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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Major Kenneth Blood, in whom many people are interested, writes of his experiences in France, where he was recently sent as inspector of battlegrounds. In company with a class of officers, attended by an instructor, he had just returned from a tour including all the principal battlefields and trenches. Proceeding to Brest some of the party were sent back to America. Major Blood, with a few others, were given a ten-days' furlough and made a trip through England and Scotland. At present he is stationed at Tours, France, as disbursing officer, a position similar to that once held by him at Fort Totten, L. I.

Passenger service on the W. N. & P. division of the Boston and Maine railroad, received an additional setback this week by the removal of the 8.20 morning train and the 5.47 in the afternoon. The express formerly reaching here about 4.30 is to take the place of this latter train from Nashua.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gilbert entertained a party of relatives on Thursday of last week, including his sister, Mrs. Leon Richardson, and husband, from Pavilion, N. Y., his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert, and two sons, Charles and Frank, all from Suncook, N. H., and another brother, Fred Gilbert, and friend, Miss Sawyer, from Boston, making two auto parties to enjoy what might almost be called a family reunion.

Friends in town recently received a letter from Rev. J. B. Lewis, former pastor of the Congregational church. The writer was attending the Congregational conference at the Isles of Shoals at the date of writing. He spoke of seeing the Pepperell papers there, which evidently turned his thoughts this way, and writes that it was pleasant to read them, to know how Pepperell folks were faring. He also speaks of enjoying his new home and church at East Longmeadow. It was a pleasure to hear from him, and how he and his family were faring.

Miss Annah Blood and sister, Miss Margaret, visited their brother, S. Thompson Blood, and family, in Concord Junction, last Saturday.

Miss Mollie Frazer returned Wednesday from Derby, Conn., where she entered a hospital some time since, in training for a nurse. About a month ago she was operated upon there for appendicitis, and is now to take an extended vacation at her old home with the Misses Tucker, at Heald's pond, for recuperation, before resuming her work at the hospital which she likes very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Robbins and little Thurlo, returned on Saturday from their vacation week at Hampton Beach. Coming by trolley as far as Lowell they had none of the delays or disadvantages of steam travel. They stopped over at the home of Mrs. Robbins' brother, Mr. Hill, at Billerica, bringing back with them Miss Ada Hill for a visit here.

A sale has been made of the large shoe factory lot on Main street, this week, to E. E. Tarbell. The transfer was made through H. C. Thurston, acting as trustee for the Peperell Building Co., holders of said property, since the purchase of the factory and lot from the heirs of the Leighton estate, some years ago.

Thomas Halley, night operator at the telephone exchange, is out on a vacation for this week and next.

J. B. Chicoine of Troy, N. Y., who was called to Nashua, N. H., by the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Gendron, came here with his sister, Mrs. Grenier, on Tuesday evening, for a stort stay before returning to New York.

The Misses Marilla Walton and Marion Chinn of Brighton are guests at Pinehurst, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy.

Warren Pierce of Natick spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce.

Mrs. M. A. Bennett with her son and daughter, and a friend, stopped over in town on Sunday. The party were en route from their home in Boston to visit a friend who had taken a house for the summer at Brookline, N. H. Mrs. Bennett had not been in town for about thirty-five years, her husband at that date being foreman for Augustus Tucker, she said, on the old Tucker place. Very few recalled her, although she recognized some of her former neighbors on whom she called, and made inquiries about the Varnum family, all of whom are dead and about the daughters of one of the Blake families, with whom she was acquainted when living on the old Freeman Tarbell place on Hollis street, previous to taking charge at the Tucker place.

Following the meeting of the East Village club on August 6, at Five Maples, the home of Mrs. Alice Raymond, who entertained the members at an all-day picnic, the club will not meet until one month from that date.

The fish market of Mr. Fouchia has been closed most of the time for the past three weeks, and it is now rumored it may not reopen for business.

Church Services.

The evening services at the Community church will not be held through the month of August.

Rev. Mr. Webster, preaching at the Community church during the six months of his stay at his residence in town, is giving a wonderful series of sermons which are well attended. Last Sunday morning his address was most forceful and inspired, dealing with the unification of the people in this new community church movement, and of how people can cling to essentials in religious belief and abandon some of the minor points. The object of this as well as preceding sermons being to emphasize that all unite on the great fundamentals truths, a course which recommends itself to all broad-minded persons and religious bodies.

It has been announced by Mr. Webster that on August 24 it is expected that a number of some of the principal men from the church of his pastorate in Waltham will motor up to attend morning worship at this church. No better proof of the appreciation of the Pepperell people toward Mr. Webster for his efforts in behalf of this church could possibly be given than an attendance to fill the church to its capacity on that date.

On last Sunday morning Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, D. D., editor-in-chief of the Congregationalist and Advance, was present at the morning service with two other gentlemen from Shirley, where Mr. Bridgman is spending the summer months. At the conclusion of the service the congregation was requested to be seated and Mr. Bridgman was asked to address them. His talk showed a knowledge of and intense interest in the church movement as it is being worked out here in Pepperell. Mr. Bridgman spoke most cordially of Mr. Webster, who has been preaching at Trinity chapel in Shirley Center through the summer, and congratulated the people of this newly combined church on the excellent work he had accomplished here, expressing himself that he, as well as many others who were interested in the success of the uniting of the two church societies, thought the progress of the work remarkable. Mr. Bridgman also commended the general work of federation of churches and spoke particularly of following the earlier efforts of the Pepperell Federation of Churches, when the three churches of the town came together at stated intervals for worship, saying that they were then laying the ground well for this later movement for a Community church which came to pass when the need arose. Mr. Bridgman had the close attention of his audience during the few moments of his address.

Branch Alliance Meeting.

A well attended and very satisfactory meeting of the Branch Alliance was held on Thursday of last week with Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald at "Pinecroft," notwithstanding the threatening weather of the morning. Twenty-two members and several guests were present by lunch time at one o'clock.

The hostesses were Mrs. Heald, Mrs. [illegible] and Mrs. Woodward, and their hospitality combined with the many toothsome dishes, made the lunch doubly pleasant.

The business was in charge of the president, Mrs. M. G. Greene, follow[illegible] the program. The speaker first [illegible] was Mrs. Helen Bailey, director for North Middlesex, who gave a valuable talk on general Alliance work. Miss Annah Blood spoke in her usual interesting fashion of the newly Federated church in New York city, where she is occupied several months of the year in teaching.

Others attending were Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, who is spending some weeks with relatives in Hollis, N. H., and who was at one time a director of the Alliance in some section. Mrs. May, from Groton, with friends, also motored up with Mrs. Bailey, and Miss Piper, of Cambridge, stopping in town for a part of the summer, attended; also, Miss Clara Gill, from Nashua.

The clearing weather of the afternoon gave an opportunity for the guests to enjoy the pine grove surrounding the bungalow, and also during recess to avail themselves of the chance to visit the new "Gift shop."

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WESTFORD

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Woodward, of Rockport, were in town on Wednesday, calling on friends. Mr. Woodward was a former teacher at the academy.

We note the recent engagement of the daughter of Walter D. Falls, Miss Rachel Helen Falls, to Ernest Richard Orrell, of Lowell.

Misses Gertrude D. and Julia H. Fletcher have been on a vacation this week at Hampton Beach and other points of interest.

Ervin L. Farr is having a few days' vacation, visiting his daughter Frances in Middleton, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Campbell and daughter Anne and Miss Gladys Felch of Townsend have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bridgeford; also Mrs. Daniel Campbell, of Townsend hill, has been spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Felch.

Mrs. H. S. Cheever and daughter Ida spent last week with Mrs. Sydney B. Wright.

An aeroplane, very audible and visible, passed over town Wednesday evening about seven o'clock, going in an easterly direction.

Elmer Bridgeford has recently spent a week with relatives in Townsend.

Miss Maude Robinson, who has had an interesting experience in school teaching in Montana, and who had remained after the usual closing of schools in June for special summer work in teaching, arrived in Westford on Thursday of last week and was able to be with her sister, Mrs. Hartford, the last days of her life. The tie between these two sisters was an especially affectionate one and she has the sincerest sympathy of her friends in the loss of her only sister.

Sidney B. Wright's team and an auto truck collided Wednesday morning not far from the town hall, and what looked like a serious mix-up for a few minutes came out without serious results to either party. The accident was caused by Mr. Wright's horse taking fright and backing into the auto truck.

A series of tragic happenings have come to the George H. Hartford family within a comparatively few months, or at least well within a year. Last fall Stella, the youngest daughter of the family and a young bride in a new home, died after a few days' illness with influenza. This was during the serious epidemic of influenza last fall. A few weeks later the husband of Marion, another daughter, was killed in an automobile accident. This was the late Bert E. Cole. And now comes the sad death of the wife of the youngest son, James B. Hartford.

Mrs. Annie Barnard and Miss Florence M. Barnard, of Brookline, are spending the remainder of the month of August with Mrs. C. Willis Hildreth.

Miss Jennie M. Chandler was in town last Saturday, calling on old friends.

The A. H. Sutherlands drove to Swanzey, N. H., Sunday. They left Miss Lillian for a visit with friends, she having formerly taught school there.

Miss C. S. Atwood has recently returned from a pleasant visit in Winthrop.

F. A. Hanscom conducted the single service of the vacation period last Sunday evening at the Congregational church. Mr. Hanscom treated his subject with interest and originality and a number of others helped in sustaining the service. J. W. Rafter will have charge of the meeting on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Knight and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Nesmith made a pleasant trip to Maine recently, going in the Nesmith automobile. They were gone three days and visited various kinspeople of Mr. Knight between here and Portland.

Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace, of Sterling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pauline Stone, to Ernest L. Burland, of Malden. Mr. Burland has recently returned from two years in the field hospital service.

Death.

The community was sincerely saddened Sunday morning to hear that Mrs. Grace Robinson Hartford had passed away in the early morning hours. Death was not unexpected for reports had gone out from her sick room for some days of her very critical condition. Mrs. Hartford had been ill for about six weeks and the result of death was from complications following an attack of influenza. Her death has caused the sincerest sympathy for the stricken family among a wide circle of friends.

Grace M. Robinson was born in Fitchburg on J[illegible] 1895, but the greater part of her life had been spent in Westford. She was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Robinson. Her education was received in the [illegible] schools and at Westford [illegible] she finished her [illegible] at the Lowell [illegible] college, after which she was employed by the F. S. Beane commission house and the S. K. Dexter Co., wholesale grocers, in the capacity of bookkeeper.

On May 8, 1918, Miss Robinson was united in marriage to James B. Hartford, and they had established for themselves a pleasant new home in Ayer, where Mr. Hartford is employed by the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway.

Mrs. Hartford possessed a most attractive personality. Capable, womanly and affectionate, she filled a place in the home circle as the elder daughter to her devoted parents, sister and brother that makes her loss seem irreparable. These same attributes she carried into her new home and the loss there is the same. In the circle outside the home she enjoyed a wide friendship. She was a member of Westford Grange and of the Rebekahs of Lowell, and had been affiliated with the Unitarian church. She loved young people and children and was very skilful in teaching them and in training them for little plays, declamations and entertainmnets, especially, as she possessed good musical ability.

Besides her parents the deceased is survived by her husband, James B. Hartford; her sister, Maude, and a brother Fred.

The funeral services were held from the home of her parents, where her sickness and death took place, Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, and the house was filled with the sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev. William E. Anderson, of the Graniteville M. E. church, was the officiating clergyman, and it was a very beautiful tribute he paid to the life of Mrs. Hartford and a message of hope and cheer and comfort to the relatives and friends. A delegation from the Lowell lodge of Rebekahs conducted most impressively the last rites of their order for their dead sister. Mrs. Nettie E. Roberts sang three beautiful selections, "In the garden," "Shall we meet?" and "God be with you." The fair young form of the deceased, robed in white and in its white casket was completely embowered in flowers. The entire room seemed filled with beautiful flowers—many large pieces from the family circle and from the various societies, as well as many other tributes, each having their eloquent message of sympathy.

The bearers were Leon F. Hildreth, Fred A. Meyer, Fred R. Blodgett and John Feeney, Jr. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Graniteville.

It was with deep regret that the many friends of Mrs. Grace Robinson Hartford heard of her death that occurred at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, in Westford, early last Sunday morning after an illness of several weeks' duration. Mrs. Grace Robinson Hartford was a young woman of beautiful character, only twenty-four years of age. Prepossessing in appearance, with an amiable disposition and pleasing personality, she had a bright smile and a cheerful word for everyone, and her passing is unusually sad. All that a loving husband and fond family could do, aided by the best of medical attendance, was done to alleviate her suffering, but God called her for his own and she passed into the great beyond. Gone in the full bloom of her young womanhood, she will be sadly missed by all, and the deepest sympathy is expressed for her grief-stricken husband and family in the loss of one whom they held so dear.

The G. A. C. team of this village visited Littleton last Saturday afternoon and met with defeat at the hands of the Littleton A. A. by the score of 8 to 7. Littleton will play a return game here later.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gilson, of New York, are visiting relatives here.

The members of Cameron circle, C. of F. of A., held their regular meeting on Tuesday night with a good number in attendance.

Miss Catherine McCarthy, of North Chelmsford, has been a recent visitor here.

Baseball.

The Abbot Worsted Co. team defeated the strong Putnam Machine Co. team of Fitchburg on the local grounds here last Saturday afternoon by the score of 8 to 7, in one of the best games of the season. Boyce, formerly of the Fitchburg New England league club, was on the slab for the Putnams, while Mulno, the regular pitcher, was in the box for the Worsted team. It was surely a battle royal with both clubs getting the same number of hits. Although both sides made errors there were some brilliant plays pulled off. The feature of the game was the triple play staged in the third inning by Mulno, Liston and Belleville. In the first of the third for the Putnams, Warsans and Morin were passed, Sargent was safe on an infield fumble, and the sacks were filled. Francis, the next man up, sent a roller to Mulno, who got Warsans at the plate. Liston threw to Belleville at first, getting Francis, and Morin, who tried to score, was extinguished at the plate, Belleville to Liston. On Saturday of this week the Abbot Worsted team will play the Forge Village club at an outing to be held at Forge Village.

Forge Village.

William Blodgett of the Ridges was doing his chores about the barn last week Friday evening when he was attacked by a masked man who aimed a blow at his head with a coal shovel. He saw the man just in time to miss the full force of the blow, although he received a bad cut on his head. Mr. Blodgett grabbed the man and both fell to the floor, but the intruder however got away. The police of Groton were notified and it is thought that robbery was the motive for the assault, as tracks were found through the meadow to the place where the automobile was kept, but which has not been used since the death of the owner, the late Samuel Blodgett. The same evening the two young sons of William Blodgett were taken to ride by two strange men in an automobile. Mr. Blodgett received medical attention and it is evident that the intruder intended a knock-out blow.

The Forge Village A. C. will play the Abbot Worsted Co. team at the ball grounds when the members of Loyal Self Help lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., will hold a field day. There is also a fine list of sports to be run off.

The Forge Village A. C. will commence football practice shortly and Manager Kelly is making arrangements for the coming season.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Amidee Canton Friday, August 8. Also a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Helde Garaipey, August 7 and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly on Friday, August 8.

The Forge Village A. C. defeated the 26th supply baseball team of Camp Devens on the local grounds on Saturday afternoon to the tune of 16-0. The battery for Forge was Manroe, Spinner and Edwards.

The following young people are spending this week at the beach: Misses Mary Merrick, Margaret and Alice Kavanaugh at Salisbury; Elizabeth Delaney, Mary and Winnie Mulligan, Harriet and Mary O'Neil, Emily McNiff at Nantasket Beach.

Beatrice Allan of Pepperell returned home Monday after an enjoyable visit with Miss Eva Scott.

Mrs. Sarah Longbottom and two sons, Fred and Walter, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ernest Longbottom, motored here from Lexington Sunday.

John and James McMurray, Ernest Mountain, John Kavanaugh, Joseph McDonald, Joseph Orange, Joseph Bennett, John Sullivan and George Weaver motored to Boston Saturday and enjoyed a fishing trip on the steamer King Philip.

Joseph Cantara and family have returned from a six weeks' automobile trip to Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins of Cambridge are spending two weeks' vacation at the home of their parents.

Pleasantly Surprised.

The home of Mrs. Edmund Rendlebury was the scene of a pretty party on Thursday evening, when the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Cushing gathered to wish them many years of happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Cushing were married on July 24. Mrs. Cushing was a popular teacher in Cameron school until a year ago, when she accepted a position in the First National bank, Ayer. She was very active in the Red Cross, being the chairman in this village practically all the while the Red Cross was active.

Mr. Cushing arrived at Camp Devens on July 4 from across, he being a member of Company B, 326th Field Signal Battalion. He enlisted when the war was declared and served his last year in France and in the Army of Occupation in Germany

Their many friends took this means of showing their love and esteem for them, so when Mr. and Mrs. Cushing came in from having spent the evening with friends, they were greeted by all their friends, who presented them with a clothes basket loaded with many gifts of linen, cut glass, silver, china and useful household articles. Mrs. Cushing accepted the gifts and assured them all that each and every one of them would be welcome in their home when they start housekeeping, which will be in the spring. The Forge Village Baseball club, of which Mr. Cushing is a member, were all present.

After opening the parcels Mr. and Mrs. Cushing helped their guests to enjoy the remainder of the evening. Refreshments were served and the guests departed at a late hour.

HARVARD

News Items.

At the motion picture show this Saturday evening Constance Talmadge will be seen in "The shuttle," from the novel of the same name, by Francis Hodgson Burnett. "The shuttle" ran through ten editions of 25,000 copies each; a quarter of a million homes have this book; millions have read it. It is a charming story of an internatoinal romance.

The Civics club held a very interesting rummage sale on Wednesday afternoon. Upwards of $65 was realized.

There was a splendid crowd out last Sunday evening to take part in the second community sing which took place on the common. The singing was especially good, due to the spirit of those who attended and the fine work of the leader and the pianist.

Noah King has hold his fifty-acre farm on Fairbanks road to L. G. Brown, of Medford. The land is well divided into pasture and mowing. There are about 200 nice apple trees; also, cherries, grapes and pears. The house has seven rooms, heat, set tubs, telephone and piazza; good outbuildings. Stock and tools were included in the deal, negotiated by Fred A. Smith, of Ayer, agent for P. F. Leland.

Emmett Conray, who has been herdsman at Pergolas farm, has resigned to accept a position as manager of a dairy in Connecticut. Harland Eayes, of Dublin, N. H., succeeds him at Pergolas farm.

