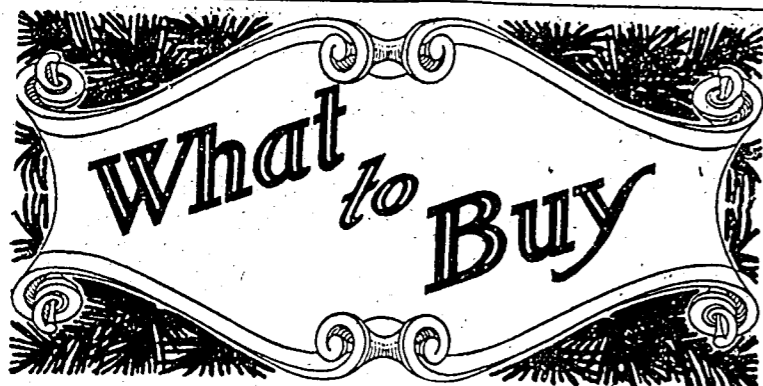


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SHIRLEY

News Items.
The C. B. club are holding their meeting for this week this Friday evening at the home of Miss Doris White. A Christmas tree is the feature of the evening.

Christmas exercises and tree for the members and friends of the Congregational Sunday school in the vestry this Friday evening.

Thomas J. Gately returned to his work at the Samson Cordage Works this week, after being confined to his home for two months.

The public schools close this Friday for the holiday vacation, opening Tuesday, January 3.

The Altruistic Club meets next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Conant. The entertainment is in charge of the music committee.

Miss Edna Day arrives home this Saturday for the Christmas holidays. The W. W. S. club held their regular monthly meeting at the Legionster clubhouse, Fort Pond, last Saturday evening. This was also the annual Christmas tree entertainment. Eighteen members were present. A supper of broiled chicken with all the fixings was furnished by George Brown of Leonminster. Edwin R. Smith was in charge of the supper. Chester W. Phelps and G. Stanley Wells in charge of the tree. President Frederick W. Holden was toastmaster.

John H. Logue, Sr., is able to sit up and seems much better than for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen have closed their home and gone to the Hotel Brunswick, Boston, for the winter.

The following members of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., attended the funeral of William Wilkins on Monday afternoon: John E. Adams, George Bulch, Henry Burrage, John Smith, Nelson Wamboldt, Mr. McKenzie and Frederick H. Fowler.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will have the election of officers this Friday evening and will open at nine o'clock instead of eight so the members may attend the Christmas exercises at the Congregational church.

The Ladies' circle will meet in the church vestry next Wednesday afternoon for the regular business meeting and to tie quilts.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will hold its regular Christmas meeting next Tuesday evening with Mrs. Besse Chapman at the Brookside.

A good number attended the moving pictures given in I. O. O. F. hall Monday evening by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. of Boston and the Samson Cordage Co. of this town. The object of the pictures was to instruct the employees, who are insured in this company, in the ideas of safety. Friends of the employees also received complimentary tickets. The pictures were given through the courtesy of Harry Woods, who furnished the operator.

C. H. Porter left Tuesday for New York on business for the President Suspendor Co.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman is still confined to her home in Fitchburg with a lame knee, but plans to leave December 28, for Louisville, Ky., where she will spend the winter with her son, Frank.

At the Gardner Poultry association show held December 15, 16 and 17, Stanley J. Gallagher won with his White Wyandottes the following prizes, first, second and third pullets, first and third cocks, first and second cockerels, second pen, and the special prize for white birds in show, won by first prize cockerel. This is his sixth exhibit and sixth straight win with his birds.

The old English seacoast town of Great Yarmouth contains what is said to be the narrowest street in the world. It is known as Kitty Witches row, and its greatest width is fifty-six inches.

CHRISTMAS As A Man Wants It



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- Fine Cambric—3 in Christmas box 50¢ and 75¢
- Linen Hemstitched—3 in Christmas box \$1.50 to \$2.50
- Silk Handkerchiefs in Fancy Colors and Plain White 50¢ to \$1.50
- Little Boys' Handkerchiefs in Christmas box 15¢ each

GIVE HIM GLOVES

- Men's Dress Gloves, Unlined Cape \$2.50 to \$4.00
- Men's Genuine Arabian Mocha, unlined \$4.00
- Men's India Mocha, unlined \$2.50
- Men's Genuine Buck, fine quality \$4.50 and \$5.00
- Men's Domestic Mocha, lined \$1.50 to \$2.50
- Men's Horsehide, lined and unlined \$2.50 to \$5.00
- Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens 50¢ to \$2.00
- Men's Work Gloves, Leather, lined and unlined 50¢ to \$2.50
- Men's Mocha Gloves, fur lined \$5.00
- Men's Fur Gauntlet Gloves \$4.50 to \$7.50
- Men's Leather Gauntlet Gloves, lined \$3.00 and \$3.50
- Boys' Gloves and Mittens 35¢ to \$1.25

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- Nothing Could Be More Acceptable Than a Good Warm Sweater
- Men's Coat Style, all colors \$3.50 to \$10.00
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 - Men's V-Neck, White with collar \$10.00
 - The Famous Tom Wye Knit Coat \$7.50
 - Boys' Sweaters, all colors 98¢ to \$7.50

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Necktie or a Muffler



- Four-in-Hands in Christmas Folders 50¢ to \$2.00
- Boys' Four-in-Hands 25¢ to 50¢
- Silk Mufflers \$3.00 to \$6.00
- Wool Mufflers \$2.50 to \$4.00

