

WASHINGTON

Dr. W. O. Hutchinson, Commissioned 1st Lieut. in Medical Corps, Ready for Call. Dr. W. O. Hutchinson has successfully passed the examination for entrance into the medical department of the U. S. service with the rank of first lieutenant and is ready for a call to the colors at any time.

Mrs. Walter Cook has been very seriously ill the past week, but at last accounts was slightly on the gain. The people in this community are reduced to the necessity of using molasses candy kisses in their coffee, etc. L. D. Tillotson was at the hospital, Burlington, Wednesday of this week and made a pleasant afternoon call on F. E. Huntington.

Clark Quimby has bought the property on the corner near the creamery, lately owned by Fred Demas, and he and his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Corcoran, will occupy the same about Jan. 1.

Ernest Frost of the U. S. S. Missouri is home on a week's furlough. The Missouri is in dry dock at Philadelphia, Pa., for repairs, having been on patrol duty in the Atlantic for several months past.

L. E. Cheney of Plainfield was in town Wednesday on a business mission. A service flag with 11 stars has been hung in schoolhouse hall, the stars representing the number of boys who have attended the village school in years ago and who are now with the colors, one being in Honolulu, Hawaiian islands, another in the Panama canal zone, three in France, and one who now lives in the Hudson Bay lumber forests region, Canada, in the aviation corps. Widely scattered and quite traveled men for little country schoolboys. We expect more will be called later.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodwin of Chelsea were at L. D. Tillotson's Friday. Myron Calef and Charles McAllister are cutting firewood in Mr. Calef's woods, near the Ed. Brown farm.

Mrs. Kelly (nee Nora Bressette), who has been very ill with typhoid fever in the St. Albans hospital, is not gaining very fast, although somewhat improved. Mrs. Martha Turner returned from the hospital at Burlington Monday, after having had a slight operation.

GROTON

Mrs. P. A. Smith received the news Wednesday of the death of her mother at Marlboro, Mass.

Rev. F. W. Lewis was a business visitor in Montpelier yesterday.

Mrs. W. G. Welch and daughter, Joanna, were in Montpelier Wednesday.

Mrs. Amos Ralston, Mrs. Emma J. Clark and Mrs. M. D. Coffin were in Montpelier Thursday.

Miss Josephine Caldwell, who is attending school at Wells River, is passing the Christmas recess with relatives here.

Edward Miller, who is a student at a veterinary college at Toronto, Ont., is passing the holiday vacation with relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Harry Shorey and children of Montpelier are visiting Mrs. Shorey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Annis.

Mrs. Alex McRae was a visitor in St. Johnsbury Thursday.

Mrs. John A. Chalmers and son, William, are visiting Mrs. Herbert Brown at Greenfield, Mass.

Mrs. Helen Rouhan, Mrs. George Sanderson, Mrs. G. E. Smith of South Ryegate and Mrs. Hannah Hays of Newbury were visitors in town Wednesday.

Letters are being received by friends from nearly all the boys who enlisted, and are now in France. All write cheerful letters and tell of good health and spirits, but all would be glad to get more letters from home.

Mrs. Herbert Hood, who has been a great sufferer for several months from a complication of diseases, passed away Thursday evening. Particulars will be given later.

Miss Kate Mayette, who has been employed at the hotel, has gone to her home in Newbury. Mrs. Blanche Carder has taken her place. Miss Nellie Minard of Topsham is also employed at the hotel.

The topic of the morning sermon at the Baptist church will be, "Why Christ Came." Topic of the junior C. E. will be, "How Can We Make a Happy Christmas?"

At the Methodist church Sunday morning the pastor's theme will be "A Gift Beyond Telling," the third in the series of Advent sermons. At the evening service the pastor's subject will be "The Time, and the Times," It is expected there will be special Christmas music at each service. As school will not be in session next week and as it is urged that all churches conserve fuel as much as possible, the church will not be heated Thursday and the junior league will be omitted. The midweek service will be held next Thursday evening at the residence of L. S. Blanchard.

MARSHFIELD

The stores will not close next Tuesday evening, Dec. 23. This will give people a little better opportunity to do their Christmas shopping.

The Pythian Sisters are to hold their meetings on Monday evenings during the winter, instead of Saturday evenings, as heretofore. The next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 24.