Daniel Lucey, of Natick, who has purchased the Tooker farm on Oak hill, is making extensive improvements there. A veranda has been added and the roof of the house is to be raised and bath rooms with modern improvements to be added. Mr. and Mrs. Lucey will make this their summer home.

The Catholic mission held another of their popular lawn parties and dances on Tuesday evening. Judging from the crowd it is safe to say that the affair was very successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Emerson are enjoying a visit from Mrs. Emerson, of Lunenburg.

The next Grange meeting is to be held on Tuesday evening, August 19, and will be honor roll night. Special efforts are being made to make this a good, live meeting, and all ex-service town boys are invited to attend. The meeting will be open to them at nine o'clock.

Church Notes.

Sunday will be observed by the churches of the Center as visiting day. There will be no service at the Congregational church, and both this and the Unitarian parish will attend service at the Baptist church in Still River. Rev. Harvey C. Merrill will preach the sermon. The service will be at the usual time, 10.45. Leaders in the Men's clubs of both churches are working to make this a rousing good service. Several autos have been pledged to carry those who have no way of going to Still River, and it is requested that those who can will find someone to go with them, so that no one may be disappointed.

A special meeting of the Congregational church is called for Tuesday afternoon, August 19, at two o'clock, in the church vestry, to see what action the church will take regarding the resignation of Rev. F. C. Kattner.

There will be an all-day sewing meeting at the church parlors by the Benevolent society on Tuesday, August 19.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Mrs. L. W. Chase, while on her way to Ayer last week Thursday, met with a minor automobile accident on King street when her car skidded near Andrew Johnson's residence, throwing the car out of commission, and crushing much of her fruit that she was expecting to market in Ayer. The auto was towed to the garage and there left for repairs.

George Ayers and his cousin, Miss Heslitt, had an accident near the lactart factory last week Thursday night, the car hitting a tree and being badly damaged, but causing no injury to the occupants.

Ferdinand Wyman, of Somerville, his son Ferdinand, and friends, have been camping at Spectacle pond this week.

Ralph W. Conant and family, of Newton, were guests of their Littleton relatives over Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Plummer and family, of Worcester, have spent the week with Mrs. Plummer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Stephens, King street.

Mrs. Ruth Prescott Rice and three children, of Roslindale, have spent the week with Mrs. Rice's mother. Mr. Rice is with the rest of the family for the week-end.

Mrs. N. B. Conant went last week Friday to Adams for her annual visit with her mother and her brother.

Littleton people have suffered more or less inconvenience through the strike that has caused some of the much traveled trains to be taken off since last Saturday. The men who used to board the first train to Boston have had to take a later train.

Charles A. Kimball, of this town, has decided that he will not be candidate for councillor in the sixth district this year. While he believes that the north part of the district is entitled to representation, in view of the fact that it has not had a councillor the past three years, he states that his candidacy might serve to help the candidate at the other end of the district. "After careful consideration I have decided to remain out of the fight this year," said Mr. Kimball, "as I believe Mr. Lewis of Lowell entitled to the nomination. His name was excluded from the ballot last year on a technicality, and I think he should have the right of way this year. I hope he will be nominated and elected."

The usual comfortable and inviting song service was held in the Baptist church on Sunday evening. New features were a fine alto solo, "Just for today," by Mrs. Stacy Bates, and a male quartet, consisting of H. E. Whitney, W. L. Goddard, H. L. Caulkins and Whitney Caulkins. Miss Tenney, organist, made a statement announcing that a large part of the money necessary to install an electric organ blower had been raised. Come Sunday and invite your neighbor; you will hear something worth while.

The library trustees at a recent meeting passed resolutions on the departure from town of Rev. O. J. Fairfield, who has honored that board for several years and held the office of its chairman.

Mrs. Jefferson Sawyer, of South Acton, has visited her daughter, Miss Jennie Sawyer, a few days this week.

Fruit Excursion.

The Middlesex County Bureau has completed arrangements for an automobile trip to be taken on August 20 by all people in Eastern Massachusetts interested in fruit-growing, for the purpose of inspecting different types of orchard methods in several of the good fruit towns in the county. In case of rain on August 20 the trip will be made on August 21. Fruit-growers and any others interested in fruit and their families are cordially invited to take in the trip.

The trip will start promptly at ten o'clock in the morning, meeting at the Frost farm in Littleton. The extensive Frost farm, owned and conducted by H. L. Frost of the Frost Insecticide Company of Arlington, will be inspected; then the famous Baldwin orchard of J. H. Hardy and the extensive peach and apple orchard owned by E. H. Priest. These three farms are located side by side and will prove of tremendous interest to all.

The party will then drive through some of the fruit section of the town and go to Walter Kimball's orchard for inspection and have lunch. Each one is expected to bring a basket lunch. Many college men have been invited, likewise prominent fruit-growers, and they will be called on for short, impromptu speeches.

Upon completion of lunch the party will auto through West Acton to the Stow fruit section, where C. D. Wetherbee's McIntosh, Gravenstein, Baldwin and Ben Davis apple trees will be looked over. The next stop will be at the Homestead farm, owned by the Wetherbees in Stow. About 20,000 boxes of fruit and vegetables are hauled off this farm annually and sold to three large restaurants in Boston.

The famous Lyman Priest orchard in Gleasondale will be visited next and an excellent crop of apples will be found on this place. A highly successful fruit orchard in Hudson will be visited and the party will drive through the Marlboro fruit section, going to Sudbury, where the Ames Brothers' orchard will be inspected. Spray experiments have been conducted this year by Ames Brothers. People will be interested to note the success that the Ames Brothers are meeting with in producing high-grade fruit on very light land.

It is hoped that all fruit-growers will spread the invitation around the county, and get as large a delegation for the trip from their neighborhood as is possible.

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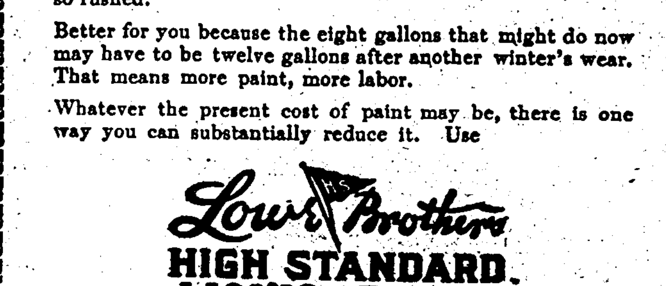

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Miss Mildred Rogers and Ann Wetherbee are visiting their cousins, the Galen Stones, at their summer home, "Great Hills," Marion, Mass.

Sometime early Tuesday morning an automobile belonging to William W. Wilson was stolen from his garage at his farm on Pine hill. The auto was a new one, costing nearly $4000. Besides the machine there was a valuable green plush robe in it, and the thieves took two extra tires that were in the garage, besides the extra one on the car. It is thought the car was driven into Massachusetts, for a car answering the description of this one was seen very early by someone in Nashua with a Massachusetts car rushing through Nashua. A telephone message was sent to the police in Nashua at 3.45, reporting the theft, and they are working on the case. It was evidently the work of professionals.

Miss M. Elizabeth Wilkinson, from Manchester, visited A. B. Eaton and family from Monday until Wednesday. She leaves Saturday for a two-weeks' visit in Canada.

The sale and entertainment given by the Ladies' Reading and Charitable society on August 20, is the next social event in town. The sale will open at 2.30 in the afternoon in the town hall; from four to eight a lunch will be served in the lower hall in charge of Mrs. Willis C. Hardy and assistants. The evening's entertainment consists of a drama, "Neighbors"; a jazz band; musical exercise, "We are creepy little scarecrows," by ten girls, and other specialities. There will be no admission fee in the afternoon, but in the evening a small fee will be charged.

The alumni meeting will be held at the town hall on Friday evening, August 22. The business meeting is called for eight o'clock; a supper will be served at 8.45, followed by speaking; from ten to twelve there will be dancing. Lemery's orchestra of Nashua will furnish the music.

Mrs. Nellie Harrison and son, of Pepperell, were callers at Miss Van Dyke's, Sunday. Young Harrison is just home from New Orleans, where he has been for a year doing government work.

Rev. Charles M. Ellinwood, educational secretary for the Florence Crittenden Home, Boston, preached here last Sunday, taking for his topic, "The fit and the unfit."

Rev. Robert M. French, with his two daughters, Mildred and Hannah, and two guests, motored to Hampton Beach, Tuesday, for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis C. Hardy and son are spending a week at Hampton Beach.

The executive committee for the D. A. R. entertainment met early in the week and made plans for a colonial tea on Tuesday afternoon, August 26, with other attractions. More details will be given later.

Miss Ida Clement spent last Sunday at home.

Mrs. Emery Kline, of Canajoharie, N. Y., with her daughter Virginia and little son, Emery Kline, Jr., are visiting with Mrs. Kline's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Powers.

Mrs. Perley Foster has received word from her husband that he has started for home.

The Walch family reunion was held in the town hall, Merrimack, last Saturday. Frank Clement and family and James Walch and family attended.

Luther Tarbell arrived in town last week. He expects to teach as physical director near Syracuse this fall.

Mrs. Edgar Patch is in town for the remainder of the month, Mr. Patch coming up for the week-ends.

Rev. R. M. French, who was to have delivered an address at the celebration of the 225th anniversary of the settling of the town of Kingston, was unable to be there on account of a severe attack of neuritis.

Mrs. Elmer Boulton has been entertaining her sister for a week.

Miss Murphy, of Boston, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Abby E. Flagg.

Mrs. Mabel Shuman has with her for a visit her son, Carl Guething, and wife and little son, Harvey T. Guething, and Mrs. Harold Guething and daughter Cynthia.

Plans are well under way for the W. R. C. sale to be held on Labor day. Unique "invitations" to contribute some kind of a handkerchief are being sent out to their friends. All rally to a worthy cause.

The annual Sunday school picnic was held at Morrill's grove on Wednesday, with a good attendance.

Quite a number from here attended the field day under the auspices of the Pomona Granges of the county and the Hillsborough County Farm Bureau at the farm of C. C. Pettigrew in Mont Vernon on Tuesday. A feature that was especially interesting to the farmers was a tractor demonstration of plowing in one of the orchards. Miss Ann F. Beggs exhibited and explained various home conveniences and time-saving devices. At noon a basket lunch was served and two hours allowed for a social time. The program for the afternoon consisted of speaking and community singing, the latter led by James C. Farmer. There were 100 automobiles and 35 teams counted.

D. A. R.

There was a good number present at the D. A. R. meeting at Miss Abby E. Flagg's last Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the regent, Mrs. May T. Worcester, and opened with the Lord's prayer. This was followed by the usual routine business. It was voted to hold some sort of an entertainment the last week in August, time and place to be left to a committee appointed by the regent, those appointed being Mrs. Canavan, Miss Bertha Colburn and Miss Van Dyke. The entertainment for the afternoon, which was in charge of Miss Bertha Colburn, consisted of a contest in the game of letters, the first table to spell proper names in the revolutionary war; table No. 2, names in the civil war, and the third table names in the great world war. Miss Van Dyke won first prize, a pottery vase; the second prize, a knitted doilie, went to Mrs. Emma Bell, who drew for it in a tie with Miss Bertha Worcester. The meeting closed with the salute to the flag.

The sheets and pillow slips that the chapter have been making for the Berry school in Georgia, are finished and will be sent as soon as railroad conditions are normal again. Lunch was served by the hostess. The hostess for the next meeting is Mrs. George Hazard, the program in charge of Miss Van Dyke.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

About Town.

Mrs. Lenora Bradley is at her home in South Brookline for a few weeks.

Miss Constance l'Ecuyer, of Fitchburg, Mass., is visiting friends in town.

The Bennett, Moore and Russell families held their annual picnic at the lake this week.

Clarence Russell, who has been working for his uncle, Clarence R. Russell, has returned to Exeter, where he has accepted a position as a bank clerk.

Miss Hazel Goss took an auto trip to Manchester with Mr. and Mrs. Forest and Mrs. Woods, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wright and children are spending a few weeks at the home of Mrs. George Betterley, coming from Nashua.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gilson and daughter Adelade and Ralph Jillson, from Gardner, Mass., have been guests of Mrs. Mollie Gilson.

The late Ellen Sawtelle left $300 in her will to the Brookline library, the check of which has been received. This gift will be appreciated very much.

The new school supervisor of Milford, Brookline, Amherst and Mont Vernon is to be Harold C. Bales, of Philadelphia, Pa. He is a graduate of Dartmouth and the Massachusetts Agricultural college. He served in the Quartermaster's Corps overseas and has recently been discharged. Mr. Bales comes highly recommended and will assume his duties September 1 in Milford, N. H., and will reside in the Mixer house. He has a wife and son.

James King is enjoying a visit to West Somerville, Mass.

Mrs. Chick, who has been visiting Mrs. Addison Gilson, has returned to her home.

Philip Lover and his father have moved back to town from Milford.

The gardens were touched by the frost in some places in town during the last cold spell.

Arthur Brown has been enjoying a few days' vacation.

Frank Bailey has recently spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. W. B. Fessenden.

Mrs. Louise B. Parkey has been in Boston. Miss Lillian Carlson returned with her to spend a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey have settled in their new home in Northampton, Mr. Bailey having secured an excellent position as a traveling salesman.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Holcombe and daughter Marion enjoyed a day's outing at Canobie Lake on Tuesday.

Mr. Houle, from Nashua, has been the recent guest of Walter Corey.

Mrs. Nellie LaBounty, from Somerville, Mass., has been at her home here.

William Lawrence, from Shirley, Mass., has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Helen Corey.

Herbert Corey and family were visitors in Nashua this week.

Mrs. Florence Perrin has returned from Brookline, Mass. Since her return she has been quite ill at her home and at present is not able to be out.

On account of the strike we have been having only one mail from Boston a day, and this at night.

Arthur Cook has finished his work in Baltimore and is at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Celia Powers.

Charles and Philip Russell and Mr. Neigh, of Exeter, were at Mr. Russell's summer home the week-end.

Morton Kline held a parade committee meeting last Saturday night.

Herbert Corey is putting in a new gasoline tank and pump.

The townspeople are requested to register their names before August 29. The register will be at the public library and each will be given a slip for a souvenir to be given away on August 29. This is done to save time on that day. The library will be open August 16 and 23.

Miss Louise Pieper and Miss Julia Leary entertained Mr. Small's people from Newton, Mass., Sunday.

Rev. Edward P. Kelley has received his discharge and is at his home. He has just returned from overseas and his many friends are glad to welcome him home.

Mr. Palmquist fell at his home recently and fractured his hip quite badly. The old gentleman is over eighty years old and is in a very serious condition.

Mrs. Reuben Sargent has been on the sick list. Her sister, from Lunenburg, Mass., is caring for her. Mrs. Sargent is seventy-six years old, her sister seventy-seven years, and both are very smart.

Brookline and New Ipswich crossed bats at the local grounds last Saturday, the score being 9 to 7 in favor of New Ipswich.

Mrs. Grove has completed her work at Elmer Rideout's and is at her rooms at the home of Luther Lawrence.

Forace Hall, Addlord Ouellette and Wilfred Bouchard enjoyed an auto trip to Boston recently.

The new sign board on the Daniels academy lawn reads that all roads lead to Brookline on August 29.

Misses Louise Pieper and Julia Leary have finished their vacation here and will visit friends in New York, Philadelphia and Connecticut before returning home for good.

The Sunbonnets held a party at the lake on August 6, in honor of the birthday of one of their members, Mrs. Grace Dodge. All reported a good time and at noon their usual fine dinner was served. Mrs. Dodge returned to her home in West Groton on the afternoon train.

Mrs. Josie Stiles and daughter Marion have returned from a visit to Charles Stiles' in Hopkins, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker, Miss Eliza Jane Parker and Wilfred Ouellette, from Lowell, Mass., and Mrs. Louise Skerritt and two little daughters, from Kansas City, were at "Four Pines," Sunday.

Mrs. Katherine Cady was in Milford and Nashua this week.

Mrs. Johnson, from Pepperell is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall and two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood and Mrs. Charlotta Wright, enjoyed a trip to Whalom recently.

Capt. John Andrews expects to attend the fifty-second annual reunion of the Connecticut Cavalry association at Tyler's Post hall, Hartford, Conn., Wednesday, August 20.

Three stray heifers have run at large and done considerable damage, until caught and put in pasture.

The Ladies' Aid will hold their annual apron fair on Tuesday evening, August 19, at eight o'clock at the Daniels academy hall. There will be vocal and instrumental music by Miss Laura Johnson and Miss Ethel Hinds of Boston; readings by Miss Lenora Bradley, closing with the two-act comedy, "Hitty's service flag." The fancy table will be in charge of the directors, the food table in charge of Mrs. Ella Rockwood and Mrs. Della Hall; candy, Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood and Mrs. Charlotta Wright; mystery booth, Mrs. Eva Elliott. There will be marching and a social time at the close of the entertainment. Ice cream will be on sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy L. Talbot celebrated their golden wedding on August 5 in Milford. Mr. Talbot was born in Brookline on December 17, 1847, and will be remembered by the older inhabitants of the town. He went to Milford to live in 1867, and on August 5, 1869, married Miss Eliza A. Dutton, of that town. He is a past grand of Custos Morum lodge, I. O. O. F., and a member for nearly forty years; also, a charter member of the Rebekah lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Talbot have attended the First Baptist church for over forty years. They have two sons, Carl W. and Major Bertell L. Talbot, M. D., who was with the 26th Division and later in charge of an officers' hospital. A grandson was also overseas with his father, Major Talbot. There are four other grandchildren.

Mrs. Belle Hall continues to gain very slowly and is unable to sit up much as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace, Walter Rockwood and Miss Lizzie Whitcomb were guests of Mrs. Belle Hall, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall, from Townsend, called on friends in town on Sunday.

Anniversary and Welcome Home.

The following is the program for the celebration day, August 29, of the 150th anniversary of the town of Brookline and her welcome home to her soldiers and sailors of the world war:

Morning—9.15, concert by the Townsend band; 10.00, parade, in charge of Morton Klein; 10.45, at the Daniels academy hall, selection, band; invocation, Rev. Edward P. Kelley; welcome, O. D. Fessenden, pres.; response, Mrs. Florence Perrin; cornet solo, F. A. Calder; oration, Rev. Jas. N. Seaver; salute to the flag, audience; song "Star Spangled Banner," band, assisted by audience; welcome to soldiers and sailors, Miss Blanche W. Hall; response, Capt. John T. Gilmore; selection, band; presentation of honor medals, O. D. Fessenden, pres.; song, "America," band, assisted by audience; benediction, Rev. Charles Dockrill.

