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Houston, Hall Named Officials

At a sparsely attended election Monday, Andover's few contests resulted in no upsets. The election saw no present office-holder defeated, with two new names being added to the list of elective officials to replace two who had retired. Harold T. Houston becomes the new school board member, and Edward P. Hall the new public works member. Both were generally conceded the election in advance.

Selectman Roy E. Hardy, who made no campaign, was returned to office by a margin of about 500, with the sole competitor, P. LeRoy Wilson garnering 1260 and winning precinct 2 in his first venture into local politics. On the school board Arthur R. Lewis led the field with a splendid vote, with Mrs. Julie S. Musk second. Charles J. Bailey, though in fourth place behind Mr. Houston, made a very good showing. For Board of Public Works Mr. Hall as expected led, while J. Harry Playdon was re-elected with a vote that left no doubts as to his strength. For board of health Franklin H. Stacey was re-elected, although his two opponents polled the majority between them. Harvey H. Bacon, runner-up, did very well despite the lack of a campaign.

The tabulated vote in the four contests appears on page 10.

Plays Presented At Club Meeting

At the regular meeting of the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club on Monday evening in Balmoral Hall, the Dramatic Department presented to a capacity audience, two one-act plays, "It's Easy to Write a Play" and "The Purple Door Knob." Mrs. Ellsworth H. Lewis, Mrs. William Poland, Mrs. Frank B. Bartlett, and Mrs. Edward Carey were in charge of the stage setting and Mrs. Leon A. Field was the prompter. The cast was as published in last week's Townsman.

The following hostesses served: Mrs. Albert E. Curtis and Mrs. Leon Field, co-chairmen, assisted by Mrs. Garfield Chase, Mrs. Paul Cheney, Mrs. Herbert A. Cregg, Mrs. Maurice J. Curran, Mrs. Walter E. Curtis, Mrs. Kenneth Crompton, Miss Helen Davies, Mrs. Edward Dean, Mrs. James Kean, Mrs. Howard Dolan, Mrs. Harry Donovan, Mrs. Cornelius Driscoll, Mrs. Percy Earnshaw, Mrs. William Foster, Mrs. John Franklin, Mrs. Charles Frederickson, Mrs. Joseph Gagne, Mrs. Lorentz Hansen, and Mrs. Joseph Hargedon.

It was announced at the meeting that Mrs. Leon A. Field had been named chairman of the Nominating Committee. Also serving on the committee are Mrs. Benjamin Schubert and Mrs. Walter N. Webster.

Mrs. Lester Thompson of Argyle street will entertain the members of the Dramatic Club on Friday at her home. Dessert and coffee will be served.

Taxpayers' Directors Oppose Town Hall Site

Opposition by the directors of the Taxpayers' association to the purchase of the Shaw and Grout properties for a town hall site as requested in special articles in the annual town warrant to be acted on next Monday is expressed in a booklet soon to be delivered to Andover's taxpayers. All of the financial matters in the warrant are covered in the booklet which has a preamble warning the taxpayers of the expected large increase in the tax rate caused mainly by the high state tax. It quotes the assessors as stating that the \$31.90 rate estimate of the finance committee does not allow for a state assessment as high as will actually be the case, the opinion being ventured that \$34 will be nearer the actual rate if all the finance committee's recommendations go through. Pointing out that at that rate a person who had a bill of \$100 last year would be faced with a \$120 tax this year, and a person who had a bill of \$500 would have to pay \$600, the directors warn that "any appropriations in excess of the finance committee's recommendations should be defeated." The taxpayers are urged to "give Andover all the necessary services, but only the necessary services."

On the controversial town hall site matter, the booklet states: "True, delay may mean the loss of

this site as a town hall location, but the directors feel that this is not the last available or desirable site in town for a town hall. Many other suggestions have been made, some good and some not so good, but while the directors feel that the committee has done its part by calling the town's attention to this possibility, they think there is no reason for haste in this matter."

In general the finance committee's recommendations are concurred in by the directors, the booklet being mainly devoted toward giving reasons for the various actions. The preamble states that "the directors have had no desire to curtail any service, whether it be a matter of highway maintenance, health, education.... They have wanted, however, to eliminate those things which could be safely eliminated without curtailing services..."

The booklet states that apparently the tree warden is the only officer asking for a salary increase under article 3. The total increase would be \$416, or 23%, of which \$191 is under the control of the selectmen through the moth department. "While the directors in no way wish to minimize the importance of the tree warden's work or the present warden's capacity to take care of the town's

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League Members Attend Hearings

Members of the local League of Women Voters attended hearings on bills for reorganization of the State Parole Board, reorganization of the Civil Service Commission and the bill banning married women from civil service positions, at the State House, during the past two weeks.

Mrs. Henry Tyer is Andover chairman of the legislative committee. Mrs. Tyer, Mrs. John Little, Mrs. Horace Poynter, Miss Catherine Stewart, and Mrs. George G. Brown were among those attending the various hearings.

Service Club To Debate Articles

An open discussion of articles 8, 9, 10 and 11 in the town warrant will be conducted at the March 9th meeting of the Andover Service Club. It is hoped that the members will avail themselves of this opportunity to express their views on the advisability of the purchase of the Shaw and Grout properties as a site for a new town hall. Dinner will begin at 6:15.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTE OF THANKS
Mr. Harvey Bacon, who was candidate for Board of Health, wishes to express his appreciation to the citizens of Andover who cast their ballot in his favor for which he is truly grateful.

Boston Symphony Members To Play In Concert Here

Plans are rapidly nearing completion for a concert to be given by members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra under the auspices of Christ Church. With Mrs. E. Dean Walen as general chairman, a large committee will be working for the next few weeks to make this one of the most entertaining concerts ever given in Andover.

For the concert, the committee have been most fortunate in securing Mr. Arthur Fiedler with twenty members of the Boston Symphony. The programme will be of the type given at the well-known Boston Pop Concerts in Symphony Hall during May and June each year.

It is the desire of those presenting this concert that it will have great appeal for those who are not musically educated as well as for those who are.

The concert will be held at the High School Auditorium on Friday evening, April 28, at 8:30.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to extend thanks and express my sincere appreciation to all who supported me in my candidacy for the office of Selectman and Assessor in the election Monday.
Signed: P. LeRoy Wilson,
127 Summer Street.

Estimate Rate of About \$34.00

Andover goes to town meeting at seven next Monday, facing the worst tax rate, by far, in the town's history. The finance committee's estimated rate of \$31.90 according to the assessors who have been able to get later more reliable information from the state house, is an underestimate. The assessors who for the past few years have estimated lower than the finance committee, this year estimate a tax of slightly over \$34, based on the finance committee's recommended expenditures. State assessments are some \$32,000 over the finance committee estimate and state income tax returns are \$12,000 lower. This represents a jump of nearly three dollars over the finance committee figure, with the expectation of some gas tax return to reduce it to about \$34.

There is a strong chance that the meeting will be less liberal than the finance committee. There may be some appropriations asked for which may be lower than the finance committee's recommendations, based on information secured after their report, but this is only a conjecture. Specific information was not available.

REPUBLICAN CLUB DISCUSSES WARRANT

The Young Men's Republican Club sponsored a spirited discussion of various articles of the town warrant at the open meeting last Thursday night. Vice president Milton Jackson acted as moderator of the discussion in which the guests participated as freely as the members. Candidates for office were introduced and were asked to speak to the members concerning problems confronting the town officials.