Rev. George A. Furness was called to Keene, N. H., Thursday to attend a funeral.

Don't forget that this is the week to pay your dollar and sign up for the Red Cross. Be patriotic. Don't be a slacker. Think of the boys in the trenches.

The library will be closed all day Christmas and New Year's.

M. C. Ide, who has been working for the Novelty company in Groton, began work yesterday for the electric light company.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernis Phelps moved recently to Concord, Mass., where he is to take charge of a large farm.

Schools in town closed Friday for the Christmas vacation.

Remember the Christmas exercises on Tuesday evening, Dec. 25, in the M. E. church.

Mrs. Frances K. Peck is visiting relatives in Montpelier this week.

EAST MONTPELIER

In Littleton, N. H., Dec. 10 occurred the death of Mrs. Lucinda Noyes, widow of John Noyes, formerly of Cabot. She is survived by three children, Seymour Noyes of Littleton, N. H., Mrs. Nettie Wheeler of Cabot and Mrs. Lydia Wallace of Morrisville, also by three brothers, O. B. Fifield of East Montpelier, W. B. Fifield of Plainfield and W. H. Fifield of Cabot. The funeral took place from the brick church in East Montpelier Dec. 13. Burial was in the family lot in the village. Rev. A. W. Hewitt of Plainfield officiated. Words cannot express the gratitude of the family to neighbors for help rendered on the day of interment.

RANDOLPH

Mrs. E. L. McIntyre, who has been with her niece, Mrs. J. H. Sherburne, for the last week, has returned to Richmond, where she will pass a few days with Mrs. M. H. Miller, before going to her home in Burlington.

Mrs. Edna Greene and her daughter, Miss Florence Greene, went to Albany, N. Y., Friday to remain over the Christmas holiday with Miss Ethel Greene.

Miss Emma Harlow, a student at the University of Vermont, came from Burlington Friday to pass the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harlow.

Mrs. Marion Nickerson Hall left on Friday for Portsmouth, N. H., having been called there by her husband, who is now located at that place, a member of the coast artillery.

Mrs. Alice Bruce went to Lebanon, N. H., Friday to pass the next week with her grandson, Robert Bruce, and family.

Miss Katherine Dudley, a teacher in Barre, came Friday to pass the recess with friends in town.

Miss Adelle Lewis left on Friday for Huntington, to pass the next few days with relatives and friends.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Gay went to New Haven, Conn., Friday to meet their son, Robert, who is employed there, and Gillman, who is in training in Annapolis, Md., but who will go there for the holidays.

N. C. Greene is confined to the house and bed by pleurisy and heart trouble.

Mrs. B. D. Goodell of Gaysville was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Gould this week.

E. W. Tewksbury has sold his cottage at York Beach, which has been the summer home of the Tewksburys and their friends for many years. The house was built by his father, the late A. B. Tewksbury.

Miss Mary Burridge, who is clerk in the store of S. L. Abbott in Bethel, and Miss Susie Burridge, who is a teacher in the Lyndon institute, have been the guests of their parents for a time.

E. Theron Noll, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Noll of this place, has enlisted in the 2d cavalry, and is now stationed at Fort Ethan Allen.

Miss Ruth Adams and Ona Ladd, students at Middlebury college, have come to pass their vacation here with their parents.

J. H. DuBois is thought to be improving from his late attack of pneumonia, and his friends are much encouraged.

The morning service at the Baptist church on Sunday will be made very attractive by special music and a sermon by the pastor, who will take for his topic, "The Angel Song of the Field of Duty." In the evening, Dr. Tolman will speak on the subject, "Membership in the Original Red Cross." Other churches in the place will also have an attractive musical program with a sermon appropriate to the season.

Merville Gould, who went to New Haven, Conn., to take the car of the late W. R. Clark, has returned home, and is now at work in the store of the A. & P. company for the present.

Miss Mary Lamson and her mother, Mrs. J. H. Lamson, Miss Mary Moulton and Mrs. J. S. Viall, all of Randolph, arrived in Duxbury, Fla., Dec. 16. A. E. Batchelder met them at the train. C. O. Sawyer of Enosburg Falls is at Duxbury for the winter.

