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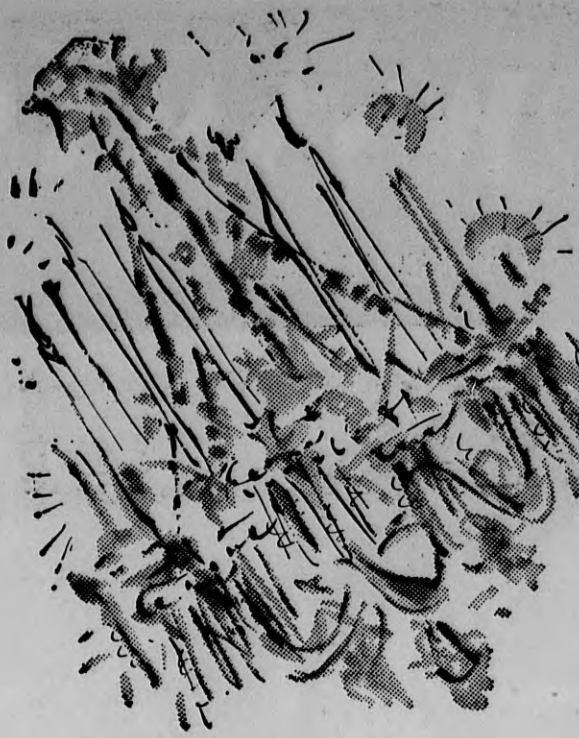
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Youth Concert Sunday

The Andover Community Orchestra will present its first concert of the season on Sunday afternoon, December 7, at 3:30 o'clock in the Memorial Auditorium. Edward Malins, exchange professor from England, now teaching at Phillips Academy, will be the guest star, and the program is as follows:

March from "Ruins of Athens", Beethoven; Farewell Symphony, Haydn; Handel in the Strand, Grainger; Hymn of Thanksgiving, Dutch; Knightsbridge March, Coates.

Adopt School Budget

Savings Effected In Per Pupil Cost

The school committee in session on Tuesday evening approved the 1948 school budget at the figure of \$268,279.00, an increase of less than one-half of one percent over last year's figure of \$267,131, and the detailed report is now in the hands of the finance committee, which had requested that all budgets be in its hands by December 15.

The budget committee, which consisted of Gordon Colquhoun, Atty. Vincent Stulgis, and Superintendent Kenneth L. Sherman, have been meeting over the past three weeks, cleaning up details which were discussed, item by item, at the school committee meeting, before the board unanimously voted to adopt the budget. All members were present except Miss Barbara Loomer.

Superintendent Sherman pointed out that the \$1,148 increase is extremely low, in view of full-year salary increases, and gave a per pupil cost of \$179.80 in 1948, as compared with a per pupil cost of \$189.10 in 1947. The saving per pupil, he indicated, was a result of certain savings within the system: including the closing of the North school, reduction in the number of teachers, and the termination of special veterans' education.

The increase in the budget he ascribed to the increased enrollment, which has followed a sharp upward curve since 1945, in a trend similar to that after the last war.

The superintendent pointed out that in figuring per pupil cost, expenses for transporting parochial school children, and the cost of maintaining the assembly hall, were both included, and that in any

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Bernard M. Killmurray, director of guidance in the public schools, reported in a memorandum to Superintendent Sherman the outcome of a conference with Academy officials held recently, and the superintendent also read a letter addressed to him by Dr. Claude M. Fuess, headmaster at the Academy, in which the Academy head complimented public school officials on their co-operation with Academy education.

The communications follow:
Mr. Kenneth L. Sherman
Andover Junior High School
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As a result of some experience which we have had during the past few years with the Andover Junior High School, I am impelled to tell you how much pleased we are with the relationship which exists between your school and Phillips Academy. The predictions which you make with regard to your boys coming to us have, generally speaking, been accurate and honest, and we have found that we can rely

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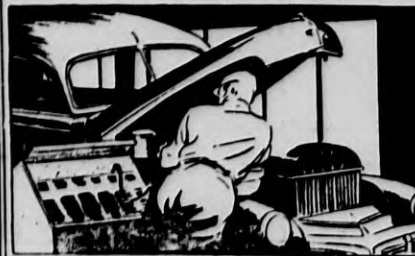
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Thanksgiving Assembly

Last Thursday, an all-student assembly was held to commemorate Thanksgiving Day. The program was:

1, Opening, John Gillis; 2, Bible Selection, Polly Black; 3, Song, "America, the Beautiful"; accompanist, Claire Archibald; 4, Flag Salute, led by Vincent Davey; 5, Song, "Thanksgiving Hymn"; 6, Governor's Annual Thanksgiving Day Proclamation, John Sherman; 7, Song, "Now Thank We All Our God."

After the assembly, a rally was held in the stadium.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Punchard students returned unhappily to school last Monday, slightly heavier after Thanksgiving. Most of us saw the hard-fighting Punchard team go down to defeat to our rival, Johnson High school of North Andover. The visiting team made their score in the first half, but it was Punchard's game after the coach's pep-up talk. Unfortunately, the team was unable to run the score above that of the visitors. After the game the students adjourned to the feast, and recuperated for the rest of the week-end.

Basketball

The basketball season got under way last Monday, when the first meeting of the squad was held. Mr. McKinry, the coach, hopes that the team will again be invited to participate in the Tech tournaments.

Class Pictures

The proofs of the Senior class pictures arrived last Wednesday. Most of the Seniors were astounded to think that they looked like what the proofs presented, and felt that the teachers were adding insult to injury when they said that the likenesses were quite good. When we took the pictures home for family inspection, they seemed to like them; so last Tuesday, a representative of the Waid Studios of Boston, the class photographers, took our orders for pictures, which many townspeople will probably receive as Christmas presents.

Goldsmith Prize

Speaking Contest

The six speakers for Goldsmith are hard at work memorizing their selections. They are: Nancy Chadwick, Irene Yancy, Joan Gallagher,

Joseph Ratyna, Russell Doyle, and Jack Sherman. These six speakers were chosen in tryouts, with several members of the faculty as judges. The best boy and the best girl speaker from each class were chosen to speak. The prizes are five dollars each to the best boy speaker and the best girl speaker. The contest will be held December 17.

Senior Class Book

The Senior class book committee is still hard at work on this year's volume. With the arrival of the class pictures, the layout committee will commence work, and start the actual makeup and plan of the book. The Seniors are already making out slips of paper on which they list the activities they participated in during their three years at Punchard.

Returns Announced on Punchard-Johnson Game

The financial statement of the Punchard-Johnson game on November 25 follows:

Ticket sale: 1268 students at 35 cents, \$443.80; 1624 adults at 60 cents, \$974.40; gross income, \$1418.20.

Expenses

Government tax: 1268 students at 6 cents, \$76.08; 1624 adults at 10 cents, \$162.40; total government tax, \$238.48.

Other expenses: ball, \$12.50; janitor service, \$8.00; officials, \$85.00; police (12), \$84.00; tickets, \$5.00; ticket seller, \$13.50; transportation, \$10.00; total, \$218.00.

Total of all expenses, \$456.48; net income after expenses, \$961.72; share for each school, \$480.86.

Submitted by James H. Hart, treasurer of Punchard A. A.

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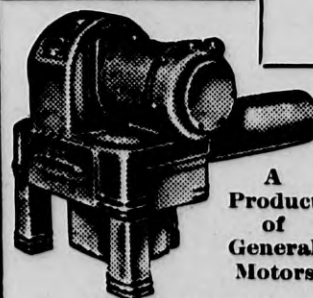
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DENTAL HYGIENIST REPORTS ON PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS

Mrs. Shirley Beal Asks Parent Co-operation

Mrs. Shirley Beal, dental hygienist in local public schools, has just completed her annual routine examination and cleaning of the teeth of 306 high school students.

Only 41 of this number had no dental defects, which means a balance of 265 with dental decay, 60 of whom needed one or more extractions of permanent teeth. The percentage in all of the schools are practically the same, according to Mrs. Beal. A report of her work during the school year follows:

Our dental health program in Andover includes annual cleaning and examination of all students from kindergarten through high school. In all elementary grades, the parents are notified by note, telephone, or home visits, of any defects that need correction. Success of any health program is largely dependent upon the parent. The child may be interested, but unless encouraged and aided by the parent, he is unable to eat a proper diet for good teeth and health. Unless a parent will make an appointment with the dentist and be sure the child visits the dentist every six months, our dental program will not be a success.

More and more follow-up examinations are being made, and if no corrective measures have been taken, home visits are made to find the reason why. The children who have been unable to attend because of financial reasons are helped by the Red Cross. The family pays as much as it can afford, and the Red Cross, with the co-operation of the local dentists, does the rest.

The educational program is built around such subjects as mouth hygiene, proper diet for building and maintaining good teeth, the value of exercise to the teeth and jaws, and the necessity of early and regular dental attention. The children are taught the proper method of brushing their teeth and the importance of daily care. Visual aids are used as much as possible.

The pre-school registration was held in June, and all prospective pupils of the kindergarten and the first grade had their teeth examined, and parents were advised accordingly. Each parent was asked to take his child to the dentist during the summer for the correction of any dental defects. The return of dental certificates in September showed that 50% of the parents had had their children's teeth taken care of during the summer.

It is apparent that a large number of parents are not fully aware of the extent of dental disease and the significance of having it cared for during childhood. While dental health is but a part of the whole health scheme, it cannot be denied that a physical defect that is present in almost every child and that is so apt to be responsible for systematic disease is of major importance.

I hope that properly educated children of today will develop into adults who will continue to use the dental health education taught them, even to the point of, in time, teaching their children to have an interest in dental health.

Highest Honors In High School

The names of the students in the Senior and Sophomore classes who received highest honors in four or five subjects were omitted from the honor roll last week, due to a mistake in the make-up department. Martha Fielthouse, a Sophomore, earned the signal honor of mention by receiving highest honors in five subjects.

Highest honors in four subjects were received by the following: Joan Capen, Senior class; Gregory Arabian, Dawn Dunn, Helen Glennie, and Ann Murray, Sophomore class.

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Service Men's News

There are many boys from Ballardvale still in the service of Uncle Sam. These boys would like very much to receive letters and cards, especially at this season of the year.

Here are the addresses of a few, and there will be more next week:

Lt. Leslie R. Hadley O-8212-67, Stat. Control Section, 51st Troop Carrier Wing E.A.T.F., APO 33, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Lt. Hadley sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hadley, a telegram for Thanksgiving. He is stationed at Headquarters, Wiesbaden, Germany, and as a pilot travels many miles over Germany and France.

Corporal Robert C. Moss, son of

Mrs. and Mrs. Irving Moss of Andover street, doesn't expect to be Dec. 18th. He will receive his discharge is due in February. Till then his address is: Cpl. Robert C. Moss, R. A., 11155704, Hq. and Hq. Co., Detch. No. 3 (Cadre) Ft. Inf. Div., Fort Jackson, South Carolina, U. S. Army.

Fireman Second Class Elwin Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Matthews of Center street, expects to have a delayed Christmas as his time of duty with the Navy expires Dec. 18th. He will receive his discharge from San Francisco, so his mail should be sent to his home to be there when he arrives. Elwin has been on duty along the Pacific coast and to Alaska.

Rev. David Segestrom, former pastor of the Union Congregational Church, a chaplain in World War II, has received his discharge. Rev. Mr. Segestrom with Mrs. Segestrom have left for Sweden where they will visit relatives.

John Miller, son of William Miller of Woburn street, is in the Veterans' Hospital at Bedford, Mass. John served in the Navy.

Quintet Organized

James Sparks of River street has been busy organizing a basketball team to represent the Union Con-

gregational Church in the League games to be held this winter. With the help of interested citizens, uniforms of gold and blue have been secured.

The first game of the season will be played Dec. 8th. Practice is held every Wednesday evening at the Andover Guild.

Scrap paper will be collected on Saturday of this week by Mr. Sparks and the boys. The proceeds of the sale of the paper will be added to the uniform fund. Anyone wishing to contribute paper may get in touch with Mr. Sparks or any of the following boys who are members of the team: Paul and David MacFarlane, Jackie Lawrie, Frank Hebert, Richard Lawrence, Kenneth Sparks, Philip Coates, Donald Ness, James Green, Carlton Brown, Robert Lakin and Robert Nolin.

Receives Injury

Mrs. Ralph Greenwood, Sr., of Tewksbury street, received a broken shoulder in a fall at the home of Mrs. Pauline MacFarlane of Marland road, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Greenwood was taken to the doctor for X-rays, and went to the Lawrence General Hospital on Wednesday morning for treatment.

Council Meeting

At a Council meeting held Tuesday evening in the vestry of the Congregational Church, plans were made for the every member canvass to be held Sunday. A meeting of the canvassers will be held Friday evening in the vestry.

Rev. and Mrs. Kelsey are to prepare a church calendar and each organization is asked to consult them concerning dates of events.

Charles Scobie was appointed a delegate to the Andover Council of Churches.

A short meeting will be held after the church service on Sunday for the purpose of appointing a new trustee.

Plans were formulated for a church fair with all organizations participating.

Meetings Postponed

The meeting of the Brownies and the girl scouts were postponed this week because of the illness of their leader, Mrs. Ernest Rollins, who is confined to her home with the grip.

Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Osgood formerly of Lynn, are now residing at 25 Chester street, this town.

Miss Margaret Halley is directing the Senior Choir of the Union Congregational Church, with rehearsals being held on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock. Miss Halley is also directing the group who are participating in a Christmas pageant on Dec. 21. Rehearsals are held on Sundays at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Marjorie Emery is organist of the church.

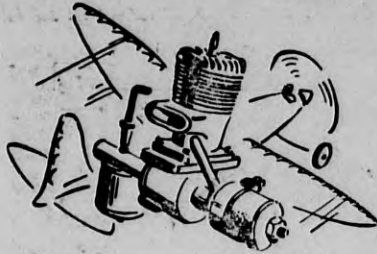
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boyd and son Donald, have returned to their home in Hartford, Conn., after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. James Nicoll of Clark road.

Miss Katherine O'Donnell is ill at her home on Center street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Warner have returned to their apartment in Lynn, after spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. James Nicoll of Clark road.

Mrs. Willard Myers of Melrose formerly of the Vale, renewed acquaintances on Wednesday.

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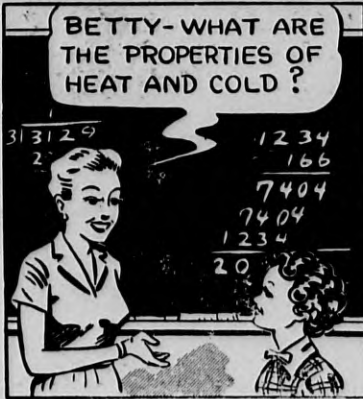
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A concert will be presented by the Abbot tuoso, on 8 p. m. in the Congregational Church. Mr. Abbot theremin, a musician who shows deep musical pretensions.

The theremin is an electronic instrument that produces sound without reeds, keys, or strings. Sounds are produced by variations of voltage in a magnetic field. The instrument's tone, pitch, and volume are controlled by the performer's hands. The theremin is a unique instrument that has been used in many recordings and live performances.

Mr. Abbot theremin is a highly versatile performer who has been featured in many recordings and live performances. He is known for his ability to create a wide range of sounds and textures with the theremin. His performances are often described as ethereal and otherworldly.

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Theremin Virtuoso To Perform in Concert

A concert of unusual interest will be presented by Mr. H. Whipple Abbott, noted theremin virtuoso, on Sunday, December 14, at 8 p. m. in the Trinitarian Congregational church, North Andover. Mr. Abbott, one of only three theremin artists in this country, is a musician of exceptional artistry who shows fine sensitivity and deep musical insight in his interpretations on this unique instrument.

The theremin itself is a "miracle instrument"—producing sound without use of strings, reeds, keys, or human touch. Sounds are created by the alterations of vibrations in an electromagnetic field set up about the instrument. To get differences in tone, pitch and volume the hands are moved in the air around the instrument—varying sound by their proximity to the two antennae. The tone of the instrument is completely novel in character and yet possesses a haunting beauty heard in no other instrument. As one critic has said of the theremin—"It seems to have a soul." No other musical instrument presents so keenly the personality of the performer.

In performance the theremin is highly versatile instrument. "singing" as softly as a whisper or with the great power, as in a vigorous marching song. At times it has the quality of a human voice. This instrument has been acclaimed by musicians, scientists and laymen as an invention barely short of miraculous.

Mr. Abbott, accompanied by Miss Margaret Abbott—pianist and Mrs. Edith Whittier—organist, will present a request program in order to demonstrate the versatility of his instrument. This recital, under the sponsorship of the North Andover Charitable Union and the Trinitarian Church Men's Club, will provide a highly interesting and entertaining evening. The public is invited to this program.

Town Hall Notes

Petition for permits to build in town were at a new low for November, with only one person filing for permission to build a residence.

The board of selectmen are busily engaged in work on the budget these days, with the new deadline of December 15 to be met. The finance committee has requested that all budgets be in their hands by this date.

The assessors are getting their lists into order for an early start on the 1948 program.

RESERVE PATROLMEN ARE APPOINTED

Four Reserve patrolmen were appointed by the selectmen Monday night and their names have been submitted to the Civil Service Commission for approval.

They are as follows: Henry E. Smith, 2 Shawsheen road; William F. Tammany, 36 Maple avenue; Alfred M. Robb, 98 North Main street; Raymond F. Collins, 5 Franklin avenue.

Lee V. Goriensky will speak to the South Church Men's group next Sunday morning at 9:30 on "Religious Painting." All men are welcome.

Sports Night At South Church

On Wednesday evening the Men's Club had a sports night with over 75 fathers and sons in attendance. Chairman Charles McCullom introduced Coaches Steven Sorota and Walter Roberts, both of whom gave interesting talks on the various types of football played in schools and colleges today. The football quiz conducted by both coaches resulted in Walter Lloyd beating out some eighteen other contestants. The football word contest was won by Mr. Thaxter Eaton, town treasurer.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. McCullom are rejoicing over the birth of a son, Thomas Jackson McCullom, at the Lawrence General hospital Tuesday, December 2.

CHRISTMAS PARTY BY CATHOLIC GROUP

Court St. Monica, 783, Catholic Daughters of America, will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening at St. Augustine's school hall at 7:30. The meeting will be followed by the annual Christmas party. Members are asked to bring a twenty-five cent gift to place under the Christmas tree. These must be wrapped in Christmas wrappings. The officers of the court will be the hostesses for the affair. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present, as this will be the last meeting, until after the New Year.

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JUNIOR HIGH NOTES . . .

By Bessie Christie and Patricia Peterkin

Apology

The writers of the Junior High news wish to extend an apology to the readers of their column for no news in last week's issue of The Townsman.

Girls' Intramural Basketball

Girls' intramural basketball will begin promptly at two o'clock in the gym, with Miss Collins in charge of the color teams, Greens, Reds, Blues, and Golds. A large turnout is expected on that Tuesday.

Football Banquet

A football banquet will be held in honor of the Andover Junior High's victorious football squad. The fathers of the boys on the team are invited, plus the fathers of any other Junior High boys with an admission of 75c a ticket. The members of the football squad will be the guests of honor.

Andover Junior High Bazaar

The bazaar sponsored by the Student Government Association was held in the music room of the Junior High school on Wednesday afternoon. The educational therapy classes, in conjunction with the foods and sewing classes, helped to make it the great success that it was. The room was decorated with Christmas sprays and greens, and a beautiful tree adorned the stage. There were tables full of articles made by the children and others who contributed to the cause. These tables bore aprons, fancy articles, babies' clothing and toys, Christmas table decorations, bird houses, decorated boxes, footstools, and many other things too numerous to mention. It was a happy affair and it well paid for the work put into it by so many students. It was a pupils' bazaar.

School Bank

Our school bank is open every Monday morning before school. New depositors are often on hand. We are glad there are so many thrifty people in our school, but we want more. It is a wonderful and easy way to save, so be there next Monday.

Camera Club

Mr. Hinckley showed the members of the Camera Club how to print a negative and also reviewed the process of developing.

Eleven photographs were submitted to the contest, and thirteen more people are expected to enter by next week.

The members will go in groups of four into the darkroom to develop and print. In this way, the processes of developing and printing will be clearer in the minds of the members.

Arrangements were made by the secretary, Betty Gigis, and the vice-president, Cliff Lawrence, to visit Donald Look's studio. A party of four, with Mr. Hinckley, went to Mr. Look's Friday, second period, and enjoyed their trip thoroughly. Another group will go some time this week.

Homemaking Classes

Grade 7

The seventh grade girls are studying about nutrition under the direction of Miss Dantos. The basic seven and breakfast fruits are included in this field, also. The time of the seventh grade classes is limited because of only 40 minutes which they are allowed.

Grade 8

The sewing classes have almost completed their first project, woolen skirts.

Grade 9

The girls of the vocational course are working on buying and

nutrition, and are also baking cakes.

Grade 10

The tenth graders are finishing a unit on breakfasts with the special and continuation classes right on their heels.

Assemblies

An interesting assembly was held on November 20 when Miss Bodil Jorgenson, who has lived for some time as a teacher in Greenland, told us of some of her experiences in that country. There are some quaint customs in Greenland among the Eskimos, such as eating habits, housekeeping, and Christmas celebrations. Miss Jorgenson described everything to us in a most picturesque manner. Everyone enjoyed this assembly, for Miss Jorgenson talked to us rather than delivered a speech. Mrs. Beal, our dental nurse, was in charge of the assembly, and introduced the speaker.

The Thanksgiving assembly was held on Wednesday morning November 26, at ten-thirty o'clock. Reverend John Moses was to have been the speaker, but due to illness was unable to appear. Members of the ninth grade substituted for Mr. Moses by reading some very fine Thanksgiving compositions. The program was as follows:

1—Flag salute by the school, led by Robert Markert, president of the Student Government Association, who served as master of ceremonies; 2—The Governor's proclamation, read by Donald Valz; 3—Original compositions: a. "Where Is the Original Thanksgiving Spirit?" by Virginia McCullom; b. "What Is Thanksgiving?" by Joan Godfrey; c. "Thanksgiving, 1947" by James Bailey; d. "Thanksgiving 320 Years Ago" by Janet Fieldhouse; e. "What Is Thanksgiving?" by Louis Hamilton; f. "The Real Thanksgiving" by Judy Marland; g. "Thanksgiving: An American Tradition" by Joseph Wennik; 4—Thanksgiving Prayer, Phyllis Johnson; 5—Hymn, "Prayer of Thanksgiving" by the school, with Mrs. Miriam Sweeney McArdle at the piano.

Junior Red Cross

We are very proud of our Red Cross record. All rooms have now enrolled 100%. The total amount of our efforts comes to \$29.51. This is considered very generous since the students have been asked to contribute to so many things recently. This money will be used for Red Cross magazines and the insurance of aid to those who need 5, 7, and 11.

The Press Club

The Press Club has completed the third edition of its paper, "The Junior Sun," which they plan to publish every two weeks. "The Junior Sun" consists of five or six pages, and contains such features as gossip and "hints on what to wear" columns, puzzles, original poetry, and compositions, etc. The club is so large that it has been divided into two parts. One half publishes the paper one week, while the other half is preparing for the next issue. Two issues that have already come out have been widely enjoyed. It is hoped that others than students in the Junior High school will desire a copy of our school paper and thus get an inside story on our school life.

Red Cross Boxes

Each home room has been filling small individual boxes to be sent overseas to children in order that their Christmas might be made a little more cheerful. The boxes include such articles as combs, pencils, notebooks, crayons, soap, facecloths, hair ribbons, and small toys and puzzles.

Library Club

The Library Club is flourishing under the direction of Miss Katherine Sweeney. Each week on Tuesday, during the club period, the business meeting is held in the school library. After all business is taken care of, the members busy themselves straightening out the shelves, mending books, and doing other things that must be done.

Hobby Club

The Hobby Club, under the direction of its chairman, Frederick Rugg, is working hard in preparing a float for the Old-Fashioned Christmas parade. Roland Rainville, Pierce Bullen, and Caroline Ward are assisting. All members of the club are urged to give some time each day to get this entry made.

Cafeteria

Each day in the cafeteria there is a most delicious special served to the children of the Andover Central schools, if they desire it. The Thanksgiving special consisted of turkey a la king on mashed potatoes (and plenty of it, too), cranberry sauce, bread and butter, and milk. This delicious meal, prepared and served by Mrs. Crane and her efficient staff, cost only twenty cents, and was enjoyed by all, for it was a real Thanksgiving meal in advance. Junior High pupils who work in the cafeteria are: Claire van Coppenolle, grade 7; Robert Henry, grade 8; Jane Young, Marilyn Brown, and Raymond Potvin, grade 9.

Pupils on the cash registers are Donald Valz and Shirley Nicoll with Miss Beatrice Stevens, Betty Gigis and Bessie Christie with Miss Evelyn Parker.

Delegate to California

Miss Evelyn Banning, a former principal of the Junior High school during the war years, has been elected a delegate to the English Teachers' conference in California. Miss Banning is employed as an English teacher in the Watertown High school.

Dramatic Club

The cast of the Junior High school play, "The Birds' Christmas Carol," to be presented before the school assembly on December 19, and the P. T. A. assembly on December 21, has been selected, and the names will appear in this column next week.

Thanksgiving Holiday

School was dismissed at 11:00 o'clock last Wednesday, and reopened on Monday morning of this week.

Mrs. Harrison E. Brown and Charles W. Bowman are members of the executive committee of the newly formed Greater Lawrence Boston University Alumni Club. Mary G. Bailey is program committee chairman of the group.

