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Sees New Town Office Building Urgent Need For Near Future

A new town office building to replace the present inadequate quarters of town officials, and a reorganization of the assessing department are two of the major improvements which Roy E. Hardy, chairman of the board of selectmen and assessors, advocates for Andover in the near future.

His views were expressed in a statement to the Townsman in response to a request made to the heads of the town's three major departments for a preview of their problems and aims for the coming year.

In a look forward into the affairs of the town Mr. Hardy noted that Andover's continued growth presents serious and complex problems which call for careful planning and management. He also recommended an enlarged planning board to study future needs and possible changes in zoning laws.

Sidney P. White, chairman of the board of public works, reviews the many highway and water improvements made during 1953, the construction of a municipal parking space, and the survey and study that went into the planning of a new Ballardvale sewerage system, and looks forward to the construction of this project in 1954.

Gordon L. Colquhoun, chairman of the school committee, notes the number of personnel changes in the year and sees the committee still faced with the big problem created by the annual gain in the school enrollment. He estimates the number of pupils in the entire school system as 2320 with new families moving in from other localities adding to this number.

The New Year statements from the three officials are as follows:

LOOKING FORWARD IN TOWN AFFAIRS

By ROY E. HARDY, Chairman (Selectmen and Assessors)

At the request of the Editor, I am asking you to take a look forward in the affairs of the Town of Andover. All indications, as of this date, point toward two conclusions. The first, and more immediate, is that the annual audit, about to commence, will show that the town is in very good financial condition. The second is that our continued growth is presenting many serious and complex problems that will call for careful planning and management.

In other columns you will find articles concerning the problems facing the school department and the board of public works. I intend to outline three steps that I believe we should take at once.

The assessing department should be reorganized immediately. We should complete the mapping of the entire town, bring our existing maps up to date each year, have one full time assessor or a chief assessor's clerk with some engi-

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MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY B.P.W.

By SIDNEY P. WHITE (Chairman B.P.W.)

The Board of Public Works is about to complete its scheduled program for the year 1953. All of the special article projects for the year, as well as some carry-over articles from 1952 will have been accomplished by the end of December.

Specific highway improvement jobs have been done on Canterbury street, on Beacon street near the corner of Lowell street, on Greenwood road and on Whittier street near the auditorium. In conjunction with the Whittier street job, a new approach driveway to the school parking area was constructed. This approach, together with other driveway and parking area improvements at the school yard, has greatly improved the flow of traffic in this vicinity.

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EVENTFUL YEAR FOR SCHOOL DEPT.

By GORDON L. COLQUHOUN (Chairman School Committee)

The past year of 1953 was an eventful one for the Andover School department. For the first time in seventeen years there was a change in the active administration. Schools opened in September with Mr. Edward J. Erickson as the new superintendent and Mr. Lindsay J. March as the new headmaster of Punchard high and Junior high schools.

In November of 1952 when the 1953 budget was set, the new school buildings had not been in operation long enough for the committee to determine accurately the actual operating costs of these buildings. Also the committee underestimated the number of pupils expected, and as a result the committee was forced to go to the Finance committee and request an

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P. A. Appoints New School Physician

Dr. Donald M. Clark of Peterboro, N.H., senior partner in the Peterboro Medical Associates, has been appointed school physician at Phillips academy, Headmaster John M. Kemper has announced.

Dr. Clark will assume his new duties Jan. 6, succeeding Dr. Alexandre G. Law who resigned to enter private practice.

Dr. Clark has been a practicing physician in Peterboro since 1935. Prior to that he practiced in three other New Hampshire towns following graduation from the Univer-

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REGISTRATION STICKER MUST BE ON WINDSHIELD

Over the New Year's holiday weekend registry inspectors and police will be observing all cars to make sure that every vehicle is properly registered for 1954. Your 1953 plate will be used during 1954, but you must have evidence of registration. Your validating registration sticker for 1954 must be at the top center of your windshield.

Icy Roads Cause Several Accidents

A drop in the temperature after Monday night's light rain found streets glazed with an icy coating early Tuesday morning which accounted for several minor auto accidents.

Sanding crews were started out about 1 a.m., Tuesday by Supt. Edward R. Lawson and other crews went out about 5 a.m., so that most of the town's main highways, hills and intersections were sanded before morning traffic became heavy.

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Attend Conference On New Route 28

The board of selectmen were among local officials who attended a conference in Boston yesterday morning regarding the proposed relocation of Route 28.

One plan is to have it go on the westerly side of Stoneham and Reading, pass through West Andover, cross the Merrimack river, skirt Tower hill and the business section of Methuen and join the New Hampshire highway.

Several interests in North Andover favor relocating the route so that it would pass on the easterly side of Andover, then through North Andover to Lawrence, thus giving North Andover another bridge across the river to Lawrence.

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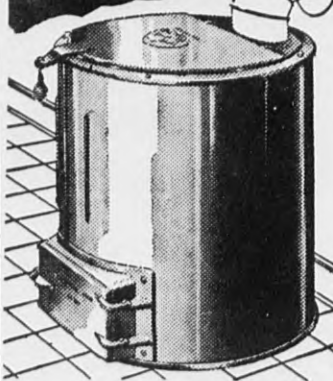
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Golden Age Party

A meeting of the Golden age circle was held in the Methodist church vestry last Tuesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. Harry Nason presiding. Following the business meeting a Christmas party was held. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served by Mrs. Frank Ward. Christmas carols and hymns were sung with Mrs. Ernest Rollins pianist.

Those present: Dr. Carrie Bacon, Mrs. Myra Ward, Mrs. Ernest Rollins, Mrs. Emma Moss, Mrs. Edna Humphreys, Mrs. Anna Hess, Mrs. Frank Ward, Mrs. Frances Benson and Mrs. Harry Nason.

Guest Speaker

Thursday evening, Jan. 7, Lieut. Col. James K. Healy of Newburyport will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the PTA in the Bradlee school. He will talk on "Operation Blue Jay" in Greenland and will also show a film on the subject. This will be of special interest to the men of the town

who are invited to attend whether they are members of the organization or not.

Congregational Party

The annual Union Congregational church school Christmas party was held last Wednesday evening. A Christmas service "The Christmas Story" was held in the church sanctuary. All then went to the church vestry when Christmas films were shown, carols were sung and Santa Claus, impersonated by Bart Smalley gave out the gifts. Supt. Frank Watson and the teachers were in charge.

Methodist Party

The annual Methodist church Sunday school Christmas party was held last Wednesday evening in the church. Christmas carols were sung. Gifts were given out by Mrs. Andrew Townsend who impersonated Santa Claus. Mrs. John Wilson, superintendent of the Sunday school was in charge.

Carols Sung

The Tuesday evening before Christmas members of the Stitch and Giggle club went about town singing Christmas carols to the shut-in. Members included Patricia Smalley, Joan Wilson, Cynthia and Dolly Lawrence, Joyce Lee Nason, Gail Goodwin, Marion Magoon, Norma Kibbee, Margaret Bouleau, Ann Froburg and Fay Mason.

O. M. Club

The annual Christmas party of the O. M. club was held Sunday evening at the home of Miss Ruth Mears, 25 Oak st. Christmas gifts were exchanged and a buffet lunch was served. Those present were: Patricia Bergeron, Joan White, Joanne Myers, Andrea Hofer, Mary Elizabeth Green, Anne Lynch, Joan Hebert, Blanche Znamierowski and Ruth Mears. Members unable to be present were: Doris and Shirley Nicoll, Joyce Joy and Harriet Gilday.

Church Flowers

The flowers on the altar of the Union Congregational church Sunday were given in loving memory of Mrs. Evelyn G. Scobie by the Friendly Guild.

Personals

Miss Jessie Lois Gill was the soloist at the Union Congregational church service Sunday morning.