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News of Other Days

What You and Your Neighbors Were Doing in Days Gone By

Fifty Years Ago

Six hundred and sixty-nine inhabitants of our town met at the town house to vote, besides some ladies in the gallery and boys on the floor, not yet "qualified to vote in town affairs." This number was thirty-three larger than at the March meeting last year.

The first and only lady voter in town was present and deposited her ballot amid the cheers of bystanders, Monday.

As Mr. Orrin F. Spofford was driving along Pleasant street in company with ladies, Friday evening, the wheels of his carriage locked with those of a team carelessly left standing in the road, with the result of throwing Mr. Spofford and one lady from the carriage. Beyond a few painful bruises and a severe shaking up, no injuries were received.

Twenty-five Years Ago

Nathan C. Hamblin, principal of Punchard, is back at school after a short illness.

Cynthia Flint of Ballardvale was one of the winners in the Telegram's European Tour contest.

Rooms are being fitted up in Carter's Block, over J. H. Champion's store, where Miss Annie S. Lindsay of Washington avenue will do manicuring, shampooing, and give facial treatments.

The Mothers' Club invited pupils from Miss Downs' and Miss Simmons' room to a spelling match, Tuesday, and offered prizes to the three children spelling the longest. Prizes were won by; first, Edna Lawrence; second, Anna McCoubrie; third, Gertrude Franklin.

Ten Years Ago

John J. Nelligan of 89 Chestnut street and Benjamin F. Cameron of 64 Maple avenue are recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred on the ice-coated roadway in Methuen about 1 o'clock last Saturday morning.

The A.P.C. society presented "Quarantined" directed by Mrs. Bertha Morgan Gray.

The family of John M. Erving was made homeless last night as a result of a fire in the home on Carisbrooke street yesterday, which caused damage amounting to \$3000 and gave the firemen one of the most stubborn battles in dwelling houses for a year. While fighting flames from a ladder, Charles S. Buchan received cuts from a slate falling from the roof.

Lawrence's Mayor To Address Club

The Honorable Walter A. Griffin, popular Mayor of Lawrence, will be the guest speaker at the Square and Compass club banquet, April 5. Arrangements have been made with Keith's Circuit in Boston for an exceptional entertainment.

OPPOSE SHAW SITE

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trees, they feel... that the increase should not be granted. The present salary has prevailed for some time with previous wardens who held the position longer than the present warden has to date." Later the warden's request for a tree budget increase from \$5000 to \$9900 is also turned down.

On welfare it is pointed out that much more is being spent now than back in the days of 1932-1933, and apparently there is plenty allowed to take care of our unemployed and welfare cases. Any other articles in the warrant inserted for the relief of unemployment can therefore not be considered to be based on real need."

Special reference is also made to the school committee which is planning to ask for \$185,500 instead of the finance committee's \$181,328. "The association is concerned," it is stated, "only with reducing the budget in such a way as to give the school children just as much education as they are receiving now. After commenting on the efficient administration of the present superintendent and mentioning savings made during the past year without curtailing education, the report states: "It is our hope and belief that the school committee can make other similar savings to bring the budget down to the finance committee's recommendation. We feel that if the superintendent is given \$181,000 as recommended, he will spend it judiciously so that the children will be given just as much education and also so that all necessary work on the schools will be taken care of."

The section on the public works item refers to the contemplated purchase of five trucks at \$7500 and the board's action in cutting a total of \$7742 off its budget figures in anticipation of this purchase. In approving the purchase, the directors say: "Obviously, even if the

annual savings were much less than the partial year savings anticipated by the Board, the town would still be saving by making this expenditure."

Of especial interest is the comment on the snow removal appropriation in view of the fact that in some quarters the association was blamed for the unsatisfactory removal job on the last storm with the Board of Public Works absolving the association of any responsibility for the situation. The directors feel "that an in-between job can be done, providing all the necessary plowing without indulging in some of the more elaborate practices of the past." The booklet predicts that \$5,000 will have been spent by town meeting as against \$12,300 last year, with \$7,500 left to be spent the rest of the year as against \$5,400 for the same period last year.

Another matter of interest is the proposed \$2,000 purchase of portable bleachers for the playstead which the finance committee recommended that the high school athletic association could take care of. The booklet states that there is a good balance in the treasury at present because of the large crowd present at the Methuen football game, but this balance will be eaten up by basketball and baseball deficits in the coming two years. "To use this money for bleachers would be a serious handicap for the high school teams." "Since the academy portable bleachers are available, and since the Methuen game with its heavy attendance will not be played here this year, it would seem that this is not now urgent."

Other comments of interest are on new B. P. W. offices, "since the town will probably not have a new town house for five years anyway, it is obvious that the \$1200 for remodeling would be well spent, saving as it does \$600 rent per year"; on Austin grader (Big Mike) "whether or not the town would have in the first place authorized the purchase of such a machine, it is obvious that because of the money already spent on it there is no other alternative than to make the final payment"; Elm street construction, "there are many streets in town in worse condition."

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Locals

Attorney and Mrs. Arthur Sweeny of Central street left Friday for a trip to Bermuda.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Fielden of Lowell street are spending four months at Winter Haven, Florida.

Miss Pricilla B. Mailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Mailey of Salem street, a junior at Colby College, is on the Campus Committee of the Student Christian Movement at Colby this year.

Miss Caroline Underhill of Main street, Miss Alice Farnham of Main street, and Miss Winona Boutwell of Shawsheen road left this morning for an extended tour through the south. They plan to visit at Florida and New Orleans.

Miss Margaret Sparks is recuperating at her home on Main street where she returned yesterday after undergoing an operation at the Lawrence General hospital.

The four room apartment at 137 Main street, owned by Mrs. Lillian Seymour, has been rented to Everett Messer. The Messers have already moved in. Arrangements were made through the W. Shirley Barnard real estate and insurance agency.

The duplex house on North Main street has been sold by the Andover Savings Bank to Thomas Sheridan of Lawrence. The sale was made through the Fred E. Cheever Real Estate Agency.

John N. Cole 2nd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip P. Cole of 35 Morton street, appeared on the mid-year honor roll at Nichols Junior College.

ALVIN ZINK, JR., IN RADIO WORK

A newcomer to business in Andover, but by no means in experience in his work, is Alvin J. Zink, Jr. of Chester street, Ballardvale. Radio claimed his interest at the age of twelve, and since that time he has operated his own radio station, WIDID. A graduate of the School of Electrical Engineering at the University of North Carolina, Mr. Zink also gained valuable experience as radio operator on ship and land stations of the Radiomarine Corporation, and as an engineer with an outstanding radio communications concern.

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Father Leonard

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Born in Lawrence in 1867, he

was professed on October 4, 1887. On May 23, 1891, after studying at Villanova, he was ordained in Philadelphia. Ten years later he returned to Lawrence where he was stationed at St. Mary's in charge of St. Monica's. Fifteen years later he was sent to Villanova as prior and in 1921 returned to St. Mary's.

Father Leonard leaves a brother, Rev. Daniel J. Leonard, O. S. A.,

stationed at St. Mary's. A brother who was a priest, another who was a church organist for years, and a sister who was a nun have passed away.

The body will be removed to the local church tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 where the office of the dead will be recited. On Saturday a solemn funeral mass will be held at St. Augustine's at 8:30 and another at St. Mary's at 10.

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"Nice" But Not Necessary

You find it pretty hard to make up your mind on the various special articles at town meeting, don't you? You sit there and hear arguments, some good and some bad; figures are thrown at you right and left and you don't have any way of finding out whether they are completely right, completely wrong, or just slightly misinterpreted.