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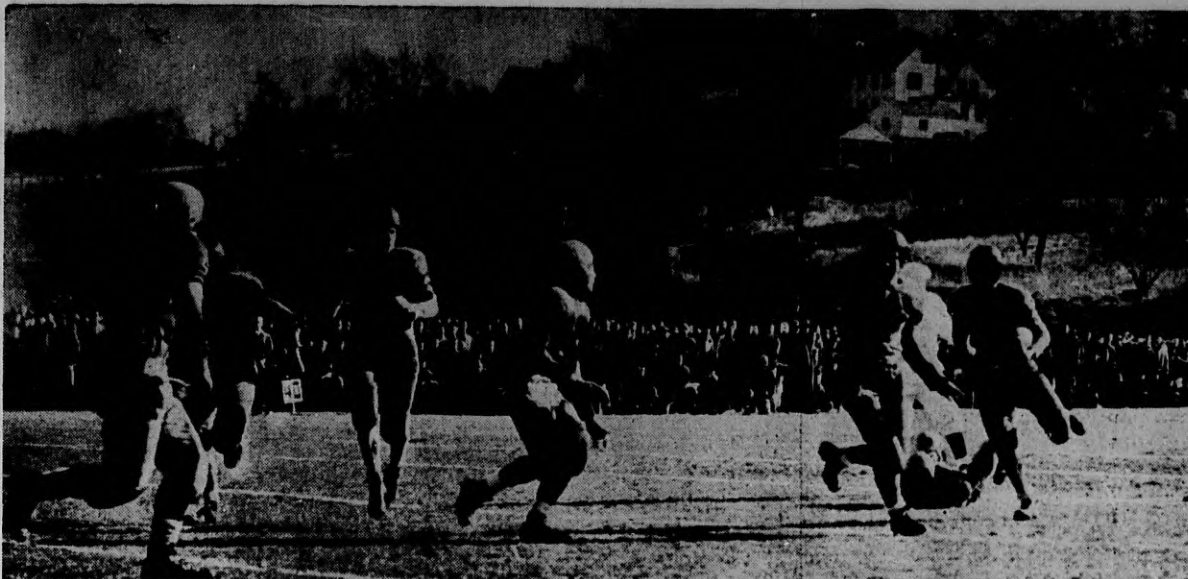
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Number of Signatures Set Record in State

Setting a new record in the state, petitions bearing the certified signatures of 80,180 Massachusetts voters were filed on Tuesday, December 2, with the Secretary of State, calling for an amendment to the state law which will allow doctors to give child-spacing information to married women for the protection of life or health, according to figures released by Mrs. Ernest L. Wilkinson, local publicity chairman of the statewide Planned Parenthood drive.

The filing of the petitions at the State House Tuesday assures that the question will be taken up at the next session of the legislature, which convenes in January.

"The fact that Massachusetts doctors are now forbidden to prescribe for married women patients medical advice which has the sanction of the vast majority of the medical profession has come as a shock to a great number of our citizens, according to the drive chairmen. They comment that "There is also a growing awareness that availability of this professional care, for those who need and wish it, constitutes a human right in a democracy. The people of our state are rallying to free the state's doctors from the present restrictions."

Over 5000 signatures were obtained here in Andover, according to figures released by Mrs. James C. Grew, chairman of the drive.

The initial petition for the proposed amendment was filed on August 1, over the signatures of the following ten signers: President Karl T. Compton, Dr. Nathaniel W. Faxon, Dr. Robert H. Goodwin, Dr. Frederick C. Irving, Henry P. Kendall, Dr. Samuel A. Levine, Mrs. Mary Pratt Potter, Dr. John C. Rock, Mrs. Helen G. Rotch, and Dr. George M. Shipton.

League Members Attend Conference

Local women who attended the state conference of the League of Women Voters in Boston on Tuesday, December 2, were: Mrs. Philip K. Allen, Mrs. Ralph Spector of Methuen, Mrs. Charles Whiteside, Mrs. C. Edward Buchan, Mrs. Alden S. Cook, Mrs. Harold Rafton, Mrs. T. Dennie Pratt, Mrs. E. D. Winters, and Mrs.



Top — Punchard lost another to Johnson on Turkey day, this one by 21-12, but the boys from North Andover knew they'd been in a fight. Above, Barry Grecoe makes a welcome gain, with some very effective blocking helping to pave the way.

Center — Wednesday saw the girls of the Junior High Home Economics group holding a tea, proceeds for the benefit of the student government. Kay Anderson, Regina Levins, Roberta Johnson and Ruth Weamer are doing the serving. Supervisor Angie Dantos was in charge.

Bottom — The Junior High Student Government Association sponsored a bazaar Wednesday afternoon. Many tables were covered with saleable articles, some of them made by the children themselves.

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EDITORIAL . . . Let's Stand United

We recently had a very pleasant visit with Senator Philip K. Allen, one of Andover's best known residents, who suggested something to us which is very much worth passing along. The essence of the idea is that there should and could be much more of a union between Andover and North Andover which could well prove to be a great benefit to both communities. This certainly seems to be a sound idea, and The Townsman is going to stand firmly behind Senator Allen in this thought.

In order to get the ball rolling, we are making arrangements to cover North Andover news just as completely as possible in The Townsman, and we invite all North Andover residents to send in news of their community. This is, of course, only an opening step, and will not even begin to make a real brotherhood unless there is a great deal of follow-up.

If there is some question as to what the advantages would be of a closer union between the two communities, let us name some of them:

- (1) More opportunity for the merchants of both towns because of more shopping done in the Andovers.
- (2) Opportunities for a much greater scope for charitable projects which would benefit both towns.
- (3) Economy in costs of governmental projects which could be achieved by co-operation.
- (4) Eventual welding of two fine communities into an active, progressive unit which could be a leader in American thought and influence.

We will welcome letters and comments about this idea, so please send them in. How about giving it a few minutes thought and finding ways of making this union really effective?

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Post Office Avenue In Andover Square

Mail Christmas Parcels Early

Local Postmaster Requests Co-operation

Postmaster Stephen A. Boland has asked local residents to plan their Christmas shopping schedules now to permit early mailing of Christmas cards and gift packages, thus avoiding last-minute crowds at postoffice windows.

To assure delivery before Christmas Day, the Postmaster advised that out-of-state mailings should be made before December 10. Christmas greeting cards for local delivery should be mailed by December 15, he said.

"On Christmas Eve, it is a great satisfaction to be certain that your Christmas cards and packages have been delivered because they were mailed early," he pointed out. "When you postpone mailing to the last minute, you risk disappointing your friends by having your messages and gifts caught in the rush and perhaps not delivered until after Christmas."

He advised combining early mailing with use of "Do Not Open Before Christmas" notes or stickers on packages and envelopes.

The Postmaster anticipates even heavier mail loads this Christmas than during the record-breaking 1946 holiday season. He said that local postoffices across the nation are already preparing for this peak load by recruiting extra mail clerks and carriers, collecting and overhauling delivery trucks, and piling up the stamp-cancellation machines.

The local postoffice "has already done a large part of its own Christmas shopping by laying in sup-

plies of many thousands of dollars worth of stamps," he announced.

"We would appreciate it if people would stop in next week and purchase the extra stamps they are going to need for their Christmas cards and letters," he said. "This is one phase of Christmas shopping that can be completed early, and it will help us a great deal in speeding up traffic at postoffice windows during December."

The Postmaster recommended that Christmas cards be sent first-class where there is any possibility that the address may be incorrect or incomplete, since only envelopes bearing a 3-cent stamp have forwarding privileges.

Stressing the need for complete and accurate addresses, he pointed out that thousands of cards and packages are days late arriving every Christmas season, or end up at the dead-letter office, because of insufficient addresses. He emphasized that numbers should be included whenever available to speed delivery.

Parcel post packages cannot be accepted unless they are stoutly wrapped, he said. "This means heavy cord, sturdy outer paper, and heavy cardboard inside. Packages must not exceed 70 pounds in weight, and are limited in size to 100 inches in length and girth combined."

Christmas cards can be handled more readily if they are tied in bundles, with all the envelopes facing the same way and the stamps in the same corner. Progressive mailings over a period of several days evens out the work at the postoffice, he added.

Communication

What Do You Think?

December 2, 1947

The Andover Townsman
Andover, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

Having had the privilege recently of voicing a few criticisms of the facilities and equipment of the Boston & Maine R. R., may I also be permitted a few lines to express my appreciation of the prompt action which followed publication of The Townsman's "question of the week" on the subject of increased commuter rates.

The new platform lighting at the Andover station is a distinct improvement, and the higher platform draws a blessing every day. The appearance of these improvements so soon after our public comments may have been purely a coincidence, but to the editors, readers and contributors alike it should seem another indication of the power of the "voice of the people." And where more fitting than in the town where were penned the words, "Sweet land of liberty"?

All good wishes for the continued success of The Townsman.

Sincerely,

IRENE H. McCARTHY



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Contest Results

Results of the 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade Book Week Contest

The original results were so close that a recount was made. The outcome was the same. Therefore it was decided to give an elimination contest to the three highest in each grade. Each one of these nine wins honorable mention. They are: Ann B. Smith, Barbara Nichols, and Dorothy Murphy in the ninth grade; Nancy Allen, Ann Merchant, and Judith Maddock in the eighth grade; Wendy Allen, David Gordon, and Connie Weldon in the seventh grade.

The results of the second contest determine the winners of the first and second prizes. The first prize was won by Wendy Allen of the seventh grade. Second prizes were won by Nancy Allen of the eighth grade, and Ann B. Smith of the ninth grade, for being the highest in their respective grades.

Congratulations to all winners.

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Pre-School Story Hour

On Wednesday morning, December 10, at 10:00 o'clock, there will be a story hour for the youngest people who come to the library, the pre-school group. There is an extra program planned for the mothers who come, and it is hoped to enlarge on this part of the meeting and to develop a service in the field of child care. All little people of this age are cordially invited to come.

Group Discussions

Have you been thinking over the group discussion meetings, mentioned in the last edition of *The Townsman*, and have wondered whether or not you would feel at home discussing Thucydides with a few of your neighbors and townspeople? If the idea seems entirely foreign to your conception of a good, stimulating pastime, just read over this paragraph: "The sufferings that revolution brought on the Greek states were many and terrible. In peace and prosperity nations and individuals have higher standards because they are not involved in involuntary necessities. But war, depriving men of their easier circumstances, is a savage teacher, and brings men's characters down to the level of their fortunes." Would you like to take exception to this statement of the great historian? Would you care to convince the man in the chair next to you that war brings

man's character to a higher level than the pleasant paths of peace can inspire? What of the effect of discipline, danger, community of purpose and the unifying element in sorrow shared? You don't have to take this stand, but you could, if you like to challenge another mind. It is this stirring up of sluggish thinking that adds zest to everyday living. Academic training is not required to join the group who plan to get together early in 1948 under the leadership of Mr. Alston Chase of the Phillips Academy faculty, and read and discuss together the "History of the Peloponnesian Wars." In fact, men and women of all walks of life have been proving that reading groups can bring a sense of familiarity with many subjects the mastery of which constitutes formal education. Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, and Indianapolis have all tried out this idea of learning from the "Great Teachers" through the books they have left. Housewives, welders, salesmen, doctors and taxi drivers are represented in one group in the mid-west.

Call Andover 314, which is the Memorial Hall Library number, if you wish further information.

New Books

New books now available at the Memorial Hall Library are proving one thing — that the post-war doldrums era is gradually passing from the publishing game, and that some more solid fare is coming to the reader. The fiction is more carefully plotted, seems to have more life and color and a bit of philosophy that was lacking during the war years. Among the titles that promise to be read are the following:

Drums of Destiny

Bourne
Here is a long story of one man's adventures as doctor in the Colonial Haiti, caught up in the rage of insurrection and pressed into service as doctor to the Negro army. It is especially the story of the rise and fall of Henri Christophe, a waiter who became the finest general of his race.

Jenny Villiers

Priestley
If you enjoyed Barrie's "Farewell, Miss Julie Logan," or the play, "Berkeley Square," this slim novel will offer you a delightful experience. Time moves back and forward for a young man, discouraged and ready to call off his life-work, as Jenny Villiers walks across his path.

The Tamarack Tree

Breslin
Two hundred men and women gathered together in a little Vermont village early in July, 1840, to hear the great Daniel Webster speak. And at this meeting there were many small intrigues carried on, personal antagonisms flared and romances thrived, all under the pressure of the crowded meeting place. Good character drawing here, and a fine feeling for the times.

Mountain Village

Yeh
A human, understanding novel of peasant life in China.

My Father's House

Levin
Meyer Levin, the author, was assigned as a war correspondent for Overseas News Agency, to study the situation of the Jews in Europe. From the thousands of stories he heard from those liberated from concentration camps came the basis of this story, many incidents of which are true. It is the adventure of David — a boy who wanted but one thing — to

find his father. It is a striking picture of today's Palestine.

Othello

Ludwig
The old 16th century story of Othello and Desdemona, told with all the excitement of a novel set in today's time.

The Happy Prisoner

Dickens
A good all round story of a young major, wounded and bedridden, who makes a new life for himself through the pleasures and problems of his family and friends. In his new position of adviser and sympathizer, he finds a new self, and one which he likes!

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The Black Goatee

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Crispin

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Gardner

The Case of the Lazy Lover

Putnam

True story of Captain Bob Bartlett, who spent his boyhood in and about Newfoundland, his middle years with Robert E. Peary and his later life mostly with his own schooner—Morrissey. A master of the north, both ice and sea, and a rugged personality, vibrant, keen, loyal and salty!

