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It is not a local body, but, like the Hay Stack Prayer Meeting of over a century ago, a World body. But it was founded at Ayer. It's first meeting was held there in 1895. It can never cease to appeal for the earnest good will of all the people of Ayer and vicinity!

HARVARD

News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. George Kavanagh spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bagster at their home in Newton.
Miss Mabel Wetherbee, of New York city, visited over the week-end and Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetherbee.
Mrs. Maud McMahon and her granddaughter, Miss Muriel Miner, of Ayer, spent Thursday with Mrs. H. Emma Whitney.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Foss spent the Christmas days with Mr. Foss and family in Wakefield.
Pauline Harlow was in Boston with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harlow, over Christmas.
Clarence Davis was in Somerville over the holidays with his sister.
Well drillers are at work on a new well at the home of George Gale. They are drilling just back of the house.

Mrs. L. E. Darnum, with her two grandchildren, Bud and Barbara, are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Emerson.
The postponed pop concert under the auspices of the civics committee of the Woman's club will be held at the town hall on Friday evening, January 6. The program will be varied and pleasing. Mrs. Robert McKenzie, Miss Loraine Stone and Miss Phyllis Harman will give special dances. Mrs. Walter Sargent and W. E. Robinson, of Ayer, will sing in solos and duets. Miss Elvira Scorgie, in Highland costume, will sing Scotch songs. Misses Sophie Weston and Genevieve Mead will also sing. The playlet, "Elizabeth's young man," will be characterized by Mrs. John Bigelow, Mrs. Charles Simmons, Miss Madeline Russell and Miss Vera Willard. A community sing will give zest to the evening. Dancing will close the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cleaves as musicians. Refreshments of coffee, cocoa, sandwiches, cake and ice cream will be served through the evening. The proceeds will be used in the interest of the town.
The Ayer millinery stores of Maud Briggs and Emily Louise Nagle will keep open Saturday evenings only until further notice.

Still River.
The children took a prominent part in the morning service at the Baptist church last Sunday, singing two selections and giving several recitations. Christmas tree festivities were held in the vestry last Saturday evening, and after a few recitations by the children Santa knocked at the door and was admitted, emptying his pack, and the tree was relieved of its generous load of presents.
H. D. Stone and family attended a family party at H. H. Gale's, Harvard, Christmas day.

song, "Aurora," with Mrs. Josie Dunn at the piano. The flower committee for three months was announced—Mrs. Lena Sawin, Mrs. Martha Seymour and Mrs. Mabel Watson. The music committee had arranged a fine entertainment consisting of a piano duet, Miss Grace Kilbourn and Mrs. Minna Drake; vocal solos, Mrs. Eva Hatch; readings, Mrs. Mary E. Lilly; group of songs, Miss Ada Drake; solo dances, Miss Betty Drake, Mrs. Gertrude Farnsworth acted as accompanist for the social committee.

Clayton Wells had a narrow escape from a serious accident the latter part of last week. While chopping for Ralph Evans a tree was felled, and limb broke, the butt flying up and striking Mr. Wells in the right eye and injuring the ball of the eye and both lids, but fortunately did not affect his sight. It was necessary to keep the eye covered several days.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
Rev. and Mrs. Crathern expect to go south in February, but will return in recognition of the wish to move into the home of Mrs. Crathern in Hollis. Miss Margaret Hendry of Conway is spending a few days with Miss Hazel Souza. They were roommates at Phillips school.
Miss Jennie Stratton is spending her vacation in town.
Annual Church Meeting.
The annual church meeting and roll day was held at Grange hall Tuesday. From eleven to twelve there was an informal reception, so that those present might meet the new people. Rec. C. L. Hill Crathern, Mrs. Crathern and their four daughters, and the hour was passed pleasantly. Soon after noon dinner was served under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boulton.
After the meeting was called to order by Mr. Crathern and prayer. This was followed by the report of the clerk, Miss Lucia F. Read. The treasurer's report was then given and was followed by reports of the Sunday school, Ladies' Reading and Charitable Society, Christian Endeavor, W. C. T. U. and Young People's Dramatic club.

Some of the suggestions for the coming year made by the pastor were: a Men's Bible class, a Men's club, an every-member canvass in January, might work, each doing their own work, but keeping in touch with each other, an organization much the same for the young people, and a nursery and kindergarten for the babies and little ones, so that the mothers might be able to attend church. Mr. Crathern gave as the watch-word for the year, "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God."
Miss Lucia F. Read was reflected clerk and Miss M. Louise Stratton as assistant treasurer. Dr. Daniel Emerson was chosen deacon for four years and Miss Lucia F. Read was elected a member of the standing committee. It was voted to have the week of prayer during holy week, and to have the annual records printed. The meeting closed with singing the doxology and a benediction by the pastor.
A pleasant feature of the day was the presence of our former pastor, Rev. R. L. French and Mrs. French. Mr. French made a few remarks, which were very timely, feeling he and Mrs. French had for many years and their friends here and their appreciation of the help given them while here. Mr. and Mrs. French had been

SHIRLEY

News Items.
The First Parish Branch Alliance will meet on Thursday afternoon, January 5, at the home of Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth, North Shirley.
Mrs. Minna Drake and daughter Betty are in Boston for a week's visit with Mrs. Drake's daughter.
Daniel J. Credit has been visiting his parents this week.
Ice was nine inches thick the first of the year and preparations are being made to fill one icehouse Saturday and Sunday.
Miss Evelyn Wells, of Boston, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wells, at the Industrial school.
The annual meeting of the Shirley A. A. will be held at the Legion rooms on Tuesday evening. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected.
Miss Irene McGrath, of Newton, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell Miner.

The Samson Cordage Works and the President Suspension factory will be closed Monday for the holiday. Both factories are taking inventories and the suspension factory some departments have very little work in consequence.
Supt. and Mrs. George P. Campbell and son Donald left Tuesday morning to spend a week with Mr. Campbell's mother in North Medford.
John Maguire has moved to the home of John Kelley. Athnace Landry, who is working for the New England Power Company, is to move into the vacated tenement Saturday.
The Altrurian club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hattie Conant. A good number of members and several visitors were present. The meeting opened with the club

to Kingston to attend the funeral of Miss French, Mr. French's aunt, who spent two months here with the French's. As they had some time to wait in Nashua, they made the effort to come up here for a few hours and were warmly greeted by their friends.

AYER

News Items.
The funeral of H. Almon Schurman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Schurman, who died suddenly of pneumonia December 26, was held here with Adams street, Lowell, was held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Oliver Hutchinson officiating. The body was brought to Ayer for burial in Woodlawn cemetery. Kirby Taylor of Lowell offered prayer at the grave. There were many beautiful flowers, showing the love and sympathy of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lawrence and two children, who have been spending several days with Mr. Lawrence's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin E. Lawrence, left Thursday morning for their home in Woodcliff, N. Y.

Miss Carol Pierce, is in Washington, D. C., spending a week with her friend, Miss Lily J. Axton, daughter of Col. J. T. Axton, chief of the chaplains' corps of the U. S. army.

Dr. Eugene Millon of Boston is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Beard of Shirley street.

The fiftieth anniversary of the installation of the Roberts lodge, No. 1, O. O. F., will be celebrated in Grange hall on Tuesday evening, January 11. A turkey supper will be served at 6:30; to be followed at eight o'clock by a real live Odd Fellows' entertainment to be furnished by the Standish Male quartet. Speeches will be made by the G. M. and other live wires in Odd Fellowship. The Rebekahs will furnish the supper.
Mrs. George H. Leavitt of East Main street has a position in the legal department of the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.

William H. Randall, formerly an army field clerk at Camp Devens, and well known in local fraternal circles, was in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Kinney of Williams-street are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. John M. Nairn, in Brooklyn.

Fortunate Tarquinio, formerly a soldier at Camp Devens, and now a sculptor in Boston, was in town Sunday, attending the morning service at the First Unitarian Parish church and renewing old acquaintances among the people of the parish.

Christmas Party.

The Unitarian church school held its Christmas observance, Saturday evening, December 24, in the vestry. The party began at four o'clock with games in charge of Misses Irene McColester, Gladys Proctor and Marjorie Fletcher. Supper was served at five o'clock in charge of the superintendent and teachers, assisted by Mrs. H. C. Chaso of the Alliance. This was followed by an informal entertainment by the whole school, including stories by Irene McColester and Mrs. Barker, songs and quotations by members of the school and brief remarks by the ministers, Frank B. Crandall and Norman Elton.
Then the lights were turned out and the tree appeared with the colored lights, a thing of beauty. The fruit of the tree was gathered by Norman Fletcher and taken to the children by the Christmas messengers, Germaine Moore and Howard Wiley, on behalf of the school, Miss Irene McColester, in loving and earnest words presented a sum of money to the superintendent, Mrs. Barker, who feelingly acknowledged the gift. Ice cream cones were distributed to the children through the courtesy of the pastor, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, by Willard Hayden.

The Federated Church.

Morning worship, sermon and communion of the Lord's supper at 10.45. Bible school at twelve. Illustrated vesper service at the Y. M. C. A. at four o'clock. Christmas Eve Service New Year meeting at 6.30. Ralph Richardson, leader.
Boy Scouts meet Tuesday evening at seven o'clock.
Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7.30.
Choir rehearsal this Saturday evening at 6.45.
The choir visited the White Ribbon Home last Sunday afternoon and repeated the Christmas cantata under the direction of W. B. Robinson, organist.
Thursday a number of the Federated Boy Scouts went on an all-day hike. Noon found the boys at the upper end of Long pond, where a fire was soon started, the eats consisting of fried eggs and bacon, frankfurters, roasted potatoes, etc. Signaling, tracking, games on the ice and other scout activities were enjoyed.