You are facing a possible tax rate of \$34 if you approve everything the finance committee has approved. Then you don't have to worry much about the arguments. There is only one criterion that you should use, and that is: Is this expenditure absolutely necessary, is it unnecessary but one of those things it would be "nice" to do, or is it unnecessary and undesirable. You will of course throw out all the last items, you will of course approve all the first group of items, but what will you do with the unnecessary but "nice to do" items? In your own home if your necessary expenditures are mounting at a breakneck rate, you will probably forget some of the things you'd like to do but which you could put off a year or more. Andover, unless it likes a tax rate of \$34, must do the same thing.

Just to run through the articles approved by the finance committee, it would seem that there are several which are not urgently necessary although desirable from several aspects. The purchase of a town hall site for instance: as the Taxpayers' association directors state, this is not the last available or desirable site for a town hall. Here there could be a saving of \$6,450 this year, the rest having been stipulated as a bond issue.

The Whittier street water extension could be forgotten for a year or so. It's not urgent, and it would save \$1,200. And the \$3,200 compressor,—can't that wait? We've done without it for an awful long time. The High street sidewalk, now costing \$1600, has been up before. It could again be postponed. After all, only two houses have been built down there. The element of danger will be stressed in the debate, but apparently the walk is to be on the east side of the street which involves a pedestrian crossing at the corner of High street, Walnut avenue and Harding street which in itself is as dangerous as the present condition, maybe more dangerous. Then there's a Ballardvale road water extension of \$1,425. On water extensions on public ways wouldn't it be wise to establish a definite policy that extensions would not be granted in anticipation of building?

Here there are savings of \$13,875, or about 80 cents on the rate. It would be "nice" to do all of them, but after all \$34 is quite a rate after \$29.

BIRTH

A son John, to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Gallivan, 12 Sutherland street, at the Lowell General Hospital, March 5.

Minority School Board Members Present Case For Keeping North School Open

To the Editor of The Townsman:

At the last meeting of the school committee it was agreed that the individual members of the board should refrain from taking any part in the discussion at the town meeting relative to the closing of the North schoolhouse. Since that time, however, you have attempted in your editorials to justify the action of the majority in voting to close the school. The majority viewpoint has been presented, also, at various public gatherings. It seems only fair, therefore, that the dissenting members should have an opportunity to state their case to the citizens of Andover through the columns of your paper and to explain why they wish to keep the school open.

Two arguments have been advanced for closing the North School. The first, based on grounds of economy, claims there would be an annual saving of about a thousand dollars to the town; the other maintains that the children of the North District would enjoy superior educational advantages through their transfer to the Shawsheen School.

As you say, the first reason is the less important. The amount involved is not very large, it is an "estimated" saving at best, which may or may not materialize, and, furthermore, that saving can be realized by a slight reorganization of the classes and teaching staff in one of the schools where the enrollment is small at the present time. This readjustment can be made with practically no disruption of the school system as organized and without jeopardizing the position of any teacher now in the service.

Naturally, you stress the educational advantage to be gained by transporting the North District children to the Shawsheen school. Theoretically, it is better for children to be in a school where there is one teacher for each grade, but excellent results can be and have been obtained in schools where one teacher is obliged to instruct several grades, provided the total enrollment is not large. That is the situation in the North School. There are six classes to be sure, but the number of pupils in each class is very small and the children can receive just as much if not more individual attention than they could in a one-grade room with a large enrollment. They have the advantage of being nearer to their homes, in familiar surroundings, with mostly familiar faces about them, and of working in an atmosphere of informality and friendliness not wholly possible in a larger school. There is another advantage, which every teacher will appreciate, in the fact that under our present arrangement the children in each school, the North and the Shawsheen, form a homogeneous group.

After all, organization and other external conditions are not all-important. With a competent teacher and with youngsters of ordinary ability and willingness to learn, satisfactory work is possible whether there is one grade in a room or five or six grades. Without doubt, everything considered, a one-grade room is on the whole preferable to a room with several grades, but the disparity between the two systems is by no means so great as to constitute "a serious

defect in the Andover school system." The proof of the pudding is in the eating. If the editor will take the trouble to run through the list of honor students in the junior and senior high schools for several years past, he will find that the products of the outlying schools have at least held their own with the pupils from the centralized schools. That is true as far back as the time when there were not six but nine grades under one teacher.

If "six grades in a room" seems so preposterous, that condition can be remedied to a considerable degree by transporting the fifth and sixth grades, thereby leaving in the North schoolhouse only the first four grades, which include the very young children.

In our opinion, there are several objectionable features in the proposed arrangement of transporting all the North District children to the Shawsheen School. In the first place, it means a longer school day for the youngsters. At the very least, it means an extra half hour or an hour away from home, and even more when traveling conditions are bad, as they often are in winter. The children would have to leave home around eight o'clock in the morning and would not return until after four o'clock in the afternoon. That makes a long day for youngsters six to ten years old.

Furthermore, this change means a crowding of the bus schedule, which even now it is difficult to maintain when the roads are slippery.

We are opposed on general principles to transporting any more youngsters than is absolutely necessary. It is true that our drivers are thoroughly competent and reliable men, that their busses are the best made, and it is true that they have carried thousands of children without an accident or even a near-accident. Nevertheless, the law of averages applies to busses and to bus drivers as it does to everything else. Why tempt fate by exposing over twenty more young children to the risks of the road?

Both the North District and Shawsheen Village are growing communities. When the school committee considered closing the North School four years ago, there were only nine children enrolled. Now there are twenty-four, with every prospect of more later. In Shawsheen Village there is a steady development under way which is bound to increase the school population. It is quite possible that in a few years the children of the Village alone will tax the capacity of the Shawsheen School. Real estate trends, of course, are difficult to predict accurately, but with every prospect at present of a gradual growth in both communities, it seems ill-advised to close one of the schools just now.

But the principal objection, the one which in our minds outweighs and transcends all the others, is the fact that the people of the North District, especially the parents, are unanimous in their opposition to the closing of their school, just as they were three years ago. They protest because they believe, as we do, that very young children should attend school in their own neighborhood if possible. In your editorial, you mentioned the fact that the children from the southern end of the town have been car-

ried to the central schools in busses for years without any complaint from their parents. The two cases are not exactly parallel. It is one thing to transport children because there are no educational facilities at hand. It is quite another matter to transport them when there is already an excellent school in their vicinity, a school which the committee only recently renovated and put into first-class condition at considerable expense. If the North School is closed, the citizens will lose a community center as well as a school, the only common meeting place they have. They also fear a possible harmful effect upon the value of real estate in that part of the town.

The people of the North District are citizens of Andover. They are property owners and taxpayers, and their demands are entitled to more consideration than merely "sympathy." The present arrangement is entirely satisfactory to them. The school committee, of all groups, should be particularly careful to respect the rights and the wishes of minorities in the community, especially when those rights in no way conflict with the welfare of the town as a whole. They should scrupulously refrain from any suggestion of coercion. Whether or not there is any financial saving or any educational advantage to be gained, we believe that the school committee has made a mistake in asserting its legal rights and in voting to close the North School in the face of the united protests of that community. It seems to us a rather arbitrary procedure, not quite consistent with the methods of a democratic society. As far as possible, unless there is an emergency or some pressing necessity, public understanding and public co-operation should precede rather than follow action on the part of public officials. The immediate task of those who are convinced that this change is indispensable to the good of our school system is to endeavor to win by persuasion and by education at least the partial consent of the persons chiefly concerned. In the meantime, the school should be kept open. That is the fairest and the only truly democratic way; that should be the approach of the school committee and of the town to this matter of the North School.

Herbert P. Carter
Arthur R. Lewis
William A. Doherty

March 7, 1939.