The Proper Bostonians

Amory
First volume in the "Society of America Series," independent works by distinguished writers devoted to the important cities and sections of this country. This one is delightful and tells the story of Boston and its first families, the foibles of the fable of aristocracy and the amusing side of the solemn "society" of the country's fifth largest city.

William Allen White's America

Johnson
A splendid tribute to the famous small-town newspaper editor of Emporia, Kansas, whose simplicity and faith were the measuring rod of the moods of many Americans.

Modernizing Farmhouses

Ashby
Farmer's bulletin that offers splendid suggestions for modernizing any home.

Toys: Their Design and Construction

Kay
Excellent handbook on the construction of toys and the proper use of playthings to develop the child's mental and physical growth. Practical materials, clear directions and excellent working drawings.

Wings in the Wilderness

Cruikshank
One hundred and twenty-five photographs of birds of North America. Brief paragraph accompanies each full page picture, telling the simplest facts about the bird. The book has one line directions by which each photograph was taken.

Skeptic's Search for God

Morgan
An intellectual discussion for those who are not offended by the theme.

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SHAWSHEEN NEWS

Christmas Greens Talk At Shawsheen Club

The annual open meeting of the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club was held Monday night in the auditorium of the Shawsheen school with the president, Mrs. Edward J. O'Connor, presiding.

Mrs. Frank McArdle led the club in the singing of Christmas carols.

The guest speaker of the evening was Amy Marie Tracy, and her subject was "Noels in Vases."

Mrs. Tracy, in a delightful and informal manner, presented flower arrangements suitable for church, the patient in a hospital, a shut-in, and several home arrangements for either table, mantel or door, all fitting to this season of the year.

She had three suggestions for flower arrangements: 1 — Decide where you want it and whether it is to be vertical or horizontal; 2 — Choose flowers carefully to suit type of room; 3 — Take time to arrange them.

Shawsheen Club To Award Prize For Christmas Tree

A prize for the best decorated Christmas tree in town will be given by the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club, in connection with Andover's Old-Fashioned Christmas celebration, it was decided at a meeting of the board of directors held at the home of Mrs. Otto Eschholz on Lowell street on Friday.

Mrs. Edwin Bramley and Mrs. Carleton E. Shulze will head the committee in charge, and members of the art department committee of the club will be the judges.

Anyone in Andover is entitled to enter the competition, and entrants are asked to register with either Mrs. Bramley, telephone 30 or Mrs. Shulze, telephone 1024-W.

The tea table was beautifully decorated with flowers and silver candelabra with red candles. Mrs. Harold G. Bowen and her committee served refreshments before the meeting and Mrs. Joseph T. Gagne and Mrs. Frank R. MacMackin were the pourers.

Mr. Flanagan, school janitor at Shawsheen, held the lucky ticket on the doll with the hand-made outfit which the ways and means department were sponsoring.

Shawsheen Village Woman's Club Notes

The literature group will meet at the Andover Inn, December 10, at ten o'clock for another book review by Mrs. Lewis A. Putnam. Please notify Mrs. John Batal by December 8 if you are bringing a guest. A small fee is charged for this privilege.

The antique study group will meet at the Andover Historical house, December 12, at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Chester H. Wells will be the speaker, and her subject will be "Old China." There will be an exhibit.

Have you an old shawl, or are you willing to make a shawl, one yard square or more, of 100% wool for the Britons? If so, contact Mrs. Alfred T. Sughrue of the international relations committee.

GUEST SPEAKER

John H. Grecoe was the guest speaker before a graduating class of 30 G. I. watchmakers at the North Bennett street Industrial school in Boston on Monday evening, December 1. His talk developed the possibilities in the trade, and the opportunities for men in the field of watchmaking.

The honor of speaking before the group, the first G. I. watchmaking school, was accorded the well-known local horologist as representing the small-town successful group in the field.

Weddings

COUTURE—MORNEAU

At a nuptial mass on Thanksgiving Day at 10 o'clock in Sacred Heart church Miss Jeanette L. Morneau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Morneau of 78 Hawley street, Lawrence, became the bride of Mr. Roland Couture, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Couture of Lowell street. Rev. Guy A. LeBel, S. M., officiated, and the wedding music was played by the church organist, and Mrs. Alberta Casgrain Comtois was the soloist.

The bride wore a gown of white slipper satin trimmed with pearls, a fitted bodice and full train. Her long veil of imported French lace was draped from a pearl coronet, and she carried a mother-of-pearl prayer book adorned with a white orchid and streamers of sweet peas. Miss Irene Couture, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. She wore cherry red velvet with a sweetheart neckline in a fitted bodice, and a coronet of gold sequins. She carried yellow roses.

Norman Couture was best man for his brother. The ushers were Albert and Arthur Morneau, brothers of the bride.

A reception followed the ceremony, and the couple left on a trip to Canada. They will reside on Lowell street.

MANOCK—AUGER

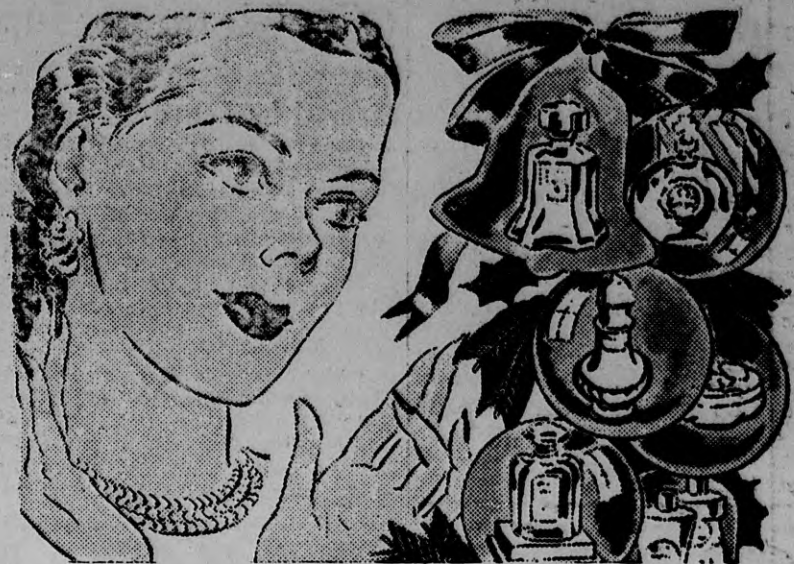
Miss Mary Bertha Elaine Auger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Auger of Lawrence, became the bride of Arthur F. Manock, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Monock of Andover street, Ballardvale at a pretty wedding held last Thursday afternoon in St. Mary's Church, Lawrence. Rev. John J. Leonard, O.S.A., officiated.

After a reception the couple left for New York and Detroit. They will reside on Andover street, Ballardvale.

MENZIE—RAPA

Mrs. Rose D. Rapa, 22 Riverina road, was united in marriage with James R. Menzie, Jr., 48 Morton street, Lawrence, on Sunday, November 30, at St. Mary's church in Lawrence. Reverend Hugh O'Neill officiated.

Burnham L. Haskell, 10 Maple avenue, after completing the specialized course of aviation ground instruction in the Aviation Training school at 70 State street, Boston, has been graduated with the class of December 3 as an air-line operations agent.



Toiletries for Christmas Gifts

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Edward Erickson Elected by Board

Edward I. Erickson, wartime superintendent of local public schools, who served here for three years in the absence of Kenneth L. Sherman, and who accepted the post of superintendent of schools in Longmeadow after leaving Andover, returns to these parts with his appointment Wednesday night at a special executive session of the Methuen school committee to the post of superintendent of Methuen public schools. Erickson was one of 37 original candidates for the position which, according to the salary contract worked out

by the committeemen at the special session, will pay \$5700, to be increased \$150 yearly until a \$6000 maximum has been reached.

The committee voted for a three-year contract with the following wage scale: first year, \$5700; second year, \$5850; third year, \$6000 maximum, in addition to a \$400 annual travel allowance.

The chairman of the board, Attorney Joseph V. Holland, was recorded as not voting in Erickson's election, and voiced strong objections, not only to the salary increase on which the board had voted at the regular session Monday night, December 1, but also to the three-year contract, stating that

the usual procedure was to elect or one year, pending approval of the candidate.

Mr. Erickson was elected on the votes of Mrs. Edith L. Lister, George A. Brown, Dr. Robert W. Butler and Joseph Hamilton. James H. Clifford cast his ballot in favor of Carleton D. Skillings, principal of Edward F. Searles High school.

The appointment brings to an end a long standing disagreement among the members of the Methuen board which, in the course of the discussions about the post of superintendent, have held five executive sessions in addition to three regular sessions, and cast 242 ballots.

Mr. Erickson was requested by the board to appear at Wednesday's executive session, as the last in a field of four candidates which had narrowed down to four men two weeks ago.

The new school superintendent informed board members following his election that before he could sign a contract, he would have to be released from his present position in Longmeadow which expires in June. He added he felt no opposition would be voiced to his request.

Norman Roy, an eleven-year-old pupil at the Sacred Heart school, suffered fractures of two bones in his left forearm Monday night and was taken to the Lawrence General hospital for treatment. His arm was set in a cast, and he is now back at school.

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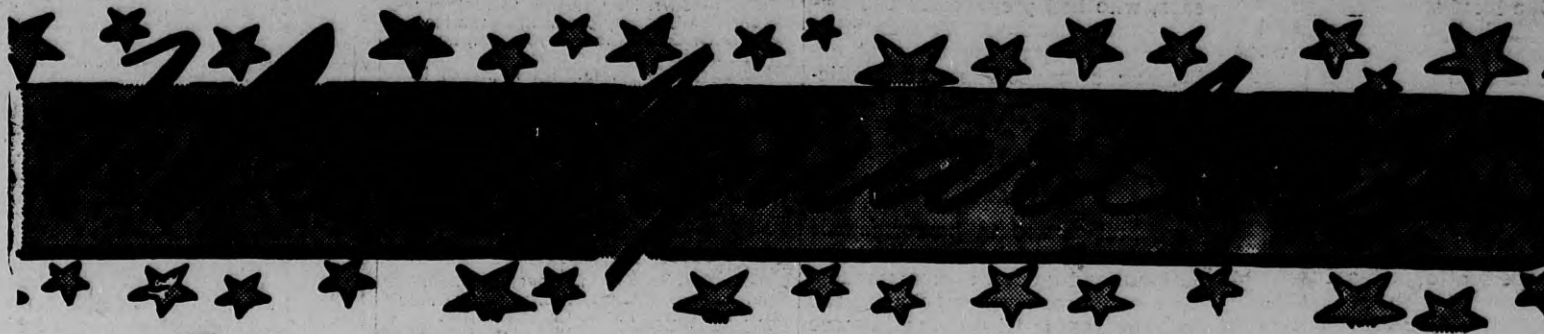
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almost implicitly on your statements with regard to candidates coming from you to us. It is most satisfactory from our point of view to have the local school not only so co-operative but so efficient, and I take pleasure in telling you what we feel about it.

Cordially yours,
(Signed) Claude M. Fuess.

Memorandum to: Mr. Sherman
Subject: Recent Conference with Phillips Academy Officials

On Monday, November 24, Mr. Nelson and I attended a luncheon and conference with several officials of Phillips Academy, at the invitation of Mr. James R. Adriance, Director of Admissions. Those present besides Mr. Nelson, Mr. Adriance, and me included: Mr. G. Grenville Benedict, Dean of Students. Mr. Oswald Tower, Dean of the Faculty, and Mr. Stephen Whitney, Assistant Director of Admissions.

The chief topic of our rather

lengthy discussion was the relative degree to which our eighth and ninth grade students, who are admitted to the Academy, are prepared to do satisfactory work there. Mr. Adriance and Mr. Benedict went over the individual records of some twenty students of recent years, who had prepared in the Andover public schools. We were also interested in learning to what extent our own records and predictions on these students had proved to bear out their future records at the Academy.

The results were very gratifying. We were told that all of the students which correlated highly with predictions and general recommendations made concerning them at the Andover Junior High School. It was also the evident feeling of all the gentlemen present that the quality of preparation provided both in the elementary and junior high schools of Andover is high in character and educationally sound.

(Signed) Bernard M. Killmurray
Director of Guidance
Andover Public Schools



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AT THE CHURCHES

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Monday, 6:30 p. m., Inter-Church Basketball League. Baptist Intermediates play St. Augustine's Intermediates.
Tuesday, 2:30 p. m., Prayer Cell meeting at the home of Miss Edna Todd.
Wednesday, 12:00 - 1:30 p. m., Smorgasbord Dinner served by the Philathea Organization in the Church Vestry. Open to the public at 90c per plate; 2:30, Pioneer girls meet in the Church Vestry; 7:45 Standing Committee meeting in the Church Vestry.
Thursday, 7:00 p. m., Royal Ambassadors meet in the Church Vestry; 8:00, Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Church Parlor.
Friday, 7:45 p. m., Philathea Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. Ada Billington, Highland Road.