Mrs. Clara Stott Knox of Wollaston and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marjerison of Lawrence were the holiday weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stott of High st.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell of Tewksbury st., entertained a family group Christmas eve at dinner and a tree. Guests included; Sgt. and Mrs. Robert C. Mitchell of Ithica, N.Y., Pvt. Clark Mitchell USA of Fort Devens, Miss Dianne Mitchell, Lawrence and Linda Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Brown and son, Carlton of Andover st., were the dinner guests on Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Brown and daughter, Ann of Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Warner and sons of High st., entertained Mrs. Warner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Holt and nephew, Charles Robert Holt of Newton, Christmas.

Miss Andrea Hofer of Bridgewater Teachers college was the weekend guest of Miss Mary Elizabeth Green of Andover st.

The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Wilbur and daughter, Pamela of Church st., have returned after spending the holiday with Mrs. Wilbur's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert S. Bishop of Portland, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boyd and sons, Donald and Richard of East Hartford Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Warner and daughters, Judy and Janet of Lynnfield, Miss Doris Nicoll of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nicoll and daughters, Sandra and Sharon of Andover, Miss Mary Nicoll, Louis Hoyer of Boston and James Nelson of Malden were the dinner guests on Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. James Nicoll of Clark rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Green, their daughter Mary Elizabeth and son, James of Andover st., had as their dinner guests Mrs. Edna Carr and James Carr of Haverhill and they all attended a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kitteridge in Haverhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lynch of Portland, Conn., spent the holiday weekend with Mrs. Lynch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson of Marland st.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goodwin and family of Andover st., had as their holiday guests, Mrs. Jean Goodwin and Miss Maude Donaldson of Malden.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Demkowski and children of Tewksbury st., spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. William Cocoran of Wilmington.

Samuel Moody of Philadelphia, Penn., spent the holiday weekend at his home on Andover st.

Mrs. Mina Kibbee and Miss Norma Kibbee of Clark rd., were with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Spadoni and family of Natick for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Demers and

family of Marland st., had as the holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown and family of Saugus. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Webb as daughters, Judy and Sandra of Ballardvale rd., Mr. and Mrs. George Newcomb and family of Center st. and Mr. and Mrs. William Webb as son, Phillip of Woburn st., were entertained on Christmas night by Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Webb at the home in Groveland.

Cpl. Richard Holmes, USM spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Moss of Andover st.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson Ballardvale rd., spent the holiday weekend with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Millett of Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cole as daughter, Laureen of Saugus were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lumenello of Andover st.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sparks of River st., spent the holiday weekend as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schindler of Springfield.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Callahan and family of Cambridge have been entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Smith of Argilla rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pearson of Andover st., spent Christmas as the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Pearson Jr., and family of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smeltzer as son, Eddie entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Smeltzer on the holiday.

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Farewell Gathering

Over one hundred friends gathered in the vestry last Monday for a beautiful silver supper. Walter Wilbur, the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. a beautiful silver corsage was presented to Gaskill by the S which also gave two Gaskill. They also certificate from their who extended their them as they assume ties in a new parish leave about Jan. 8 to duties in the Congreg ch in Hanover. Movie following the present

Lafayette Club

The January meeting club will be Jan. 5 in the home Silva of Maple ave.

Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Harold High Plain rd., held last Sunday afternoon neighbors and friend John Young opened Lincoln st., Sunday evening to a group of

Church Notes

The Senior Women's West church will have a meeting at 2:30 day, Jan. 6, in the Mrs. Trow, president will preside and L tional service. Mrs. will be in charge events program.

Annual Meeting

The annual church business meeting of ch will be held at 6: day, Jan. 7. Anyone the affairs of the vited to attend.

Flowers

The flowers on the West church last 5 were given by William his daughters in lo Mrs. Corliss.

Skating Party

The Young People of the West church party on the pond road last Sunday evening number of the you

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Farewell Gathering

Over one hundred members and friends gathered in the West church vestry last Monday evening for a family night supper. Following the supper, Walter Wilson presented the Rev. and Mrs. John G. Gaskill a beautiful silver service in behalf of those present. A camellia corsage was presented to Mrs. Gaskill by the Sunday school which also gave two books to Mr. Gaskill. They also received a gift certificate from their many friends who extended their best wishes to them as they assume their new duties in a new parish. They will leave about Jan. 8 to take up their duties in the Congregational church in Hanover. Movies were shown following the presentation.

Lafalot Club

The January meeting of the Lafalot club will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5 in the home of Mrs. Grant Silva of Maple ave.

Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson of High Plain rd., held open house last Sunday afternoon for their neighbors and friends. Mr. and Mrs. John Young opened their home on Lincoln st., Sunday afternoon and evening to a group of their friends.

Church Notes

The Senior Womans' Union of the West church will hold its January meeting at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, in the church vestry. Mrs. Trow, president of the union, will preside and lead the devotional service. Mrs. Walter Simon will be in charge of the current events program.

Annual Meeting

The annual church supper and business meeting of the West church will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 7. Anyone interested in the affairs of the church is invited to attend.

Flowers

The flowers on the altar of the West church last Sunday morning were given by William Corliss and his daughters in loving memory of Mrs. Corliss.

Skating Party

The Young People's Fellowship of the West church held a skating party on the pond off Shawsheen road last Sunday evening. A goodly number of the young folks took

advantage of the opportunity and the skating was excellent.

Personals

Miss Gertrude Batchelder of Washington, D.C., is visiting at the home of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Loring Batchelder of Morton st.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Morgan of Hartford, Conn., were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morgan of Lowell st.

Mrs. Ernest Dick of High Plain rd., spent the Christmas holidays with her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dick of Wichita, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. Albion Johnson of High Plain rd., and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnson of Watertown spent Sunday with the formers' daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hoyt of Lincoln.

Mrs. William Workman has returned to her home in Kearny, N.J., after enjoying the holidays with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Workman of Beech circle.

Miss Irene Morgan of Montpelier, Vt., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Marland of George st.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cory have returned to their home in Mountainside, N.J., after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wahlburg of Canterbury st., during the recent holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter True and family of Balston Spa, N.Y., have returned to their home after enjoying the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Abbott of Andover st.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Potsvach and son of Hondo, Tex., are enjoying a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Silva of Chandler rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Huggins of Maple ave., left Monday to spend the next several months in Edgewater, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Surprenant have returned to their home in

Mount Sunapee, N.H., after enjoying the holiday season with the Nicholas family of Chandler rd.

Walter Stone of Lynn spent the weekend with his daughter, Mrs. Dean Hudgins of North st.

Miss Ruth Morgan, a student at the Deaconess hospital, Boston, is enjoying a short vacation at the family home on Sutherland st.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mothes of Hudson spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tarbox and family of Cutler rd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rasmussen of Lowell st., enjoyed the Christmas holidays with friends in Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Adna Johnson have returned to their home in Berlin, Conn., after enjoying the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Peregrin Schwarzer of Lincoln circle.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ozoonian of Osgood rd., entertained the following relatives at their home Christmas day: Mr. and Mrs. George Boghigian of Nashua, N.H., Mr. and Mrs. K. Najarian, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lynch and family of Watertown. A Christmas dinner was served to 28 members of the family.

Mrs. Gladys Jamieson and children, Stewart and Joyce, of Brooklyn, N.Y., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart of High Plain rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lewis have returned to their home on Laurel lane after enjoying a few days in New York City.



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Richard Holmes, USN, spent the holiday with his parents and Mrs. Irving Moss.

Mrs. John Anderson and family spent the holiday with their daughter at Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Worcester.

Mrs. Arthur Cole and family spent the holiday with guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lauren of Saugus and Mrs. Menello of Andover st.

Mrs. George Sparks and family spent the holiday with guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler of Springfield, Vt., and Mrs. Paul Callahan of Cambridge. Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Argilla rd.

