

Town Departments' Finances Satisfactory

Most Departments Seem in No Danger of Overdrawing on Appropriations—One or Two Will Have Substantial Balances at End of Year

Most of Andover's larger town departments will just about squeeze through the remainder of the year within their appropriations, according to figures on balances received this week from the office of the town accountant.

The department's total appropriations in March were the only important appropriations which were raised, all the other departments taking a cut.

The two health appropriations amounted to \$6050, or about \$2000 more than was spent a year ago.

Town officers seem to have a safe margin, while the cost of the special town meeting might reduce the election registration item considerably, but it will probably have a safe balance.

The municipal buildings item seems well under control, as do the two public safety appropriations.

Most suppression is very low, but the moth work is being carried on by the state at present, and the account will probably have a very small balance.

The board of public works will have a substantial balance on some of the special articles and a hairline balance on some of the others.

Their regular appropriations should be pretty well depleted by the end of the year, and if the weather man is too free with his snow storms, the snow removal account may run into difficulties.

The public welfare accounts seem well in hand, with the soldiers' relief account returning a substantial portion of its appropriation, unless some very large bills are received.

The school department will probably end up about even, the extra large enrollment having depleted the appropriation a great deal.

The cost per pupil in the last two years has been reduced ten dollars. The library account, however, is in a tight spot, because of the unexpended use of the library facilities.

Over 80,000 books a year are now being circulated.

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Local Labor to Be Used in Projects

In order to clean up some of the misunderstandings prevalent about the Federal Public Works act, the Townsman is here answering some of the questions which are being asked throughout town in connection with the plan which the town will vote on Monday evening.

In the first place the town will secure an outright grant of thirty percent of the cost of labor and materials used in the project from the federal government, and the other seventy percent it may raise any way it sees fit, by appropriation or by borrowing, the only restriction on borrowing being that the interest paid must be not over four percent.

The thirty percent grant is outright, absolutely free with no strings whatsoever attached.

The labor question has puzzled many. The town has the right to stipulate in its contract that local labor is to be preferred, and this must be obeyed. To secure a definite answer to the question of whether or not local labor would be used, the Townsman wrote to the State Advisory Board of the Federal Emergency board and received the following reply, which shows absolutely that the contractor must hire local labor where there is any available capable labor.

"Preference shall be given to citizens of the United States and aliens who have declared their intention of becoming citizens, who are bona fide residents of the political subdivisions in which the work is to be performed, and inasmuch as the Town of Andover is a political subdivision it would be permissible to restrict employment to the citizens of the United States, and aliens who have declared their intention of becoming citizens, who are bona fide residents of Andover, subject to the previous preference given, where they are qualified, to ex-service men with dependents."

The act further states that local labor required for such projects shall be selected from lists prepared by local employment agencies designated by the United States Employment service. Highly skilled or organized labor do not have to register at the agencies, but will be furnished by the local union authorities, but if the unions do not do so in 48 hours after the request is filed with them, the local employment office would furnish an hour for skilled workers and 30 cents per hour for unskilled. A thirty hour week would be in force, but since the hourly rate is no higher than if the work were done under ordinary conditions, the total cost is not raised.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Harrison Brown of Chestnut street is ill with pneumonia.

The directors of the Mothers Club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Fred L. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert J. Smith of 73 Elm street are enjoying a vacation at Miami, Florida.

Miss Nancy Bourne has returned to Wakefield after spending a few days with her grandparents in town.

William A. Harnedy of 24 Summer street sailed from New York recently on a three weeks' cruise to the Caribbean sea.

Four generations were present at the Thanksgiving observance held last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor in Shawheen.

Among those attending the Boston College-Holy Cross football game Saturday were Miss Elizabeth Hurley, William McDonald and Bernard Dwyer.

Andover students graduating from the Essex Agricultural school last week were: Lester Dixon, Arthur Peatman, Wilma Corliss, and Frances Whitley.

James Milnes who is a student at the American International college, Springfield, Mass., is among those whose names appear on the president's mid-semester honor roll.

Ralph A. Karch, supervisor of the Lawrence office of the Registry of Motor Vehicles was the speaker last night at the meeting of the Andover Square and Compass club in the assembly hall.

Mrs. Jeanette W. Enrich was the speaker at the missionary department of the Woman's Union of the South church yesterday afternoon. Her subject was "Making an Intelligent Use of Motion Pictures."

Eight members of the police department attended the session of the police school in Reading Monday night. They were: Chief George E. Dana, William McCarthy, Carl Stevens, David Gillespie, John Devermond, Walter Gordon, W. Winslow Dunnells and George Brown.

The first quarterly report of St. James' school in Haverhill announced by Rev. Thomas O'Toole shows that two Andover boys, Patrick Doyle, sophomore, of Essex street and William Collins, freshman, of Pearson street, have achieved distinction in studies. Both received averages high in the eighties.

Word comes from Mr. James L. Conrad, president of Nichols Junior College, Dudley, Mass., that Milton Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jackson, of 9 Argle street, and Thomas Blunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blunt, of 70 Salem street, were awarded their varsity football letter at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held last week at the college. Mr. Jackson was recently elected captain of the 1934 football team at Nichols.

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School, Electric Pump, and Reservoir Receive Approval of New Finance Committee

School Building and Heating Plant Approved—Gymnasium and Assembly Hall, West Andover Water Plans, Steam Pump Turned Down—Smaller Articles Approved in Hope that CWA Grant May Be Procured

Southern Songs at Academy Tonight

Phillips academy invites the people of Andover to a program of "Negro Exaltations" and Kentucky Mountain songs, given by Miss Marion Kerby, accompanied by Hamilton Forrest.

These unique artists sing folk songs of various kinds but more particularly what they have most aptly termed "Negro Exaltations." They recreate that authentic note of primitive religious ecstasy which is evident wherever the poorer Southern Negroes gathered together for work or prayer.

There is not the slightest trace of parody or irreverence in their presentation. From first to last it is filled with truth and sincerity which leaves one completely defenseless. The songs which are sung by Miss Kerby were collected by the artist herself from the Mountains of Kentucky, and from the Mississippi delta. The arrangements of the accompaniments is of peculiar interest. It preserves the qualities of the primitive material and yet in reality makes them sophisticated and filled with delightful harmonic devices. This is especially true of the mountain songs which can be traced back to early English madrigals.

Before she chose the concert stage as a profession Miss Kerby's fame as a character actress in the drama of the local camp was already established. Her gift for spontaneity and sincerely expressing the intense emotionalism of the negro develops under the spell of music and she sweeps her hearers away with her to the very scenes she depicts.

The musical critic of the London Morning Post says of Miss Kerby: "In her line I do not think I have ever heard anybody equal to her. The manner in which she becomes the very impersonation of the singers of her various songs is masterly."

More Men for C.C.C. The number of boys at the Harold Parker Forest C.C.C. camp was doubled yesterday when about 200 boys were transferred from the camp at Danby, Vt., to the local camp. The Vermonters were the 167th company. They left by train yesterday morning and arrived here in the afternoon.

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Five Cent Fare to Town Meeting

A five cent fare will be charged voters of Andover who use the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway special buses to attend the town meeting Monday night, according to information received yesterday. The original plan had been to charge ten cents, but at the request of the selectmen through chairman Hardy the rate was cut to five cents.

Garfield S. Chase local manager, and Mr. Cummings of the trustees, as well as officials of the public utilities commission were approached in the endeavor to have the rate cut, but the railway officials agreed to the reduction without making it necessary for the selectmen to take any official action before the Public Utilities commission. If the rate had not been cut, an attempt would have been made to have some local busmen cover the route, although this would have involved considerable red tape, since the railway holds the franchise for that route.

The buses will in all probability start leaving the square at seven o'clock and will make a trip every five minutes thereafter. The meeting starts at 7:45.

Information for Motorists The baseball cage is located on Highland road very near South Main street.