MEN'S AND BOYS' CAPS AND TOQUES

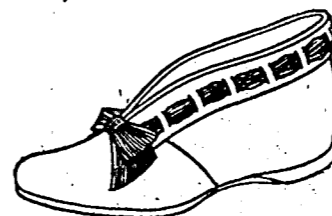
- Caps of Every Kind for Men and Boys. Toques and Knit Caps for Men, Boys and Children.
- Men's Cloth Caps for Winter 75¢ to \$2.50
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 - Boys' Cloth Caps for Winter 50¢ to \$1.00
 - Men's Yarn Toques 75¢ and \$1.00
 - Boys' Yarn Toques 39¢ to \$1.00
 - Boys' Aviation Caps 50¢ and \$1.00
 - Children's Hats and Caps 50¢ to \$1.00
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- TRAVELING BAGS—Give Him a Bag—Imitation Leather \$5.00 Genuine Leather \$7.50 to \$20.00
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- SHEEP-LINED COATS—For Men \$7.00 to \$18.00 For Boys, 10 to 18 years \$7.00 to \$12.50
- PAJAMAS—Domest Flannel \$1.50 to \$2.50 Cotton, in plain colors or fancy stripes \$1.50 to \$2.50 Boys' Domest Flannel \$1.50
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- BATH ROBES—Give Him a Bath Robe—Made of good weight blanket, trimmed with corded braid and girdle \$7.00 to \$12.00
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- Women's Vests \$1.25 and \$1.50—Silk and wool, cut Dutch neck, elbow sleeves; regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 values.
- Women's Vests and Tights \$1.75—Three-quarter wool; regular \$2.50 value.
- Women's Silk Vests \$3.00—Colors are flesh, maize, orchid and light blue—each one embroidered.
- Children's Vests and Pants 38¢—Fleece lined, irregulars of the 50c grade.
- Children's Vests and Pants 50¢—Heavy-weight fleece, vest cut Dutch neck, elbow sleeves; regular 75c grade.
- Children's Union Suits 60¢—Fleece lined, cut high neck, long sleeves; regular price 75c.
- Children's Vests and Pants \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75—All wool.
- Children's Union Suits \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00—All wool.
- Boys' Union Suits \$1.00 and \$1.25—Heavy weight, fleeced, gray color.
- Boys' Shirts and Drawers 60¢ and 75¢—Gray, fleeced, extra heavy.
- Boys' Union Suits \$2.50—All wool, heavy weight.

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Saturday, December 24, 1921

AYER

News Items. Postmaster John M. Markham announces that he has received the new series of Treasury Savings Certificates which have been authorized by the United States treasury department. They are issued in three units of \$25, \$100 and \$1000 maturity value. The first bears the portrait of Theodore Roosevelt, the second the portrait of George Washington, and the third the portrait of Abraham Lincoln.

Clarence D. Young of Ayer has sued Alvina Young of Boston, charging unfaithfulness. They were married July 14, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Livingstone have been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo McKown and son Albert of New York.

The four lower grades in the public schools closed last week for a fortnight. The other grades and the high school begin a week's vacation this week Friday.

Edward B. Hopkins of Dartmouth college is at his home for the holidays.

Mrs. Caroline Niles is caring for Mrs. Hortense Stone.

Ralph H. Richardson is home from Dartmouth college for the holidays.

Miss Esther A. Stone visited relatives in Waltham last Monday.

Miss Lucile Hollis is home from Wheaton college for the holidays.

Miss Ruth C. Harlow is having a vacation from her studies at Simmons college.

Miss Elizabeth Bennett is home from Garland school, Boston, for the holidays.

Mrs. Ella F. Hovey has been visiting friends in West Acton.

Miss Shirley McGray has been ill with bronchitis.

Lieut. Raymond E. Farnsworth, U. S. N., a son of Charles L. Farnsworth, has been promoted to the command of the U. S. S. Reno, a destroyer with a crew of 120 men. He is now on his way to Bremerton navy yard, Washington, for a stay of six weeks.

Mrs. Mary A. Beverly of Nashua, N. H., is visiting her son, Howard M. Beverly.

Dr. Bertrand H. Hopkins has returned from Greenfield, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Allen of Pingreeville have taken charge of the farm of the doctor's uncle.

Mrs. Francis Lovejoy attended the annual fair of the Ladies' Aid association in Boston last week, remaining for the State Federation meeting, being delegate from the above-named organization.

Robert H. J. Holden has purchased from Frank C. Fletcher his Chandler roadster.

Roger D. Johnson is home from Dartmouth college, for the holiday recess.

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

The financial data of the union fair are as follows: Total receipts, \$1566.64; expenses, \$138.56; net receipts, \$1428.08. The respective shares of each church are as follows: Unitarian, \$442.64; Federated, \$442.55; Episcopal, \$273.02; Baptist, \$269.84.

The Conant-Houghton & Co. Inc., Employees' association are to have a social dance in town hall, Littleton, Friday evening, December 30. Nencelli's orchestra of Marlboro.

The service in St. Andrew's church on Christmas day will be holy communion and sermon at 10.45. Special Christmas music and Christmas hymns will be sung. At the close of the service the sacrament of baptism will be administered to children. The collection on Christmas day will be used to help the starving children of Europe.

The electric car from Ayer of the Fitchburg and Lowell street railway, due in at North Chelmsford at 7.45 last week Thursday evening crashed into a wagon occupied by two men, who were driving in the tracks at Crystal lake, North Chelmsford. One of the men, Daniel Connell, of Tyngsboro, received a broken leg and a shaking up as the result of the impact of car and wagon, and was taken to the Lowell Co-operative hospital. The other man escaped injury and has not been seen since the accident, his name being unknown. It is stated that both men were under the influence of liquor. James Harford C., in which the Grange boys took home the bacon by the score of 37

Walter C. Winslow has recovered from his recent illness.

The class of 1921, A. H. S., is to hold a dancing party next week Friday in Hardy's hall.

District deputy grand master, David H. Young, and suite, visited Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., in Pepperell last Thursday night.

One-man cars are now wholly used on the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway.

Arcadia lodge of Somerville conferred the rank of knight on three candidates from here last Wednesday evening. Members of Harbinger lodge, K. of P., were in attendance.

The Christmas party held last week Friday evening by Robert Burns and Vesta Rebekah lodges for the children of members was a great success.

Winiford A. Bees was master of ceremonies. The noble grands of the two lodges welcomed the guests. Miss Evelyn Yates rendered piano solos and Miss Elizabeth Page read a selection. Rev. Leslie F. Wallace talked to the children about the approaching holiday. Santa Claus was represented by Edward C. Page. Gifts including sweets and fruit were distributed. Ice cream and cake were enjoyed. The evening was given over to games, following the formal program till about ten o'clock.

Thirty-six patrons attended Harvard Grange Tuesday evening, December 20, the local ladies' degree team doing the work.

A special town meeting will be held in the town hall on Friday evening, December 30, at eight o'clock. After the moderator is chosen action will be taken to select a committee to be appointed in addition to that appointed at the last annual town meeting for the notes and interest account; to appropriate money for the public shade tree account; to pay accounts contracted by the tree wardens under the extreme emergency vote of the selectmen; to appropriate money for the fire department account.