Christ Church

Rev. John S. Moses, Rector
Saturday, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., Auction Sale.
Sunday, 8:00 a. m., Holy Communion; 9:30, Sunday School; 11:00, Morning Prayer and Sermon; 5:30 p. m., Young People's Fellowship.
Monday, 3:30 p. m., Girl Scouts, Mrs. Mansbee's Troop; 7:30 Girls' Friendly Society.
Wednesday, 1:15 p. m., Weekday Religious Education; 2:00 p. m., Girl Scouts, Mrs. Johnson's Troop.
Thursday, 10:00 a. m., Holy Communion; 3:30 p. m., Girl Scouts, Miss Cole's Troop. 3:00, Vestry Meeting.
Friday, 6:45 p. m., Boy Scouts, Troop 70.

Free Christian Church

Rev. Levering Reynolds, Jr., Pastor
Friday, 7:00 p. m., Boy Scouts; 7:30, Club hour committee meeting.
Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Church School; 11:00, Nursery Class for children whose parents wish to attend the worship service; 11:00, Morning Worship, sermon by the Pastor.
Monday, 7:30 p. m., Girl Scout Troop committee meeting.
Thursday, 3:45 p. m., Junior Choir Rehearsal; 7:00, Girl Scouts; 7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal.

Methodist Church

Ballardvale
Rev. Mr. Crawford, Minister
Sunday, 10:30 a. m., Morning Worship and Sermon; 11:40, Church School.

South Church

Rev. Frederick B. Noss, Pastor
Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Church School and the Junior Church; 9:30, High School Class; 9:30, Men's Group; 10:45, Morning Worship and Sermon; 10:45, Church Kindergarten; 11:15, Educational Motion Pictures; 6:00 p. m., Young People's Society.
Monday, 6:30 p. m., Courteous Circle of the King's Daughters—Supper and Christmas Meeting; 7:00, Inter-Church Basketball League.
Wednesday, 1:15 p. m., Week-Day School of the Christian Religion; 6:30, Junior Choir Supper and Rehearsal.
Thursday, 10:00 a. m., All-Day Sewing Meeting of the Women's Union; 3:00 p. m., Women's Union Christmas Party; 7:45, Church Choir.
Friday, 7:15 p. m., Troop 73, Boy Scouts.

St. Augustine's Church

Rev. Thomas A. Fogarty, Pastor
Sunday, Masses at 6:30, 8:30, 9:45 (High) and 11:30 a. m. Benediction after 11:30.

St. Joseph's Church

Ballardvale
Sunday, 9:00 a. m., Mass. Father MacDonald, O.S.A. will preach.

Union Congregational Church

Ballardvale
Rev. Philip M. Kelsey, Minister
Friday, 7:30 p. m., A meeting in the vestry for those chosen as members of the Everyone Canvass.
Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Church School; 11:00, Church Service with Sermon and Worship; Sunday Afternoon Every Member Canvass.

West Parish Church

Rev. John Gilbert Gaskill, Minister
Sunday, 10:30 a. m., Children's Service of Worship, Sermon: "A Gift". Classes for Teen Ageds and Adults in the Vestry; 11:00, Morning Service of Worship, Sermon: "In Samaria With the Master"; 7:30 p. m., Sunday Evening Fellowship of Young People in the Vestry. Leaders: Mary Fielding and Rosemary Davidson. All 'teen age young people invited.
Monday, 6:00 p. m., Inter-Church League basketball games in High School Gym.
Wednesday, 3:30 p. m., The Junior Choir will meet at the home of Mrs. True.
Thursday, 8:00 p. m., The Junior Women's Union will meet for a Christmas program in the Vestry. Each member to bring a small gift.

Catholic Men's Club Elects 1948 Officers

Officers were elected by the Men's club of St. Augustine's parish on Monday night at a meeting in the school hall. Vincent F. Treanor is the newly elected president, and other officers follow: vice-president, Frederick Griffin; secretary-treasurer, Frank J. O'Connor; directors: Robert Leete, Victor J. Mill, Dr. Harry V. Byrne, Francis A. Nelligan and Frank D. Lee.

Augustine Delaney was chairman of the nominating committee, assisted by Henry J. Dolan, Louis E. Gleason, John H. Kelly and Augustine P. Sullivan.

A large number of sons showed up at the meeting with their fathers to hear guest speaker John DeIsola, line coach at Dartmouth college, in observance of father and son night. It was voted at the business meeting that a committee be appointed to consider a scholarship for Merrimack college.

The parish Boy Scout troop was represented by Louis E. Gleason, who thanked the club for a \$100 gift given the troop, and Henry J. Dolan thanked the club for a \$200 donation to the parish basketball teams.

Steve Sorota, coach at Phillips academy, and on the football team with DeIsola at Fordham university, showed movies of the Andover-Exeter game. Refreshments were served.

Ford's Bakery Installs Own Modern Kitchen

Ford's bakery on Main street is now fully prepared to take care of all baking needs, right in time for the Christmas festivities, according to Harold Haseltine, manager of the store.

With the modern white kitchen and newly installed ovens, the bakers are turning out specialties daily, and are working on additional formulas.

New showcases have been installed to display Ford's own bakery products. Special occasion cakes, cookies, and rolls will be featured.

Weddings, teas, and church suppers will benefit from Ford's oven-to-table service of freshly baked goods. Special orders will receive special attention.

George Collins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Collins of 17 Avon street, was recently awarded his freshman football numerals at Colby college. Collins is a former Punchar High school football captain, and entered Colby this Fall after a term of service in the armed forces.

OBITUARIES

Services Of Local

The funeral services for Mrs. Bourdela were held on Monday, October 20, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the family, 215 Main street, Andover. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

The funeral services for Mrs. Frances M. Robb were held on Monday, October 20, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the family, 215 Main street, Andover. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

A solemn service was offered in Lawrence for the late Rev. William Grant, Rector of the church, on Monday, October 20, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the family, 215 Main street, Andover. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

The funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Doyle were held on Monday, October 20, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the family, 215 Main street, Andover. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

The funeral services for Mr. John P. Chamberlain were held on Monday, October 20, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the family, 215 Main street, Andover. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

The funeral services for Mr. Philip R. Peter were held on Monday, October 20, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the family, 215 Main street, Andover. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

The funeral services for Mr. William B. George were held on Monday, October 20, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the family, 215 Main street, Andover. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

The funeral services for Mr. James M. Hector were held on Monday, October 20, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the family, 215 Main street, Andover. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

The funeral services for Mr. Alton P. William were held on Monday, October 20, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the family, 215 Main street, Andover. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

The funeral services for Mr. William J. James were held on Monday, October 20, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the family, 215 Main street, Andover. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

The funeral services for Mr. Hector K. and Josefine were held on Monday, October 20, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the family, 215 Main street, Andover. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

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OBITUARIES . . .

Services Held for First Of Local Returned War Dead

The funeral of Private John W. Bourdelais, first of Andover's returned war dead, who died October 20, 1944, of wounds in Holland, was held Wednesday, November 26, from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Octave Bourdelais, 55 Chandler road.

The town was represented at the services by Selectman Roy Hardy and Frank P. Markey, veterans' administration officer. Andover Post 8, American Legion delegates at the services included Commander Vincent F. Stulgis, Claremont Grey, Irvin Whitcomb, James Robjent, Arthur Steinert, and Edward Northam.

A solemn high mass of requiem was offered in St. Patrick's church in Lawrence at 10 o'clock with Rev. William E. Culhane as celebrant, Rev. George P. Gallivan as deacon, and Rev. Michael J. Barry as sub-deacon. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edmund D. Daly, pastor, was seated within the sanctuary. Mrs. Rita C. Mills sang "Miseremini Mei" at the offertory, and Miss Agnes R. Doyle, organist, played Beethoven's funeral march as a recessional. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery in North Andover. Monsignor Daly conducted committal services. A squad from Andover post, 2128, V. F. W., fired a volley and Bugler David Robb sounded "Taps."

The bearers, all veterans of World War II, were: Edward La-Flamme, Edward Casey, Joseph Chamberlain, Robert Bunnell, Albert Johnson, James Retelle, Philip Retelle and Clifford Dufton.

The firing squad comprised: Peter Gervais, commanding, William Benson, Thomas Eldred, George Milne, Norman Auchterlonie, Joseph Veit, Calvin Deyermund, William Lahey and Stanley Chlebowski.

The V. F. W. color bearers and guard were: William Hulse, commanding, George Brackett, G. Alton Porter, John Sweeney and William Livesley.

The color guard of Andover post 8, American Legion, consisted of James Doherty, Richard Wrigley, Hector Keith, Robert T. Volker, and Joseph Medolo, sergeant-at-arms.

The auxiliary to the V. F. W. post was represented by Mrs. Margaret J. MacCord, president, and Mrs. Yvonne Hines, senior vice-president.

WILLIAM H. JACQUITH, 2nd

The funeral of William H. who died in the Palmer House hotel, Chicago, on Thanksgiving, while on his way home from an insurance agents' conference on the west coast, was held Monday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock in Grace Episcopal church in Lawrence. Mr. Jacquith had been an insurance executive in Lawrence for more than thirty-five years, most of them as general manager for the Northeastern Massachusetts district of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance company.

Services were conducted by Reverend Archie H. Crowley, rector, and Reverend Edward H. Cook, curate. Burial was in Bellevue cemetery, where the rector and curate conducted the services. The

ushers were as follows: Byron T. Butler, Clifton R. Harrison, Frank M. Andrew, T. Edwin Andrew and Andrew N. Scott.

The bearers were: Dr. Henry F. Dearborn, William H. Glover, Dr. John M. Birdsall, Ralph O. Ingram, Joseph Rowland and J. Rodney Ball.

A large number of relatives and friends was present, and there were delegates from Phoenician lodge, A. F. and A. M., the Lawrence Rotary club, the Salvation Army, the Salvation Army advisory council, the Jewish council of Lawrence, Merrimack Valley Life Underwriters, the Lawrence High school class of 1900, and the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance company.

FLORENCE B. WAKEFIELD

The funeral of Miss Florence B. Wakefield, a native and life-long resident of this town, who died Saturday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Melville C. Whipple, in Cambridge, was held on Tuesday, December 2, from the Lundgren funeral home. The services were conducted at 2 o'clock by Rev. John S. Moses, rector of the Christ Episcopal church, and burial was in Spring Grove cemetery.

The deceased was born here on April 29, 1876, the daughter of the late John P. and Isabella Wakefield. A graduate of Punchard High school with the class of 1895, she was later employed in a local retail store as a bookkeeper for more than twenty-five years.

She was a member of Christ Episcopal church, and for many years was active in church work as well as in the Red Cross, Andover chapter.

She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Horace C. Bodwell and Mrs. Whipple of Cambridge, and several nieces and nephews.

FRANK MORIN

Funeral services for Frank Morin, 61 North street, who died last Tuesday, were held from the Arthur J. Scott funeral home in Lawrence Friday morning with a high mass of requiem at 9 o'clock in Sacred Heart church. Rev. Guy A. LeBel, S. M., was the celebrant at the mass, and burial was in Sacred Heart cemetery, where committal services were conducted by Father LeBel.

The mass was sung by the girls' choir of Sacred Heart high school. At the offertory they tendered "Pie Jesu" and as the body was borne from the church a funeral march was played.

The bearers were: Raymond Ouellette, Emmanuel Desroche, Joseph LeBlanc, Ernest Monty, Donat Lavigne and Arthur Levesque.

Intentions of Marriage

The following marriage intentions have been filed at the town clerk's office:

Albert L. Echols, Jr., 324 Yale street, Houston, Texas, and Marjorie E. Irwin, Box 36, Cornish Flat, N. H.

Philip L. MacLean, 139 Chestnut street, and Alice M. White, 34 Edmond road, North Andover.

Benjamin F. Lawrence, Clark road, and Cornelia F. Yancy, 6 Central street.

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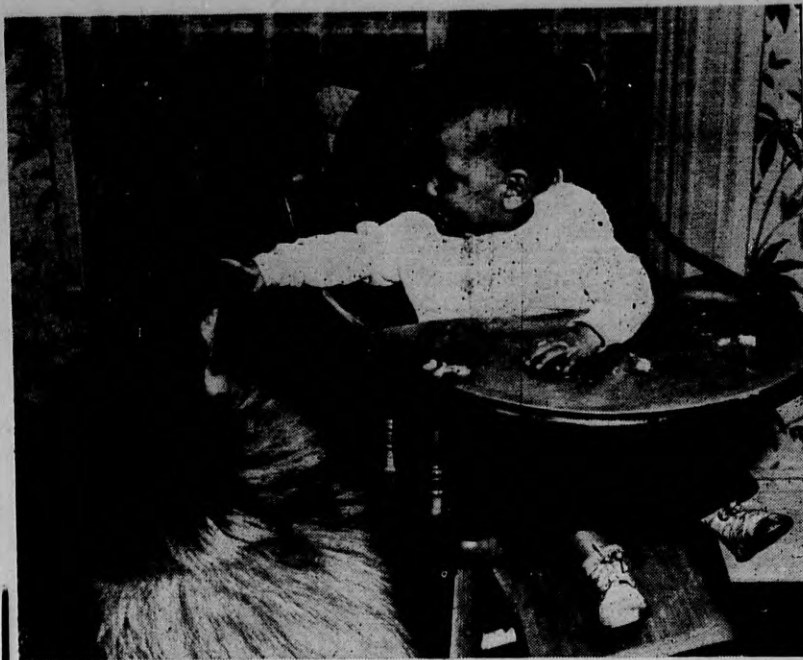
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Look Photo

Local Groups Collect Urgently Needed Material

Needed educational and scientific materials are being collected for shipment abroad by various local organizations, including church groups and the Junior Red Cross, in a nation-wide program sponsored by UNESCO, in an effort to supply devastated Europe with the urgently needed implements of education, science and culture. The League of Women Voters, at the luncheon meeting to be held in the South church vestry on Tuesday, December 9, at 12:45 p. m., will hear a speaker on the much talked about UNESCO program, whose subject will be "UNESCO Serves the Peace." Dr. Isidore Amdur, associate

professor of chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and former advisor of the Council and the state department on UNESCO, will be the speaker. The committee in charge of the luncheon meeting is under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. Edward Buchan and Mrs. Donald Klein.

