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A joint meeting of the heards of selectmen and the boards of health of the towns of Harvard, Languaster, Groon, Pepperell, Ayer, Shirley and Fraumsand was held this Friday and the towns of Haryard, Lancaster, Gro-ton, Pepperell, Ayer, Shirley and Townsend was held this Friday after-noon at Ayer to consider police, sani-tary and moral problems and the best methods to solve them when the mil-itary camp will be opened at Ayer. Chairman F. B. Higgins represented the Public Safety committee at this meeting.

meeting.

The regular weekly meeting of the Red Cross Auxiliary met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. G. Fessenden. A representative from the Flitchburg chapter was present and gave instruction in survical dressing.

Sunday, June 9, will be observed as Children's day at the Methodist church. The morning service will include a program by the children and music in charge of the pastor's wife. Mrs. Tuttle. Rev. George Newhall will preach at the evening service. It is now expected that the new pastor will arrive from California and occupy the public Sunday. June 17.

At the Congregational church Rev.

At the Congregational church Rev. A. L. Struthers Sunday morning sermon subject will be "Our flag and our children." Sermon subject to the children "Camelian and Porcupine characters."

The Townsend Brass band will give their first band concert of the season on the common Friday evening, June 9, weather permitting.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Doherty and little Elizabeth of Back Bay, Boston, spent fuesday in this village, calling on old

Mr. and Mrs. James Christie of Wollaston and Mrs. Annie Leadbetter of Somerville, mother of Mrs. Christie, called recently on friends at the Cape. Mrs. Christie will be remembered as the daughter of the late Mark Leadbetter.

SHIRLEY

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Saturday, June 9, 1917.

WESTFORD

Miss M. A. Cloyd, of Pelham, N. H. is visiting at the Congregational par

so visiting at the Congregational par-sonage for a few days.

Children's Sunday at the Congrega-tional church will be observed on June 17. and not on June 10, as at first planned. The children are to re-hearse at the church this Saturday af-ternoon.

The Edward M. Abbot hose com-pany held its regular monthly meet-ing and try-out Tuesday evening in charge of S. B. Watson, first lieuten-

Friends of Harry S. Reid, whose relatives reside in North Westford, will be pleased to learn that he has successfully completed his period of training at the naval training station, Newport, R. I., and has won his first promotion. Young Reid is very enthusiastic about the navy and is making good in every regard. He writes that the training station is now taxed to its full capacity, having practically twice as many men under training now as was the case during peace times, and that owing to the large number who have to be given preliminary training the drills are carried out with great vigor and zest. Everything is running like clock work and training station life is satisfactory.

Two pleasant out-of-door gatherings

The coating of good gravel placed on the village street is a great im-provement and when the oiling is done will put it in good shape for the sum-met.

John M., John H. and John G. Fletcher enjoyed a week-end trip to Farmington, N. H., and other points of interest this last week. The three Johns visited kinspeople and altogether considered the trip most successful.

er considered the trip most successful. Friends who remember Miss Eya Young, of London, England, who spent some time in Westford a few seasons ago, will be interested to hear of her message to former friends here, sent in a recent letter to a friend. Hearing of our Red Cross and French relief activities and being in the same work herself, she writes as the typical, loyal Englishwoman, that she is with us accomplish in any way to help a great

and just cause.

Bert Walker, of Marbiehead, spent Surgas on the poles and heavy lader Sunday with his home people.

Misses Elinor and Marjory Cameron are at home for the summer vacation from Misses school for girls in Fook road, are planning corn who have not planned any for forty years. Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Chagas th Whitney is at the Whitney homestead for the summer.

The Boy Scoats in charge of Principal Roudenbush and the Camp Fire Girls of Boxhorough, in charge of their guardian Miss Barradgins gave a joint entertainment and exemptification of what their organizations stand for to a large and interested actions of the members of the cast. The walther value and much eight in the power of persuasion in the country of the cities of Principal Roudenbush, and the Camp Fire Girls of Boxhorough, in charge of their week Friday evening. The plan and purpose of the organization, hardlife of the organization of the poles. This following the cast, significant of the poles and heavy laders and interested at the commendation of which the poles and heavy laders are large and for to a purpose of the organization, hardlife of the organization of the power of paraging for the power of paraging for their guardian miss Barradging of their was and study as a formal point of the power of principal Roughland and provided and interested actions of Principal Roughland and provided and the power of principal Roughland and the power of principal Roughland and the case of principal Roughland and the power of principal Roughland and the power of principal Roughland and the power of principal Roughland and the case of principal Roughland and the power of principal Roughland and the power of principal Roughland and the power of principal Roughland and the principal Roughland and the power of principal Roughland and

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> Library Conservative Work. The libraries of the state have been isked to make available at this time all possible material on the preparation and conservation of food, and also on the latest methods of increasing

on the latest methods of increasing production.

The J. V. Fletcher library has in an accessible place a good collection of books on all phases of agriculture. Suggestions are welcome and more will be added as needed. Farmers bulletins are also being collected and many of them are of value.

An attempt is being made to also supply as many books as possible that will be suggestive to the housekeeper in her attempts to lower the cost of living. Several good books based on the demand for low cost recipes have already been obtained and the federal government and the state are both willing to send pamphlets and bulletins that are both very helpful. A collection of the most useful will be on exhibition at the library. These may be borrowed or individuals mar copy the numbers and obtain them for themselves.

A bulletin board with suggestions

The Middlesex-Northwest conference of Unitarian and other christian churches will hold its spring session with the Unitarian church in Ashby on Thursday, June 14.

The Fletcher Cold Spring farm have received several bushels of Spring wheat for sowing from Joseph Breck & Sons of Boston. Such was the pressure for read-ship. & Sons of Boston. Such was the pres-sure for seeds this spring to cause the delay. For the first time in ninety-five years they closed down their seed department from May to May 28 to protect orders already in. Short crops, late harvest, increased planting on ac-count of the war have caused conges-tion in the send trade beyond pre-

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be held in the Methodist church on Thursday evening, June 14, at 7.45. This promises to be a big affair and the very best of local talent, with the famous Mandolin club as the special attraction, will have numbers on the program: Refreshments served.

Mrs. Lights R. Wall. Mrs. Fligsbeth.

Mrs. Julia B. Wall, Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington and Mrs. W. J. Robinson delegates from Cameron c.rcle, C. of F. of A., attended the annual convention-of-the-grand-circle that was held in Boston this week.

Miss Stella Shattuck is visiting with relatives in Portland, Me., for a few works

the numbers and obtain them for themselves.

A bulletin board with suggestions from newspapers and from individuals is to be kept through the season. Suggestions in the way of reducing the cost of living or caving of food materials will be welcomed from any of the housekeepers.

The Westford Boy Scouts baseball club defeated a picked club from Graniteville on the Abbot playground here last Saturday by the score of 5 to 2. Gower and Hall did the ballery work for Graniteville, while Day and Grifford. William Buckingham was the umpire and did a good job of it.

both young men, were severely shaken up when the machine overturned while crossing the tracks of the Bos-

gave a very interesting lecture with views on the Balopticon at St. An-drew's mission last week Thursday eve-

A new porch with open sleeping-coom above is fast materializing at H. S. Brown's residence.

first contribution he received for the Red Cross did not come from the Wo-man's club, but probably the first re-

valescent.

The June committee of the Congregational club will prepare for the annual strawberry festival which is booked at the Congregational vestry. Wednesday evening, June 13. Short cake and ice cream will be leading attractions on the menu. The committee that was to have arranged for a musicale two months ago will have the entertainment in charge. A good time

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whether the town hall on Thursday evening. June 14. Music by Waltham Watch Company hand orchestra, six pieces. Proceeds are to be used to equip the Littleton training company. Dancing until one o'clock.

Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Lawton are completing the improvements on their ice cream and home made food rooms.

completing the improvements on their ice cream and home-made food rooms, and expect now to be open for business on Monday.

erday. Misses Hodges, Page, Ames 'hequer and Misses Ethel and Vera Smith go to Hyannis for the summer They will add to their party the Misses Bradlee, who formerly taught in Lit-Mrs. Emily Snow Woodbury is visit-

New Mill Dedicated,

an hour.

A social event of note took place on list work Friday evening when the new mill of Fonant, Houghton & Co., was dedicated. There were guests present from New York, Worcester, Watertown, Maynard, South Acton, West Acton, Chelmsford and other nearby towns—in all 400 or more incomic The entertainment began soon after

eight o'clock and lasted for more than

The control of the co their opportunity to show a patriotic spirit through the purchase of liberty loan bonds. Mr. Brigham, the selling loan bonds. Mr. Brigham, the selling agent of the company, spoke on cooperation of employers and employees and the parts that the company will take in filling orders for the war department in the present crisis. At the close of the first part of the program refreshments were served and the floor was then cleared for dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Brigham led the grand march, followed by a large number of couples, The Colonial orchestra, five pieces, furnished splerdid music, and the dancing.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Daly, of Clinton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Paly.

Miss Eva Mountain is recovering from an illness of three weeks.

Thomas Fisher, of Lowell, has built a cosey bungalow on the shore of Forke pond, which he expects to occupy this summer with Mrs. Fisher and their little daughter.

Albert A. Hildreth is able to be out again after having been quarantined at his home on the Boston road with an attack of diphtheria.

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The Misses Grace Litchfield, of Chelsea, and Mary B. Raynes, of Low-sell, are getting their cottage at Forge pond ready for occupancy.

A number of girls who attend Wester and academy attended the field day of high school at Spaulding and expressed much surprise to find it such a model, sanitary, commodiour, up-to-the-minute edifice.

Colden Wedding.

Mrs. Orlando Bowman, Conday, Ju

Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Bowman, of Foster street, enjoyed a complete and very happy surprise on Monday, June 4, their golden wedding anniversary, when their neighbors from N. A. Taylor's, to the end of Foster street, called informally during afternoon and evening to extend congratulations and evening to extend congratulations and leave some visible token of friendship

tion of neighborliness.
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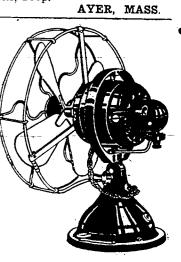
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An appreciative audience gathered at the South schoolhouse on last week Thursday evening to listen to the fine program arranged by Mrs. S. W. Sturgis of Groton School, for their entertainment. Mr. Hughes of the school assisted and acted as accompanist. A quartet from the school gave several selections, and Miss Anna Peabody and Miss Sturgis rendered violing selections. There were several readings by Mrs. Sturgis in the Scotch dialect which were enjoyed by all.

W. A. Harwood started on a busi-

home.

At the South street schoolhouse on last Sunday Rev. W. H. Beers gave a short address to an appreciative audience; and the Episcopal service was rendered by one of the Groton School students. The Sunday school was conducted by the students as usual. Miss Maynard and Miss Mailey acted as organists.