The public schools in town closed Friday for their Christmas vacation, reopening on Tuesday, January 3.

"The lights of Christmastide" will be the subject of the sermon at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at 10.45. Music, "Adore and be still," Gounod, and "O little town of Bethlehem," Minetti—Theodore Barry, violinist, and Mrs. W. C. Sargent, soprano. In the evening, at 7.30, music will be furnished by a ladies' trio, Mrs. W. S. Bedford, Miss Eleanor Clark and Mrs. W. C. Sargent. Music, "Christmas carol," Shelley; "All my heart this night rejoices, Gow"; "O little town of Bethlehem," Ashford, and "Silent night."

Twenty members of the Federal club enjoyed a very pleasant evening on Tuesday, through the combined efforts of Miss Patterson and Mrs. Lucius Wheeler, who had the affair in charge. Members of the club came dressed as men, women and children. The men and women received very marked attention. Nearly everyone present responded gladly when asked by the "master" of ceremonies for some form of entertainment. There were highly educational readings, very few poems and exceptionally classical forms of music, all rendered in a professional manner. The entertainment was followed by a visit from Santa Claus, who quickly emptied the heavily-laden tree, and everyone was delighted with their useful gifts. Candy, popcorn balls and apples were in abundance and the time to close festivities came all too soon.

On Saturday, December 10, these people from the Unitarian society attended the contest of the Star Islanders, which was held in Cambridge at Dr. Crothers' church. Mrs. Susan M. Barker, Mrs. Nina M. Beverly and Mrs. Clara F. Hill. There was a reception at noon and dinner was served at 1.30. An entertainment of singing and a play followed. It was an exceedingly interesting meeting.

Mrs. Ella F. Hovey left Thursday for Newburyport to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Stafford N. MacWilliams.

Other Ayer matter on page eight.

Basketball. On Thursday evening the Ayer A. A. played the Fitchburg Independents and easily defeated the latter in a fast game by the score of 57 to 32. The game started with Ayer getting the first basket, and was even for the first few minutes of play until the score was even, ten points for each side, then Ayer took a spurt that outplayed the Fitchburg lads, and at the end of the first period found the score 32 to 15, with Ayer in the lead. The second period was Ayer's in every way, although the visitors had an excellent passing game.

Kelley, as usual, was "Johnny-on-the-spot." Donahue showed his usual talent in tossing them in. Downing, Fowler and Pillman covered their men in fine style and spoiled many chances the visitors had of scoring. The team now shows more of the old form of last season. The final score was Ayer 57, Fitchburg Independents 33.

The preliminary game was the first of a series of three between the Ayer Grange and the Ayer Council, K. of P., in which the Grange boys took home the bacon by the score of 37

to 21. The Grange passing had the "Casey" boys guessing at all times. The second of these series will be played on Christmas afternoon.

The other bill for Christmas afternoon will be the Red Sox of Charles town, who will shoot baskets with the Ayer A. A. The games will be played at three o'clock on Monday afternoon.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Boston Transcript of December 22: "Although only small subscriptions were asked the fund raised by the alumni of St. Mark's school to commemorate Dr. William Greenough Thayer's twenty years' service as headmaster has reached \$6100. The committee in charge of the fund, with the approval of the trustees, has decided that the income will be used as follows:

"First, for the establishment of prizes to be awarded each year to the high scholar in each form. For prizes, books will be given in which there will be a special book-plate stating that they are purchased from this alumni fund.

"Second, a scholarship of \$250 from the balance of the income will be awarded to the highest scholar in the school on the record of his previous year, and without consideration of his financial need.

"The first issue of the new St. Mark's Alumni Bulletin, published by the Alumni association, has just made its appearance. It contains a letter from Dr. Thayer, a review of the football season and school and alumni notes in full measure."

Dr. Thayer will be well remembered in town as the first vicar of St. Andrew's church and a former master at Groton School.

Camp Devels News.

Chief Michael N. Hoar of the camp fire department has arranged that all occupied buildings are fully equipped with the fire extinguishers.

Sergt. Ray C. Spang of the detached enlisted men's list, expects to transfer shortly, back to his original station in New Haven, Conn., on recruiting duties.

Brig. Gen. Mark L. Hersey, formerly commanding officer of Camp Devels, has returned from Virginia to Boston, and last week Friday took over command of the coast artillery for this district.

H. B. Johnson, formerly Red Cross director in the camp, but now of Boston, was in camp last Saturday on official business for his organization.

Edmund C. Sliney, formerly Catholic chaplain in the camp, has just completed the course of the army chaplains' school at Camp Knox, Kentucky.

Capt. Leonard W. Hassett, returned to camp from overseas with the 26th division, and for some time connected with the medical forces at camp, was a visitor about town on Sunday. Capt. Hassett is now one of the operating surgeons at the Walter Reed General hospital in Washington, D. C.

George A. Porter, superintendent of the camp laundry, has been relieved of his official duties with the camp quartermaster, and, after a short leave of absence, will proceed to Fort Jay, N. Y., reporting there for duty as superintendent of the big government laundry at that point.

Brig. Gen. Mark L. Hersey, former commander of Camp Devels, made an official visit to cantonment headquarters Monday afternoon in the interests of training activities next summer. Gen. Hersey, in addition to his duties as commanding general of this coast artillery district, embracing the New England states, is also in charge of the war department as having charge of the first training center area, which includes the same states. Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., and Camp Devels have been chosen as training centers, and elaborate plans are being made by Gen. Hersey and his assistants for the training of a considerable number of men at this camp next season. Major Lewis of corps headquarters accompanied the general on his trip.

Major William E. Wilmerding of the station hospital has moved his family and household effects to Fort Andrews, where he will be stationed for the winter.

Owing to the fact that no appropriation has been authorized for the operation of laundries during the remainder of the fiscal year, the camp laundry has been ordered closed, and all employees discharged effective December 31. Following the departure of Mr. Porter, Joseph Davis has been in charge of the plant.

Herbert Stingle of the Q. M. C., now chauffeur for Gen. Hersey, renewed acquaintances in camp on Monday afternoon.

Capt. and Mrs. Edward N. Fay have left camp for Boston, where the captain has been detailed with the training center activities.

