from a visit with her granddaughter, Mrs. John Barrington, in Greenfield.

A sewing and business meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Herbert A. Pollard, 5 Elm street.

Ayer Grange will work the first and second degrees next Wednesday evening. Every member is to participate in the discussion, "What shall I plant?" Mrs. William Leahy will have charge of the music.

A fishing party, among whom are Dr. Desmond, F. Vern Pillsman, Walter Blodgett, L. H. Cushing, Howard Fletcher, George L. Osgood, George O. Filibrown and T. Frank Mullin, left this Friday morning for Alton Bay, N. H., by automobile, and expect to return Sunday evening.

Mrs. John E. Shercock and her niece, Nora Pasquale, have been visiting friends in Wollaston for a few days.

Rev. Frank B. Crandall has received an invitation to attend the session of the Harvard summer school of theology as the guest of the National Unitarian Laymen's league. The session opens August 16 and closes September 2.

Three caps belonging to soldiers from Camp Devens await owners at the police station in Fitchburg. The owners registered at the American House Friday and when they departed in civilian clothes they left the caps belonging to their uniforms behind. Patrolman P. H. Fitzgerald took them to the station.

Littleton Gun club won a trophy in the form of a challenge cup last Saturday from Ayer Gun club.

The following Ayer Camp Devens Masons of the Scottish rite, attended a meeting of Mt. Olivary chapter of Rose Croix at Lowell Friday evening: Capt. Charles O. Ashton, Sergeant Harry Brotherton, Dr. E. B. Bell, Horatio C. Chase, Frank B. Crandall, George B. Hart, C. W. James, Sergt. Hector Lamoth, Arthur J. Laurin, George H. Leavitt, Sergt. Alexander Littlejohns, Frank McPhee, Daniel Manson, Sergt. H. Most, Lieut. George G. Parks, Major Harry C. Peasey, Lieut. Walter L. Perry, Albert E. Simmons, Capt. Charles B. Spruit, Capt. Thomas H. Veale, Benjamin H. Walker and L. C. Wheeler.

The Unitarian Girls' club met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Beatrice Fletcher of Oak street. The hostesses were Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Edith Montgomery and Mrs. John H. Sanderson.

William J. Thornton, recently fined \$50 in the local court for the illegal sale of liquor, who appealed, has withdrawn his appeal and paid his fine.

George S. Boutwell W. R. C. and Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., will hold a military whist party in Hardy's hall Monday evening. Good music will be provided and a social hour will follow the game.

Mrs. Brinor, wife of Sergt. Major York, sailed Saturday for New York on the steamer "La Lorraine," for France where she will visit her brother and sisters. She expects to be absent about two months.

Lester W. Berry has leased the vacant store on the north side of the American House block, Merchants' row. He is building a one-story addition running the length of the block and about 12 feet wide. He is not ready to announce what use he is to make of the premises.

George J. Dancause, formerly employed as a meat cutter at the Union cash market, has purchased Frank E. Crawford's interest in the fish business of Crawford & Oikle. Mr. Crawford will remain for a time with the new firm. The new firm name is to be Dancause & Oikle.

Edward Hopkins, '23, and Ralph Richardson, '24, are at home from Dartmouth college for a 12 days' vacation.

Beginning this week the rehearsals of the Ayer Male Glee club will be held Wednesday evenings.

Misses Agnes and May Halleran are having a two weeks' vacation from the telephone office. They are at present visiting in Waltham.

Mrs. M. Dell Seaverns, who has been at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, for some time, had one foot removed on Thursday. The operation was successful.

Joseph F. Wheeler moved this week to the new house which he has completed on Pearl street. Thomas A. Kittredge will occupy Mr. Wheeler's present home.

At the regular meeting of George S. Boutwell W. R. C., Thursday evening in Hardy's hall the usual supper was enjoyed. Comrades Dickinson and Lovjoy were guests. Members were present from Shirley and Fitchburg. One application for membership was received. It was voted to hold a public supper on the evening of the next meeting.

Mrs. E. Edwin Small of Fitchburg has been visiting her mother, Mrs. William H. Crider at Whiston.

Mrs. Byron Murphy is ill at her home on Grove street.

Dance Locominster City Hall, Monday, April 13.

#### Clipping.

From the Fitchburg Sentinel of April 2:

An unusually large audience enjoyed the presentation of "Bubbles" in I. O. O. F. hall, Fitchburg, Friday night, when a cast headed by Lucius C. Fairchild gave a splendid performance of the witty comedy of modern aspirations. The play was written and directed by Mr. Fairchild who also played the leading role. Mr. Fairchild is usually well-known in this vicinity as a member of Albert Lando's company at Whiston. He has had much experience on the professional stage and was able to select and train a capable cast.

The play was very interesting and amusing. The cast was excellent and gave evidence of long and careful training. The play is presented in several places by the same competent organization and as a result the production was given with the smoothness and finish of professionals.

The production was given under the auspices of Mt. Eoustone lodge, I. O. O. F., and followed a short business session. Music was furnished by the Oddfellows' orchestra. The cast included Mr. Fairchild, Leon M. Huntress, James McDonald, Evelyn M. Sanderson, Evelyn N. Fairchild, Edward P. Page, Richard B. Craft and Marion E. Young.

#### Special Town Meeting.

A special town meeting was held Friday evening in the town hall, called to consider various appropriations. T. Frank Mullin was elected moderator. The following action was taken:

Article 2. It was voted to borrow \$2300 for the reconstruction of the race-way bridge at Mitchellville. This appropriation is to be met by borrowing on three town notes of \$1100 each, payable respectively in one, two and three years.

Art. 3. It was voted to appropriate \$100 for the public dump.

Art. 4. It was voted to appropriate \$100 for public shade trees.

The voters sustained the recommendations of the town advisory committee in regard to all the articles in the warrant.

#### Wedding.

Maurice W. Tabbutt, army field clerk at Camp Devens, and Miss L. Jane Briggs were married Saturday afternoon at the bride's home on Pleasant street. Rev. Leslie F. Wallace, vicar of St. Andrew's church, performed the ceremony, using two rings.

The young couple was attended by Sergt. William Graham, Co. A, 12th Infantry, and Miss P. Gertrude Briggs, the bride's twin sister. Only relatives of the bride and groom were present at the ceremony. Following the event a luncheon was served.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tabbutt of Portland and is a popular member of the field clerk corps at Camp Devens. He has won academic distinction in camp as a half-back of the Camp Devens football team which won the championship last fall of the First Army Corps area. More recently Mr. Tabbutt has proved himself equally capable in camp basketball.

Miss Briggs, a daughter of Mrs. Laura J. Briggs, is a graduate of the Ayer High School in the class of 1919 and is one of the most popular and accomplished young women of Ayer. She is well-known for her musical ability and has taken prominent parts in local entertainments and amateur theatrics. At the time of her marriage Miss Briggs was a clerk in C. R. P. company's store in the Page block.

Mr. and Mrs. Tabbutt will make their home in Portland, where Mr. Tabbutt has secured a lucrative position in the army and left Tuesday for Portland, where Mrs. Tabbutt will later join him. The young couple received beautiful and valuable presents, tokens of the friendship of a wide circle of friends.

#### Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded recently from this vicinity: Blanche M. Brown to H. D. Burroughs; Helen A. Wetherbee et al. to H. P. Burroughs; Gorton-Claire; M. Weston to E. Kimball et al.; W. Hubert Wood to J. F. Bateman; L. L. Tingley; Pepperell; James W. Bennett to F. J. Kelly; Nellie R. Egan to W. A. Kemp; Adam Kransack to A. A. LeMansel; George R. Lusk et al. to W. A. Kemp et al.; Merlan Marshall to C. W. Reed; James W. Williams to G. P. Parker; Shirley-Giovanni Ghiringhelli et ux. to F. L. Rogers; Charles H. Hewes to C. H. Devens et al.; Robert H. J. Holden et al. to Helen A. Wetherbee; Francis J. Adams et al. to J. H. Bacheider; B. A. D. Fessenden Co. to E. Ferguson; Westford-Henry A. Fletcher to R. A. Fletcher; Francis C. Hills to Joseph A. Leclere; land in Page Village; Ella F. Hills to H. D. Burroughs and on Midred street; August Johnson to Malcolm Johnson et ux.; Harvard-Issac R. Weston to Dorothy D. Townsend; Lunenburg-Earle L. Butterfield to Elmer K. Fielding; land on roads to George and Townsend Harbor and Massachusetts avenue; Forest M. Weston to May E. Weston; land on Wildwood avenue; Fred Gaudreau et ux. to Henriette B. Gaudreau; land on state road to Fitchburg.

#### Clipping.

Taken from the Boston Transcript April 9.

Nicholas J. Dini, a clarinet player in the Boston Symphony orchestra and a former bandmaster at Camp Devens, was arraigned before Judge Parmenter in the Municipal court Monday morning and pleaded not guilty to assault and battery with intent to kill.

Reid lives at 18 Sagamore street and has been a policeman since October 23, 1919.

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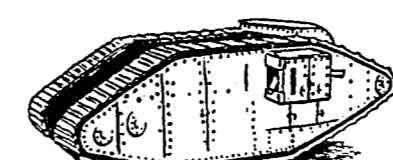
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was roughly handled. No one in the house knew him and no one could tell how he got into the building. He gave an address on Hemenway street.

Reid lives at 18 Sagamore street and has been a policeman since October 23, 1919.

The assault occurred at 192 Commonwealth avenue late Sunday night. The wife of Dr. Elisha Plagg telephoned the police that a man and woman were engaged in argument outside the house and at about the same time Reid heard the disturbance and went to investigate. As he reached the scene the man entered the house. It is said, and the policeman followed, only to be confronted with a revolver. He grappled with the man and in the struggle that followed was badly beaten about the head with the butt of the weapon.

Wendell Phillips of 180 Congress street, Lerony Stone of 120 Newbury street and Ralph Lowe of 199 Commonwealth avenue went to the officer's assistance and in the struggle, Forland

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WESTFORD

Center. The minstrel show under the auspices of the Republican League, Ralph P. Hawkes, director, to be given at the town hall Friday evening, April 15, is being much anticipated. It has been most successful in the towns where it has been given. There were fully 500 present at Billerica town hall Tuesday evening. There are five voices in the chorus and songs, skits and jokes abound. A. W. Hatfield, Austin Walker, Seth Bannister, Leon Hildreth, Clifford Johnson, Warren Hancoon, John Greig, Fred Perkins, George Wilson, Mark Palmer and Frank Carter are the Westford men taking part.

The Ladies Aid society will hold an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Grumb February 21. The firemen were called out Sunday afternoon to a bad woodland fire in the vicinity of Forge Village, which burned through to nearby the Pine Ridge station. The chemical was also called out Wednesday afternoon for a chimney fire on William A. Green's land. At the same time a chimney fire at the house at Caunter's bridge at Graniteville proved threatening, but was subdued without calling help from the center.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence moved last week to their farm in Northboro.

State Accountant Pryor from the state house, Boston, has been in town the first two days of this week busy with Town and Groton records, Hildreth going over the town officers' books.

The John P. Wrights from Cambridge were in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding and Mrs. John S. Greig came home Tuesday from a very enjoyable six weeks' trip to California and interesting points across country.

Rev. O. L. Brownson is having a new Ford touring car delivered to him this week.

The Misses Atwood arrived at their Westford home the first of the week after their usual pleasant winter sojourn at Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Alma M. Richardson returns home this week Saturday after spending the winter months in Boston.