The general public is invited to come in after the luncheon to hear Dr. Amdur on this very important subject.

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Winter Parking Ban Now In Effect

Chief Dane of the police force commends the people of Andover for their cooperation in former years in observing the midnight to 6:00 a. m. parking ban during the winter months, and points out that this year's enforcement of the law will be stricter than hitherto because of the cooperation given citizens during the past few months by the board of public works in removing sections of curbing for private driveways.

The ban against parking on the street from midnight until 6:00 a. m. started on Monday, December 1st, and continues until March 1st. Chief Dane has set the latter date early, due to the spring thaws and consequent damage to private lawns.

Chief Dane commented that only one or two recalcitrant owners were last year obliged to bail out their cars from local garages, after the vehicles had been taken into custody by police because of their position on the street.

Jane Weldon of 1 Johnson street is in charge of publicity for China Day, at the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent, N. J. Lingerie, linens, handkerchiefs, jewelry and ornaments, imported from China, will be on sale. The China Day sale helps the Sisters with their work in China, and offers its patrons a fine opportunity to do Christmas shopping reasonably and in comfort.

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comparison with per pupil costs in other localities, this should be taken into consideration.

Andover's receipts will show a large increase in 1948, according to Superintendent Sherman, due largely to the new transportation refund from the state, which will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000. Receipts for 1947 from the general fund were \$14,281.00, and for 1948 the figure will be \$18,761.00, according to the superintendent's estimate.

Bids for the annual school report were opened and it was voted to award the contract to the lowest bidder, the Consolidated Press, Inc.

Superintendent Sherman reported that the Stowe school fire escape has been installed, and work completed, in accordance with orders of the state building inspector and the vote of the special town meeting of last June when the sum of \$3,500 was appropriated on the basis of the estimated cost at that time. A bill of \$4,635.00 was presented from the Hub Steel and Iron Works, Inc.

The committee approved payment of the bill in the amount of \$3,500.00 and requested that the superintendent ask the finance committee to make up the balance of \$1,135.00 from the town reserve fund.

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Local Army Man Slated for Officers' Candidate School

Paratrooper Sergeant Clyde A. Fore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Fore, Reservation road, is scheduled to attend Officers' Candidate school sometime in 1948, from which he will return as a 2nd lieutenant in the Division designated as "America's Guard of Honor", the 82d Airborne Division, one of the most outstanding Divisions in the United States Army. His wife, Hilda B. Fore, resides with him in the near-by city of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Sergeant Fore was formerly a member of the 82d Airborne Division prior to transferring to Green Haven as a Custodian in the Military Police at the Army Disciplinary Barracks situated near Lawling, New York. While stationed at Green Haven he became Editor of the Army newspaper publication "Barracks Bugle" and advisor to the inmate publication "Grapevine". During this period as Editor, the publication received many commendations from throughout the country.

Sergeant Fore entered the Army in April 1946, at Fort Devens, and was sent to Fort McClellan, Alabama for pre-airborne training. Fort Benning, Georgia and the Airborne School was the next place of assignment for the Sergeant. Parachute and Glider wings were pinned on his chest October 1, 1946, and then he was assigned to the 325 Glider Infantry Regiment of the 82d. (It was the 325 that was engaged in training the National Guard at Camp Edwards his past summer). Eight months and twenty two days after entering the Army he was promoted to the grade of Sergeant in the Regular Army.

Public Auction

An antique table over one hundred years old and in good condition is one of the many desirable articles which will be on the auction block on Saturday, December 5, at the Christ church parish house. The auction will start promptly at 10 a. m. and continue until 5:00 p. m., with auctioneer Charles B. Torrey in charge.

Other articles to be auctioned off include an empire dressing stand, a baby carriage, a box couch, beds, glass and china, athletic equipment (skis, skates, etc.), a fire screen, a grass sun-porch rug, kitchen equipment, lamps, a ship painting, and sundry others.

A lunch will be served by the Girls' Friendly society from noon to 1:00 p. m., and the society will also take charge of the bakery sale, featuring home baked food. Mrs. Carleton Kimball will have a table displaying Christmas decorations and will take orders for wreaths or sprays.

Mrs. Walter C. Caswell is general chairman of the auction, assisted by a large and active committee. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the organ fund.

Don't forget, Saturday, December 6!

Xmas Songs and Stories To Be Heard at P. T. A.

Mrs. Elbert Weaver, chairman of the Andover Christmas Seal committee, affiliated with the Essex County Health association, announced today that there have been satisfactory returns so far from the 3,110 Christmas Seal letters delivered last week.

The committee, which includes Mrs. Kenneth S. Minard, Mrs. Frank L. Brigham, Mrs. Will G. Brown, Mrs. Matthew W. Colquhoun, Mrs. Walter Curtis, Miss Helen Eaton, Mrs. Thaxter Eaton, Mrs. Byron C. Hall, Mrs. Lotta Johnson, R. N., Miss Geraldine Peck, and Mrs. George Sanborn, is grateful to the Andover postal employees for the prompt delivery of the Christmas Seal letters.

A postal clerk first conceived the idea of a Christmas Seal. During the Christmas season of 1903, Einar Holboell, a giant of a man in the Danish postal service, as he stamped letters and Christmas greetings, thought that if these missives could be used to carry a

penny Christmas Seal the money derived from this source might help to build a tuberculosis hospital for children. The plan was approved by the postal authorities and sanctioned by the royal family. Thus, in 1904, Einar Holboell's idea was realized in the first Christmas Seal for the prevention of tuberculosis in his native country, Denmark—the first Christmas Seal in the world.

FIRE IN THE VALE

A roof fire at the home of Albert Schofield at Lowell Junction in Ballardvale on Thursday morning resulted in Engine 1 and Ladder 1, in addition to Engine 2 from Ballardvale, being called out. The alarm was sounded at 6:05 from Box 27.

Mrs. Emery J. Trott, 8 Stonehedge road, chairman of the Massachusetts chapter of the Mary C. Wheeler Alumnae association, will preside at the luncheon meeting to be held at the Tennis and Racquet club in Boston on Tuesday, December 9, at 1:45 o'clock.

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Essex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Grace T. Learnard, otherwise known as Grace Tucker Learnard, late of Andover in said County (wife of Harry D. Learnard) deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court praying that Harry D. Learnard 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 Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fifteenth day of December 1947, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD J. WHITE, JR., Register. (N27-D4-11)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss. To Claude J. Malcolm-Smith, otherwise known as C. Malcolm Smith of unknown residence.

A libel as amended has been presented to said Court by your wife, Winifred M. Malcolm-Smith otherwise known as Winnifred M. Smith of Andover in said County praying that a divorce from the bond of matrimony between herself and you be decreed for the cause of desertion and praying for alimony.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court within twenty-one days from the twelfth day of April 1948, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD J. WHITE, JR., Register. (20-27-4D)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of George Nelson Hancock, late of Denver, in the County of Denver and State of Colorado, deceased having estate in said County of Essex.

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If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fifteenth day of December 1947, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD J. WHITE, JR., Register. (20-27-4D)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Henry G. Ter otherwise known as Henry George Ter 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 Winifred Tyer of Andover in said County, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her 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 eighth day of December 1947, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD J. WHITE, JR., Register. Halbert W. Dow, Atty., 411-12 Bay State Bldg., Lawrence, Mass. (20-27-4D)

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Senior Class Play, Christmas Program To Be Presented

On Saturday evening, December 6, the Senior class will present its annual class play. The production staff is headed by Miss Jane Kenah, class president. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Bertha Morgan Gray. At 8:00 p. m. the curtain will go up on a scene at Longbourne, the home of the Bennets of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice." The play is built upon the famous novel, but it is not the version most usually given. The play was written by Margaret MacNamara, and the title of the play is "I Have Five Daughters." The cast is headed by Beverly Adkins, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Adkins of 185 Lowell street.

The play is to be in Davis hall, and the public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

The meeting of the debating societies of Abbot and Phillips academy on Sunday afternoon to debate as to whether or not the United Nations Organization was adequately constructed and implemented to carry out its objectives was a very stimulating occasion. With only the members of the two organizations present, the Abbot girls held the negative and defended the position that the United Nations was not adequately constructed and implemented to carry out its objectives. The judges at the final word declared Abbot to have won the debate.

Rehearsals are in progress for the Christmas service to be held in Davis hall on Sunday evening, December 14, at 8 o'clock. This is a traditional service in the community to which many look forward with great pleasure. The public is most cordially invited to attend the service where carols and ensemble singing by both the Fiddio society under the direction of Walter Howe, and the Abbot choir under the direction of Kate Friskin, will be heard. The service will be conducted by Miss Marguerite Hearsey, who will address the audience in a Christmas message.

Vespers on Sunday evening will be conducted by the Abbot Christian association.

LOCAL STUDENTS AT CONFERENCE

Delegates from Andover at the annual meeting and conference of the New England Student Government association last Friday and Saturday at Milton academy included Sally Hughes and Alicia Cooper of Abbot academy; Sheward Hagerty of Phillips academy; Marietta Tower, faculty adviser at the Northfield School for Girls, Northfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Tower of Hidden Field; and Larry Lewis, acting division chairman of Phillips academy.

Attorney Helen C. Collins, chairman of the legislative committee of the Quota Club of Lawrence, presented Mrs. Mildred H. Mahoney, guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Quota Club held Monday evening in the Y. W. C. A. in Lawrence.

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WEST PARISH...

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Strong of Cambridge spent the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stevens, High Plain road.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Des Roches and family of Argilla road spent the holiday week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lanmen of Abington.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart and children of Waterville, Me., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with friends in the Parish.

Mrs. John G. Gaskill of Lowell street is visiting friends in Baltimore, Maryland.

Gordon Ramsay has returned to his home in Centerville after spending the past few weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Dow.

Private Leman I. West has commenced his training as an aviation engineer in the U. S. Air Force at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie L. West of 74 Lowell street.

Mr. and Mrs. Engels and family of Manchester, N. H., have moved into the Doyle house on Chandler road. Mr. Engels is connected with Radio Station WCCM.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Purcell of Somerville spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams of Lowell street.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Haartz and family of High Plain road spent the holiday with Rev. Richard Carter and family of Suffield, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dolan of High Plain road, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones of Virginia road attended the Holy Cross-Boston College game on Saturday.

Miss Gladys Gill of Shawsheen road, in company with the Misses Doris and Elizabeth Hilton of North Main street and Miss Nora Lindsay, returned from an airplane trip to New York City, where they visited Radio City.

Miss Constance Dow returned to her studies at Colby Junior College after spending the holidays at her home on Beacon street.

Miss Mabel Barron of Newton spent the holidays at the home of her father, Mr. William Barron of Haggetts Pond road.

Paul C. Marier spent the holidays at his home on Walker avenue. Charles Turnbruke of St. Paul, Minn., a classmate at Amherst College, was his guest.

Mr. John Brodhead is ill at his home on High street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Smith of Main street spent the past week with their son and his family in Coxsackie, N. Y.

Mr. Austin Huggins of Maple avenue is spending the week at Manomet on the Cape, where he is enjoying duck hunting.

Grange Note

The Dramatic Club held a meeting recently, at which time plans were formulated for a baked ham supper to be served in Grange Hall on Thursday, December 11, at 6:30. Mrs. Alex Henderson and Mrs. Hartwell Abbott are co-chairmen, and tickets for the supper may be obtained from either of them. A meeting of the Dramatic Club will be held tonight at the home of Mrs. Abbott on Dascomb road.

Junior Women To Meet

The Junior Woman's Union of the West church will meet in the vestry on Thursday evening, December 11, at 8:00. Following the regular business meeting, which will be presided over by the president, Mrs. Halbert Dow, there will be a Christmas tree, and each member is asked to bring a 25-cent gift for exchange. Refreshments will be served by the hostesses, Mrs. Dean Hudgins, Mrs. Walter Wilson, Jr., Mrs. John Gorrie, Mrs. Hartwell Abbott, Mrs. Irving Piper, Mrs. Harwood Belding, Mrs. James Scobie, and Mrs. Himmer.

Hobby Club

The West church boys who are in the sixth grade have formed a Lobby Club which meets at 6:00 on Tuesday evenings at the parsonage. The members of the newly formed club are Glenn Peatman, Paul Gaskill, David Haartz, Thomas Merrick, and Arthur and Allen Schwartzberg. Rev. John Gaskill is in charge.