Afternoon—1.00, dinner will be served in Daniels academy hall and the vestry of the Congregational church by the dinner committee at $1 plate; 2.00, in Daniels academy hall, selection, band; after-dinner speeches by Gov. John H. Bartlett, Hon. Edwin H. Wason, Hon. Lewis Parkhurst and others; 2.30, athletic sports at the baseball grounds in charge of George M. Rockwood; 3.00, aero exhibit is expected over baseball grounds, the plane and exhibition [illegible] from Camp Devens; 3.15, baseball game; 5.00 to 6.00, band concert.

If the day is very rainy the parade and athletic sports with the ball game and aeroplane exhibit will be held the next Saturday, August 30, at the same hours given. Everyone is requested to register their name and receive a souvenir of the day free. In the evening there will be a grand concert and ball. Nevers' orchestra of Concord will furnish music, and Miss Molly Mildram, of White's Entertaining Bureau, Boston, will give selections during the concert. Dancing [illegible] two o'clock. Concert to begin [illegible] 8.15.

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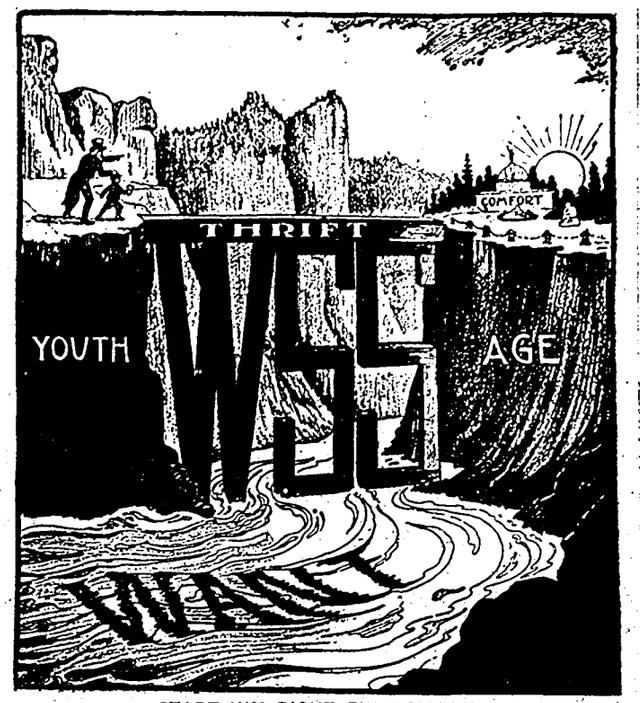

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Buy that which will serve more than one sort of occasion or time of year.

Be sure the thing you buy is becoming to you and appropriate to the purpose.

When Ben Franklin Was a Boy

By Rene Bach, great-great-great-grandson of Benjamin Franklin

The price of bread two centuries ago was a penny a loaf. That was two cents, which seems mighty cheap. But one should remember that in those days the purchasing power of money was far greater than now.

Thus it happened that Benjamin Franklin, a boy of seventeen, on arriving in Philadelphia, was able to buy three loaves for threepence; and with them he walked up Market Street from the wharf, holding one under each arm and eating the third. An hour later he gave two of them to a woman and her child who had been fellow-voyagers up the Delaware.

Franklin Generous.

Franklin was always generous. In fact, he was often imprudently so. During the period of his early struggles he was frequently in serious financial plight because of lending or giving money to friends poorer than himself.

Where his own expenditures were concerned he was always frugal, saving what he could out of his wages as a printer, while his fellow-workers spent theirs as fast as they got them, or faster. In this way it came about that, while a mere youngster in a printing office, he lent them money every week.

Acted as Banker.

Though the earnings of most of them were greater than his, he was the capitalist. By the middle of each week they were penniless and came to him for loans to carry them over until pay day. He would accept no interest, but each Saturday, on getting their money, they gave back to him what they owed—only to repeat the borrowing three or four days later.

Of course, his hoard was really very small. But he was the "moneyed" man. As such, he stood on a plane above his fellow-workmen not merely in an economic sense, but in the respect he was able to command from his employer and from others. Relatively, he was a person of importance. Nobody who knew him could escape recognition of the fact that here was a young man sure to get ahead in the world.

Men Wanted For Jobs.

This is exactly the kind of man that is sought by employers today. They need him in their business, and he never has to look long for a job. In fact, the job seeks him.

The employer of today keeps watchful "tab" on the habits of his employees. His confidence in the man who spends all he gets as fast as he gets it is always qualified. He knows; it is his business to know. On the other hand, the man who saves—who puts part of his earnings away right along—unmistakably has character and ambition. He is marked for promotion.

With this idea in mind, employes are buying War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps. It is an easy way to begin, and the plan has been found to work out admirably. The wage-earners form little "societies" for the purpose among themselves, each member contributing so much a week. This obligation for self-help having once been voluntarily assumed, everybody "ponies up" regularly in response to the weekly call, and before long their savings acquire real weight.

U. S. WILL DOUBLE WEALTH BY 1934

That in the next 15 years the total wealth of the United States, now approximately $200,000,000,000 will be doubled, is the prediction made by the officials of the United States Treasury Department, who are now urging people to invest in Thrift and War Savings Stamps so that they may share in this increase of wealth.

Last year over $18,000,000,000 was produced in this country. This is called by economists "net income." This increase in wealth the Treasury Department states was abnormal, but that we may reasonably estimate that in the next 15 years the new wealth produced will be as great as the present total wealth of the nation.

Learn to save—Money will work for you 24 Hours a Day. THRIFT and WAR SAVINGS STAMPS provide a Safe and Patriotic method. "Get the Habit." Begin today to buy Thrift and War Savings Stamps—They may be the foundation of your Fortune.

A Paradox.

"Strange as it may seem," launched out the man of observations, "when the young lady of the house declares that a certain young man is after her own heart, and father says he is after his, too, there is no chance whatever for an argument."

Happy, and Rare.

Happy is the man who renounces everything which may bring a stain or burden upon his conscience.

Ancient Paragrapher.

Doctor Johnson, in writing a poem, from time to time would run his finger down the page, counting the verses to see how many more he had to write. The doctor had his resemblances to a paragrapher.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Daily Thought.

The formation of culture, as of character, is at last the moral sentiment.—Emerson.

Saturday, August 16, 1919

GROTON

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coburn returned from a trip to Lake Winnipesaukee on last week Friday evening, having enjoyed a very pleasant vacation.

Mrs. Harry Tolles has gone to the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, to have the X-ray put on her face in order to discover the cause of the abscesses from which she has suffered.

Miss Arnold, of Colorado Springs, left town last Saturday, having finished her visit with Mrs. Prescott Leonard.

Mrs. W. F. Wharton is visiting her her daughter, Mrs. St. John Smith.

Mrs. Harriet Robinson is chaperoning six young ladies from Ayer at Twin Oaks cottage at Sandy pond.

Miss Helen F. Gage, who graduated from the Bridgewater Normal school last June, is to teach in the Wollaston school in Quincy this fall.

Miss Carol Shattuck, daughter of James F. Shattuck, of Concord, has been spending the past week in Groton with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck.

Mrs. H. H. Gay is in Hartford, Conn., visiting her son John.

There was a good attendance at the Union service at the Baptist church last Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. Peakes of Athol expressed his pleasure at meeting his hearers in this beautiful town both because his ancestors on the maternal side (the Lawrences) were once residents of Groton, and also because of the fellowship with Mr. Bangs, the pastor of the church. The theme of his sermon was "Peculiar people." The speaker pointed out some of the peculiarities to be found in human nature, both in the pulpit and the pew, naming twenty-eight kinds of peculiar people from a list made by a certain California professor which he claimed to have found in that state. Mr. Peakes' humorous allusions, combined with his practical application of his text to daily life, entertained and instructed his congregation. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers, the especially beautiful centerpiece being composed of different varieties of phlox.

Union services will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday, with Rev. Howard A. Bridgman as the preacher.

On August 8, in Nashua, N. H., Miss Mary Alice Woods, of Groton, was married to Charles C. Sanborn, of Nashua. After partaking of a bountiful dinner served by Mr. Sanborn's mother and sisters, the happy couple departed for Boston on an early train. Upon their arrival in Boston they were met by friends and went to the home of Mrs. Constance Barber, at Russell Terrace, where the usual shower of confetti greeted them. They were given a very attractive wedding supper with other entertainment suited to the occasion. Mrs. Sanborn will return to Groton for the summer and Mr. Sanborn will continue his work at the Orpheum theatre, spending each week-end in Groton.

Miss Elizabeth Sinclair left town last Saturday for a short visit in Cambridge with Mrs. Everett.

Miss Ellen Denahy is keeping house for her brother, Michael Denahy.

Miss Elsie Shattuck was for a short time recently at the woman's prison at Sherborn as an attendant.

Mrs. Joseph Messenger and her daughter Edith went last Saturday for a two-weeks' vacation at Oak Bluffs, Cottage City.

Friends will be interested to know that Mrs. James Lawrence arrived in Paris in time to view the great victory parade, which she was fortunate to do from one of the most advantageous positions. Mrs. Lawrence writes that she is greatly interested in the work she has taken up in the devastated France region. She plans to return home in October.

Mrs. Frank M. Blood is making a good recovery from her fall and is now able to be about the house again.

Miss Ruth Blood has sent word of her arrival in Oregon and is very enthusiastic in her admiration of the country and in her enjoyment of her trip out there.

Miss Cornelia Earle and Mrs. Marion Torrey went on a motor trip to Miss Earle's old home in Northwood, N. H., last Saturday. They returned by way of the beaches, getting home Sunday night.

The road between Dodge cottage and Elm street received a coat of tar with gravel on top of it on Wednesday, but the rain on Thursday stopped the work, though rain is much needed in the gardens.

Roy Cunningham is away from H. P. Tainter's store on his vacation.

William Gleason and his family are to move into the Potter house on Hollis street about the first of September.

Mrs. J. A. Sanderson passed her seventy-seventh birthday this week, receiving a birthday cake in honor of the day.

Mrs. Lewis H. Clark has gone to Milton to take care of her daughter who is ill.

The next meeting of the E. S. Clark post W. R. C. will be held on Tuesday afternoon, August 19, at 2.30.

The Misses Bertha and Mildred Kemp motored to Antrim, N. H., last week, with friends from New York and Haverhill, to spend the week-end with Miss Ethel I. Brown.

On Thursday, August 21, at two p. m., a wagon will leave the town hall for a visit of inspection of our town farm. Ladies as well as gentlemen (no children) are urged to go that all may see and judge of this important town department. Absolutely no expense.

There will be an auction of farm horses, a pair of colts, cows, bulls, pigs, wagons, harnesses and farm tools of all descriptions at the Moseley Hale fruit farm on Saturday, August 23, at ten o'clock a. m. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

Moseley Hale announces that he will have about 2000 baskets of canning peaches of the well known varieties, something that will melt in your mouth, in about two weeks.

The Laurence W. Gay post of the American Legion will hold a meeting in the lower town hall on Saturday, August 23. It is hoped that all members, so far as possible, will attend this meeting. Capt. Angell of Boston will be there and will present to every member a victory liberty button. This is a very pretty souvenir and this will be the only opportunity to obtain one. Application blanks for the Massachusetts testimonial for all soldiers, sailors and marines will be passed out at this meeting.

Donald Bixby, who has been working on the Sabine farm through haying, is taking a western trip to Detroit and other places and intends to visit Chicago before his return.

Mrs. Frank D. Lewis is spending a few days in Northfield.

Misses Annie Kelley and Esther Gillen are at Hampton Beach for two weeks.

The outlook for the peach crop in Groton is said to be very encouraging.

Stephen W. Sabine returned from an outing at North Haven, Me., on Saturday.

A town meeting will be held on Monday, August 25, to fill the vacancy on the board of selectmen caused by the death of George McKee. Nomination papers must be filed with the town clerk not later than Friday, August 15, at five p. m. The warrant will be posted on August 15. All the articles must be in the hands of the selectmen not later than nine p. m., on August 14.

The registrars' meeting will be at seven p. m., on Thursday, August 21, in the lower town hall for the purpose of receiving evidence of the qualifications of persons claiming the right to vote at election and correcting the voting list.

Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, with Miss Cullen assisting him, removed the tonsils from several children on last Wednesday afternoon, including one child from out of town.

The Bennett family returned from camping out on East mountain, Newport, N. H., on Monday afternoon.

Nicholas Dinan still continues to be in feeble health.

Miss Helen Thompson of Laurel, Md., a daughter of the late Rev. Nathan Thompson, is a guest of Miss Boutwell for two weeks. Miss Reinhard from Baltimore, a friend of Miss Thompson, came with her for a short stay, but has completed her visit.

Mrs. Jennie Hemenway went back to Shrewsbury on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilson of Worcester have been visiting Mr. Gilson's uncle, John Gilson, and returned home on Monday. Robert Gilson is a son of William J. Gilson of Millbury.

Miss Theresa Nolan has gone to Swampscott.

Two trains, which usually stop at Groton, have been taken off since the railroad strike, the 8.20 a. m. for Nashua and the 4.45 p. m. from Nashua.

Mr. Blodgett of the Ridges had an exciting experience the other night which has now become court news.

Nine auto trucks decorated with flags went through town on Tuesday recruiting for the different branches of the army.

Last night was story night at the Grange. Each member present told a story. Miss Helen Barrows won a prize for the best story. The prize was a book. The Grange made nearly eighty dollars at the supper which they gave for the republican league.

Mrs. F. C. Bishop motored to Boston on Thursday, August 7, with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Rider, who after a short stay in Boston went on to New Haven, Conn. Mrs. Bishop returned to Groton the same night.

Marion Bishop, who has been quite ill, is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Mullins of Madison, Me., spent the latter part of their honeymoon at the home of Mrs. Mullins' cousin, Joseph Winkle. Mrs. Mullins was formerly Miss Irene Perry of this town. Mr. Mullins was in the U. S. service during the late war.

Miss Helen Forbes returned Saturday from a two weeks' visit with her aunt and family in Concord. She entertained over the week-end her friend from Clinton, who had just returned from Florida and has received his honorable discharge from the naval aviation.

Mr. and Mrs. Nesbit Woods and family went to Wachusett on Wednesday, which was Miss Beatrice Woods' birthday.

Miss Cornelia Earle took a party to Whalom park on Wednesday to see "Fair and warmer."

Mrs. James Bailey entertained a bridge party of five tables on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett B. Gerrish returned Wednesday night from their vacation at Sandy pond.

Mrs. A. G. Kilbourn and her little daughter are taking a rest at Sandy pond.

Miss Helen Moore has returned from her visit in Princeton.

Miss Fannie E. Woods chaproned a party of young ladies at a dance at the Soldiers' club in Ayer on Friday night.

Miss Gertrude Weeks is in town visiting her friend, Miss Jennie Thayer.

Mrs. B. J. Crowley and Miss Mary Hagerty went on Thursday for a visit in Boston and Brighton.

The band concert will be given from the bandstand next Saturday evening. There will be only one more band concert this season.

Mrs. S. P. Williams has recently received news of the death of her nephew, Fred Lynch, of East Jaffrey, N. H.

Extracts from Report.

In a report of the twenty-first triennial reunion of the Salem Normal school given in a Salem paper, dated June 28, an account was given of the services of one of Groton's foremost citizens to the school. We give some extracts below.

One of the interesting members of the twelfth class under Prof. Crosby is Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell, of Groton, the daughter of the late ex-Gov. George S. Boutwell, whose active services on the board of education helped materially in the establishment of the Salem Normal school in 1852. Miss Boutwell graduated from the Salem Normal school and is one of fourteen living members of this class. She has been a teacher for two terms, and since then has been actively interested in school affairs. She was for a long time a member of the Groton school committee, was on the board of trustees for the Miner School for Colored Youths in Washington, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Normal School for Colored People in Washington.

One of the chief features of the afternoon was the presentation to the school of a framed photograph of the late ex-Gov. George S. Boutwell. The presentation was made by the Edwards class of 1857, the first class to be graduated from the new normal school and receiving diplomas signed by George S. Boutwell, who played such an important part in securing for Salem and for the pupils this splendid school. Ex-Gov. Boutwell, who lived from 1818 to 1905, was a great man in town, state and national politics, serving in the highest offices with honor and credit to the office and himself. Although a native of Groton he was, through his public service, called to Boston while governor of the state—the youngest in its history—and later went to Washington when serving as secretary of the treasury, as well as in other public offices lated. He was a distinguished lawyer and is one of the sons Massachusetts is proud to honor.

As a gift from Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell, of Groton, his only daughter, a graduate of the twelfth class of the normal school, the school has received a set of all ex-Gov. Boutwell's works, written during a life-time, together with a resume of his public services. This sketch of her father's life is substantially the same paper read, by Miss Boutwell on the presentation of a picture of ex-Gov. Boutwell to the Boutwell school in Groton. It is a most interesting pen picture of the disinterested as well as distinguished services rendered by this great man to his town, state and country, and is of peculiar value to young people through the insight which it gives into his private life, showing as it does, the same spirit of fairness and generosity in his home and in the streets of his town as in his public actions. The same love of liberty and justice which led him to plead for self-government for the people of Ireland and of the Philippine Islands, and for the freedom of the colored race made him also considerate of the rights of children. The unselfishness and public-spiritedness which actuated him when in 1885 he pleaded and won a case for the Island of Hayti, that its people should not pay for the loss of a vessel which had been carrying negroes to be sold into slavery, and for which he received no pay, characterized him when he refused to take more pay for the fruit in his orchard than he felt it to be worth. Surely the picture of such a life should be a wonderful inspiration to the young people of the town and state for whose educational institutions he worked so faithfully and should be a constant stimulus to all generations after him.

To the Editor:

On July 25 there appeared in these columns a letter commending Groton's two selectmen on their road administration. This letter was signed by George J. Murray, of Boston. In the same issue was a notice of an enthusiastic meeting of the Republican league in the town hall. Do we assume that this meeting was for the purpose of building up a machine for the return of Frank A. Torrey to the legislature? If so, the inspiration of Mr. Murray's letter is quite apparent, and we can with equal safety assume that the state politicians are also trying to dictate the government of this legislative district as well as Groton's road policy. Mr. Murray is neither a resident of Groton or a subscriber to this paper. Would it not be well to invite him to become a resident of Groton and thus enable him to pursue his duties as Mr. Torrey's secretary to much better advantage. It is an open question whether Mr. Torrey is the source of Mr. Murray's inspiration or Mr. Murray the hidden power behind the Torrey throne.