Parking will be allowed on Salem street and Highland road, but Highland road traffic will probably be one-way only. If the ground is frozen, parking will be allowed on the A.V.I.S. plot near Highland road and South Main, and if necessary, on the playing fields.

Information received this morning states that there will be three special buses here running on a five minute schedule from 7:00 to 7:45.

Free Church Notes Rev. Alfred C. Church will preach the first in a series of Christmas sermons Sunday morning at the Free church. The series is entitled "Gifts," and will contain the following: "Gift of Gold," December 10; "Gift of Frankincense," and December 17; "Gift of Myrrh."

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Vote Wisely

Monday night Andover will have one of the most important special town meetings that it has ever had, and yet one hears quite often people saying: "Why should I go? There's nothing going to happen that will affect me." That attitude certainly is not conducive to good government, and is taken usually by those who howl the loudest if anything happens that they do not like. The duty of every single Andover citizen Monday night is to go to that meeting and to vote carefully on each and every article according to his best judgment. If anything goes wrong, the ones who will be to blame will be those who have not exercised their voting privileges or have exercised them indifferently.

Those who say that they do not care because they don't pay any taxes will be only hurting themselves, because taxes are paid by property-owners and property-owners have to increase rents if taxes are boosted. So everyone in town should be vitally interested in the meeting Monday evening, because it is every one's dollars that are at stake, and if the town thinks that money should be spent, everyone should be interested in seeing that the funds are spent wisely.

Too often in the past the town has gone to town meeting not knowing what it is all about, and as a result the voters have usually left at the end of the meeting knowing just about as much as they did when they entered the hall. The Townsman has made an endeavor on this occasion to present to its readers all the pertinent facts on each of the seventeen articles included in the warrant. The school problem has been discussed extensively of course from every possible

angle, and today the Board of Public Works is presenting its views on the various articles it is sponsoring in the warrant. This material together with facts gathered about the articles sponsored privately is all included in today's issue. There have been several meetings held throughout the town to discuss the warrant, so that all in all there will be no excuse for anyone who wants to know what the articles are about going to that meeting without the necessary knowledge.

Tax Commissioner Long in an interesting communication received recently states: "The test of what a town should spend I think should always be: I have so much money to spend. Now how shall I best spend it? Some will argue to spend it on the roads, others will say that it should be used to reduce our outstanding debt and the appropriation for public welfare may take at least a portion of the money without direct consent of the individuals, but the sum total of all the money that they spend for these activities should come within the capacity of the taxpayers to pay. If the sum total of the expenditures to meet all the needs of Andover does not exceed the capacity of the people who pay direct taxes in Andover, it does not seem to me that anybody needs to worry.

On the other hand, if there is a limit to the capacity of the taxpayers of Andover to meet the needs, then only those needs which are pressing can be met by force of circumstances be met."

Andover has a serious problem facing it Monday night, and the citizens can best solve that problem by going to the town meeting, going informed, weighing all the information given during the meeting, and finally voting intelligently with a view to helping the town.

Siftings

Al probably wishes the C.W.A. funds were being used to cut the grass on the city streets.

Horses are used extensively in the preparation of serum, a speaker told the P.T.A. Wednesday night. Some people in town thought they were only used to lose money on.

Mr. Hardy got that five-cent fare quicker than ex-mayor Jimmie Walker even thought of getting it.

Maybe lots of people will go to town meeting just to see what it's like to ride for a nickel again.

We hope the dirt will all be on the floor Monday night.

A certain woman in New York has been forbidden by her husband to serve alphabet soup, baloney, or old potatoes.

Just imagine! Now you can do legally what you've been doing illegally for years.

Plenty of heat has been promised for the cage Monday night. As if any heat would be needed! Or maybe they expect a frost.

Abbot Academy Notes

Rev. Charles Henry of Christ church conducted the service in Abbot Hall on Sunday evening, December 3.

On Tuesday evening, December 5, William Webster Ellsworth lectured on Scott and Harriet, with some emphasis upon Stevenson and other authors. The lecture was well illustrated by slides.

Plans for Christmas festivities are under way. A committee from the Christian Association shopped for the many gifts which are annually sent to the Hindman School in the Kentucky mountains. Fraz boxes containing clothing and toys will soon be packed, and a feature of the collection will be the dolls which are contributed, and sometimes dressed, by the seniors. Before the packing is undertaken, a doll show is held in the Recreation Room.

The pupils of the music department will give a recital on Saturday to which friends of the school are invited. The place is Davis Hall, and the time two-forty-five.

Rev. A. T. Fowler of Lawrence will be the speaker at the Sunday evening service, December 10.

The Abbot Dramatic Society will present three one-act plays on Tuesday evening, December 12, in Davis Hall. The cost of admittance will be fifty cents. The casts follow: Fleurette and Company, by Essex Dane; Mrs. Margaret Payntor, Margaret Morrill; Madame Dufour, Parker; The Minuet, by Louis N. Marquis; Marquis, Molly Savage; Marchioness, Evelyn Klevin; Gaudier, Barbara Reinhardt. The Marriage Proposal, by Anton Tchekov; Tschubakov, Mercedes Clos, Natalia, Anne Hurlburt, Lomov, Mary Flaherty.

Before the Christmas holidays begin on December 20, the party for Andover children and for the old people from the Town Farm will take place on the sixteenth, and the Christmas service will be held on Sunday evening, the seventeenth. All friends of the school are warmly welcomed to the service.

Rebekah Meeting


Miss Dorothy Dowloff, president of the Rebekah assembly and her staff of officers, were guests Monday night at the meeting of Indian Ridge Rebekah lodge, 136, I.O.O.F., in Fraternal hall. A home cooked supper was served at 6:30. The business meeting began at 7:45 and an entertainment followed.

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Communications

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DEAR MR. EDITOR:
I won't take much of your space this time. I just wanted to tell you and the readers of your paper that I have an engagement in the baseball cage next Monday night and I expect to have a little talk with your friend Mr. Frost. I shall in all probability act in the capacity of the paymaster. I'll be seen' you.
MATTHEW BURNS,
6 Dumbarton Street

"The Coming Crisis"

EDITOR OF TOWNSMAN:
On the evening of December 11th the voters of Andover will be asked to register their votes for or against eighteen articles of our town Warrant calling for the expenditures of nearly \$600,000, for special town projects. This amount is more than double the amount of money ever before asked for in any one year during the entire history of our town.

How many of the voters have a clear cut idea of what this enormous amount of the taxpayer's money is for? How many have taken the trouble to inform themselves? Will the voters register our intelligence or merely our sentiments?

Take for instance the major article in the Warrant, calling for \$479,960 (the total cost with interest charges) by our school authorities, how many of the voters know, with any clarity of conception just why this amount is asked for and what specific purpose it is intended to serve? \$269,080 (including interest charges) is asked for the erection of a Junior High School building. But what is their reply, by a Junior High School as distinct from any other form of school? How many in the "Cage" on the evening of December 11th could definitely answer?

I recently asked one of the most enthusiastic advocates of the project, who fairly bubbled over in his advocacy of it, "Just what do you mean by a Junior High School?" The directness of my question completely flabbergasted him. Finally he confessed his ignorance. He had only the most nebulous idea of it but hoped the project would furnish him a job. Yet this is one of our respected and intelligent citizens. I put the question to one of our leading business men, a former graduate of Pundarch, who is vitally interested in town affairs. His reply was: "Frankly I don't know. I have no clear idea of it."

More recently I asked one of the best educated women I personally know, this same question. She is an honored member of the "League of Women Voters." Her reply, though prompt and positive, showed equal haziness.

The Townsman, in its November 17th issue makes this statement: "The trouble with the Junior High System here in Andover has been this: Some of the people don't understand it, and others won't understand it, and a deplorable fact, yet he does not enlighten his readers. He claims that a "Junior High School system" will give the children a "proper education." Others say it will "fit them for life." But what do they mean by "proper education," and by "fitness" and by "life." The taxpayers of Andover are entitled to a knowledge more definite and specific than is found in these general statements.