A general court martial was convened in Worcester last week for disposition of several cases which the government has against alleged draft deserters, all of whom were Worcester residents. Convictions are not secured in all cases, and the findings of the court are not made public. One man surrendered himself to camp authorities a short time ago, confessing failure to report after registration, and

was sentenced to one year at hard labor. An interesting case developed last week when a resident of Worcester, Garabed Bedrossian, was brought to headquarters as a deserter from the service. It appears that he registered under the provisions of the military service act and then shortly after sailed for Europe. He enlisted in the Armenian legion of the French army, where he served with honor for the balance of the war. Following his discharge he then went to Egypt where he married and lived for some time, returning to Worcester in the spring. Upon being charged with desertion, he brought all the evidence possible to headquarters to substantiate his claim, even to passports for all international travel he had performed. His case has not been disposed of as yet, but it is highly probable that he will be released from all charges.

Warrant Officer Samuel J. McIntosh has reported to camp for duty at headquarters. He has moved his family from Boston where he was on duty at the army supply base.

Field Clerk Bernard P. Gupitil is on a two-weeks' annual vacation at his home at Raymond, N. H.

A Christmas celebration will be held at the Hostess House on this Saturday evening, to which all members of the

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This is a Man's Store—but that means service for you women just as well—in fact, unusually good service right now in buying gifts for women as well as men—the things they want and in the quality you want for them. Let us offer some suggestions:

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Men's Capes and Mochas, both lined and unlined \$2.00 to \$5.00
Men's Work Gloves.....19¢ to \$2.75
Men's Leather Mittens.....50¢ to \$2.00
Men's Fur-Lined Gloves.....\$6.00 to \$7.50

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Dress Shirts.....98¢ to \$4.50

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- Prices for either plain or initial.....10¢ to 25¢
Men's Silks.....65¢
Ladies' Fancy Handkerchiefs, three or six in a box; per box 65¢ to \$2.00



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"THE RIDER OF THE KING LOG." A Holman Day story. A Campbell Animal Comedy. Pathe News.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25—Two Shows—3.30 and 7.30 P. M.

SHIRLEY MASON in "Mother Hearts." MARGUERITE FISHER in "The Week End."

MONDAY—CHRISTMAS DAY

ELAINE HAMMERSTEIN in Handcuffs or Kisses." Christie Comedy. Educational News.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

PAULINE FREDERICK in "The Sting of the Lash." Toonerville Comedy.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

EILEEN PERCY in "Little Miss Hawkshaw." Comedy and News.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

TOM MIX in "The Rough Diamond." Comedy. Pathe Review.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

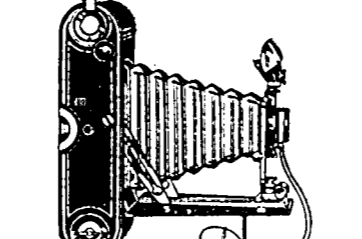
WILLIAM RUSSELL in "Children of the Night." Fourteenth episode of "Hurricane Hutch." Comedy.

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TOM MOORE in "From the Ground Up."

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was sentenced to one year at hard labor. An interesting case developed last week when a resident of Worcester, Garabed Bedrossian, was brought to headquarters as a deserter from the service. It appears that he registered under the provisions of the military service act and then shortly after sailed for Europe. He enlisted in the Armenian legion of the French army, where he served with honor for the balance of the war. Following his discharge he then went to Egypt where he married and lived for some time, returning to Worcester in the spring. Upon being charged with desertion, he brought all the evidence possible to headquarters to substantiate his claim, even to passports for all international travel he had performed. His case has not been disposed of as yet, but it is highly probable that he will be released from all charges.

Warrant Officer Samuel J. McIntosh has reported to camp for duty at headquarters. He has moved his family from Boston where he was on duty at the army supply base.

Field Clerk Bernard P. Gupitil is on a two-weeks' annual vacation at his home at Raymond, N. H.

A Christmas celebration will be held at the Hostess House on this Saturday evening, to which all members of the

command, their families and friends will be welcome. Beginning at 5.30, a Santa Claus will arrive and distribute gifts to the children and grown-ups, followed by a musical entertainment by the Plymouth Male quartet from Boston. Dancing will then be in order until midnight. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

Practically all of the officers have obtained holiday leaves of absence.

Technical Sergeant Joseph F. Callahan, of the finance department, died at his home in camp on Wednesday afternoon, following one day's absence from duty. Death was caused by tonsillitis in an acute form, resulting in pneumonia of the glottis. Sergt. Callahan was chief clerk of the finance office and had proven himself a very valuable man in government service. He had served in Washington for a considerable length of time before coming to camp and in his capacity of expert accountant had made considerable progress in adjusting errors in accounts of disbursing officers who were stationed at Camp Devels during the war. He leaves a wife and four small children. The body was removed to his mother's residence in Roxbury, where it will be buried on Saturday with full military honors.

Major Joseph C. Morrow, commanding officer of the camp for some time

past, has been relieved from further duty at this point and left for Fort Andrews on Thursday afternoon. Other officers relieved from duty at Devels are: Capt. H. C. Sweeney, Capt. Edward A. Austin and Capt. Edward N. Fay.

Major Charles A. Lewis reported at camp on Thursday morning to assume command of the camp. Major Lewis is not a stranger to this locality as he was here with the 76th division, being a signal officer of that organization. He intends to move his wife and daughter to camp for the winter.

Arthur E. O'Leary and Bernard Gupitil, the remaining field clerks at headquarters have been ordered to Boston for duty.

Capt. Charles W. Neues, present camp adjutant, has been transferred to one of the harbor forts, accompanying Capt. R. E. McLain and Capt. Charles O. Ashton, likewise transferred on training center duties with this area.

Clarence D. Lavelle, 1st Lieut. 13th Infantry, is now camp adjutant, assisting Major Lewis in the duties of commanding the camp.

Corp. Clarence Clayton of the medical department, was discharged on Thursday and left camp for his home in Covington, Ky.