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St. Augustine's annual Christmas tea and bazaar is currently being held in St. Augustine's school hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 4, 5, and 6, closing on Saturday. Every group in the parish has cooperated to make the annual event a great success, and to swell the building fund for the parish school and convent. A number of very valuable prizes will be awarded on Saturday evening, the closing night of the bazaar.

The affair opened on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. with a silver tea under the sponsorship of the ladies of the parish. Mrs. Herbert Auty was chairman of the committee, assisted by Mrs. John Mulcahy and Mrs. Annette Curran. The pourers at the tea, which lasted until 5:30 p. m., were Mrs. John Higgins, Mrs. George Weldon, Mrs. Edward J. O'Connor, Mrs. Joseph B. Doherty, Mrs. John J. Costello, Mrs. James C. Coleman, Mrs. Frank J. McArdle, Jr. and Annette Curran.

Various booths and tables at the bazaar, which is continuing through Friday and Saturday evenings, included the following, with respective committees and chair-ladies in charge:

Dolls, Mrs. Simeon LeGendre, chairman; Miss Helen Cussen.

Baby table, Mrs. William Coupe, chairman; Mrs. George Keaney, Mrs. Leo Naughton and Mrs. Roland Denoncourt.

Children's table, Mrs. Vincent Treanor, chairman; Mrs. Thomas J. Biery, Mrs. Daniel V. Sullivan.

Aprons, Miss Katherine McNally, chairman; Mrs. James S. McNulty, Mrs. George Cheyne, Mrs. James P. Welch, Mrs. Thomas M. O'Riordan, Mrs. Margaret O'Riordan, Miss Jennie Barrett, Miss Katherine O'Riordan.

Refreshments, Mrs. John Finno, chairman; Mrs. Thomas Heard and Miss Dorothy Finno.

Linens, Mrs. William Burke, chairman; Mrs. Michael Brennan, Misses Grace and Mary McKeon, Misses Agnes and Elizabeth Doherty, Mrs. Alice Kirwin.

Novelties, Mrs. Archie Dumont, chairman; Miss Alice Burke, Archie Dumont.

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The following real estate transactions have been filed at the registry of deeds in Lawrence:

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Harley F. Bragdon et ux to William Harrison et ux, Woodland road.

Harley F. Bragdon et ux to Matthew A. Novak et ux, Woodland road.

Clifford E. Marshall et ux to James Nelson, Jr., et ux, near Red Spring road.

James Nelson, Jr., et ux to Clifford E. Marshall et ux, Red Spring road and Cuba street.

James Nelson, Jr. et ux to Benjamin F. Dane, near Cuba street.

Lillian M. Buttrick to Raymond J. Lally et ux, Pasho and Chestnut streets.

**Amateur Show Featured
At Firemen's Concert**

A large attendance marked the 76th annual concert and ball held Wednesday evening, November 26, in Memorial Auditorium by members of the Andover Firemen's Relief Association.

An amateur show was a new feature of the program this year, with cash awards to the winners.

The first prize of \$25 went to Arthur Pepe for his performance on the accordion. The second prize of \$15 was won by Beverly Arthur and Jack Mahoney, a dance team. Kathleen and Harold Hayes won the third prize of \$10 with a novelty brother and sister act, and the fourth prize of \$5 went to Barbara Zwicker, singer.

Roland Russell's orchestra supplied music for the entertainment as well as for the general dancing which followed. Benjamin Brown, chairman of the committee in charge of the affair, wishes to thank everyone who helped contribute to its success.

Births

A boy Tuesday, November 25, at Lawrence General hospital to Mr. and Mrs. John Petrie, 53 Bartlet street. The mother is the former Jane Wood.

A son on Tuesday, December 2, at Lawrence General hospital to Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Jr., of Dascomb road.

A son, Richard, on Sunday, November 23, in the American Army hospital in Yokohama, Japan, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Crosby.

**Red Cross To Support
Public Nursing Service**

The district nursing service in Andover will be supported by the Red Cross for one year, it was voted at a special meeting of the board of directors of the local chapter held recently, after consideration of the difficulties apparent in transferring support of the service to some other agency. The vote was taken after the final report submitted to the board by the special fact-finding committee, appointed last spring to investigate the best means of supporting the district nursing service in Andover, was read by chairman Roy Hardy.

The citizen committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. William V. Emmons, had considered the various possibilities of supporting the nursing service, which until now has been sponsored by the Red Cross. The three methods included in the investigation were: (1) support by town appropriation (2) support by a private organization and (3) continuance under the nursing service provided to Lawrence, North Andover and Methuen by the Lawrence General hospital.

The committee held a series of meetings, including an open meeting, when the townspeople were asked to submit suggestions, and also took a poll of their members to determine majority opinion. Support by town appropriation got one vote, in the poll of members, and the majority registered in favor of the service by a private organization.

**Catholic Daughters
Initiate New Members**

Court St. Monica 783, Catholic Daughters of America recently held an initiation of new members at St. Augustine's School Hall. The new members are Mrs. Anna Lynch, Mrs. Rita Lee, Mrs. Anne Lynch, Mrs. Margaret Lynch, Mrs. Barbara McDonald, Mrs. Gertrude Dempsey, Mrs. Madeline Robichaud, Miss Jane Barrett and Miss Frances McEvoy.

After the ceremonies a social hour was enjoyed with community singing and solos by Mrs. Bessie Mullen. Recently the Catholic Daughters held a baby shower and sewing bee, in preparation for the current annual Church fair. Many beautiful gifts were received and the baby booth has many beautiful and attractive articles on sale for children from the ages one to five. The committee in charge of the shower were: Mrs. Alice Brennan, Mrs. Mahoney, Miss Florence Bourrassa, Miss Mary McKeon, Miss Grace McKeon, Mrs. D. Sullivan and Mrs. P. Collins.

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Train Passengers Escape Death

A number of near deaths in Ballardvale at the railroad station on Friday night, November 28, were reported by commuters who were considerably alarmed when the 5:32 train from Boston stopped at the local station at 6:15 p. m. Only quick action on the part of a number of the descending passengers saved them when the Portland-Worcester freight passed right through the station in spite of the red signal.

Railroad officials immediately inspected the equipment when complaints were lodged, and found that the signals were in working order. Onlookers said that the lights on the freight were dimmed, which would indicate that the freight, which was Boston-bound on the other track, was about to stop.

One of the local men lost his hat when he leaped for his life, and several involved claimed that unless someone had shouted a warning, a number of fatalities might have resulted. Selectman Howell F. Shepard, a Ballardvale resident, heard of the near tragedy and immediately investigated. A thorough check of the episode is being made at the present time by the board of selectmen. A report of their investigation will be published next week.

November Club Notes

The November Club held its third meeting on Monday, December 1, at 3 o'clock at the club house. After a short business meeting, the president, Mrs. Edward C. Nichols, introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Lee R. Steiner. Her lecture was both entertaining and enlightening. Her subject was "Where Do People Take Their Troubles?"

The speaker is author, psychologist, and consultant in personal problems, and has been on the lecture staffs of Fordham and Rutgers universities, and is at present at Hunter College in New York.

She is one of the few professionally trained psychologists to conduct impartial research in this vital area of peoples' lives. She has written a book on the subject called "Where Do People Take Their Troubles?"

The art department of the club will meet on Monday, December 8, at 3 o'clock, with Mrs. John W. Bond, 28 Phillips street. The meeting, in charge of Mrs. Charles B. Martin and Miss Mary Bell, will have as its subject, "Oriental Rugs and Pottery."

The literature department will meet on Wednesday, December 10, at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. F. Tyler Carleton, Cheever circle.

There will be a meeting of the board of directors of the November Club Wednesday, December 10, at ten o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. Edward C. Nichols, 31 Wolcott avenue.

Frederick H. Morrison, a former resident of Andover, who has been associated with Graphic House, commercial photographers, in New York, was recently assigned to work in their Los Angeles office in California.

BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

District Meeting

A district meeting is planned for Thursday evening, December 11, at the library. All Scouters are invited and every unit should be represented.

Troop 71--Shawsheen P.T.A.

The troop met on Monday evening at the Scout room with Chairman of the Troop Committee Alan F. Dunlop, Committeemen Edward P. Dean, Wallace Fiedler, Norman Miller and Scoutmaster Everett MacAskill. Guest of the evening was veteran Scoutmaster Edwin A. Buthman of Troop 2, Lawrence, who conducted games in Scouting skills, skits, and athletic contests. Patrol competition was held in all events. Peter Caswell was awarded the printing merit badge. A hike is planned for the near future to enable Scouts, who are ready, to qualify in out-door requirements.

Troop 72--Free Church

At a recent meeting of the troop under Scoutmaster David Cargill, Scribe Thomas K. Burnett reported on a Sunday hike. A test passing period was in charge of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster David MacCord, Senior Patrol Leader Gregory Arabian and troop committeemen. Plans were discussed for a Christmas hike to Camp Dad Sargent in Ballardvale in charge of

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Jack Arabian. Instruction periods are being planned in preparation for an inter-patrol rally to be held soon.

Pack 71--Shawsheen P. T. A.

Den Chiefs Peter Dunlop, Walter Tomlinson, Jr., and Emery Letourneau are planning to attend the Northeastern Massachusetts Council roundup in the Harrington School of Lynn on Saturday afternoon, December 6. They will be accompanied by Alan F. Dunlop, chairman of the troop committee of Troop 71.

The Kings' Daughters Plan Xmas Supper Program

The next meeting of the Courteous Circle of The King's Daughters will be held on Monday, December 8, at 6:30 p. m. in the South church vestry.

Mrs. Ralph Hadley is chairman of the supper committee. At 7:30 a program entitled, "What Is Christmas?" will be presented in song, picture and story. Miss Fannie Davis is chairman of the program committee, and friends are invited to attend the meeting.

Selectman Roy Hardy spent the day in Lynn on Tuesday, attending the County Assessors' meeting.

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What Do You Think?

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class can open, and by five minutes of two, it is time for a number of the children to catch a bus, which leaves twenty minutes for instruction in religious education once a week. Add to this the fact that this is the end of the school day, and that the pupils are by now tired and not capable of their best effort, and it is apparent that not a great deal can be accomplished. It is a matter of cramming the instruction into a short space of time. I feel that an hour would definitely not be too long a period to devote to what is an important part of every student's education."

Harold R. Rafton, local executive, vigorously opposed to release time religious education: "Most thinking persons will agree that character training should occupy a prominent place in the education of our youth. As religion has historically assumed this responsibility, it is but natural that many should look to instruction in the traditional faiths as the proper method of imparting such training. But because the rich ethical content of each individual faith is inseparably entwined with its sectarian teachings, it is inevitable that no agreement can be reached upon the religious instruction to be given jointly to the children reared in the several faiths. A further complication is introduced by the fact that some fifty percent of all Americans apparently care so little about any faith that they maintain no religious connection.

"Faced with this situation, a solution has been adopted in many communities, including our own, whereby those school children in certain grades, whose parents desire it, are released for the final period one day in each week to receive religious instruction in the faith of their choice, while those children whose parents prefer that they should not receive such instruction remain behind, utilizing the time, in our schools, as a study period.

"While at first thought this system may seem eminently fair, closer examination reveals certain defects, upon the most important of which I shall comment. In the earlier days of our nation, an approximately common religious background promoted a certain basic unity. With increasing immigration, our religious background became much more diverse and we tended to separate upon religious lines. In the public school, however, everyone, regardless of religion, met on common ground, and saw one another as members of a community, not as members of different religious groups. Thus the public school served as an important unifying force in our national life.

"But now the children, who previously had little conception of being unlike one another in any essential way, are brought to a sharp realization that they are different from their fellows as they proceed to their several churches or remain behind at school. Thus at a time, when, as never before, we need unity, the institution of released time fosters disunity.

"What, then, have those who are apprehensive about the disruptive effect of released time to offer in its place? Among the many proposals, the following has the advantage of simplicity and practicality. In the period now taken for released time, give all the children by their own teachers, in their own schoolrooms, character building instruction founded upon the lives and work of the statesmen, educators, writers, artists, scientists, inventors, and the host of other men and women whose characters and achievements have made this country great. On such teaching all can agree, while upon the teachings of religious leaders no two sects can agree. This instruction would provide our children with a common heritage, and stimulate them to follow such inspiring leadership to become worthy and useful citizens of a truly United States of America."

Bernard M. Kellmurray, director of guidance in Andover's public schools: "I would say offhand that all religious education classes were of definite benefit to public school students, and prove a beneficial influence on school work as a whole. Any attempt to make religion more understandable to the average pupil deserves support, as there is too much 'irreligion,' if I may use that expression, in life generally. Certainly there is no more important time to make religious education available than in the formative years, when habits of study are being developed.

"In considering the desirability of having religious education classes in the public schools, I do feel that there would be definite obstacles. The present set-up in the school system would make inclusion of such classes difficult, but if it were handled as another subject in the curriculum, to be taken with the parents' consent, as any other major subject is taken, I do think the difficulties could be ironed out. I certainly feel that it would be a desirable course in the public schools.