They should be told what constitutes fitness and the new processes to be employed to secure it; also, what is meant by "life."

Life today is vastly different from what it was even three years ago and three years hence it promises to be vastly different from what it is now. Who can predict what "life" will be when our present 7th and 8th grades of boys and girls come face to face with its problems. Because the 7th and 8th grades are crowded into the Stowe School is no more reason for the erection of a Junior High School type of building than for the erection of a high school building. Here is a special teacher for each of their studies. There are 8000 qualified teachers in Massachusetts alone and 30000 in the U. S. who are today eager for a job. Why not employ more teachers, one if need be for every empty school room. Not in the country, as in the city, where the cost of the same janitor service is a trifle more for heating. I still claim that the cost of one new room for the Junior High would pay the salaries of 7 new teachers.

The Principal, in his last Report (1932) says "I believe next year will see a maximum not to be exceeded for some time." If we have reached our maximum of empty school rooms, why not erect a new Junior High School building, why not wait "for some time" till this terrible depression lets up?

Our Superintendent is less hazy on this whole scheme as shown by the following quotation from his annual report (1919) page 18: "It probably is true that it will be necessary to change the purposes of the seven and eight years of a child's school life from that of training to that of development and finding out. It is with this in view that the Junior High Schools have recently been started with a larger variety of subjects and more manual arts in order to furnish the children larger opportunities to do themselves."

The object, the methods, and purposes of this new school building, then, is to enable our boys and girls to "find themselves," and this, not through the "training" of the brain but through the training of the hand. Through hand work and other tests he is to discover his preference and constitutional fitness for his life work. This is what is meant by "Vocational Guidance." Our outlying schools have no facilities for handwork. The carpenter's shop, cooking room and sewing room are at the centre. These must be maintained even if it costs the town \$479,960 to build school rooms around them.

Geo. B. Frost

(Note: Mr. Frost seems to feel that the Townsman in the last few weeks has not carried any specific material on the school problem. Most people realize that the Townsman has had material, specific material, on the subject, but in order to help Mr. Frost out in his misunderstanding of the problem, there is printed below a bibliography of material printed in the Townsman in the last few weeks.)

Nov. 17, p. 2, col. 1: correcting the mistakes in Mr. Frost's first communication, specifically.

Nov. 3, p. 2, col. 2: showing Andover's debt comparatively very low, with specific figures.

Nov. 10, p. 2, col. 4: State Commissioner on value of new subjects.

Nov. 10, p. 2, col. 1: what is being taught at Stowe school, specifically—no "fills."

Nov. 17, p. 1, col. 5: State Supervisor: "few communities with so poor facilities for 7th and 8th grades as Andover."

Nov. 17, p. 2, col. 1: history and reasons for junior high, specifically.

Nov. 17, p. 2, col. 1: definite figures on principal and interest for new building.

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What the Articles in the Town Warrant Mean, Summarized

Townsman Presents Concise Statements on All the Articles in the Warrant—Board of Public Works Gives Explanation of Its Stand

The Townsman offers herewith for the information of the voters of Andover a brief statement on each article to be acted on at the town meeting next Monday evening. The statements have been procured so that the voters will be able to vote intelligently at the meeting.

The School Project

The school project has been discussed extensively in these columns, and any further remarks here would be only repetition. Briefly, however, the plan calls for building under the NRA federal grant provisions a new junior high school building and heating plant, for which a sum of \$230,000 is asked; a new assembly hall, for which \$110,000 is asked; and a new gymnasium, for which \$66,000 is asked. These figures are all ten times higher than the amateur's estimates, to allow for possible rise in prices, and the surplus will of course return to the town. The part that the town will have to borrow will be seventy percent of the various sums mentioned, or a total of \$280,000. The proposals are based on the overcrowded condition of the present school building, and the new school building will relieve both. The motion at town meeting will call for the appointment of a building committee.

Appropriation for Truck Hire

Article two asks for \$2250 to be used for material and truck hire for resurfacing roads. The town is able to procure money from the Federal Civil Works Administration for labor on rebuilding gravel roads, but the Board of Public Works does not have sufficient funds for the material and truck hire. Before Andover can have this money, it must provide funds for everything but labor. The selectmen are requesting this appropriation.

The Pump Situation

On the question of a new pump the Board of Public Works ran into a difficult situation when a counter proposal to its request was inserted in the warrant. The board's proposal calls for electric pump and electric piping for a steam pump. It would take advantage of the federal grant. The Board of Public Works has issued the following statement on the matter.

"The Board of Public Works have had Messrs. Weston & Sampson Engineers, of Boston prepare a set of estimates on present equipment as the completely automatic electric pump, and also calculate the operating costs of these various types of equipment. Briefly these are as follows:

(1) Steam crank and flywheel engine and pump with present steam and electric equipment as spare. Cost of installation \$37,000. Cost of pumping per mil. gals. \$34.65.

(2) Two Diesel Engine Pumping Units geared to centrifugal pumps, with present steam pump retained as standby equipment with no electric pump considered. Cost of installation \$54,000. Cost of pumping per mil. gals. \$35.20.

(3) Steam Turbine driven pumps with present steam equipment as spare, with no electric pump considered. Cost of installation \$32,000. Cost of pumping per mil. gals. \$32.10.

(4) One Steam Turbine pump used with present steam and electric pumps as spares. Cost of installation \$20,000. Cost of pumping per mil. gals. \$32.60.

"Items 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 cover various combinations of electric pumping, variations being in size and number of units, method of operation and amount of labor involved.

(5) One 1460 g.p.m. electric pump retaining present steam and electric pumps as spares. This unit pumps against a head of 315 feet, and owing to the high capacity, the friction loss is high with a consequent high operating cost. Cost of installation \$8500. Cost of pumping per mil. gals. \$38.30.

(6) One 750 g.p.m. electric pump, with present steam and electric pumps as spares. This unit pumps against a head of 315 feet, and is completely automatic electric station with minimum attendance and labor. The control will operate either or both the new and old electric units depending on the demand for water. This includes automatic oil heating for the station and also automatic chlorinating equipment. Cost of installation \$16,000. Cost of pumping per mil. gals. \$26.90.

(7) One 750 g.p.m. electric pump, one 4050 g.p.m. gasoline standby unit and present 1200 g.p.m. electric pump and present steam pump, non-automatic. This covers the same pumping equipment as in Item (6), except the fully automatic operation is eliminated, and all equipment is manually operated. The oil heat is also eliminated, as the present steam plant will be available for heating.

Cost of installation \$12,000. Cost of pumping per mil. gals. \$29.00.

(8) One 750 g.p.m. electric pump and present steam and electric pumps as spares—non-automatic, manually operated. This eliminates the gasoline standby, and is based on running the present steam pump one eight hour shift per week. It also contemplates the reduction of the operating force to one shift. Any additional pumping to be done by electric pump unattended. Cost of installation \$7000. Cost of pumping per mil. gals. \$27.60.

(9) Same as Item (8), but both shifts attended. This covers the same equipment as Item (8) only that it is based on running the present steam pump two eight hour shifts per week, and the maintaining of the present operating force intact. Cost of installation \$7000. Cost of pumping per mil. gals. \$31.80.

"All operating costs are based on an annual pumping of 365 million gallons, while the present rate is approximately 315 million gallons per year, indicating that the future growth of the town has been carefully considered by the Engineers.

"The Board has given much time and thought to the question as to which plan should be recommended to the Town as best suited to its needs, and have decided to recommend Item (9) for the following reasons:

"It involves a minimum of expense for equipment at a time when the taxpayers of the Town deserve every consideration at the hands of its officers in the expenditure of funds, or the incurring of financial obligations.