The regular monthly social at the Congregational church last week Thursday evening was in charge of the Young People's League. For what was probably a record attendance, but the fifty or more present enjoyed the supper upstairs and the entertainment down downstairs in the vestry. Miss Elinor Colburn furnished several skillful musical numbers and Mr. Hopkell one of the secretaries at the Lowell Y. M. C. A. was present and gave a good program of readings. While he made no pretense of a trained platform reader he certainly was a good entertainer and a close student and in close sympathy with the authors he interpreted. He was especially good with Joseph Lincoln's Cape Cod stories and in French Canadian dialect stories.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Walker Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. C. H. Wright, the president, was in charge and routine business transacted. Miss Edith A. Wright, in charge of the 42 scholars of the primary grade at the Frost school, extended a special invitation Monday to the mothers and friends of the little people to come and see their work. About 15 mothers responded and it was most interesting to see under capable direction what a good start these little first grade scholars make on the long road of education. Miss Wright and other teachers are always glad at any time to welcome the parents and friends while the school is in session and watch the work in active progress.

Mrs. Alice M. Wells returned Monday from the Lowell General hospital where she underwent a serious nose and throat operation. Attention is called to a valuable book added this week to the J. V. Fletcher library "The peace negotiations" by Robert Lansing. This book is a personal narrative and is a real story of the peace conference, told for the first time by one of the actual commissioners. It is written by Mr. Lansing's frank story of the drama of the event, leading up to his resignation as secretary of state. The publication of this book is an event of world-wide importance and should be read by every thoughtful person.

Henry M. Kabob died at his home at Minot's corner Friday last week. He had not been in good health for some time but had only been confined to his home for about a week or ten days. Mr. Kabob carried on what is known as the Alabama farm and was an industrious and successful farmer, making a specialty of small fruits. He held the respect of the town people and his death at 50 seems untimely. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Holbrook, of Lowell and one grandchild. An only son died some years ago.

An interesting barn meeting and tractor demonstration was held at the Arthur H. Burnham farm last Friday which attracted a large gathering of up-to-date farmers. "Proper feeding of dairy cattle" was the topic at the barn and the tractors demonstrated their powers in the field nearby.

Tadnuck Club. The annual children's day of the Tadnuck club proved a great success Tuesday afternoon at the town hall. It was certainly successful. The enthusiastic appreciation of the children was a criterion to go by. Every child was in attendance and they were most well-behaved in charge of their teachers. They made a pretty sight as they filed up to the town hall from the school in the bright spring sunshine. James Yarrick, magician of Boston, kept their close attention for a good hour with his clever tricks and stunts.

The next meeting, which is the last excepting the annual luncheon, will be in charge of the art committee. Mrs. Harry B. Prescott, chairman, Mrs. Hubert Eames will be the subject and club tea will be served.

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willis Hildreth of this village celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Wednesday of this week by brating their golden wedding anniversary. The day was made memorable by Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth by a very simply arranged gathering and a party of relatives and friends. Charles L. Hildreth, the son, and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth of this village, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Hildreth of Westford arranged and carried out the plans for the day. Relatives of about 25 in number were present from Wilton, N. H., New Ipswich, N. H., Cambridge, Holliston, Winchester, New York and Westford. A delicious collation was served, the table being handsomely decorated in yellow and white. A golden wedding cake had its place of honor. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth was taken as a group picture of the company by C. L. Hildreth, who is skillful at photography.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth were the recipients of various new gifts, tokens of love and esteem from their children, besides gold pieces and other gifts. Mr. Hildreth was born in New Ipswich, N. H., and Mrs. Hildreth, who was Lucy M. Colburn, was born in Temple, N. H. They were married at Cambridge, April 6, 1871, by Dr. A. H. K. K. K. They have lived in Cambridge and Southboro for the last 25 years. They have two sons as previously stated and one grandson, Roger Heywood Hildreth. Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth's many friends join in extending to them their best wishes and good wishes upon so happy an occasion.

About Town. First Parish church (Unitarian) Sunday service at four p. m. Preacher, Rev. Francis C. Gramsal. Subject, "Horses that kick in their stalls—a modern parable."

The West Chelmsford fire alarm sounded early Sunday forenoon for a chimney fire that threatened the farm buildings of Mr. Safford near Mills' corner near the Lowell road. The fire department quickly responded as well as about all the available help in the village. By the time the fire department arrived the fire had assumed larger proportions than a chimney fire and threatened the destruction of buildings, but the well-planned work of the department and volunteer help got the fire under control. Daytime and Sunday were fortunate factors in early discovery of the fire and having so large an available number of men at hand.

Nearly all the summer camps around Lake Umbagog have been broken in during the winter months. Mrs. E. E. Manser of Lowell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clara A. Greig, on Main street.

Saturday afternoon Montgomery Bros. of Ayer gave a demonstration in tractor plowing and harrowing at the farm of F. W. Banister. A group of farmers and others were present to view it. There can be no minority report but what it demonstrated plowing and harrowing unexcelled by horse power, the ground being left with an unusual depth of loose soil. This farm is well adapted to tractor work, being free from mud less cross stone walls and other impediments.

There was a demonstration of farm tractors Wednesday at the farm of the late Mrs. Fred A. Bodgett on Millstone hill off the Groton road. Four tractors entered by Ayer Hardware Co. of Ayer, Fitchburg Hardware Co. of Ayer, Peabody Tractor Co. of Ayer, Cleveland Tractor Co. of Ayer and International represented by Montgomery Bros. of Ayer.

The camp known as "Justa Mere" owned by Mrs. Bessie Moore Griffin at Lake Umbagog is being renovated and enlarged.

Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merrill of Boston was a recent visitor in town and calling on former friends, who were glad to greet her in her helpful cheer.

The Percy E. Wright truck delivered Tuesday a lot of seed potatoes grown in northern New York. These potatoes were selected by the farm bureau and appear to be a well-selected lot.

A brush fire on the Abram J. Downing farm Wednesday afternoon got beyond control and threatened the woods. The Westford fire department was summoned and soon had it under control.

Hillsborough, Penna. Grange of New Hampshire was neighbor guest of Middlesex North Penna. Grange last week Friday. The visiting Grange furnished the entertainment, which was exceptional in variety and satisfying to the audience. Besides, they also discussed in the morning the question of fraternalism in the rural schools. They appeared to be above the average Penna. in variety of ability to entertain.

Celebrates 90th Birthday. The following will be of interest to the older residents of Westford: Mrs. Bessie F. How, widow of Rev. George M. How, for eight years minister of the Methodist church, Westford, and her mother, Mrs. Mary How, minister of the Methodist church at Dublin, N. H., celebrated the 90th anniversary of her birth February 21 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry H. Piper, 471 High street, Westford. Mrs. How was born and reared in Westford and her mother and her father were given by Mrs. Piper and Mrs. Piper and Mrs. Walker. Mrs. How's oldest grandchild to celebrate the anniversary birthday. About 40 guests were present.

Mrs. Rice received her friends in the old-fashioned parlor with its parquetry floor, its piano and candelabra. She was dressed in blue and white, a dress lace and made a quaint picture in her old-time surroundings, whose attractiveness was enhanced by the soft light from the fire and the candles and by the color and perfume of many flowers. Refreshments were served. The bread used was made by Mrs. Rice herself. During the afternoon various members of Mrs. Rice's family, including her sons, Dr. George and Dr. William Rice, and their wives of Hingham furnished music and Mrs. Piper and Mrs. Wilkins sang an old-time duet sung on many occasions by Mrs. Rice and her husband. Dr. William Rice's daughter named Persis, for her grandmother, was present. Nearly all the guests were near and dear friends, including several Westford acquaintances, Rev. and Mrs. Henry P. Smith and George H. Remick. All the household of 111

High street were present, including Dr. and Mrs. Henry H. Piper, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Williams and Miss Ann Elizabeth Williams, the oldest grandchild of Mrs. Rice. Friends came from Worcester, Ayer, Hingham, Newton, Jamaica Plain, Dorchester, Boston, Cambridge and Somerville. Mr. George Williams, one of well-known literary men, and Charles L. Noves, a prominent collector with the aid of a secretary, were among the guests. Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Piper, of Somerville, were present. Mr. Piper was in town and in appreciation of the occasion Mrs. Piper had some special gifts. Many former friends of Dr. and Mrs. Piper, who were former pupils of the school, came to greet their old master's wife.

Mrs. Rice was born in Lancaster, N. H., as Miss Persis Weeks, being a daughter of ex-Senator W. W. Weeks. She belongs to a strong, long-lived race and at 90 is in possession of all of her faculties. Mrs. Rice was the first to carry flowers into the church, as an innovation. It passed quite a lively criticism. Rev. George M. Rice and the family are well remembered by some of the older residents of the town, as a highly intelligent factor in the life of the town. Mr. Rice served on the school committee while in town with enthusiasm. He championed all reform movements and was a powerful preacher of righteousness.

Graniteville. Both masses in St. Catherine's church Sunday morning were celebrated by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Heed. At the first mass the members of the Women's Sodality received holy communion in a body and after the second mass the regular meeting of the Holy Name society was held. The pastor also announced that the mission for the English-speaking people would be held in St. Catherine's church, May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodworth of Somerville have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sawyer here.

Another one of those pleasant rehearsals for the old-fashioned dances was held at the town hall, Westford, on last Wednesday evening and was well attended. Joe Hildreth furnished excellent music for dancing and Joe Wall had charge of the floor. The Abbot Worsted Co. soccer football club defeated the Hende Indians of Springfield at Holyoke on last Saturday in the semi-final for the state cup. Two goals to 6. The goals were scored by Taylor and Gilmartin. Orr, the fast right halfback for the Abbot Worsted team, was in the lineup and did good work. All the soccer fans in this vicinity are looking forward with deep interest to the coming game between the Abbot and Forge River team of Quincy for the state championship to be played in Worcester Saturday, April 2. "Facts" is a new magazine of the Abbot, will have a good feature on the field that day. Capt. "Bill" Kelly, the fast center forward of the Abbot, will be unable to play, owing to an injured knee. This promises to be one great game.

Oliver Ducheneau, who is now recovering from an operation for appendicitis, and Alex. Couture, who is suffering with a fractured rib and other injuries as a result of an accident at the stone quarry where he was at work with his father, are now confined at the Lowell General hospital.

The Abbot Worsted Co. will put a good fast baseball club on the diamond during the coming summer. They are now on the lookout for a first class battery and could also use a couple of fast infielders. They intend to open the season here the latter part of May.

The Graniteville A. C. will also have a team that will in no way compare with the Abbot club as they will start the season earlier and play out of town when the big team has home games. They also intend to play many twilight games. They will open the season here soon and will like to hear from the Ayer A. A., Harvard, Littleton, Groton, Pepperell or any of the clubs in the surrounding towns. Address: Harry J. Condon, manager, Graniteville.

Many people from here attended the Republican League minstrel show that was held in Forge Village on last Friday night and were highly pleased with the fine entertainment provided. It was certainly a show.

PEPPERELL

News Items. Senator David L. Walsh, accompanied by Rev. F. Cavanaugh and two other gentlemen, motored here on Friday last week to inspect the soldiers' graves at the Homestead, a valuable home, who number about 25 at present. The party were much pleased with the prevailing conditions for the health of the young men who are assigned here, and with the arrangements for a constant training. The friendly feeling of Senator Walsh toward Mr. Hamilton, proprietor of the Homestead, was manifest. The party were making a tour of the various convalescent homes in this section.