The coming state primaries raise the question in Groton and vicinity as to the advisability of sending a live business man to represent us or shall we continue to send an inmate, whose principal achievements at the state house are a vote to promote prohibition and a raise in his own salary.

If I am wrong on this point I invite correction.

I would rather vote for a man who will abolish some of the laws on our statute books which are a great detriment to our commonwealth, and add to the high cost of living which in the end comes out of the workingman's dinner pail. Moseley Hale.

To the Editor:

The people of Groton will no doubt be interested to learn that the city of Marlboro has this week closed a contract with C. L. Farnsworth, of Ayer, for the construction of approximately three miles of road at a cost of $30,000, to be completed in twelve weeks. The vote of the roads committee was unanimous and in reaching this decision they were guided by the fact that Farnsworth roads have been in use in Marlboro for the past six years. This is surely in violent contrast to the road appropriation for the Groton-Ayer road. Groton spends $75,000 and saves the contractor's profit; Marlboro spends $30,000 and the contractor gets his profit, too. Marlboro lets the job to a contractor after a six-years' test of his system or road building; Groton tackles the job herself without any previous test or experience. The length of the road is the same, the difference is $45,000, plus the amount the county may or may not contribute, and whatever the town of Groton will be required to add to complete the road.

Of equal interest is the fact that the rate of wages for laborers on the Marlboro job is to be $4.50 per day of nine hours; Groton's job pays $3.40 per day of nine hours; the difference to the working man is $1.10 per day.

To sum up: Marlboro saves $45,000 plus, and her road workers get a living wage, and the job is done in a minimum of time; Groton loses $45,000 plus and her road workers don't get a living wage, and the job has no time limit.

I do not know Mr. Farnsworth and hold no brief for his road system—I am merely stating two interesting parallels. R. M. Shaw.

About Town.

Mrs. McKee and her sister, Miss Elizabeth Gibson, have gone to Exeter to visit their mother.

Mrs. Luce and her two children returned to their home in Arlington last week.

Miss Ruth Stevens is visiting in Wenham.

The Hinckley family, who have occupied the Potter house on Hollis street for two months, have returned to their home in Salem.

Mrs. Jennie Hemenway returned to Shrewsbury this week, where she is caring for two ladies. She has had an extended vacation on account of an infected finger, which required the attention of her physician.

F. C. Bishop has been at home a few days with a sore hand, but is able to be at work again.

Mrs. Mary Messinger and her daughter Edith are taking a two weeks' vacation, going Saturday to Cottage City.

Mrs. Charles Harrington is entertaining her sister from Chelsea.

Rev. and Mrs. Bangs are taking their vacation, going by automobile.

Mrs. Mark H. Blood has been entertaining a friend this week.

Miss Marjorie Moison has returned from her visit with her aunt in Everett.

Charles A. Duren and his son Warren motored to Groton this week, coming from Concord Junction and calling on old friends.

Peaches seem to be plenty in town and are being taken to Lowell and Boston.

Church service next Sunday will be in the Congregational church. Rev. Mr. Bridgman will be the preacher.

West Groton.

Edward Crossman and his daughter, Miss Anna Crossman, of Pittsfield, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Blood during the past week.

Rev. William Ganley spent a few days in Boston last week, going from there to Millis to preach for an old college friend on Sunday.

George Hallet, of New York, is visiting his uncle, Edward Hallet.

Asel Deane is the new farmer at the Shattuck farm.

Mrs. U. H. Barrows and her daughter Florence, of Ayer, came last week Friday to spend the day with Mrs. Barrows' aunt, Mrs. Joshua Bixby.

Jessie and Stanley Robinson, of East Walpole, are at John Robinson's for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley left on Thursday of last week for a trip to Provincetown.

George McCurdy, of Dorchester, spent the week-end with his friend, Dr. Bowthorpe.

Mrs. Joseph Woodson attended the state meeting in New London of the Order of the Household of Ruth, of which she was the district grand most noble governor of the state of Connecticut for six years or more. Owing to her removal to another state she resigned this year.

Miss Flora Adams, of Townsend, and Miss Thelma Sherman, of Leominster, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge.

The Misses Ruth and Helene Austin, of New York, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Arthur W. Lamb.

The Misses Margaret and Julia Long returned last week Friday from a two-weeks' vacation spent with relatives in Waverley and South Boston.

Miss Lettice McDougall, of Lowell, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank Murch.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bixby and their granddaughter, Dorothy Bixby, left Sunday by auto for York Beach, where they will remain for a week.

Mrs. A. A. Thomas, of Shirley, visited her friend, Mrs. R. H. Burgess, last Saturday.

Eva Hallet is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain in West Roxbury.

Robert Bates is having a week's vacation from his work at Harold Strand's jewelry store in Lawrence.

Mrs. Chester Hill, Miss Annabel Doherty and Joseph Doherty went by auto to Nahant last Sunday to see Mrs. Mary Doherty, who is stopping there for three weeks.

F. B. Brown, of Cocoa, Fla., came Tuesday to visit old-time friends and neighbors. He left on Thursday for Newport, Vt., to visit his cousin, D. M. Shepley.

Miss Margaret Long is to enter the Lowell Business college in September.

Miss May Rollins, of Leominster, is to be one of the new teachers at the Tarbell school. She is to board with Rev. William Ganley.

Mrs. R. H. Burgess spent Monday in Lowell.

Miss Evelyn Fernald returned on Wednesday from Trenton, Dela., where she has been teaching in a summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hood and family, of Pawtucket, R. I., spent the week-end at the home of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bliss, and family. They were on their way home from an enjoyable auto trip over the Mohawk Trail.

Miss Lida Bliss has returned to her duties at the office of Hollingsworth & Vose Co., this week.

HARVARD

News Items.

The first meeting of the Edward Thomas post of the American Legion was held at the Hapgood Memorial Saturday, August 9. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Commander, Adin Murchie; vice commander, Wilmur Brown; adjutant, Ellery E. Royal; finance officer, Walter Dickson; historian, Earl O. Turner; war risk officer, Kenneth Russell. Six new members were added at this meeting and every ex-soldier is urged to join the post. Information for so doing may be received from the commander or any member of the post.

A meeting of the Red Cross workers will be held at Miss Annie Reed's home Friday, when honors will be conferred on the most industrious workers in the late war. Medals have been received from Washington for all the workers in the five Liberty loans. These are made from German cannon and suitably inscribed. It is desired that every one soliciting in the loans should have one and can by giving his or her name to Mrs. Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton O'Brion leave this week for a few days' outing at their camp in Gilead, Me.

Richard Crossley, who received severe shrapnel wounds in both legs during his overseas duty, has selected a government education with a good position in preference to a disability pension.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Egerton, their daughter, Miss Beatrice Egerton, will be given in marriage to Dr. Touchstone of Texas. He has seen service during the past year as a lieutenant with the American overseas forces. Miss Egerton is the younger of the two attractive daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Egerton and her friends here extend their best wishes for the future of the young couple. The wedding will take place this Saturday.

The Harvard A. A. defeated the Gleasondale A. A. in an uphill game at the later place Saturday, August 9. The home boys scored two runs in the first inning, but after that not one crossed the plate. Their pitcher struck out 15 men and up to the eighth inning had the game well in hand, but a three bagger, and a home run by Harry Jones, Harvard's clever first baseman, put the game far on the visiting team's side. The hitting of Stanley Turner and the errorless game played by the entire Harvard nine contributed much to the final score, 5 to 2. The battery, Coleman and Lang, played a steady game throughout. The team with a goodly number of fans went by way of auto truck. This Saturday the Townsend A. A. will cross bats at the Bromfield grounds at three o'clock.

The Baptist ladies will hold a food sale this week Saturday afternoon on the lawn in front of the Congregational church. The Baptist ladies are some cooks and prospective purchasers may plan on some choice products of their kitchens.

The Mack Camp Fire Girls, ten in number, with their guardian, Miss Ross, break camp this week Friday after a very pleasant two weeks' outing at Bear Hill pond.

Mrs. F. E. Hirsch with Master Francis Hirsch and his cousin, Miss Evelyn Davis, leave this week for a visit with Mrs. Hirsch's sister in Palmyra, N. Y.

Still River.

Rev. H. C. Merrill, pastor of the Unitarian church of Harvard, will preach in the Baptist church here on Sunday. He will give an account of the Y. M. C. A. work in France, where he has been the past year.

Last Sunday Rev. Alfred Fuller again occupied the pulpit and gave a very helpful reminiscent sermon, speaking of many of the older members of the church who have gone to their reward and from these urging the importance of keeping the candle burning, that the light from this old society, formed in 1776, may show for many years.

Mrs. Mary Haskell and two children, Edwin and Rachael, are visiting her brother Ferdinand and family in Phillipsdale, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Atherton and son Bert, of Holyoke, are again occupying the old homestead for a few weeks.

Luther Willard is very sick and under the care of the doctor.

Mrs. Jennie Willard visited her daughter Vera in Fitchburg the first three days of this week.

Warren K. Harrod is at home from his studies at a summer school at Hyannis.

Mr. and Mrs. Heeley are entertaining their daughter, Ada Heeley, and lady friend, of Lowell.

Raymond Walker has returned from overseas duty and has been discharged from the service. For six months he has been with the army of occupation in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haskell are entertaining her sister and two children, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Miss Edith Fairchild, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Esther Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Keyes and two daughters, of Providence, were guests of his brother, S. B. Haynes, Sunday, coming in their auto Saturday. They went to Maine to visit her sister before returning to Providence.

Miss Edna Flanders is visiting friends in Chicago, Ill.

Chester Willard took his family to Revere Beach for an outing in his auto, Wednesday, leaving them there for a few hours while he returned to Boston on business.

LITTLETON

News Items.

George Whitcomb was the Good Samaritan who took it upon himself to mow the ball field, and as there was not enough hay to feed a small sized grasshopper his only compensation is the boys' sincere gratitude.

L. A. A. defeated Graniteville last Saturday in a close game by the score of 8 to 7. The local team goes to Westford this Saturday for a return game with the team who defeated them earlier in the season. The fast Boston and Maine team will be the attraction here on Saturday, August 23. The local boys will make their appearance in their new uniforms on that date.

"What I believe as an evolutionist" will be Rev. F. W. Lambertson's subject for the Sunday morning sermon. Last Sunday Mrs. John C. Kelley very kindly consented to sing at the morning service of the Congregational church, Assisted by G. C. Cook she sang in two duets to the delight of the congregation.

On next Friday afternoon the junior scouts will have a corn roast at Long pond at 2.30.

The eighth annual reunion of the Edmund Rice 1638 association will be held in Wayland on Saturday, August 30, in the Unitarian church. The morning will be devoted to a social time, and the afternoon will be given up to business, addresses and music. Members are advised to carry box lunch and a cup. Coffee served free.

Miss Marcia Wilcox is spending the month with the D. H. Woodbury family in Annisquam.

Mrs. Joseph Wainwright is visiting her mother in Templeton for a few days.

Miss Martha Wainwright has recently returned from the North Shore where she spent two weeks.

L. W. Bartlett attended the funeral of his uncle, Robert G. Bartlett, in Lowell, Thursday. The deceased was a resident of Littleton for some time when a young man, but later went to Lowell, where for many years he has been prominent in the real estate business. His age was 85 years, 4 months, 4 days.

Miss Ellen A. Kimball, principal of the academy at Livermore Falls, Me., is the guest of her brother, A. T. Kimball, and Mrs. Kimball, Russell street.

Mrs. John D. Warren remains in feeble health, but is reported comfortable.

Mrs. M. B. Wilder is entertaining a niece from Keene, N. H., over the week-end.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on August 20. A reader of note from Arlington, eleven years of age, will entertain; also, Miss Mary Macone, a popular soloist from Concord. It is hoped that a good number will be present. Each member is privileged to invite friends.

Mrs. J. W. Dodds, of Littleton, and her mother, Mrs. Ada H. Wright, of Allston, were present at the wedding of Mrs. Dodds' brother, Harry Arthur Wright, of Fitchburg, and Miss Kathryn Sherry, of the same city, which took place at the bride's home at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The Episcopal service was used. Miss Florence Sherry, a sister, attended the bride, and Fred Rolfe, a war associate, was best man.

Mrs. George W. Canney is visiting her son Heyward, and Mrs. Canney, at Washington Heights, N. Y.

Mrs. John Tenney Priest, of Allston is staying at Miss Mary Marshall's.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb are taking as their auto guests Misses Harriet and Lydia Porter, of West Acton, on a trip to Springfield this Saturday, to visit Miss Mabel Webber.

Charles Rand, of Chelsea, was a guest of Mrs. Carrie Gilman Edwards and other relatives in town this week.

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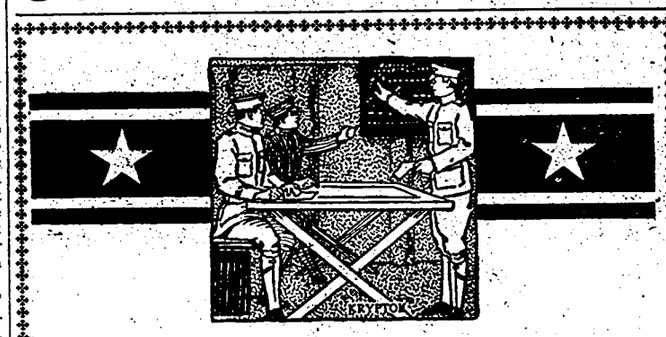

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All the committees are requested to meet at the center next Friday evening, to see that all details of the occasion are properly arranged, that the program of the following day can be easily set in motion and satisfactorily carried into effect.

All townspeople and visitors in town, who have automobiles, are invited to join the auto parade through town Friday evening, August 22, to remind the public of the coming event. The assembling place will be Littleton Common, and the hour of starting, 6.45 o'clock p. m. Come, all who can, and on the 23d come everybody.

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Saturday, August 16, 1919

AYER

News Items.

Among the guests entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Tatro, Westford road, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rice and son of East Jaffrey, N. H., Mrs. Esther Bickford and Mr. Donnelly of Ashburnham, and H. H. Mills of Baldwinville.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Davis, of Somerville, last week Wednesday.

Mrs. Arthur E. Dykes visited her father, Joseph Tinker, in Tewksbury, recently.

Misses Beryl Proctor and Helen D. Whitney have been visiting Miss Amelia Gould in Woburn.

Mrs. William S. Beckford was soloist last week Wednesday at the Brackett-Sims wedding in Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kyle have been visiting relatives in Albany and other cities in New York State.

Word has been received that Leon G. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wilson, has returned from overseas with D Company, 9th U. S. Infantry, Second Division. He has been in New York, and is expected to return to Camp Devens for discharge.

Mrs. Charles Trefethen, formerly of this town, now of Lowell, left Ayer last Saturday, accompanied by her son Leslie, for Toledo, Ohio. They will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Canning, formerly of this town. They expect to visit in Chicago, where Mrs. Trefethen has a brother.

Lester Whitcomb, manager of the Ayer Electric Light Co., and wife left Sunday morning for a vacation of two weeks at York Beach, Me.

A wonderful bill is promised at Page's hall theatre for next week—Monday, William S. Hart in his latest, "Square deal Sanderson"; Tuesday, Theda Bara in "A woman there was"; Wednesday, Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in their latest, "God's outlaw"; Thursday, Peggy Hyland in "Rebellious bride"; Friday, Norma Talmadge in "Ways of woman"; Saturday, George Walsh in "Help, help, police!"

Dr. A. Hamilton Knapp, dentist, a native of this state, of some twelve years' experience in dental practice, for some years associated with his brother, a successful leading dentist of New York city, two-years' service in the late war, one year in France, has, through several of the best and worthy citizens, been solicited and advised to locate in this vicinity. He comes well recommended and the demand justifies his locating here. His vigorous health and surplus energy will be in needed demand. For the present he has made business arrangements with Dr. Gilson.

The striking railroad shopmen of the local branch of the union return to their work this Saturday morning, following orders telegraphed to them on Friday by the federation. The local men have been ready to return to work for several days, but have been waiting for orders from headquarters. About thirty men were affected by the shopmen's strike locally.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, August 19.

Mrs. George A. Sanderson and Miss Charlotte Sanderson, Mrs. Helen M. Turner, Mrs. M. L. Savage and Miss Helen Savage, returned from Beachwood, Me., last Monday, and Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Turner, Tuesday. Their son John remained until this Saturday.

Mrs. Lena Jenness, of Boston, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. M. L. Savage, this week.

A union service of the Unitarian, Federated and St. Andrew's churches will be held at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at 10.45. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall; subject, "A common creed and the hope of union."

Mr. and Mrs. Elson H. Bigelow returned last Monday from a ten days' visit to Hampton Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Wilson of Utica, N. Y., were guests Tuesday and Wednesday of Mrs. Susan M. Barker, Mrs. Wilson's aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Livingston and son Stanley have gone to their summer home on the cape, where they will remain the rest of the month.

Mary and Timothy Cleary, children of Timothy Cleary, are in Manchester-by-the-Sea with friends for a visit of two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Detroit, Mich., have been visiting Mrs. Robinson's aunt, Mrs. William H. Dudley.

Calvin A. Colpitts of Lowell has been visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. Byron E. Murphy.

Mrs. Sarah J. Murphy of Dorchester is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. William H. Dudley.

Mrs. Lura Parker of Milford, N. H., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Waldo W. Sprague.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles H. Crocker are at the home of Dr. Bertrand H. Hopkins for the present.

Miss Evelyn Harmon is visiting her friend, Miss Madeline Tyrrell, in Lowell.

William N. Scruton and family of Fitchburg, former residents, were in town last week.

Erastus B. Lewis is having new sidewalks built at his residence on Fletcher street.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood E. Ross are visiting relatives in Union, Me.

Mrs. Francis Lovejoy has returned from a visit with friends in Gardner and Otter River.

Charles Cummings, of Malden, formerly of Ayer, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William H. Landry at the Willows.

Mrs. Arthur G. Downing spent Sunday in Hubbardston with her sister-in-law, Mrs. William G. Coffin.

Miss Hazel Wright has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, in Gardner.

George Barrett and Ralph Griffin spent Sunday at Hampton Beach.

Joseph McMahon, of Groton, has moved to the east tenement in the Capt. Moses P. Palmer house on East Main street.

Mrs. Almeda Lawton is caring for Mrs. Mary O. Prime, who is still ill from the effects of a paralytic shock.

John Gilson, who is employed by Douglas C. Smith, has bought the jobbing business of William H. Dudley.

Miss Ellen Jane Horace, who has been visiting at the home of her cousin, Henry A. Bixby, has returned to Brookline.