"It provides for no change in the present personnel at the Pumping Station at a time when the Government is exerting its every resource to increase employment.

"The main reason for recommending this installation is that the 750 g.p.m. pump will be used as the main pumping unit, pumping against a head of 257 feet as compared with the 1200 g.p.m. pump used at the present pumping station. It thus shows a saving in power cost of approximately \$3.80 per mil. gals.

"It provides lower total operating cost per mil. gals. pumped than any other form of power which can be used where present attendance is considered, and as cheap pumping as the completely automatic electric station, when one considers that the saving in automatic electric pumping over manual electric pumping is entirely in the labor dispensed with.

"It is adaptable in its entirety to any future policy that may be decided upon as to station expansion, whether it be steam or automatic electric pumping."

"The steam pump proposal is contained in article 4, and asks an appropriation of \$37,000. While the article does not state that the town should take advantage of federal aid for this purpose, it is understood that the motion at the meeting will provide for this. The arguments for the steam pump are contained in an article on the James Otis club meeting which will be found in another column.

"The Board of Public Works is also requesting a new reservoir to be located adjacent to the present one on Bancroft road. No sum is mentioned in the warrant or in the board's statement, but it is understood that the request will be for \$23,000. This would also take advantage of federal aid.

"The board's statement on the reservoir follows:

"Our present low service reservoir on Bancroft road is of 1,500,000 gallon capacity and serves the central, business and residential areas of the town as well as Shawsheen Village, Ballardville, and West Andover. The high pressure reservoir located on Prospect Hill is of 750,000 gallon capacity and serves the hill and that portion of the town in which the elevation is too great to be adequately supplied by the low service reservoir.

"The combined storage is 2,250,000 gallons.

"Our average daily pumpage for 1932 was 861,920 gallons, and the maximum daily pumpage 1,767,000 gallons.

"This shows two and one-half average days, or about one and one-quarter maximum days storage.

"We quote from Weston & Sampson's report on reservoir capacity:

"The requirements for fire protection by the N. E. Insurance Exchange would call for 3,000 gals. per minute for a period of 10 hours, or 1,800,000 gals. at the end of five day maximum consumption period.

"The present reservoir storage does not give (Continued on page 3, column 3)

NEWS OF OTHER DAYS

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Miss Grace Higgins has entered the employ of the Andover Press.

A debate was held in Pemberton hall, Lawrence, last Friday night by the Andover and Lawrence debating society. This organization is composed of colored residents in this vicinity. The subject of debate was: Resolved, that President Roosevelt was justified in discharging the colored soldiers in Brownsville. The debate was decided in the negative.

Last Tuesday evening about six o'clock, Dr. P. S. Page found a strange man in his home on Main street.

Lewis P. Lindsay has been elected captain of the Pundarch track team for the season of 1909.

The Indian Ridge Kindergarten made a holiday excursion to Lawrence yesterday to see the Christmas toys.

Warren K. Moorehead, curator of the department of Archaeology of Phillips Academy has now in preparation a work entitled "The Stone Age."

Matthew Burns was elected alderman in Lawrence Tuesday.

Ten Years Ago

Five horses and a pony were burned to death and property valued at \$50,000 was destroyed when a stable on Park street belonging to John F. McDonough, contractor, was swept by fire shortly before two o'clock Monday morning.

Samuel Hibbert left town Monday evening to rejoin the ship "Wyoming" after spending a fifteen-day furlough at his home on High street.

Sidney White and Edward Buchan of this town are planning to spend the winter in southern climes.

Following a two weeks' chase through several states, Patrick J. Joyce, alias Harry Clark, a former hostler in the Virginia Hotel, was arrested in Virginia Tuesday charged with the robbery on November 8 of jewels valued at \$10,000 from the Curran residence.

Negotiations are underway to construct a new business block at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets.

Miss Marion E. Ingalls of Haverhill and Adam J. Micheli of Andover were married Wednesday evening at Tufts college.

Stowe School Notes

The question of having school banking at Stowe School again is under discussion in the home-rooms. This system, carried out in cooperation with the local savings bank, allows pupils to deposit money by means of savings stamps purchased at school without having to visit the bank itself.—Donald Cole

Miss Rita Atkinson of the Stowe school faculty took the 8F class to the Addison Gallery of Art Tuesday, December 5.

Miss Elizabeth Robinson of the gallery staff lectured on "Social Trends in America in the Seventeenth Century." The lecture was illustrated with slides.

Later the class visited the rooms where Colonial furniture, silver, and glassware are displayed.—Gilbert Groat

A pigeon club was formed and named the Arrow Flying Club on Wednesday at two p.m. at Stowe School. Officers elected were: President, Foster Zink; secretary, John Rogge; treasurer, George Zink; Leader of Club, Mr. Arthur Jenkins. Anyone wishing to join is cordially invited to attend the next meeting at Stowe School Wednesday, December 13.

Advertised Letters

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Boy Seeking Work

Lands in Hospital

William Foucher, 19, of Topping road started to look for work under the C. W. A. Tuesday morning, but ended up in the Lawrence General hospital with a slight concussion as the result of falling from a motor truck on Park street. The truck was driven by Eugene Mercier of Topping road. Foucher was carried to the police station for medical attention and was later removed to the hospital in the fire department ambulance. The accident happened before he had a chance to apply for employment.

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2.30, Friday, Woman's Alliance, "Current Events."

9.45, Sunday, Church school; 10.45, Morning worship; "An Occasion for Praise"; 10.45, Church kindergarten; 6.30, Christian Endeavor; 6.30, Wednesday, Church school supper.

2.30, Thursday, Sewing meeting, Women's Union.
4.00, Junior Choir; 7.00, Senior choir; 8.00, A. P. C. sorority.
7.00, Friday, Troop 3, Boy Scouts.

10.30, Sunday, Public worship with sermon by the pastor. "Great Influences on Life: 4. Country and Age"; 12.00, Sunday school in the vestry.

9.30, Sunday, Sunday school in Balmer hall.

9.30, Sunday, Sunday school, Perley Gilbert, general superintendent; 10.45, Morning worship. C. Roberts of Boston University, "The Soul's Journey in a Liberator." Children's talk, "The Wooden Parable." A service of devotional music; 6.15, Christian Endeavor, Miss Dorothy Bacon, leader; 7.00, Popular Sunday evening service. Both a good sing and special vocal and instrumental music. Mrs. H. Allison Morse, soloist. Speaker, Professor Franklin G. Roberts of Boston University. These services are growing in number each week.

7.45, Wednesday, Sunday school council meets with the midweek meeting.
Thursday, Choir rehearsals.
8.00, Friday, Sunday committee meeting.
Saturday, Christmas sale and supper by the Woman's Union. Sale begins at 3.00. Supper from 5.00 to 7.00.

10.30, Sunday, Rev. S. C. Beane will take as his subject, "An Honest Confession." Singing by the vested choir. Church school at 11.45. V. P. R. U. at 7.30. Brief service of worship, John Osagood, speaker. Subject, "Chicago and the World's Fair."
10.10 a.m. An automobile belongs the Andover Bookstore for the Unitarian church at North Andover. A welcome to all.

Sunday Masses: 6.30, 8.15, 9.30, 10.30 a.m., Holy Day Masses: 5.30, 7.00, 8.30 a.m.
Sunday evening: 7.45, Rosary, Sermon, Benediction.
Baptisms: Sunday 3:00 p.m.
First Friday Masses: 5.30, 6.45, 7.30 a.m. Communion 7:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Month Communion Day for Sacred Heart Sodality.
Third Sunday of Month: Children's Communion Day.
Fourth Sunday of Month: B.V.M. Sodality Communion Day.
Devotions in honor of St. Therese every Friday evening, 7.45.
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LOST

Andover Savings Bank

The following pass books issued by the Andover Savings Bank have been lost and application has been made for the issuance of duplicate books.