Mrs. Roy Pearson Sr. and family spent Christmas at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. John Jr., and family.

Mrs. Alfred Smeltzer and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smeltzer on the



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Methodist Church

REV. ANTHONY PERRINO, Pastor

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:45 a.m. Morning worship service. Sermon: "The Christian Resolution." 4:30 p.m. Junior M.Y.F. 6 p.m. Senior M.Y.F.

MONDAY: 2 p.m. The Golden Age Circle. 7 p.m. The senior basketball team meets at the parsonage to leave for Punchard gym and game at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY: 7:30 p.m. The Ballardvale Sports club.

West Parish Church

REV. JOHN G. GASKILL, Minister

SUNDAY: Family hour of worship. 10:30 a.m. Children's church service with Nancy Doyle and Charles Smythe assisting the pastor and Arthur Clegg and James O'Keilley as ushers. Nursery-Kindergarten department in the vestry, and classes for high school and junior high young people. 11 a.m. Morning service of worship with reception of members and service of Holy Communion. Meditation by the pastor and music by the All Girls' choir. 7 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship hour in the vestry to which all young people are invited. Leaders are to be Deanna Hudgins and Penny McGrath. Social hour by Larry Muller.

MONDAY: 8 p.m. Meeting of the church committee.

TUESDAY: 3 p.m. Children's choir rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. All Girls' choir rehearsal.

THURSDAY: 6:30 p.m. Annual church supper will be followed by the annual meeting of the church. Reservations should be made on or before Tuesday noon by calling Mrs. Herbert Carter.

South Church

REV. FREDERICK B. NOSS, Pastor

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Church school for third grade and up. 10:45 a.m. Morning worship and Communion. 10:45 a.m. Kindergarten, nursery school, grades 1, 2, and 3. 7 p.m. Young people's society.

TUESDAY: 8 p.m. Ping Pong club.

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 p.m. South church choir rehearsal.

THURSDAY: 10 a.m. All day sewing meeting of the Women's Fellowship. 3:30 p.m. Junior choir rehearsal. 8 p.m. Open meeting of the A.P.C. Sorority. Speaker, Clinton F. Goodwin, Old Williamsburg, illustrated. Refreshments.

Free Church

Rev. Levering Reynolds Jr., Th. D. Pastor

SUNDAY: 9:15 a.m. Junior classes in the church school. 10 a.m. Senior classes in the church school, and a nursery class for

younger children. 10 a.m. Morning worship with Holy Communion. New members will be received at this service. 6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship. The committees will be: worship, Carl Swenson and Arthur Domingue; refreshments, Helen Ellis and Edith Leidich.

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 p.m. January meeting of the Woman's Union. The new officers for 1954 will be installed at the meeting by the pastor.

THURSDAY: 10 a.m. Sewing circle of the Woman's Union. 3:25 p.m. Junior choir rehearsal. 6 p.m. Choir of Youth rehearsal. 7:30 p.m. Senior choir rehearsal.

NOTES: Explorer Post 72, which has been customarily meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesdays will hold their meeting on Fridays at 7 p.m., beginning Jan. 8.

Andover Baptist Church

REV. ROY E. NELSON JR., Minister

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Church school with true-to-the-Bible lessons. Classes for all ages including adults. 10:15 a.m. Carillons and chimes. Accept their invitation to attend church. 10:45 a.m. Morning service of worship. The pastor, Rev. Roy E. Nelson Jr., will preach on the subject, "Acquaint Yourself With Christ." Anthem by the adult choir. Observance of the Lord's Supper. All are welcome at the friendly Baptist church. Nursery, during church service, for the small children. 7 p.m. Baptist Youth Fellowship in the church parlor. Bob Hesse will be the leader.

THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. Adult choir rehearsal. 8 p.m. Monthly meeting of the Standing committee at the parsonage, 24 Central st.

FRIDAY: 8 p.m. Philathea class meeting.

The North Parish Church

(Unitarian) - North Andover
REV. E. A. BROWN JR., Minister

SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Church school. 9:45 a.m. Kindergarten. 11 a.m. Morning service. 11 a.m. Church hour nursery. 5 p.m. Youth Fellowship.

MONDAY: 3 p.m. Girl scouts.

THURSDAY: 3 p.m. Junior choir.

St. Augustine's Church

REV. P. J. CAMPBELL, Pastor

THURSDAY: Confessions 4 to 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY: New Year's day (Holy day of obligation also First Friday) Masses 6:30, 8, 9, 10 and 11:30. Benediction after 11:30 Mass. Holy Hour at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY: Confessions 4 to 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

SUNDAY: Masses 6:30, 8, 9, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Benediction after 11:30 Mass. Baptisms at 3 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church

(Ballardvale)

SUNDAY: Mass at 9 a.m. Confessions are heard before Mass.

Christ Church

REV. JOHN S. MOSES, Rector
FRIDAY: New Year's day, a.m. Holy Communion.

SUNDAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 11 a.m. Holy Communion and sermon. 11 a.m. Nursery class. 6 p.m. Young People's Fellowship.

MONDAY: 7:30 p.m. Friend Guild.

WEDNESDAY: Feast of the Epiphany - 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

THURSDAY: 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal.

NOTES: Sunday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. Annual Service of Lights.

Union Congregational Church

REV. RAYMOND B. WILBUR, Minister

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Church school. 10:45 a.m. Morning worship service - Sermon - "A Charge to New Members", by the pastor. 5:30 p.m. Philosobeans. 7:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship.

TUESDAY: 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal for the Fellowship choir. 7 p.m. Stitch and Giggle club.

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The framed prints which were voted the most popular in the last print exhibit at the library have been put on exhibit this week and may be borrowed for the two-month home loan Wednesday, Jan. 6, 5 p.m., as in the past, the picture may be borrowed; no reservation on prints may be made. Copies of rules governing the loaning of prints may be seen at the library.

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Gallant was charged with operating under the influence of liquor. At an earlier arraignment he pleaded guilty to the offense but Monday was allowed by the court to change his plea to not guilty.

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CALDWELL - A son, Dec. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Caldwell of Oakland, Cal. The mother is the former Mary Eldred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eldred, formerly of 18 Ridge st., but now of Oakland.

CONNORS - A daughter, Cynthia Ann, Dec. 24 in the Chelsea Naval hospital to Mr. and Mrs. F. Timothy Connors (Joan Matton) 15 High st.

MACLAREN - A son, Dec. 27 in the Lawrence General hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Archibald D. MacLaren Jr., (Helen Gahm) 21 Memorial circle.

New Candidates For Town Offices

Nomination papers have been taken out this week for the following:

Roy A. Russell, 72 Memorial circle, candidate for the school committee.

William L. McDonald, 6 Wolcott ave., candidate for selectman and assessor.

Joseph E. O'Brien, 53 Whittier st., candidate for selectman and assessor.

To Greet New Year With Open House

The Andover Sportsman's club, Inc., will hold an informal open house New Year's eve for members and guests who wish to attend.

The club house will be open at 8 p.m., and those who attend may drop in at any time to remain and welcome the New Year. Those planning to attend are requested to bring a luncheon. Recorded music will be available for dancing.

The committee in charge is headed by John Keith, assisted by Christopher Muller and William Greenwood.

REALTY TRANSFERS

J. P. Stevens & Co., Inc. to Ellen I. Cronin, Stevens st.

Andover Associates, Inc. to Lester M. Thompson et ux, Stevens st.

Awards High Honor To Andover Inn

An unusual honor has been conferred upon the Andover Inn by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, according to notice just received by Edward A. Romeo, manager of the inn.

The trustees of the society at a recent meeting awarded the society's garden certificate to the establishment for its horticultural achievements.

The report of the committee

Philip A. Chenevert et ux to Albert H. Damon et ux, School st.

Frank Cairns et ux to Frances Monro, near Pine st.