Mrs. J. O. Bennett, president of the Women's Branch Grange of this town, with Mrs. Addie W. Woodard and Miss Katherine Lawrence were in attendance on Wednesday of last week at the bazaar held at the Nashua opera hall under the auspices of the Unitarian Branch Alliance of the city in connection with the Layman's League play being given by the latter on Thursday evening.

James P. Connelly, the special writer of renown, his specialty being his seat now paid a flying visit here in town on Saturday on his way to Rev. Joseph Connelly, curate of St. Joseph's church and on his mother, Mrs. Ann Connelly, and her daughter, Miss Mary, who lives in the town and East Groton. Mr. Connelly was leaving that night for New York to take the steamer for a trip to Europe. Progress is now being made on the Woman's club drama to be presented in May, the parts having been assigned, and rehearsals are soon to commence in earnest. "The time of his life" and the following well-known local characters will make up the personnel, Mrs. Maude C. C. Parker, Mrs. Ida Woodward, Mrs. Irene Attridge, Mrs. Alice Bartlett, Miss Mary Wood, Mrs. Carrie Buck, Mrs. Alice Hayes, Mrs. Carrie Dennen and Mrs. Elsie C. Papp.

Mrs. E. F. Tanner is meeting with very good success her new venture of a luncheon and food shop in the building near the Stiney street on Groton street. Guy Willoughby and family from Manchester, N. H., with relatives, motored here in his new Ford on Sunday, being on route to Mrs. Willoughby's former home at Groton.

The new scraper, purchased by the town, which was recently unloaded, has been put to work this week on the Nashua road, with Thomas Kennedy as driver. It is the first of a new line of new ones of Mr. O'Brien. It is hoped, by all townsmen, that to use the Groton road, that never street will not come under a new one. At present the two flats, between the Groton road and the Nashua road, have been mostly muddied, but it is hoped that a "smooth" road will be made for the nearly impassable road with several inches deep mud.

Edgar J. Jackson, of Akron, Ohio, is in town visiting his daughter, Mrs. P. R. Cummings, of this road.

Miss S. Whiting, daughter, Miss Isabel, from the Groton university, came up from Boston to spend Easter Sunday at Twin Valley farm.

Mrs. and Mrs. Leonard Nodding and daughters were in town from Reading over the week-end. Mrs. Willis Bowen came up from Brockton on Friday of last week bringing her two little daughters, who will remain awhile with their grandmother, Mrs. Maude Shaker. The tenement house, she has been sold in Brockton, and at present they have stored most of the goods, and are contemplating removing from the city, as rents are so high.

The Clara M. Shattuck school opened this week, after being closed for two weeks on account of the epidemic of measles. Although the attendance in each of the classes was diminished, it is hoped the epidemic is just the worst stage.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ford Avar from Sheddac, N. B., came last week as the guests of Mrs. Anne's sister, Mrs. William Deware, and family, going from there to visit other relatives in town and in Fitchburg.

Rev. Boynton Merrill, now pastor of the congregational church at Putnam, Conn., passed some days here at his old home at Groton with Mrs. Merrill. They came on Friday and returned home on the early train on Wednesday morning, making a pleasantly lengthy stay. He occupied the pulpit at the Community church in Essexboro with the pastor on Sunday.

The annual work of the board of assessors, street and public works and Bliss, was commenced on Friday, April 1, under much more favorable weather conditions than usual. Mrs. Jennie M. Hazen came from Fitchburg of last week to remain with her friend, Mrs. George Shaw, for a short time. She returned home on Tuesday, having taken the part of night nurse with the patient while here.

The attendance was not in excess of the other evenings at the last play of the series given at Prescott hall on Monday evening, under the auspices of the American Legion, but the play was regarded as better than the two preceding ones. It was a more serious and the moral one was developed. "Fine feathers" is a timely production, and was well staged by the Percival-Vivian company. It brought home the big message of the hour, the high cost of living, music between acts was furnished by Miss Mary Butler and Leslie Parker.

The members of the orchestra who played for the Men's club minstrel show had that a large share of the words of appreciation for the music played should belong to Mrs. E. A. McCarthy, who so ably assisted in the performance. J. A. Thibault, who was chairman of the committee on music, instead of at the head of the orchestra, particularly desires that due mention should be made that Mrs. McCarthy was the director of the orchestra, as first violin, during the concert and minstrel show and Rudolph, who directed during the period of the band.

At a recent meeting of the school committee it was expressed that a mission would be granted to the committee of superintendent of schools to any of the various organizations desiring the use of the school buildings for public meetings on request. Mrs. George Shaw had an ill turn last week, which has prostrated her again. A consultation was held last week on Saturday, Dr. Condon, her specialist, coming from Nashua. It is hoped she may rally from this last attack, as she did formerly, but no assurance could be given by the physician. Mr. Shaw went to Worcester Monday to see his daughter, Mrs. Martin, who is not able to leave here, and also to procure another nurse to relieve Mrs. Dunton during the nights. It is now expected that Mrs. Conditon may come the latter part of this week.

Little Phyllis Soule has returned to school after a convalescence of some days from the recent operation for adenoids and removal of diseased tonsils performed at St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua.

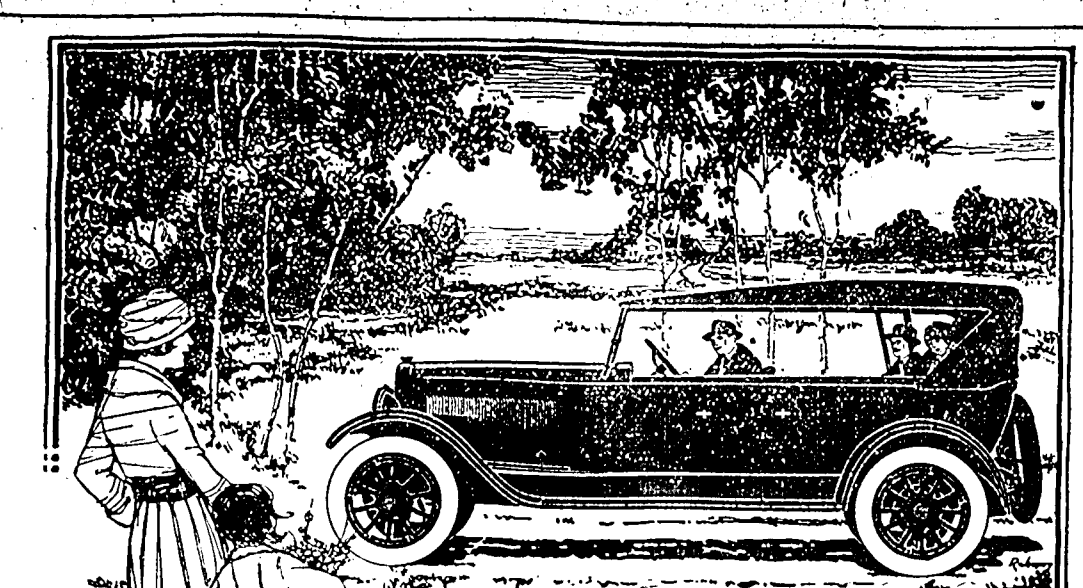
Chief of Police Busy.

Chief of Police Dexter has been doing some busy investigating on the matter of the numerous breaks at closed houses all over town, with the result that on Monday he traced out the parties who were responsible. He issued the articles taken to be concealed in the houses. The small house built by the superior court, just off of Hollis street. The clue was given by the attempt of the young man to have a shotgun repaired here in town, the article being recognized as one that was taken from the house of William Peabody near North Pepperell station.

A search by Chief Dexter revealed a goodly number of every description, the estimated value of which would be well up to \$500. Many of these have been identified by the owners. Shattuck was taken in custody, and was before the district court Monday. He lacks of the hearing being given in the Ayer courts. It was brought out that Shattuck had had a companion, a young fellow under sixteen years of age by the name of Newton Shattuck, who was placed in the county jail, and was placed on parole for \$200 for his appearance at the superior court in June. Failing to secure bail he was taken to Cambridge. Owing to the age of the other boy his case will come before the juvenile court.

Wellesley Fund.

Mrs. George H. Cushing has recently been in town at her home on the Nissississet hill farm. Mrs. Cushing is being local Wellesley women in the national campaign for the college semi-centennial fund of \$2,700,000, and has announced that as a result of the first month's canvassing, the alumnae alone have already contributed an even million. Subscriptions have been received from more than 10,000 former graduates. Wellesley has been a prominent showing from her own graduates before seeking aid from the general public. The only large gifts are one anonymous pledge of \$50,000 and two others for \$25,000 each. The rest has



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News Items.

There was a very pretty dance at the town hall last week Thursday given by Alice Burton, Hannah Burton and Mildred Lund. There was a good attendance. Lund's orchestra furnished the music for the dance.

Stickney, Irons Stickney, Bessie Mercer, Rose Clinton, Florence Penco, Mildred Lund. There were some local hits that caused a good deal of fun. Mrs. Elizabeth Colburn had it in charge. There was a reading by Beverly Clinton and singing by the quartet.



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Next Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jordan of Elm street entertained Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lawrence of Fitchburg and in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Kraus and Mrs. Massey and son of Somerville.

On Sunday morning the pastor of the Congregational church preached upon the topic "Fidings from the dead," and the choir sang an anthem, "Some blessed day." The platform was made attractive by groups of potted plants, some of them in blossom. In the evening the sermon topic was "Charles Wesley, the lad who wrecked an empire and wrote a great hymn." Mrs. Marion Ames sang "Jesus, lover of my soul," and Mr. Gerrish sang "Refuge," the choir joining in the chorus.

The Book and Thimble club held a pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. George McKee on Court street on Friday afternoon, April 7, with a miscellaneous program of entertainment. There was a good attendance.

Miss Sarah Hill, daughter of the late Courtland Hill, was in town on Saturday, visiting relatives here and stopping at the Groton Inn.

Mrs. Louis Clark spent the week-end with Mrs. Alice Miller in Harvard.

George F. Patch, Civil war veteran and long-time resident of Denver, Colo., died Sunday, March 27, of heart failure after an illness of only eight days. Mr. Patch was the son of the late Zaza Patch, born in Groton August 16, 1842. He fought during the Civil war in Co. B, 6th regiment. He was an active member of the Denver Salvation Army and had been associated with that organization for many years. He is survived by brother, R. A. Patch, of Denver, and a sister, Mrs. Henry W. Whiting of Groton.

The death of Mrs. Edward Messer, formerly Nellie Chase, occurred at her home in Manchester, N. H., on Friday, April 1. She was one time a resident of Groton, living in what is now Lawrence Brooks' farmhouse, and at another time in the house now occupied by William Gale.

On leaving Groton, she, with her family, moved to Pepperell. She is survived by her husband and three daughters, two of whom live in Manchester, and the other in Derry, N. H. Her birthplace was Hollis, N. H., and it is about thirteen years since she left Groton. She had been in rather poor health since last fall. The funeral services were held in Manchester on Monday morning, April 4, and the interment was in Groton on the same day.

Mrs. Sylvester Green was operated upon last Friday for appendicitis at Dr. Kilburn's hospital.

Sidney Davis of Springfield was in town this week, coming to attend the funeral services of Miss Helen M. Moore.

The Men's Forum met Thursday evening, March 31, in the Congregational vestry. Vice president, A. V. Dimock, officiated as master of ceremonies in the absence of President John O. Hall. After a delightful supper, enjoyed by selections by the Groton School orchestra, a social hour was enjoyed by all. The speaker of the evening, State Treasurer James Jackson, was then introduced by Rev. Sherrard Billings. Mr. Jackson's remarks were most instructive and entertaining, and the members of the Forum certainly learned many things in regard to conditions in the state.