Payment has been stopped. Book Nos. 19280, 24437. FREDERIC S. BOUTWELL, Treasurer

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Commissioners of Essex County: GENTLEMEN:

The undersigned Selectmen of the town of Andover respectfully represent that common convenience and necessity require that a highway be laid out in the town of Andover leading from River Street following substantially what is now known as the Lowell Junction road westerly across the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad north of the Lowell Junction Station and extending beyond the tracks of the Lowell branch of said Railroad for about one-quarter of a mile.

WHEREFORE they pray that after due notice and hearing, the Commissioners may lay out the highway as above described.

FRANK H. HADY, JEREMIAH J. DALY, ANDREW McTERSEN, Board of Selectmen

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Essex, ss. Court of County Commissioners, October Term, A.D. 1933, to wit: November 29, 1933.

On the foregoing petition ORDERED: That said petitioners give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the Court House in Salem in said county, on Tuesday the nineteenth of December 1933, at 11 o'clock, A.M., by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper printed in Andover in said county, the said publication to be seven days at least before the said nineteenth day of December, and also by publishing the same in the Townsman and the Directors of the Boston & Maine Railroad with an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon, fifteen days at least; and by posting up an attested copy thereof in two public places in said town, seven days at least, before the said nineteenth day of December, at which time and place said Commissioners will proceed to view the premises and make such order in relation to the prayer of said petition as by law they may be authorized to do.

Attest: A. N. FROST, Clerk.

A true copy of said petition and order thereon.

Attest: E. PHILIP LITTLEFIELD, Deputy Asst. Clerk.

A true copy Attest: GUSTAV A. STACHELIUS, Deputy Sheriff

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, ss. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of William D. Currier late of Andover in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Edmund B. Choate, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him one of the executors therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Newburyport in said County of Essex, on the twenty-sixth day of December, A.D. 1933, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Harry R. Dow, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fifth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

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FOR SALE—Pure bred red chow chow puppies. G. R. Abbott, Upland road. Telephone 347-M, Andover.

FOR SALE—Must sell at once six rooms of furniture, including electric refrigerator, large rug, \$10; almost new 1933 cabinet radio \$15, now in storage in Andover. Write Mrs. S. Wilmut Johnston, 150 Fellows, Medford.

LEGAL NOTICES

Andover National Bank

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Andover National Bank, will be held at its banking room, 23 Main street, Andover, Mass., Tuesday, the ninth day of January, 1934, at 10 o'clock a.m. for the choice of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

CHESTER W. HOLLAND, Cashier December 1, 1933

Communications

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Nov. 17, p. 4, col. 1: architect's definite estimates on new buildings. Nov. 17, p. 4, col. 2: heating expert's report on heating system. Nov. 17, p. 4, col. 3: increase in number of 7th and 8th graders over 150 in last five years. Definite figures.

Nov. 17, p. 4, col. 3: recommendations of state same as local authorities.

Nov. 17, p. 4, col. 4: Andover's ability to pay school taxes. Definite figures.

Nov. 24, p. 2, col. 5: specific reasons for Junior high by state supervisor.

Nov. 24, p. 2, col. 1: detailed description of purposes and organization of local junior high.

Nov. 24, p. 2, col. 4: figures showing that Andover's school costs have mounted far less rapidly than those of most other departments.

Nov. 24, p. 2, col. 5: "mystery story" by Mr. Burns, very specific.

Nov. 24, p. 3, col. 3: "interested parents" correcting mistakes in Mr. Frost's last communication, specifically.

Dec. 1, p. 1, col. 5; p. 2, col. 4: showing definite figures on tax rate changes.

Dec. 1, p. 2, col. 1: cost of decentralization prohibitive, specific figures.

Mr. Frost makes the mistake from a logician's point of view of quoting only a part of a person's article or talk and forgetting the rest of it, leaving the readers to draw the wrong inference from the segregated quotation. For instance, in the above communication he quotes only a part of the Townsman article of November 17th, and neglects to mention that the rest of the article was very specific. He mentions three people with whom he has talked, and neglects to mention that there are some 9000 other people in town, a good many of whom know what the junior high plan is, and so favor it. He quotes the superintendent's report of 1919 attempting to prove that the superintendent today is hazy on the matter. There have passed fourteen years since 1919, a year in which the junior high plan was just developing. Since that time the superintendent has explained the plan in his reports, specifically in his 1929 report. We would recommend that Mr. Frost read this and see if the superintendent is hazy on the subject.

Mr. Frost in accusing the Townsman of not being definite states that the Townsman did not define life, and then in his next sentence he himself says: "Life today is vastly different,"—but he neglects to define "life."—E. J. G.)

Andover's Big Bad Wolf

Long ago there were three R's, In the days of our grandpas; And the big bad, very big, very bad wolf, He cheered them with three ra's.

District schools were holding sway, And he said, "Now well they may; But aged yet little, Time struck with his scythe.

And they fell into decay, Stingy wolf is fond of cents, He'd like to keep the tots in tents, When time was ripest, he asked for a typist, And framed these arguments.

First of all came "Nil on frills, They will raise my big tax bills; Though tots may yearn to live and learn, We must leave bigger will's.

Hah-Hah-Hah! The poor little poor little kids Must sit and learn three R's! Who's afraid of the big bad wolf, the big bad wolf, the big bad wolf!

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf, tra-la-la-la-la.

Came the days of gear and clutch, And the wolf got into Dutch, For as time do change, it's not so strange, That the schoolhouse filled too much.

Board and super asked the town To approve the project sound, But the wolf gave a howl, and deplored with a scowl,

"Oh please keep my tax rate down. No one else can ever be, So poor as overburdened me, When you meet, I must repeat, That you may viewpoint see."

Now we meet on Monday eve, The old notions let us leave; Let us help out the children, and vote for a building.

Our prestige to retrieve, Hah-Hah-Hah! The poor little, poor little kids, Rejoice and laugh Hah-Hah! Who's afraid of the big bad wolf, the big bad wolf, the big bad wolf!

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf, tra-la-la-la-la.

(Written with the humblest of apologies—to the original author.)

Marriage

Alfred Johnson, 400 Highland avenue, Malden and Edith T. Cahoon, 400 Highland avenue, Malden, married November 25 at 6 Stonehedge road by Rev. Frederick B. Noss.

Legion Auxiliary Whist Tonight

A public whist will be held tonight at eight o'clock in the Legion rooms by the Legion auxiliary. Mrs. Harry Gouck and Mrs. Walter Ebersbach are in charge.

What the Articles in the Town Warrant Mean

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proper fire protection. We would recommend that additional storage of 1,500,000 gals. be provided adjacent to the present low service reservoir. The most favorable location is probably to the north of the present structure, partly on private property. The area necessary to acquire would be one acre. An open reservoir enclosed by a suitable fence would give reasonable sanitary protection, and this is the most economical type to construct. The bottom slopes should be paved with concrete as a protection against leakage, and to aid in cleaning out the reservoir. The flow line and bottom would be at the same elevation as the existing structure.

"Andover, with a population of 10,000 shows a greater per capita consumption than many towns of similar size.

"Reading, with 8000 residents had a daily consumption in 1932 of 432,000 gallons with a reservoir capacity of 1,500,000 gallons, or more than three days supply.

"Andover's water consumption is greatly increased by our manufacturing, farm and school demands.

"For example, the Tver Rubber Co. used in a recent quarter 12,931,800 gallons, or over 15 percent of the total water pumped.

"The Shawshen Mills in times of low water in the summer months find it necessary to supplement Shawshen River water with water from the town mains.

"For example, in one quarter the Shawshen Mills used 18,002,235 gallons.

The following is a list of some of the large users of water taken from our reservoirs: quarter from July to October 1933, showing a total amount used by fourteen takers of 23,072,810 gallons. The total amount of water pumped in this quarter was 83,789,000 gallons, showing that these takers consumed 27.1 per cent of the water pumped in that quarter.