Irving Finsen et ux to Warren A. Lewis et ux, Arundel st. and Piccadilly path.

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Fred E. Cheever to Albert S. Rothseid et ux, Shipman rd.

recommending the award reads: "Andover Inn, Andover, for lawns and an old-fashioned garden where its guests may find seclusion, and refreshment for the spirit."

Personal
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sanborn of North st., spent the holiday

with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sanborn of Shrewsbury.

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Our Merchant Marine

The main problem of American merchant shipping which follows the essential trade routes of the world in competition with foreign vessels can easily be described. The cost of building and maintaining ships in American yards is far higher than in Europe. And American seamen enjoy wages, working conditions and other benefits which defy comparison with those known abroad. Labor costs on U. S. freighters are more than four times as great as those on comparable vessels of Great Britain and other leading maritime powers.

This is the reason why our merchant marine must have government aid if it is to survive — aid which is extended, incidentally, under a unique repayment clause providing that the money must be returned as earnings permit.

Such aid has long been a government policy. However, due to various legal and other complications, the law is not working at all effectively at present. The result is that American shipbuilding is deep in the doldrums. No new orders were received by private American yards in either August or September, and all ships now being built are due for completion by 1955 or earlier. Our existing ships are becoming obsolescent — some rapidly.

This means that unless corrective action is taken the American flag will gradually disappear from the high seas, so far as the merchant marine is concerned. That would imperil the national defense and undermine our economy. The problem is important to all of us — whether we live in the land-bound states or on one of our sea frontiers.

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The common cold may be a simple illness to many people, but it is a complex problem for medical research. Scientists have made tremendous progress in developing drugs that cure and prevent serious maladies, but they are still trying to solve the mystery of the common cold.

The cold, as well as other respiratory diseases such as influenza, "strep throat" and pneumonia, is caused by some of the countless viruses that float in the air. The smallest living creatures known, they are drawn into the nose, throat and lungs by the air we breathe, and multiply in the cell linings.

Many of the viruses have been isolated and classified in the laboratories, but the common cold germ, thought to be the smallest of all, cannot be kept alive for study.

Statistics show that the average person has two colds a year that cause half of the absences from work, and are responsible for a 120 million dollar annual loss in wages.

It is paradoxical that there is no cure for this time-wasting annoying illness while serious respiratory diseases like pneumonia can be arrested with such new drugs as terramycin.

It's reassuring to know, however, that extensive research continues — by the National Institute of Health, universities and pharmaceutical laboratories — so soon the common cold may go the way of other conquered diseases.

Stevens Family Holds Reunion

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Stevens, 7 Virginia rd., was the scene of a family reunion on Christmas day which found four generations in attendance.

In addition to the host and hostess, those present included Mrs. Steven's 85-year-old mother, Mrs. Lena M. Thresher of Braintree, Vt., Lt. and Mrs. Rufus C. Small of Maryland, and their two children, Charlene and Kim; Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Davis Jr., and their new daughter, Patricia; Mr. and Mrs. George S. Hunter of Melrose Highlands, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Thresher of Malden, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Hancock of Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln S. Hunter and children, Susan, Harry and Douglass of Burlington, and Mr. and Mrs. Berkley F. Hunter and son, Jimmy, of New London, N.H.

After the traditional turkey dinner at noon, the group gathered around a huge Christmas tree where there were gifts for all.

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Down the Years with The Townsman

50 Years Ago — December 1903

The Andover club will hold a public meeting Friday night when "Socialism vs the true American Spirit" will be discussed. A prominent Socialist of Lawrence will present one side and several local young men will also talk on the subject.

Fifth-one children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mrs. Sarah Gould gathered at her home in the Scotland district to celebrate Christmas.

The palatial residence of Daniel Saunders at 73 Prospect st., Lawrence, a city landmark, was visited by a fierce blaze Monday night which gave the department a two-hour battle.

Capt. Richard Pearson Hobson, USN, famous for the sinking of the Merrimack in the Spanish-American War, was greeted by a large audience, many of whom were from Andover, when he lectured recently at the Lawrence city hall.

Ice is being cut at Haggett's pond.

On the honor list at Phillips academy for the fall term are the following from Andover: Thaxter Eaton, Carroll Clark Hincks, John Angus Kydd and Henry Noyes Otis.

Firemen battle a stubborn blaze in a pile of oakum in the basement of W. H. Welch & Co's plumbing shop on Barnard st. An attempt was made to pull in an alarm from the engine house but the box refused to work and an old-fashioned alarm was rung in. The horses were out on the snow plow but were soon back at the engine house and the firemen responded with their usual alacrity. The oakum was piled beneath the stairs and was in a difficult position for the firemen to get at. It took two hours to extinguish the blaze.

Firemen were called about 11:45 p.m., Thursday to a fire which started in some mysterious way in the barn on the Moses H. Ames estate in West Andover. After a hard run the firemen arrived and soon had the blaze under control, it having been held in check by several neighbors who threw pails of water on it.

25 Years Ago — December 1928

Various church and fraternal societies hold Christmas parties for young people.

Mrs. Grace W. Dawson of Tewksbury, lecturer of Andover Grange 183, announces a very ambitious program for the coming year.

The firemen were called Monday to extinguish two grass fires.

During January and February the Memorial Hall library will be open Sundays from 3 to 9 p.m.

Several well-known residents of the town died recently. They were Dec. 22, David L. Wade, 5 Chapin ct., aged 73; Dec. 22, Hannah A. Frost, 9 Maple ave., aged 88; Dec. 22, Mrs. Kate Cutter Gage, Phillips st., aged 84; Dec. 26, Eliza A. Maker, Greenwood rd., aged 73.

About 30 young people of the Ballardvale churches went around Monday evening singing Christmas carols for the shut-ins.

10 Years Ago — December 1903

Herbert P. Carter of Lowell st., elected for the 23rd consecutive year as church clerk at the annual meeting of the West Parish church.

Rowland L. Luce of Barnard st., and James G. Robb of N. Main st., have been drawn for jury duty at the criminal session of superior court opening at Salem Jan. 17.

Coaches of the East team in the Shrine's New Year game announce that Eddie Doherty of Andover and quarterback for this year's Boston College eleven, will start as quarterback for the East All Stars.

A general wage increase for all town employees is expected by various departments which met in joint session Tuesday evening to discuss the question.

Local firemen, who answered 14 separate alarms over the Christmas weekend, are wishing for a White Christmas. The only serious blaze of the lot was that at the home of Chester A. Holland on Chestnut st., in which \$800 worth of clothing was lost and the woodwork in two upper rooms badly damaged. Fire in a barn on the Babichi farm on High Plain rd., might have proved serious if it had not been extinguished quickly by the three companies that answered the alarm Thursday afternoon.

Religious School Holds Assembly

The seventh and eighth grade of the school of religious education held a Christmas assembly Dec. 21 at Christ church.

The following pupils read the Christmas story from the Bible: Charles Kellog, Levering Reynolds III, Bruce Meyers, Elsie Kellog, Richard Grant, Marilyn Freeman, Allen Weaver and Mary Taylor.

Miss Sarah Wiss was accompanist for the carols which followed each reading.

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Surviving are a daughter, Aileen with whom he made his home; a son, Lymert Wood of Andover; three grandsons; two great-grandsons; a brother, Joseph Wood of Andover; four sisters, Mrs. William Hargerison of Lawrence, Mrs. Clester Matthews, Mrs. Bert Anderson and Miss Rosalie Wood, all of Andover.

The funeral was held Tuesday from the Lundgren funeral home with services at 2 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Anthony Perrino, pastor of the Ballardvale Methodist church. Burial was in Spring Grove cemetery.

The bearers were: Allen and Philip Wood, John Anderson, David MacDonald and William and George Douty.