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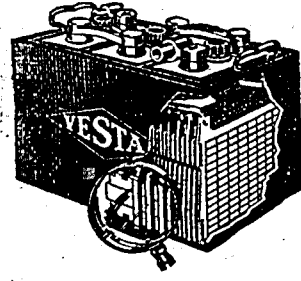
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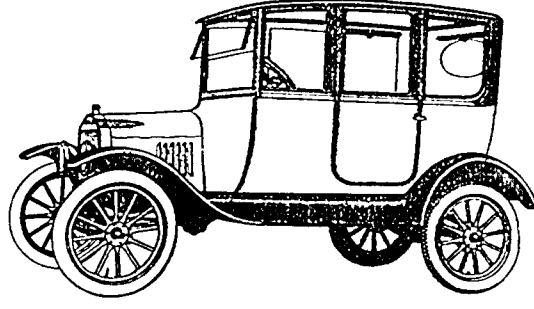
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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
 The annual church meeting will be held in the Grange hall Thursday, December 23. There will be a social hour in the morning. Dinner in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boulton, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodin and Dr. and Mrs. James Emerson, will be served at noon. After dinner there will be the roll call and reports of the church and societies affiliated with it. All church members and all those who are interested in the church, are cordially invited to be present. Contributions for the dinner are solicited.

Schools were closed last week Friday instead of this week on account of the two cases of scarlet fever in town. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Goodwin has a severe case, but is doing as well as can be expected. The nurse who was caring for her developed a throat trouble and was obliged to give up the case and return to her home in Lynnborough. Marion Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Goodwin's daughter, is having a very light case of the fever.

The annual Christmas concert has been held on up.
 The twenty-nine who went to Milford last Saturday night to the basketball game between Hollis and Milford, which resulted in Hollis being beaten by a score of 23 to 13 in favor of Milford. The trip was planned for a sleigh ride, but those who attended on Friday night, are grounded to ride on. One sleigh, it is reported, tipped over, but no harm was done and they all report a good time.

Miss Elizabeth T. Worcester came home from Wellesley college last week Friday for a three-weeks' vacation.

At the meeting of Nashoban encampment of Odd Fellows, held at Nashua last week Friday night, Albert F. Hildreth of this town, was elected Junior warden.

The first degree was conferred on several candidates at the meeting of Aurora lodge of Odd Fellows at their regular meeting last week. There was a visitation from Grand Master Forrest Garland of Nashua, and members of Pennicook lodge of that city. An oyster supper was served.

The Hollis Woman's club will meet with Miss M. Arvilla Hardy Wednesday afternoon, December 8.

Harvey Powers writes he had the lights stolen from his car while it was standing in front of his house in Worcester.

At the Boston teachers' annual Christmas party held in the Twentieth Century club under the auspices of the Boston Teachers' club, Miss Abby E. Flagg, retiring editor of the Teachers' News Letter, was presented with a purse in appreciation of her five years' service in that office.

The fourth degree was worked on one candidate at the Grange Tuesday night, and a Christmas program of songs and readings was carried out.

Miss Carrie Brown is at home from the Sargent School of Physical Culture, Cambridge, for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Spaulding were in town calling on friends and relatives, recently. Mrs. Spaulding, though not well, is much improved.

The result of the Red Cross drive was \$137. On account of one of the collectors spreading her ankle, the receipts were late in being turned in.

Miss Helen Farquhar was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Gilhooley) O'Neil in Milford over the week-end.

Rev. Mr. Dunbar of Greenville filled the pulpit at the church in exchange with our pastor, Rev. Mr. Crathern.

The date for the postponed supper and community sing is January 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Walsh of Hudson are spending the winter with Mr. Walsh's sister, Mrs. T. Frank Clement, and family.

Fred Mayou went to work Monday morning for Proctor Bros. at Hart's mill.

Cards received from Arthur Boulton, Raymond Lovoy and Fred Petrie, last Saturday, said they had reached Bethune, S. C., and were having a fine trip. All were well and they had so far had no trouble since they first started, when they had a blowout.

There are twenty pieces of property advertised for sale for taxes.

There was a troop meeting of the Girl Scouts held at the ladies' parlor last Saturday afternoon. The entertainment was in charge of Hazel Lovoy and Florence Linee. After the business meeting there was a short entertainment and remarks by members of the troop committee.

Miss Milton Walsh has been captain of one of the troops of Girl Scouts in Waltham, is assisting in the work here. Dainty refreshments were served in charge of Rhoda Locke and Beatrice Pinos.

Harold Hardy, Mrs. Elmer Boulton, Mrs. Charles Boulton, Mrs. C. Fred Worcester and Mrs. Elizabeth Worcester have charge of the annual Christmas tree at the town hall this Saturday evening. A small admission will be charged to help defray expenses.

Ralph Muzzey is home from Dartmouth college for the holiday vacation.

Louis Brown, a Dartmouth student is in Boston for his vacation.

Berknap's history of New Hampshire in the book store is being presented to the Hollis library by William H. Fox of Washington, D. C., from the library of her late husband. These books are a valuable addition to the library. They were printed late in 1920.

Mrs. Madama Vester went to Worcester Wednesday for her annual visit with her son, William Vester, and wife.

Club Meeting.
 The Dramatic club met at Mrs. Charles E. Hardy's Monday evening with thirty present. During the business meeting the president read the by-laws that had been drawn up and they were accepted and it was voted to hold their meetings the evenings of the first and third Thursdays in the month. The entertainment for the evening was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wentworth. Mrs. Charles E. Hardy, and consisted of music and games. In the snowball contest, which consisted of throwing white balls through hoop, Francis Morrill took first prize. One pleasant feature of the evening was a beautiful Christmas tree, which had a gift for everybody present. A delicious lunch of sandwiches, cake, cocoa and candy was served. The next meeting will be in charge of Erving Simonds, John Mercer and Miss Helen Purrington. The young men of the club have charge of the town hall decorations and tree for Saturday evening. The young ladies take charge of decorating the church for Christmas day, when Rev. Mr. Crathern will preach a Christmas sermon.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
 George Abbot has returned home from his hunting trip to Sandown, N. H.

Miss Ruth Greeley of East Pepperell spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Taylor.

All schools have closed for two-weeks' vacation and the teachers have gone to their homes for the holidays.

The largest load of logs measuring 329 feet ever drawn into B. & A. D. Fessenden's mill, was drawn in by Jackson & Sons, with their large truck.

Mrs. Gertrude Powers left Tuesday to go to Pepperell to spend the holidays with her parents.

Arthur Cook of Waltham has been several days with his aunt, Celia Powers.

Fernace Hall has been a recent visitor in Boston.

MASON, N. H.

News Items.
 The friends and neighbors of Selectman Stanley Flagg gave him a birthday surprise party last Saturday evening. The evening was spent very pleasantly with singing, games and other amusements and if hilarity counts for anything at all, Stanley felt many years younger instead of being one year older.