Basketball.

On Monday afternoon the Ayer A. A. had for their opponents the Cambridge Red Sox, whom they defeated in a slow game. The local team had them in a grasp all the time. Ayer scored the first basket, while the Red Sox first point was made on a foul. The end of the first period found the score 30 to 1. In the second period Ayer more than doubled the score of the first half and dropped in for a grand total of 71. The Red Sox only scored seven points in the second half, with a total of 18.
The thrilling game of the day was the second of the series between the Ayer Grange and the Ayer K. of C., which was a hammer in every sense of the word. The K. of C. team had J. Donahue and J. Hooley, former Ayer A. stars, and during the first period it looked as if the K. C. team was going to win, as the score was 22 to 19 in their favor. The game, however, was not over until the last minute of play. The Grange boys staged a strong comeback and soon had the score tied, which then swayed back and forth till the Grangers put their last effort in and rolled in the game. The final score was Ayer Grange 43, K. of C. 39.

On Thursday evening the Ayer team stacked up against the Turner A. C. of Clinton in a game which was a basket shooting game all the time. Ayer, as usual, scored the first point, which was quickly followed by the Clinton five scoring, and it looked as if the game was going to be a close one, but Ayer soon started piling up points and had a good lead at the end of the first half, the score being 43 to 14.

The preliminary game was between the H. S. Independents, composed of team from Boston, Dickerman, A. Pickard, Bolscaux and Hagan, and the High school team, composed of Pender, Carman, Ross, McDonald, H. Pickard and Smith, the former winning by the score of 35 to 31.

On Monday afternoon the Army team from Boston, who defeated the Ayer team in the first part of the season, will again play on the local court, and this should be a fast game as the Ayer boys will try to avenge the defeat of the visitors last Thanksgiving. The Grange team will play tracking games on the ice, their opponents to be announced later.

B. and M. Appointments.

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The second period was a busy one for both teams shot plenty of baskets, but the Ayerites made them faster than the visitors, and they piled up the biggest score ever made by them in any game they have played for two years.
Lank, who was a familiar person during the baseball season, played the game very well, and showed that he had the old time pop. Kelly and F. Donahue had a contest of their own trying to see who could shoot the most baskets. Downing, Fowler and Pillman played their usual fast game. Harold Wentworth of the Grange five played hard and the High school team showed his usual tip top speed. The final score was Ayer 94, Turner A. C. 53.
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Other appointments have been made as follows by E. W. Abbott, general freight agent with the approval of W. T. LaMoore, freight traffic manager: James R. MacAnanny, assistant general freight agent, with office at room 4, North station; Frank F. Ferrar, assistant general freight agent, with office at room 1, North station; Charles W. Boynton, general agent, with office at 101 Chamber of Commerce; Paul R. Valentine, chief of tariff bureau, with office at room 212, Old Fitchburg depot.
Christmas Services.
Christmas was observed by local churches with special services, special music and appropriate decorations. From reports it is indicated that those services were unusually successful in creating the Christmas spirit.
The feature of the service at the Federated church was a cantata by thirty voices. The cantata included the following numbers: "Angels from the realms of glory," professional; "Pastorale," instrumental; "Save us, eternal God," opening chorus; "To the hills," chorus; "O Bethlehem, beloved," tenor solo and chorus; "Night of wonder," chorus; "With joyful tidings," trio for ladies' voices; "Glory in the highest," chorus; "Jesus, joy and light forever," quartet and chorus; "We have found the saviour," male quartet; "O, who can tell?" soprano solo; "Praise Him," full chorus; occasional hymn.
A concert by the church school was given at 7.30 in the evening.
Services were held at the First Unitarian Parish church at 10.45 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m. In conformity to the style of architecture of the building, wreaths of laurel and potted plants, appropriate to the Christmas season, were used as the main features of the decorations. Wreaths were hung in the windows of the church on both the north and south sides of the building and at the front entrance doors. Wreaths adorned also the high pulpit and organ screen. A potted Jerusalem cherry tree was set in each window on both sides of the church. The record was adorned with potted poinsettias brought from the south for the occasion.
At the morning service Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister, conducted the service, assisted by Norman D. Fletcher of St. Lawrence seminary, and preached the sermon. The special music included "Adore and be still," Gounod, and "O little town of Bethlehem," Minetti, Mrs. W. C. Sargent, soprano, and Theodore W. Barry, violinist.
At the evening service Mr. Fletcher read the evening prayer office and psalter. Special music was rendered by a ladies' trio including Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. W. S. Beckford, and Miss Ellnor Clark. They sang "Christmas Carol," Shelley; "All my heart, this night rejoices," Gow; "O little town of Bethlehem," Ashford; "Silent night," traditional, and "Adeste fideles," sung in Latin. At the singing of the "Adeste fideles" the church was illuminated only by the light of an electric star hung high up in the main chancel arch, by the light of the altar candles, and by the radiance of a transparency within a wreath on the altar representing the Christ in his discourse. The lights of Christmasmas, the minister referred to the star, the Christ child, and the candle as the great Christmas lights.

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WESTFORD

Center. Charles H. Colburn is at home from the Agricultural college, Amherst, for the holidays.

The motion pictures under the auspices of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics ran Thursday evening at the town hall brought out an interested audience. The pictures were clear and varied, both instructive and entertaining. County Agent Tillson and Miss Hendry, the newly-appointed home demonstration agent, both spoke relative to plans for future work. During the coming season demonstrations of interest will probably be held at the J. V. Fletcher, William E. Anderson and Q. W. Day farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Clement and two daughters spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Donaldson at their home in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Wright and son Livingston, of Quincy, are in town for the holidays.

Rev. John H. Blair is enjoying a well earned Christmas vacation with his home people in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mills' baby boy is reported ill with bronchial pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren K. Hancosm, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Hartford and Mr. and Mrs. George F. White were among those who entertained pleasant family parties at Christmas.

Miss Mildred Fletcher, who has been ill with threatened appendicitis, is reported much better.

Charles W. Robinson was able to return home for the hospital in time to spend Christmas with his family.

A new book added to the J. V. Fletcher library is "Life and Letters of Henry Lee Higginson," by Bliss Perry. It is in the hands of music-lovers to know that Mr. Higginson was the founder of the Boston Symphony orchestra.

The carol singers were out Christmas night singing their beautiful Christmas message specially to the shut-ins and elderly people. Our most vigorous New England does not perhaps adapt itself to this pretty custom as in old England, where it originated. But in this instance of a motley, color and white Christmas was managed nicely. William E. Pollock, with a big sled and two horses, took the singers from place to place. Mrs. C. A. Blaney and Mrs. William R. Taylor were in charge and there were about twenty-five in the group.

School Exercises. The Christmas exercises of the William E. Frost school, held at the town hall on Friday afternoon of last week, were especially good and merited the attention of parents and friends. The school trees were Christmas trees were filled with presents. John C. Abbot and Julian A. Cameron gave the money for the Westford pupils and the Abbot Worst School for the Brookside pupils. Herbert Peterson made a good Santa Claus and George Kimball accompanied the songs for the school with his organ. The children showed that they had been well trained and entered into the parts assigned with spirit and accuracy.

The following program was given: Song, "It came upon the midnight clear," school; recitations, "Why do bells of Christmas ring?" grade 1; "Just before Christmas," William Anderson; "When Santa comes," Merle Foster; songs, "Jolly Santa Claus," Russell Anderson; "We three kings of Orient are," Everett Mills, Hamilton Phillips, Wilfred Morin and boys of grammar room; recitations, "Merry Christmas," Alice Strong; "In Bethlehem," Pearl Smith; song, "Christmas tree," grades 2 and 3; recitations, "Kris Kringle's travels," Dorothy Stronk, Marion Pollock, Margaret and Inez Davis and Susan Whitney; The school's Christmas tree, Harold Wright; "Christmas carol," grades 2 and 3; Betty Sargent, Wealthy Wright, Ruth Mateer; "Christmas roses," George Mann; Richard Hildreth; Raymond Desmond; songs, "Three cheers for Santa," grades 2 and 3; memory verses, grade 1; recitations, "Grandma's mistake," Isabel Zanchi; "The baby's stocking," Charlotte Wilson; song, "Santa brought me dolly," Eugenia B. O'Neil; song, Genevieve Blaney; recitations, "The night before Christmas," Etta Harrington; "A visit from St. Nicholas," Roger Hildreth; "The night after Christmas," Jardine Davis; "A dream of a Christmas dolly," Hazel Nutting; song, "Hark the herald angels sing."

Church Notes. Christmas festivities at both churches Christmas eve were well carried out. At the Unitarian church there were games, supper and tree and an entertainment in the evening in charge of Miss Mabel Drew, the feature of which was "The story of the nativity" in tableaux. At the Congregational church there were games, supper and Christmas tree with Santa Claus and an entertainment of recitations and music.