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John W. Furness, 12 Maple ave., died Tuesday afternoon in the Lawrence General hospital after a short illness.

A native of Stainland, Yorkshire, England, he had resided in Andover for 32 years. He was a member of the Free church, St. Matthew's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and the Andover Square & Compass club.

Surviving are his widow, Emily (Jackson) Furness; four sisters in England; a nephew, Sam E. Furness of Methuen, and several nephews in England.

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NOVEMBER CLUB NOTES

The next meeting of the Art Department of the November club will be held at 3 p.m., Monday, Jan. 4.

Mrs. Theodore Dodge will speak on Augustus Saint-Gaudens, and Mrs. Frank L. Brigham on Daniel Chester French.

LOOKING FORWARD IN TOWN AFFAIRS

(Continued from Page One)

neering and building knowledge, and provide proper quarters for the department. Good assessing work is fundamental, as this division of our town affairs is the basis of a strong financial government.

The second step that I advocate is the building of a new town office building not later than 1955. Our treasurer's office is perhaps the most inadequate in Massachusetts; the collector has very little room in which to work; the assessors have no place for any growth in their personnel or records; each department should have an office of its own; and the police facilities are entirely antiquated. I believe the razing of our present office quarters would bring about a major improvement in our business section. Several of our progressive merchants have modernized with results satisfactory both to them and the town. Much more should be done. I am asking the citizens of

Andover to consider this and to be ready for definite proposals.

The third step I advocate is the formation of an enlarged planning board or a voluntary committee to work with the present board. Our many pressing problems call for close financial scrutiny, and we will undoubtedly be forced to double our present annual capital expenditure. These problems should be coordinated by a study that cannot be given at an annual town meeting. And there are many problems other than the financial ones. We want an attractive town and many changes may be necessary in the zoning law, with a solution fair to all home owners, whether of large, small, or moderate means. Our most intelligent citizens should be willing to serve on this proposed committee.

I have merely scratched the surface in these few words. I hope that they may start or continue some constructive thinking and result in positive action at our next annual town meeting.

ALCIDE J. TISBERT OUT OF MARINES

Marine Cpl. Alcide J. Tisbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tisbert of Greenwood rd., has returned to

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- DYED FOX collars! MARMOT capes and stoles
- MUSKRAT yoke, collar and cuff sets
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Such aid has long been a government policy. However, due to various legal and other complications, the law is not working at all effectively at present. The result is that American shipbuilding is deep in the doldrums. No new orders were received by private American yards in either August or September, and all ships now being built are due for completion by 1955 or earlier. Our existing ships are becoming obsolescent — some rapidly.

This means that unless corrective action is taken the American flag will gradually disappear from the high seas, so far as the merchant marine is concerned. That would imperil the national defense and undermine our economy. The problem is important to all of us — whether we live in the land-bound states or on one of our sea frontiers.

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The common cold may be a simple illness to many people, but it is a complex problem for medical research. Scientists have made tremendous progress in developing drugs that cure and prevent serious maladies, but they are still trying to solve the mystery of the common cold.

The cold, as well as other respiratory diseases such as influenza, "strep throat" and pneumonia, is caused by some of the countless viruses that float in the air. The smallest living creatures known, they are drawn into the nose, throat and lungs by the air we breathe, and multiply in the cell linings.

Many of the viruses have been isolated and classified in the laboratories, but the common cold germ, thought to be the smallest of all, cannot be kept alive for study.

Statistics show that the average person has two colds a year that cause half of the absences from work, and are responsible for a 120 million dollar annual loss in wages.

It is paradoxical that there is no cure for this time-wasting annoying illness while serious respiratory diseases like pneumonia can be arrested with such new drugs as terramycin.

It's reassuring to know, however, that extensive research continues — by the National Institute of Health, universities and pharmaceutical laboratories — so soon the common cold may go the way of other conquered diseases.

Stevens Family Holds Reunion

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Stevens, 7 Virginia rd., was the scene of a family reunion on Christmas day which found four generations in attendance.

In addition to the host and hostess, those present included Mrs. Steven's 85-year-old mother, Mrs. Lena M. Thresher of Braintree, Vt., Lt. and Mrs. Rufus C. Small of Maryland, and their two children, Charlene and Kim; Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Davis Jr., and their new daughter, Patricia; Mr. and Mrs. George S. Hunter of Melrose Highlands, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Thresher of Malden, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Hancock of Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln S. Hunter and children, Susan, Harry and Douglass of Burlington, and Mr. and Mrs. Berkley F. Hunter and son, Jimmy, of New London, N.H.

After the traditional turkey dinner at noon, the group gathered around a huge Christmas tree where there were gifts for all.

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Down the Years with The Townsman

50 Years Ago — December 1903

The Andover club will hold a public meeting Friday night when "Socialism vs the true American Spirit" will be discussed. A prominent Socialist of Lawrence will present one side and several local young men will also talk on the subject.

Fifth-one children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mrs. Sarah Gould gathered at her home in the Scotland district to celebrate Christmas.

The palatial residence of Daniel Saunders at 73 Prospect st., Lawrence, a city landmark, was visited by a fierce blaze Monday night which gave the department a two-hour battle.

Capt. Richard Pearson Hobson, USN, famous for the sinking of the Merrimack in the Spanish-American War, was greeted by a large audience, many of whom were from Andover, when he lectured recently at the Lawrence city hall.

Ice is being cut at Haggett's pond.

On the honor list at Phillips academy for the fall term are the following from Andover: Thaxter Eaton, Carroll Clark Hincks, John Angus Kydd and Henry Noyes Otis.

Firemen battle a stubborn blaze in a pile of oakum in the basement of W. H. Welch & Co's plumbing shop on Barnard st. An attempt was made to pull in an alarm from the engine house but the box refused to work and an old-fashioned alarm was rung in. The horses were out on the snow plow but were soon back at the engine house and the firemen responded with their usual alacrity. The oakum was piled beneath the stairs and was in a difficult position for the firemen to get at. It took two hours to extinguish the blaze.

Firemen were called about 11:45 p.m., Thursday to a fire which started in some mysterious way in the barn on the Moses H. Ames estate in West Andover. After a hard run the firemen arrived and soon had the blaze under control, it having been held in check by several neighbors who threw pails of water on it.

25 Years Ago — December 1928

Various church and fraternal societies hold Christmas parties for young people.

Mrs. Grace W. Dawson of Tewksbury, lecturer of Andover Grange 183, announces a very ambitious program for the coming year.

The firemen were called Monday to extinguish two grass fires.

During January and February the Memorial Hall library will be open Sundays from 3 to 9 p.m.

Several well-known residents of the town died recently. They were Dec. 22, David L. Wade, 5 Chapman ct., aged 73; Dec. 22, Hannah A. Frost, 9 Maple ave., aged 88; Dec. 22, Mrs. Kate Cutter Gage, Phillips st., aged 84; Dec. 26, Eliza A. Maker, Greenwood rd., aged 73.

About 30 young people of the Ballardvale churches went around Monday evening singing Christmas carols for the shrines.

10 Years Ago — December 1903

Herbert P. Carter of Lowell st., elected for the 23rd consecutive year as church clerk at the annual meeting of the West Parish church.

Rowland L. Luce of Barnard st., and James G. Robb of N. Main st., have been drawn for jury duty at the criminal session of superior court opening at Salem Jan. 17.

Coaches of the East team in the Shrine's New Year game announce that Eddie Doherty of Andover and quarterback for this year's Boston College eleven, will start as quarterback for the East All Stars.

A general wage increase for all town employees is expected by various departments which met in joint session Tuesday evening to discuss the question.

Local firemen, who answered 14 separate alarms over the Christmas weekend, are wishing for a White Christmas. The only serious blaze of the lot was that at the home of Chester A. Holland on Chestnut st., in which \$800 worth of clothing was lost and the woodwork in two upper rooms badly damaged. Fire in a barn on the Babichi farm on High Plain rd., might have proved serious if it had not been extinguished quickly by the three companies that answered the alarm Thursday afternoon.