Frye, Phipps & Co., the large hardware manufacturers, have established a storehouse in the building formerly used by the Haynes-Piper Co. A two-ton Otis elevator is being installed, and John F. Ryan, the electrician, is wiring the building. If transportation facilities come up to expectations the company plans, it is said, to build a modern fireproof warehouse here. The company has branches in several of the large cities in the United States and handles an extensive line of hardware.

The Strand presents this Saturday Anita King, the wholesome out-door girl in "Whatever the cost." Innately good, the girl becomes a habitue of a dance hall to secure evidence concerning her father's murderer, and is offered the grim choice, revenge for her father's death or the life of her lover. Latest Billy Parsons comedy. Charlie Chaplin comedy. Latest news. Sunday—Mabel Normand and Tom Moore in "The floor below." A screen sensation of mystery, romance and excitement in six reels. Christie comedy. Strand comedy.

Howard B. White and his grandson, Benjamin Normand, left Sunday evening for a two-weeks' fishing trip in Northern Maine.

Charles E. Stone and family left Thursday morning for Cleveland, Ohio, for a visit of about three weeks with relatives, going by auto.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, August 18. Work—Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees.

Francis J. Perry has taken the upper tenement in the Albert B. Downing house on Washington street and will move in September 1.

Mrs. Grace Robinson Hartford passed away on Sunday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Robinson, Westford, after an illness of six weeks, resulting from an attack of influenza. Mrs. Hartford was the wife of James B. Hartford, who is employed as a conductor by the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway. Since their marriage in May, 1918, they had established for themselves a home in town, located on Third street. During her illness she had been cared for at the home of her parents in Westford, where her death occurred. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon in Westford, Rev. William E. Anderson of the M. E. church, Graniteville, officiating. Burial was in Fairview cemetery.

J. W. Woods, the express agent in charge at the local office of the American Express Company, expects to give up his position here soon. His place will be taken by W. W. Sprague, a long resident of Ayer. Just when the change will take place has not been definitely decided upon as yet. After a vacation and rest Mr. Woods plans to return to his former position in Leominster.

A foreigner employed in George Luddington's section gang in the railroad yard was run over by an engine on Tuesday morning and was injured so badly that he later died. He was an Albanian, Hselane Anine by name, and was at work in the yard when an engine backed up and ran over him. Both legs were cut off and his skull was fractured. He was removed to the Massachusetts General hospital, where he later died as a result of his injuries. He leaves a wife and family in Albania. It is understood that at the time of the accident he was found to have over $1700 upon his person.

It is understood that the Salvation Army hut on West Main street is soon to be closed up for good and the hut sold. The report is that a company for the manufacture of underwear proposed buying the hut and site, but upon finding that the land could not be bought gave up the plan.

Dr. J. Walter Desmond, accompanied by a party of friends, left on Monday for an automobile trip to Montreal, Canada.

Interesting Souvenir.

An interesting souvenir of Ayer of sixty years ago was discovered by Mrs. Helen Turner at Beachwood, Me., recently, in the form of a poster advertising a "dramatic and musical entertainment." The poster announces that certain members of the South Groton lyceum, assisted by the Groton Quadrille band, will give a grand dramatic and musical entertainment at Mechanics' hall, Groton Junction, on Monday evening, January 10, 1859. The program included an overture by the orchestra, music and singing by Dana Bancroft and others, followed by the great moral drama, "The drunkard, or the fallen saved," with the following in the cast: William B. Haskins, William F. Goulding, George P. Brown, T. L. Barker, Charles F. Southwick, B. F. Johnston, S. J. Bean, George Standish, Charles E. Morrison, Frank Kittredge, Frank Fletcher, George E. Coburn, William J. Goulding, Miss E. Wetherbee, Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Miss C. Brown, Miss Helen M. Brown and Miss Nellie Taft. During the entertainment there was music and singing by Dana Bancroft, Seth Bonney, Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Fenner and a duet by Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Fenner, accompanied by E. D. Bancroft on the melodeon.

Of the cast of about twenty characters only two are alive and living here now, Miss Helen M. Brown, who is now Mrs. Helen Turner, and Miss Nellie Taft, who is now Mrs. Nellie Kittredge. Mrs. Arthur Fenner, who sang between the acts, is also living here now. The program states that the scenery used was painted expressly for this drama by an eminent scenic artist. The admission price for this entertainment is worthy of notice, as compared with present prices, tickets being fifteen cents each, children under ten years ten cents.

To Bring Suit.

The Boston Globe of this week Friday morning contains the following article:

Suit is to be started by William H. Lewis, attorney for Arthur Garfield ("Honey") Hazard of Ayer against six persons who were instrumental in preventing a marriage between Miss Mabel Emeline Puffer, well-to-do white woman of Ayer, and Hazard, her colored choreman.

The action will be on the grounds of malicious prosecution and malicious interference with a contract of marriage, and an effort will be made to recover $15,000. This action follows the return of "no bill" against Hazard by the grand jury.

Tomorrow papers will be served against John D. Carney of Ayer, who represented Miss Puffer's relatives; Mrs. Goodwin of Swampscott, Miss Puffer's half-niece; Henry Blood of Hollis, N. H., another relative of Miss Puffer; Chief of Police Patrick J. Beatty of Ayer, who was one of the officers who brought Miss Puffer and Hazard from Concord, N. H., where a marriage ceremony was to have been performed; George L. Wilson of Ayer who was Miss Puffer's counsel and temporary guardian, and Bartholomew Dowling, chief of police of Groton, who accompanied Chief Beatty to Concord, N. H., to bring Miss Puffer and Hazard back to Massachusetts.

During the hearing before Judge Warren H. Atwood in the First District Court of Northern Middlesex, Atty. Lewis characterized the arrest of his client and Miss Puffer as illegal and nothing more nor less than a case of kidnapping. He stated at that time that proper action would be taken in another court.

Miss Puffer and Hazard has declared their intention to marry at the time they were taken from Concord, and they were waiting through the five-day period required by law when the arrest took place. A charge of enticement was made against Hazard and Miss Puffer was charged with insanity. A statutory charge was made against both of them at that time, also. Later the enticement charge against Hazard was dropped and the statutory charge against both was withdrawn.

After the first hearing of the case before Judge Atwood at Ayer, a larceny charge was brought by Atty. Wilson against Hazard. Probable cause was found by Judge Atwood, but when the case was heard by the grand jury, "no bill" was returned.

Mr. Lewis stated yesterday that the writ he is bringing against the six people named above will probably be returnable in the superior court early in October.

Wild Chase.

At about 12.30 Wednesday night Stevens' garage in Chelmsford was broken into and a new Buick touring car was stolen. The alarm was raised a few minutes after the break and the police departments of all the surrounding towns, including Ayer, were notified. Shortly after the alarm reached town the car containing four men came through Main street at a speed estimated at sixty miles per hour. Officer Pirone gave chase in an automobile driven by John Johnson, a jitney driver, and at one time came within about ten feet of the fleeing car, which went in the direction of Shirley. Officer Pirone fired several shots at the fugitives but failed to stop them. The chase continued through Shirley and in the direction of the Shirley Industrial school, when a connecting rod in Johnson's machine broke and the chase had to be abandoned. Officer Mills followed Officer Pirone in another machine, but was too late to take up the pursuit where Officer Pirone was forced to leave off. The stolen machine disappeared in the direction of Still River.

The occupants were apparently four young men and appeared to be familiar with the roads in this vicinity. The police of all the surrounding towns and cities have been notified and the escape of the thieves seems improbable.

The machine has been recovered in Cambridge, and as the young men are well known it is the belief of the police that they will soon be apprehended.

District Court.

Percy Smith, of Groton, was before the court last Saturday morning charged with non-support of his wife and three minor children, aged four years, two years and seven months. He was ordered to pay ten dollars per week toward their support for the period of one month, after which the court will make such further orders as are necessary.

London Keys Found at Devens.

After lying for weeks inside an American officer's bedroll in a dusty warehouse at Camp Devens, the keys to the city of London have been recovered by the American military authorities—acting, it is believed, under orders from General Pershing himself—and are presumably now on their way to the British capital, from which they mysteriously disappeared some time ago.

Some of the facts concerning one of the strangest episodes of the great war were uncovered when it was admitted by military officials that these ancient keys, relics that are presented to distinguished visitors to London as tangible evidence that the freedom of the city has been officially accorded them, had disappeared, and that the investigation following their disappearance resulted in the search for the baggage of an American lieutenant and for the officer himself.

The bedroll in which the keys were found is the property of Lieut. Ira Hodes, an officer of the 106th Infantry, 27th (New York National Guard) Division, which fought in conjunction with the British in Northern France.

While the keys have been recovered, the whereabouts of the officer himself is a mystery. Military officials at the camp declare that they do not know who he is, where he is or where he comes from. They have been instructed to watch for him at the camp and, if he arrives here, have a talk with him about where the keys came from. The records at the camp show that no officer of that name has passed through here to date.

It was on Tuesday that officers at the camp first heard of the disappearance of the keys and the search that is being made for Lieut. Hodes. A military intelligence officer from the Northeastern Department in Boston, arrived at cantonment headquarters on that day and explained that he was searching for the lieutenant referred to. An examination of the records was made with negative results.

The intelligence officer was not discouraged. He had information indicating that the keys were somewhere at Camp Devens. With Devens officers to assist, he started out to search for the officer's baggage. It was finally located in a warehouse.

There was a bedroll and a box marked with Lieut. Hodes' name. The intelligence officer started to unwrap the bedroll. He said that he was not interested in the box because, if the keys were in the baggage anywhere, they would be found in the bedroll.

They were. Two old iron keys, one about fourteen inches in length and the other about eight inches, were discovered, together with a number of other souvenirs. They were the keys for which the officer was searching, and with them in his possession he immediately started back to Boston.

Devens officers, who were present when the search of the baggage was made, declared that Lieut. Hodes must be an ardent souvenir hunter, as the bedroll contained, besides the keys, a considerable quantity of other relics, among them an old brass bell and an ancient dinner gong. The box was not molested and its contents were not learned.

Both the box and the bedroll are believed to have come to this country on the transport President Grant on her last trip to Boston, several weeks ago. They will be held here until they are claimed by Lieut. Hodes.

According to the information available at the camp, the keys were turned over to a high American officer—presumably General Pershing—when he visited London during the summer. The general accepted the keys and at the conclusion of his visit expected, of course, to return them to the Lord Mayor. When his visit ended the keys were missing.

An investigation was started, with the result that word was sent from abroad to find Lieut. Hodes and his baggage and to exert every effort to have the missing keys returned to the proper authorities as quickly as possible. How they came into the possession of the lieutenant has not been explained.

It is understood the investigation is being conducted under the direction of Washington officials. It is not even known here whether Lieut. Hodes is in this country or how his baggage came to be shipped to Camp Devens.

Letter Concerning Groton Road.

The following letter, addressed to D. C. Smith, selectman, has been received from the highway commission:

"The Commissioners have requested me to inform you that if the town of Ayer will appropriate $10,000 for the improvement of the Groton road, to be used with the county's contribution of $10,000, the Commission will allot the sum of $5,000 for said work, provided the work shall be done according to specifications prepared by the Commission and shall be subject to the approval of the Commission. Yours truly,

F. I. Bieler, Secretary."

John D. Carney, chairman of the board of selectmen, has written the highway commission asking them to have their engineers make a survey of the road from the Groton line to Park street, and have plans made with an estimate of the cost of same, and then a special town meeting will be called to present the facts to the voters for action.

The following letter was received this week Friday morning in reply to Mr. Carney's letter:

"In reply to yours of August 11th concerning the Groton road, Mr. Sabin will get in touch with you very soon and give you sufficient information for your town meeting. It is probable that the survey will have to be made before you can start work but that will take some time and you could not afford to wait for that before having a town meeting. Yours very truly,

F. C. Pillsbury,
Division Engineer."

Camp Notes.

Brig.-Gen. John J. Bradley has reported at Camp Devens under orders from the war department to take charge of the work of demobilization. He replaces Brig.-Gen. William R. Sample, who has been reduced to his pre-war rank of colonel and sent to Syracuse, N. Y., to take charge of recruiting.

The demobilization group at the camp was reduced this week so that its daily capacity for discharging returning soldiers will be 200 a day, instead of 600 as previously. This is taken to mean that demobilization is nearly completed. It will mean a cut of twenty officers and twenty-six field clerks, who will be released from the service immediately.

A new camp adjutant has reported here for duty from the Adjutant General's office in Washington. He is Major John M. Merrill, a regular army officer. Since the departure for service abroad of Major Charles C. Quigley, Capt. R. G. Sherman has been acting camp adjutant. He is now assistant to Major Merrill.

TOWNSEND

Harbor.

Miss Esther Bagley went to East Boston on Monday for a week of vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Teele and Miss Helen Teele of Arlington were in town calling on relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz and children have returned to their home in East Boston after several weeks' vacation at Dudley Bagley's.

John B. Abbott, the station agent, recently caught a turtle weighing 26 lbs. in the Harbor pond. C. J. LaFountain dressed and cooked it.

Myron Peffers, attorney of Boston and Stoneham, with his sister, Miss Mary Peffers, spent a few days at his summer home, the John Proctor place.

Earl Wallace recently purchased 16 henhouses from Charles Smith. L. A. Cook has been assisting in moving them. Mr. Wallace is starting his poultry business with Leghorns and Wyandottes, planing to later specialize in Wyandottes.

On Wednesday Mrs. B. C. Cummings visited her aunt, Mrs. Lucy Nichols, at Memorial hospital, Nashua. She found Mrs. Nichols improved and her doctor has hope that she will recover from her broken hip sufficiently to recover.

The "Gad-a-lot" travelers, Miss H. Burdett, Miss L. A. Warner, Mrs. Geo. Jones, N. G. Proctor, send home glowing accounts of the beauty of the lakes, the splendid fields of grain, especially corn. They have made recent stops at Ashtabula and Cleveland, O.

Albert Bumstead and family of Washington, D. C., have opened their home at South row.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart are spending a time at the Dobbs farm. Mrs. Hart is Mrs. Dobbs' sister.

Adney Gray and family are taking an auto trip through Connecticut.

Mrs. Wilbur and little daughter Dorothy of Boston have taken rooms in the old hotel.

Arthur Laws has entered the employ of Adney Gray.

Willis Keefe arrived Wednesday for a thirty days' furlough at his home. His ship is docked at New London, Conn. He has re-enlisted for one year.

Week-end guests—Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Miss Zella Wood of South Ashburnham at B. C. Cummings; Mr. and Mrs. Fred LeBlanc of Leominster at Mrs. Betsey Mitchell's; Mrs. Hatch of Hampton at I. D. Carlton's; Harry Knight of Boston at Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher's.

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TUESDAY THEDA BARA in a William Fox super-production, "A Woman There Was." Latest Mutt and Jeff cartoon. Latest Screen Magazine and latest Lyons-Moran comedy.

WEDNESDAY FRANCIS X. BUSHMAN and BEVERLY BAYNE in their very latest picture, "God's Outlaw." Latest two-reel comedy and Pathé News.

THURSDAY PEGGY HYLAND in a William Fox picture, "Rebellious Bride." Latest two-reel LaKo comedy and latest "Topics of the Day."

FRIDAY NORMA TALMADGE in her latest, "The Way of a Woman." Latest Pathé Review and Mack Sennett comedy.

SATURDAY GEORGE WALSH in his latest, "Help! Help! Police!" a comedy-drama of many smiles. Latest Pathé News and Marie Dressler comedy.

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TOMATOES, No. 2 can	12¢
MARSHMALLOW CREAM, "Three Millers," large package	27¢
POTTED BEEF, Franco-American, per can	10¢
OX TONGUE, whole, Pheasant brand, per can	$1.05
PINEAPPLE, grated, No. 2 can	33¢
CLEANZUM, Hand Paste Cleanser, per can	10¢
SOAP, White Rose 3 cakes for	14¢
RICE and MILK, ready to serve, per can	11¢
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Invitation cards have been received by friends in town to the wedding of Miss Edna Fairfield Haynes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Haynes, of Methuen, to Donald Stearns Bartlett, D. D. S. The wedding is to take place Wednesday afternoon, August 21, at 2.30, at the First Congregational church, Methuen. Miss Haynes formerly lived in Townsend when her father was superintendent of the public schools. She is a graduate of the high school here and later graduated from Simmons college, Boston, where she has since been a teacher.

It is expected that the pastor will occupy the Methodist pulpit on Sunday morning and that Rev. Gabrine Rodriguez, of Argentine, South America, will speak at the evening service on "Religious conditions of South America."

Miss Gertrude Rockwood, who has been spending three-weeks' vacation at the home of her father, W. F. Rockwood, has returned to her position at the Physical Theraphy hospital, Fox Hills, Staten Island.

Masters Warren and Josiah Cook, of Hyannis, are enjoying a visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Seaver.

C. W. Meade and family are enjoying an auto trip to Maine.

Mrs. Fred Piper and son Ralph are visiting in Rindge and Jaffrey, N. H.

John Piper is taking a business trip this week to Kansas City and Omaha, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neil, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and his three sisters, Mrs. Alice O'Neil Fitzgerald and Mrs. Mary McNamara, of Fitchburg, and Mrs. Joseph Glidden, of Lynn, have been guests this week of their aunt, Miss M. S. Doherty. Mr. and Mrs. David Crowley and two sons, Jack and James, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGuire and daughter Bessie, of Medford, have been recent guests in the home.

St. John's Catholic church is being re-frescoed and painted this week, the work being done by C. A. Parker, of Pepperell.

Albert Dow, formerly of this town, now of Bradford, Vt., is the guest this week of Herbert Bowley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hildreth were the auto guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hart on an outing to Templeton Inn.

Miss Hazel Ballou, who is employed as a bookkeeper in a market in Manchester, N. H., recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ballou.

The Main street bridge over the Squannicook river is being replanked by the state highway commissioners, the work being in charge of George Ballou of this town.

The Congregational Sunday school is planning to hold a picnic in the near future.

The seventh open-air concert will be given by the Townsend band on the common this week Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGuire have closed their home here where they have resided for many years, and have gone to the city to live. Mr. McGuire has secured a position in the Chamberlain Market, Boston, as a trimmer on sugar barrels. They reside in Medford with their daughter Bessie.

The children of the Birthday club enjoyed a picnic Tuesday afternoon in the grove back of the Center schoolhouse. Games were played and ice cream served.

Mrs. Gertrude Piper visited with friends in Ashburnham during the mid-week.

Mrs. Mary White is chairman of the candy table at the coming Red Cross fête in place of Mrs. Aden Swicker, resigned.