Editor's Note—As an alumnus of the majority of the committee, the editor would like to comment on certain points in the above communication which he was glad to receive from his former colleagues. First, the point that the saving may not materialize seems to be without any foundation; the final figures are indisputable. The other proposal, to split a grade in Shawsheen, having half go to the grade ahead and half to the grade behind, would "jeopardize" the position of a teacher just as much as the North school plan does; each involves a saving by elimination of a teacher, the chances being that at least one elementary teacher will be married or retire this year. The Shawsheen proposal would reduce the educational advantages of that school in order to continue the educational disadvantages of the North school.

But to get down to the real purpose of the plan. The minority

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Philadelphia Ledger
Columnist To Speak

C. William Duncan, Columnist of the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger, will be the lecturer at the next meeting of the November Club on Monday afternoon, March 13, his subject, "Close-ups of Famous People." Mr. Duncan comes with very high recommendations as a free and easy speaker and a pleasing personality. If women are vitally interested in the affairs of the nation, they will find Mr. Duncan a mine of information as to what is going on in the United States and who is making it go, bringing the nation's headlines to his audiences as seen through the eyes and regaling his hearers with interesting anecdotes.

An extremely interesting course of lectures on "History in the Making" by Mrs. Frank Mansfield Taylor comes to a close on Wednesday morning, March 15. Mrs. Taylor's vivid personality and tremendous fund of information have for many years given her an enthusiastic following among November club members and their friends. Following this final lecture there will be a social hour with coffee and doughnuts served.

Select Chorus
For H. M. S. Pinafore

Rehearsals for the operetta, H. M. S. Pinafore are being held daily by the junior high pupils in preparation for the performances to be given on March 23 and 24. The March 23 performance will be at 3:30 p. m. and the 24th one at 8:00 p. m.

This promises to be just as successful as were Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, and the cast is working hard under the management of Miss Mabel Marshall, Miss Miriam Sweeney, and Miss Evelyne Oliver of the faculty.

The following have been chosen for the sailors of the boys' chorus: Frederick Nowell, Samuel Waugh, John Shepard, Alfred Harris, Wil-

liam Morgan, William Rich, Dwight Killam, Harry Emmons, George Irwin, Bernhardt Harig, Cornelius Wilder, John Lord, George Selden, Ted Escholtz, Clifford Peters, Charles Flanagan, Charles Davidson, Dana Hill, Fred Temple, Joseph Keith, Paul Weamer, Ralph Wirtz, Durwood Moody, Henry Buntin, William Welch, Robert Lawrence, John Barrell, William Eastham, and Robert Miller.

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Rudolph Pulenski of Dale street spent Sunday in Pittsfield.

John Cronin of Center street has recovered after a recent illness.

Rankin Grant, Ralph Lakin, and Roy Brown spent the week-end skiing at North Conway, N. H.

George Brown, Jr., of Andover street spent the week-end at Cannon Mountain, Franconia, N. H., skiing.

Mrs. Thomas Miller of Tewksbury street is improving at her home after a recent illness.

James O'Donnell of Tewksbury street is improving after a recent operation.



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DEYERMOND A ROMAN

A picture of John Deyermund, Jr., of Shawsheen road appeared in "Pictures to the Editor" in the March 6 edition of Life magazine. Draped in Roman togas, the Syracuse football team and acced Cleopatra were enacting a skit in the college musical-comedy, "Life Goes to College," when the picture was snapped.

Mr. Deyermund is a sophomore at Syracuse this year where he has been a member of the football team both years.

AMERICAN LEGION HEARS CANDIDATES

Past Commander Stafford A. Lindsay presided as moderator at the meeting of the American Legion last Friday evening. Candidates for Monday's election were invited to express their opinions and give their qualifications for office. A general discussion of the town warrant followed.

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Abbot Academy Notes

The Fidelio Society will go to Governor Dummer Academy on Saturday afternoon where they will give a joint choral concert with the Governor Dummer Glee Club. The concert will be preceded by a dinner at the academy in South Byfield, and followed by a dance. Miss Hearsey and Miss Humes will accompany the students.

The Reverend Boynton Merrill, of West Newton, will speak at the regular Sunday evening vesper service. Friends of the school are cordially invited to attend in Abbot Hall at 7:30.

A tea will be held on Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 in the John-Esther Art Gallery by the alumnae for the alumnae of Andover, North Andover, Methuen and Lawrence in honor of Miss Hearsey. Mrs. Mildred Frost Eaton, President of the Abbot Alumnae Association, and Mrs. Edna Francis Levitt, President of the Boston Abbot Club, will receive with Miss Hearsey.

FILM ON FILMS SHOWN AT CLUB

By proxy of the film "Highlights and Shadows," the Square and Compass Club visited the Eastern Kodak factory at their meeting last Thursday. Illustrations of cameras, films and paper for photographs in process showed how science and invention have perfected the photographic industry, answering the demand that is growing as the interest in photography, professional and amateur, increases.

A crate of oranges sent from Florida won a hearty vote of thanks from the club members for the donor, Henry Miller, who is spending several weeks in the warm-wintered state. Refreshments were served.

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Shawsheen

Mrs. J. Russell Barlow was removed from the Lawrence General hospital to her home on York street last Saturday. She is resting as comfortably as can be expected.

Pauline Howe of Arundel street has been confined to her home by illness.

Robert and Harry Emmons, Jr., of York street returned from the Russell Cottages, Kearsarge, N. H., on Sunday, having enjoyed winter sports since last Wednesday.

Robert B. Hatton of 5 Ayer street has returned from the Lawrence General hospital where he submitted to a minor operation.

Ernest A. Johnson, 17 William street, has returned to his official duties in the Arlington Mills after being under medical treatment for the past month.

Mrs. Earl Rutter and daughter, Evelyn, of Carlisle street spent last week in New York City.

Priscilla Moss returned from Kennebunk on Saturday, and with her came Mrs. William Simpson and Samuel Simpson of Kennebunk.

Mrs. Percy Nutton and daughter Edna were at Symphony Hall in Boston on Sunday to hear Josef Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Perry of Balmoral street attended the convention of the New England Order of Protection at the Hotel Bradford, Boston, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Barbara Bruorton of York street entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bruorton of Melrose recently.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Conner of Windsor street witnessed the hockey game between the Rangers and Bruins last Sunday night at the Boston Garden.

Hymn Festival

On Next Sunday

A Festival of Hymn Singing will be held next Sunday afternoon at four-thirty in the Cochran Church. Members of the congregations and choirs of many churches in Andover, North Andover, Lawrence and Methuen will join in singing some of the greatest hymns ever written. The public is invited to attend and participate.

The final rehearsal of the hymns to be sung at the service will be on Friday evening at eight o'clock at the Cochran Church.

CLAN TO ELECT

The regular meeting of Clan Johnston was held Friday night in Fraternal Hall. The annual election of officers will be held at the next meeting a week from Friday.

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At League Meeting

The merits of the several articles to be voted on at the Town Meeting next Monday evening were considered at the regular meeting of the League of Women Voters, in the Music Room of the Junior High School Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Harold Rafton, presiding, introduced Selectman Roy Hardy who spoke on articles sponsored by the Selectmen; Sidney P. White, representing the Board of Public Works, explained the articles inserted by his board; Mrs. Graham Baldwin discussed the problems of the school budget; Mrs. Angus and Mrs. Musk, by means of questions and answers presented the North School problem; and Mrs. John Little spoke on Public Welfare. Mrs. Walen, a member of the committee on co-ordinated recreation, spoke on the article sponsored by that group for an appropriation for a skating area in the center of the town, to provide safe skating for Andover youngsters next winter.