Religious School Holds Assembly

The seventh and eighth grade of the school of religious education held a Christmas assembly Dec. 21 at Christ church.

The following pupils read the Christmas story from the Bible: Charles Kellogg, Levering Reynolds III, Bruce Meyers, Elsie Kellogg, Richard Grant, Marilyn Freeman, Allen Weaver and Mar Taylor.

Miss Sarah Wiss was accompanist for the carols which followed each reading.

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Obituaries

JOHN T. WOOD
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Lawrence, a former
resident, died Friday in
Lawrence General hospital
after a short illness.

A native of England,
in Ballardvale before
Lawrence 25 years ago
retired textile worker.

Surviving are a daughter
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of Lawrence, Mrs. C
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The funeral was held
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The bearers were:
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A native of Stainland
England, he had resided
in Lawrence for 32 years. He
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Surviving are his wife
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A native of England, he resided in Ballardvale before moving to Lawrence 25 years ago. He was a retired textile worker.

Surviving are a daughter, Aileen with whom he made his home; a son, Lymert Wood of Andover; three grandsons; two great-grandsons; a brother, Joseph Wood of Andover; four sisters, Mrs. William Hargeris of Lawrence, Mrs. Clester Matthews, Mrs. Bert Anderson and Miss Rosalie Wood, all of Andover.

The funeral was held Tuesday from the Lundgren funeral home with services at 2 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Anthony Perrino, pastor of the Ballardvale Methodist church. Burial was in Spring Grove cemetery.

The bearers were: Allen and Philip Wood, John Anderson, David MacDonald and William and George Douty.

JOHN W. FURNESS
 John W. Furness, 12 Maple ave., died Tuesday afternoon in the Lawrence General hospital after a short illness.

A native of Stainland, Yorkshire, England, he had resided in Andover for 32 years. He was a member of the Free church, St. Matthew's lodge, A.F. & A.M., and the Andover Square & Compass club.

Surviving are his widow, Emily (Jackson) Furness; four sisters in England; a nephew, Sam E. Furness of Methuen, and several nephews in England.

The funeral will be held today from the Lundgren funeral home with services at 2 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Levering Reynolds Jr. Cremation will take place in Harmony Grove, Salem.

MISS EDITH E. SANSOM
 Miss Edith E. Sansom, 1 PUNCHARD ave., a resident of Andover for 32 years, died unexpectedly Friday in Quincy where she was visiting a brother.

Surviving are seven brothers and a sister.

The funeral was held Monday in Quincy. Burial was in Duxbury.

NOVEMBER CLUB NOTES
 The next meeting of the Art Department of the November club will be held at 3 p.m., Monday, Jan. 4. Mrs. Theodore Dodge will speak on Augustus Saint-Gaudens, and Mrs. Frank L. Brigham on Daniel Chester French.

LOOKING FORWARD IN TOWN AFFAIRS

(Continued from Page One)

neering and building knowledge, and provide proper quarters for the department. Good assessing work is fundamental, as this division of our town affairs is the basis of a strong financial government.

The second step that I advocate is the building of a new town office building not later than 1955. Our treasurer's office is perhaps the most inadequate in Massachusetts; the collector has very little room in which to work; the assessors have no place for any growth in their personnel or records; each department should have an office of its own; and the police facilities are entirely antiquated. I believe the razing of our present office quarters would bring about a major improvement in our business section. Several of our progressive merchants have modernized with results satisfactory both to them and the town. Much more should be done. I am asking the citizens of

Andover to consider this and to be ready for definite proposals.

The third step I advocate is the formation of an enlarged planning board or a voluntary committee to work with the present board. Our many pressing problems call for close financial scrutiny, and we will undoubtedly be forced to double our present annual capital expenditure. These problems should be coordinated by a study that cannot be given at an annual town meeting. And there are many problems other than the financial ones. We want an attractive town and many changes may be necessary in the zoning law, with a solution fair to all home owners, whether of large, small, or moderate means. Our most intelligent citizens should be willing to serve on this proposed committee.

I have merely scratched the surface in these few words. I hope that they may start or continue some constructive thinking and result in positive action at our next annual town meeting.

ALCIDE J. TISBERT OUT OF MARINES

Marine Cpl. Alcide J. Tisbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tisbert of Greenwood rd., has returned to

civilian life after two years of active duty in the marine corps. Cpl. Tisbert has been serving at the Cherry Point, N.C., marine corps air station as an aircraft check crewman.



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Womans Club

Because of the holidays, the Shawsheen Village Womans club will meet one week later than usual. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Jan. 11 in the school hall, when William Stockdale will present his exciting, illustrated story of "Adventures Afoot in Mexico".

All department meetings will be held according to schedule. The American Home and antique study group will meet Friday, Jan. 8 at the Andover Historical House with Mrs. Kirk Taylor speaking on the "Romance of Samplers"; the Literature department will meet Wednesday, Jan. 13 and the Dramatic department Friday, Jan. 15.

Personals

Peter Dunlop, a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dunlop of Arundel st.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wilkinson and

their two sons, of York st., spent Christmas with relatives in Laconia, N.H.

Miss Marilyn Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sullivan of Main st., is home on a vacation from her studies at St. Lawrence university in New York state.

Miss Janet Thompson, a student at Mt. Holyoke college is vacationing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thompson of Arundel st.

Richard and Robert King, who are employed in Hartford, Conn., spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Romeo King of Sutherland st.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caswell with their son, Peter and daughter, Betsy, of Dumbarton st., spent Christmas with Mr. Caswell's parents Mr. and Mrs. Harrison B. Caswell of Brockton.

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Ballardvale Home Damaged By Fire

Fire which is believed to have started from a defective oil burner in the kitchen damaged the interior of half of a two-story duplex building on Tewksbury st., Ballardvale, last Friday night while the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. James Magoon and month-old daughter were away.

James Brierly, 7 Tewksbury st., noticed smoke coming from the dwelling and sounded an alarm from Box 24 at 8:44 p.m. Flames spread through the house to the living room, second story bed rooms and attic.

Fire Chief C. Edward Buchan reported that because of the heavy burning around the kitchen stove it appeared that the blaze resulted when the oil burner became flooded. He estimated the damage about \$4500. The building is owned by Mrs. J. Galvin of Wakefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Demkosky, who reside in the other half of the house, were forced to vacate because of smoke.

The Magoons returned home later in the night to find their home damaged. The relief sounded at 10:31 p.m.

Personals...

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Birnstein of Elm st., had as their holiday guest Mrs. Birnstein's sister, Mrs. Ruth Thompson, a teacher in the public schools of Martha's Vineyard.

Miss Jane E. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Taylor, 2 Stinson rd., a junior at the House of Pines, Norton, is home for the holidays.

Robert A. Walsh of 19 Wolcott ave., professorial lecturer on professional relations at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston, attended the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Boston this week. Mr. Walsh, an executive with the Edgar L. Patch Co., of Stoneham, represented the manufacturer in a symposium on accreditation of hospitals.

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. Eric T. Turner of Sweeney ct., spent the holidays with relatives in Mount Holly, N.J.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kennedy, 70 Main st., spent the holidays in Clinton.

The Misses Aurore and Lucille Picard of Topping rd., visited with friends in Amesbury last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogge of Ballardvale rd., were the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Maroceau of Shelton, Conn.

Mrs. Phillip Cosmo of Worcester is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Walent of Marland st.

Miss Hermine Stolk who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vandenberg of Argilla rd., left recently for her home in Holland.

Engagements

Penwell — Williams

The engagement of Miss Carolyn Anne Williams to Pvt. Delos Penwell, son of Mrs. Kenneth Penwell of Locke st., and the late Mr. Penwell, is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron J. Williams of Cohoes, N.Y.