Tver Rubber Co. 12,931,800 Rasmussen 261,060

Shawshen Mills (Power House) 223,500 P. A. Swim. Pool 334,925

Cross' Pool 571,650 Marland Mills 185,700

Watson, Park Co. 1,141,750 Shawshen Laundry 179,475

Shawshen Mills 2,080,125 Shawshen Dairy 3,029,625

Clark Farm 198,000 P. A. Dining Hall 179,700

Musgrove Bldg. 231,525 Andover Laundry 1,533,975

23,072,810

"With an increase of 1,500,000 gallons storage the total would be raised to 3,750,000 gallons, one to our and one-quarter average, or slightly over two maximum days demand. In case of any serious breakdown of the pumping equipment, or mains this reserve supply would give service for sufficient time to enable repairs to be made and pumping resumed.

A larger reservoir will also allow of more economical pumping if the new 750 g.p.m. pump is installed, as the level in the reservoir can be allowed to drop during peak demand and refilled at a slower and more economical rate without lowering our storage to a dangerous degree, whereas with a lesser storage capacity it would be necessary at all times to keep the reservoir full which would require the operation at times of the 1200 g.p.m. pump at a higher power cost.

"We believe that the present is the opportune time to build this reservoir, as part of the cost can be obtained on a Government grant."

Water for West Andover District

Articles six through ten request a total appropriation of \$91,500 for supplying water to the district beyond Haggets pond. Since the level of the land is high there, this will require a new standpipe and booster pump to be located on Wood Hill in that district. This would bring running water to fourteen houses and the Bailey school, which at present is not in use. The money, in addition to that for the pump, standpipe, suction pipe and discharge pipe, would be spent approximately as follows:

\$4500 booster pumping station to stand-pipe, 1300 feet of ten inch pipe;

\$8100 Haggets Pond road force main to Bailey road, 2250 feet of ten inch pipe;

\$1500 Haggets Pond road from Bailey to High Plain road, 3850 feet of ten inch pipe;

\$8200 Bailey road from Haggets pond road to Pleasant street, 3000 feet of ten inch pipe;

\$10400 Bailey road from Pleasant street to the Tewksbury line, 3900 feet of eight inch pipe.

\$1400 connecting Bailey road to River road, 525 feet of eight inch pipe.

While the article did not mention federal aid, it is probable that the motion will request it.

Relocation of Baseball Diamond

The Board of Public Works statement on the matter of reconsidering the appropriation of \$1100 made last March for relocating the baseball diamond follows:

"At the Town Meeting of March 13, 1933, the Board of Public Works was authorized to relocate the baseball diamond on the Playstead at a cost of \$1100, to avoid the necessity of trespass on adjoining land to retrieve foul balls. Since this time, the Board of Public Works together with a number of other citizens do not feel that this procedure would adequately solve the problem, and recommend that the Town Meeting authorize the Board of Selectmen to buy or take by right of eminent domain such land as may be necessary to give the proper space surrounding the present baseball diamond, thereby abating the nuisance of trespassing on adjacent property."

Other Water Extensions

The sum of \$3400 is asked in article twelve for extension of the water system along Lovejoy road to the home of Ludwick Murach. This will supply water to one house containing five persons.

Article thirteen asks \$3200 for an extension along Rattlesnake Hill road to the property of Charles Kibbee. This will supply water to five houses including 17 people. There are also a number of cattle and other livestock in this section.

Sewer Extensions

Two sewer extensions are asked, the first on Corbett street costing \$3000, and the other on Carmel road costing \$3185. The Corbett street sewer will benefit 14 houses and there will be a return to the town of \$2511 on sewer assessments. Eight houses will benefit by the Carmel road plan, and the return from assessments will be \$1213.50. The reason for the low return on Carmel road is that a good part of the line will run through town property on which there can of course be no assessment.

Rebuilding Streets

An appropriation of \$3500 is asked for the purpose of rebuilding Brechin Terrace, roadway and sidewalks, and another of \$16,000 for rebuilding Salem street, roadway, and sidewalks, from Highland road to Holt street. There are about thirteen houses on Brechin terrace, most of which have been recently repaired and renovated. Salem street is a well-traveled thoroughfare.

Obituaries

CHRISTIE

George A. Christie, one of the town's most prominent and respected citizens, passed away suddenly Monday morning at three o'clock at his home on Arundel street. He was 64 years of age and had appeared to be in the best of health. On Sunday he sang as usual with the choir of Christ church.

Mr. Christie was employed at the Andover Press for 30 years, 1887—1917, having been first employed when the Townsman was established 46 years ago. This was shortly after his arrival here from Scotland at the age of 17 years. Later he served as assistant city editor and Andover correspondent for the Lawrence Tribune, and at the time of his death was Andover correspondent for the Boston Globe. At the death of Barnett Rogers several years ago, and assumed ownership of the Rogers Real Estate and Insurance Agency, to which he devoted most of his business endeavors in his late years.

His long career as a newspaperman made him an authority on the town's history, in which he himself had played a most important part, in social life, business life and governmental life. From 1908 to 1920 he served as member and secretary of the school committee. His opinion he was always keenly interested in town affairs and was always a familiar figure at the press table at town meetings.

He was a charter member and secretary of the new Andover Service Club, and had also been secretary of the now defunct Lions' Club. He was a member of St. Matthew's lodge, A.F. and A.M., Garfield Lodge, 172, K. P., and Clan Johnston. He was formerly active in the Square and Compass Club.

Music was one of his chief avocations. At the time of his death he was one of the most active members of the Andover Male Choir, and had previously been connected with the Andover Choral Society and the Square and Compass Glee Club. He was a member of the Christ church choir and formerly of the Free church choir.

In addition to music, mountain climbing and amateur photography occupied a good deal of his time. His summer vacations were usually spent in the mountains, where he took many excellent snapshots of the picturesque mountain scenery.

Those who survive him are his wife, Margaret; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Scott of Lynn; and Miss Annie M. Christie of Arbroath, Scotland; a son, James P. Christie, and two grandchildren, Dorothy and James P. Christie.

Services were conducted at the late home at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Frederick A. Wilson, pastor emeritus of the Free Congregational church and Rev. Charles W. Henry, rector of Christ Episcopal church. Burial was in the family lot in Spring Grove cemetery.

The bearers were: David L. Counts, Alfred R. Harris, J. Everett Collins, Robert Dobbie, Charles R. Scott and George B. Petrie.

BRIDEAU

Herbert Brideau, 58, of 59 Lowell street passed away last Friday afternoon at the Lawrence General Hospital after a long illness. He was a native of Lawrence, and had been employed in office work in the American Woolen company for 21 years. He was an honorary member of the Harvard club of Andover.

Deceased is survived by his wife, Lotta B. (Churchill) and a son, Philip; and a brother, Arthur Brideau.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Fuller Funeral home, 78 Main street, Andover. Services were conducted by Rev. C. Guy Robbins, D.D., pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Universalist, and burial was in Bellevue cemetery.

The bearers were: Frederick Morrison, Alex Morrison, Charles Cook, and Harry Anderson.

GRABNER

Mrs. Marie A. Grabner passed away Sunday morning at her home on Emore street in Shawshen village. She had lived in this vicinity for fifty years, having been born in Germany 75 years ago. She leaves only one daughter, Miss Anna M. Grabner.

The funeral was held at the late home Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Richard R. Lange, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Lawrence, conducted the services and burial was in the family lot in West Parish cemetery.

The bearers were: Carl Wurzbacher, Albert Fischer, Arthur Graham and Arthur Koerner.

In Memoriam

GEORGE A. CHRISTIE

He loved the mountains, every year of late He climbed them, peak by peak, and never tired, And as he gazed upon their changing views, He lost his soul in beauty they inspired.