The congregation at the Methodist church heard their former beloved pastor, Rev. William Hodge, preach last Sunday. He occupied the pulpit morning and evening, preaching inspiring sermons. Mr. Hodge and family are spending a month's vacation in town.

Rufus T. Brown, who is employed in cemetery work, met with a painful accident last Saturday. As he was putting away the lawn mower, a scythe that was overhead in the tool house, fell, striking his right wrist, cutting the artery and making a deep gash. The wound was promptly attended to by Dr. Atwood, but it will be several days before Mr. Brown can resume his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wright and two children, with Mr. Wright's mother as auto guests, motored from Shrewsbury last Sunday and were the guests of Mrs. Fidelia Barber, Townsend hill. Mrs. H. Wright and children remained for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Walker and two children, of Springfield, have been visiting his sister, Miss Carrie Walker, at Arthur Barber's, Townsend hill.

Miss A. Bessie Eastman is assisting in the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company's office for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Morse, of Portsmouth, Va., arrived in town on Wednesday and are visiting Mr. Morse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morse, Townsend hill. Mr. Morse, who was a lieutenant in the naval reserve, has recently received his honorable discharge from the service.

J. Sanfred Johnson, who recently returned from overseas, has received his honorable discharge from the service and arrived at the home of his parents at the Old City last Saturday. Mr. Johnson is the last Townsend boy to arrive from overseas. There are yet several other boys doing service at camps in this country.

Charles S. Howard, who was recently discharged from service, left this week for Annapolis, Md., where he will visit his brother, Lieut. David G. Howard, who is an instructor at the military academy.

Robert J. Tochan, who was recently discharged from the navy, has returned to his former position with the Worcester Steel & Wire Co., Worcester.

Ralph Eaton, of East Boston, is visiting his uncle, Laban Naas.

Elwin O. Swicker and Stanley Fessenden are enjoying an auto trip and outing at Old Orchard, where they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Swicker.

Miss Cora Farrar has been visiting her uncle, Robert O'Brien, in Greenville, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker have been entertaining their two daughters, Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Anderson, of Jersey City, N. J.

Mrs. T. Turner Goodwin was the mid-week guest of her daughter, Mrs. Della G. Morgan, in Leominster.

Herman C. Knight and son Howard, in company with Mrs. Knight's brother, Mr. Doubleday, and son Warren, have returned from a delightful auto and camping trip through New Hampshire to the White Mountains and Maine. The itinerary included along the Merrimack Valley to Bretton Woods, Crawford Notch and the Lost River section, returning by way of Old Orchard, Me. The trip was one of continued pleasure and sightseeing of Nature's wonders in beauty and grandeur.

The school board calls the attention of the parents to the requirements relative to the vaccination of school children before the opening of the schools in town, September 8.

There are to be new teachers in the first and second grade, third and fourth and grammar rooms at the Center school building. The high school force remains unchanged, Principal J. Bachelder, with Misses Copp and Wallace, B. U. graduates, as assistants, and Mrs. C. Craig, teacher of the fifth and sixth grade, will return for the fall and winter term.

Red Cross Fête.

The people of Townsend are urged to patronize the Red Cross lawn fête next Wednesday evening and help make it a financial success. Although the war is over numerous calls are made on the organization for assistance. To be able to respond to these calls it is necessary to have a substantial amount in the treasury. The assistance given the schools in employing a dentist is but one instance of the value of the Red Cross organization. Without this help many of the children could never had this treatment. The equiping of a hospital during the late epidemic of influenza is another instance of the great value of keeping up the Red Cross work. The opportunity for giving relief to those in need of relief during sickness is the best reason for keeping the organization on a good financial basis. This organization, which has done so much for the boys in service, should be able to respond to the call for help from any needy person. Let the watchword be "Carry on."

About Town.

Mrs. Florence Whiting and little daughter, who have been visiting her father, Henry Cowdrey, has gone to Athol to visit her grandmother.

Mrs. Laban Naas and son Rodney and Mrs. Jude Barkehouse and son Howard left Thursday morning for Bridgewater and Canning, N. S., where they will spend a few weeks.

Willard and Harold Gray, of the Harbor, with LeRoy Shattuck, of Pepperell, have opened their wet wash laundry and started in to collect in Townsend this week. They plan to collect here on Tuesday and no doubt they will be well patronize here. Those living on the outskirts wishing work done can bring their laundry and leave it with William T. McMaster, where it will be called for by Mr. Gray.

Charles Hunt and wife visited in town on Tuesday.

West.

Mrs. Fred Dwinell and children, who have been stopping for several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed, have returned to their home in Somerville.

Dorothy Sherwin has been on the sick list for the past week, but has recovered sufficiently to be about again.

Chester Shaw has returned to his position with Damon & Richardson, and with his family have returned to their home here after spending several weeks with Mrs. Shaw's parents on the Blair farm in the north part of the town.

Everett Pierce, of Brookline, spent the week-end with his family at Twin Maples.

Mrs. Alexander Reed assisted at the library reading-room on last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Whittaker, of Mason, N. H., was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson, Bayberry hill, Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph H. Willard, of Belmont, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver.

Clarence Jodery has left the employ of Damon & Richardson and is going to Boston to learn the automobile trade.

Mrs. Hattie Blood has returned from her visit to Nantasket and has been on the sick list for a few days with a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, who have been spending the summer in Maine, have returned, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George West and their daughter Marion. Mr. West returned to Lewiston the first of the week, accompanied by Mrs. Benjamin Hodgman, who has been spending the summer with her relatives here.

Miss Emma Adams and Mrs. Martha Adams have returned from Providence, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Frank Herrick, of Boston, has joined his wife at the Squannicook Inn for a short vacation.

Miss Emily Orr, who has been visiting relatives in Greenville, N. H., has returned to her home here for the present.

Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence, who is employed at the Center, was at her home here for a brief visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and daughter Janet have been recent guests of relatives in Lunenburg.

The annual Sunday school and community picnic will be held in about two weeks, the date not yet decided upon, in the grove in the rear of the parsonage, and the committee in charge who are now making arrangements, beside the pastor, superintendent and teachers, are the Live Wire class of boys and the All-ready class of girls, in charge of the sports, and Miss Estella Tucker in charge of the ice cream.

George Roebuck, who is chauffeur for Mrs. Martha Homer and at present at their summer home at Prout's Neck, Me., was in town on a brief business trip Monday evening.

Rev. Joseph McKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday morning as usual, and in the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. service will be conducted by Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway on the topic, "How men sell their heritage."

Miss Gladys Rawson has returned from Amesbury, where she has been visiting since her return from Maine, being held up there for several days on account of the strike on the Boston and Maine railroad.

Mrs. Ralph Willard, who has been visiting a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver, returned Monday evening by auto to her home in Belmont.

Nelson Hart and family, of Ashby, are moving into the little house in the mill yard of the Belgrade rug factory, formerly occupied by Fred A. Patch. Mr. Hart is employed at the Damon & Richardson mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Athos Elliott, of East Weare, N. H., are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd. Miss Frances Shepherd, who has been visiting at their home, returned with them.

Adron Winship, from Ayer, has been in town for a few days, calling upon friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Adams, of Atlanta, Ga., are with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, Stevens' hill. Mr. and Mrs. Farwell, of St. John, N. B., have been recent guests also.

Miss Dorothy McKinnon, who has been spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wise, has returned ot her home in Dorchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Glazier and son, from Johnston, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Washburn, from Gardner, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Clara Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway have returned from Middleboro, where they were called by the illness and death of Mrs. Hathaway's sister, Mrs. Etta Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rawson and son, of Fitchburg, were at the home of his mother, Mrs. Herman L. Stickney, last week Friday.

Miss Alice P. Winchester, of New Bedford, is a guest of Mrs. William C. Winchester, at the Squannicook Inn.

William Campbell, from Salem, is spending a few days at the home of Mrs. A. J. Manchester.

Miss Priscilla Welch visited relatives in Mason, N. H., this week.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons who are or may become interested in the land hereinafter mentioned, devised by the will of CELINDA M. HOLDEN late of Shirley, in said County, deceased, and to all persons whose issue not now in being may become interested.

Whereas MAUDE MUNSON POWERS of Brooklyn in the State of New York having an interest in certain land devised to herself and others in the will of CELINDA M. HOLDEN late of Shirley in said County, has presented to said Court her petition praying for the appointment of S. LeROY LONGLEY, of Shirley in the County of Middlesex, or some other suitable person, as trustee to sell and convey at private sale or public auction said land therein described, for reasons therein set forth.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of September A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing postpaid or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons who or whose issue not now in being are or may become interested, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

3t49 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of CARRIE E. WOOD otherwise known as CAROLINE E. WOOD late of Groton in said County, deceased.

Whereas FRANK LAWRENCE BLOOD executor of the will of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, —legacies—and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the tenth day of September A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

3t49 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM C. WINCHESTER late of Townsend in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to EDITH E. WINCHESTER of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of September A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Townsend Toesin, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

3t48 F. M. ESTY, Register.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

What Happens When It Is In Full Bloom?

Let us picture the League of Nations in full bloom, and let us select three points for a demonstration in the event of its ratification as it now stands.

(1.) We confer upon the council of the League jurisdiction over any dispute we may have with another power, and it would be national dishonor to ignore that jurisdiction.

(2.) President Wilson in his message to the Senate submitting the Franco-American treaty said—"The covenant of the League provides for military action for the protection of its members only upon the advice of the council of the League."

(3.) Article XI of the covenant declares that any war or threat of war, whether immediately affecting any of the members of the League or not, is a matter of concern to the whole League, and the League may take any action that may be deemed wise. In case any such emergency should arise, the Secretary General shall, on the request of any member of the League, forthwith summon a meeting of the council.

It follows then, as night the day, that the League does not provide for military action for the protection of its members other than upon the advice of the council. In other words, the American people have thus signed away the right of self-protection exercised by them from the great day they assumed among the powers of the earth "the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and Nature's God entitles them," in the words of the Declaration of Independence.

Now, Mexico with its tumble-down government and its bandit uprisings smites us upon the cheek. As a member of the League of Nations our sacred honor binds us to turn the other cheek, and then to appeal to Geneva, four thousand miles away, for help.

Think of it! America, a suppliant,—butchered to make an European holiday for the diplomats over there!

Come to think of it, how do you like the League of Nations in full bloom?

AT THE CROSS ROADS OF OUR NATIONAL DESTINY!

From the speech of Hon. Hiram W. Johnson, of California, at Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., July 8, 1919.

"The strange psychological situation that is presented to us in a discussion of the League of Nations is one seldom encountered in the past, and which I hope will never again be encountered in the future."

"This Covenant when it came to us, wrenched us violently from our traditional policy, carried us upon a path that was new and perilous, and commandeered apparently for all time, our blood and our bone."

"We ever played our part in world politics, and as we played it in the past, we will play it in the future. What we say is this; we say that when the time comes for America to play her part in the world, America shall determine it instead of Great Britain."

"There is just one going national concern on earth today, and that is the United States of America. It is asked of us that the one going national solvent concern in the world today shall enter into partnership with four bankrupts, and then shall give of its substance for them and for them alone."

"Seven months of meddling and muddling in European and Asiatic affairs, in controversies which were none of our concern, find, at the end of the peace conference, Italy detesting us, France secretly despising us, England using us, and Japan bluffing us."

"We fought a righteous war and won. We undertook to destroy a ruthless militarism, and it is done. Out of this war the United States expects neither territory nor reparations. Victory means for England, France, Italy and Japan, merely increased territories and innumerable peoples put under their sway. The question arose, naturally, among those sitting there, upon whom should the burden be put of maintaining, preserving and protecting the greatly increased territory of the four entente powers. The question is presented squarely by the League of Nations,—shall those nations who gained by the peace, protect themselves in their gorged condition of territories and peoples, or shall the only non-profiting nation in this war, do the protecting for them? Shall the burden rest upon the gainers, or shall, for all time, the gain be underwritten by the only non-profitnation in this particular war and coming from this particular peace?"

"It is for you to decide, ultimately, whether or not this burden shall be borne by you and those who follow you, or whether those who have carved up the world in the fashion that they have, shall bear the burden of maintaining their own gains out of the war."

"Do you want American boys to police the world?"

"Do you want American blood to settle every squabble and every war and every controversy in Europe, or Asia, or Africa?"

"If you don't want that, you do not want this League of Nations."

"Americans in Paris, by the stroke of a pen in Article 10, they have eliminated, eradicated, abrogated the Declaration of Independence."

"You cannot, of course, blame these nationalists of Europe from looking out for their own. This particular provision, this particular article, and this particular covenant is the greatest triumph for English diplomacy that the world has ever seen, and I admire those men, who thinking of their own nation alone, can put all the burdens for all time upon another powerful nation, of preserving their rights and preserving their power. But, I reserve the right, while yielding to them my unstinted admiration for their astuteness and diplomacy—I reserve the right, even though the representatives of the United States reserve no such right to be an American citizen."

"I do not know, my friends, whether you care for the Monroe Doctrine or not, but if you do, and if you believe in the Monroe Doctrine, I say, without fear of contradiction from any advocate of the League—if you believe in the Monroe Doctrine, you cannot be for the League of Nations."

"England took no chances on this League. Oh, it was a clever, clever thing that the English statesmen did. Not only did they take enough of the world's surface to give them almost a quarter of the entire globe and hundreds of millions or more people, but they turned to the creditor nation, the nation to whom England owes $4,000,000,000 and to whom the other nations owe $10,000,000,000 in round numbers, and they had that creditor guarantee their quarter of the earth's surface and their hundreds of millions of people. And then they were not content with this. They gave the Hedjaz one vote in this assembly of the League of Nations and—just think of their generosity—they gave the United States of America, with 110,000,000 people, one vote, too. Then that there might be no mistake about the matter and about the construction of the League, they took good pains to protect themselves not alone by your guarantee, not alone by putting us in a hopeless minority, but by taking unto themselves a vote for Canada, another for Australia, another for New Zealand, another for South Africa, and then, after they had taken those five votes, they looked around to see whether there was not another that could be taken, and they shoved in India for a vote."

"So in the League of Nations. England has six votes and we have one. Just think of it, in the Council we have one vote with eight others across the sea. England, to be certain that it should not under any circumstances be treated harshly by the League, took six votes in the assembly to our one."

"I think that this infamous project is one that America should never and can never tolerate. You ought to rise in your might, in your indignation, and say to your representatives in Congress that you never will permit them to vote for such an instrument as this."

"Disarmament! Why, disarmament under this particular document, is as far from consummation as it has been at any time in the world's history."

"This League never touches peoples at all. This League goes farther away from peoples themselves. This League sits in secret at Geneva, just as the peace conference has sat in secret in Paris. It renders its decrees upon secret testimony, and the first that you know of any decree of this League of Nations is when you are called upon to enforce the decree with your blood and your son's blood and your sons' sons' blood."

"We must be no party to the secret treaties across the water. The difficulty with our representative was that he went there with words. The rest of them went there with the bargain signed, sealed and delivered in their pockets in the shape of secret treaties, and they put over their secret treaties."

"Although we were not parties in the first instance to the secret treaties, we became parties to the secret treaties. Do you realize that in Shantung, practically 40,000,000 of republican Chinese are handed over to 60,000,000, the entire population of Japan? Do you realize that in the injustice we despoiled not Germany, the enemy, but China, a friend? We despoiled not an enemy, but an ally in our war. When we did that by the peace conference, by the very same instrument containing the League of Nations, we rivetted down for all time that injustice. We not only committed the crime in the peace conference but we committed the additional crime of guaranteeing its perpetuation by the League of Nations."

"Now, my friends, I am done. I could talk to you all night upon this particular document, because it means so much to me. It means so much to you; it means so much to your children, to your grandchildren and to my grandchildren. I fervently and solemnly believe that this is the hour when we stand at the cross roads of the destiny of our republic. I believe standing at the cross roads, there is on the one hand the tortuous part of European and Asiatic diplomacy and imperialism, and upon the other the straight and narrow path of pure Americanism. I have chosen my path and you have chosen yours."

"This is no political question, my friends. This is a question that rises far superior to the Republican party or to the Democratic party. I will meet the issue in this campaign and in this fight. The issue, my friends, is the Republic that Washington gave us, that Lincoln preserved to us, and that our boys in Khaki have so gloriously upheld beyond the seas. The issue, my friends, in this League of Nations, is America, and you and I are Americans."

Wise John.

John was able to persuade Ruth to do most things he desired. One day the children, with their little cousin, Edward, decided to draw pictures. Edward and John each found a pencil, but Ruth was still without one until her mother came to her aid with a big new pencil. John, whose pencil was a blue stub, looked longingly at the new one and then, in a coaxing voice, said: "Ruthie, don't you want this nice pretty blue one? It just matches your eyes." Needless to say, John secured the long pencil.

Husband Alleges Deception.

A California man testifies in the divorce suit that when he was courting his wife she always met him at the front door with a kitchen apron on, leading him to believe she was domestic in her taste, and after he married he learned to his dismay that she had never even learned how to boil an egg, and that she gave him the alternative of boarding or clearing out.—Houston Post.

HERE IS A GENTLEMAN

of fairly ample circumstances riding from Albany to New York on the train which reaches the Grand Central about 4:30. He is wearing **Ultex One-piece Bifocal** and finds no difficulty in enjoying both his book and the splendid scenery of the Hudson River.

The gentleman is not a malefactor of great wealth or he would be riding in the drawing-room instead of a chair car. He is riding from Albany to New York on the east side of the river because the Palisades on the west side can be seen through the window. He will arrive at the Grand Central about 4.30 because the train is passing the Day Boat which docks at 5.30 o'clock. He is wearing **Ultex One-piece Bifocals** which he bought at the up-to-date optical store of GEORGE E. HOMER, opposite the Railroad Station.

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

John Desmond and his son, Dr. Walter Desmond, Harry O. Bangs and a couple of army officers from Camp Devens left Monday morning on an auto trip to Montreal. They will arrive back in town in about ten days.

The annual field day of St. Anthony's parish will take place on the grounds adjoining the church this week Saturday. A small admission fee will be charged.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weare, Jr., leave this week Saturday for a vacation at Pigeon Cove, returning home about the first of September.

Private Lester James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harding M. James, arrived home last Saturday from overseas, having been in France since July, 1918, going from Camp Devens with the 76th Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton I. Damon, of Gardner, and their two children are guests of Mrs. Damon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant.

Mrs. Bertha Authier moved to Harvard this week to take charge of a large boarding house for men who are employed at a saw mill and box factory.

Miss Dolly Knowles spent a few days this week at the home of her brother, W. Willard Knowles, of Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond have rented the Snell house on Center road and will occupy the same in the course of a couple of weeks.