Miss Williams was graduated from the Emma Willard school and Bennett Junior college. She is a member of the teaching staff at the Brick Presbyterian church school. Mr. Penwell was graduated from Phillips academy and Yale university in 1953. He is stationed with the army in Baltimore.

Serio — Pomerleau

An early Spring wedding is planned by Miss Lillian Pomerleau, whose engagement to Frank Serio Jr. of the U. S. air force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Serio of Ballardvale, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pomerleau of Hillside rd., North Andover.

Miss Pomerleau is a graduate of Sacred Heart high school, Lawrence and Burdett college, Boston. She is employed in the Bay State Merchants National bank. Mr. Serio is a graduate of Puncard high school and Burdett college. He is on duty in Alaska at present.

Wentworth — Pray

Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Pray of Haggett's Pond rd., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Robert Wentworth of Jackson and Laconia, N.H. Mr. Wentworth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wentworth of Jackson, N.H.

Miss Pray is a graduate of the Northfield School for girls and the Bryant and Stratton Institute. The wedding will take place at an early date.

Wetterberg — Svenson

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred R. Svenson, 212 N. Main st., announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Linda, to A/2C Carl Robert Wetter-



JANET L. SVENSON

berg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Wetterberg, 51 Summer st.

Miss Svenson is a graduate of Puncard high school and attended the Beverly hospital, School of Nursing. Mr. Wetterberg is also a graduate of Puncard and is now serving with the air force at Luke Airforce base, Glendale, Ariz.

A summer wedding is planned.

FRIENDLY GUILD

The next regular meeting of the Friendly Guild of Christ church will be held at 7:45 p.m., Monday, Jan. 4, in the parish house.

The committee in charge is Mrs. Sidney Lamb, chairman, Miss Ethel Hilton and Mrs. Edward Pettoruto.

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Storm drainage improvements have been made at various locations. Several old stone drains have been replaced with concrete pipe. A drain on street near Lincoln street extended and on William street main drain was extended hundred feet to relieve drainage condition.

The usual maintenance of the highway division carried on as in the past. Basins, drains and certain water courses have been repaired; new sidewalks on existing roadways and full surface treatments on those streets scheduled for maintenance.

At the Shaw property, first municipal free parking was constructed and put this year. This area within city of 70 vehicles is fully lighted.

Water main extension has been constructed on Village Plain road, Moravia and on Railroad street. Underwater main was in the rear of the Watson property to replace the old crossing of the Shawsh. This old line was on a widened timber bridge which beyond repair. Replacing under water has eliminated repair job as well maintenance.

Field studies, surveys and specifications for the Ballardvale sewerage system have been made this year. Board's general direction, ever, no construction work be accomplished as the contemplated work the funds available.

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MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY B. P. W.

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Storm drainage improvements have been made at various locations. Several old stone culverts have been replaced with smooth concrete pipe. A drain off Lowell street near Lincoln street was extended and on William street the main drain was extended several hundred feet to relieve a bad drainage condition.

The usual maintenance work of the highway division has been carried on as in the past; catch basins, drains and certain town water courses have been cleared; old sidewalks and edgings repaired; new sidewalks constructed, existing roadways patched; and full surface treatments given to those streets scheduled for this form of maintenance.

At the Shaw property-Andover's first municipal free parking lot was constructed and put into use this year. This area with a capacity of 70 vehicles is fenced and fully lighted.

Water main extensions have been constructed on Vine street, High Plain road, Moraine street, and on Railroad street. A new underwater main was installed at the rear of the Watson-Park company to replace the old overhead crossing of the Shawsheen river. This old line was on a very dilapidated timber bridge which was far beyond repair. Replacing the line under water has eliminated a costly repair job as well as future maintenance.

Field studies, surveys, plans and specifications for the proposed Ballardvale sewerage system have been made this year under the Board's general direction. However, no construction work could be accomplished as the bids for the contemplated work exceeded the funds available.

One sewerage extension of 1200 feet was constructed by B.P.W. forces on upper Summer street.

As in the past, the park, the



Presentation of a television set to residents of the home for the Aged was made at Christmastime by members of the Andover society. In the photo, standing from left to right: Mrs. Charlotte Burt, Mrs. Charlotte Black, Mrs. Daniel Valpey, Mrs. Guy B. Howe Jr., Mrs. Donald E. Ward and Miss Angie Burt; seated, Mrs. Marcia Brennan, Mrs. Ida Boyce, Miss Annie Colange and Mrs. Lizzie Jenkins. (Look Photo)

playstead and the Ballardvale recreation areas have been maintained, baseball diamonds, backstops etc. constructed, and other miscellaneous work done in conjunction with the town's recreation program.

Looking into 1954, the Board of Public Works has many items of construction and improvement under consideration. It is a bit early to make any definite commitments since all jobs must be weighed in the light of available funds, but it might be of interest to mention a few of the projects being studied.

The Board has already requested Chapter 90 funds to be used for the reconstruction of a portion of Elm street from Washington avenue westerly. It is expected that the state will pass favorably on this request.

Widening and resurfacing work on Summer street and on Burnham road is being given engineering study, and cost estimates for the resurfacing of Balmoral street are being prepared.

The major sewer job of the year is expected to be that in Ballardvale. The Board expects to request sufficient funds to allow this work to be re-bid and let this coming year. It is hoped that the Town Meeting will appropriate the additional funds and that the bulk of the work will be completed in calendar year 1954.

Several studies have been made for the design of relief sewers for the older parts of the sewerage system. Consideration is being given now to a relief system for Chestnut street and to one for North Main street, locations which at the moment are subject to the greatest overload conditions. Other sections of the system will have to be replaced in the near future; but it is felt that the above mentioned locations are the most urgently in need of improvements.

Other phases of the Board's 1954 program are still being studied but are not ready to be reported at this time. Future announcements will cover the remainder of the program for the year 1954.

Pike School Holds Christmas Program

"Music Fills the Air" was the title of the Pike school Christmas program presented last Friday by the children of the third, fourth and fifth grades.

It was directed by Mrs. Leonard R. Leach, assisted by Mrs. Alexander Gibson and Mrs. Karl Haartz. Pictures were taken by William Weiss. M. D. J. Heyworth Kellett made a tape recording of the presentation. Following the program he played it back to the children.

Those in the cast were: Rebecca, Rosamond Rockwell; Abraham, John Lucchesi; shepherds, David Barr, Glen Pratt and John Theberge; kings, Kim Bolten, Francis Collins and Kit Cross; angels, Carla Flent, Jolly Kittredge and Sarah Jane Wilkie; Mary, Susan Willis; Joseph, Jeff Freedman; narrator, Malcolm Seymour; choir, Beverly Darling, James Furneaux, Susan Hill, Ruth Kingsbury, Malcolm Seymour and William Weiss; children, Kathy Robinson, Sally Simpson, Paul McGrail and Ruth Ann Boddy; carolers, Dee Sullivan, Alan Fox, Martha Farnsworth, Beryl Forbes, Zakia Carpenter, Norwood Hallowell, Cordelia O'Brien, Robert Wilkie and Jack Benson; French children, singing a carol in French, Sharon Seeche, James Saltonstall, Hilary Hayes and William Endicott.

Following the program, carols were sung by the upper grades. Later, gifts were distributed and ice cream and cake was served.

School was dismissed for the holidays and will re-open Jan. 4.

INTERCHURCH BASKETBALL

Due to several teams withdrawing from the Interchurch Basketball

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LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Docket No. 228,671
PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of FOSTER C. BARNARD late of Andover in said County deceased. The executrix of the will of said deceased has presented to said Court for allowance her first, second and final accounts.