The next meeting will be held April 21. The speaker will be announced later.

H. A. Johnson, the stable keeper, has bought a farm in North Groton next to the farm of his father, the late Phineas Johnson. We hear it is to be a poultry and pig farm. We wish him good success.

The Neighborhood club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Arthur E. Sargent. A social afternoon was spent in the usual way with refreshments, current events and the reading of a story. As is the custom, refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. In two weeks the club will meet with Mrs. Howard Gray.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold a business meeting next Thursday afternoon, April 14, at 2:30 o'clock.

The Groton branch of the Woman's Alliance will meet at the home of Mrs. W. A. Lawrence next Thursday afternoon, April 14, at three o'clock. The hostesses are Mrs. E. A. Torrey, Mrs. P. C. Bishop and Miss Annie L. Gibson.

The Community club met on Wednesday afternoon, April 7, with Mrs. G. A. Durant. The attendance was good and included a few guests. As usual refreshments were served.

Joseph Marcellus has sold his interests in the Elm Street garage to Roy A. Cunningham, Edwin Fuller of Beverly will have charge of it.

The pastor of the Congregational church will speak next Sunday morning on "The world of the burning heart." Miss Susan P. Hill will sing a solo entitled "The psalms." In the evening the pastor will speak on that great hymn of the church, "Rock of ages" and several renderings of the hymns, including an anthem and quartet, will also be given by the choir. There will be an interesting and profitable also. The subject of the evening's topic class next Sunday will be "How to choose one's friends."

Charles Henry Berry of Groton and Walham and Mrs. Susan McKean Barson were united in marriage on March 29, by the Rev. Edson R. Leach at the parsonage of the Arlington Heights First Methodist Episcopal church. They were attended by the bride's son and granddaughter. Mr. and Mrs. Berry expect to come to their home in Groton next week.

The marriage of Miss Julia Smith and Mr. Leonard, an ex-service man at the U. S. contract hospital, took place on Thursday, March 31. The Rev. Arthur V. Dimock performed the ceremony. For the present Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are making their home with the bride's sister, Mrs. Hatch.

The Laurence Gay post, A. L., is to give two entertainments in the town hall on April 13 and 14. The first night the entertainment will be at eight. Program furnished by Community service of Boston, consisting of four big vaudeville acts. The second night will be the drawing of articles including a Ford car and naming the winners. Dancing will follow the drawing. Music will be furnished by Dimock's orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marquet have moved from Thomas Bywater's house into the house across the track from the station.

Mrs. Georgianna Shattuck had the misfortune to fall downstairs on Monday, and is somewhat bruised and shaken up in consequence.

West Groton.

The Junior Bird club met on Monday afternoon at 3:30 at the town hall and went for a bird walk with members of the Bird club. Notices for future meetings will be placed upon the bulletin board at the town hall and any children desiring to join in the study of birds may meet there to go with the Bird club members.

Other Groton matter of past week.

The regular meeting of the Women's club was held on Friday afternoon, April 7, opening with several songs by the choir. After the singing the meeting was held in the department of education. Mrs. James T. H. took charge of the meeting. The three home economics clubs, consisting of the Shining Light (a bread club) and the Groton Home Economics club, met at the center of the town and the July Seven from West Groton, were present and gave an entertainment. They sang their club songs and the little playlet written by Mary Cross and Elizabeth Shaw entitled, "Learning the things we ought to know." The Jolly Seven gave a playlet written by Dorothy Bixby entitled, "A pleasant surprise." These playlets were very well written and very well acted, their object being to show the things learned in their clubs. There was an exhibition of bread, muffins, cakes, jams and biscuits. Some of these were for sale and found a ready market. Some of the finished garments were also on exhibition.

The club leader, Miss Marion Fox, was present and gave a short talk, telling of the requirements of these clubs and explaining the work done in Middlesex county, speaking of the prize-winners in these clubs at their different exhibitions and telling what the clubs were doing in the different towns. Mary Cross gave an account of the year's work in the clubs of this town. Friday afternoon, April 8, was Neighborhood day in the Women's clubs.

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SHIRLEY

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John Estlin's has made several changes in his lunch room and beginning Saturday night will have convenient tables for serving ice cream. He has for assistant, Miss Dorina Albert.

The Alliance will meet Thursday afternoon, April 14, with Mrs. Charles Bradford, Miss Hayes will entertain.

Mrs. R. J. Nugent and children returned from Springfield last week Thursday, where they had been visiting Mrs. Nugent's parents. Mrs. Nugent was sick while away, but is quite well again.

Miss Evelyn Miner arrived home Tuesday evening from Harvard, Fla., where she will spend several weeks of the winter. Miss Elaine Love is visiting her brother in Georgia before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dean of Cambridge were with Mr. and Mrs. Ann Sunday.

Miss Madeline Desmond has returned to school at Wellesley after the Easter vacation.

Old neighbors and friends are pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pelletier in their home on Harvard road.

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The Women's club will present the play "The Old Peabody pew" by K. G. Douglas Wiggin in the Baptist church on Saturday evening, April 9, in the Baptist church. This will be preceded by an organ concert by Mrs. F. B. Durkee and Mrs. Lena Chubb, organist.

While at work Saturday adjusting the gutters on C. H. Mead's residence, W. B. Holt met with quite a serious accident by a board upon which he was standing slipping, causing him to fall several feet, breaking two bones in one of his feet, a painful break, but at present he seems quite comfortable, although it will probably be some time before he can return to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Gottf returned Friday night from their winter's sojourn in Florida.

Mrs. Jane Beach is housekeeping for Miss Ethel Clark.

The new firm which recently bought out the Whitcomb's market opened up by an organ concert by Mrs. Webster Blanchard is beautifying the grounds about his home with evergreen and other trees.

Mrs. Stanley Dayson and daughter spent the day Tuesday with relatives in Concord.

Death. Mrs. Julia Wood, widow of the late Dr. Marlin Wood, passed away at the home of her son, C. E. Wood, Tuesday morning, April 6, aged 55 years, after a few days' illness from pneumonia. Although not very strong for a long time, still her remarkable vitality had kept her about and she was able to attend church and Sunday school regularly. Also the W. C. T. U. and W. R. C., of which she was

member. It also gave her great pleasure to call on her friends, especially those who were shut-in, and to share with them on anniversary occasions which she always kept in mind. She has a family consisting of her son and wife, during her last illness she and through her last sickness, she leaves one son and two grandchildren, also two grand sisters in New Hampshire. Several nieces and nephews, one of whom, a resident of Lowell, was with her at her last days to aid and comfort her.

FOR SALE.—Through error in shipping, we have 20 two-year-old apple trees (Green's Golden) which will sell for bargain price of 30c each. Nursery price \$1.00. P. H. BABCOCK, Harvard, Mass.

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News Items.

Miss Hilda L. Osgood returned on Tuesday afternoon to resume her studies at Dean academy.

The fire department was called out Wednesday afternoon on an alarm from box 2. A brush fire on upper Washington street. The fire started near the Stone place, now owned by the Phelps estate and ran down to the swamp near the railroad track. There was no damage.

The first meeting of the Baseball association was held Wednesday evening in the town hall. Thomas Kittredge presiding. The reports of officers for the past season were read. The treasurer's report showed that the receipts for the season were \$750 and disbursements \$777. The following officers were elected: J. M. Maloney, pres.; Thomas Kittredge, vice pres.; H. J. Stevenson, sec.; Frank Donahue, sec.; Ernest Downing, Vern Pillsbury, T. W. Clark, ex. com.; Mr. Kittredge, manager; Martin Donahue, captain. All candidates for the team are requested to report at the town park Sunday afternoon. The manager is arranging a game for April 19.

The indoor picnic, which was to be held April 8 at the Utmarian society, has been postponed for two weeks on account of the measles epidemic.

At the annual Methodist conference held at Springfield this week Rev. William J. Kelly was reappointed pastor of the Federated church. His return to his charge is very pleasing to his parishioners.

A car belonging to J. Harold Atwood of the Ayer Hardware Co., and left by him in front of his store on Park street while he was attending a movie show, was taken by unknown persons Monday evening. Some time after he had discovered his loss and reported it to the police, Officer Pirone located the machine standing some distance away on Park street in the direction of Fitchburg.

The following Scottish Rite Masons attended a meeting of Lawrence chapter of Rose Croix at Worcester Monday evening, going by auto: Dr. E. B. Butterfield, Rev. Frank E. Crandall, George E. Hart, Robert H. J. Holden, Sergt. Hector Lamphier, Sergt. Alexander Littlejohns, Frank McPherson, Charles A. Normand, Major Harry C. Peavey, George H. B. Turner, Huntley S. Turner and Capt. Thomas H. Veale.

Theodore W. Barry, Jr. returned to his studies at Dean academy Tuesday afternoon.

The Washington street school has been closed this week on account of repairs. A water pipe had frozen and burst. When the teachers went to the building Monday they found part of the building flooded.

The annual ball of Ayer council, K. of C., will be held in town hall Tuesday evening, May 3. Fogge's orchestra of Brookton will render their usual fine program which was so much enjoyed by our friends last year. The entertainment committee, under the direction of John H. Lynch and William Barrett, are working up an excellent program. A buffet lunch will be served. A more extended notice will be given next week.

Unitarian church—Sunday service: 10:45, regular officers and sermon, Music, "Hear, O Lord," Woolf, Mrs. W. C. Sargent, J. Ford, Rev. Frank E. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "Horses that kick in their stalls—a modern parable." Church school at 12. Edward Q. McCollister is engaged in repairing the chairs in the sanctuary that are in need of repair. The Alliance has placed the order for the work. On Sunday the preacher will present the modern idea of the relation of freedom and law, illustrating that relation by certain facts known to every horseman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Normand were among two hundred favored persons who received tickets to attend Mrs. Jack Gardner's exhibition of art at her mansion in Boston Wednesday. Kenneth M. Wilson's orchestra has been engaged to furnish music at the Salem Willows casino for the summer. The season will commence May 22, and close Nov. 17. Mr. Wilson will store his household goods and take Mrs. Wilson and daughter Jessie to the beach for the season.

An alarm was rung in from box 2, for a fire at L. W. Phelps' estate, Wednesday evening.

The town street department has cleaned up the streets about town, and all to their part toward the proper care of the town. The general aspect and public health are greatly improved. It seems as if all citizens should feel certain pride in adding their department in this matter which will benefit their own benefit.

The board of assessors and the board of health are to examine plans at the town hall, assessors' room Monday to receive the work of each.

The new car provided by the Ayer Branch of the Red Cross for the public health nurse, has arrived. Mrs. Florence G. Roberts is receiving instructions from the efficient chauffeur, T. Henry Donahue.

Mrs. Nelson Winberg of Middleboro has been visiting her sister Mrs. Edward E. Sawyer. Mrs. Sawyer accompanied Mrs. Winberg home for a few days.

George S. Barwell, post, G. A. R., was well represented at the annual department convention at West Fitchburg. Those attending were: Daniel H. Dickinson, commander; Wesley Hackett and J. Everett Woods of Westford; Augustus Lovell of West Middleboro; William John of Shirley; Samuel H. Bessett and Elmer J. Martel.