Miss Ruth Whitaker, who returned from the Clinton hospital, is gaining slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman and two children spent a few days the first of the week in New Hampshire, making the trip by auto.

Earle Weare left last Saturday for California to remain indefinitely.

Shirley residents have felt the sugar shortage keenly the past three weeks with berries and fruits of all kinds ready to can and no sugar to be had.

John Leahy, sixteen years of age, of Somerville, was arrested Monday afternoon by Patrolman McCarthy of Cambridge, while in the act of stealing an automobile belonging to James E. Church from in front of a house in Cambridge. Leahy said that he and another boy, Harold Allen, sixteen, of Cambridge, had escaped from the Shirley Industrial School for Boys.

Alliance Meeting.

Mrs. Georgia H. Farnsworth entertained the Alliance at her home last week Thursday. It proved to be one of the pleasantest and most largely attended meetings of the season, nearly thirty members and guests being present. Besides being hostess Mrs. Farnsworth, as president, presided over the business meeting, which was opened with the usual exercises. One new member was elected.

The report of the base hospital visiting committee, given by Mrs. Lindenberg, chairman, showed that the sum of $91 had been received from various sources and used by the committee to purchase delicacies for the hospital patients. This was supplemented by individual gifts of fruit, flowers, eggs, jelly, vegetables and other articles; 130 soldiers were entertained at Shirley homes on various afternoons.

Plans were discussed for an Alliance lawn party to be held in two weeks' time. On September 4 the Alliance will meet with Mrs. Cora Hills and Mrs. Price, of Lunenburg, for an all-day meeting and picnic.

Mrs. Dorothy C. Davis gave a talk of the life of Sir Walter Scott and read a selection from the Lady of the Lake. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her friend, Miss Effie Park, of Lowell.

The Ashby Alliance was represented by Mrs. Ellen E. Schenck, M. D., a former Shirley resident, Miss Lawrence and Miss Gates.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Farnsworth for her generous hospitality. The meeting closed with the singing of "America, with Miss Millie Parker at the piano.

Center.

Clarence Clark, of Springfield, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodbeck and family, who have been living in the Harris cottage on Clark road, have moved into the house at Woodsville formerly occupied by the Frary family, and which has been closed since the rifle range was established at Woodsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence White, Miss Smith and Miss Grace Wallace, of Nashua, N. H., were visitors on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves.

William Wilkins, Miss Florence Wilkins and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Wilkins, of Woodsville, spent Sunday with relatives in Arlington.

Rev. Francis E. Webster of Waltham will conduct the service at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon at 3.15.

Miss Elizabeth Warren, of Lunenburg, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl F. Goodrich on Center road.

Mrs. Clarence Clark and baby returned on Tuesday to their home in Springfield after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Miss Carrie G. Bradford, who has been attending summer school at Columbia university, is expected home Saturday.

William Wilkins and son, Elmer E. Wilkins, of Woodsville, left this week for Moncton, N. B., to spend a week with relatives.

Charles E. Bradford, of Mystic, Conn., has been spending a few days at home with his family.

Mrs. E. J. Stevens, a former resident at the North, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth at the North.

Dewey Perkins, who was confined to the house for several days as the result of being thrown from a wagon last week at the village, is now able to be out again.

Evans Arnold, of Needham, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, who has often visited in town, has arrived at Camp Devens from overseas, and expects to receive his discharge this week.

The Center baseball team played in Lunenburg last Saturday afternoon and received a severe beating to the tune of 21 to 4. Bolton pitched part of the game for the Center team, but was replaced by Freeman, Parsons catching for both. This game served to show the weak spots in the team, and with some rearrangement and practice a good game is looked for on Saturday afternoon of this week when Lunenburg comes to the Center for a return game. The game will be played on Longley field and will start at three o'clock.

Benton Mackaye has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Steele Mackaye.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves and family visited friends in Royalston last week Friday.

Two Ford automobiles came together on the state road at Woodsville on Sunday evening, through the efforts of one to avoid striking a bicycle. One machine came out of the mixup with a broken front wheel, while the other was only slightly damaged.

Announcements are out for the coming marriage of Miss Helen Marion Bradford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford, to Ralph Norman Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves, which is to be held at the Bradford home on Monday afternoon, September first.

Norma and Charles Adams of West Roxbury are spending a few days with their grandfather, Albert Adams.

In the final match in the doubles tennis tournament, Forrest B. Wing and Miss Miriam Goodspeed beat Geoffrey Bolton and Miss Harriet Bridgman, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1.

A concert for the benefit of the Forum fund is to be held in the town hall on Friday evening, August 29, under the direction of Miss Sara A. Dunn. An elaborate program is being prepared and among those who will take part in it are: Mrs. Charles O. Purdy and Miss Christine G. Longley, will sing; Miss Hazel Cummings, pianist; Miss Vera Bradford, readings. A piano will be moved into the hall especially for this occasion.

Almond Wing, of Brookline, is spending a few days at the home of Albert Adams.

The Center baseball team played the Shirley Industrial school at the Industrial school grounds on Wednesday afternoon and returned home victors by the score of 15 to 6. Torrey pitched for the Industrial school, while Hudson and Parsons were the battery for the Center team.

Miss Vera Bradford has returned home after spending two weeks with friends in Bath, Me.

Victor H. Rice of Massachusetts Agricultural college was introduced by Roy C. Cool, the presiding officer, as the speaker of the evening at the meeting of the Shirley Forum last Sunday evening. Mr. Rice gave an interesting talk describing his work as a promoter of pig clubs, etc., among the children. His address was illustrated by three reels of moving pictures. The first reel had to do with canning, and showed the manufacture of Good Luck rubber rings from beginning to end. The second reel had to do with the raising of pigs and the activities of the children's pig clubs. The third reel, taken very recently, showed Farmers' week at the agricultural college, attendance at which is one of the prizes for pig club and other similar work carried on by the children.

At the meeting of the Forum on Sunday evening, August 17, the subject will be "Limits of free speech in America." It is expected that Howard Marshall of Somerville will be the speaker of the evening. On the following Sunday evening, the subject will be "Democracy and education" and the speaker will be Dallas Sharp of Boston University.

Norman D. Fletcher, of Ayer, preached a very fine sermon on "The divine within" at the First Parish church last Sunday. It was all that the subject would imply. On Sunday morning, August 17, at eleven o'clock, Chaplain Charles O. Purdy, of Camp Devens, will preach. Mrs. Purdy will sing a solo. All cordially welcome.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

The much talked of and greatly anticipated baseball game between the service and non-service men came off last week Friday night at Marshall's park. At 6.45 Ernest K. Procfor pitched the first ball and the great game began. There was fine playing on both sides and the result was in doubt until the last man was out, the score being 6 to 5 in favor of the non-service men. The service men have challenged the non-service men to another game.

Rev. Robert Leavens occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church last Sunday morning and gave an up-to-date sermon upon the issues of the day.

The many friends of Rev. Alfred and Mrs. Noon will be pleased to know that his voice is to be heard again in the sanctuaries of Lunenburg. On Sunday morning, August 17, he will preach in the Congregational church; later in the Methodist church.

Paul Clifton Martin, manager of a department store in Haverhill, with his little son David, visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Martin, last week. Major John Lawrence Martin, the hero of Mr. Martin's most interesting "story of a soldier," as told by him in church a few weeks ago, and lately discharged from service in England, also visited his parents and other friends last week, and all attended the picnic at Fort pond last week Wednesday, which proved to be a very pleasant social affair in spite of the lowery weather.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson on Wednesday, August 6, when their oldest daughter, Lena, was united in marriage with Vernon Ingman.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeCoff was enlivened last Sunday by the arrival of a nine-pound boy, who will bear the name of Orville Allen.

Special Town Meeting.

A special town meeting was held in the town hall last Tuesday evening to see what action the town would take in regard to building an addition to the North schoolhouse. There was not a very large attendance, there being only about fifty of the voters of the town present, and many of those did not exercise their right of suffrage. The meeting was of short duration, it being in session only one hour, but in that hour statistics were given in regard to the North school which had not been heard or dreamed of before. For instance, the number of pupils for the last nine years, ranging from 22 to 42, up to date, proving conclusively that the present school room was altogether too small to accommodate the pupils of 1919, and if the population of that district should increase during the next nine years as it has in the past nine years a new schoolhouse will be needed instead of an addition to the old one. After all arguments pro and con had been heard the question was put to vote, first by voice vote, which was declared lost, and a show of hands was called for, resulting in a large majority in favor of building the addition, and the sum of $4000 was voted to build and equip said addition to the North schoolhouse.

It was also voted under Article 3 to raise and appropriate $150 for the purpose of rebuilding the cattle culvert on the Leominster road, near the Houghton place. This vote was taken and appropriation made after Fred J. Savage had explained the necessity for the work, and pledged himself to furnish a man, team and all the stone necessary for the work.

The meeting then adjourned and those who were too timid or for other reasons had nothing to say inside the hall, had free speech and fully exercised their privilege on the sidewalk.

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Groton, Mass., August 12, 1919.

The owner and occupants of the following described parcel of real estate, situated in the Town of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public, are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for said Groton by the Assessors of Taxes, remain unpaid and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall Building in said Groton on **Wednesday, the tenth day of September, 1919, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.,** for the payment of said taxes with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Percy W. Fuller

A parcel of land in Groton, near the upper end of Long Pond, containing five acres, more or less, of hard land, beside the swamp, described as follows:

Beginning at Bolt's corner, so-called; thence southeasterly 105⅔ feet to a point on a large rock; thence southwesterly in a straight line by the west side of the meadow 406½ feet to an ash tree marked; thence making an angle of 253° 15′ and running by the north side of an old dam and over a large rock to a stake and stones 168 feet; thence running southeasterly 425 feet to a stake and stones; thence running southerly 294 feet to a stake and stones; thence southwesterly 22½ feet to a stake and stones at the said Long Pond; thence westerly by said Pond to a stake and stones; thence northwesterly on the same line 56½ feet to a large hollow oak stump with stones in it on the edge of hard land; thence making an angle of 101° 20′ 46¾ feet to a stake and stones; thence making an angle of 230° 20′ 112¾ feet to a stake and stones; thence making an angle of 205° 51′ S83 3/10 feet to the point of beginning. Being the same parcel conveyed to Percy W. Fuller by Arthur G. Fuller the second day of August, 1907, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 3528, page 286.

Tax 1915	$3.25
Tax 1916	3.00
Tax 1917	3.80
Tax 1918	3.13

M. P. SWALLOW,
3t50 Tax Collector.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of EVANGELINE POTTER ARMSTRONG late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.
Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to KENNETH P. ARMSTRONG of Somerville in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of September A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.
3t50 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE H. McKEE late of Groton in said County, deceased.
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARY G. McKEE who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of September A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.
3t50 F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Saturday, Aug. 23
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There will also be large consignments of stock of all kinds and everything that makes up a real country auction.

This auction sale should attract anyone looking to better themselves in the horse market.

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Groton, Mass., August 13, 1919.

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Saturday, August 16, 1919

PEPPERELL

News Items.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning, at 10.45, the pastor will preach on the theme "In His steps." Sunday school at noon. At 7.30 the regular evening service with preaching by the pastor on the subject, "Troublesome thought." Tuesday evening prayer meeting at 7.30, as usual.

The reunion of the Fletcher-Blood families, held annually on August 17, may be postponed until the following Monday, unless it is decided better to hold it on Saturday of this week. The reunion will be held at the Pepperell Springs, as formerly.

John Hammond, the sixteen-year-old son of Mrs. Olive Pierce Hammond, is visiting at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce, and his aunt, Mrs. W. E. Chapman, coming from Whitinsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Kimball returned to their home in Whitman on Monday after a ten-days' stay with their daughter, Mrs. B. W. Rust, and family, at the Methodist parsonage.

Main street was "touched up" with little patches of gravel in the deepest holes and ruts this week in a vain effort to improve the travel thereon. Many drivers are avoiding it if possible.

Alvin Wright and family were in town from Ayer on Tuesday. It is understood their place on Brookline street has been leased, the parties to occupy it about September 1.

Edwin Hodkinson went from here to Boston, Tuesday, on his way back home to Brooklyn, N. Y., hoping for quicker train service from there than through Worcester, the way he came on Saturday.

George Lakin, Jr., visited his parents in town over Sunday, from Lowell. He was conveyed home by his father by team, Sunday night, to avoid delays on Monday morning.

Mrs. John Hodge and daughter, Miss Marion, and Mrs. Whidden, all from Dorchester, returned home the latter part of the week after a two-weeks' visit with Mrs. Elmer Gilson, Groton street.

Miss Anna Sartelle is taking a two-weeks' vacation from her duties as clerk in the store of Tower & Cook. By reason of indisposition the latter part of last week she began an enforced vacation then for three days.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Stewart are taking a vacation in an ideal fashion. They went from here by auto the latter part of last week, providing themselves with a varied paraphernalia in order to camp and picnic by the way if they chose. Their first stop was at Portland, Me., where they visited for a short time, going from there to Yarmouth, Me., their objective point being Glenholme, N. S., where Mrs. Stewart has relatives. They expect to spend about two weeks there, and Mr. Stewart took along his fishing tackle for the salmon and trout fishing in that vicinity.

Martin Brown, a former resident here, with a party of friends from Long Island, were entertained by some of his former associates in town over Sunday at Camp Florida, Massapoag pond.

Lieut. Walter L. Bartley, with his wife, who was formerly Miss Margaret Park, and their infant son, Walter Lee, Jr., arrived in town last week from Louisville, Ky., Lieut. Bartley having been stationed at Camp Zachery Taylor since February 1. They were the guests of Miss Anne Jewell, leaving on Saturday for a visit with Wisner Park, of Concord Junction. They return here the latter part of this week, before going to their new home in Bristol, Conn., where Lieut. Bartley will once more enter upon the life of a civilian, resuming his connection with a manufacturing firm.

Mrs. Lyle Wilkins, of Albany, N. Y., is the guest of Misses Annah and Margaret Blood, coming from Lake George, where she has been spending the month of July with her husband on their vacation. Mrs. Wilkins will be recalled and welcomed by many, having passed many summers here in town, as Miss Jennie Whitney, before her marriage last year.

Miss Eva Shepardson, of the Nashua River Paper Company's office force, resumed her duties there on Monday after a visit of several days in Mansfield.

Nathaniel W. Appleton has been quite critically ill at his home on Mt. Lebanon during the week past, from an attack of neuralgia. Mrs. Appleton has been staying with him, as at one time he could not be moved. They will probably come to their home at East Village this week, if he continues to improve. He received the message on last Saturday of the death of a favorite aunt, Mrs. Nathaniel D. Silsbee, of Boston, whose death occurred very suddenly, but he was unable to attend her services, which were held at the crematory chapel, Forest Hills, Sunday.

Miss Glenys Green, daughter of Mrs. M. G. Green, made her first unattended railway trip last week to visit with friends in Concord, N. H. A reassuring telephone reached Mrs. Green that day of the safe arrival of her fourteen-year-old daughter.

Mrs. Mary Parkhill, of Leominster, was the guest of her friend, Mrs. Albert Gilbert, last week.

S. Thompson Blood, of Concord Junction, spent a few days with his sisters, Misses Annah and Margaret Blood, this week.

Mrs. Bessie S. Fennelly and son, of Medford, formerly of this town, are visiting Mrs. Fennelly's sister, Mrs Rupert Blood, for a few days.

Chester Fuller came from Brooklyn, N. Y., Saturday, to spend Sunday with his wife and child at his old home. He was accompanied by his friend, Edwin Hodkinson, whose family are also here. Mr. Fuller was obliged to return on Monday to his work in a machine shop in New York, Mr. Hodkinson remaining for a longer visit.

The state tax has been received, exceeding by a small sum that of last year, and the assessors announce the rate of taxation for this town as $22.30 per thousand. The rate last year was but $21.50.

Mrs. Ernest Melendy and child went to Cushing, Me., on Friday of last week for a visit of some weeks with her brother, Don Rivers, and family.

Walter Stone and daughter Alice, who have been visiting his sister, Mrs E. M. Durrell, and brother, Thomas Stone, and family, at North Pepperell, returned to their home at East Boston on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. S. McNayr is suffering from injuries to the knee, requiring the attendance of a physician.

Principal D. L. Whitmarsh returned last week from a stay of some weeks at his old home near Stafford, N. H.

Miss Emeline Gagnon of Nashua has been spending a part of this week with her grandmother, Mrs. Bourgeois, off Leighton street.

Joseph Donnelly started on a business trip to New York last week on Saturday, leaving here by auto as a precaution against possible railway delays. Mrs. Donnelly and Eugene came back with the car after reaching Hartford, Conn., as it was ascertained that train service from there would be fairly good.

Mrs. C. W. Gillespie came from Erie, Pa., last week, and on Thursday, in company with her little daughter Virginia, who has been spending the summer with her grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Gillespie, she went to Lake Winnipesaukee. They are to be the guests of her sister, Mrs. Grover, on Grover's Island, for the remainder of August.

One of the large auto trucks which has been operated in town, removing paper and stock from the papermill for storage, under the direction of Mr. Blackmer, while on the last trip from the Hollingsworth mills on Tuesday night, met with a mishap at the foot of the hill on Canal street, near Saunders' Corner. In turning aside to avoid running over a dog, the machine crashed into the slight railing on the embankment and the wheels dropped over into the deep ditch. Although not turning turtle the truck was too far over to permit of its getting out under its own power and had to be pulled out with the second truck the next day. The car had several of the workmen aboard, coming here for the night, but no one was injured, as the speed was not great at the time of the accident, and they were coming up grade.

Miss Minerva Miller went to Laconia, N. H., on Tuesday, to visit her sister, Mrs. M. A. Herbert, for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen motored up from Worcester to spend a few hours with their friend, Mrs. W. W. Gillespie, on Sunday.

The picnic of the Mt. Lebanon Community Associates was held on Wednesday at Whalom park, two autos of the Bennett brothers conveying the party of nine. A very pleasant day is reported, with the varied amusements of the matinee at the theatre there and boating and rides around the lake.

The treasurer of the District Nursing association is unable at this time, Thursday noon, to make final report on the recent drive, as some of the committees have not yet reported.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid society, which was held on Wednesday afternoon, had too small an attendance to plan for a fair, as intended. An invitation was received from Mrs. G. F. Durgin to meet with her at Maple-shade farm, next week Thursday afternoon, for a social afternoon and picnic tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Andrews and son visited at his old home in town, from Ayer, last Sunday.