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 eighteenth day of January 1954, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN V. PHELAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

JOHN J. COSTELLO, Register
Tomlinson & Hatch
301 Essex Street
Lawrence, Mass. 31-7-14

"The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cambridge Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the election of Directors, changes in by-laws, and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before them, will be held at the office of the Company, 305 North Main Street, Andover, Massachusetts, on Monday, January 18, 1954, at two o'clock P.M.
E. C. NICHOLS, Secretary

"The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the election of Directors, changes in by-laws, and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before them, will be held at the office of the Company, 305 North Main Street, Andover, Massachusetts, on Monday, January 18, 1954, at two o'clock P.M.
E. C. NICHOLS, Secretary

NOTICE

The Andover Rent Control Board feels that a substantial shortage of Rental Housing Accommodations no longer exists in the Town of Andover and that rent controls are no longer necessary.

In accordance with Chapter 434, Section 5 (B) and (C) a public hearing will be held January 14, 1954 at 8 P.M. in the Central Elementary School Auditorium for the purpose of giving interested persons a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

Andover Rent Control Board
JOSEPH ALLEN, Chr.

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Mortgagee's Sale of Real Estate

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by PAUL R. GOLDMAN, and SYLVIA K. GOLDMAN, husband and wife, both of Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts to the SUFFOLK FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON, a United States corporation doing business in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts dated March 24, 1949 recorded in Essex North District Deeds on March 25, 1949 in Book 721, Page 552, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction at eleven o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth of January, A.D., 1954, on the premises hereinafter described in said mortgage, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to-wit:

"The land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY by North Main Street, ninety (90) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot 1, as shown on a plan hereinafter mentioned, one hundred fifteen (115) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY by Lot 5 and Lot 4, as shown on said plan, ninety (90) feet;

NORTHWESTERLY by Lot 3, as shown on said plan, one hundred fifteen (115) feet;

containing 10,350 square feet and being Lot 2 on a plan entitled "Amended Subdivision Plan Joyce Terrace and Castle Heights Road" dated July 1948, by CLINTON F. GOODWIN, Engineer, recorded in Essex North District Deeds on August 2, 1948, as Plan No. 1912.

The above described parcel of land is conveyed subject to an easement for drainage fifteen (15) feet wide, as shown on said plan; also subject to an easement granted to the Lawrence Gas & Electric Company et al as set forth in an instrument recorded with said Deeds as Instrument No. 177 of February 10, 1949.

For title see deed from FRANK MARSHALL, deputy Sheriff, to SYLVIA K. GOLDMAN, dated October 27, 1944, recorded with said Deeds in Book 568, Page 506; and see confirmatory deed from the Boston Federal Savings and Loan Association to Noyes Whittier Corporation, dated August 9, 1948, recorded with said Deeds in Book 714, Page 209."

"Including as a part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings, heating apparatus, plumbing, mantels, storm doors and windows, oil burners, gas and oil and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, awnings, air conditioning apparatus, and other fixtures of whatever kind and nature, on said premises, or hereafter placed thereon prior to the full payment and discharge of this mortgage, insofar as the same are, or can by agreement of the parties, be made a part of the realty."

Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes, outstanding tax titles, tax liens of record if any, and municipal liens or assessments, if any. Five hundred dollars (\$500) will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale when the other terms of sale will be made known.

SUFFOLK FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON, present holder of said mortgage

By ERNEST A. HALE, PRESIDENT
Earle C. Parks, Esq.
30 State Street
Boston, Massachusetts
Attorney for the mortgagee



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Docket No. 243,286
PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of RALPH B. WILKINSON 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 PRISCILLA B. WILKINSON 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 eleventh day of January 1954, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN V. PHELAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

JOHN J. COSTELLO, Register.
Eaton and Chandler, Attys.,
Bay State Building,
Lawrence, Mass. 24-31-7

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Docket No. 243,241
PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of MARIE MORIN, otherwise known as MARY MORIN, 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 NELSON MORIN of Lawrence in said County, praying that he be appointed executor thereof without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Lawrence before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the eleventh day of January 1954, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN V. PHELAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

JOHN J. COSTELLO, Register.
F. A. Bernard, Esq.
705 Bay State Bldg.
Lawrence 24-31-7

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Docket No. 243,187
PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of HILDA R. MONTGOMERY, otherwise known as HILDA MONTGOMERY late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court praying that ETHEL L. DENNISON of Somerville in the County of Middlesex be appointed administratrix of said estate 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 Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fourth day of January 1954, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN V. PHELAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

JOHN J. COSTELLO, Register.
17-24-31

The Andover National Bank

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The Andover National Bank will be held at its Banking House, 23 Main Street, Andover, Mass., Tuesday, the nineteenth day of January, 1954, at ten o'clock a.m., for the choice of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

CHESTER W. HOLLAND, Cashier.
December 17, 1953 17-24-31-7-14

SELECTMEN GRANT TWO POLE LOCATIONS

The selectmen Monday night granted joint pole locations to the N.E. Tel. & Tel. Co., and the Lawrence Electric Co., as follows: one pole on Salem street near Jenkins road, and another on Lowell street westerly of Bellevue road.

A request for the extension of time until 1 a.m., was granted the Crystal Ballroom for a party to be held there New Year's eve.

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ANDOVER SAVINGS Bank Pass book No. 42564 has been lost and application made for payment in accordance with Sec. 20, Chapter 167 of the General Laws. Payment has been stopped. B-17-24-31

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P. A. Sport...

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The Phillips academy hockey team will participate in the sixth annual Lawrenceville (N.J.) school invitation tournament at Princeton university's Baker Memorial rink Jan. 1 and 2. Deerfield and Exeter academies are also in the tournament.

Tie In Montreal

The Phillips academy hockey team last Saturday played a 4-4 tie game with Lower Canada of Montreal at the Montreal Forum last Saturday. The Canadiens won 4-1 at Andover last winter.

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EVENTFUL YEAR IN SCHOOL DEPT.

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additional \$15,000 to complete the school year 1953. Therefore, the total budget for 1953 was approximately \$513,000.

For 1954, with one year's experience in operating our new buildings and again estimating the number of pupils in the entire school system at 2,320 the committee has set a 1954 budget of approximately \$553,000, or a \$40,000 increase, or an average cost of \$238.75 per pupil.

The school committee has a grave problem in the matter of increased enrollment. At the present time there are 745 pupils in the high and junior high schools. In September, 1954, there will be 833, in 1955, 922, in 1956, 991, and in 1957, 1068, a total increase in four years of 323 pupils. Available space not now used in these buildings is very limited. The figures quoted above are based upon the pupils in the elementary schools at present with no provision for new pupils entering from other localities.

At the last town meeting a new building committee was appointed by the moderator to survey the needs of school housing for the next 10 years. This committee has met several times and will report their findings to the town at the next town meeting.

There were approximately 150 new building permits issued in Andover during the past year. For each permit issued, the school department, on the average, has 1.2 pupils to educate. Large developments of new homes is a real problem. The survey conducted in 1947 before the new elementary schools were built is now more than 25% on the low side and is of no practical value to the committee.

The work of the school committee is not always easy. This past year it has been made easier by the splendid cooperation that all teachers, department heads, janitors, and clerks have given to us and I want to take this opportunity for the committee to thank every member of the department for their fine work during the past year in giving to Andover value received for every tax dollar spent.

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Elderly Man Hit By Auto

Joseph Krause, 76, of 21 Topping rd., was admitted to the Lawrence General Hospital Sunday for treatment of a fractured pelvis and nose injury after being struck by an auto as he was crossing North Main street near the Lawrence line. His condition is reported "fair."

The accident occurred about 5:25 p.m. Police said the auto was driven by Myron W. Kimball of Lawrence. The latter told police the man began to cross the street from east to west just as the car was near him and that he veered his car to the left but was unable to avoid the accident.

P. A. APPOINTS NEW SCHOOL DOCTOR

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