Among the visitors at the Neighborhood Alliance gathering Tuesday was Miss Phillips of Cambridge, a granddaughter of Rev. Mr. Nightingale, an early minister of the Unitarian church here. Miss Phillips is now working for the Leominster Unitarian church, as she is a field worker of the religious education department of the A. U. A.

The Ayer Bird club had a walk last Saturday afternoon. The members met at the Middlesex Country club-house at four o'clock. The children were arranged in small groups, each group being in charge of an adult and went in different directions. The little walk is to take place Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. The regular monthly meeting will be held at the clubhouse Thursday evening, April 14.

Mr. Stetson of the Y. M. C. A., who has been ill at his home on Washington street since last week Thursday, was taken to the Clinton hospital this week Thursday for an operation which is to be this Friday afternoon. He has been in charge here by Dr. H. Hopkins, with Dr. Goodwin of the Clinton hospital in consultation. The sympathy of the town is with the wonderful patient of the sweet Swiss belle.

# THE SPIRIT OF SPRING CLOTHES

This year we feel that Spring is bringing a new birth to the world; time-honored institutions and traditions have gone; new ideas of democracy have come.

This same spirit has been carried over even into clothes buying; it shows in the desire for new styles, fresh fabrics—something finer and better than you men have ever had before.

It was with this in mind that we bought for you—the best merchandise obtainable; the finest styles; rich wool fabrics; careful tailoring; Suits and Overcoats made by

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In our Shoe Department we are showing several styles of ladies' strap pumps and snappy oxfords with either the Cuban or Louis heel. Why not make your selection now so that you will be prepared for Spring? The prices are in keeping with shoes that will hold their shape and style as long as you care to wear them.

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The Julia Ward Howe club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. S. M. Barker.

The percent of attendance in the Unitarian church school last Sunday was 82 1/2.

Carl S. Proctor has entered the employ of the Chandler Machine Co. Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., held a military whist party in Masonic building Wednesday evening. There were twenty tables. The party was in charge of Mrs. Edward E. Sawyer. First prizes, Nippon china, bonbon dishes, were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Cushing, Mrs. Edward E. Sawyer, Mrs. Charles G. Hassam, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Longley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Irwin. The consoling players received aluminum salt and pepper sets. They were Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lester G. Whitcomb, Mrs. McGregor, Miss Jessie McGregor, Mrs. Herbert G. Whitney, H. Dudley Whitney. Refreshments were served.

The American Express company has moved its local administration office from the Fitchburg division building to its storage quarters a short distance away.

Mrs. Barton Williams is ill at her home, corner School and Prospect streets.

Mrs. W. Edward Murphy is recovering from an attack of bronchitis.

Mrs. Frank S. Pierce fell down the cellar stairs at her home Monday and was badly shaken up and bruised.

Other Ayer matter on pages 1 and 4.

**Ayer Baptist Church.** Preaching next Sunday at 10:45 a. m. "A Study in Revelation." The Sunday school meets at twelve o'clock every Sunday. The evening service at 7:30 p. m. The subject of the evening sermon at seven p. m. will be "The City of God." Prayer meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Last Sunday evening Dr. Jesse Yodanis delivered a heart rending address in which he described the tragedy of the Syrians and Armenians.

**W. C. T. U. Meeting.** The meeting of the W. C. T. U. held at the White Ribbon Home last week Friday afternoon was well attended. Two new members were admitted to the union. A pleasing feature of the occasion was the presence of Mrs. Lucy Denton, formerly of Pepperell, but at present residing at the Home.

Mrs. Boynton is a life member of the State W. C. T. U. and for more than 25 years was treasurer of Middlesex Temperance union. She was present when the Ayer union was organized in 1874, and later when the Pepperell union was formed as one of its active members as long as it existed.

Mrs. Boynton gave an account of the rapid growth of the unions and the vast amount of good that had been accomplished during the past 47 years of its existence. Although Mrs. Boynton is nearly 90 years of age, her memory is very retentive and her intellect remarkable.

**Alliance.** The members of the Ayer Branch Alliance were very happy to greet so many friends from neighboring Alliances last Tuesday afternoon. The Unitarian vestry never looked more bright and guests were present from Fitchburg, Leominster, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, Pepperell, Shirley, Westford and the Unitarian girls' club of Ayer.

The meeting was opened by singing "Aberlea, the beautiful," followed by a hearty welcome from the Ayer president, Mrs. Sarah Barry. Mrs. Ruby Felch Smith sang very sweetly a group of songs with Mrs. Vern Pillsbury, accompanist. Mrs. Barry then in a few well-chosen words, introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Rev. Lawrence Hayward of Newburyport. The subject was "Some church journeys."

Mr. Hayward is a very fluent and attractive speaker and held the close attention of his audience from start

to finish. His journey was through some of the southern states, notably the Carolinas, Savannah, Georgia, and description of some of the scenery was so vivid that all felt as if they were looking at the scene he was describing. He also told about some of the missions in which the Alliance branches are interested, and made his hearers realize, perhaps for the first time, how much the men and women were giving up, who were trying to brighten some dark corners of that part of the country. He urged the Alliance not to forget its missionary spirit and compared it to a knife with the cutting edge forward, forcing Unitarianism into new places.

Mrs. Ware, the director for this section, made a short speech and gave notice of a neighborhood meeting in Fitchburg, April 25, to which all were invited. After the singing of a hymn, and a social hour refreshments were served. At the business meeting of the Alliance Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Nellie Kittredge a nominating committee was chosen and much business was transacted as the next meeting will be the annual meeting.

**The Federated Church.** Morning worship and sermon by the minister at 10:45. Bible school at twelve. In the evening at seven special program of music will be given by Mrs. Madeline P. Sargent, assisted by Wilfred Parkinson, violinist. Of importance by tonight, and "A dream of paradise" by Hamilton Gray.

Tuesday evening at eight there will be an organ recital under auspices of the young women's club by Harrison S. Shaw of Boston.

Thursday evening mid-week service at 7:30.

Friday evening the Brotherhood will give an entertainment with S. Thompson, Head of Boston, reader and entertainer and Mrs. Haywood of Fitchburg, soprano soloist.

**Concert.** The concert given by the Camp Devens band Wednesday evening at the U. S. Army theatre proved to be both in magnitude and excellence. The great musical event of the local season in the city of Ayer and the surrounding towns and towns attended. The concert was given for the support of the excellent work of Camp Devens Hospital.

The bands were conducted by W. J. Starnes, band master at the camp, and were especially for the occasion from Governor's Island where he is now stationed and was given a royal welcome. The bands were assisted by the following artists: Mrs. Arthur B. Hitchcock, soprano; Mrs. Leitha Ferguson, mezzo-soprano; Mrs. Frederick E. Hitchcock, pianist. Each of these gave great satisfaction to their audience by their artistic work. Mrs. Hitchcock and Mr. Small made an especial impression.

Following the concert by the Camp Devens band an informal reception at 7:30 p. m. was given to the artists by the ladies of the U. S. Army theatre. Mrs. Theodora Thomas of New York as guest of honor together with the artists who had the bands. Mrs. Austin Deane of Harvard, purser, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fairchild of Ayer were among those who attended.

**District Court.** On last Monday morning the continued case of South Griffin for keeping and exposing liquor for sale was continued for two weeks on request of Attorney J. D. Carney, who appeared for the defendant, the reason being the absence of Michael J. Cochrane, who was summoned as a witness in the case. Upon request of counsel a warrant was issued for Cochrane's arrest. The return on the search warrant for the Griffin liquors was also continued for two weeks.

The six gallons of whiskey and fifty gallons of wine seized at the home of Annette Van Hook at Westford, who last week was not guilty on a charge of keeping and exposing liquor for sale, were ordered returned to the place in which they were taken.

The continued civil case of Polly Park of Shirley against Francis E. Smith of Shirley was also heard on Saturday morning. The case arose from the sale of a horse by the plaintiff to the defendant last April, the plaintiff buying the horse through John Motuk as her agent. The horse and Motuk drove the horse and on their return agreed to Mr. Park's price on the horse. They took it away and

after keeping it for ten days returned it saying it fell down. Mr. Park refused to rescind the transaction and give their money back and this action was then brought. The plaintiff claimed that the defendant guaranteed the horse, while the defendant stated that he made no warranty in regard to the horse. The evidence showed that the horse was what is known as a "weaver," but that this condition was called to the attention of the plaintiff when she bought the horse. George Devarney, Jr., of Shirley testified that he had driven the horse a good many times but that he knew of nothing else wrong with her except the "weaving." James W. Nixon of Ayer, who owned the horse subsequently testified that he had no trouble with her and that her only interference was the "weaving" and a little hounding from the horse. He stated that she never fell down with him, although the plaintiffs claimed that she fell twice with them and that she fell in the stall. The court took the case under consideration. Attorney John M. Adams appeared for the plaintiff and Attorney Robert H. J. Holden for the defendant.

On Monday morning Michael J. Cochrane, who was arrested for not appearing to testify in the Griffin liquor case on Saturday, was before the court. He stated that he had made a mistake in the date set for the trial of the case. The court continued his case until April 18 to allow for the trial of the Griffin case before making any disposition of his case.

Thomas Gallien of Shirley and Frank Albert of Lincoln, N. H., were on Monday charged with drunkenness and malicious mischief on last Saturday evening in Shirley. The two were arrested by Chief of Police Sawin and officer Burdell after they had caused damage in the cooperative store there, figured at \$29.51. The defendants were in the store under the influence of liquor and the manager, Mr. Chaisson, tried to eject Gallien. Gallien then got on the warpath and threw Albert through a show case. The result of the fracas was a smashed tobacco case and also a smashed show case which was used to hold baker's goods, the pies, cakes, cookies, etc. being strewn over the floor. The court ordered the charges changed to drunkenness and disturbing the peace and imposed on each defendant a fine of \$15 for disturbing the peace.

John Wolf of Pepperell paid a fine of \$10 for being drunk in the town on Sunday afternoon. He was arrested by Chief of Police Dexter back of the Pepperell card shop in the company of another Pole. Both were drunk and the prisoner was kissing and otherwise showing his affection for his companion. When the prisoner was loaded into an automobile by the chief he immediately became dead to the world and was not aroused again until Monday morning.

Sherwood Shattuck of Pepperell was in for a more serious charge, two juveniles being involved in the case with him. It appears that there have been various complaints in the last few weeks of the breaking of windows on the outskirts of Pepperell. Various small articles, being taken, Shattuck occupies a small house by himself and Chief Dexter searched there for the stolen property but found nothing. He learned, however, that one of the boys in the case had taken a 22-caliber 16-shot repeating rifle, which had been taken from one Greenlaw recently, to a repair shop. Upon being questioned the boy told where the stolen property would be found and the chief again searched the prisoner's house and found the property under the roof. Among the articles recovered were seven rifles, a shotgun, two shotpools, four reels, flashlights, a pair of opera glasses, and other articles, amounting to several hundred dollars in value. The prisoner confessed to the chief that he had taken the goods, there being about eight rifles in all. The property was all stolen from summer homes, which had been closed for the winter, entrance being gained by prying up a window

or taking out a pane of glass. Among the stolen property were a rifle, wad-ender and pistol belonging to one Worcester of Hollis, N. H., and also some property of Mrs. Kimball of River Street in Pepperell. The court found probable cause to hold the prisoner for the grand jury under bonds of \$2000. The juvenile cases were continued for one week.

On Tuesday morning George E. Underhill of Ashby was in court on the complaint of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals charged with shooting a charge of rock salt from a shotgun into a dog. He was fined \$10 and paid a fine of twenty-five dollars. He was represented by Attorney James Walsh of Fitchburg.