The tide of summer guests is about at its height, nearly every family being now remembered by their city friends. At Mt. Lebanon House Miss Mollie Wilson has her usual quota of about twenty, many of whom have been regular guests there for a number of seasons back.

Irving Church, recently discharged from the service, has a position as chauffeur for a firm running an auto truck from Boston to Providence, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robbins and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Robbins went into Boston with Ralph Willoughby, by auto, Sunday, to visit Mrs. Florence Willoughby, who had an operation of critical nature performed at the Woman's hospital in Brookline last week. The party were not all allowed to see her, but she is said to be as comfortable as could be expected.

Mrs. Thomas Attridge and son returned last Saturday from their two weeks in New York state, Mrs. Attridge resuming her duties at the telephone exchange on Sunday. Her mother, Mrs. Grenier, who resides with her, was called to Nashua on Saturday by the news of the death of a relative, Alexander Gendron, of that city. Both Mrs. Grenier and Mrs. Attridge attended the funeral services on Tuesday.

Mrs. Grover Robbins and child started to return to their home in Pittsburgh, Pa., last Saturday after a stay of several weeks at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Robbins. There is some anxiety felt about the inconvenience she may have encountered by the cancellation of trains owing to the strike.

Francis Dwyer, Walter Sullivan and William Davis are camping at Plymouth Beach as the guests of Rev. Fr. Connelly, going on Sunday by auto.

Miss Audrey Nye, of Leominster, is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Letender, coming with friends from Sandown, N. H., where she had been making a visit.

Mrs. A. J. Woodward, Park street, is visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity. Miss Robinson, who assists her, is having a short stay at her home on Nashua street.

Mrs. Chester Fuller and child, and her friend, Mrs. Edwin Hodkinson, and two boys, started on their return trip to their home in Brooklyn, N. Y., Wednesday, accompanied by Charles Fuller, who is to take a week's vacation from Mr. Rowell's grain store.

Miss Esther Robbins has been visiting friends in Fitchburg the past week.

The party of ladies, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Hobart and Mrs. Mault, who have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Child in Ogunquit, Me., returned home the first of the week, being obliged to come by trolley from Portsmouth, N. H., owing to the cancellation of a train connecting through to Epping. The last part of the trip, from Nashua, was made by auto, Mr. Woodward meeting the party there.

Miss Nellie Everson, of Boston, came last week to remain for awhile with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Denham, coming from a visit with friends in Scituate.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Strout and a party of friends, from Rumford, Me., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs John Sullivan, Mill street, coming by auto.

Mrs. W. S. Saunders and daughter, Miss Sallie, recently returned here to the home of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Hoskins, after a visit in New Hampshire. They intend to leave here on Sunday for Philadelphia and other points in Pennsylvania, on their way back to their home at Roanoke, Rapids, S. C.

Community Service Club.

Several members of the club met on Monday evening for the regular meeting, being entertained at the Golf Clubhouse by some of the older members of the club, who substituted for the Misses Geiger and Blood, who will take their turn next week instead. A pleasant evening was enjoyed with refreshments, and dancing with Victrola music.

During the business session the resignation of Miss Anna Boynton, as president, received at a former meeting, was acted upon and accepted with regrets. A unanimous vote was given Miss Elizabeth Wright for the remainder of this season and next, as president of the club.

Plans were made for the dance on this week Saturday evening, which will be under the chairmanship of Miss Dorothy Dennen. An orchestra has been secured for the occasion from Fitchburg, and there will be ice cream on sale as before.

Concerning the final dance of the season, August 30, which was at first spoken of as a costume party, it has now been changed and will be a "Kippy-Kabaray" dance instead. Vaudeville acts and solo dancing will be introduced as a novelty between the regular dances. Further plans are to be made at the next meeting of the club on Monday evening, and it is desirable that all possible be present. Miss Margaret Boynton is chairman of the committee for the same.

Sudden Death.

Narcisse Bourgeois, who has been employed for some time past at the fruit store of Premo Borgatti, was taken with an attack of heart trouble while on his way home on Saturday evening, about seven o'clock, and expired before a physician could be summoned, or he could be removed to his home, just off Leighton street.

He had apparently been in his usual health during the afternoon and had just met a neighbor and spoken with her, near the corner of Groton and Leighton streets. She had only gone a few steps when she heard him fall, and hastened to him and called to Mr. Tumpney across the street. In a very short time there were plenty to render assistance. Mr. Bourgeois was breathing when they raised him, but died before a doctor could reach him.

He was a native of Canada and has been in this part of the country only a few years and in Pepperell about two years. The neighbors speak of him as a kind-hearted, gentlemanly person, exceedingly inoffensive in all his habits and apparently very devoted to his wife, to whom the news of his sudden death came as a great shock.

The body was taken to Nashua, N. H., on Sunday, to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Gagnon, who resides there. Services were held on Tuesday morning at St. Louis de Gonzague church. Mr. Borgatti from this town attended.

Mrs. Bourgeois will break up her home here and go to live with her daughter.

Second Annual Outing.

The employees of the Pepperell Braiding Company held their second annual outing at Whalom Park last Saturday. The weather of the day was perfect picnic temperature, adding much to the pleasure of the fifty and more who participated. About forty of the young lady employees were conveyed in a large motor truck. Dinner was served at the park at noon, under the direction of the dinner committee, Mary Cunniff, Nellie Gainey, Florence O'Neil and Louise West.

In the afternoon sports were held from 1.30 to 3 o'clock, under the direction of the committee, Effie Winship, Dorothy Dennen and Monica Haggerty, resulting as follows: Potato race, Helen Lynch 1st, Ellen Colbert 2d; 50-yard dash for girls, Frances Supple 1st, Ellen Colbert 2d; 50-yard dash for men, Joseph Mellen 1st, Donald Chase 2d; 50-yard dash for ladies, Edith Dow 1st, Beatrice Keith 2d; peanut bag contest, Gladys O'Neil 1st, Madeline Connolly 2d; doughnut eating contest, Dorothy Tredtin 1st, Edith Dow 2d; novelty race, Anna Haggerty 1st, Beatrice Hawley 2d; tug-of-war, ladies, Ellen Colbert's team 1st, Dorothy Tredtin's team 2d; tug-of-war, men, Mr. Mellen's team 1st, Mr. McGraw's team 2d.

Transportation was provided for by the Pepperell Braiding Company and everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Wedding.

A very pretty wedding took place on Sunday, August 10, at St. Joseph's parsonage, when Miss Eva Robinson, of Pepperell, and Laurie B. Perry, of Marlboro, were joined in marriage by Rev. Fr. Barry. Miss Nellie Driscoll, of this town, acted as bridesmaid, and James Robinson, as best man.

The bride was charmingly gowned in white Georgette crepe over white satin, and wore a bridal veil caught with white rosebuds, in the bonnet effect head-dress. She carried a shower bouquet of white rosebuds and sweet peas. The bridesmaid was gowned in lavender Georgette over satin, with large black picture hat, and carried pink asters.

The reception to the immediate relatives and friends followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson, Nashua street. Owing to the recent death of the brother of the bride, it was a very quiet one.

The wedding presents were many and beautiful, consisting of silver, china and gold. Among them was a beautiful chest of silver, presented by the employees of the Pepperell Card & Paper Co., where the bride has been employed.

Miss Robinson was born and educated in this town and has a large circle of friends and associates.

Mr. Perry is a resident of Marlboro, having recently returned from France. He was on his way to the front line at the time of the signing of the armistice.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry left for a honeymoon trip in the White Mountains amid a shower of rice and confetti, and with the best wishes of their many friends.

Deaths.

Mrs. Lizzie Greenhalgh, widow of the late Charles Greenhalgh, of Springfield, passed away at the summer home of her step-son, George T. Greenhalgh, Thursday, August 7, at the age of sixty-seven years.

Mrs. Greenhalgh was not in her usual health when she came here to visit at the farm on the Friday preceding her death. She became quite seriously ill on Sunday and although everything was done towards aiding her recovery, the skill of physicians and a trained nurse proved of no avail, the cause of death being heart disease. She had made several firm friends in the past years when she has visited here in town and was regarded as a person of strong character and sterling worth.

The deceased is survived by the one step-son above mentioned; also, by a brother, Mr. Lawe, of Boston, who visited her at the farm only the day before her death occurred.

On the day following her death, just at twilight, simple, impressive services were held at the home, Rev. Mr. Webster giving the Episcopal service of the church. The quiet hour, combined with the fading daylight, made a service which will long be remembered by those attending. The remains were taken to Springfield on Saturday morning in charge of Undertaker Blood, the family following by automobile. Services were held at the undertaking rooms in that city and burial was in the family lot in Ludlow.

The death of Mrs. Ellen (McAtee) Cahill, widow of the late Michael Cahill, occurred at her home on the Nashua road, Friday, August 8, after an illness which had confined her to the bed for a little over a year. Mrs. Cahill was possessed of a strong constitution and much vitality which sustained her up to the very last, and on the day preceding her death she was able to be bolstered up in bed as usual. She was a native of Ireland and was ninety-one years of age on her last birthday, which occurred in June.

Mrs. Cahill came to this country when comparatively young, and her marriage occurred sixty-three years ago in St. Peter's church in Lowell, Rev. Fr. Crudden performing the ceremony, as she often pleased to recount. Mr. and Mrs. Cahill were the parents of nine children, three of whom were born in Lowell before their removal to Pepperell, where they lived for more than fifty years. Five children survive her. Thomas Cahill resides in Long Island and was unable to reach here on Sunday owing to railroad conditions. Another son, William, living in Worcester, was present; also, a married daughter, Mrs. Anna Cahill Ruffal, of New York, who has been spending some weeks in assisting in the care of her mother. The other two daughters are Mrs. Nellie McGrath and Miss Jennie Cahill, both of this town. Of the immediate relatives the two grandchildren, Arthur McGrath, from Springfield, and Miss Alice McGrath, from Boston, were both present at the services; also, another grandson, the son of Mrs. Ruffals. There are also two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from St. Joseph's church on Sunday afternoon at 2.30, in charge of Rev. Fr. Barry, who also conducted the brief committal service at the lot in St. Joseph's cemetery. On Monday morning at eight o'clock high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Barry.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

Miss Frances Tomer, assistant to Mrs. Ida S. Harrington, home demonstration agent with the Middlesex County Farm Bureau, of agriculture and home economics, will instruct a class of twelve ladies each Monday afternoon during the month of September. The class will be held in the new municipal building. The work to be taken up will be economic clothing and home dress-making.

Misses Annie and Mamie Doolan spent Thursday in Ashburnham to witness the welcome home day to returned men of the service.

The household goods of Mrs. Bertha Authier were taken by auto truck, Wednesday, to Harvard, where Mrs. Authier is to run a large boarding house.

E. B. Winterbottom is spending a few days with Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Corley, of Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding M. James and son Merrill leave Sunday for a vacation of two weeks, to be spent in Hartswell, Me.

Leon Bride has received his discharge and with his wife and daughter will return to their home in Lawrence, where Mr. Bride will engage in the plumbing business.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman start Sunday for a two-weeks' auto trip to New Hampshire and Connecticut.

The various places of business were officially notified the past week in regard to the forty-eight-hour law for the employment of women and children.

Miss Catherine Murnane, public health nurse, is rooming at the home of Mrs. Catherine Fernald.

The Girls' Club for Service are planning to close their doors around the first of September.

Plans are being made for a lawn party to be held on the grounds of the Unitarian church next Thursday afternoon. Useful and fancy articles; also, refreshments, will be on sale.

Center.

In the singles tennis tournament Miss Miriam Goodspeed defeated Miss Harriet Bridgman, 6-1, 6-1. Miss Goodspeed will meet Forrest B. Wing soon in the final match of the tournament.

The baseball game scheduled for Thursday afternoon between the Center team and the Shirley Grange team had to be postponed on account of the rain.

The program for the meeting of the Forum on Sunday evening has been changed. The subject will be "Great Britain and America—What is the real feeling of the British people toward the United States? Are they grateful for our help in the war? Are the two countries likely to become commercial rivals?" The speaker will be Frederic Houston Kent, of Boston. Mr. Kent has been for the last two years carrying on educational work among the American soldiers in British camps, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. He has been in constant touch, not only with the army, but with the civilians, and can bring first-hand information concerning the real attitude of the British people toward America and the rest of the world. He has been speaking during the last few weeks in various places in this country, and has made a profound impression upon his audiences. He is a pleasing and vigorous public speaker. The meeting opens at 7.30 and everybody is welcome.

In the Boston Traveler of Tuesday evening appeared an article concerning Miss Priscilla Sweetser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sweetser, former residents of the Center. The article was illustrated by a photograph of Miss Sweetser, who is to take part in a victory pageant to be given by the young women of Quincy as part of the Quincy welcome home celebration on September 6. Over 400 girls will participate in the affair, rehearsals of which are being held daily under the direction of War Camp Community Service leaders. Miss Sweetser takes the part of the Goddess of Revels, and the pageant opens with her and her nymphs dancing in the open. She is later enthroned and at her summons the different countries appear before her in their native dress.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waitt, who have been visiting friends and relatives in St. John, returned home last week. They visited Niagara Falls and other points of interest along the St. Lawrence river before going to Canada. Both report a splendid trip from beginning to end.

Miss Ethel Mead is still on the sick list, although she is slowly gaining back her strength. Her sister, Mrs. Frank Dodge, spent a few days with her this week.

Friends of Miss Helen Flerra are very sorry to hear that she has typhoid fever. Last reports say that she is a little better, but will be confined to her bed for sometime yet.

We are very glad to report that the net proceeds from the Grange lawn party amounts to nearly seventy dollars, instead of fifty, as at first reported.

Mrs. Daniel Wetherbee, of Worcester, is a recent guest at Walnut farm.

Miss Ruth Lund, of Boston, has been enjoying a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Richardson.

Townspeople will be interested to hear that Francis Brick, a former superintendent of schools in this district, has returned from overseas. Mr. Brick was in charge of one of the Y. M. C. A. huts in France, and was one who would be a success in that line of work. He has accepted a position as superintendent of the Springfield and Monson schools, and will reside in Monson. Mr. Brick was superintendent here about eight years ago, and spent several summers here in town.

Miss Mabel Wetherbee, who has been attending the summer school at Hyannis for the past five weeks, returned home last Saturday. She reports a splendid time.

Miss Lillian Watson, of South Lincoln, has been a recent guest at J. A. Walker's, and Mrs. A. L. Timothy and daughter Nettie, of Clinton, were Sunday guests.

Mrs. C. B. Robbins entertained several of her neighbors on the hill at a "porch party" on last Monday evening. Refreshments were served and all report a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, Anton and Rudolph Swanson and Miss Ada Swanson motored to Providence, R. I., Thursday, to visit relatives.

Several from town attended the dance in Acton Center last Saturday evening, and also the lawn party and dance on last week Thursday evening.

The Tokatawan club will hold a lawn party and dance in the new town hall on Tuesday evening, August 19. Concert by Sheridan's orchestra from eight to nine, which will also furnish music for the dancing. The usual and unusual lawn party attractions. No doubt this will be your last chance at a lawn party in Boxborough this summer, so there will be a "good time" for everyone who attends.

There was a meeting of the Canning club on Wednesday afternoon at the church vestry. Miss Dorothy Stockin, assistant county club leader, was present and chose the girls who would represent the Canning club on the demonstration team. Misses Mildred Wetherbee, Priscilla Hager and Marian Coffey will be the ones from here to compete with the various clubs of the county for county championship. We wish the girls success and know they will do their best to win out. Miss Fay was also present, afterward visiting the members of the other clubs to see how the home work was progressing. The Boxborough clubs have a good standing among the other clubs of the county and need the support of all the townspeople to make it the highest.

The annual cradle roll and lawn party was held on the church lawn, Wednesday afternoon. A large number of the children were present and they seemed to enjoy themselves most of the time. A few of them spoke some little pieces, which were appreciated by everyone. Mrs. A. W. Nelson, superintendent of the cradle roll, read a few letters from the children's missionary, Carolyn Sewall, who is in China. Refreshments were served and there was a social time for everyone.

Church services will be held as usual this Sunday. Sermon by the pastor. Don't forget the Sunday school and the evening service. Those who were at church last Sunday were very glad to see Rev. William C. Martin and his family, of Millbury. The townspeople are always very glad of an opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Martin again.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Mrs. Frank Smith, her children, and her sister, Miss Inez Blanchard, visited Mrs. Smith's parents in New Ipswich for two weeks. Mrs. Smith returned Saturday night, but Miss Blanchard and Clarissa Smith will remain two weeks longer.

Everett Kelley, his wife, daughter and young son, of Allston, motored to town Tuesday and called on the friends of his youth.

TREMONT THEATRE, BOSTON

Happy precedents come most often by good fortune and they apparently are installed by the easiest of methods. But it is a truism that they are exceedingly difficult to adhere to in succeeding ventures. Apparently Henry W. Savage has discovered this rare formula in his theatrical productions, for they seem to follow in regular succession, and each vies with its predecessor for worth and eminence in pleasing qualities. There has been a dating back to the happy "Prince of Pilsen" days, and now again he comes to the fore with an attraction that instantly stamped itself upon the public mind as deserving of the highest approval. And to make the relation of things more perfect the attraction is at the Tremont theatre, Boston, where so many of the history-making pleasure productions obtained their first start.

The title of the new musical comedy is "See Saw," and since its first production two weeks ago there has not been a single performance that has not had its capacity audiences. This has been because the highest standard of musical comedy production has been adhered to and the genius and opulence of Henry W. Savage has been applied to the making of it.

The story of the comedy has been taken from Earl Derr Biggers' popular story, "Love Insurance," the stage version having been made by Mr. Biggers himself, who also turned his clever hand at the writing of the lyrics. The music was composed by Louis A. Hirsch, who stands today as one of the most popular American composers.

The plot is ingenious and admirably constructed, and concerns an impecunious English lord who endeavors to safeguard his coming marriage with an American heiress by insuring the project with Lloyds, the famous takers of risks who insure anything from fingers to ships.

The company includes many popular entertainers in this field of the theatre and, as is customary with Savage productions, the girls of the chorus are the most refreshing, youthful and beautiful coterie ever seen in Boston. Mail orders will be carefully filled. Matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The Wednesday afternoon performance being popularly priced.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The first time that fire engines with hose-pipes were used, was in May, 1676, at the great fire in Southwark, which destroyed about six hundred homes.

Crop reporters of the Bureau of Crop Estimates throughout the United States report an average price of hogs to farmers a 100 pounds of $15.92 as the mean of the monthly prices. In 1915 it was $6.50; in 1916, $8.20, and in 1917, $13.59.

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