Christmas services at the Congregational church on Sunday morning were of special interest when twenty-three people were admitted into membership as follows: In confession of faith, John A. George W. Day, Helen M. Kimball, Norman E. Day, Lillian E. Sutherland, Ruth E. Pollock, Nathaniel Phillips, Charles H. Colburn, Walter R. Shea, Doris E. Davis, Alice V. and Ruth E. Swenson, Dorothy H. Anderson and Charlotte A. Wilson; by letter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren K. Hancosm, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Felch, Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Ingalls, Lawrence, Gladys and Ethel Ingalls, Rev. E. Ambrose Jenkins, of North Chelmsford, assisted the pastor in administering the communion and reception of members.

Mrs. Charles D. Colburn was in charge of the Christmas music, with Miss Ellnor Colburn at the organ, assisted by Miss Precious, violinist. The evening service, which was well attended, was in charge of William C. Roudenbush.

The usual prayer meeting of this week was omitted and this church is to have a service which we do not think it has had before, a watch night service, the last night of the year, Saturday evening, beginning at ten o'clock. This will be in charge of the Gordon Bible college, who is to occupy the pulpit on Sunday. At the Unitarian church last Sunday afternoon Rev. Frank B. Randall occupied the pulpit after an absence of several weeks, during which time he has been on a special preaching tour in the south. Some fine Christmas carols were sung by a singer from Ayer.

About Town. The next farmers' institute will be held at the "old yellow meeting-house" in Dracut Center, Saturday, January 7. The morning will be given over to home-grown talent, discussion of the question "The farmers' needs and opportunities," and every person is ordained orator of the day and as such is to sail in and be sailed into. Let there be as much intellect displayed in this intellectual ring work as is displayed in the ring work of the boxing exhibits. The usual dinner festivities will follow this intellectual boxing match. The afternoon it is expected will be given over to demonstration work by the "Girls" and "Boys" clubs. Be present and encourage the girls and boys to do better work than you did as boy and girl.

A stubborn chimney fire started at the Whitten farm last week Wednesday evening. But for the fact that the fire department was on the scene the fire department would probably have been summoned. As it was ladders and fire extinguishers fought it to a quieting finish by the Whitten family and neighbors.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 29. Unless the usual custom is set aside on account of some chimney, no heat, no light, or some other no, the evening will be devoted to the installation of the new officers. We do not look for any postponement as the town hall is all reset for business.

The Sunday school of the Methodist church in West Chelmsford received a liberal gift from the Abbot Worst Company for presents for their annual Christmas tree, the exercises being held in historical hall last Saturday evening.

The fire which burned the historic farm buildings at Hillcrest farm in North Pepperell in the hurricane wind of last week Wednesday evening made an impressive appearance from the view point of the Old Oak Bucket farm.

The next meeting of Middlesex-North Pomona Grange will be held on Friday, December 6, at Odd Fellows hall, Bridge street, Lowell. The forenoon will be given to annual reports of officers. The afternoon session will be open to the public, at which time will occur the annual installation of the officers for 1922.

Complaint has been made about one-man cars. We do not know of anyone who likes them, not even the railroad manager, but in the interest of economy we advise against them. One-man cars. For one, and we are a small one, we prefer two-men cars, but prefer a one-man car if a two-man car cannot be operated to advantage.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Snow, who were in charge of the Christmas exercises at the town hall on Friday afternoon of last week, were especially good and merited the attention of parents and friends. The school trees were Christmas trees were filled with presents. John C. Abbot and Julian A. Cameron gave the money for the Westford pupils and the Abbot Worst School for the Brookside pupils. Herbert Peterson made a good Santa Claus and George Kimball accompanied the songs for the school with his organ. The children showed that they had been well trained and entered into the parts assigned with spirit and accuracy.

The following program was given: Song, "It came upon the midnight clear," school; recitations, "Why do bells of Christmas ring?" grade 1; "Just before Christmas," William Anderson; "When Santa comes," Merle Foster; songs, "Jolly Santa Claus," Russell Anderson; "We three kings of Orient are," Everett Mills, Hamilton Phillips, Wilfred Morin and boys of grammar room; recitations, "Merry Christmas," Alice Strong; "In Bethlehem," Pearl Smith; song, "Christmas tree," grades 2 and 3; recitations, "Kris Kringle's travels," Dorothy Stronk, Marion Pollock, Margaret and Inez Davis and Susan Whitney; The school's Christmas tree, Harold Wright; "Christmas carol," grades 2 and 3; Betty Sargent, Wealthy Wright, Ruth Mateer; "Christmas roses," George Mann; Richard Hildreth; Raymond Desmond; songs, "Three cheers for Santa," grades 2 and 3; memory verses, grade 1; recitations, "Grandma's mistake," Isabel Zanchi; "The baby's stocking," Charlotte Wilson; song, "Santa brought me dolly," Eugenia B. O'Neil; song, Genevieve Blaney; recitations, "The night before Christmas," Etta Harrington; "A visit from St. Nicholas," Roger Hildreth; "The night after Christmas," Jardine Davis; "A dream of a Christmas dolly," Hazel Nutting; song, "Hark the herald angels sing."

Church Notes. Christmas festivities at both churches Christmas eve were well carried out. At the Unitarian church there were games, supper and tree and an entertainment in the evening in charge of Miss Mabel Drew, the feature of which was "The story of the nativity" in tableaux. At the Congregational church there were games, supper and Christmas tree with Santa Claus and an entertainment of recitations and music.

Christmas services at the Congregational church on Sunday morning were of special interest when twenty-three people were admitted into membership as follows: In confession of faith, John A. George W. Day, Helen M. Kimball, Norman E. Day, Lillian E. Sutherland, Ruth E. Pollock, Nathaniel Phillips, Charles H. Colburn, Walter R. Shea, Doris E. Davis, Alice V. and Ruth E. Swenson, Dorothy H. Anderson and Charlotte A. Wilson; by letter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren K. Hancosm, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Felch, Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Ingalls, Lawrence, Gladys and Ethel Ingalls, Rev. E. Ambrose Jenkins, of North Chelmsford, assisted the pastor in administering the communion and reception of members.

Mrs. Charles D. Colburn was in charge of the Christmas music, with Miss Ellnor Colburn at the organ, assisted by Miss Precious, violinist. The evening service, which was well attended, was in charge of William C. Roudenbush.

The last meeting of the old year for the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall and was in charge of the committee on industrial and social conditions. Mrs. William E. Anderson, chairman, Rev. S. V. Goodheart, of Shirley, provided a very suitable and interesting speaker for this meeting, telling of his work as the Protestant chaplain of the boys of the Shirley industrial school. He held the close attention of his hearers while he told many phases of this work of helplessness these unfortunate boys.

At the business session about sixty dollars was reported as the result of the club sale. Special notice was given to the annual meeting of the Tadmuck club, which is to be held on Tuesday night at the town hall. There is to be a

pepperell's supper served at a nominal price per plate, and all those desiring tickets and how many, must report to the treasurer, Mrs. Perley E. Wright, by Tuesday, January 3. This is absolutely necessary to know on what basis to proceed with arrangements. The entertainment will be at eight o'clock in the town hall, which is free to members and their guests.

Grantville. The Abbot Worst Soccer club and the Fairlawn Rovers of Pawtucket, R. I., battled for ninety minutes on an icy field at Forge Village last Saturday afternoon without either side getting the decision, the score being tied with one goal each. As it was too dark for overtime this game will have to be replayed later.

Christmas, which brought an extra holiday this year, was greatly enjoyed by the people here in peaceful home gatherings which are really the best enjoyment after all. James Harrington, of Detroit, Mich., has been renewing old acquaintances here for the past few days. The schools have been closed this week for the Christmas vacation.

Excellent coasting has been enjoyed by the young people here this week. Cameron Circle held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening with a large attendance. Motion pictures were shown in Grantville and Forge Village on last Monday evening with a large number in attendance at both houses. This Saturday evening's attraction at Forge Village will be Mary Miles Minter in "Her winning way," followed by a Punch comedy, "A rural Cinderella."

At the annual town meeting to be held in early February, the election of a selectman will be the all important topic. A caucus will be held previous to the annual town meeting and many of the friends of Representative Alfred W. Hartford have been requesting him to stand for the nomination at the caucus. Mr. Hartford is quite a busy man at present and it is not yet known whether he will allow his name to be used or not. He is a man well versed in town affairs and would make a capable and efficient town official.

Christmas Exercises. The children of the Sargent school held a fine program of Christmas exercises in the school rooms on last week Friday afternoon prior to the Christmas vacation of one week. In spite of the inclement weather the affair was largely attended by the parents and friends of the children. The different numbers were excellent given and all did finely in their respective parts.

Following the custom of former years the Abbot Worst Company and C. C. Sargent's Sons Corporation donated money that was used to purchase candy. Their kindness was deeply appreciated by the teachers and children. The following took part: Olga Sandberg, Regina Richard, Wilfred St. Marie, Bertha Mardest, Teddy Stingsack, Jeannette Milot, William Piriotto, Isabel Boyd, Helen Leroix, Helen Remis, Jessa E. Smith, Regina S. Lewis, Raymond, Virginia Gower, Edward Stuart, Luba Woroby, Elizabeth Palmer, Bernice York, Jessie Hanning, Vivian Stuart, Rose Raymond, Lenora Locapo, Cecile LeDuc, Bernice Hall, John Carrette, Horace Carpenter, Henry Stepien, Fred Ellison, William McCarthy, Jacob Ellison, Stella LeKaywitz, Daniel Farquhar, Gilbert Payne, Cecilia Wall, Dorothy Doucette.