He loved good music. Harmonies and tones Of the grand organ and the human voice, In hushed and reverent tones, He loved the music of their work he did rejoice.

And now he's gone—Upon some distant peak That he has gained, I'm certain that he hears The grander harmonies, the music of the heavens.

That is too wonderful for us with earthly-dreamed ears. * * *

GEORGE A. CHRISTIE

Movies and novels may depict newspapermen as beings whose chief aim in life is to "scoop" other newspapermen, and whose beings who have a hearty dislike for each other, but it isn't true. If a reporter is a good fellow, you'll find him no matter if his paper is a deadly enemy of your sheet. George Christie worked at one time or another on nearly every paper around here, and according to the Hollywood idea would have had enemies on nearly every sheet. But he didn't, he liked him, couldn't help it in fact. He was a "good fellow," if he had lived to be a hundred, he would still have been a "good fellow." He never grew old; he was always extremely active, at work or at any of those hobbies to which he was so devoted. It doesn't suddenly; it hardly seems possible.

There'll be an empty chair at the press table at town meeting Monday night. Maybe someone else will take his place as a reporter, but in our hearts that chair will always be empty. It's not because he was a reporter, a lover of music, a mountain climber—it's because he was a good fellow, one of the best. E. J. G.

South Church C. E. Meets

"Poverty" was the issue at the meeting of the South Church Christian Endeavor Sunday evening. Biblical wisdom was used as the basis on which the group argued the subject.

Each week the society discusses a timely topic, making the meetings interesting and educational. Anyone who desires is invited to attend the meetings and take part in the discussions.

WEST PARISH

Telephone 465

Miss Ebba Peterson is ill with appendicitis at the Lawrence General Hospital.

Tommie Carter entertained a party of his little friends on Thursday afternoon, the occasion being his eighth birthday.

The Lafalot Club holds its annual Christmas party on Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Dora Ward, Lowell street, Shawshen Village.

At the meeting of the Women's Union at the vestry on Wednesday, the following officers for 1934 were elected. President, Miss Dora Ward; vice president, Mrs. Lawrence Wood; secretary, Mrs. Arthur R. Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. Henry Todd; social committee, Mrs. Florence Bowes; missionary committee, Mrs. John Norris; neighborhood committee, Mrs. George Ward; civics committee, Mrs. Herbert Merrick; apron committee, Mrs. Hervey Northey; town committee, Miss Ebba Peterson; fancy work committee, Mrs. Howard Whitten and Miss Olive Hardy.

Grange News

Andover Grange Dramatic Club and "The Women's Club" sponsored a very successful supper and entertainment consisting of music and two plays Thursday evening.

Essex Pomona Grange No. 2 met with Haverhill Grange Thursday afternoon and evening. The next meeting will be installation of 1934 officers.

December 19 the Grange will hold its annual Christmas party for the children from three to twelve at the Osgood homes. The Grange will hold a Christmas party to which each member is asked to bring a ten cent joke and a present that may be used to help the telephone girls in their effort to bring Christmas to many children who would otherwise have no Christmas. Both toys and useful articles are welcomed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Dawson will represent Andover Grange at the meeting of the State Grange at Worcester, December 12, 13, 14. The convention will be held in Worcester's new auditorium and headquarters will be at Hotel Bancroft.

James Otis Club Debates Warrant

The regular meeting of the James Otis club was held in the Osgood School house on Monday evening, with vice-president W. F. Barron in the chair. The President of the club, Frederick Butler, was unavoidably absent.

Walter Coleman, chairman of the lighting committee, addressed the meeting and impressed on his hearers a clear understanding of the electric lighting situation in Andover. Since the inception of the Andover Electric Company, in 1888, after passing through varying vicissitudes (the company being originally equipped and financed by the Thompson Houston Company, of Lynn, now, the General Electric Company), the Andover Electric Company was sold to the Lowell Electric Light Company, which company discontinued the power station situated in Andover (since dismantled), and wired from Lowell. This company in turn sold out to Stone and Webster, who transferred the property right to the Lawrence Gas Company; and this company now arranges that the electric lighting for domestic service in Andover. Street lights are now of 80 candle power against 20 candle power when first installed. Appropriation for street lighting in 1932 was \$19440, which was below cost to the Lawrence Gas Company, the said company making up the difference, in its force for domestic service. Mr. Coleman said:

Mr. Coleman stated that the whole outfit of the Andover Electric Company could at one time have been purchased for \$75,000, and that, if the town of Andover had availed itself of the opportunity, it might have installed a large saving in subsequent years; that other townships, more provident, have proven. In answer to an inquiry, Mr. Coleman expressed the opinion that the Lawrence Gas Company, could cut its contract for lighting the streets of Andover to \$14,000, and yet make money; without increasing its rates for domestic service.

The article on the warrant for the special town meeting to be held December 11, were then taken up by the club, in their order on the warrant, and discussed.

Ralph Emerson, secretary of the James Otis Club, made an able plea that the Junior High school and assembly hall project, as set forth in the warrant, be voted favorably by the town. He pointed out that if Andover, by reason of sudden growth, should find itself even more in need, than now, of additional High School facilities, it could not, even in one year's time, avail itself of the 30 percent free gift of funds from the Federal Government.

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Andover Club Wins Beautification Prizes

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all compensation for his services and contributed both the plans and weeks of supervision as well as labor on the task. The award of first prize is a feather in his cap. Mention should be made of the enthusiasm with which Fred Kearn and Jerry Grant seconded Mr. Barnes' efforts and of the generous assistance of William Ross. The society again thanks Mr. Gilliard, whose help and interest never flag.

To complete the undertaking there are needed five hundred dollars; the society will be glad to receive gifts large or small; these may be sent to Miss Helen Eaton, treasurer, Bartlett street, Andover. The society has but one purpose, to beautify Andover; it cares for

fifteen or twenty plots, keeping them well cut and well sodded as well as caring for the attractive Indian Ridge reservation. Membership is open to every resident of Andover, and the society will welcome heartily each new member.

Whist Winners

The Past Presidents of the American Legion auxiliary held a whist yesterday at Mrs. Navin's on High street. The winners were: Mrs. William Navin, Mrs. Albert Cole, Mrs. Fred L. Collins, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. Mary Garside, Mrs. Albert Cruikshank, Mrs. Harry Gouck, Mrs. Annie P. Davis, Mrs. Timothy McCarthy, and punchers' prize, Mrs. William Tammany. Refreshments were served.

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Routine Meeting by School Board

Many routine matters were taken up at the regular monthly meeting of the school committee last Tuesday evening, among them being the award of the milk contract to the Shawshen Dairy at a price of two and one quarter cents per half-pint bottle. The contract calls for about 140 bottles a day to be delivered to the various schools with a straw for each. The other bidders submitted bids as follows: Glennie and Jenkins, three cents; White, three and one-quarter cents; and Hood, three and one-half cents. The contract will last from January first to the end of the school year, instead from January 1 to January 1 as has been the case previously. Hereafter all milk contracts will be for the school year rather than the calendar year.

James C. Souter, local trade union official, appeared at the meeting to request the school board to attempt to procure some of the CWA funds for skilled labor, which he declared was the original purpose of the act. The school authorities had previously made inquiries about obtaining part of the funds for painting the second floor of the high school, but the town's quota had been allotted. However, when the limitation on money and men was removed Monday night, the school officials had made further requests. As a result Wednesday morning a request was made for funds to build a stone wall and gutter in the rear of the Shawshen school. The committee later voted that the building and grounds committee should go ahead with the CWA on the following projects: High and Bradley, painting; Stowe, electrical; Punchard, caulking windows. This is to be done on the condition that the school department will not have to pay any money out for materials and supplies. Plumbers and painters were called in Wednesday to give estimates on the work so that applications could be sent to Boston.