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AUXILIARY MEETS

Whist and dominos were enjoyed by the British War Veterans auxiliary at the meeting last night at the Square and Compass club. Refreshments were served by the committee composed of Mrs. David Wallace, Mrs. John White, Mrs. John Wynton, Mrs. John Young, Mrs. Jean Wood, Mrs. Arthur Ouimette and Mrs. Annie Boynton.

College Students To Lead Services

Dr. Newton C. Fetter, minister to Baptist students in Greater Boston, with a deputation of fourteen of his young people, will lead a series of programs in the Baptist church this coming week-end.

The visitors who come from Harvard, Simmons, M. I. T., B. U., Wheelock, and Wellesley plan to arrive in time for supper to be served in the church vestry Saturday night at 6.30. Following the supper the guests will conduct a social for those attending the supper as well as those arriving after the meal. All the Sunday church services are to be led by this visiting group. They will speak before all the departments of the church school, conduct the church worship and preach the sermon, lead the young people's meeting in the afternoon, and close with the presentation of a religious drama entitled, "Dust of the Road." The visiting young people will be guests in Baptist homes during their stay in Andover Saturday and Sunday. All of the programs and services are open to the public.

Mrs. Ella Curtis is showing improvement after being confined to her home on Park street with the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Northey of Rocky Hill road spent the week-end in Colebrook, N. H.

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FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 9:30 Sunday school; 10:45 Morning worship and sermon on "Generous in all Things"; 10:45 Nursery school; 12:00 Slatery class; 12:00 Pastor's class for joining church; 5:00 Choir Festival at Cochran Church; 6:15 C. E.; Tuesday, 2:30 Helping Hand, St. Patrick's Tea; Thursday, 6:00 Junior choir; 7:30 Senior choir; Friday, 7:00 Boy Scouts.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, 9:30 Church school; 10:45 Morning worship, music by two choirs, service conducted by visiting college students; 6:00 Young people; 7:00 Religious drama; "Dust of the Road," college players; Monday, 7:30 W. W. G. meets at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Ward, Ballardvale; Tuesday, 7:30 Teachers and officers of church school meet; Friday, 6:00 Junior choir; 7:00 Senior choir; 7:00 Boy Scouts.

WEST CHURCH

Thursday, 3:30 School choir; 7:30 Senior choir; 7:30 Special meeting of the West Church in vestry; Sunday, 10:00 Church school; 10:45 Primary Dept.; 10:45 Morning worship with sermon; "Through the Last Weeks with Peter"; 7:00 Young people at parsonage; Tuesday, 7:00 Boy Scouts; Wednesday, 7:30 Fire-side Fellowship at parsonage.

CHRIST CHURCH

Friday, 7:30 Boy Scouts; Saturday, 10:00 Children's Lenten service; Sunday, 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Church school, 11:00 Litany and sermon; Monday, 7:45 G. F. S. older members; Tuesday, 4:00 G. F. S. Candidates; 8:00 meeting of vestry; Wednesday, 3:00 G. F. S. younger members; 8:00 Lenten service with address on "A Phase of the Lord's Prayer."

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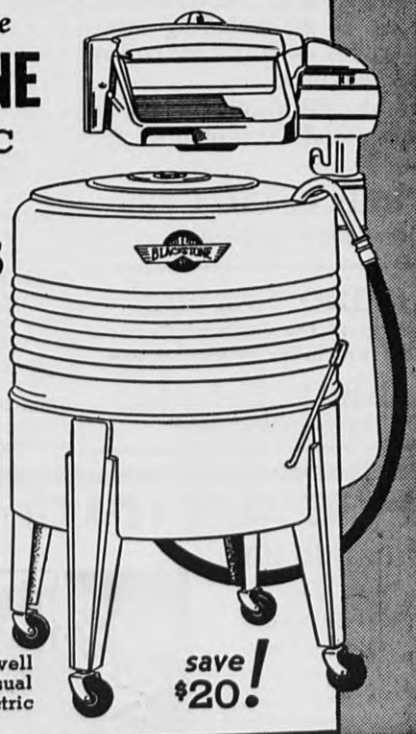
Sunday masses at 6:30, 8:15, 9:45, 11:30; week-day masses at 7:30.

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Cider Man, Descendant Of Man Who Bought Town From Indians, Passes Away

Perley F. Woodbridge of Salem street, veteran cider man and member of one of Andover's "first families," passed away Friday morning, at the Lawrence General hospital, where he had been a patient for four weeks. Had he lived until March 9 he would have been eighty years old.

Born in Andover, he was a descendant of the Woodbridge who bought the town from the Indians. As a boy he attended the old "Holt District School," and later went into the cider business which was the only kind of work he had ever known.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lillie A. Morse, of Andover, and two nieces, Miss Mildred Morse, and Mrs. Arthur J. Hudon, of West Dennis, Mass.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Frederick B. Noss, of the South Congregational church, were held Sunday afternoon at the Lundgren Funeral home.

Interment was in Spring Grove cemetery, with committal services, also by Rev. Mr. Noss at the grave.

The bearers were Charles Sayles, Fred E. Cheever, Harry Haywood and Mr. Arthur Hudon.

CUBS TO MEET

The Shawsheen Cubs will meet in the Shawsheen school hall Tuesday evening between six and seven. The Cubs from now on will meet every other Tuesday. William Sawyer will be in charge.

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The Mank sisters will give an illustrated lecture at the A. P. C. meeting next Thursday night. The two sisters are noted for their interesting talks and picture studies of nature scenes in America and their lectures in greater Lawrence have always been well-attended.

The speaker scheduled for the meeting last Thursday was unable to come because of illness. A regular business meeting was held and refreshments were served.

OPPOSE SCHOOL CLOSING

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recognize, in theory at least, that it is better for children to be in a school where there is one teacher for each grade. No matter how many children in each grade in the six-grade-under-one-teacher North school, each grade can receive only a small portion of the teacher's time. No doubt there have been children from the North school who did well in later schools; there probably are some now. But Abraham Lincoln did pretty well with his meager schooling too. What the school board should think of is not the exceptional student but the average one. There probably were quite a few fellows back in Lincoln's time who received very little from their meager schooling.

The school day would not be lengthened under the new plan. In fact it would be shortened. Superintendent Sanborn and the bus driver have gone over the whole route, making all the proposed stops and keeping time very carefully, and they find that the first child would be picked up at 8:38 (when most children elsewhere have left for schools) and a stop would be made at the North school at 8:42. Every child would be home at 3:55, and there are not many parents who see their children that early in the afternoon.

As for growth in Shawsheen and in the North district, may we point out two things? When the Shawsheen school was built, it was felt that the village was growing so fast that the school should be made very large, with allowance for adding on. Today the number of school

children per grade is quite low as implied in the communication, and there are vacant rooms there. Twenty-five years ago the town enlarged the North school to two rooms because of "the amazing growth of that section." Today one of the two rooms is vacant. Until that phenomenal growth actually comes, should we penalize the children by having them study six grades in one room?

As a matter of record, it might be well to mention that the children from the southern part of the town are not transported because "there were no educational facilities at hand." There were two schools, the Scotland district school and the Holt district school, down there in the old days, and at one time or another these two schools were closed. The cases are then quite parallel.