Miss Lucy Lawrence, who, many years ago, resided in this town on the Farrar place, has been quite ill at her home in Townsend, Mass.

Rev. Mr. Forbes of Wilton occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church last Sunday. There will be special Christmas music at the church Sunday.

The regular annual New Year's party and watch night service will be held in the town hall New Year's night. Games and music and a general good time will be enjoyed by all who attend. Everybody in town is urged to be present.

Mrs. Robert S. Guiley is spending the holiday with her daughter, Mrs. John Robichaud, at West Grafton.

Fruitdale Grange will hold its last meeting of the year next week Tuesday evening, and will also be the last meeting before the installation of officers, which is slated for January 12.

At the meeting Tuesday the lecturer has arranged the following program: Christmas tree, report of delegates to State Grange, annual report of all officers, songs selected by James Bell and Grange Journal by Flora Farwell.

Harland N. Hill has resumed his regular duties as mail carrier, after enjoying a week's vacation.

Walter Tasker of Brookline has been visiting at C. L. Barnes.

James Teebald was in town Sunday at R. S. Galley's.

Mrs. Lewis Warren spent a few days visiting in Boston last week.

Rev. C. F. Hill Crathern, who was to preach at the Congregational church, Greenville, Sunday was unable to do so because of a severe cold, but fortunately his son Charles, who is home for the holiday, volunteered to give a talk on the far east, which proved very interesting.

The regular pastor of the Greenville church, Rev. Mr. Dunbar, filled the pulpit of the Congregational church in Hollis Sunday.

Frank Brown of Lunenburg is at Henry D. Babb's farm.

George E. Morrill, photographer of Pittsburg, and Miss Nellie Bidwell of Pittsburg spent Sunday at The Manes.

Louis Smith, who has been on a business trip to Lynn, Mass., for a few days, has returned to his home here.

A valuable horse owned by Anthony Doherty of Boston, and which Fred W. Hill has had this winter for its keeping, died last week.

Mrs. Anne L. Churchill of this town, who has been visiting in Newbury, Mass., for several weeks, is at present at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Sargent, in New Ipswich helping in the care of her daughter's husband, George Sargent, who has been confined to his home for several months.

Kathryn Warren of this town has been elected vice-president of the senior class at Dean academy, Franklin, Mass.

Schools closed Friday for a week or until January 2, the teachers returning to their homes for the holiday.

Henry D. Babb has been shipping large quantities of fancy wreaths to the Boston market and already has orders booked for Decoration day.

Farmers in town are pruning their fruit trees and report much damage was done them by the recent ice storm.

SOUTH BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
 The Social club met with Mrs. Mary Gilmour last week Thursday afternoon, six members being present and one visitor. The name of Clara Whitney was voted on and she was elected to membership. A very interesting reading by Mrs. Gilmour was followed by a delightful social hour. A very dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

Miss Virginia Lathie is home from Milford to spend the school vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lathie.

Master Frederick and little Miss Dorothy, children of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kneeland, have been quite ill during the past week, but are much better.

O. D. Fessenden returned to Concord on Wednesday.

Edward Sheridan of West Newton, was a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fessenden.

Mrs. Elsie Shattuck was in Nashua on last week Friday calling on old friends and doing a little Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Hattie Farrar was in Nashua on Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Farrar of Concord arrived home last Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation.

O. D. Fessenden was in Boston Monday on business.

WEST ACTON

News Items.
 The supper, sale and entertainment of the benevolent society of the Baptist church last week, Thursday evening, was a success, as a good patronage was given. The entertainment consisted of violin solos by Mrs. Lena Chisholm and recitations by young people.

Those from here who attended the December meeting of the D. A. R.

at the chapter house, Concord, were Miss Annie Blanchard, Miss Juliette Blanchard, Miss Virginia Sanderson and Mrs. Webster Blanchard, who entertained with piano solos.

Mrs. Mary C. Stevens has the sympathy of her many friends in the death of her sister, Miss Sarah H. Croston, of Haverhill. Miss Croston was a frequent visitor at the home of her sister here and made many friends, as she was very congenial. She was about to come here to spend the winter with Mrs. Stevens, when she was stricken with a heart trouble, which proved fatal.

Mrs. Charles Hart of Keene, N. H., was a recent visitor at the home of Mrs. George Conant and sister, Miss Wilks.

Miss Margaret Hall is home from Wellesley college for the holidays.

Prof. and Mrs. Raymond Dodge of Middletown, Conn., are at the home of Mrs. Dodge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cutter, for the season.

We learn that Harry Wambolt is fast recovering from his recent operation at the Massachusetts General hospital.

At the meeting of the W. R. C. Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Nancy Chaffin, pres.; Mrs. Lizzie Davis and Mrs. Hattie Maynard, vice pres.; Albertie Mead, treas.; Hattie Hayward, chap.; Gertrude Leighton, com.; Mrs. Davis, guard.

James Kinsley, postmaster, has been very ill with sciatic rheumatism this week. Miss Carrie Wetherbee is helping in the post office.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of HENRY LETENDIER late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, MARY ELIZABETH LETENDIER, the executrix of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance the account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased.

And whereas, she has petitioned a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County on the ninth day of January A. D. 1922, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any she has, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate, fourteen days at least before said Court, or by posting the same once in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all shown persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of LYNN A. BLYWEN late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate by PARKER J. KEMP who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the ninth day of January A. D. 1922, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

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 And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Courier, a newspaper published in said County, the last published to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, not held, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in said estate, seven days at least before said Court.
 Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this fourth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.
 F. M. ESTY, Registrar.