The superintendent's monthly report showed that the school board would end up the year pretty close to the line as far as appropriations are concerned. This drain on funds was caused by the large increase in the number of pupils, especially in the high school. In the last two years the cost per pupil has been reduced ten dollars, meaning a net yearly saving to the town of about \$16,000 or a dollar on the tax rate.

Miss Blanche MacGowan of Lawrence, a graduate of Boston-Bouve school of physical education, has been selected by the Shawshen Parent-Teacher association to carry on the physical education work in the village school as a volunteer. The association is paying her traveling expenses. Miss MacGowan has been prominent in girl scout activities in Lawrence, and has also served a number of years as counselor at Happy Health Camp. Last year she did volunteer work at the North Andover schools.

The Civilian Conservation camp had asked for permission to use the school buildings for instruction of the boys in mathematics, history, etc. The board voted to allow this use under proper supervision. Several teachers have volunteered their services.

The matter of a night fireman for the months of January and February was taken up, and referred to the buildings and grounds committee for a recommendation at the next meeting.

Mr. Sanborn reported that he had been besieged by requests to give entertainments to the children on a money basis, and recommended that this be not done too often. The

Free church men's club had asked for permission to use the school hall for a dance sometime next month, but it seemed to be the opinion of the members that it was illegal for a school hall to be used for paid entertainments unless they were connected with the school. The committee voted to refer the matter to the superintendent for further investigation.

Local Man Marks Eightieth Birthday

Martin R. Sawyer, retired engineer, joined the ranks of the octogenarians Sunday when he observed his 80th birthday with a family gathering at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank A. Buttrick of 15 Wolcott avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, who have been married nearly 57 years, reside on Maple avenue. They attend the Free church, and are well-known and highly respected here in Andover. Greeting cards, gifts and personal messages from his many friends testified to the esteem in which Mr. Sawyer is held.

Mr. Sawyer was born in South Hiram, Maine, on December 3, 1853. He served as chief engineer at the Lawrence Pumping station for 24 years; was master mechanic at the Tyler Rubber company for a long period of time, and up to his retirement a number of years ago, served in an executive capacity at the former Walworth Brothers textile plant. His only fraternal affiliation is a membership in Grecian lodge, A.F. and A.M.

Play at Meeting of November Club

Booth Tarkington's "Beauty and the Jacobin" was ably presented by the dramatic department of the November club at the club's meeting Monday afternoon.

The cast for the play follows:
Anne Delaseyne Mrs. Percy F. Smith
Mrs. Louise E. Eaton
Eloise d'Anville Mrs. James H. Eaton
Vaino Mrs. George Sanborn
Dossenville Miss Fannie E. Davis
Scene: A garret of a lodging house of the lower town, Boulogne-sur-Mer.
Time: The early twilight of a dark November day in the year 1793. Finaime of the Terror.
Properties committee: Miss Bertha Grimes, Mrs. Lyman Cheever, Mrs. J. Oram Sheppard.

Costume committee: Mrs. Francis K. Murray, Mrs. Henry A. Bodwell, Miss Mary Bell.

P.T.A. Votes for New School Plans

The Andover Parent-Teacher association went on record at its meeting Wednesday evening as being in favor of the new school projects, which were explained by Miss Clara A. Putnam, principal of Stowe school, and Elmer J. Grover, secretary of the school committee.

No formal talks were given on the schools, the two school officials merely calling for questions from the floor. As a result of the questioning, many points were brought out. Among the most interesting features of the

discussion were the statements by two of the members that in Oregon and Colorado children are transported daily forty miles so that they can go to a centralized school. Miss Putnam stated in this connection that contrary to statements made by some people that the seventh and eighth grades were centralized to create an overcrowded condition, the children had been brought in as a matter of economy primarily. The Bailey school when it was closed had only a few students in it, so that the cost per pupil was extraordinarily high and a substantial saving to the town was made by closing that building. The Osgood school children were centralized at the request of the parents. In Shawshen children were given the alternative of staying in the village or coming to Stowe, but eventually they all came to Stowe.

In addition to the points already brought out in previous discussions, Mr. Grover stated in answer to a question that local labor would have to be used. His authority he quoted a statement from the Connecticut State advisory board operating under this act, as follows:
"When an NRA loan or grant is made for a public improvement, the relief role of the community concerned becomes the list from which the workmen are selected. It is mandatory that the unemployed in the locality be given preference, with priority for unemployed war veterans with dependents. Thus, any city which receives federal financial aid for any type of public construction may be assured that men will be transferred from its relief roll to an honest pay roll."
The discussion covered nearly every phase of the matter and at the close of the meeting a vote was taken and the association went on record by a unanimous vote as being in favor of the school projects.

Resolutions on the death of the late Mrs. Jane Look were passed, and H. C. Dunham was chosen director for three years to fill out Mrs. Look's unexpired term.
The attendance banner was won by Miss McGraw's and Miss Parker's rooms.
A motion picture showing how serum for helping in the never-ending war against disease was shown at the meeting.

G.F.S. Attends Lawrence Party

Many members of the Girls' Friendly society of Christ church attended a get-together held Monday evening at the Grace church parish house in Lawrence. A delightful program of games was carried out during the evening, and refreshments were served.

Those present from Andover were: Gwen delyn Braddon, Dorothy Winn, Ethel C. Hilton, Doris R. Manning, Bertha Cuthill, Ruth Saunders, Pauline Bonneville, Annetta Anderson, Lucy Stewart, Marion Welding, Hazel Parsons, Jean Anderson, Helen Saunders, Gertrude Taylor, Daisy Stevens, Emma P. Stevens, Ethel L. Hilton, Elizabeth Hilton, Bertha Hilton, Amy Phillips, Helen Smith, Ruth Mitchell, Ruth Swenson, Nell Irvine, Margaret Lawrie, Mrs. Gertrude Richardson, Mrs. Walter E. Howe, and Mrs. Claxton Monro.

New Books Added at Local Library

New books recently added at the Memorial library follow:
CHAPMAN, AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A BIRD-LOVER
At an early age, the author found his chosen vocation in bird-study, and through connection with the American museum of natural history, has carried on his work for more than forty years. A happy, modestly told, and very satisfying biography. 92 C366

LONGWORTH, CROWDED HOURS.
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Historical Facts Found about Cane

Interest in the recent presentation of the Boston Post came to Mr. George J. Cummings makes timely the following statement. The historical society has assembled these facts for permanent preservation in its records and would welcome any additional information or needed correction.

Under date of August second, 1909 the following letter was received by the selection of Andover, written by E. A. Grozier, Esq., editor and publisher of the Boston Post from 1891-1924:

THE BOSTON POST
Established 1831
Boston, Mass., August 2, 1909.

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The Boston Post desires to present, with its compliments, to the Oldest Citizen of your town, a gold headed cane, and as you are doubtless well informed as to the citizens of your town, we ask that you make the selection and presentation.

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In case your Board will undertake to act for us, as suggested, we would request that you notify us to that effect, a directed envelope being enclosed.

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We are forwarding the cane express paid to your address. If for any reason you are unable to act for us in this matter, kindly notify us at once and hold the cane until we may be able to make other arrangements for its presentation.

Trusting, however, that you may favor us by acting as requested,
We beg to remain,
Very respectfully yours,
E. A. GROZIER
Editor and Publisher

The Andover Town football team won the charity game with the college star team last Saturday, thus closing its second successful season. One touchdown was the margin of victory. The town team has not had its grand time crossed this season. Bisset was used by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2118, which organization sponsored the game, for the Christmas Toy fund to make the needy children of the town happy on Christmas day. Score by periods 1 2 3 4 Tl. Town Team 0 0 0 6—6

Touchdown, made by Bisset.
Referee, Oswald Tower, Willams, Ummer, Montville Peck, Springfield, Head linesman, Leo F. Daley, Harvard; assistant linesmen, Eugene Zalla, George Brown, E. Dembrowski; Field judge, W. Gordon Courts, Lawrence. Time: 4:12.

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