Mrs M. E. Letender is sufficiently improved to be able to go out on pleasant days, although her right arm is still painful.

Robert LePoer and family recently came from Holyoke and are to oc-cupy the LePoer place on South road during the summer. Mrs. LePoer

Doris Boulia returned Monday from Lawrence, where she went last week on the return of her sister, Mrs. Rus-

-Sunday will be observed as children's day at the Unitarian church. The pastor, Rev. D. R. Child, will preach on "Youth and the gifts." The children of the Sunday school will take part in the morning service at 10.45. A christening will be heid at 11.20, during the morning service.

A special business meeting of the

Thursday evening to listen, to the first Shurgle of Grotop School, for their entertainment. Mr. Hughes of the terral fine state, Mrs. Hughes of the terral fine state, Mrs. Hughes of the terral fine state, Mr. Hughes of the terral fine state, Mrs. Hughes of the

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Mr. Wilson, of Peterboro, N. H. who has purchased the John Dupres place, moved there last week.

Mrs. Jennile Loverins, of Amherst, M. H. ormerly of Nashuay, visited friends in town on Sunday.

Among the Memorial day quests we noted Mrs. Albert Everts, of Rosbury, at H. N. Tower's Mrs. Elizabeth Shattuck's Mrs. H. A. fishing party composed of A. H. Harris, Robert Coy, Elmer Weston, Joseph Attridise and C. D. Glunn left town early Monday morning for sport at Bald Mt. Ranceley Lakes. They were taken by auto to Ayer to catch the through train, Walter Sherwool making two trips to convey them and during the composition of the proposition of the virtual state of the series will occur less. Surgical dressings, bandayees and Striped. He even for service has children's did any of the other members of the service and the time of this service. Sunday schools at noon. At 7.20 there will be a converted by Hildren of the through the same day.

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by reason of illness two weeks ago, has been farming and is somewhat improved.

Chester Fuller, whose work on box gnaking has been slack lately, went to work at the West Groton mills on Wednesday.

Summer guests are commencing to arrive with the first warm weather. Mrs. L. N. Maxwell, of Oak hill, and Miss Mollie Wilson, of Mt. Lebanon, already have a few of their guests of former years.

Miss Hazel Thompson is going to Lynn to work. If she likes her place and work continues dull at the Pepperell card shop, her mother, Mrs. Martha Thompson, may move there. Mrs. Thompson visited her sisters, Mrs. Willett and Mrs. Ham, last week.

On Thursday, evening of last week the Pennemaquan. Camp Fire Girls and guardian, Mrs. Beers, were en-

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Sylvester, as a kind of farewell meeting. Miss Sylvester, who has been need to fing. Miss Sylvester, who has been need to fing. Miss Sylvester, who has been include a visit at the home of the late Benjamin and Hittis A groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George free, of 220 Marthorough street case-ole-and silver butter knife.

Mrs. Charles Davis, all of Brighton, motored here last Sunday for a short visit with relatives. Mrs. Mason, who had been spending the week with lief sisters, Mrs. Lunt and Mrs. Shattuck, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Conant and two daughters, Alice and Amy, arrived in town recently at their summer home on the South road from Plainfield, N. J.

An appreciative audience gathered at the home of Miss Carrie to fact the home of the at the bow weeks, which will include a visit at the home of the Babbatassett Camp groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Greene, adopted sor the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Greene, of 220 Marthorough of the late Benjamin and Hittis A green newly furnished and renovated, Mrs. D. A. Weston residing with them.

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A telegram announcing the death of Miss Edna J. Bean, at Regina, Saskatchewan county, Canada, was received by her brother, Harry Bean, at Boston, on last Saturday. The remains were to be sent to Pepperell, her former home, and were expected to reach here on Friday or Saturday of this week. Mr. Bean was in Pepperell on Sunday to make the necessary arrangements.

The deceased was the daughter of the deceased was the daughter of the Hawtonne club. He is a membrane debating team and president of the Hawtonne club. He is a membrane debating team and president of the Hawtonne club. He is a membrane debating team and president of the Hawtonne club. He is a membrane debating team and president of the Hawtonne club.

to be photographed.

The paper on the Oak hill school, its teachers and scholars, was especially fine and the most finished from a literary point of view. Mrs. Merrill, having been a pupil from childhood and also a resident of this section, could speak with affection and accuracy of the school and its history. A former pupil of the aid academy.



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of a meeting arranged for in Ayer on Tuesday, June 12, at 2.15 o'clock p. m. It is hoped that is many women as possible from Littleton will attend. Mrs. Clarence R. Edwards, wife of Brig Gen. Edwards, and Mrs. W. L. Jackson will tell what we want to do for the solders when the come

dressings committee will be held in Miss Fire hilds from it the Union alls for mids from it the Union school brilding Arrangements have been made to keep that room open through the summer so that ladies can go in troups and work there at any time that suits their convenience.

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GROTON

News Items.

Mrs. William J. Putnam is away or a visit for several weeks with her son, George W. Putnam, of Montclair, N. J. Mrs. Thomas Gilson returned from a few days visit with her sister in Woburn on Monday.

Members of the Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Baptist church met in the ladies' parlor last week Thursday afternoon with a good attendance

eration for carbuncle.

Miss Mildred Brown entertained her cousin, Miss Elsie Brown, of Winthrop, over Sunday, May 27.

The Book and Thimble club spent a very pleasant afternoon on Friday, May 25, at the home of Mrs. Lucy Belcher. The members of the Girls' club of

The members of the Giris chao of the Baptist church and Mrs. Tucker enjoyed a day's outing at Sandy pond last week Friday.

Harry E. Woods has added West Acton and Brookline, N. H., to his list of motion picture theatres.

Russell Davey Greene, a former str Russell Davay Greene, a former student at Lewrence academy, a sophomore at Bowdoin college, spent the week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Clough, leaving Groton Monay morning for his home in Brunswick, Me., where he will prepare to sail for France on Saturday, June 9, to serve in the ambulance corps. serve in the ambulance corps.

Lawrence Blood has been chosen to ill the vacancy on the school board aused by the resignation of Walter

See Ayer items for full account of mass meeting to be held in Ayer town hall, June 12, at 2.15 p. m. This meeting affects your town.

Friends of Miss Elsie Shattuck, who s teaching in Chester, N. H., are contactulating her upon her success in ecuring, last month, a New Hamphire State teacher's certificate. This as issued to Miss Shattuck through the excellent work and success as er excellent work and success as a The members of Troop I, B. S. A., et at the home of their scoutmaster Friday evening of last week and

marched to their new headquarters at the home of Dr. Branigan. Following the opening exercises the boys received ranks for the month and were given their new places in the patrols. The remainder of the evening was de-

William Bartz, of California, will ad-ress the Odd Fellows immediately af-er the business meeting on Monday vening. The Rebekahs are invued-to

At the meeting of the Grange on next uesday evening the third and fourth egrees will be conferred on a class f seven. The annual inspection will e made by Deputy Charles R. Damon.

attend this meeting.

The members of the Groton lodge of Odd Fellows and the Middlesex Rebekah lodge are requested to meet in Oddfellows' hall at ten o'clock Sunday morning to attend the services at

of the people in Groton on June 11, 12, 12 or 14, in the interest of the liberty bond loan issue and will have with them blanks to be filled out, and literature in regard to the same

pastors and their wives at. The day was perfect and their waves

carried will please make arrangements with Mrs. Ames before Saturday, June 16. If Monday should be storing the meeting will be held on the next day. The subject is in charge of Miss Ger-rish, "Vireos and warblers," Charles Torrey, of Concord, was in own on Tuesday.

Miss Gertrude Forbes spent Sun-ay with her mother, Mrs., F. M orbes, of Hollis street. We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Henry Whiting has been donlined to her bed this week.

There are twelve boys from the Mechanics Art school, Boston, boarding with George Meyet, proprietor of the Groton Teapot. They are employed by Mr. Hale, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hinch-

Miss Hattle Messenger and Ray-mond Hanfield were united in marriage on Monday. Mr. Hanfield was chauf-feur at the Groton Inn for some time. Dr. Steere was in town on a visit on Wednesday.

nan and others.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Winckle was badly scalded a few days ago by tipping a pail of hot suds onto herself. The little girl is years old and is under the f Dr. Kilbourn

It is understood that an army of-George Chase's house on Main

The Improvement section of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Bruce on Monday afternoon at four

Mrs. Samuel Frazee, of Louisville, Ky., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred-erick May, "Underhill farm."-

Miss Helen Rogers spent Wednes-day and Thursday with Miss Virginia Woods at the Fitchburg Normal

Fifteen members of the Middlesey on Monday evening. This was the oc-casion of the visit of the officers of the Rebekah Assembly to witness the con-ferring of the degree. A most enjoy-able and profitable evening is reported. At the baseball game on Wednes-day between the Groton high school and Ayer high school, Groton won by the score of 5 to 3.

Word has been received from Dr. Horr, president of Newton Theologi-cal seminary, that he will furnish a supply for the Baptist pulpit on Sun-day, June 17.

On Shumway field on Wednesday afternoon Lawrence academy defeated Fitchburg high by the score of 4 to 3. It is reported that Edward L. Dufhas taken the examination to enter he aviation corps.

The elementary schools will close on Friday, June 15, for the summer vacation. The graduating exercises of the high school will take place of Thursday evening, June 14.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

William Loomis, another Lawrence academy boy, is now in France to enter the volunteer ambulance service.

Vesper service will be held at the academy chapel on Sunday. Rev. J. B. Lewis, of Pepperell, will be the speaker. The public is cordially invited to this service.

Commencement exercises will begin The evening proved to be an order of the second of the boys now have a better understanding of the rules and regulations of the troop and of the scout work in general.

James F. Culver was taken to Dr. Kilbourn's hospital Tuesday morning June 20, graduation exfort the third time and amputation of his left hand was found necessary, which had troubled him for nearly one in the afternoon. At three thirty years. He is doing as well as the expected at the present time.

Lynn English high. Reception to be a second with the second of t in the evening. All exercises except the reception. Wednesday evening are open to the public.

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Scouts are doing the work. Henry Ford has donated one of his farm tractors for use by the boys. Many people who never dreamed of doing

wisest thing to do to conserve the grain supply for use in the necessities of life and not in the luxuries, at least until we have a surplus supply of grain. Already one bakery is using starch in the manufacture of bread. Washington, D. C.; fortunately

Washington, D. C.; fortunately will be free from the saloons and barrooms after November 1 of the current year. Virginia is without saloons and almost all of the bordering territory of Maryland is clear. Most of the public buildings are closed to the public and are protected by armed guards.

Brookland, D. C.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington is spending Mrs. F. E. Harrington is entertaining Miss Ruth Snell of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Feldman of Fitchburg pent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan and family of Pepperell have moved into the Shep-ley house or Main street recently va-cated by Mrs. Doherty.