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 George E. Sanders and Marshall E. Higgins of Maine university, Orono, Me., are spending their Christmas vacations at their homes here.
 Miss Miriam Adams of Holbrook, Mass., a former high school teacher here, spent the week-end with Miss Helen Tarbell.
 Rev. A. L. Struthers' subject for the children's sermon Sunday morning will be "Christmas" and for the regular sermon, "Where is My Home?" The evening there will be a stereopticon lecture, "Christmas," in song and picture.
 This Saturday afternoon the usual Christmas party and tree will be in the vestry of the Congregational church at two o'clock.
 Last week Thursday evening at the meeting of Franz Waldi Miller post, A. L., the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: John H. Raehel, commander; H. Raymond Thacher, vice commander; Ralph R. Bush, adjutant; Leslie E. Hurley, treasurer; George C. Winchester, service officer; Victor Powell, chaplain; Walter E. Grim, historian; Leon S. Marshall, athletic officer; Clarence Wyman, sergeant-at-arms.
 The steamer, belonging to the Townsend Fire Co., which has been under repair, has been returned and is in first class condition.
 Miss Agnes Farrar, who teaches in Taunton, is at home for the Christmas vacation.
 Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, December 11, in the Congregational church for Levi Stevens, who passed away at Burtank hospital, Friday, December 8. Rev. L. Struthers officiating. Mrs. F. B. Higgins and Mrs. Roy Cowdry sang one selection. "Sometime we'll understand." Services by North Star lodge, L. O. P., were held at the church, a large delegation of Old Fellows attending. The bearers were two nephews, Edwin Corey and Fred Holt of Manchester, N. H., a cousin, George A. Gardner of Nashua, N. H., Harry Goodward and Frederick Willard of Fitchburg, and Leslie Hurley of this town.
 Interment was in the Edward E. Adams lot in North cemetery, Lunenburg, where a committal service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Struthers. Relatives and friends were present from Taunton, Manchester, Reed's Ferry and Nashua, N. H., and from Fitchburg, Lunenburg, Ashby and Townsend.
 Mr. Stevens' death was the result of a painful accident, caused by the hurling of a piece of wood from a large machine run by a gasoline engine and struck Mr. Stevens in the head. This occurred at the W. Wood farm, where Mr. Stevens was employed as foreman.
 Immediately after the accident Mr. Stevens was called and after many unsuccessful attempts to revive Mr. Stevens, he was taken to Burtank hospital in an automobile driven by Mrs. Harrison Bliss, accompanied by his wife and attended by Dr. R. S. Ely, Charles Packard, Leslie Hurley and John E. Stevens. The ride to the hospital was difficult on account of the hard traveling. "I am convinced Mr. Stevens' injury no hope was held for his recovery. Drs. Boynton, Lowell Ely, and a head specialist, Dr. Barton, made examination and X-rays were taken. However, Mr. Stevens rallied enough to be operated upon the following day by Dr. Murray, a specialist of Boston and Dr. Lowell of Fitchburg.
 Mrs. Stevens, a former hospital nurse, was in constant attendance upon Mr. Stevens. Mrs. Stevens' father, Edward B. Adams, of Lunenburg, was with him nights and at the hour of his death.
 Mr. Stevens was born in Manchester, N. H., January 3, 1857, the son of the late Gleason B. and Anna Heath Stevens. At the age of fourteen years he came to Townsend, making his home with his parents, John E. Spaulding. On December 17, 1912, he married Miss E. Belle Hadley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Adams of Lunenburg, who with a daughter, Marie Ada, aged eight years, and a son, Edward G. Gleason, aged thirteen months, survive him. He is also survived by six brothers and six sisters.
 West.
 The regular meeting of the Ladies' Study club was held on Monday afternoon at the reading-room with an attendance of ten members and two guests, Rev. Joseph McKean, who was the speaker of the afternoon, and Miss Alice Seaver. Mrs. Charles Hodgman presided over the meeting and quotations were given and other selections. Mrs. Seaver read a paper on "The Value of an interesting address on 'The Worth of Living'." The next meeting will be held at the reading-room January 2, in charge of Mrs. Ella Farley, the topic to be announced later.
 Rev. Joseph McKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, his topic being "The Christ being crucified out of Christendom." In the evening the Baptist Sunday school will hold a Christmas concert, to which the public is cordially invited.
 The body of Sidney Kilbourn, who passed away in Grand Rapids, Mich., last October, was brought here and placed beside his wife in the family lot in the North cemetery last Saturday morning. It was accompanied by his nephews from the Center and the committal service at the grave was read by Rev. Joseph McKean. Mr. Kilbourn was for some years a resident at the Center and his wife was Mrs. Millicent Green, old residents of this village. He is survived only by nephews and nieces and his later years were passed at his home in Grand Rapids.
 Miss Ellen K. Harvey, who teaches the grammar school, was called back home at Townsend Harbor Monday morning. It was accompanied by a serious illness of her father, and Mrs. Stephen Keefe is substituting during her absence.
 Miss Adelle Chapin of Arlington is visiting at the home of her father, John Chapin, of Main street.
 Mrs. Herbert Litch, who has been confined to her home by the injury to her wrist from a fall on the ice, is recovering, and is teaching at the school building, where Mrs. Ann Witham has been substituting.

Fun With Christmas Parcels
 LAST year we had much more fun over the Christmas tree than ever before because each parcel was wrapped in such a way that it was impossible to guess what it contained.
 To stimulate the children's ingenuity, a prize of a box of candy was offered to the member of the family who displayed the greatest cleverness in wrapping gifts. This was won by eight-year-old Jack. He hung a string of remarkably lifelike sausages upon the tree, as an offering to his mother. When the strings were untied half a dozen bemuddled handkerchiefs tumbled out. Each handkerchief had first been rolled in a small cardboard and then wrapped in mottled paper.
 A close second to Jack's was a fountain pen concealed in a candle made of thin pasteboard wrapped in white tissue paper twisted to a point at the top to represent the wick and blackened with a drop of ink to show that the wick had been lighted. This was stuck into the kitchen handkerchief before placing it under the tree where it presented a very realistic appearance.
 A wrist watch was hidden in a bouquet of paper flowers. The tiny watch hid itself in the heart of a huge American Beauty that formed the center blossom of this masterpiece. A bracelet was concealed among the stems and the wide ribbon which tied them together.
 This year, a silk umbrella is to be disguised as a dachshund by first wrapping it in strong paper and then twisting a wire around each end and bending the ends up to form the short legs of "long bow-wow." Another bit of paper twisted on the ferrule forms the tail. The crook handle of the umbrella is padded with cotton batting for the head and the whole thing covered with brown crepe paper. Two big pins are used for eyes.
 Small gifts are the easiest of all to make mysterious. They can be hidden in imitation apples, bananas, oranges or other kinds of fruit or paper cornucopias or drums. A set of dollies has been made into old glory by using crepe paper covered with American flags. Two of these were cut out, pasted on cardboard and fastened together on each side of the flat package of dollies and a small stick attached to one end. This will "wave" most effectively from the Christmas tree.
 A bottle of cologne is made into a doll. A head which is swathed in a frilly cap of white crepe paper. Eyes, nose and mouth are lightly traced upon its vacant countenance in water colors. The head is tied to the top of the bottle, the long dress of white crepe paper put on, and another twist of paper runs crosswise for arms.—Paula Nicholson in Farmer's Wife.