On Wednesday morning Jacob Florio and James H. Lundy were found guilty of vagrancy and their cases were placed on file. Florio had two extra with him while Lundy had still less.

Leo Mercurio, a barber in Donahue's barber shop on Main street, was in court charged with keeping and exposing liquor for sale and with two sales. His case was continued until April 16th. This case is the result of a search made on Tuesday afternoon by Chief of Police Beatty, officer Mills and Deputy Sheriff Fillebrown at the barber shop. The officers found in a back room a bottle containing about two drinks, several empty bottles, several bottles of peppermint, and fourteen pints of whisky in a grip.

Henry Riley of Pepperell charged with assault and battery on Rustian Myfytton an Albanian, was found not guilty. Both parties are members of George Luddington's section, which works in the railroad yards. The men work in pairs. On Tuesday morning the defendant who is a boss over the men noticed that Myfytton where he was. Myfytton then made some uncomplimentary remarks to the defendant and invited him to come down from the car where he was. He did so and on jumping to the ground fell to his knees upon which according to his testimony the complainant then took place as the result of which the defendant was brought into court. The defendant's story was supported by the testimony of four of his fellow workmen of the section gang. Attorney John D. Carney appeared for the defendant, an attorney from Lowell appearing for the complainant.

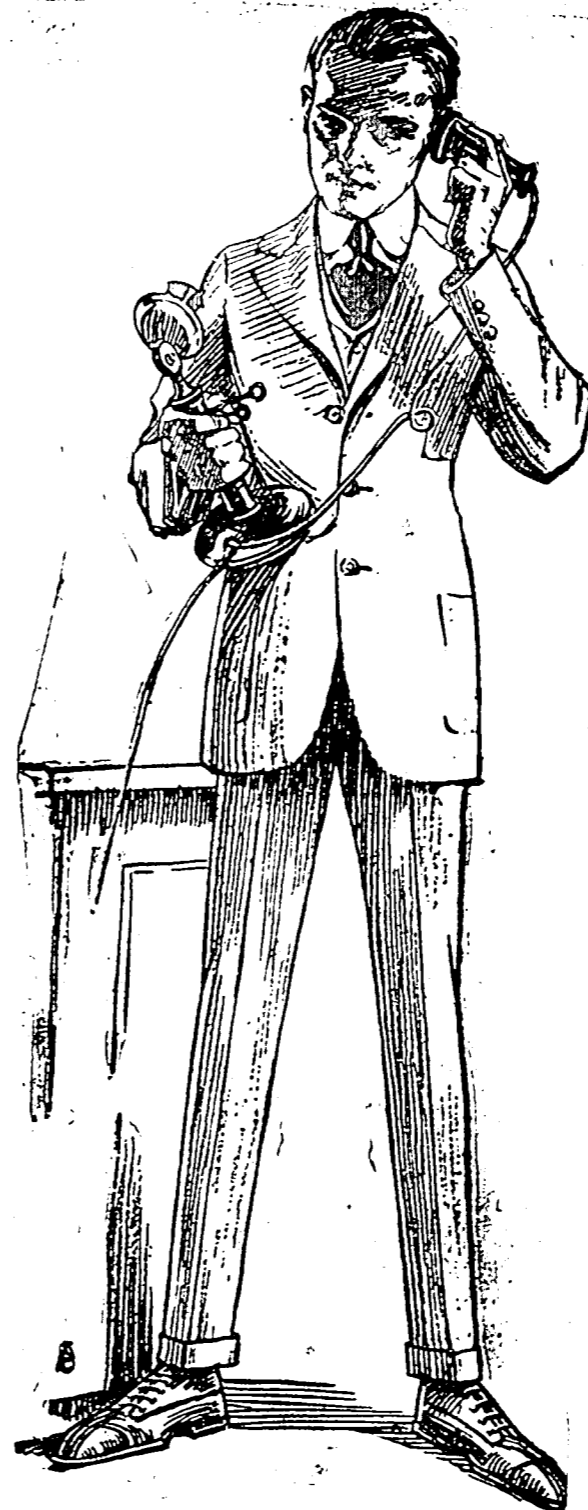
Last Friday evening Chief of Police Beatty, officers Young and Boquet, and Deputy Sheriff Fillebrown raided the Slavsky premises on West Main street but found nothing. Later on the same evening they raided the house of Peter Koronis on Bligh street and found a small quantity of wine and several pints of moonshine whiskey. During the raid someone threw a quart of moonshine through the window and it landed near Officer Young without breaking and was also seized by the officers. The case against Koronis will come up in the local court on the 9th of this month.

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TOWNSEND

The Methodist church steeple is being recovered with copper by Frank Dudley, steepjack from Pittsburgh.

Miss Helen Miller of Quincy spent the weekend at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Thirza Fessenden.

G. Eldon Scamers, a student at the University of Maine, has been spending his vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Al Richards.

Mrs. Minnie Upham and sons, Geo. H. and Miles Upham, motored to Malden Saturday and visited with relatives over Sunday.

The children of E. W. Maxwell of Bradford, who celebrated the 75th birthday, March 29, was tendered a very enjoyable surprise party in honor of the occasion.

The next meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held at Memorial hall Tuesday evening, April 12, and will be children's night.

Walter K. Tutney, superintendent of schools in Cheshamford, will give his lecture on "How nature protects her children" and it will be illustrated by some 60 slides showing imitation, mimicry, etc., of both birds and insects.

At the annual Methodist conference held at Springfield, Rev. Leroy Lyon was reappointed pastor of the Townsend church.

Mrs. J. B. Smith is visiting with relatives in Boston and Providence.

Miss Bessie Parker, nurse from Worcester, has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Flora Parker.

There were 21 tables at the millitary whist party held in Memorial hall Tuesday evening.

Townsend's assessors have begun the work of canvassing all the residents of the town 20 years old and over and making out the taxpayers' list cards.

The Dorcas class of the Methodist church will hold its next meeting on Tuesday afternoon, April 12, at the home of Mrs. Mattie Misner.

Mrs. Albert Fessenden, Mrs. James Doane and Henry A. Hill attended the funeral services of their youngest brother, J. Frederick Hill, held at Mt. Auburn chapel, Cambridge Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Violet McKenzie, teacher at Passaic, N. J., is enjoying a vacation visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McKenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart of Upton have been guests this week at Charles Spaulding's.

Harold Green of Nashua, N. H., who recently underwent a successful operation for appendicitis at St. Joseph hospital at Nashua, is convalescing at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Green.

Miss Agnes Barron, teacher at Elizabeth, N. H., who has been spending several weeks on vacation with her mother, Mrs. J. J. Barron at the Park hotel, resumed her duties this week Monday.

A meeting of the Red Cross auxiliary is to be held this week Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of T. E. Flaherty.

T. Turner Goodwin, who has been employed during the winter by the H. & A. D. Fosberg Co., resumed his position this week at Mrs. A. L. Fessenden's as gardener and caretaker.

Saturday proved a very stormy day for the Townsend neighborhood, which in the afternoon was visited by three blizzards from the Knox place at Townsend Harbor.

At 4:35 a general alarm was sounded for a fire in the barn of the Warren West place on upper Main street.

and neighbors passing the barn five minutes before the alarm saw no sign of fire.

The flames spread rapidly as the barn was full of hay and straw and in an incredibly short time the house was ablaze.

Mr. Wyeth is a hardworking, industrious man, and has put many years' hard work into the place, and has finished the cottage when the calamity occurred.

The delay at the beginning of the fire, when time is most valuable, plainly indicates the advisability of a new fire alarm system which will be distinctly understood as a fire alarm only as the bells and whistles, which are also used for other purposes often cannot be heard only within a certain section and the method of reaching outside members by telephone is very unsatisfactory.

Supper and Entertainment. There was a large attendance at the supper and entertainment given by the men last week Thursday evening in the Congregational church vestry.

The concluding number on the program was a farce, "The time table." The character, Mr. Jarrett, was impersonated by F. B. Higgins and Roy Cowdry in the role of Mrs. Jangli.

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Harlan Nye, while his assistant, Abbott Hodgman, will occupy the Arthur Boutwell place adjoining, which has just been purchased by Mr. Hodgman.

Mrs. Maria Wilbur, who has been spending the winter with her daughter in Dorchester, spent at her home here for a brief visit by last week, and expects to return for the season in the near future.

William Little, Mrs. Mary Stevens, celebrators of their 50th birthday, were here on Monday.

Frank Adams and family, who spent the week-end at the Adams summer home.

The Ladies' Whist club, which is to meet at the reading room on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway as hostess.

Quite a number of whooping cough cases are reported in town, and the children removed from school among them.

The mayflower season is commencing early this year on account of the extremely warm weather and many are commencing to pick for market this week.

Death. The community was saddened to learn Saturday of the death of Mrs. Elvira (Tyler) Stearns, who passed away suddenly at Jacksonville, Fla., on her way home from the South.

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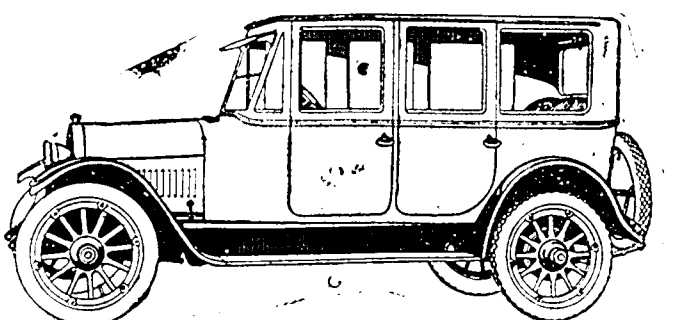
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News Items. Mason will observe her Old Home day celebration sometime in August, the date to be announced later.



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LITTLETON News Items. Eugene W. Esten has secured a position with the Tennessee Inspection Bureau of Nashville, Tenn., and expects to take up his work there soon after graduation from Tufts Engineering school, June 20.

Wallace B. Conant of Concord has been elected chairman of the Concord Electric Light board. The sum of \$75,000 has been voted to rebuild the electric light plant.

The Misses Marion and Catherine Drew have returned to their studies in Lewiston, Me.

Miss Gretchen C. Host of Brookline was a visitor over the week-end at the Unitarian parsonage.

The Misses Elizabeth and Margaret Brown have been spending their vacation at their parents' home on Foster street.

Stanley Robinson Cummings, instructor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been visiting Rev. and Mrs. Carl G. Horst.

The Misses Jennie and Helen Foster of Wollaston, Mass., were welcome visitors at the Unitarian parsonage this week.

The committee who have the second annual May dance of the Conant, Houghton & Inc. and Employees' Co-operative association in charge, have engaged "The Colonial singing orchestra," five pieces, of Waltham, for Friday evening, May 13. Posters will be issued soon announcing this event and tickets will be on sale shortly. It is hoped that all lovers of good dance music will reserve this date, Friday, May 13, for this occasion, as this is one of the best possible orchestras to be obtained and is very popular wherever it plays.

High School Notes. School began Tuesday after the spring vacation. We expect that now there will be many references to the capitol in other classes besides the civics class.

Miss Hazel Bradley is much missed in the senior class as she is detained at home by quarantine.

The Glee club has begun rehearsals upon the opera, "The Japanese Girl." It is planned to present the charming opera in a few weeks.

The members of the baseball team are practicing daily. Their new baseball suits arrived this week.

All are pleased that during the vacation the building was wired for electricity.