A school committee's first consideration in our minds should be not the feelings of any section of the town but the education of the children. If people in any district for instance happened to have a young lady who they felt should be appointed the teacher but the school board felt she wasn't qualified, would the minority accede to the district's request as to what they wanted for the children rather than following their own belief as to what was best for the children? No, of course they wouldn't. The people of Andover elect a school committee to administer the schools for the best interests of the children; the school committee then has no right to pass over its reasoning on any problem to any group in town. Others' opinions, these parents' opinions, should be taken into consideration, and the majority members have given a great deal of thought to them, but they decided the way they did because they felt that those parents' children would be better educated if they were sent to the Shawsheen school. There is no more coercion here than there is in any rule the school committee makes regarding the children of parents anywhere.

It's more than a legal right; it's a moral obligation which they are bound to carry out regardless of the feelings of anyone else, regardless of the consequences to themselves, regardful only of the best possible education of the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lowe of Summer street have been touring Florida for several weeks. The week of February 22, they visited in Plymouth and then drove on to Deland.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Wildwood road is spending some of the winter months with her husband in Burlington, N. J.


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Obituaries

Herbert B. Merrick

Herbert B. Merrick, well-known resident of West Andover for the past 25 years, died early Saturday at his home on Lowell street. For many years he was employed as a bookkeeper in the Boston office of the American Woolen Company, and for the past several years at the Shawsheen Mill. He had been very active in the affairs of the West Parish Church, having served in the Sunday school as teacher and superintendent for many years, also as deacon of the church and clerk of the parish as well as auditor. He was also prominent in the Andover Male Choir, serving as librarian. At the time of his death he was a warden in Precinct 4 of the town. Mr. Merrick was also a great lover of flowers and spent much time in his garden.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace (Manahan) Merrick, a daughter, Mrs. John Lawrence of Dayton, Va., and one son, Lathrop of Reading. There are also two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon at 2:00 from the West Parish church. Rev. Donald Savage, pastor, and Rev. Newman Matthews, former pastor, officiated.

Mrs. Emilie Vogel

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Emilie Vogel, 86, of Juliette street, who died last Wednesday after a short illness, were held at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon from the funeral chapel of Julius B. Emmert and Sons, Haverhill street, Lawrence. Mrs. Vogel was born in Hohenstein, Saxony, Germany, and prior to her death, had been residing with her daughter, Mrs. Marmaduke Cottam.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Cottam of Shawsheen and Ida Emmerich of Germany; a son, Herman M. Vogel of Lawrence; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The bearers were: Paul Vogel, Alfred Schlegel, Fred Jaeckel, Paul Schuetzenberger, Carl Fechner and Alfred Lauterbach.

Rev. Oscar Krauch, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Lawrence, conducted the services. Interment was in the family lot in Bellevue cemetery.

Mrs. Sarah J. Mackenzie

Mrs. Sarah J. Mackenzie, widow of William MacKenzie, died Monday afternoon after a short illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Laurie of Whittier street, where she has been residing for many years. Born in Scotland in 1856, she moved to Andover more than fifty years ago. She was an active member of the Helping Hand society of the Free Church. Her sister, the late Mrs. Helen G. Gorrie, two years her junior, died in this town less than two weeks before Mrs. Mackenzie.

She is survived by two sons, George of Moosup, Connecticut and Alexander of Andover; a daughter, Mrs. Laurie; a sister, Mrs. Thomas MacLeish; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services at the Laurie home this afternoon were officiated at by Rev. Herman C. Johnson.

Abijah F. Symonds

Funeral services for the late Abijah F. Symonds, 77, who died Friday night at the family home on Summer street, were held Monday afternoon by Rev. Frederick B. Noss.

Mr. Symonds is survived by a son, George; a daughter, Mrs. Elliot Webster; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The bearers were, George Napier, Clarence Hatfield, James Hawley, Claremont Gray, Albert Styles and Charles Copeland.

Interment was in the Ridgewood cemetery, North Andover.

Frederick B. Goff

Frederick B. Goff, 69 Stratford Road, Melrose, died suddenly at his home on Tuesday evening as a result of a heart attack. He was born in Andover on October 19, 1872 and was educated in the Andover schools. For thirty-four years he was private secretary to the late Gordon Dexter of Boston, and recently to Franklin Dexter.

In June 1899 Mr. Goff was united in marriage with Miss Laura F. Farnum of North Andover, who died November 30, 1920. A daughter, Miss Beatrice L. Goff of Melrose, and a sister, Miss Martha C. Goff of Andover, survive.

Mr. Goff was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, including the Hugh de Payens Commandery of Melrose. He was long an active member of the Free Church of Andover, and for the last ten years

of the Congregational Church of Melrose Highlands.

The funeral service will be held at the home Friday at 2 o'clock with burial in Spring Grove cemetery, Andover.

Punchard Annexes Valley Championship

The decisive game of the Upper Merrimack Valley tournament was won by Punchard in a "sudden death" battle with Methuen last Saturday at the Memorial gymnasium. The score was 20-all at the end of the regulation period, but a foul point by Donald MacLachlan and a basket by Warren Deyermond gave Punchard three overtime points.

Lineup for the Punchard team was as follows: F. Yancey, rf; W. Yancey, lf; Deyermond, c; MacLachlan, rb; White, lb.

Warren Deyermond, the high scorer will receive a pair of basketball shoes and the players will each receive engraved charms.

Punchard entered the finals by virtue of its victory over Central Catholic, 37-21, in the trial round and over Wilmington, 42-21, in the semi-finals.

IN HOOPS TOURNEY

The Andover Boys' Club is now eligible to enter the Greater Lawrence Basketball Tournament on March 18. The contesting teams will meet Thursday to draw lots for the order of playing.

JUNIOR DANCE

The Punchard high school junior class will hold a dance tomorrow evening in the Memorial Gym, from 7:30 to 11:30. Tickets are now on sale at thirty-five cents.

The following committee has planned the affair: Bernice Mundy, chairman; Andrew Hamilton, temporary chairman; Ruth Porter, Dorothy Christie, Edward Guild, and Warren Richardson.

ARBROATHIANS ELECT

The annual election of officers of the Arbroath association was held at the meeting last Monday night in the Guild. William Vannett was elected president; Fred Scott, vice-president; Ina Petrie, secretary; William Watt, treasurer; Nan Lindsay, pianist; and David Vannett, guard.



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Legal Notices!

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Stephen A. Gilliard late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court praying that Frederick W. Gilliard of Andover in said County be appointed administrator of said estate without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Lawrence before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirteenth day of March 1939, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN V. PHELAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register From the office of: Alan T. Polgreen, Esq. 66 Main Street Andover, Massachusetts (23-2-9)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Andrew Kydd late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by John A. Kydd of Cranston in the State of Rhode Island praying that he be appointed executor thereof without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Lawrence before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirtieth day of March 1939, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN V. PHELAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register (23-2-9)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss. To Nathan Mazer of Oakland, in the State of California.

A libel has been presented to said Court by your wife, Margaret P. Mazer, of Andover, in said County of Essex, praying that a divorce from the bond of matrimony between herself and you be decreed for the cause of desertion and praying for alimony—and for custody of and allowance for minor child.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court within twenty-one days from the eighth day of May 1939, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN V. PHELAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-

eighth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Perley F. Woodbridge late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Frederick E. Cheever and Mildred Morse both of Andover in said County, praying that they be appointed executors thereof without giving a surety on their bonds.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Newburyport before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-seventh day of March 1939, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN V. PHELAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventh day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register (9-16-23)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Helen K. McLanathan late of Andover in said County, (wife of Frank W. McLanathan), deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Frank W. McLanathan of Andover in said County, praying that he be appointed executor thereof without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Newburyport before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-seventh day of March 1939, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN V. PHELAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register (9-16-23p)

Missionary Rally On Next Thursday

The annual Inter-Church Missionary Rally will be held at the South Church next Thursday, with Mrs. Lillian Cole Gould presiding.