The Sunday school children of St. Catherine's church held their annual Christmas tree exercises in the church last week Thursday evening with a large attendance. A fine program was given by the children and was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance. Santa Claus was present in person and assisted by Joe Wall and a number of young men and women, distributed presents from a well laden tree. Miss Harriet O'Brien had charge of the affair, assisted by the Sunday school teachers. Through the kindness of the Abbot Worst Company, who gave a good sized check to the Christmas tree fund, each child present received some pretty gift. This act was appreciated by the committee and children as well.

The following took part in the program: Agnes Cavanaugh, Beatrice LeDuc, Oneda Milot, Mildred LeClerc, Bertha Mardest, Evelyn Stepien, Irene Cameron, James May, Vivian Stuart, Mildred Dugdale, Agatha Duedevoir, Mary Smith, Regina Smith, Paul Shugrue, Frances Shugrue, Evelyn Defoe, Fred Reeves, Louise Raymond, Alma St. Marie, Virginia Leroix, Helen Remis, Jessa E. Smith, Healy, Brancha Stopenki, Forest Carpenter, Celia Wall, Celia LeDuc, Catherine Hartford, Alice Remis and Vincent Duedevoir.

The annual Christmas tree exercises, with a big tree and all the fixings, were held at the Methodist church last Saturday evening with a large number in attendance. The Sunday school children did finely and clearly showed the result of their careful training. The pastor, Rev. W. E. Anderson, was present and was highly pleased with the success of the affair.

Through the generosity of the Abbot Worst Company a substantial check was donated and all of the Sunday school children received pretty gifts. The pastor and the committee in charge feel deeply grateful for the courtesy extended. Santa Claus distributed the presents and received a good one for himself.

The following took part: Thomas Szungon, Maude Whitley, Hazel Mackenzie, Caroline Weaver, Grace Dane, Ada Eaton, Alice Sandberg, Hazel Thompson, Edwin Packard, John Hall, Christobel Weaver, John Trask, Albert Eaton, Malcolm Weaver, Olga Sandberg, Ellnor Trask, Evelyn Defoe, Junior Palmer, Dorothy Hall, Dorothy MacKainny, Doris York, Marjorie Whitley, Morris Duedevoir, William Anderson, Bernice York, Ruth Hanson, June Weaver, Jacob Ellison, Fred Morton, Blanche Comey, Mary Morton, Walter Morton, Minnie White, Laura Morton, Nellie Morton, Bernice Parker and Roy Blanchard.

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Christmas Pageant. Nothing for years has been enacted as a part of the Christmas observance that roused so great depth of real Christmas spirit among young and old as the pageant, "The story of the nativity," given at the Community church on Friday evening of last week. It was arranged by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, and with the assistance of a large and efficient committee, well carried out.

The central idea was "The light of the world," and in the first picture the two prophets appear and foretell the coming of the Christ-child. These were impersonated by C. A. McGraw and Winifred Boynton.

In the second scene the three Wise Men appear, singly, meeting on the stage, the star appears, and they fall down and worship. The characters were Philip Blood, Harold Olsen and Urquhart China.

The third picture was divided in two scenes of the shepherds. There was a sound of their pipes in the distance, growing plainer, and the shepherds appear, gathered about the fire, and fall asleep. The star appears and awakens one of the others. They fall to their knees and shield their faces in awe. The angel appears, saying "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy."

The fourth scene pictures the Nativity, with Mary kneeling before the manger, with the wonderful light streaming on her face. Joseph, leaning on his staff, with hand on her shoulder, gazes into the manger. The characters were played by Margaret Jacobs and Charles Dennen. The shepherds appear, greet Mary and Joseph, and fall on their knees. The three wise men also appear and likewise worship and extend their gifts.

The fifth scene shows the flight into Egypt in two scenes. In the first scene an angel appears, moving slowly, and looks backward, while pointing forward. She is followed by the Angel of Nativity, who waves slowly with one hand outstretched, and the other beckoning. Just as she is passing from the scene Mary and Joseph appear, and are hailed by the angel. The impersonations of the two angels were by Charlotte Jensen and Hazel A. Holden.

The second part of the Nativity, on the background of the desert, with Mary reclining near the Sphinx, babe in her arms, and the wonder of the light on her face. Joseph, his staff at his side, is reclining at her feet near the little angel appears, spreads her hands in benediction above the group, touches Joseph on the shoulder and awakens him. As he arises she beckons forward and disappears. Joseph, in good Mary, takes her by the hand, and they follow the angel.

The sixth picture is "The light of the world." The curtain rises on a large number, kneeling in groups, the Angel of the Nativity, discovered by the candle she holds in her hand. She rises and lifts the candle high above her head, gazing up at it. She lights the candle of the second angel and they in turn light the candles of all the angels. The light of the candles of a monk and nun, as representing the middle ages, these two being impersonated by Nathaniel Shattuck and Hattie Kirkwood.

Group represent the present day, a Red Cross nurse, kneeling, with a soldier and sailor kneeling at her feet. The Red Cross nurse was impersonated by Mrs. Dana Merrill, the soldier by Winifred Boynton, and the sailor by William Hutchinson.

The other angel on the right lights the candles of a group composed of a college woman in cap and gown, Miss Helen Rafaeuse; a housewife, Audrey Bancroft; a laboring man, Clayton Frazier; a scholar, Ernest Thomsen; and a school girl, Katherine Maltman. At the close of this scene a concealed choir sang "Come all ye faithful," and the group marched through the door at the right, followed by the angels, all holding their candles, and being joined at the front of the church by a group of children, in white, forming the procession which moved slowly out of the auditorium, the song dying away in the distance.

After the recession the gift manager was revealed on the stage, and all deposited gifts which were distributed the next day to the sick and shut-ins by a committee, Mrs. H. N. Tower, chairman.

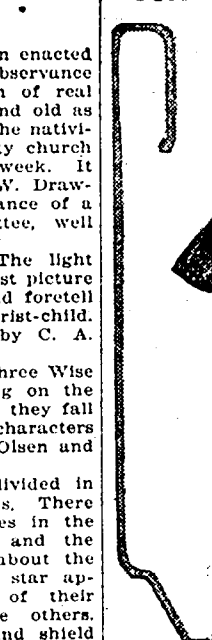
The pageant, which was a most impressive state of interest which was shared by the youngest child, the stillness during some of the scenes being noticeable when there were so many young children in the audience. The arrangements and execution of the work of Mr. Drawbridge, and the committee appointed for the assistance necessary in costumes and other details were Mrs. McGraw, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Bliss, with the help of additional Miss Helen, Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Mrs. W. F. Dennen. Many of the costumes were the genuine Oriental garments, loaned by kindness of A. P. McGraw, of New York. The lighting effects, from the booth of the motion picture machine, were most effectively beautiful.

They were in charge of C. A. McGraw and Winifred Boynton, and through the ingenuity of the latter the effect of the light of the star, which waxed and waned, was given. The movement of the star, the mental in painting a faithful reproduction of the Sphinx, the assistance of all being highly appreciated.

Everyone was so absorbed in the scenes as portrayed that the late hour of closing for some of the younger children was overlooked, and the children as well as the adults showed plainly the impression made by the vivid portrayal of the sacred story. When it is remembered that the entertainment of the evening was preceded by exercises for the children, which commenced at four o'clock, their deportment is all the more remarkable. They had games at four, lunch at six, furnished by the Community Church Workers, adjournment at seven, and the children, who all most felt sure he was the real Santa Claus from out of the Northland, to their minds his stay, while he distributed gifts and recited the Mother Goose parables, was all too short. The remembrance of Christmas celebration for this year will be a lasting one with young and old.

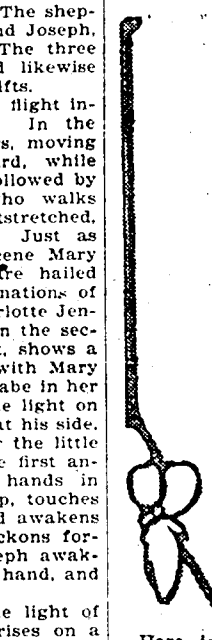
Fishing smacks on the east coast of Scotland are in many instances being hauled up, turned turtle and converted to other uses, owing to the slump in the fishing industry.

COAT STYLES ARE NEW



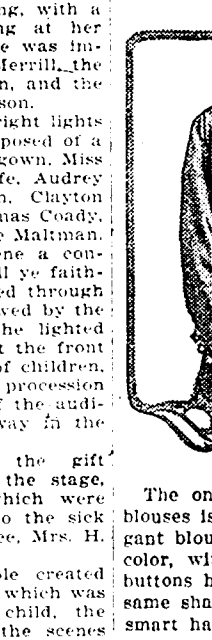
In coats at least, the styles for fall and winter are new, showing more definition of the figure and less "wrappy" lines. Many of them have flaring sleeves and skirts decidedly full, as revealed by the model selected for illustration. In this model side panels are shirred into cut seams and ornamented with silk embroidery. The becoming collar is of beaver fur.

FOR WINTRY SETTING



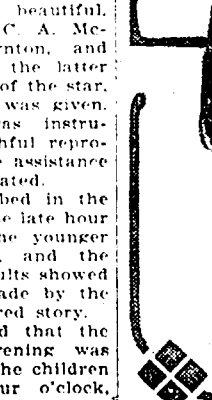
Here is a wrap that will delight those women who admire handsome embroidery and rich trimmings in the company of luxurious looking furs. It is made of a fine coating of the velvet type, which lends itself to these decorations and is entitled to be classed as a superb coat.