Baptist Notes. The Ladies' Benevolent society will meet at the vestry next Wednesday afternoon at 2.30.

Rev. E. C. Dunbar is starting a new series of sermons on church worship. Next Sunday he will preach on "Music in our worship."

The Lincoln class will discuss "Bible teachings about health" in the Sunday school.

The C. E. meeting will be held by Rev. E. C. Dunbar and the topic will be "How does Christ wish His day to be spent?"

Congregational Notes. The pastor of the church is preaching four color sermons. Last Sunday the subject was "A study in black and white." Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Cleary will preach on "A study in gray," the following Sabbath on "A study in gold," and the fourth week on "A study in red."

Sunday evening Lucile Gardner will lead the C. E. meeting.

Monday evening the Sunday School board will meet at the parsonage at 7.30, when there will be an important business meeting.

Thursday evening of next week there will be the regular meeting in the vestry at 7.15. The study of the book of Jeremiah will be continued. New members are to be received again into church fellowship at that time will please communicate with the pastor within a week of the present date.

problems of the farm, home and the community. The entire course is free to both men and women. The annual May meetings of the Unitarian churches will be held in Boston May 22-27.

Miss Emily Doyle of Everett has been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Bert King, in Brookline, N. H.

Mrs. Julia Barnaby attended the state convention of the Women's Auxiliary at Concord on last Wednesday and Thursday, being a delegate from this town.

Mrs. Minnie Faulkner of Concord has been in town caring for her mother, Mrs. Clara Whitcomb, who has been quite ill, but is now recovering.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Farwell has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Sargent and Mr. and Mrs. Olive.

John Holden of the police force of Melrose, Mass., has been spending a few days at the home of Michael Burdick, Melrose. Holden has been transferred to the Metropolitan police forces at Boston for the summer season.

Mrs. Harriet Strong of Littleton spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Julia Barnaby.

Mrs. Adella Whitcomb has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Hall, of Fitchburg.

David Barnaby has been elected janitor of Daniels' academy building for the ensuing year and also tax collector.

The marriage of Miss Alice Perkins and William Wheeler has been announced.

Freeman Wright and Mrs. Ella Rockwood were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Shattuck at Chelmsford, Mass.

Walter Parker from Lowell spent Sunday at Four Pines, his summer home here.

Mrs. Clara Russell, Mrs. Edna Hall, Mrs. Blanche Taylor, Miss Frances Farnsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Corey, Miss Eva Corey, Mrs. Ella Rockwood, Freeman Wright, A. A. Goswami and Mrs. Florence Barnaby attended the luncheon meeting at Lowell on Friday, April 1.

The largest number of trout caught since the season opened was caught on Friday, the first day, by George Rockwood and Wendell Taylor, the string numbering 41.

Debert Porter has purchased a Ford auto.

Mr. Hamilton and family from Brookline, Mass., have been at their summer home the past week.

The house owned by Walter Parker on Main street is receiving a new coat of paint.

Rev. Charles Dockrill of Arlington, Mass., preached at the Congregational church on last Sunday morning. There will be no services this week on account of the New Hampshire conference at Nashua.

Miss Frances Farnsworth is very ill at her home with the measles. Her sister, Miss Jessie Farnsworth, is very ill with them at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mabel Hammond, at Groton.

The annual school meeting will be held Saturday, April 16, at two p. m., at the Daniels academy hall.

Percy Betterley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randall of Worcester secured, and Mrs. Lawrence will remain with Judge E. E. Parker.

Capt. and Mrs. John Andrews, who have been spending the winter at Somerville, returned for the summer to their home, the Laurels.

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Owing to sickness and an extra amount of copy coming in late this week we have been obliged to leave out some matter until next week.

PEPPERELL

News Items.

Walter Chapman and family came from Malden last week, their goods arriving on Friday, and they are now occupying the Chapman house on Brookline street, where Mrs. Charles Chapman will soon be here.

Mrs. John E. Picheur writes her friends here from their winter home in St. Louis, Mo., that they are anxious to come east to their Elm street home, as soon as practicable, and may plan to reach here soon after the middle of the month.

Mrs. M. E. Reed came from Dorchester last week, spending the week with friends after a winter passed with her son, Walter Reed and family.

Mrs. Frank Ames is once more at her home on Shirley street, returning from Brantree last week, where she has been with her daughters, since Christmas.

Mrs. Julia B. Johnson returned to Pepperell from Boston, the past week, for a few days at her home on Maple street.

A very satisfactory food sale was held by the Woman's Auxiliary, Frank West, A. L., at the Legion rooms, in the Butler Block, Main street, on Wednesday afternoon. The committee were Mrs. S. A. Yeaton, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Frank Flynn, Mrs. John Rodler and Miss Ruth Kiley. The chairman, Mrs. Yeaton was unable to be present at the sale, having given assistance earlier, and several other members of the Auxiliary substituted and rendered assistance. There was an abundance of fine pastries, and more ready purchasers, which all the requirements for the success of a sale. The sum of \$40 is reported by the auxiliary.

Several members of Beacon Lodge, G. O. O. F., attended a meeting of the lodge, when the second degree was conferred. Two candidates being from this lodge, on Wednesday evening, two candidates at Beacon lodge were given the third degree, at the meeting of the North Star Lodge, at Townsend.

Plans for the institution of the new encampment here in town on April 19, are progressing well, and definite arrangements will be announced probably in season to be effected next week.

A meeting of unusual numbers and interest was held by the East Village Social Club with the president, Mrs. Alice Raymond, on Wednesday afternoon. There were seventeen present.

A series of articles were read by different members, on the subject of the day, "Friendship." A feature of the occasion was the presentation by Mrs. Raymond, to Mrs. Maude Parker, of a fine piece of Pyrex ware, with best wishes of the club. This was to commemorate Mrs. Parker's wedding anniversary, which was also her birthday anniversary, of the preceding day.

Mrs. Parker made gracious acknowledgment of the gift, also an invitation to meet with her for the next meeting, which was accepted. At the close the hostess served refreshments of ice cream and cake.

Mrs. Irene Tarbell Attridge, went to Groton on Thursday evening to fill out an encampment as leader at the entertainment at the Unitarian church.

Mrs. Aaron Burkipshaw, who has been visiting her relatives at town for the past two weeks, returned with her two children to her home in Oakville, Conn., on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Pierce from Nashua, N. H. were the guests of their niece Mrs. M. C. Lane, and family, on Thursday of last week.

William Blood with a classmate from Dartmouth college, arrived on Friday of last week at his home, and has been enjoying the ten days of the spring recess.

Mrs. Katherine Blood returned to her studies at Simmons college, Boston, last week Tuesday, after a week's Easter vacation.

Mrs. Mattie Foster has been a guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. A. Talbault, Brookline street, coming here from Milford, N. H. where she had been visiting other relatives. She returned to her home in Whitman on Monday.

Mrs. Helen Tyler and Miss Ruth Leslie, of the high school faculty, who were obliged to find other boarding places owing to the illness in the family of Rev. B. C. Steele, from meetings, are now at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robbins, respectively.

Mrs. Frederic Morse who visited at her old home with her husband over Easter Sunday, remained here until the middle of last week, before returning to her home in Wolcott.

Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dwyer of the marriage of their daughter, Madeline E. Dwyer, to David Primos, Jr., of Philadelphia, by the Rev. of St. Bernard's church, at the Rectory, on Sunday, April 3, Mr. and Mrs. Primos are residing in Philadelphia.

Mrs. A. H. Barnes entertained relatives from Lincoln, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Foster, on Tuesday. They motored here in company with Mr. Wain of the President's summer works, at Shirley.

Mrs. A. J. Ryder entertained her niece, Mrs. Brewer, from Freedom, N. H., over the week-end.

Little Miss Beverly O'Brien so vividly pleased her Nashua audience last week, in her dances as the "French Doll," at the Dance Carnival, that she was asked to assist in the entertainment here of the Maine Association, on Monday evening, when a turkey dinner was given in the Grand hall to the "Maine Staters." The little pretty girl gave a very graceful dance, in her French doll costume, of blue satin with pink rosebud trimmings, and bonnet to match, and also gave a reading, which was heartily applauded. At the Dance Carnival she was the "winner" of the prize, from the Nashua School of Music, and was presented with a bouquet.

Mrs. Ingram, her instructor, is much pleased with her progress, as also are all her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hudson from Trenton motored here on Sunday as the guests of Mrs. Fred's sister, Mrs. C. A. Boone, and family. On their return, Mrs. Deane accompanied them for a stay and treatment for her knee, until Wednesday.

Principal Whitmarsh was met by a fairly large gathering on Monday afternoon at Mrs. Tower's to listen to his interesting Current Events, which filled an hour very acceptably.

Mrs. Jessie Parker has been in town from Roxbury the past week, as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred Hartwell. While here she visited her house just off Brookline street to Mrs. P. Powell, who was formerly Miss M. O'Shea, now living at Norwood.

Managers of the Electric party, with an agreement to the effect that the work by the breaking of the ice, was done, but neither the men within the car, nor himself, were injured or shaken about. It happened at four o'clock, as the evening but he had driven up from Boston with Mrs. Deane, and drove faster, in order to reach home before very late. The roughness of the roads have been trying on any machine. The car showed wear as it was found that only a thin piece of iron had been holding, the rest being an old break.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Parker celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary on Tuesday, April 5, by motoring to the city with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf. Having dinner there, with attendance at one of the theatres. They were decorated with white ribbons, as a surprise, which were displayed by their explanation which was kindly given by the parties most concerned.

The services at the Community church last Sunday were held by Rev. Boynton Merrill, and not only his former associates, but the entire audience were pleased to welcome him back among them, and to be addressed by him from the pulpit where he had attended church. It was also from this church that the ecclesiastical council of the Congregational church acted upon his ordination to the ministry, and subsequent exercises of ordination were held. He is at present pastor of the Congregational church at Putnam, Conn., and preached here in exchange with the pastor.

Dance Leominster City Hall, Monday, April 11.

Other Pepperell matter on page 2.

Home from Florida.

The first of our townsmen to arrive north from Florida are Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beckett, who arrived here last week after spending five months at Green Cove Springs. On the day they left there, March 22, the thermometer registered 114 degrees. Coming directly through by train, with no stopovers, they reached Worcester on Thursday, the 24th. After short visits with relatives at Worcester, Princeton and Milford, they came here to the home of Mrs. Beckett's sister, Mrs. Duffon, on the Hollis road on Saturday. While recognizing the advantages of a winter south, they are glad to be back in New England for the warmer weather. They went south in company with Mr. and Mrs. George Nutting, their relatives, from Nashua.

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Dairy Barn Meeting.

The dairy barn demonstration on Thursday afternoon at Mr. Talley farm had an interesting attendance of about 25 of our progressive farmers. Isaac Whitting, the owner, came up from Boston for the day. County Agent Tibbott takes on such topics as economical feeding, the best results of the best kinds of potato, also the essentials of a farm, able management, and the close of the meeting statements were given out suggesting a proper view of the present prices of the products.

The informal gathering is proving a popular success. Managers would like to see more of the farmers come and ask some questions of a better nature. They like this kind of a farm visit where they can get the desired information without a show about it.

At Twin Valley farm there is a herd of from 30 to 40 cows. Mr. Talley pointed out the quality points of several for large amount of milk and his suggestions were practical and instructive.

Similar meetings are being held all about this section, and in some instances the large attendance is such to hold the crowd.