BETHEL

Rev. M. S. O'Donnell was here yesterday and stated to his people that he had found it possible to celebrate midnight mass at St. Anthony's church instead of 9 o'clock Christmas morning. The musical program will include solos by Mrs. Daniel F. Carney and William J. Carney. Miss Margaret Carney will be the organist.

Rev. Frederick R. Dixon came yesterday for a vacation from his studies at Dartmouth college.

James F. Ripley is ill with pneumonia. His nurse is Miss Nina Cox.

Kenneth R. Spaulding is at home from the University of Vermont and Robert E. Bundy from the Thayer school of engineering.

Christmas trees and bright exercises by the pupils were enjoyed in the grade rooms at Whitcomb high school yesterday afternoon.

There will be a Christmas ball next Tuesday evening at the town hall, with music by Gilson's orchestra of five pieces.

E. L. Bass is getting out some handsome maple logs for rollers. Often in a single tree he gets a roller log, a veneer log, a saw log and a wood log, besides the limbs.

Miss Ella Stark of the senior class substituted as teacher in the fourth grade yesterday.

Home Rebekah lodge, No. 19, on last Tuesday evening elected the following officers for 1918. With the appointive officers, to be named later, they will be installed sometime in January: Noble grand, Mrs. W. R. Briggs; vice grand, Mrs. J. H. Myott; secretary, Mrs. Luella Kidder; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Haslam; trustee, Mrs. W. R. Briggs.

Plainfield Junior High School Notes.

The third-year class has elected the following 10 students to represent it in the town prize speaking contest to be held in January: Luvia Page, Florence Paige, Alice Bartlett, Gladys Hendrickson, Maude Wells, Harry Maxfield, Frank Clark, Walter Gokey, Harold Townsend and Clyde Leonard.

The agricultural library is now in its new quarters—a bookcase made by the boys.

The boys have been doing patriotic work by helping saw the school woodpile. They have saved the town several dollars in so doing.

The first, second- and third-year girls held a small exhibit Wednesday afternoon for the school, of their Christmas work done at home and in school during the past few weeks.

The girls of the three under classes have been preparing a Christmas box to help a family within their midst. They have made two little girls' school dresses, three cloth picture books, dressed two dolls and donated several dresses and undergarments.

The campfire girls had a small Christmas tree in Miss Wilson's room Thursday afternoon. A good time was enjoyed by all present.

The high school had a Christmas tree Friday afternoon. There was a short program of Christmas carols and readings, followed by distribution of gifts.

Hugh Humphrey, who is at the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington, is improving.

School closed Friday for a two weeks' recess during the holidays.

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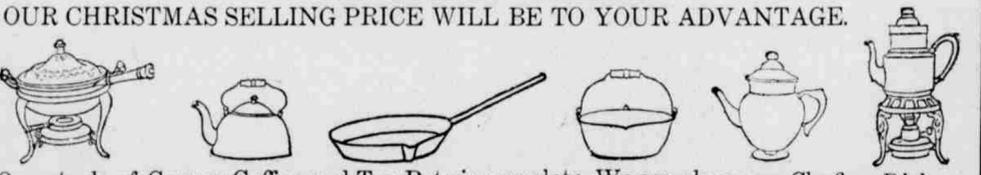
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 PEGGY HYLAND WITH MARC McDERMOTT

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM EDGAR LEWIS' WONDERFUL DRAMA

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 MONTAGUE LOVE AND DOROTHY KELLEY

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"The Runaway" From the famous stage success. Also Bobby Connelly in "BOBBY'S HELPING HAND" and George Ovey in a "Cub Comedy."

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PARK THEATRE

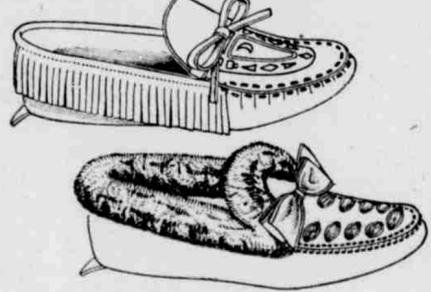
Vermont's Best Photo-play House Matinee, 2:15 and 3:30—Tel. 613-W—Evening, 7 and 8:30

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