CREPE AND CROCHET



The only real rival of georgette in blouses is crepe de chine. In this elegant blouse it appears in a warm tan color, with collar, cuffs, peplum and buttons hand-crocheted of silk in the same shade. Nothing more refined or smart has been presented for fall.

AMONG SMART FURS



Among smart furs there are coats that maintain their style supremacy without going to great lengths. One of these shorter models, which may be made of mink, squirrel, sealskin or other fashionable skins is shown here. It meets all the requirements of the new season.

If that shortage of typewriters will raise the quality of the novelists' output by making those towering geniuses use pens and economize on words much will be forgiven it. It is not enough for the government to demonstrate that there is plenty of sugar in the country. What the consumer demands is the opportunity to buy sugar at a reasonable price.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Notice to Property Owners. You are hereby required on or before January 1, 1922, to destroy the gypsy and brown tail moths on your property in this town.

This notification is in accordance with Chapter 132 of the General Laws which requires cities and towns to destroy the eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests of the gypsy and brown tail moths under heavy penalty for failure to comply with the provisions of the law.

If a property owner fails to destroy such eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests, then the city or town is required to destroy the same, and the cost of the work in whole or in part according to the value of the land, is assessed upon and becomes a lien on the land. (See Section 18, Chapter 132, below.)

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

The eggs of the gypsy moth should be destroyed at once with crescoto. They should never be scraped off the object on which they are laid. Careful search should be made for kypsy moth egg clusters, not only on trees but also on house walls, stone walls, fences and in rubbish heaps, etc. Trees in which cavities occur and which is not desirable to cut should have the cavities tinned or cemented. This is important. The present and future cost of combating this insect can be greatly reduced by cutting and burning worthless brush, hollow trees,

etc. A few trees well cared for are more valuable to the property owner and the community than a large number of neglected trees. The nests of the brown tail moth should be cut from the trees, carefully collected and burned in a stove or furnace. Full instructions as to best methods of work against the moths may be obtained from the Local Superintendent, John F. Tule, or from the State Forester, State House, Boston.

When done by contractors should be inspected and approved by the Local Superintendent before payment for the same is made. CHARLES H. MILLER, ALTA A. SHATTUCK, JOHN T. SULLIVAN, 3116 Selectmen, Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 13, 1921.

(Chapter 132 of the General Laws) An Act to Provide for Suppressing the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths. Section 18. The mayor of every city and the selectmen of every town shall, on or before the first of January in every year, and at such other times as he or they shall see fit, or as the foreman or selectmen may determine, be sent to the owner, so far as can be ascertained, of every parcel of land therein which is infested with moths, or, if such notification appears to be impracticable, by posting such notice on said parcels of land, requiring that the eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests of the gypsy moth and brown tail moth be destroyed with-in a time specified therein.

When, in the opinion of the mayor or selectmen, it is necessary to destroy such eggs, caterpillars, pupae or nests on lands contiguous and held under one ownership in the city or town, he or they shall destroy one-half of one per cent of the assessed value of the land on which such caterpillars, pupae or nests shall be found, and such requirement shall not apply to the remainder of said premises. The mayor or selectmen may determine the manner in which such work shall be done, but all work done under this section shall be subject to the approval of the forester.

When the owner shall fail to destroy such eggs, caterpillars, pupae or nests as required by said notice, then the city or town, acting by the local superintendent appointed under section thirteen shall, subject to the approval of the said forester, destroy the same, and the amount actually expended thereon not exceeding one-half of one per cent of the assessed valuation of said lands as herebefore specified in this section, shall be assessed upon the said land; and such an amount in addition as shall be required shall be levied between the city or town and the Commonwealth in accordance with section twenty-five of the said chapter. Upon private estates as herein provided shall be assessed and collected, and shall be levied in the same manner and with the same effect as is provided in the case of assessments for street widening.

SHIRLEY

News Items. Arthur Desmond and Miss Madeline Desmond are at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond, for the holidays.

of its success in the past has been due to him. Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge elected the following officers last week Friday evening: Mrs. Etta Holland, noble grand; Mrs. Josie Dunn, vice noble grand; Miss Olive, secretary; Mrs. Margaret Brockelman, treasurer; Mrs. Beulah Wainbold, trustee for three years.

LITTLETON. News Items. Rev. Chester A. Wheeler will preach in the Congregational church on Sunday. Mr. Wheeler was the Christmas guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Conant.

Unitarian Notes. Tomorrow is a communion Sunday as well as new year Sunday. Begin the new year aright and offer thanks unto God in his sanctuary.

Old Year - New Year. NEW Year, New Year, 'What do you bring? Your bag might hold anything!

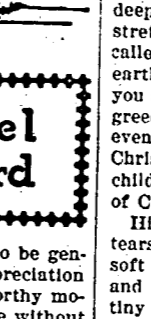
Story of the Christmas Stocking. Y EARS and years ago stockings were not hung on Christmas eve as we hang them now.

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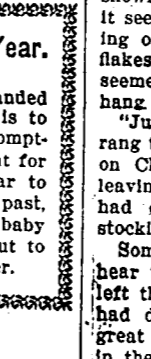
FRANK S. BENNETT. Successor to ARTHUR FENNER. Insurance Agent and Broker. Main Street Turner's Building. AYER, MASS.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court in and for the County of Middlesex. Respectfully I submit and represent to you that I am entitled to be appointed administrator of the estate of the late MARY J. FARR late of the County of Norfolk, Massachusetts.

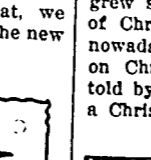
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Superior Court, Dec. 13, A. D. 1921. Upon the foregoing I find that it is proper to appoint the said MARY J. FARR to be administrator of the estate of the said MARY J. FARR, late of the County of Norfolk, Massachusetts.



To Travel Heavenward. TO BE strong and true; to be generous in praise and appreciation of others; to impute worthy motives even to enemies; to give without expectation of return; to practice humility, tolerance and self-restraint; to make the best use of time and opportunity; to keep the mind pure and the judgment charitable; to extend intelligent sympathy to those in distress; to cultivate quietness and nonresistance; to speak little and listen much; to adhere always to a high standard of thought, purpose and conduct; to grow in grace, goodness and gratitude; to work love, pray and serve daily; to aspire gloriously, labor cheerfully and take God in His word—this is to travel heavenward.—G. Kleiser in Y. M. C. C. Central.



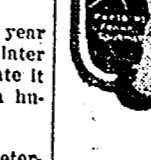
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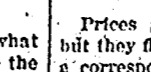
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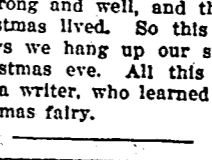


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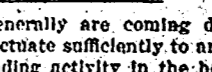
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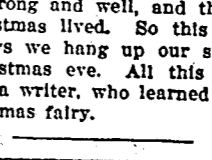
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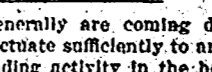
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PUMPKIN PIE. Stew the pumpkin and rub through a colander. Beat the yolks of four eggs light; add a cupful of sugar and beat until you have a quart of the stewed pumpkin.



SHORT LIFE IS LONG. As the cartoonists have it, a year comes in as a baby and 365 days later dies as an old man.



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GROTON

News Items.

At the annual meeting of the Lawrence W. Gay post, A. L. held on Wednesday evening, December 21, the officers for the year 1922 were elected as follows: Robert M. May, com.; Harold Sargent, vice com.; Harvey A. Woods, Jr., ed. and adjt.; Cedric E. Hodgman, sergt. at arms; Richard E. Danielson, liqt.; Clarence F. Anderson, war risk of; Cedric E. Hodgman, athletic of; Ernest Moyle, chap.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan entertained several of their relatives and friends at their home on Champlain street on Christmas eve. At midnight a supper was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Bywater, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crowley, Miss Nellie Bywater, Miss B. J. Crowley, Mrs. Cornelius Crowley of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan of Nashua, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. John Forcino and two children, Mr. and Mrs. George Bywater and son and Samuel Forcino.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Glendon, Miss Ruth Glendon and Mr. and Mrs. John Epton spent the Christmas vacation in Worcester with Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Lawrence.

The sermon topic at the Congregational church on Sunday morning will be "The cry of achievement." Music, "Ring out, ye bells," by ladies voices; euphonium and organ accompaniment services will be observed in the morning. In the evening there will be a new year's sermon with anthem by the choir.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan, of Nashua, N. H., spent the holidays with their brother, Cornelius Sullivan, and his family.

Cornelius Crowley, of Boston, spent the holidays with his sister, Mrs. James Bywater.

Mrs. Mary Richardson spent the week-end and Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crowley.

Mrs. Allfrey entertained a party of guests on Christmas day.

The Middlesex Rebekeah lodge will hold their regular meeting on next Tuesday evening, in the room in Room 1922 will be installed by Mrs. Elsie Copp and suite of Peppercorn. Supper will be served after the meeting.

Edward Attkin, now a senior at Dartmouth college, spent part of his vacation with a cousin in the White Mountains, but was at home for Christmas.

Nesbit L. Woods, Jr., who is studying at Norwich university, Northfield, Vt., was at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Malcolm MacGregor entertained guests at Christmas.