The Misses Irene and Mabel Downs have obtained employment out of town Little Francis (Trefethen) Harring

Miss Ruth Bixby is taking examinations for Wellesley college. Richard Lawrence is to be graduated Wednesday from the Huntington

chool in Boston. Mrs. Frank Humiston of Jaffrey is making a few days stay with her mother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell.

Children's day exercises will be ob-served at the chapel next Sunday. The mass meeting of women called for Tuesday afternoon called out about thirty. Mr. Sturgis gave a talk on soldiers' relief work as performed in Groton. It was decided to form a relief society here and Mrs. C. E. Bixby o'clock. Membership fees are within the reach of all and all are urged to be present. There will be work for all of various kinds and much that may be done at home.

ning of last week was most thoroughly enjoyed by a company of fifty-six, First prize winners were the Misses Willis and Robinson and Messrs. Smith and

Mrs. Humphrey expects to spend the summer in Canada and has sub-leased the house to C. W. Strand until September.

Squannacook lodge will hold its morial services on Sunday after-in, June 17, at Squannacook hall. William Baker, of Virginia, spending his vacation at the home his mother Mrs. P. E. Smith.

Mrs. G. H. and C. E. Bixby, Mrs. E. K. Harrington, Mrs. Spaulding, members of the Ladies' Aid society, with Mrs. W. F. Lane, spent a pleasant day on Thursday with Mrs. W. M. Kimball at Stony Brook, Mrs. C. L. Roy, of Watertown, joined them for the afternoon. the afternoon

Flag-raising.

The Linghams, who recently bought-the Shattuck farm, came out Saturday for the season.

Mrs. George Waitt of Warren is the guest of Mrs. Charles Waitt. Mahel Taliaferro, a real actress in a real production, "God's half acre," in five parts, will be the feature at the motion picture show, Harvard town hall, this Saturday evening. There will also be a comedy, "Free speech," and a Travelogue, making one of the best shows of the season.

ation of the church council will be pre-sented in regard to buying liberty bonds.

The Ladies' Missionary circle will hold its next meeting with Mrs. Emery Whitcomb at West Acton next Wed-nesday afternoon at three o'clock.

AYER

A meeting of the guarantors of the Chautauqua was held in the Board of Trade rooms last Saturday. Carl H. Turner, assistant general manager of the Chautauqua, of New York city, and the guarantors talked over the matter. of Ayer Chautauqua week which dates from August 18 to 22, inclusive. A part of the program was announced and more details will be given later. It was stated by Mr. Turner that one-half of the first day's receipts would be given to the Red Cross. given to the Red Cross.

Edward A. Richardson began his duties as a delegate to the constitutional convention in Boston on Wednesday. Mr. Richardson represents the twelfth Middlesex representative dis-

Leon Briggs, who is in the federal service as quartermaster's sergeant, and located in Columbus, Ohio, is on a fitteen-day furlough and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Briggs.

Military Camp Notes.

Col. Beaumont B. Buck, militia of-ficer on General Edwards' staff at the Boston headquarters, was ordered Monday to report for special duty "somewhere" with an infantry unit. ('ol. Buck has become well-known in vicinity owing to his frequen visits in regard to the location of the

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engaged in getting out plans for the camp. They are working day and night at their headquarters in the Barry building. They have several automobiles at their disposal which are used n making trips to various parts of the camp ground and other places. The machines bear no distinguishing marks except "U.S. A." placed on the rear of the automobiles. No license or number plates are required for government automobiles.

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The number of trains to be discon-inner doing here within the next few ays.

The work of procuring leases for thing at Ayer from Boston at 10.20 a. The local train ar-tiving at Ayer from Boston at 10.20 a. The local train is still continuing in 1917, this is not to be large number of land owners and arriving at Ayer at 3.00 p. m.; the ex-tine details attending the transfers press train arriving at 5.01 p. m. are

Mrs. Earle Littlefield entertained the West Acton whist club last week Friday afternoon. There were five tables, Mrs. Herbert Sizer from Hartford, Ct., was the house guest. liquor selling to the soldier general health conditions must be assumed by the local authorities, both for the protection of these communities and to assist in guarding the camp itself.—"In addition to the troops, the Af-

teen towns within a radius of ter miles of the reservation will have the combined population increased by thousands of civilians, and suitable acalso be a comedy, "Free speech," and a Travelogue, making one of the best shows of the season.

Church Notes.

Sunday services: Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Prof. Geo. LaPiana of Harvard University. Subject, "The spiritual life." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening pervice at seven o'clock.

The pastor will attend a ministers convention at New York city, June 7 to 11. Hence in his absence Prof. LaPiana will occupy the pulpit in the morning and in the evening will talk on "Some war poems."

At the close of the Sunday morning service a meeting of the church mem-

Joint Meeting.

On Thursday évening representatives of the public safety committees of Ayer, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, Shirley and Townsend met in Page, hall for the purpose of discussing the problems that would arise within these towns through the establishment of the military camp in Ayer, and to determine how these committees could, by joint organization or otherwise, give united 00-operation to the solution of those problems.

There were present at this meeting, which was a large one, not only the chairmen and members of the various

chairmen and members of the various public safety committees, but also many of the selectmen and public spirited citizens of the towns involved The meeting was called to order by Mr. Putnam, of Harvard, and tem Mr. Putnam, of Harvard, and temporarily organized with George H. Brown, chairman, and Eugene S. Barry, secretary. The work being done and planned by the state department of health was outlined by Dr. Alan MacLaughlin, state commissioner of health, followed by Drs. Simpson and Finnegan, the health officers detailed by the state to direct the state health unit established in Ayer, General discussion of the problems to be met followed, and extended rebe met followed, and extended re-marks were made by representative men of all the towns interested, among them Dr. Peabody of Groton School.

To the Editor:

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ginning June 25. These from different divisions a and more speedy manner of passenger

for its own use, the town to furnish the water. Under this plan the town reservoir could be used for storage of water, forced there by the town pumps. Tests are to be made as to the amount of water the present driven wells can furnish.

The changes on the Stony Brook branch are such that under the proposed change in schedule there will be found that the trains leaving Ayer for Lowell at 8.12 a. m., making all local stops, and the amount of water the present driven wells can furnish.

The barrett Mfg. Co., of Boston, are to have the contracts for building all the gamp roads throughout the country and cost of about \$5,000,000. This firm is the biggest of 4ts kind in the country and has offices in all the big cities. It was stated this week Friday morning that there would be "some-thing dolors" by a stated this week Friday morning that there would be "some-thing dolors" by the town trains dealing all the changes on the Stony Brook branch are such that under the proposed change in schedule there will be that the trains leaving Ayer for Lowell at 8.22 p. m., and those trains from Lowell to Ayer, arriving at Ayer at 7.40 a. m. and 5.50 p. m.

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ment in service, the great stumbling block appearing to be that the roads were unable to show where two full train-loads of people could be carried greatest results gotten therefrom on one train without crowding of cars ity of 40%, for while the road had in we can all sing the national anthem operation 1037 passenger trains daily in the year 1916, under the proposed reduction there would be but 699 operated and that where in the summer of the year 1916 there were 246 passenger trains running into Boston, in the summer of 1917 the number was person's service and this also applies to be reduced to 175. Also, whereas the road desired to use the men-now in the passenger service for freight service, that it had been intimated to the commission that about 14 brake had been dismissed from service.

on the Portland division recently and mittee of persons of Aver

be done before that time. It is much easier to prevent the happening of something than it is to remedy and amend after the deed is done. It is an occasion for the exercise of a little rational patriotism by the public and the reaching of an understanding between the public and railroad company as to how the service shall be curtailed and the duration of the same.

George L. Wilson.

Christian Science Society, Ayer.

Service every Sunday morning at 10.30 in G. A. R. hall. Subject for Sunday, June 10, "God the only cause and creator." All are invited. Fewer lives were lost in American coal mines during 1916 than in any year during the last ten, notwithstanding the fact that more men were employed during the year than ever before, and more coal was mined. The number of mine workers aggregated more than 750,000, it is said; those killed by accident averaged tess than 3½ to every 1000 workers. coal mines during 1916 than in an

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Saturday, June 9, 1917.

AYER

The twenty-four new tracks which have been added to the south railroad yard were turned over to the Boston and Maine railroad for use last week by M. F. Sheehan, foreman for the firm of Wilson & English, of New York, the contractors. All the tracks are now in use. The men engaged in the construction work will remain here for some time longer to finish the work of grading between, the tracks and grading between the tracks and her minor details included in the

O. L. Drake, of Townsend, resigned om his position at Brown's lunch-om the first of the week.

The body of H. C. Ferguson, who died in New York 'city last Saturday, was brought here for interment in St. Mary's cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Thomas P. McGinn of St. Mary's church performed the state of the control of the state of th Rev. Thomas P. McGinn of St. Mary se-church performed the committal serv-ice. Mr. Ferguson will be remember-ed as having married Miss Charlotte. Scanlon of Groton, who is well-known here. Mr. Ferguson never lived in this section.

section.

The Ayer Auto Company, Park street, have closed a large contract with the United States Tire Co. for the exclusive sales of their automobile tires and accessories for this territory. The United States Tire Co. is one of the largest tire manufacturers in the world and the high quality of their products are universally known among automobilists.

Mrs. Emma Scribner of Chicago and Miss Grace Howes of Boston were the guests of Mrs. W. E. Murphy on Tues-

Among the strong features listed-for the Community Chautauqua week, August 18-22, will be John Kendrick Bangs, the Royal Blue Hussars band, James S. Knox, Dr. E. L. Williams, "Chicago's fighting parson," the Kaffir singing boys, ex-Governor A. C. Shallenberger of Nebraska, the Mendelssohn sextette, the Boston musical entertainers and the Tschalkowsky quartet.

The velvet paw," in five parts, featuring House Feters and Gaff Kane, is the subject of a very interesting story of political intrigue, interspersed with love and romance, to be given this Saturday afternoon and evening at the motion picture shows; also, attwo-reel screaming comedy. The at the motion picture shows; and a two-reel screaming comedy. "The butcher boy," with Fatty Arbuckle in the leading part. On Monday comes George Beban in "An alien," taken from the poem, "The sign of the rose." the picture being in eight parts. On next Wednesday the leader will be "The waiting soul," in five parts, feat-uring Mme. Petrova; also, a Foxfilm

Married in, June 4, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Walter L. Patterson, of Ayer. Thomas, Walter L. Patterson, of Ayer, and Alice M. Hayes, of Marlboro, N. H.

and Alice M. Hayes, of Marlboro, N. H.
Two hundred and fifty-three men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one registered for the selective draft on Tuesday. The large number was a surprise and exceeded the estimate a good deal. The fine spirit shown by those who enrolled and their willingness to register was a pleasant feature of the day. The enrollment took place in the town hall, lasting from seven in the morning until nine in the evening. Registration passed off to the entire satisfaction of all. The work was done without confusion bework was done without confusion because there was no rush at any time and yet there, was something to do all

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The lower town hall witnessed a busy, interesting and profitable day on Thursday. In the morning, Miss Holbower, of Waltham, representing the Middlesex Farm Bureau, gave a very interesting talk on food and its conservation. She is a rapid speaker and knows her subject very well. In the afternoon she gave a practical demonstration, of canning. She canned strawberries, dandellon greens and asparague. There was a fair sized audience in the morning, and in the afternoon a well filled hall. Miss Holbower came under the auspices of the public safety committee. The Preparedness society is interested in the farm bureau and circulars with the necessary details for canning were on sale by a member of this committee. Rev. Frank B. Crandall was one of

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Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps and daugh-ter Bertha and Mrs. Frank S. Bennett and daughter Elizabeth attended the exercises Friday afternoon.