CHRISTMAS DOES NOT STAND ALONE
 IF CHRISTMAS stood alone it would be an idle mockery. But it does not stand alone. It is part of a year. Yet it is a peculiar part. It is that brief period in which the child rules the world.
 It marks nowadays the culmination of a civilization which has had a leading principle. The selfish, the hard, the grasping and the unsparring are out and apart that one week from the great flowing tide of the world's progress. The man or woman who does not know or see or feel it is alien to the Christian spirit and to all the products wrought by the Christ spirit in the twenty centuries last past.
 Christmas day, then, brings a message. But it also sings a song of hope and calls aloud a prophecy. The message is that gentleness is stronger far than force and that the greatest power on earth is the compelling power of tenderness.
 Every Christmas tree is lit with that light. The great flood of presents bears this as its message. The cheer and charity of the whole season are fed by this love.
 If the result of this process is only a century flower, however, or one that blooms even only once a year, then of what use is this more than that, this grotesque fact that this stranger plant? It is a curious phenomenon only, a household spectacle and not an abiding food product.—Rev. Dr. David M. Steele, Philadelphia.

NONE FOR HER.
 Mr. Bacon—I see by using a modified wireless receiving instrument a French scientist has been able to detect thunder storms more than 300 miles distant.
 Mrs. Bacon—Well, dear, if you were thinking of getting me anything like that for Christmas, forget it. I can hear thunderstorms soon enough as it is.
CELERY AND CHEESE SALAD.
 Chop nicely bleached, tender celery fine and bind it together with mayonnaise. Line an ice cream dipper with cottage cheese, then fill up with the celery mixture, packing it in well. Squeeze out the comes on crisped lettuce leaves arranged for individual serving.
CHRISTMAS FOR THE BABIES.
 Never deny the babies their "Christmas." It is the shining seal upon a year of happiness. Let them believe in Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, or Kriss, Kringle, or whatever name the jolly Dutch saint bears in your region.
 Marion Harland.

NO MISTLETOE TRUST.
 "If mistletoe was positively necessary to Christmas observance," said Uncle Eben, "I'd be a mistletoe trust in no time."
PLEASURE.
 Oh, please, may I have a little of your pleasure?
 As for its pursuit, we must be at it all.
 Apropos of the falling prices, the old aphorism still stands that the people can do what they please if they will only please to do it.
 Cheaper shoes are predicted for 1921, which is a long way off yet and many things may happen before the shoe stamp arrives.
 Maybe some are figuring that with what they save by wearing an old straw hat they may be able to buy a shovel of coal next fall.
 So frequent are the reports that the ex-czar is still alive that the allies may yet have to resort to the ouljin board for definite information.
 The man with a dandelion recipe isn't so much in danger of drinking himself out of house and home as he is of drinking out his front lawn.

TOWNSEND
 The Baptist Sunday school will hold their usual Christmas tree in the Baptist vestries on this Friday evening at seven o'clock and the public Christmas exercises of the public schools will be held in Seminary hall this Friday at noon, while the Homer Christmas tree will be held at the reading-room on this Saturday morning from nine-thirty till twelve o'clock being held in the morning instead of the afternoon as usual, on account of the distribution of library books in the afternoon.
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Homer will give a Christmas party to their employees and families at their home on lower Main street on this Saturday evening.
 The annual sale of the Ladies' Liberal Aid society of the Unitarian church was held in Donley's store last week Friday afternoon, with an excellent display of fancy work, aprons, etc., as well as new cream on sale and met with complete success, nearly their entire stock being disposed of, under the charge of Mrs. Emma J. Leece, assisted at the fancy work table by Mrs. Helen Wise and Mrs. Mary Heath, and at the ice cream counter by Mrs. Frank Ormsby and daughter Persis.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ellis and the Misses Ethel Clayton and Doris Rugg of Fitchburg were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith.
 An auto party from here attended and enjoyed the lecture given by Dr. Grafton at Peppercell last week Thursday evening.
 Harrison Young of Fitchburg was in town last week Friday and Saturday, disposing of some of the house-hold goods in his former home in Joslynville and storing others, as in town, in the house were immediately occupied, one by Earl Welch and family and the other by Mr. McInnis and family.
 Ian Rusk from the University of Maine is enjoying a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Rusk.
 Mrs. Edith Winchester, proprietor of the Squannicook Inn, is stopping for the present at the home of her daughter, George Winchester, of lower Main street, as she has been suffering from a severe cold for several days, and the Inn is closed during her absence.
 Mrs. Hazel Towle has taken Gladys Richardson's place, assisting in housework at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, and her little daughter Blanche is with her.
 Mrs. Elliott of Bridge street left last Saturday for a few weeks' visit with her daughter in Ashby, N. H.
 Alex Young is at present employed at the Lyman farm in Ashby, and his family have moved from the Reed cottage beside the Baptist church into Thomas Smith's cottage on the Mason road.
 Mrs. Mary Reynolds, who has been quite ill at her home on lower Main street, is reported as somewhat improved.
 Daniel Ormsby, Agnes Coffey and the children in Eugene Robbins' family are the latest reported victims of the mumps.
 Word has been received here from Mrs. Alice Proctor Stickney of Nashua, N. H., a former resident here, that she has arrived in St. Petersburg, Fla., where she will spend the winter.

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NOTICE
 The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Peppercell will be held at the banking rooms at East Peppercell, Mass., on Tuesday, January 10, 1922, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.
 H. F. TARBELL, Cashier.
 East Peppercell, Mass., Dec. 8, 1921.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Estate of Helen M. Moore, late of Groton in the County of Middlesex deceased, represented insolvent. The subscribers, having been appointed by the Probate Court for said County, commissioners, to receive and examine all claims of creditors against the estate of said Helen M. Moore, hereby give notice that six months from the eighth day of November, A. D. 1921, are allowed to creditors to present and prove their claims against said estate, and that they will meet to examine the claims of creditors at the selectmen's office in the Town Hall Building, Groton, Mass., on the evening of January, the eighth day of March and the eighth day of May next, at two o'clock in the afternoon.
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