Mr. Murch, of Old Orchard, Me., visited his relatives in Groton, including Miss C. A. Ferguson and the family, coming Monday, and going from here to Washington, New York and Bermuda.

Mrs. W. A. Goble entertained a number of guests on the holiday.

The entertainment at the Congregational church on last Saturday evening began with the officers, as usual by the Ladies' Benevolent society of the church, followed by the Christmas tree, when Santa Claus came in through the window in his long fur coat, with his traditional long white beard, and distributed gifts to the children of the Sunday school. Games and merry-making closed the evening.

Mrs. Muhlig and her children, who have been staying with Mrs. Muhlig's sister, Mrs. James Wilson, have gone to their new home in Virginia, where Mrs. Muhlig is employed by the Du Pont Co.

The annual roll call of the Congregational church will be held on Wednesday, January 4. Dinner will be served at twelve o'clock, followed by the roll call and business meeting for hearing reports and electing officers for the next year, the same nominating committee as last year were appointed last Wednesday evening to serve this year.

The Baptist church held their annual Christmas party on Christmas eve with Christmas tree for the children and the serving of refreshments and a pleasant social evening.

Mrs. Nellie Eldridge was elected Ceres at the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening, as Mrs. Grace Linnos was unable to serve. The program was in charge of the ladies' degree team and consisted of a report of the Grange for the session by Mrs. Grace Bradshaw a piano duet by Mrs. Fanny Mason and Miss Helen Barrows, a song by Miss Beatrice Palmer, readings by Mrs. Effie Southard and Mrs. Fanny Mason and a sale of home-made candy. Installation of Mrs. Grace Bradshaw as Ceres will take place at the next meeting, Tuesday, January 10. The installing officer will be Willard G. White, of Shirley, past master of Ayer Grange.

Mrs. James Lawrence, Jr., and Mrs. Philip S. Dalton have planned to take their children to the coast between Christmas and the New Year. Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Dalton are both active in connection with the January campaign of the Instructive District Nursing association.

Some of those coming home to spend their Christmas here were Miss Estelle Kimball, of St. John, N. H.; Alfred Gay from Amherst Agricultural college; William Gay from Yonkers and Miss Helen Gay from Quincy at A. H. Gay's; Genevieve Harrington at James Harrington's; Mrs. Gladys Swallow from Somerville at P. Swallow's; Misses Ada and Selma Bradley and their brother Henry at John Bradley's, and Miss Mildred Brown from Nutley, N. J., at W. A. Brown's.

Lowthorpe school is having a two-weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Durant and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Meyer spent the holiday in New Bedford with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Leonard and family.

The Misses Keating spent the holiday in town with their sisters, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. James Haley.

Lewis M. Knapp and Miss Louise Ansley of New Haven, Conn., are at George S. Knapp's for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Lillian W. Kane from Providence, R. I., is spending the holidays in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Williams entertained Miss Eleanor Williams, the daughter of Samuel H. Williams, of Connecticut, and Mr. Sawyer, father of Mrs. Nellie Sawyer, and Mrs. Rueter from Canada on Christmas day.

The recent clipping in the Landmark about Amos Lawrence Lovejoy, who was sent to the Landmark by Mrs. Edward H. French of the Dallas, Oregon, who was Alice Cliff, daughter of Henrietta Raddin Cluff, one of the Raddin twins of Groton and a sister of Joseph B. Raddin. In

reading over a paper Mrs. French was interested in this article concerning a native of Groton and so sent the clipping thinking others in Groton might also be interested.

The third exhibition of the series of fruit pictures, given under the auspices of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics, will be given in the town hall on this Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody welcome. Come and bring your friends and neighbors. Pass the word along. Note the day and time. The program is as follows: "Camera hunting in the California national forests." "What a careless hunter in the woods can do." "Food for reflection." "The dog doctor." "Out of the shadow." "Amen of the waves."

Christmas eve the following tunes were played on the bells of Groton School chapel by A. W. Burrill. With additions, they will be repeated on New Year's eve at eight o'clock: "Show the glad tidings." "It came upon the midnight clear." "We three kings of Orient are." "The boys' songs of the morning." "Soldiers of Christ arise." "Boylston." "America." "Dismissal hymn."

Everett T. Warren spent Christmas with his brother, Mrs. William B. Warren.

The Misses Vickery entertained their sister, Mrs. Theodore Everett, of Cambridge, and her daughter, Miss Carrie Everett, over the holidays.

The regular meeting of the E. S. Club, N. H. C., which is held on the first Tuesday, will be omitted and the joint installation of the E. S. Club post, G. A. R., and the W. R. C. will take place on Wednesday, January 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blood of Beverly spent the week-end and holiday with Mr. Blood's sister and sister-in-law, Mrs. J. Blood and Miss Emma Blood.

Pictures have been received by their relatives here in town of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Desautel of Roseville, Cal., of the Decatur family, taken on their arrival at Roseville last fall. The party spent one month on their honeymoon, and at the same length of time on the way east, coming by automobile with outfit for camping on the way.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wood and family spent the holiday with relatives in Clinton.

Mrs. Ella P. Woolley visited this week in Waltham with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roberts, going on Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Whitehill, who teaches domestic science, at Lyme, Conn., is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Gauthier of Concord, N. H., spent Christmas with Mrs. Gauthier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Blood.

Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Eldridge and her son, Lorenzo, visited relatives in Newton, N. H., at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Patterson and Misses Ruth and Helen Patterson spent the holidays in Manchester, N. H., with Mrs. Anna Wiloughby and family.

Mrs. W. J. Putnam returned home on Monday from St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua, N. H., where she recently had an operation performed on her eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harrington entertained Mrs. Harrington's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tuttle of South Acton over Christmas.

Mrs. George McKee entertained over the week-end and holiday, her children, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery of Worcester and Mr. and Mrs. Luce and two children of Exeter, N. H.

Mrs. George Woods returned to her home last Sunday from Dr. Killam's hospital, where she had an operation for gallstones, from which she is making a good recovery.

Miss Dorothy Kimball of Amesbury spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kinball and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Northrup of Somerville motored to Groton on Christmas day, being accompanied by their daughter, Dorothy, and her fiancé, Mr. William G. Wood.

The Avery millinery stores of Main, Bruce and Emily Louise Nagle will keep open Saturday evening only until further notice.

N. E. M. P. A.

The New England Milk Producers' association announces a revision of the price previously agreed upon for December. Owing to a drop in the market, a revision was necessary and is now in effect. This will make the price of milk at Groton station about six cents more than for ordinary market milk testing 3 7/10 percent butterfat, subject, as heretofore, to deduction for surplus.

Milk containing less than 3 7/10 percent butterfat entitled to a premium of four cents per hundred pounds for each 1 percent, and milk having a bacteria count of less than 10,000 per cubic centimetre is generally accorded a premium of four cents per quart. That such milk can at all times be further improved is shown by repeated tests by the free from tuberculosis, has a further added value, is of course obvious. In the cities many people are glad to pay twenty cents to receive five cents per quart at retail for the same price that is charged in Boston for ordinary milk which has simply been pasteurized. Persons well-informed on dairy matters state that it is impossible to produce a properly cooled milk, fully meeting the 4 percent butterfat and bacteria count below 10,000 for less than the price set by the N. E. Milk Producers' association for such milk, and that a further premium of less than 1 1/2 cents a quart for freedom from tuberculosis is fully justified by cost of regular testing, extra care, and higher cost of cows.

Unquestionably milk is one of the most valuable foods which can be eaten, as well as the cheapest. It is filled with vitamins, so essential to the proper growth of children and the general health of adults. Yet the percentage of milk probably receive a smaller return for their labor and investment than any other class in the community; and frequently they cut each other's throats by ill-considered price reductions, which ultimately act on every citizen and on the entire community. For, as a cheap product, it is inevitably a poor product, so milk sold at prices below the cost of production for a good article will necessarily be of poor quality, and a source of possible danger to the public health.

Conventional Services.

The subject of the morning sermon on Sunday at the Congregational church was "The genius of the manager," which was the theme of a genuine Christmas sermon by the pastor, relating to the coming of the Prince of peace, his life and influence. The Christmas music, from the organ prelude to the close, was most inspiring

and appropriate to the season, including the beautiful anthem, the "Ave Maria," rendered by saxophone, viola and organ, and a solo by Mrs. Little town of the "Ave" by the ladies' double quartet with violin accompaniment. The church was most attractively decorated with evergreen wreaths in the windows, branches and boughs of evergreen about the pulpit with Christmas decorations and beautiful potted plants with deep red blossoms. Notice was given that there would be a union service at the Unitarian church in the afternoon, and that the evening service would be devoted to the singing of the Christmas carols in unison with the men of the community gathered about the Community Christmas tree.

Christmas Services.

The spirit of Christmas was everywhere present in the two services at the Unitarian church last Sunday. The decorations were the most beautiful and lovely, and wreaths, making a wonderful background for the flowers on the communion table. Mrs. Francis Lawrence, Miss Grace Brooks and Miss Gertrude Gerish deserve credit for their artistic work.

The service at the church was further augmented by two trumpeters, Clay E. McKean and Richard Torrey, who played Christmas carols with the organist at 10:15, and later with Miss Peabody, violinist, who also played "An Ariso" by Bach with the organ and an obligato on the organ.