Grades one to six of the public schools close next Friday for the summer vacation. mer vacation, ... Mrs. E. J. Silberberg, of Winthrop, and Mrs. George Corner, of Lowell, visited here last week.

Callxte Girard, a former resident of I Ayer, who has for several years past recentlying in Worcester, has returned to town and is working as a carpenter, for Lewis LaPointe.

A meeting for the purpose of forming a Red Cross branch of the Lowell chapter was held in the lower town nall last week Friday afternoon. Mrs. Burke, who is connected with the chapter in Lowell, explained the objects of the meeting and the work to be done. These officers were chosen: Judge George A. Sanderson, pres.; Mrs. John Traquair, v. p.; Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, sec.; John M. Maloney, treas: Miss Sarah T. Tuten, vice treas. These officers have chosen others to help in officers have chosen others to help in he work. The membership at present s over forty. Application blanks may be obtained at E. W. Carley's.

A building will be erected on the Boston and Maine land, just east of J. J. Barry's block on Main street, if the plans of a local syndicate are car-The main thing getting the lease which looks good present.

Friends of Donald B. McMillan, the Friends of Donald B. McMillan, the Arctic explorer, are glad to know that his party, which was supposed to be lost, has been heard from in Greenland. Mr. McMillan was with Lieut. Peary when the latter discovered the North pole in 1909. Mr. McMillan delivered a very interesting illustrated lecture on the Artic region, which was given in Page hall a few years ago.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page Other Ayer matter on opposite page. The following letters remained uncailed for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending June 4: Allison Haynes, S. Robinson, Jerry Shea, W. S. Luigi Vicersh, Mrs. L. A. White.

Standard Oil Buildings.

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The Standard Oil Company commenced work on Tuesday for the erection of buildings on Park street on the lot next to the place occupied by Harry Schwartz. Work on the foundations is now being done. The office building with heating plant will be erected near, and facing Park street. Back of this building there will be erected a garage, 50x31 feet, and three bays one story high for automobile trucks with entrance from the north side. Farther back, near the Greenville branch track, will be built a pump house, 12x16 feet, where a pump will be installed for pumping oil from the cars to the four inrge tanks which will be raised nearby. One carriage and yet there was something to do all the time during the fourteen hours the work was being done. The registration board, which did the work, was composed of the selectmen. John D. Carney, Douglas C. Smith and Lyman K. Clark, Guy B. Remick, town clerk, and Frank J. Maloney and Louis H. Cushing of the board of registrars of voters.

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the medical reserve come for war service. He has not yet been assigned for duty.

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Next Wednesday night at 9.15, after out drunk most every night. The de-he mission service the automobile, fendant, at the time of the raid, conthe mission service the automobile, Iendant, at the time of the raid, con-which was a feature of St. Mary's fair, ducted a grocery and procession store will be awarded to the lucky sub- on the first floor of the building, livscriber to the fair fund in K, of C, hall. All interested are invited to

At the masses in Ayer and Littleton last Sunday Frs. McGinn and Houston spoke on the matter of purchasing liberty bonds which are issued by the government to defray the cost of the war. They strongly urged all who could buy one of these bonds to do so, saying that it was everybody's duty to assist the country not only as a civic assist the country not only as a civic assist the country, not only as a civic duty, but as a matter of conscience Both clergymen urged all to do what

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Rev. Frank B. Crandall was one of the speakers on the program at the South Middlesex Conference of Unitarian churches held last Wednesday in Newton Center.

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The forty-hours devotion opened on Tuesday morning and closed on Thurslay morning of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barry nave pre-rented the parish with a fine set of stations of the cross in memory of Mrs. Barry's father, the late John B. O'Con-nell, Sr., and of Mr. Barry's deceased relatives. The stations are a fine piece of work and occupy a place in the up-per church.

Supposed Slackers.

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There was considerable excitement Monday evening when two Finns were escorted to the police station by Privates James E. Cody and Patrick E. McCarten of the 2d Massachusetts regiment, who are on guard duty at the Nashua river bridge. The two militia men told 'Chief Beatty that their two captives were turned over to them by the trainmen on an east bound freight, who had been informed that the men were trying to escape military enrollment, which took place on Tuesday of this week. It was said that several hundred people were planning to leave Fitchburg during Monday night to avoid registration. A sharp watch was kept by the guardsmen for men who might try to escape this duty, but none were found.

A thorough examination of the two captives by Chief Beatty at the police station satisfied him that the strangers were innocent of the supposed illegal act. The men were able to talk consumb English to tell the chief that they were righteen and nineteen years of age, and according to law were not included in the class of those who were obliged to register. They gave their names as Arvid Stenland and Walter

obliged to register. They gave their names as Arvid Stenland and Walter Kari, Kari produced, a copy of a declaration of intention to become an American citizen, the declaration givwas produced showing Kari's photo-

Kari said he and his companion left Buffalo, N. Y., coming on a passenger train as far as 'Fitchburg, when their funds became very low. They decided to go to Boston on a freight. Kari said he was formerly a seaman and was to seek a job in that occupation upon his arrival in Boston.

Stenland's appearance clearly indicated that he was under twenty-one years of age, the minimum age for enrollment under the registration law. He said he was on his way to his home in Finland. Kari said he and his companion left Buffalo, N. Y., coming on a passenger

The funeral took place on Thursday morning with a so, each high mass at 9.30 witook at St. Mary's church, Rev. Thomas P. M. Ginn was the celebrant, Rev. D. F. Whilen of Greton the do cor, and Rev. Frank H. Hoaston, saledcaron. The besters were Thomas McCarthy, Joseph E. Dorovan and John D. Carrey, of Aver. Charles A. McCarthy, of Shirley, Francis Kielty, of Fitchburg, and John Groffin, of Wercester There were many fine floral packs and spiritual bouquets. The interment took place in St. Mary's commercy. Fix. Ginn performing the committal service.

on the first floor of the building, aving upstairs.

Constable George A Subbins, one of the raiding party, and that he watched defendants place during the three months ending May 2. Wildess saw men going in drunk and coming out in the same condition. He saw one man go in sober and come out drunk. Special Officer Walter C. Knowles could not add anything material to the case except as already stated by the preceding witnesses. Selectime Charles H. Werte, Jr. was the other government witness.

The sounding board was successfully hung over the pulpit last Monday. Mr. McCollester has finished the altar, Mr. Hosmer is engaged in setting up the sub-pulpit.

Programs of the next meeting of the North Middlesse Conference to be held in Ashby on June 14 were distributed last Sunday. Additional copies are avanable and may be had next Sunday.

stated by the preceding witnesses. Selectmen Charles H. Werre, Jr. was the other government witness. The defense produced as its only witness Mickl Aichkeke, whose evidence had to be extracted by the aid that he visited the defendant's place once since February but had never got drunk there. Regarding the legal transportation of liquors he said he had been to Clinton with the defendant in an automobile and had purchased there three quarts of whiskey and one quart of alcohol, which he brought to Shirley with Bagdon in the automobile. He said he got liquor from Bagdon when the latter was in the employ of a wholesale liquor dealfer er-named Seretto-in Fitchburg. The goods which were said to have come from Bagdon's place intoxicated were not sufficiently under the influence of liquor for the officers, to arrest them.

The trial of Irving Pilisbury, of Pep-

The trial of Irving Pillsbury, of Pepperell, for assault and battery on Jo-seph Derrington and Caff Merrill on May 25, brought out some unusually interesting, facts. After much ques-tioning by Judge Atwood it developed tioning by Judge Atwood it developed that the assaults resulted from a resentment that the defendant had against the two young men for going to work in the Nashua River Paper Company's mill during the recent strike. Derrington stated that he was walking on Main street on the night of the trouble, near the Nashua river bridge, when Pillsbury ran across the street toward him and threw an egg which struck him on the shoulder, the egg spattering over his coat. Pillsbury had called him a rat. The witness said that he had no trouble with the defendant before this time. Merrill said that Pillsbury threatened to

the defendant before this time. Merrill said that Pillsbury threatened to throw him into the Nashua river after calling him names and telling Merrill he would make him join the union. Pillsbury testified in his own behalf. He said he was eighteen years of age and a member of the National Brotherhood of Paper Makers. He denied calling anyone a rat or scab. In answer to Chief Smith he stated that he never had trouble with his father, who was not a member of the union and was working during the strike. and was working during the strike. Chief Smith said that the defendant had made trouble at home and had had made trouble at home and had called his father per names for continuing-work-while the strike-was in progress. Pillsbury, the chief said, was ejected from the motion picture shows and other places for improper conduct.

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rensoury was also arraigned for recklessly operating a motorcycle on Railroad street, near Groton street, on May 28, and for not sounding his horn at intersecting streets. The defendant pleaded not guilty to both complaints.

'hief Smith told the court that Pills-Chief Smith told the court that Pills-bury had caused him considerable trouble by his actions and that he was a decidedly "fresh" young man. The chief said that the def-ndant rode his motorcycle through the streets at reck-less speed, without regard to traffic signals, sometimes going at the rate of forty miles per hour with the muf-fler on his machine wide open all of forty miles per hour with the muf-fler on his machine wide open, all of which accusations were denied by

years of age, the minimum age for enrollment under the registration law,
He said he was on his way to his home
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Both men were arraigned in court
on Tuesday on charges of vagrancy,
Chief Beatty toid Judge Atwood that
he was fully satisfied that the two
raptives, were innocent of an attempted
violation of the enrollment act. The
guardsmen repeated the story they
found them guilty of vagrancy and
ordered the cases placed on file. The
court commended the militia men for
their action in holding the two men
for examination.

When the evidence was all in Judge
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A fine of ten dollars was imposed A line of ten dedars was imposed on the complaint for reckless driving Sentences on the other complaints were suspended until July 2, in order to give the defended an opportunity to mend his ways, otherwise penalties will be imposed for all the complaints at the contained of the at the continued date.