The program follows:

Morning session: 10:15, opening exercises; hymn 36, responsive reading, page 289; prayer; Work for the Blind in Andover, Mrs. Oswald Tower; The Church can hold its Youth, Rev. Samuel Overstreet; Discussion; hymn 306; Christian Education for Women, Mrs. Franklin Field; and hymn 207.

12:30 Box Luncheon. Afternoon session: 2:00 Devotional service, Miss Fannie Davis; music by the Abbot Academy choir; offering; address: South Africa and the Madras Conference, Dr. James Dexter Taylor of Johannesburg; hymn 256; benediction.

Mrs. Field is the wife of Franklin G. Field, baritone soloist. She, herself, is the chairman of the Education Committee of the Woman's department, and President of the Suffolk District of the Woman's Department in the Congregational conference. She is an able speaker.

An ardent apostle of church unity and racial comity in South Africa, Dr. James Dexter Taylor of Johannesburg, with wit and wisdom gleaned from nearly forty years among the Zulus, brings to America a challenging story of the contribution which Christian missions are making today in the midst of South Africa's racial, social and economic problems.

Fully alive to the multitudinous problems of race and economics, he works untiringly toward harmony among Zulus, Xosas, Basutos, Bechuanas and Mantaus as well as between blacks and whites. His executive abilities have caused him

B. P. W. Can Effect Savings Of \$22,712 In Budgets If Five Articles Are Approved

Savings of \$22,712 in the regular departmental budgets of the Board of Public Works will be possible if the town hall remodeling, the Big Mike, the trucks, the horse sale and the Chapter 500 articles are passed Monday night. The Board intends to ask permission to take up these articles (5, 13, 14, 15 and 24) first. Then when the departmental budgets come up, they will be changed to correspond

with the action on these articles. The savings in the budgets are shown in the following table, the final column representing the amount that will be asked for if all these articles are approved, and the next to the last the amount if none are approved. It will be noted that if they are all passed, the board will ask less for snow removal than the finance committee's recommendation:

DEPT.	Article 5 Money from Chap. 500	Article 13 Town Hall Remodeling	Article 14 Grader Purchase	Article 15 Trucks Purchase	Article 24 Sale of Horses	Total Saving	Budget Before Reduction	After Reduction
Highway (Maint.)	13,150.	200.	400.	1,100.	500.	15,350.	54,000.	38,650.
Park		16.				16.	4,724.	4,708.
Sewer		24.				24.	5,900.	5,876.
Water (Const.)		40.				40.	10,600.	10,560.
Water (Maint.)		130.				130.	28,000.	27,870.
Snow Removal			300.	1,827.		2,127.	12,500.	10,373.
Article 16 Hard Surfacing			200.	200.		400.	5,000.	4,600.
Article 17 W.P.A. Projects				4,625.		4,625.	15,000.	10,375.
Totals	13,150	410.	900.	7,752.	500.	22,712.	135,724.	113,012.

to be called facetiously "the Congregational Bishop of Zululand."

Mrs. Philip Ripley, chairman of music, is being assisted by the Abbot Academy choir, by Mrs. Annie Angus and Mrs. Donald Savage.

The following list of chairmen is appended: Program: Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Gutterson, Mrs. Whittemore; music: Mrs. Ripley; reception: Miss M. Hewes, chairman, Miss Farmer, Miss Florence Abbott, Miss Abbie Burtt, Miss Lindsay; publicity: Mrs. M. E. Gutterson, chairman, Mrs. Cheney; decoration: Mrs. Richard Abbott, chairman, Mrs. Robert Brown; transportation: Mrs. Whittemore, chairman, Mrs. Brickett; luncheon: Mrs. Wilfred Lord, chairman, Mrs. Byron Hall, Mrs. Frank Crawford, Mrs. Arthur Bassett; ushers: Mrs. Harold Godfrey, chairman, Mrs. Frank Petty, Mrs. Clifford Marshall, Mrs. Tyler Carlton, Mrs. Cleveland Gilcreast.

Tabulation Of Votes

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Selectman, 3 yrs.							
Hardy	444	336	315	213	182	265	1755
Wilson	364	365	151	83	107	190	1260
Blanks	24	47	16	14	8	16	125
Assessor, 3 yrs.							
Hardy	438	328	306	202	178	269	1721
Wilson	361	361	153	81	103	183	1242
Blanks	33	59	23	27	16	19	177
B. P. W., 3 yrs.							
Hall	398	249	149	128	230	244	1298
Pla don	343	237	197	85	94	198	1154
Barron	102	133	102	157	71	43	608
Burns	122	133	122	32	35	46	490
Hardy	141	124	77	28	21	84	475
Devermond	119	148	75	20	19	61	442
Marshall	120	72	46	9	14	82	343
Riley, Jr.	65	94	31	51	32	39	312
Brown	38	41	33	13	19	24	168
Blanks	214	265	132	97	59	121	888
School Committee, 3 yrs.							
Lewis	576	463	373	237	231	366	2196
Musk	549	426	299	132	200	344	1950
Houston	462	289	324	165	152	318	1710
Bailey	410	438	233	165	136	193	1575
Blanks	499	632	367	231	172	192	1989
Board of Health, 3 yrs.							
Stacey	385	307	179	103	108	172	1254
Bacon	267	198	164	86	106	213	1034
Collins	130	171	90	91	59	61	602
Blanks	50	72	49	30	24	25	250

VILLAGE P. T. A. MEETS

The fathers were in charge of the regular monthly meeting of the Shawsheen P. T. A. meeting last night. Joseph Gagne, in charge of entertainment, introduced Stanley Schultz, who presented eight young ladies from Amesbury High school who sang under the direction of

Margaret Hannagan, Bromislaw Polichnowski, violinist, and Raymond Towne, accompanist, from North Andover were especially well received. Mr. Schultz told of his recent auto trip to California.

Mrs. Donald's room won the banner and Mr. Joseph Mulvey had charge of the refreshments.

Timber Agent

Here Wednesday

Next Wednesday, J. A. King of Peabody, Federal agent for Essex county in charge of purchasing hurricane-blown timber, will be at the town house from 1 to 5. Anyone having logs to sell should see him there. Arrangements will also be made to have a local depot for delivery of the logs.

CIRCUS IN LOWELL

Starting the week of March 6th to the 11th inclusive, the Rex Grill in Lowell, by popular demand, is putting on another Circus Week. About four weeks ago, the Grille put on a circus week, and during that week over two thousand children were present at the various shows, 7:30, 9:30 and 11 P. M.

The first act is Palermo and Seven Dogs. These dogs are trained to do all kinds of stunts. Next will be "Singer The Great." He is a sword swallower and a fire-eater and in addition to these he emulates a horse and proceeds to eat a bale of hay on the stage, to the amazement of the kiddies and everyone present.

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West Parish

Mrs. John Rimbach of Waltham has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright of Shaw- sheen road.

Mr. Arthur Boutwell has returned to Deland, Florida, after spending several weeks in Andover.

Donald Metcalf of Saugus is spending the week with his grand- parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lewis of Lowell street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carter and family of West Newton visited Mr. George M. Carter of High Plain road on Sunday.

Rev. Newman Matthews, former pastor of the West Church, con- ducted the church services at the Congregational Church in Salem, N. H., Sunday.

Mrs. Herbert Merrick of Lowell street left town Wednesday after- noon in company with her daughter, Mrs. John Lawrence, for Dayton, Virginia, where she will spend some time.