Mrs. Mrs. Robinson also assisted the organist in this anthem by playing an obligato on the organ. The postlude was a carol played by Richard Torrey on the trumpet with the organist. There was a goodly attendance, and every one enjoyed the fine sermon by the pastor and the lovely music by the concerted choir.

The cantata at four o'clock was largely attended by people from all churches, and the beautiful music, entitled "Bethlehem," with special scripture readings and a poem by the pastor, was greatly enjoyed by all. The soloists were Mrs. C. B. Ames, soprano; Mrs. J. F. Mountain, soprano; Mrs. Susan P. Hill, contralto, and Miss Elizabeth Lowe, organist.

Christmas Play.

The Christmas entertainment at the Unitarian church on Christmas eve opened with the supper at six o'clock, followed by a charming little play by the children under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Mountain and Mrs. W. R. Robinson. The title of the play was "A Christmas Eve in a Northern Town." It was a story of a young girl who had a huge mound of snow, icicles hanging down and the Christmas snow lightly falling. The children's costumes were unique and added greatly to the play. Miss Peabody, as Christmas, was dressed in white and had a white and blue costume, as Christmas, was dressed in white and had a white and blue costume.

The little snowflakes danced very prettily in the opening scene, and the various costumes represented the characters finely, and the recitations and parts were exceptionally well done. The children of the Sunday school marched in singing to the tree, where Santa Claus had his throne, concluding a merry Christmas eve.

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A very pretty and pleasing cantata, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Kline and Miss Rosalie Tricot, entitled "Santa's joy factory," was staged by the school at the Town Hall at Groton, last week Wednesday.

The principal characters were fancy doll, Beppi Simonetto; mammy doll, Alice Parker; Scotch doll, Dorothy Blood; sailor doll, Frances Johnston; baby doll, Edith; rag doll, Florence Taylor; worsted doll, Helen Brown; French doll, Caroline Allen; brownies, Thomas Malley, Carl Busby, Frances Hallert; Santa Claus, Warren Hallett; Jack-in-the-box, Richard Parker; Jack Frost, Ralph Blood; snowflakes, girls of grades 1 and 2; snow queen, Lorraine Parker; Japanese dolls, girls of grades 3 and 4; soldiers, boys of grades 3 and 4; Christmas candies, girls of grades 3 and 4.

Vocal solos were rendered by Bertie Simonetto, Alice Johnston and Hazel Woodworm. A solo dance was rendered by Dorothy Blood. Following the presentation of the cantata Santa Claus, impersonated by Ralph Simonetto, made his appearance and distributed various descriptions.

The children were also given oranges and French favors, which were bought with money donated by one of the local ladies. The tree was prettily decorated by Miss Tricot with the assistance of her small helpers. The hall was also appropriately decorated by Misses Hosmer and Bagley, assisted by the boys of grades 3 and 4.

Citizens of Groton:

A few short months have elapsed since "our boys" returned from overseas, heralded by a reception that none other than America can give. Now that the boys have returned to their various duties, they have carried with them the high thought that they have done all in their power to settle the world-wide dispute, also cherishing our promise that we would grant for their undaunted valor and courage, deeds that were never surpassed in any warfare.

We have in Groton a local post composed of these ex-service men, struggling and doing its best to make both ends meet. Never have they had in the treasury as much as in the past. At the time I find at the time of writing that they have not enough laid aside to pay the rent for one-half year for a small clubhouse, scantily furnished, and insufficient room for a game of pool or billiards. Such are the facts presented to me by Legion members of the post. Anyone patronizing any of the post's entertainments can verify the fact that the people of Groton are not doing what they should for the post. Their entertainments have been excellent, but the attendance at them has not been but a mere handful. It is well known that the town has offered to build or help build a suitable clubhouse for the boys, but what are the members of the post doing? We must be behind them and patronize their entertainments for such is their chief means of carrying on a live post.

If we as a unit or individual wish to assist the Groton post proper, we must assist them in all their undertakings, and in all their financial needs. In towns far smaller than Groton, the net proceeds of any affair or entertainment is all "velvet," but not so in the Lawrence W. Gay post for they find it necessary to use suitable cottages for which they must pay double what it is worth or they would have no rooms whatsoever, notwithstanding that, if the attendance was large enough at their occasional entertainments, they would have sufficient means to carry on a suitable clubhouse. Cannot we get together and give them our utmost support and patronize their entertainments, for they ask nothing more from us than that we get them out of the way which gives us a glimpse of the past regrets unfavorably upon us.

It would be wrong not to mention here that there are some few who have lent them a helping hand and it was surprising to find their generosity in so befitting a manner; but on the other hand, they were likewise very astonished at the way in which the people as a unit have failed to show their appreciation of what the members of the post have done for them by at least attending in goodly numbers the few occasions presented by the post. Groton is far better financially fixed than any of her surrounding towns and we should not be willing to take our hats off to any town that have now got to do, for they have taken an interest in their boys' welfare. Cannot we live up to our promises and see that they are treated fairly and squarely, for there is no club or organization in Groton that merits that better patronage than the posts of the American Legion.

Let us get behind them and see that the Lawrence W. Gay post is not lacking when they ask us to do for them, and let us show them that we appreciate what they have done and that we are with them. A Citizen.

Birthdays.

On Monday, December 26, Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence Davis received her friends informally at her home with the Misses Hutchins on Pleasant street, the occasion being the twenty-first anniversary of her birth. Though confined to her bed most of the time, Mrs. Davis sits up frequently during the day, and enjoys part of her time with sewing, her favorite occupation, though hampered by falling sight. Besides receiving always her birthday presents from any friends, which was taken by A. B. Farwell of this town, as many of her friends wished for her photograph. Though somewhat tired when evening came, Mrs. Davis seemed to enjoy seeing old friends and congratulating and expressing their regards. She was the recipient of many remembrances in the form of letters, postcards and gifts, which included boxes of candy, fruit and other Christmas cheer. The picture of her old friend, Dr. Samuel A. Green. The Girl Scouts brought her an evergreen wreath tied with red ribbon, the Woman's club sent her a beautiful potted plant in full bloom. The Ladies' Benevolent society of East Groton presented her with a box of Christmas dainties, and other friends sent lovely cut flowers. Her friends, Mrs. Ellen A. Barrows of this town aged eighty-three, sent her several original verses with her birthday gift and greeting.

One hundred years ago today, the great rejoicing was in that home. A double Christmas day had come.

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ton and made her home with her brother, Abel, on Hollis street. In a house which she had inherited from her father, she lived for many years. She belonged to the grounds of the Boutwell school. Since Abel Lawrence's death on February 6, 1914, Mrs. Davis has boarded at different places in the town, coming to her present location on September 1, 1920. She possesses a wonderfully alert mind for one living so retired a life and so advanced in years. She has a keen, incisive wit and is quick to appreciate a joke. Her greatest regret is her inability to be constantly employed as in earlier years, and in spite of impaired sight she continues to sew occasionally on clear days. Like most aged people, her memory is clearest on matters relating to the past. She recalls later in life to the First Parish church, and refers to Dr. Amos Barrett as the family doctor in her old days. She is in the opinion of those best informed in local history, she is the second person only in this town to reach the age of 100 years, the first being the late Mrs. Rockwood, the sister of Dr. Chapin, who lived to be 104 years of age. She lived here later days in New York. Mrs. Davis has always restricted herself to a frugal, simple diet, and to this and her quiet life in later years she probably owes her remarkable health and faculties at so advanced an age. She says that though not good, she never has had a severe illness. One of the rhymes which she often repeats at the approach of cold weather is the following: "Here comes winter. Pay the printer. He wants cash as well as you."

West Groton.

The girls employed in the office of Hollingsworth & Yose Company decorated the interior in a very pleasing manner for the Christmas holiday. Last Saturday many gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree and there are 550 church members and a young people's society of 150. Mr. Missilian will have an assistant pastor.

Friends of Mrs. Nellie A. Norris have received announcement of her marriage to Edward L. Stone, in Portland, Me., on December 22. A reception will be held at their home in West Groton, N. H., on December 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawrence, of Kendall Green, welcomed their fourth daughter on December 23.

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Miss Sara A. Richardson is at home for ten days from her school duties in Palmer.

Mrs. Fern was a recent visitor at Lewis W. Richardson's.

Clifton E. Steele was at home over Sunday.

Three of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee's family came home for the holidays—Misses Ina and Muriel, from Worcester, and Royal, from Northampton.

Frank Furbush, from Manchester, N. H., visited at his sister's, Mrs. P. B. Littlefield, over the holidays.

The Percy Morton family spent Christmas with the Livermores.

Edgar Mead is now with his son in Lunenburg.

Mrs. Charles Burrows received word of the death of her adopted son, who fired the bullets through the windows and doors of my cottages on Lake Warren. ARTHUR W. DREW, Littleton, Mass. 2118.

Miss Mary Henderson spent Christmas with the Sadler family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Farmer of Winter Hill, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Dodge of North Lexington and Mrs. B. C. Steele went to Clinton Monday to an annual Christmas gathering of relatives. They enjoyed the turkey dinner with Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Hager as host and hostess. Mr. Farmer acted as Santa Claus representative at the Christmas party.

B. O. Hager attended the funeral of a relative, John Barnard, of Princeton, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Vessie and family spent the holidays at the home of J. A. Walker. Other relatives were present.

Mrs. Henry Lawrence and little daughter Virginia spent Christmas at the Warren hospital. Mrs. Lawrence Richardson is staying at the Lawrence home a few weeks.