Patrick J. Morressey, of Peoplerell, was found not gody of assault and battery and dramsenness by Judge Atwood on Tuesday morning and ordered to be discharged from custody. The defendant was represented by Atty John D. Carney. The alleged offenses were said to have been committed near an employee at the lar (Company hall, for the government, lant had measted in trying to talk to thing him by the Witness Agented Chief Smith who to custody. The cust and said th ries and said the antennest and said the stifying it his win the was browned do not be without each of the said he without essential to he said the said the arrest and define a definder fail. ie of the arrest a defe dant fid-

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tory duet. "Sun of my soul." Jerome, Mrs. Beckford and Mr. Harlow; post-lude, "Praise ve the father." Gaunod. Preacher, the minister. Subject, "Belief in the life everlasting." Church school at twelve.

Sunday morning service at 10.45.

"The three main choices in life" will be the subject of the sermon. Sunday school meets at noon. C. E. meeting at six p. m. The topic will be "Sins of the mind." Leader, Mildred Lougee. Evening service at seven. The pastor will speak on the subject, "Life as an adventure."

The Nonaccious Camp Fire with meeting the service at seven.

The Nonacoicus Camp Fire will meet in the vestry Monday syening at 7.30 for song practice and first aid instruc-

The Boy Scouts will meet Thursday afternoon at 3.45 for out-door scouting Devotional service Thursday evening at 7.30. The text will be the 21st chapter of John's gospel.

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L.G. & B. Remick, Town Clerk, certify that the following is a copy of the by-law adopted at the annual town meeting of the Town of Aver held Feb.

Section 1. There shall be an Advisory Commuttee consisting of three viders of the town, appointed by the Selectmen, as here mafter provided, roome of whom shall be a town officer elected by bull to er an appointed official receiving a sality, which committee may consider any a all numerical questions for the tapose of makers reports or to convendations to the tawn.

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TOWNSEND

Center. An exciting and closely contested basketball game was played on last week Friday afternoon between the freshman class and teachers, and a: this was one of the first games played by the students no very scientific playing could be expected, but they were in good trim and at their very best. Very good playing was shown by Miss Temple at center against Miss Matheson. Nevertheless the game was well earned by the teachers by the score of 15 to 8. The teachers team was composed of Clark rf., Bush H., Matheson c., Sonnenburg rg., Donnell Ig.; freshman team, Markham rf., Moulton If, Temple c., Morse rg., Barnes Ig.; baskets, Clark 4, Bush 3, Moulton 3. Markham 1; free throws, Bush 1. this was one of the first games played

The regular meeting of the Red Cross Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. R. G. Fessenden last week Thursday afternoon. A large number of ladies were present who worked mostly on convale gowns and surgical shirts. Miss Lizzle Whitcomb, chairman of the membership committee, presented nine of the following names which have been added to the memwhich have been added to the mem-Bruce, Mrs. Albert D. Turner, Miss Elia Wilder, Mrs. Cornelia Harvey, Miss Alice B. Eastman, Mrs. J. Albert Norris, Mrs. F. J. Piper, Miss Amy Whitcomb. Miss Ruth Potter Fessen-den, the little daughter of the auxiliary president, Mrs. R. G. Fessenden, has also become a member. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MacNelley of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MacNelley of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MacNelley of Panama are spending a week with their cousin, Mrs. Ella E. Spaulding. Mr. MacNelley has resigned from the Panama canal, after seven years' service and has acepted a position with a cal guards drilled on the common. The officers and the company are fortunate in having John Dale.

ficers and the company are fortunate having John Dole of Melrose to asthe drilling. Mr. Dole is at pres-the Dole summer home, South ent at the Dose summer home. South row. After the hour's drilling E. C. R. Bagley of East Boston, deputy prison commissioner, gave an interesting talk in Memorial hall relating to prisons. Mr. Bagley is a brother of A. Dudley Bagley of this town.

Mrs. A. L. Marshall of Lawrence has been spending several days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary White. Sunday Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. White and their father, Mr. Lawrence, with Carl Mudgett attended Memorial exercises at Temple, N. H.

Veteran Albert Goldthwait, formerly of this town, now at the soldiers' home. Togus, Me., is enjoying a vacation furlough with comrade and friends here. Mr. Goldthwait, who is a painter by trade, is employed quite a little at the

Miss Carolyn Kendall of South Boson is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. C. W. Hildreth.

Miss Kate Spaulding, who has beer assisting for two weeks at the home of Mrs. S. S. Haynes, has returned to the home of her brother, John Spauld-

At the meeting Monday evening of the Anson D. Fessenden camp, S. of V., they voted to buy a one hundred dollar Liberty bond.

O. L. Drake of Ayer spent a few days this week at his home in town. See Ayer items for full account of mass meeting to be held in Ayer town nall, June 12, at 2.15 p. m. This meet-

Ing affects your town.

At a meeting of the Chautauqua guarantors held in the selectmen's room. Friday evening of last week the following executive officers and chairmen of committees were elected: T. E. Flarity, pres.; Carl Willard, vice pres.; George A. Wilder, see, and treas.; Carl Willard, ticket com.; A. N. Fessenden, parade and grounds; Mrs. Clarence Josselyn, Junior com.; A. S. Howard, hospitality; Clarence Webster, advertising. Plans were made for guarantors held in the selectmen's room. Friday evening of last week the following executive officers and chairmen of committees were elected: T. E. Flarity, pres.; Carl Willard, vice pres.; George A. Wilder, sec. and treas.; Carl Willard, ticket com.; A. N. Fessenden, parade and grounds; Mrs. Clarence Josselyn, junior com.; A. S. Howard, hospitality; Clarence Webster, advertising. Plans were made for the Chautauqua to meet here for fidely for the Chautauqua for meet here for fidely for the Chautauqua movement, was present at this meeting and gave an interesting talk in regard to the matter.

The annual election of officers of the Eaptits Sunday school, was held at noon last Sunday and the following were elected: Perry W. Sawtelle, Supplied to the Warehusett Baptist Bible School convention was read by Mrs. Patch and the following delegates were chosen to attend the convention Sawtelle, Mrs. Fred A. Patch and Mrs. Joseph McKean, Mr. and Mrs. Frery W. Sawtelle, Mrs. Fred A. Patch and Mrs. Joseph McKean, Mr. and Mrs. Frery W. Sawtelle, Mrs. Fred A. Patch and Mrs. Joseph McKean, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mr regard to the matter.

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military registration here Tuesday was seventy-six. There will be a children's concert it the Methodist church Sunday morn ing at 10.15 inscharge of Mrs. Tuttle It is expected that the new-pastor, Rev Mr. Tuttle, will arrive from California

and occupy the pulpit Sunday. Rev George M. Newhall will have charge of the St. tay evening service. The H. S. nine played with the The 1 H. S. nine played with the Lunent rg high Wednesday at Lunenburg. It was a twelve inning game, score 6 to 7 in favor of Lunenburg.

Mrs. Arthur Barber of Townsend Hill spent several days this week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Etta Rockwood, at Brookline, N. H.

Milton W. Wilder has enlisted in the naval reserve coast patrol, stationed at Commonwealth pier, Boston.

Mrs. Ella E. Spaulding returned Friday from Nashua, where she had been visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. N. Woodward.

Spaulding, Mrs. R. B. Adams. Melrose spent the week-end at their ary F. Adams, Mrs. Eunice summer home. They have purchased Mrs. Albert D. Turner, Miss a tall flagpole, which is to be erected in the near future.

C. I. Wilkinson and Mrs. Lawrence, of the Center, visited with Mrs. Ella E. Spaulding last Sunday, coming, in their Stoddard-Dayton car. Mr. and Mrs. John Doherty, of Bos-ton, visited friends here Tuesday.

The As You Like It club met at the home of Mrs. B. C. Cummings on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Edw 2 'atch, who has been visiting air, an Mrs. Fred A. Patch returned last week Friday afternoon to her home in Brookline.

M.s. Rebecca Kaddy, who has been with her daughter. Mrs. Foster Hamilton, has gone to the Center, where she will assist at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abel G. Stearns.

Miss Daisy Hobart has given up her position as waitress at the Squanni-nook Inn, and Miss Gertrude Hamilton

Mr. and Mrs. S. Leroy Shapleigh and children have returned to Som-erville, and Mrs. Daniel McKenzia,

Mrs. Annie Collier, aged 71 years 11 months, 12 days, passed away las week Thursday noon at the home Mrs. Mary Tucker, where she had beer Mrs Mary Tucker, where she had been cared for during the past six weeks. The body was taken to the home of her cousin. Augustus Gerrish, of the Center, where the funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, and the burial was in the Townsend cemetery. Mrs. Collier had been housekeeper for Mr. Gerrish for a number of years and was seized with a paralytic shock several mostly age.

tic shock several months ago, the effects of which caused her death.

The annual election of officers of

Mrs. Alexander Reed has returned from a several-weeks' visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dwinell

work with Sherwin is carpenter and entered Fessenden's mills at the Cen-

mobiles are also kindly asked to fur-hish them to transport the members ed to the office of Dr. R. S. Ely, where to West Townsend.

The total number carelled in the cared for and taken to his home later.

A unique fish story is vouched for on Main street. Tuesday morning, when Roger Sherwin and his playmate, William Robbins, while picking flowers on the banks of the stream near the state road drain, opposite Boynton's, saw a big fish in the shallow water inside the drain and Clarence Streeter, who was working opposite, brought a rake and dragged out a big sacker fully ten inches in length which the boys, took home in triumph. home in triumph.

SHIRLEY

Frank Frederick gave up his posi-Frank Frederick gave up his posi-tion Monday in the weaving depart-ment of the President Suspender Co., and left for Greenfield, N. H., to assist his father, who conducts a farm in that town.

Halph S. Maylin has purchased the Frederick place on Ballou's hill, consisting of a five-room cottage house, string etc. with H₂ acres of land, and will occupy the same about the middle of this month.

Miss Margaret La

Members of Fredonian lodge, I. O. F., and Mary A. Livermore Re-ekah lodge will observe Memorial ay on Sunday by attending service t the Congregational church. The

Miner, Hazel Auclair, Marguerite Tremblay, Leah Wheeler, Oma Wolff, Doris Wood, The public is most cor-dially invited to the exercises.

Mrs. J. Albert Dearden and son Albert spent the week-end, and Sunday with her parents in Clinton.