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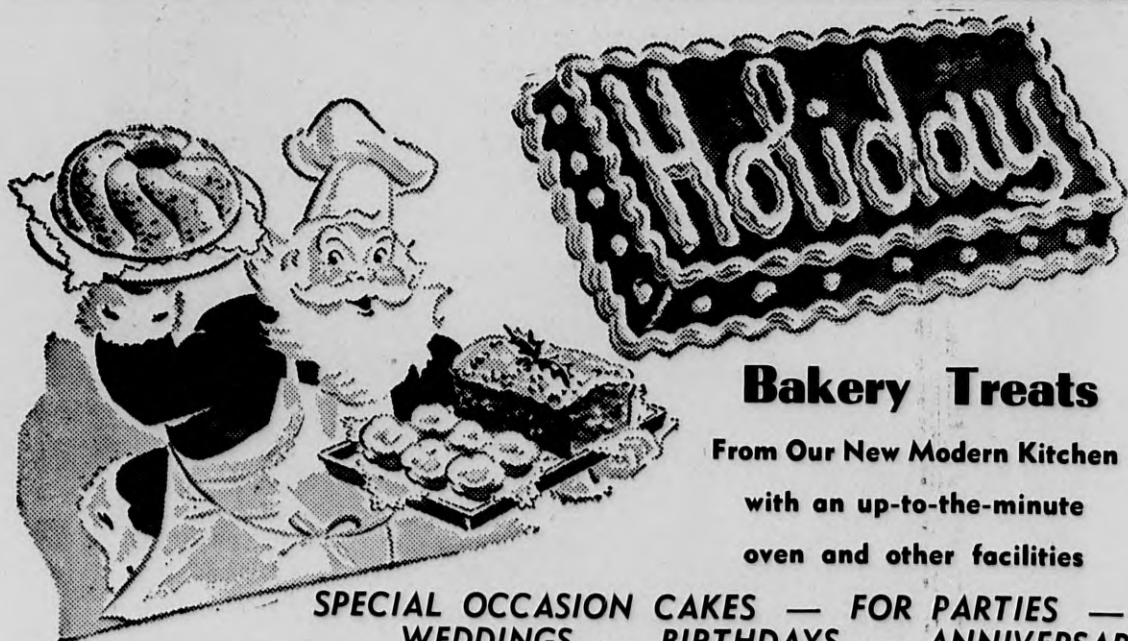
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school is the proper place for the teaching of religion, but I think the majority would feel that training along this line in the world of today cannot be over-emphasized.

"The scheduling problem, under the present religious education set-up, is undoubtedly what makes the extension of the classes into the three higher grades difficult. In the Junior High school, an all-inclusive study period one day a week is not too difficult to arrange; but in the High school, where the majority of students are obliged to secure a certain number of credits toward college entrance requirements, it would be much more of a problem to schedule a period where all students would be free to attend religious education classes. The end would justify the means, however, and I feel that the thing could be worked out with extremely beneficial results."

Brother Peter, principal of the Sacred Heart Boarding School for Boys in the Village: "Catholic schools start formal religious education at the age of seven or eight, but of course in the case of the boys we have here in Shawsheen some are a little older. We devote one-half hour every day at this age to Bible study, and to the catechism. This is not just memorization, but includes an explanation of the text, and practical application.

"In the lower grades religious instruction is introduced by pictures, and by stories which are applied to the child's life. At the high school age, the course in religion becomes a major subject, with four hours weekly devoted to it.

"Religious education in the public schools can be of great value, in my opinion, although there are a great many difficulties to be overcome. For instance, if children of different ages are grouped together, it takes an unusual teacher to hold the interest of all, and unless special emphasis is

made of the important points, the time is wasted. In such a short space of time, it is doubtful if much can be accomplished, although I suppose any time spent on this important training is better than none.

"We have also learned that any pupil is more disposed to absorb information in the early part of the school day, and that toward the close of his school day, he is simply anxious to get through, and is incapable of keen concentration. Since we feel that morals and ethics form the most important phase of any child's education, the religious instruction period is naturally scheduled for the morning. I think that the value of the public school religious education classes is undermined by the fact that the classes are held at the end of a school day."

Kenneth L. Sherman, superintendent of schools: "The present religious education program is definitely a forward step, in my opinion, but there is still a long way to go. I taught the 9th graders myself last year, handling a course on the Life and Teachings of St. Paul. The problem of teaching personnel would be partially solved if more lay people would contribute their time to this program. I think there are a number of people who are capable of doing an excellent job.

"The amount of time lost in going and coming, and the fact that the classes are held at the end of the school day, are unfortunate factors. I personally feel it a pity that the classes can not be held right here at school, which of course is impossible under the state constitution. But even although such a course were possible, there is a chance that a number of problems might result. Today the teachers are not classed in any religious group by the pupils; if the public school teachers were to undertake courses in religion, you would immediately find the teachers labelled as belonging to one sect or another. Such a situation might not work for the best interests of the child."

"The program as it stands has done no harm. Developed further, it could undoubtedly prove an instrument of great good. It has certainly established the position of Andover as far as sectarian prejudice or intolerance is concerned. I am firmly convinced that such prejudices simply do not exist in this town."

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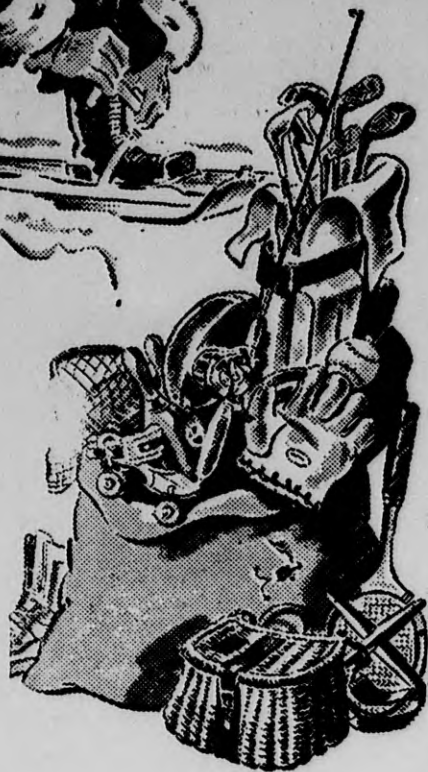
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A visit of the Blood Bank to Andover in the early part of January is scheduled by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, according to an announcement by the local Red Cross chapter, as part of a testing program in Massachusetts to determine the probable success of a national free blood program.

The Massachusetts blood program has been established to furnish whole blood, blood plasma and blood fractions without charge to doctors and hospitals throughout the state. The blood provided by this program is the gift of Massachusetts citizens. The Department of Public Health directs the program and carries out all medical and technical procedures. The local Red Cross chapter takes responsibility for recruiting blood donors and for promoting the program.

The Massachusetts blood program is the first complete statewide project of its type. It has been in operation — although it started on a limited scale — since December, 1945. Now — with the announcement in June, 1947, that the American National Red Cross will embark upon a national blood program — Massachusetts becomes the testing ground. Its success will be a decisive factor in launching free blood programs all over the country; its methods and procedures and experiences will serve as guideposts for the nation.

Right now hospitals estimate that they need about six pints of blood for every hospital bed each year. With new uses for blood and blood products being tested and discovered all the time, this figure will undoubtedly grow. But under present conditions, most hospitals can get only about three pints of blood per bed. Massachusetts intends to give them as much as they need for their patients — and more when they need more.

For this year the Massachusetts blood program plans to collect a minimum of 50,000 pints of blood. To meet that quota, one out of every 90 Massachusetts citizens will have to give at least one pint of blood. Take away the children under eighteen and the men and women over sixty; subtract the people with diabetes or anemia who cannot safely give blood and the percentage of blood donors rises sharply. To succeed, the blood program must reach the entire population and win the support of all the people.

There is only one way to get blood. It must come from healthy men and women. Professional blood donors are too few in num-

ber to meet even a fraction of the need. Emergency blood donors who come to the aid of friends or relatives are not always available. The only answer is a vast army of volunteers, willing to give their blood in advance so that it will be ready when it is needed, willing to give it to anyone, so that everyone can get it when he needs it.

Women's Union Xmas Party at South Church

On Thursday, December 11, the South church Women's Union Christmas party will be held in the vestry at 3:00 o'clock. A program has been planned, and as a special feature of the afternoon a box will be packed to send to England as an expression of love and good will at this Christmastide. The box will be packed with articles of food and selections from the following list of articles may be made for contribution: tinned fats, sugar, rice, packaged puddings, chocolate bits and bars, hard candies, canned meats, dried fruits, dried peas, dried milk in tins, macaroni, spaghetti. All are invited to share in this giving and come to the party and help pack the box. Two years ago the Women's Union Christmas party contributed dish cloths and tea towels for a project specially requested from Greece. Last year soap was contributed to be sent through the Church World Service overseas; thus the spirit of Christmas all gathered for a happy afternoon of fellowship in a Christmas celebration.

Mrs. Frederick C. Smith, 6 Stratford road, a regional vice-president of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs and counselor for the fine arts department, will be the guest of honor at a Christmas program sponsored by the Institute-Forums department of the federation, to be held on Thursday, December 4, at the Boston Y. W. C. A.

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Famous Barter Theatre Founder To Appear At Phillips Academy

Robert Porterfield, founder, director and manager of the famous Barter Theatre of Virginia, who will appear here on Friday, December 5, at 8:30 at George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy, declared that his box office receipts at Abingdon, Va., often prove a reliable barometer of America's economic conditions. When the Barter first started way back in the Depression days, admissions to the shows were about 90% in food products and 10% in actual cash. At that time the money was badly needed to get started on this unique theatrical venture.

Today, with all the distressing food shortages, and when food is welcome, the reverse is true—90% cash and 10% victuals are the proportion in box office receipts.

The Barter Theatre opened its doors in 1933 in Abingdon, Virginia, to a packed house and a full pantry, the only theatre in the world to accept produce in lieu of cash at the box office.

When his depression-born project had become a success far surpassing its founder's hopes, Bob Porterfield established "The Barter Theatre Award" for the outstanding performance given by an American actor on the current New York stage. Each winner received "one acre of land on a mountainside near Abingdon, one Virginia ham and a plate to eat it off of, and jobs for two young actors chosen by the recipient." Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose father once owned White Top Mountain which towers

above Abingdon, has presented all the awards to date: to Laurette Taylor in 1939; Dorothy Stickney in 1940; Ethel Barrymore, 1941; Mildred Natwick in 1942; Tallulah Bankhead in 1943; and after the suspension during Porterfield's term of military duty, to Louis Calhern in 1946. The latest winner was Helen Hayes in 1947.

Robert Porterfield is also a founder and director of the American National Theatre Foundation, an organization designed to give to the nation what Barter Theatre has given to Virginia.

Porterfield made his debut on Broadway in "Ivory Door" with Henry Hull. His long list of subsequent stage appearances include "Dagger and the Rose" with Skeets Gallagher; "Blind Windows," produced by David Belasco with Beth Merrill and Clark Gable in the cast; one year on tour with Walter Hampden in "Cyrano de Bergerac"; "Petrified Forest" with Leslie Howard and Peggy Conklin; "Bury the Dead" and others. Porterfield's screen roles included "Sergeant York" with Cary Cooper and "The Yearling."

The Barter Theatre has never abandoned its original promise: to accept victuals for its dramatic productions. And the drama-hungry Virginians make enthusiastic plans for theatre parties when the crops come in. A woman who lives nearby the theatre had to string another line of barbed wire atop her orchard fence to keep high school boys from stealing several bushels of admission fees from her apple trees; and the theatre chief dietitian searched for new receipts with which to use the cottage cheese that two elderly Virginia ladies presented for their admission nightly—the same two ladies who once brought more cheese than usual asked for "ten cents apiece change, because we thought we would like to buy a soda after the show."

Family tradition appears to have dictated Bob Porterfield's instinct for barter. He was born in Austinville, Virginia, 75 miles from Abingdon, on land which his ancestors purchased by barter from the Indians more than two hundred years ago.

Bill Hickok to Broadcast On Own 3-Hour Program

Bill Hickok, an Andover native, who saw his first radio program less than three years ago while a patient at Cushing General Hospital, and vowed he would make a career in radio when he recovered, will see his dream come true on December 15 at Atlanta, Georgia. On that date he will be starred in his own three hour radio program over the American Broadcasting Company outlet WCON owned by Atlanta Construction. The new station will begin broadcasting at that time.

Hickok, who was christened John Thomas Hickok, when he was born here March 22, 1924, shortened his name to Bill for radio and recording purposes. He attended local public schools and Phillips Academy up until 1939. He later was graduated from Mt. Hermon Academy and entered the Army Air Corps in 1943. He served in the South Pacific and was hospitalized on Guadalcanal in 1944 being returned to the States for treatment at Cushing General Hospital. He was discharged in 1945.

While in the hospital Hickok on his own secured vocal and musical instruction after making up his mind he wanted a radio career. Discharged from the army on a medical discharge he secured an audition for an announcer's job and won it at Greenfield, Mass. Since then he has been on stations in Norwich and Hartford, Conn., and Boston where he was with WCOP. In addition to his radio work he has also made records as a singer. The Atlanta assignment is his first big break.

William Hearne, son of Mrs. William H. Hearne, Jr., 4 Dumbarton street, is on the honor roll for the first quarter of the school year at the Sacred Heart Boarding School for Boys.

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