Miss Lucie A. Peabody, who has been ill for two or three years, and was confined at the Elliot hospital, Manchester, N. H., has regained her health, and last summer was spent with her nephews and nieces at West Groton. This winter she is living with her sister in Manchester and is so well she is able to enjoy going out evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Furbush and Mr. and Mrs. Eugent H. Smith went to Braintree for Christmas.

Harry Wetherbee is at home this week from his work in Framingham. The Wetherbee family has been sick since Sunday, but the children are better.

George Richardson and his wife have gone to live with Lewis Richardson. The Charles Richardson family and the Alvin Richardson family were invited there for Christmas last Monday.

Mrs. Eva Davidson and children are visiting in Lincoln.

Church News.

The pageant given by the church school at the town hall on Christmas eve, was well presented and much enjoyed. The committee, Mrs. C. C. Burrows, Miss Hazel Morse and Miss Lucy Wetherbee. Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb had charge of the music, and Mrs. Wetherbee directed the lighting for the various scenes. The children enjoyed the Christmas tree.

Sunday morning the topic of the pastor's discourse was "The light of the world," which was the subject of Percy Morton, Phillips Brooks' beautiful hymn, "O little town of Bethlehem."

For the next three months the morning service will be at 10.45. Church school at twelve.

The annual church business meeting will be held in the afternoon of the second Wednesday in January. A supper will be served and Prof. Dawber from Boston university will be present in the evening. All will surely be glad to hear him.

Sunday the communion service will be held.

Last Tuesday evening Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Burrows chaperoned a party of young people on a sleighride to Maynard.

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Rev. G. M. Missilian, a former pastor here, on December 20 he returned for California, where the first Sunday in January he begins his pastorate of a large church in Fresno. The congregational members are about 1,000 and there are 550 church members and a young people's society of 150. Mr. Missilian will have an assistant pastor.

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News Items. Miss Hilda L. Osgood is home from the Boston School of Physical Education for the holidays. Miss Hortense Sawyer is having a week's vacation from her teaching duties at Wrentham.

The Ayer Branch Alliance will meet in the Unitarian vestry Thursday afternoon, January 5, at 2:30 o'clock. Hostesses, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. H. C. Chase, Mrs. F. S. Pierce and Mrs. S. H. Proctor.

William J. Tatro, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lovi B. Brigham, was an attendant in his youth at the Unitarian church. He was a member of the Sandy Pond School association, taking a great interest in its affairs.

Mr. Reardon, the pastor, celebrated the high mass at 11.15. A special musical program had been arranged by the organist, Mrs. Charles Lothrop, specially adapted for Christmas day, at the late mass.

men's wives, as well as a large number of the men themselves. At 5:30 a mighty Yule, which had been beautifully decorated, was illuminated by searchlights and electric lights and was the cynosure of all eyes.

Proctor's Strand, Ayer. PROCTOR & DONAHUE, Lessees. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31. TOM MOORE in "From the Ground Up." Comedy. Pathe News.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5. "THE MAN OF THE FOREST," a Zane Grey story. Sunshine Comedy.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6. DORIS MAY in "The Foolish Age." Last episode of "Hurricane Hutch." Matinee at 2:00 o'clock. Evenings at 6:15 and 8:15

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Deaths. Thomas F. Rynn of 12 Highland avenue passed away at his late home Thursday afternoon at 1:30.

Following the distribution of the gifts, Father and Mrs. Rynn were complimented by the club on the success of the party and extending to its members the wishes of the pastor and himself for a happy new year.

Monday, December 28, being the day of the observance of Christmas was declared a holiday by the commanding officer. Next Monday, January 2, being celebrated as New Year's day, will also be a holiday for the troops in camp.

Twilight Service. A new year's twilight service will be held in the Army Y. M. C. A. on West Main street on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

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Center. The next meeting of the Birthday club is Tuesday, January 3, at the home of Mrs. Merwin Hodgman...

Joseph McKean. Harold Wood of New York is also a guest at the parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coffey entertained relatives and friends from Ayer at a Christmas party on Monday...

and she has the best wishes of her many friends here for the success which will undoubtedly be hers in her new venture. Christmas was enthusiastically celebrated in this village, commencing on last week Friday with a celebration of the public schools...

LITTLETON

News Items. There was a large family party at David Millet's on Harvard avenue Christmas, the absent daughters and their husbands returning for the holiday...

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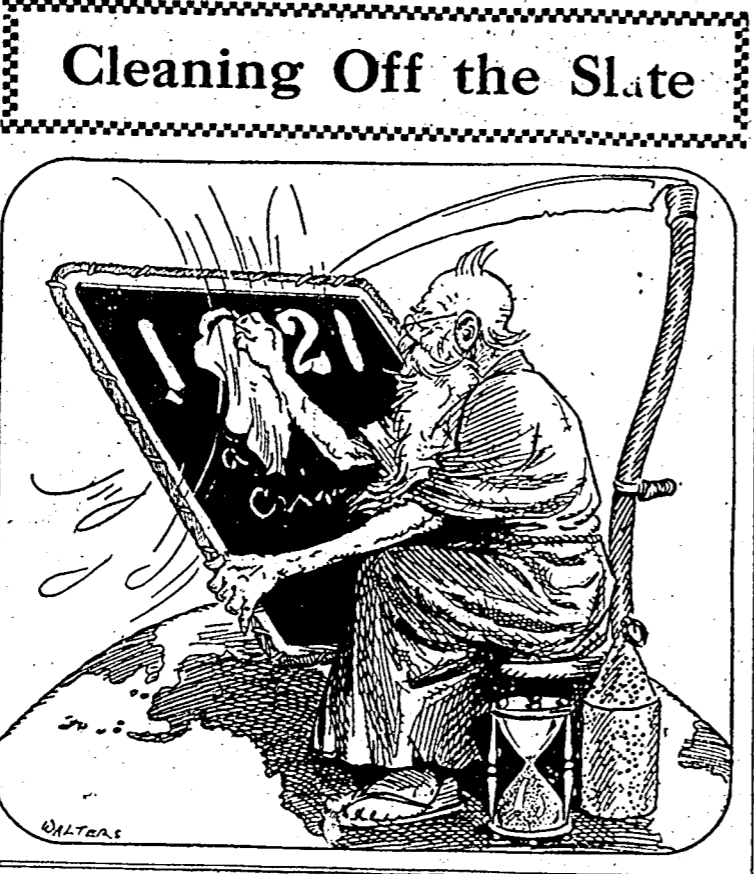
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The temples of Egypt were really observatories, built to face this or that star as it rose. They were more or less elaborate, but all had as their fundamental plan a long narrow passage down which the star's rays came, and a dark chamber at the far end where the priest made the observation and where the image was kept.

The beginning of the new year was an important event. We can picture the scene as the priests, followed by the scribes, lawyers, merchants, and the curious crowd, wind their way up to the temple in the first streaks of dawn, and take their appointed places.

As daylight comes on the interest of everyone is centered on two groups. The priests on the roof are straining their eyes for the first glimpse of the coming sun, while those down in the dark chamber are watching for Sirius. Soldiers are stationed around the temple to keep the crowd silent and to prevent stragglers from crossing the path of the star's rays in front of the temple door at the critical moment.

A shout bursts from those on the roof as the sun tops the horizon. The observers below watch their water clocks carefully now as the minutes are told off, and strain their eyes at the narrow opening where Sirius is to shine. In a few moments Sirius itself flashes into view, and the new year has begun.

The Egyptians discovered that the year has an extra quarter of a day in it. They did it by noting that on some years Sirius and the sun rose almost together, while on others there was an appreciable difference in time, and that these changes repeated themselves every five years.

HOLLIS, N. H. News Items. As has been the custom for several years, the W. R. C. sent twenty-five Christmas boxes to the G. A. R. members, families and others.

Miss Sarah J. Hardy, who has been at the Memorial hospital in Nashua for treatment the past five weeks, has so far recovered that she has left the hospital and is spending a few weeks with her niece, Mrs. George Perham, in Nashua.

Schools reopened at the Center on Wednesday after the holiday recess. Sessions will be held on Saturday.

Miss Harriet F. Brooks, of Manchester, has been the guest of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Woodin.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hardy entertained over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. William Gangloff and their children, of Milford, and Fred C. Hardy and Graham Blood, of Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley E. Foster and two daughters, of Concord, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hardy, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mayoy entertained a pleasant family party over Christmas, having all their children with them. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Mayoy, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connell, Henry, and Dora Mayoy, of Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grant and son, of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Rial Hills spent the holiday with Mrs. Hill's son, Walter Calderwood, and family, of Nashua.

Miss Frances Leighton spent her vacation with her uncle, Charles Howe, in Orlando, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bell have been entertaining Miss Minnie Dodge and Mrs. Helen Litchman, of Nashua.

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and are come to worship him." Special Christmas music was furnished for the occasion.

South Brookline, N. H. News Items. Fred Rockwood was in Manchester on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, attending one of the largest meetings of the New Hampshire assessors' convention.

Mason, N. H. News Items. Santa Claus made the hearts of the children in this town leap with joy at the town hall Thursday evening of last week.

Resolved: To save my money And lead a frugal life. Resolved: To do my duty And still abstain from strife.

Center Piece Hint. To launder heavy embroidered round or oval center pieces, wash and starch quite stiff.

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