The Patrick E. Regan family leave The Patrick E. Regan family leave Shirley on Monday for Middletown. Conn., where they will make their home with Mr. Regan's mother. Mrs. Regan and children will go to Littleton to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Regan's sister before going to Middletown. Mr. Regan sold his entire lot of household goods to Daniel Credit. A number of the members of Fre-

to attend the Odd Fellows' rally. In Gardner on this week Saturday afternoon. There will be a parade at three o'clock, after which there will be an entertainment, supper and dancing. The 12:15 electric car or one o'clock. steam train will reach Gardner in time for the celebration.

of her son, rushed into the shed and Harriet Wheeler, Mildred Farnsworth peal for members, and his earnest in-

tor of the church, Rev. E. L. Manacre, officiating. Mrs. Ruby Felch Smith, of Fitchburg, rendered effectively "Beautiful isle of somewhere" and "Lead, kindly light." The bearers were J. Edwin Pomfret. John T. Smith, J. Fred Brown and Fred Sieeper. Included in the many beautiful floral tributes were a large spray and wreath from the employees of the President Suspender Co. Burial was in the family lot at the Center ceme-

Mrs. Charlotte Knox, of Groton,

The case of John Bagdon, charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance and also the illegal transportation of liquor into Shirley, came up for trial at the district court in Ayer last Saturday morning. The defendant was represented by James H. Walsh, Jr., of Fitchburg, and the town of Shirley was represented by John M. Malorey. memorial address. Members of both on lodges will meet in the lodge room at 10.15 and march to the church in a body. At the close of the service members will march to the Village cemetery and decorate the graves of deceased members. The public is invited to attend the service.

The grammar school will hold graduation exercises in Odd Fellows hall on Eriday afternoon, June 15, at 2.15 o'clock. The graduates are Blanche Barnard, Josephine Bagdon, Eva Cuttler, Walter Dadmun, Madeline Designment, Clyde Graves, Celia Hodgman, Marguerite Ma

Company, Roxbury, and will assume the duties of his new position on June 18. Mr. West worked for the above ompany before coming to the state

George Pomfret, of Waverley, and roung son, spent over the week-end and Sunday with his parents. Mr. and

Mrs. Richard Pomfret.

A quiet home wedding took place last week Friday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney S. Horton, Lancaster road, when their red to Ernest James Townsend, of Fitchburg. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, of Boston. The bride wore a traveling gown of wistaria silk and carried a bouquet of white. sweet peas. The young couple was generously remembered with gifts. After a brief wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Townsend will be at home to their friends at 31 Grove street. Fitchburg. The bride furure use. It has not ver been defined the furure use. It has not ver been defined to their friends at 31 furure use. It has not ver been defined to their friends at 31 furure use. It has not ver been defined to sat includes five thouso d people and the huge stage, the Lahting corpus, the huge stage, the Lahting corpus, and pageants, are said to be on a scale of magnificate nece which will surpass anything of this sort which has been attempted before. In the masque the struggles of Caliban with his own nature have gles of mankind through his own nature have been symbolized to illustrate the struggles of mankind through his own nature have been symbolized to illustrate the struggles of mankind through his own nature have been symbolized to illustrate the struggles of mankind through his own nature have been symbolized to illustrate the struggles of mankind through his own nature have been symbolized to illustrate the struggles of mankind through his own nature have been symbolized to illustrate the struggles of mankind through his own nature have been event which will surpass anything of the h

pages for the local cump. The mater E. S. Barry, Dr. Kilbourn, Dr. S. Mabel Taliaferro, a real actress in a matter by and plans deviced for the State for Livy. Dr. Hepkins, D

Secret May Well and Held May Well and May Well and May Well and May Mell and Held Ma

Misses Marion, Helen and Dora Burnham of Revere have been spend-ing a few days at their summer home at Woodsville.

The Girls' Sewing Guild will hold its next regular meeting on Saturday afternoon, June 9, with Miss Shirley

John Farrar is confined to his home t Woodsville with illness. Mrs. Clinton Lovell of Henniker, N.

and Mrs. W. E. Barnard Miss Marion L. Holden of Templeton and Miss Edna Holden of Lancaster spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr_and Mrs. Herbert

It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fenno of Revere have taken one of Mrs. Steele Mackaye's houses on Parker road for the summer Chief of police Riley with two spe-cial officers again operated the auto-mobile trap on the state road at

Woodsville, Saturday afternoon and At Trinity chapel on Sunday after-

noon a class of nine were confirmed— Misses Ethel and Edna Holden, Chris-tine, Margaret and Eleanor Longley, Florence Wilkins, John Grout, Aubrey tham. The confirmation service was conducted by Bishop Babcock, assisted by Rev. Sherrard Billings of Groton School and Rev. Francis E. Webster of Waltham. On Sunday, June 10, the years instructor of blacksmithing at the State Industrial School for Boys, has accepted the position of foreman with the Beacon Auto Machine Company, Roxbury, and will assume the duties of his new position.

All who were suffering from the German measles at Woodsville have recovered and no new cases have been reported.

The preparations are nearing completion and tickets have gone on sale for Percy Mackaye's great masque. "Caliban." which is to be given this month in the Harvard stadium for the benefit of the Red Cross and the recovery officers, training corns. The

steam train will reach Gardner in time for the celebration.

Miss Leah Wheeler, a pupil of the cighth grade, was presented on Wedge and the State of the country tils of thee," and "The State of the St

of her son, rushed into the shed and it required all her strenkth to pull the fork from the boy's body. Nearby neighbors, hearing the screams from Earl Pomfret; recitation. Ruth Lynch: Charles Will, Fred Will and and gave practical assistance until the amy provided and gave practical assistance until the arrival of the physician.

Mrs. Hattle Page has arrived at the home of Mrs. Inter Sawyer and is carrived of Mrs. Inter Sawyer and is carrived from Boston to her home here, is quite ill.

See Ayer items for full account of mass meeting to be held in Ayer town had, June 12, at 2.15 p. m. This meeting affects your town.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles A. Ford took place hast week Friday afternoon with services at the Cniversalist church at two o'clock, the passior of the church, Rev. E. L. Halfacre, Milled Will and Mrs. Mrs. Ruby Felch Smith, of Fitchburg, rendered effectively "Beautiful isle of somewhere" and Modelli of the policy of the and of the some ways at the home of the policy of the day in the provided the form messages held his audience. To suptome the both will have be faith and louise Doherty—song. Fred the mile song. Fred the home is and Lynch. Charles Will, Fred Will and Louise Doherty—song. Fred the mile subject and his inspiring messages held his audience. To suptome the faith and Louise Doherty—song. Fred the home of us; to join it, to be faith and revise and was a service one of us; to join it, to be faith and revise and of the committee. Hazel- O. Ballou and Mary A. Badstibner; decorating committee. Hazel- O. Ballou and Mary A. Badstibner; decorating committee. White ground, we were told, was the emblem used by the Knight Templars abeth Sutherland of Brookline have been spending a few days at Rev. H. A. Bridgman's summer home of Center.

Mrs. Carrie Milne of Grand Rapids, was to retake the sacred places of old, who gave their lives to a mission of faith and service they had to prove the home of her sister, Mrs. M. W. Carey.

Mrs. Carrie Milne of Grand Rapids, was to retake the sacred places of the

A double quartet sang "The unfurl-ing of the flag," while the audience stood in recognition of the inspiring sentiments which have been so beautifully-expressed in this song

rrespectable of creed, race or colo His church, as well as all christia churches, is earnestly supporting the work of the Red Cross, a society with

The second speaker was Rev. Henry C. Speed, of the Baptist church of Clinton. He gave a very helpful talk with a pructical message. Often the Red Cross is considered a society for women and children and people with much leisure time, but it has work for everyone and it is everyone's duty to join. It is part of our democracy that not a few selected ones are supporting the organization, but that the entire nation is supporting it. The Red Cross is the "mobilization of the forces of mercy." as Mr. Speed expressed it, an organization founded to prevent and alleviate human suffering. It vent and alleviate human suffering, needs active members, workers

iary, hopes to win 1,000 to the cause The singing of "America" closed th program of a very successful rally. New Advertisements.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of HENRY S. WRIGHT, late of Ashby. in said County, deceased.

Whereas, HARRY F. BINGHAM, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twentieth day of June A.D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. owed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy hereof to all persons interested in the

thereof to all persons 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 Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, 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 twenty-ninth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

3133 F. M. ESTY, Register.

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2339 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 NANCY J. SMITH
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 N. BERNICE SMITH of
Ayer 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
twentleth day of June A. D. 1917, at
ifine 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 Turher'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 ludge of said Court, this twentyoffth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

3130 F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of ELLA H. AMES late of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

EDWARD F. KIMBALL,

3138 Executor.

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High School Boys Who Like Farm Work Enlist for Service From May 1 to October 1-Useful Suggestions Regarding Planting and Preserving.

Chairman James J. Storrow of the Mass. Committee on Public Safety, just back from a conference with the National Council of Defence, says Massachusetts is highly compliment-ed at the Capitol for the manner in which it has entered into all phases of war preparedness, and especially

the matter of food production.

The home garden phase was solved easily. Byery one was willing to The farmer also was willing to do his part to the extent of his ability, but somewhat inclined to These worries were largely eliminated by a propaganda for farm credits shared in by many of the best banks in the state. No farmer with any character need worry about his ability to borrow the money necessary to plant and harvest a crop.

The labor question is in process of olution. Some men can be spared from factories for short periods during planting and harvesting. Many of the colleges have agreed to release students for farm work, and the latest development is the mobilization of high school boys. This movement has obtained a very distinct impetus owing to the willingness of market gardeners adjacent to the large cities to employ such boys. It is not expected that it will be 100% successful. In some places the scale of payment is more than the farmer can afford to pay, and in others there is skepticism as to the value of this

Broadly speaking, however, there s a disposition to try it. Farmers desiring the services of hors should apply to their local committee on Food Production. The boys are sent out in charge of supervisors in order that their work snall be well and faithfully done. Each boy is given a numbered service badge, and signs the following receipt for it: "I hereby acknowledge the loan to ie of one service badge, to be worn during my term of service; the same to remain the property of the Commonwealth until I shall have received my honorable discharge. I promise to return this badge to my supervisor if I leave the service prior to my honorable discharge, or if I fail to comply with all the conditions



Bervice Badge Given to Schoolboys Who Volunteer for Farm Service.

The boys are released from school to be of service from May 1 to October 1, on the following terms:

(1) The boy shall receive for his first week's service no other compensation beyond his board and lodging (either in the farmer's home of in a camp), and an allowance of \$2.00 in cash to cover cost of travel, purchase of necessary working clothes and other initial expenses.

(2) The wages for the second and each succeeding week of service shall

(a) In case the boy lives on the farm or is boarded in a camp he shall receive not less than \$4:00 in cash for a six-day week, in addition to board and lodging. A higher wage than this minimum amount may be paid CANDY for at the farmer's option for demonstrated worth upon the approval of the Supervisor after review and approval of the same by the Executive Committee.

(b) Boys employed on farms but living at home shall receive not less than \$6.00 a week in cash for a sixday week. A higher wage for such boys may be paid on the fulfillment of the conditions stipulated under (a).

Whenever in the opinion of the local supervisor, the conditions of living or of labor are not satisfactory, the boy may be withdrawn without prejudice to him.

Whitney's Stable lies and preserves. Put up fruit juices in ordinary bottles. Reserve

serving cans this season. Fruit juices if sealed with corks and parnuces it seased with corns and par-affin, can be kept perfectly in these scarce and high. Another example is School Exhibit. makeshift containers. Jellies, jams, and preserves can be kept, even in ordinary drinking glasses, by the use of paper and paraffin. Vegetables, soups and meats to keep must be sent the paraffin and relatively cheap.