P. W. C.

The regular meeting of the Women's Club, had a rather smaller attendance than usual, on Tuesday afternoon. The speaker, Rev. William Parker Niles, was brilliant and interesting in his talk on Current Events. At the period, so lengthy a talk for so short a period, he might expect the speed speaker, this would mean that close attention would be required to catch each subject. His talk embraced many subjects, and he entered on the present attitude of Germany, as though he was hoping that America would forget, which he added, we seemed to be doing. He also spoke of our President and his cabinet, saying that while Wilson had a wonderful brain, President Harding had surprised himself by a galaxy of big statesmen, every member being peculiarly well adapted to the position assigned, and with whom he was willing to confer. He was very forceful in outlining the present national situation, and other parts of his talk were equally strong and well presented.

Methodist Church Notes.

Unexpectedly to everyone, including the pastor, came the change in appointments at the conclusion of the annual Conference of Methodist churches, at Springfield, on Monday. Rev. E. W. Rust, who had held this pastorate for the past three years, was not to expect a re-appointment for another year, and he turned to the same. He had made certain arrangements which he wished to carry out along certain lines, and had in mind other work to accomplish. Bishop Hughes, presiding at the Conference, knowing the whole situation of churches in the state, and that he was one to go to a newly formed church, composed of three, societies at Charlemont, and he is to be transferred to the western part of the state. The preacher assigned to this church is Rev. H. P. Taylor, who comes here from a three-year pastorate at Barre, Vt. He entered the conference in 1916, and his record shows that he has been in the different churches assigned him, from three to four years, showing himself to be successful. Rev. Mr. Taylor will preach his first sermon here on Sunday morning, and the church school will follow as usual. The services of the week will be announced at that time. Rev. Mr. Rust goes to his new charge for Sunday, also, returning here to pack his goods for transportation to his new home. Both Mr. Rust and his family will be greatly missed.

Other changes will mark the beginning of the church year. As Miss Lillian Dunton, the well-known organist, for several years, resigned her position last Sunday as she is shortly to take up her residence in another state. She was presented with a useful gift by the choir, to carry with her to her new home, which was a very touching matter of regret with many of the members of her service. As she has been kind, obliging, and given excellent satisfaction to music committees and congregations, her ability being unquestioned. The committee, however, are congratulating themselves on securing a her successor, Mrs. Harlan Place, a gifted student of the organ at the New England Conservatory of Music, and a skilled performer on both piano and organ, who will assume her duties next Sunday.

The Hope Circle met with Viola Harris last week on Thursday evening, and during the business session the date of the "old-fashioned" convention, under preparation, was definitely set for Thursday evening, May 20. A rehearsal was held this evening and another at the church on Saturday afternoon. Miss Esther Robbins, as pianist, met with them, and another rehearsal is set for this week on Saturday afternoon, at the church, and all who are to take part in this concert should be there promptly. The next meeting of the Circle will be held on Monday evening at the home of the Messrs. Hill and Hope Boyd.

BOXBOROUGH

A brush fire in the Livestock pasture last Saturday afternoon, made things lively for a while, and was subdued before much damage was done.

Royal and Lucy Wetherill's game home Friday for a week's vacation from their school at Northampton. Miss Lucy Wetherill of Worcester was also at home for the week-end.

Arthur B. Swan has a new pair of black horses just come from the west.

Miss Jennings of Portland, Me., visited Mr. Philip Cunningham last week. Miss Jennings spent most of last year at the Cunningham farm. She is soon to go to her brother, who is in Ohio.

It will be news to some to hear that James Masters was married about a month ago to a young lady from Mattapan and is now living in East Acton. His brother Aleck, who was very seriously injured in France during the war, has sufficiently recovered to be able to work. He is now in Boston.

Mrs. B. S. Hager of Clinton was the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. C. Steele, the last of the week. Mrs. Steele returned to Clinton with her for the week-end.

Lester Philbrick of Marlboro is visiting his grandfather, Edwin Philbrick, who has been housed several weeks, and who is looking for his birthday on the eve of her leaving the south. Taken altogether they have many pleasant recollections of their winter in Florida, and the friends they made there.

portant part of the program will be singing by a quartet from Boston. The last of the Red Cross meetings for this season was held at Mrs. A. E. Lawrence's on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. E. L. Bartlett, who has not been able to attend any social gatherings since last October was able to be present.

Mrs. Anna Paine is receiving a new coat of color. Alfred C. Wright is going to the West. Westinghouse and other companies.

The Ladies Missionary circle will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 7:30 o'clock at Mr. B. C. Steele's.

The death of Mrs. M. E. Wood at her home in West Acton last Tuesday removes another of our old residents, who during many years held an important position in all affairs pertaining to the church and its various branches. She was the wife of the good Deacon Wood, for many years in the house now owned by J. Warren Hayward. Both by the love and respect of the townspeople to an unusual degree, which was manifested in many ways after they moved to West Acton. Mrs. Wood was of the good old New England type to whom virtue too much praise cannot be given and who will long be remembered for her good works.

A town meeting was called for April 14 at 7:30 in the town hall. It contains the following articles: Article 1. Shall the citizens of the town be granted the freedom of the town hall for the purpose of hearing plays or other entertainments to be given in the town or taking any action which may be necessary to settle the question here involved. Article 2. To see if the town will raise a sum of money in addition to the sum already appropriated for a road scraper or take any action thereon. Article 3. To see if the town will fix the price of the town hall for the use of the church or take any action thereon.

Church News.

There was an unusually large attendance at the maple syrup supper April 1, Mr. Reed of Clinton, gave several musical numbers on the bells. Stanley Duckers furnished games and stunts which were greatly enjoyed. The proceeds amounted to \$22.50.

The committee in charge of the painting reports satisfaction to the amount of \$232. The work will require at least \$300. All are very enthusiastic about it, and the spirit of cooperation is fine. It is hoped that the canvass will be completed by April 15.

The Boys' Club baseball team will play the Boy Scouts of South Acton, April 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the Perkins pasture.

LITTLETON

News Items.

The United Workers of the Congregational church accepted the hospitality of Mrs. Nelson B. Conant on Tuesday afternoon. There was a large attendance. Appointed a nominating committee. A. P. Gardner, Miss Elizabeth Thatcher and Miss Elizabeth Houghton constitute that committee. The meeting was given over to Mrs. Nathan, who was assisted by Miss Sanderson, Mrs. F. S. Kimball, Mrs. A. M. Parker, Mrs. Julia N. Shepard, Mrs. N. D. Conant and Miss M. H. Kimball in the discussion of "Christian Americanization in action." Mrs. W. E. Conant leading the devotion, and Miss J. S. Conant offering the closing prayer. Much interest was shown in the program.

Miss Sarah Priest, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Horst and Mrs. P. B. Ayer attended the invitation given by the Ladies of the United Workers of the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon.

The Kings' Daughters had about twenty members present Tuesday afternoon. Important business was acted upon and arrangements for the year were completed. The ladies have been working many weeks for their annual report, which was read in the afternoon vestry Tuesday afternoon, April 12, from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. The following booths will offer attractions of pleasing variety: miscellaneous, household and open, candy, paper, post and paper. A general catalogue is anticipated.

Many friends will be pleased to learn that E. W. Kimball is improving and is now able to be out of doors on pleasant days.

Mrs. Mrs. Dodge has recovered from her recent illness and returned to school in April.

Miss Mildred Eberer from Northfield Sunday has spent her Easter at home.

Mrs. G. W. Whitehead has been the guest of her sister in Arlington a few days.

Miss W. King spent part of his vacation in town. He is now located at Norfolk, Va. His sister, Miss Ella Wilkins, from Ansonia, Conn., has been visiting friends and relatives in town.

The public schools opened Tuesday. The fire department was called out Saturday and again Tuesday to fight a threatening fire in New Estate works. There were many outside the building, but fortunately the progress of the flames was checked before serious damage was done.

Harry J. Smith and family of Arlington were at C. L. Smith's Sunday. Bills for food for the schoolhouses have been posted at the Common store and the station.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Fisher, who have spent the winter months in Judge Sanderson's home, have come to Leominster for a week before going to Narragansett.

Mrs. Anna Kimball is at home from M. T.

Richard G. Conant of Passaic, N. J., who recently returned from his trip to the Pacific coast, was at home for over Sunday.

The Goldenrod Conants were in town Sunday.

Ed. Esten of Chicopee Falls spent Sunday with the home people.

Miss Alma Richard of Gardner was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter will reside at the Common. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

Joseph Carlton employed at Hugh McDonald's blacksmith shop, underwent a serious operation at the Carnegie hospital, where he was taken last Sunday.

Mrs. F. C. Hartwell attended the New Hampshire Methodist conference Friday at Nashua and hopes to be present and hear the Bishop at the Harvard service in that city. George Hartwell will accompany her on that day.

All the children of the late E. C. Hartwell were at home Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Christie played with Mrs. Southard some piano at a church entertainment in Groton, Thursday evening.

Dea. George A. Kimball has had a severe attack of grip, from which he is recovering as rapidly as possible.

Joseph Carlton is at Deaconess hospital instead of the Carnegie as before reported. He is reported on Thursday as doing fairly well.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley is in Mexico, but will soon return to San Francisco.

TOWNSEND

Harbor.

On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey returned from Waltham, where they have been spending the winter at their son's home with Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey.

There will be preaching at the Harbor church at 2:30 p.m. on next Sunday, April 10. The services will be conducted by Rev. A. L. Strubbe, and there will be special music. A cordial invitation to all.

On Tuesday the As You Like It club was entertained at the home of Mrs. H. E. Warner. Notwithstanding the unavoidable absence of several of the members, the program prepared by the lecturers, Mrs. Adney Gray, those present spent an enjoyable afternoon. After the serving of refreshments the club adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. Fannie Adams, Mrs. George Jones, lecturers.

The Harbor farm has purchased a horse weighing over 1700 pounds from the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co. to replace the one that died last January.

B. C. Cummings has received an invoice of 500 day old chicks.

The Harbor farm is starting a poultry plant of a thousand birds. Three hundred and fifty chicks have already been hatched.

A so-called wild bull is causing considerable excitement in the neighborhood of the Cape. The animal escaped from a slaughterhouse in Lunenburg when the bull intended to kill it missed its mark and cut the foot instead.

Several nights ago Mrs. Minnie Knight was awakened by the nearby cries of wild geese. In the morning they were seen in a small pond near the house. (Owing to the fog they seemingly had lost their direction.)

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court, in and for said County of Middlesex, do hereby certify that the last will and testament of said County of Middlesex, has been proved to said Court, and has been pronounced valid by said Court, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of said Commonwealth, and that the executor named therein, has been appointed and qualified in and for said County of Middlesex, to execute the same, and that the said will is now on file in said Court.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of April, A. D. 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why you should not be appointed executor of said will.

The undersigned is hereby designated as the executor of said estate of said County of Middlesex, and has been appointed and qualified in and for said County of Middlesex, to execute the same, and all persons interested in said estate are called upon to do so.

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SIRLOIN ROAST	35c lb.
LAMB CHOPS	35c lb.
POTATOES	35c pk.
PURE and COMPOUND LARD	13c and 15c lb.
FRESH SHOULDERS	28c lb.
GOOD ROAST PORK	25c lb.
TOMATOES, large can	15c
FRESH MADE BUTTER	50c lb.
GOOD BACON	25c lb.
BEST CREAM CHEESE	35c lb.
CORNER BEEF, all solid meat	15c lb.
GOOD ROAST BEEF	20c lb.
CONDENSED MILK	18c can
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