Mrs. Henry Collins has returned to her home in Tenafly, N. J., after spending several days with her sister Mrs. Herbert Merrick.

Mrs. Waldo Savage of Dunstable is spending several days with Mrs. Donald Savage.

WOMAN'S UNION NOTE

Members of the Fancy Work Committee of the Woman's Union will meet at the home of Mrs. Ar- thur Lewis, Lowell street on Wed- nesday at 2:30.

FOOD SALE TO BE HELD

There will be a sale of home- cooked food in the vacant store of the Musgrove building on Friday, March 24, by the Woman's Union of the West Church. Home-cooked beans and brown bread will be a specialty. Orders may be given Mrs. Herbert Carter.

ELECTS PRESIDENT

The members of the Junior Woman's Union of the West Church held a business meeting on Wednesday evening, following the Guest Night program. Mrs. Karl Haartz was unanimously elected president to succeed Mrs. Harlan Newton who recently resigned. road, at 8:00.

GRANGE TO MEET

Andover Grange will meet Tues- day at 8:00. After routine business, the social program of the evening will be in charge of the Dramatic Club and there will be a debate on the subject: "Resolved: That the town of Andover should adopt rep- resentative form of town meeting," with the positive side being led by Paul L'Antigua, and the negative by William F. Barron.

CAFETERIA SUPPER TO BE HELD

The Junior Woman's Union of the West Church will hold a cafe- teria style supper in the vestry on Saturday evening, March 18, from 5:30 to 7:00 o'clock. Baked beans and brown bread and many other good things will comprise the menu. Mrs. Donald Savage and Mrs. Grant Silva are co-chairmen of the committee.

LAFALOT CLUB MEETS

The monthly meeting of the Lafa- lot Club was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Russell Foster. The next meeting will be held on April 4th at the home of Mrs. Alex. Henderson, Argilla road.

PLAN FAIR

The Fair committee of Andover Grange met at the home of Arthur Lewis, Lowell street, on Tuesday evening, and plans were made to hold the fair in Grange Hall on Thursday and Friday evenings, September 21 and 22.

R. P. C. TO MEET

The R. P. C. Club will meet on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Clayton Northey, Rocky Hill

WELFARE CLUB MEETS

The General Welfare Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. James Thomson on Sum- mer street last Thursday. Re- freshments were served.

Supper Tonight At Baptist Church

Tables representing each month of the year will be prettily deco- rated by the hostesses for the Philathea Class Calendar supper at the Baptist church this evening. Golden brown pies brimming with chicken will be set before the lucky people whose attendance has

been solicited by the hostesses.

Mrs. Henry Albers is chairman of the ways and means committee assisted by Mrs. Alex. Crocket, Mrs. Harry Dennison, Mrs. Asa Stocks, Mrs. Peggy Thompson, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Goff.

Mrs. Mabel Sanborn, Mrs. Sulis, and Mrs. Peggy Thompson com- pose the committee on entertain- ment.

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Soft Meated Leg and Loin Lamb	lb.	28c
Young Pig Pork Loin	lb.	27c
Lean Middle Rib Corned Beef	lb.	18c
Young Tender Fowl	lb.	27c
Chuck Roast—good cuts, 7 to 8 lbs.	lb.	25c
Face Rump (center cut)	lb.	35c
Rump Steak	lb.	49c, 59c
Good Hamburg	lb.	21c
Cut Up Lamb	4 lbs.	25c

We were quite surprised last week at the number of requests we had for our special potatoes. We will continue the sale this week. By the peck, 33c. By the 100 lbs., 2c a lb.



Birdseye Specials

Birdseye Peas	pkg.	23c
Birdseye Red Perch	lb.	19c

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

Cream Cheese	3 pkgs.	23c
Kellogg's All Bran	pkg.	19c
Heinz's Macaroni (reg. size)	2 cans	25c
Heinz's Macaroni (small size)	2 cans	19c
Heinz's Soups (most kinds)	2 cans	25c
Wyandotte Cleanser	2 cans	10c
Doeskin Facial Tissues	500 for	25c
Bisquick	pkg.	29c
Swansdown Cake Flour	pkg.	33c
Oxo Beef Cubes	tin	23c
Burnett's Vanilla	bot.	23c

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Garden Advice

"In selecting plants for your garden design, keep a firm hand on your own enthusiasms," was one of the suggestions offered by H. Stuart Ortloff in his concluding lecture at the Garden Club meeting last Tuesday morning. "Height, seasonal bloom, and habit of growth really deserve more careful consideration than color. If you follow the rule of simplicity and use a broad, simple treatment, much of the trouble in handling the color will be eliminated."

"If your garden is well planned, it can be attractive twelve months of the year." Mr. Ortloff therefore discouraged too much attention to detail which presents a patchy effect instead of a unified picture. "Always remember," he said, "that no amount of planting will cover up mistakes in design."

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be Monday morning, April 3. Mrs. L. Joseph Eno of Bradford will be the speaker.

The Rhode Island Flower Show to be held in Providence, April 12-15, will resemble a Mexican Street Fair. Tickets may be obtained at Phillips Inn previous to April 1 at sixty cents. After the first, the price will be one dollar.

Children under twelve who wish to attend the New England Flower Show in Boston, March 16-21, may be admitted for twenty-five cents. Students under twenty will be admitted for the same price on Monday and Tuesday provided they have means of identification from their school principal.

Inland Steel Vice

President Talks Here

"Across the Executive's Desk" was the subject of Mr. Clarence B. Randall's "too short" talk at the Phillips Club Smoker last Thursday evening. Vice-president of the Inland Steel Company of Chicago, Mr. Randall was well-qualified to describe the problems that face an executive of one of America's big businesses today. His remarks touched upon labor, government and unemployment, and the only criticism of his dynamic speech made by the large audience was that he didn't talk long enough. Unfortunately, however, Mr. Randall had to hurry to catch a train so that he couldn't accommodate his enthusiastic listeners. Speaking is a hobby of his, and the time that he can allow it from his countless duties as an executive is often limited.

THIMBLE CLUB HOLDS MEETING

At the meeting of the Thimble Club last Thursday, the members sewed for the Lawrence General hospital. It was decided that the club would hold a banquet at the Square and Compass Hall, March 30. The business meeting was followed by an entertaining true story hour and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Clarence Weeks was chairman of the committee, assisted by Mrs. George Lewis, Mrs. Kendall Longe, Mrs. David Lawson, Mrs. Edith Manning, Mrs. Robert Maxwell, Miss Alice McTernan and Mrs. Martha Hollinghurst. Mrs. Chapman presided.

Throw off the winter! Whirl into the refreshing mood of springtime, regardless of the weather. Have a grand new permanent, styled into one of the latest coiffures and LEAD this season's parade of smart fashionables.



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FRIDAY-SATURDAY—March 10-11

SWEETHEARTS—Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy	2:25; 5:45; 9:05
THE LAST EXPRESS—Kent Taylor and Dorothea Kent	4:20; 7:40

SUNDAY-MONDAY—March 12-13

THE SHINING HOUR—Joan Crawford and Melvyn Douglas	3:35; 6:20; 9:05
SONS OF THE LEGION—Donald O'Connor and Billy Lee	2:25; 5:10; 7:55

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY—March 14-15-16

JESSE JAMES—Tyrone Power and Nancy Kelly	2:25; 5:40; 9:00
STAR REPORTER—Warren Hull and Marsha Hunt	4:20; 7:35

Children's Movie Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Admission 10 cents. "DICK TRACY RETURNS," Cartoons and other subjects.