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sealed by the usual fruit-jar or tin-can packing methods.

All members of canning clubs and others should not only can products, but also dry and evaporate all such products as apples, pumpkin, and squash. If containers are scarce locally, those in stock should be used to preserve nerishable to the story of the should be used to preserve nerishable to the story of the should be used to preserve nerishable to the story of the should who still retains a residence here. hers should not only can products, products as apples, pumpkin, and preserve perishable products which have the highest nutritive value. Nothing should be packed in jars

fectively in other ways. Candy containers or other glass jars with screw tops or glass stoppers, and in fact any receptacle of glass, crockery or porcelain, can be

sealed with cork or paper and paramin.

Large tin canisters or tin cans with removable covers, provided the body of the container is air and water tight, will be found useful in canning Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb entertained the parents of Mrs. Whiteomb. Mrs. and Mrs. David Persons, of Gardner, Mass., over the week-end.

Mrs. Michael Riordan was very ill and under the doctor's care last week while her son William is also quite sick with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. David Persons, of Gardner, Mass., over the week-end.

Mrs. William is also quite sick with the measles. certain fruit products. Such containers can be sterilized and their covers hermetically sealed in place with solder or wax.

GARDEN CULTIVATION.

After the seeds have sprouted or after the plants have been set in their permanent location, continued cultivation becomes necessary. gardener should never permit surface of the soil to become baked or even to form an appreciable crust.

Constant stirring with hand tools or a wheel cultivator should be practiced between the rows and about the plants. Such a stirring permits the afr to penetrate the soil, where it facilitates chemical action and bacterial activity, destroys weeds which otherwise would utilize large amounts of_plant_food, and, finally, conserves the moisture supply. The rake is per haps the gardener's most valuable tool in cultivating. This can be passed backward and forward over the ground until it is in an open, mellow condi-

Where vegetables grow closely in the rows it often will be necessary to supplement the cultivation by hand weeding. Small implements are made for this purpose and may be purchased cheaply. It is well also in some cases to pull up weeds by hand, especially where they grow closely about the stalks of the garden plants.

Just as the gardener should be care ful in early spring not to dig the ground when the soil is too moist, so he should be careful later in the sea son not to cultivate too soon affer rains. The stirring of very muddy soil "puddles" it into a compact, cementlike mass in which the plant food is securely locked. The garden will require attention, however, as soon as the excess moisture from a rain has soaked in or partially evaporated. Unless the ground is stirred at this time a crust will form almost inevitably Such crust, besides restricting the plants, prevents the access of air, and also facilitates the loss of moisture through evaporation.

FARMERS CAN DEFEAT U-BOATS.

The following letter issued by the British Premier, David Lloyd George, while addressed to the people of England, conveys advice distinctly applicable to the United States which should be heeded by every one who can do anything to produce food or save food from waste.

We have now reached a crisis in the war when, to ensure victory, the heroism of our armies at the front must be backed by the self-sacrifice and tireless labor of every one at home. To this end the production of each quart of wheat and oats, and of each bushel of potatoes is of vital importance. The work of the next few weeks must decide the harvest of the year; and in the nation's interest I urge you, at whatever personal sacrifice, to overcome all obstacles, to throw your full est energies into the work, and to influence and encourage all who assist you, so that every possible acre shall

The imperative demands of wa have made it impossible to avoid call- News Items ing up men fit for active service, even though skilled in farming. As far as possible this is being met by bringing on the land men and women from other industries. They cannot be expected to do work equal to that of men expert in agriculture; but there is not time for delay and the government is confident that farmers will at once step forward and do all in their power to utilize their services to the best advantage.

The farmers of this country can defeat the German submarine and when they do so they destroy the last hope of the Prussian.

D. LLOYD GEORGE.

March 5, 1917.

ABANDON FOOD PREJU-DICES.

Don't be finicky. Be willing to try new foods. Certain plentiful and nour-

source of starch, when potatoes are came.

BROOKLINE N H

William French suffered a very bad

turn last Saturday. Mrs. Ida Bailey and John Maxson ue. Nothing should be packed in jars! Mrs. In Daney and John Masson, or cans which can be conserved ef- of Nashua, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pierce on Memorial day.

Mrs. C. D. Davis spent last week with-friends in-Hampstead, while Mr. Davis visited their former home in Re-vere, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb enter-

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Lyons. Mrs. Winifred Mansfield and Mr. Mansfield's mother, Mrs. Frances Mansfield, of Winchester, motored here from their respective homes Memorial day and were entertained at the home of Dr. Holcombe.

Miss Helen Sawtelle, with her attendant, Miss Geiser, has arrived at her summer home here for the season.

On Memorial day Mr. and Mrs. William Shattuck entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kemp. of Worcester; Walter North. of Hyde Park; Miss. Madolon Kemp and Frank Kemp, of Shirlay

Miss Hazel Goss spent the holiday with friends in Boston, and the last week-end she spent at Tilton seminary as the guest of her cousin, Miss Eva Cory, who is a student there.

Miss May Pierce was a Boston and ambridge visitor last Saturday. Miss Grace Whitcomb went to West-Lebanon last week Thursday to be present at the graduating exercises of the school where she served as teacher

at one time. In a ball game between the married and single men of the town on Meand single men of the town on Memorial day the game ended in favor of the single men, 20 to 4. Last Saturday the boys played a team from Mason, winning from the visitors by the score of 14 to 6.

Mrs. Myra Standley was the guest of Mrs. James Hill, of Pepperell, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George French, of ownsend and Frank French with his

ownsend and Frank French with his amily, of Medford, Mass., motored here from their respective homes on day and visited William rench,

French,
Mrs. Sarah Shattuck, who has made her home with her slster, Mrs. Mellie Gilson, for some years, and who has been ill for several months, was removed by auto last Sunday to Wakefield, where she is to enter a private institution near the home of her son. Clarence Stickney, of Boston was

foliday visitor in town at the home of Mrs. Adella Whitcomb. The Ladies' Aid of the Congrega-ional church held a very successful trawberry supper last week Tuesday

Indies, do not forget the Red Cross Auxiliary. They need the help and membership of every woman in town. A large band of gypsies cumped in the south part of the town, near the cemetery, for several days last week. The play, "Local color," written by Starr Barnaby and produced under his direction last week Friday evening, was well given and highly appreciated by a large and erthysiastic audience. was wen given and highly appreciated by a large and erthusiastic audience. The cast consisted of Edna Hall, Margaret Wilkins, Hazel Storer, Henry Bailey, Forrace Hall, Fred Hill and Starr Barnaby, Between the acts there. Frank Bailey and Honry Bailey. At the close of the play there was a patri-otic tableau by the little one and bugle calls by Starr Earnaby. Dancing followed until mainight. Guests were

present from all rearby towns LUNENBURG

At the mid-work meeting of the GH, (A) ongregational church last week Fri. de as a ay evening it was a ded to gran, the last of the last o At the mid-week meeting of the GII Congregational church last week Friday evening it was viced to grant the pastor. Lionel A. Whoston, a variation, beginning on Jane 18, and controlling until July 28, me leve During his value of the pastor ceilings, etc. The matter was left tog the executive committee to make such Attensive repairs as in their polyment

Mrs. George A. F. se has recorded from the Burbans I, spital, where she underwent 2 Arts schulk operation. After a two-weeks' stry she returned to her home very much improved in beatth.

Notice has been received by the selectmen from the fish and 2 cme connected that the selectmen from the fish and 2 cme connected that the stock and come Wholem pend.

The commissioners will take for care of the matter without further action from the town and will paint the fish and post the pond.

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SAVE EMPTY BOTTLES.

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were wonderful exhibits of gardening,

ut-outs from paper, drawings, knit. cut-outs from paper, drawings, knitting, sewing, surgical dressings, mechanical aris, etc., in which every grade was represented. The surgical dressings were prepared by the girls of the high school and eighth and seventh grades during the noon hours. These will be sent to the Peter Bent Brigham hospital, where they will be sterifized and then given to the Red Cross.

In the evening an entertainment was given by the enclured of the seventh grade, the first of the program being a solo, "Terfert day," sung by Alice Fielden. A dramatization of Longfellow's poem, "The birds of Killingworth," was then given by thirteen pupils—Dorbthy Bigelow, Dorothy Borter, Alice Fielden, Dorothy Rockwood, Edward Allen, Preston Hayward, Cecil Brown, Robert Marden, Harold Farnsworth, Forest Lancey, Roland Lancey, Rachel Spencer and Edice Tyler—in a manner that reflected great credit upon their teacher. "Kind wbrds" was then sung by the girls' quartet, Dorothy Bigelow, Doris McClure, Rachel Spencer and Edice Tyler—Everyone did his or her part very finely and received hearty appliance. ross. In the evening an entertainment was

The Woman's Club held its annua

Mr. and Mrs. George Nye last week Friday entertained Mrs. A. J. Fisher, of Milford, and Miss Ethel Jones, of Wilson.

Mrs. Ellen Swett was in Nashua from last week Friday to Tuesday, the guest of Mrs. Roxey Patch.

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James Fessenden and his son Fred, of West Newton, Mass., spent several days last week in town, visiting with friends and relatives.

Rev. George L. Perrin, of Boston, accompanied by Mrs. Perrin, their son George, Jr., and daughter, Mrs. Warren Barker, spent several days last week at their summer home here.

Mary Reagan spent the holiday with her cousin, Mrs. John Sherman, of Ayer.

On Memorial day Mr. and Mrs. William Shattuck entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kemp, of Worcester; Waiter North, of Hyde Park. Wiss Was followed by a social hour in which dainty refreshments were served by the executive committee.

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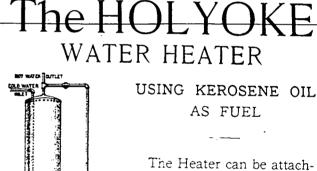
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PEPPERELL

Miss Nellie Mayhew, who has od several weeks this spring with he cousin, Mrs. D. R. Child, has gone: Cooperstown, N. Y., for the summer.

John Smith, who recently came from Lincoln to work in the Nashua River paper mills, has taken the Palmer house on Tucker avenue and will occupy it with his family as soon as his goods arrive.

Miss Doris Hartwell is expected home from her school in Bridgewater next week for her summer vacation. Mrs. Charles Merrill and daughter ning by the score of 4 to 2.

Audrey, from Somerville, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Raymond Tucker.

At the penny hand-out lunchill hall on Tuesday evening

Mrs. P. J. McDonald and sister, Mrs Tucker, entertained two auto parties social dance. George H. Stewart will from Cliftondale on Sunday, including be one of the entertainers with his hu-

Miss Nelson and Mr. Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. MacNelley, who have recently returned to the states from Panama, were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Tarbell. Mr. MacNelly has had slx years' government service at the canal zone, but has accepted a fine position with the American Optical works in Southbridge. After visiting in sevin Southbridge. After visiting in sev-eral cities he now intends to establish himself there permanently.

The Boy Scouts held a special meeting on Wednesday evening to consider the work of securing subscriptions for the liberty bond loan in which the Bey Scouts have been asked to assist by President Wilson and the treasury department. The campaign begins Monday.

nected with a large department store in Bridgeport, Conn., was in town on

mother, Mrs. John Marshall.

The result of the joint meeting of the boards of selectmen and boards of health of the towns of Harvard, Lancaster, Ayer, Groton, Shirley, Townsend and Pepperell, to be held in Ayer this Saturday, will be learned with interest. The meeting concerns the problems arising concerning the new army encampment at Ayer. The business of the meeting will be the adoption of uniform health and sanitary laws, uniform building law. the meeting will be the grapher will be uniform health and sanitary laws, uniform building laws and military zones, and that the wet towns of Clinton and Pepperell be brought under supervision of military authorities.

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The Ladies' Social circle, Branch Alliance, Unitarian church, will hold the regular all-day meeting on Friday. June 15, at the ladies' room. Important business is to be discussed at this meeting and an interesting report is expected from the directors. The lurgh of the polymer of the property of the propert

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS Alice Marshall, came from Connecticut to Worcester to meet her and came to Peppereil on Thursday for a week-end

to Stanley Stevenson, both of Lincoln, Me., occurred at the Methodist parsonage on Thursday evening, May 31. Rev. W. H. Beers performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson have taken the tenement in the Palmer block, corner of Main and Cross streets. Groton high played Pepperell high

At the penny hand-out lunch at Oak hill hall on Tuesday evening there will o a good entertainment, followed by a ocial dance. George H. Stewart will from Clifftondale on Sunday, including the one of the entertainers with his huther sister. Mrs. Helen Jay; her two morous dialect readings, and by recons, George and Oakley, and daughter. Miss Pauline: also, Miss Barber. Miss Nelson and Mr. Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. MacNelley, who have recently returned to the character songs. All are invited.

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The class day exercises of the high school occur on this week Friday evening at 7.45. Music will be rendered by the high school orchestra and singing by the school. The program is as follows: Oration, "World benefits already gained and in sight as the result of the great war," Lambert Sullivan; poem, "Our song," Harriet Wright: class history. George Attridge: Wright; class history, George Attridge; statistics, Winifred Fitzgerald; prophecy, Kenneth Durant; will, Francis Drumm; presentation of gifts, Gerald

Mrs. William Rouse continues in very feeble condition. Her son Guy, who recently came from his school in Maine, is still here. Last week Mrs. Sweeney, of Maynard, a sister of Mr. Rouse, spent the week here to assist in the care of the invalid.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carkin.

Ayer, visited over Sunday with relatives on Oak hill. Mr. Carkin has an opportunity to go to Graniteville to work, which he considered, but decided to remain in Ayer. The Oak hill Sunday school held an

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HARVARD

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Mr. and Mrs. Earle O. Turner, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are staying at present with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Turner. with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Turner.
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pleased to know that he has accepted
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with the Ayer Farmers' Co-operative Exchange, who will be sorry to lose such a business manager.

The Misses Bertha and Marguerite Hero, of Westboro, with Miss Dorothy West of Framingham Normal school are spending this week-end with Mr and Mrs. A. T. West. Westboro, with Miss Dorothy

Miss Mary D. Bull, of Lowell is visiting here for a few days with her cousin, Mrs. H. Emma Whitney. Miss Nora Brooke, formerly a very popular teacher in our public schools here, was a guest this week with Miss Gertrude Farwell.

- Webster Sawyer, of Weymouth, spent Tuesday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Baker.

A very interesting Grange meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the entertainment being in charge of A. C. Fuller. E. J. McLaughlin, who has enlisted his services as a sawyer or millwright in one of the six Massachusetts units, who are to go to Engagery. chusetts units, who are to go to Englan or Scotland, gave a very interesting talk on "Why I enlisted." Dr. Peters, Fred Wrangham and others give short talks on different phases of the conservation of our resources. Music was furnished by Mr. West, who gave a vocal splot Miss Helen Stone, plano solo, and Misses Annie Reed and Scorgie, who gave plano duets. The next meeting is to be devoted to the question. "Shall Harvard Grange hold a fruit and poultry show this season?" All who are interested should be present to express their opinion.

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The grammar school closes on next week Thursday with the usual inter-esting program characteristic of the school efforts. All are cordially in-vited to be present. Exercises begin

last Tuesday was seventy-seve Bromfield school played Westford academy at the home grounds on last Wednesday, the score being 8 to 5, in favor of Bromfield. St. John in the box dil some great work and was well supported by the other players.

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Mesdames Lawton and Foley open neir ice cream parlor today. Vernon E. Prior, who recently con inded his services for Judge Sander-on, has moved to Ayer.

In an article previously sent to the publisher's office the complete program given at the dedication of the new Conant & Houghton factory was not included. As guests were received

to call one name and no other, when are aliens.

The Harvird Auxiliary held a successful all-day sewing meeting at the vestry of the Congregational church on May 29. The officers of the auxiliary ask that all the work be sent in as soon as possible, as the first box must be sent away in a few days.

The baccalaureate services will be held at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at 10.45. This is to be a union service and there will be no service at the Congregational church.

The Ladles' Sewing circle and Branch Alliance will hold an all-day sewing meeting on Thursday June 14, at the home of Mrs. Arthur W.

Bryant. Dancing was enjoyed by the young people at the close of the entertainment. The Grange voted to buy a liberty bond and chose a committee to make the purchase. Visitors were present from Boxboro. Westford and West Chelmsford.

chelmsford.

The Unitarian conference for this district will 'hold its next session with the First Parish in Ashby next Thursday morning and afternoon. The address of the morning on "Modern methods for modern times" will be given by Rev. Thomas Van Ness of Brookline. The devotional service at the noon hour is conducted by Rev. J. Sidney Moulton of Stow. The afternoon session, of a practical nature, on the "Unitarian workshop," has a variety of speakers: Rev. Charles F. Potter, Marlboro; Rev. Alfred R. Hussey. Lowell: Rev. Manley B. Townsend, Nashua, and Rev. George F. Patterson, Peterboro. In spite of the busy season, a good attendance from the Littleton parish is expected for this conference among the hills of Ashby.

SHIRLEY

News Item,

Frank I, Brown of Leominster fell from the roof of Wm. H. Brown's house. Lancaster road, on Thursday morning about eleven o'clock and reity will prove fatal. He was rushed to the Clinton hospital after being at-tended by a physician in Mrs. Hittie W. Evans' auto. Brown was engaged w. Evans' auto. Brown was engaged in reshingling the roof and the owner of the house was working with him at the time and the board slipped off the brackets. W. H. Brown also was thrown off, but he caught hold of the post of the main staging and saved himself. The injured man was employed by the contractor, George M. Page of Leominster.

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ed States is face to face with a serious crisis in its commercial affairs, due to the conditions by which its transportation system is confronted, was the opinion expressed by W. M. Acworth, England's leading authority on railways, before the Newlands joint committee on interstate commerce at a specia mittee to hear his views before his departure for London this week. Two steps are necessary, according to Mr. Acworth, to avert this crisis and to solve the threatening railroad problem confronting the country. The first is to allow the railroads to

charge freight rates sufficient to meet the great advance in operating expenses which is taking place and to enable them to command the credit necessary to provide the extensions and improvements needed to meet the growing demands of business. The second is to do away with the multiple and conflicting systems of regulation that now hamper railway operation and to provide one centralized regulatory agency with such local subdivisions as may be necessary.

Higher Rates a Public Necessity. Mr. Acworth's views on the transpor

tation situation in the United States were expressed in answer to questions by members of the committee, who asked him to apply his knowledge of railway conditions throughout the world and of the experience of other countries with government ownership to the present problem before the United States.

"The fundamentaal factor in the situation is very simple," said Mr. Acworth. "It lies in the fact that you cannot get three-quarters of a cent' worth of work done for less than threequarters of a cent, no matter whether the agency performing it is a government or private enterprise. Freight rates must advance when the cost of performing the service advances as it is doing at present, just as the price of bread or meat or any other commodity increases with increased cost of production."

In answer to a question Mr. Acworth said that he thought American freight rates had been at much too low a level for several years past, that they had reached this low point during the period of cutthroat competition among the roads and had since been held there by regulating bodies. Unless relief were afforded to the carriers very promptly, he said, the result would be a tremendous loss to the people of the whole country through insufficien-

cy of transportation facilities. Weakness of Government Ownership. On the subject of government owner-

ship of railways Mr. Acworth said: "It is impossible to obtain satisfactory results on government railways in a democratic state unless the management is cut loose from direct political control. Neither Australia nor any other country with a democratic constitution-perhaps an exception ought to be made of Switzerland-has succeeded in maintaining a permanent severance. In France, in Belgium, in Italy, parliamentary has been abandoned for a moment, The facts show that government interference has meant running the railways not for the benefit of the people at large, but to satisfy local and sectional and even personal interests.

Prussia, Mr. Acworth said, was the best example of an efficient government railway system, and he pointed out that military considerations were treated as of paramount importance in the Prussian railway system. While American freight rates had been reduced nearly 40 per cent in thirty years, rates in Prussia were nearly as high as at the beginning of the period. While the charge for moving a ton of freight one mile in the United States was a trifle over three-quarters of a cent, the rate in Prussia was 1.41 ceats. As illustrating the difference in rates

between government and private roads Mr. Acworth compared the railways of New South Wales, Australia, with those of Texas. While the amount of traffic to each mile of line was about the same in both cases, he pointed out, the Texas railways performed for the public four times as much service as the government owned roads of New South Wales. The charge in Texas for hauling a ton of freight one mile was less than 1 cent, while in the Australian state it was well over 2 cents. "American railways lead the world," said Mr. Açworth. "Nowadays when

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Whereas, FRANCIS G. HAYES executor of the will of said deceased, has presented his petition for authority to mortgage certain real estate therein described, of the estate of said deceased to raise the sum of one thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying debts funeral expenses and charges of administration.

ministration.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of June A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested fourteendays, at least, before said Court, of by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's leable Spirit, a newspaper published in the before the bef r, the last publication to be one day ast, before said Court

Witness, Charles J McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court this seventh day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

1140 F. M. ESTY, Register. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of John Henry Turner, late of Ayer, 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 HINTLEY S. TURNER and GEORGE H. R. TURNER, who pray that fetters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without xiving a surety on their official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of June A.P. 1917, at nine-octock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioners are 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, and by making 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 sixth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

3140 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of LEVI WALLACE late of Ayer
in said County, deceased.

Whereas, HOWARD B. WHITE the
surviving trustee under the will of said
deceased, has presented for allowance,
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said will of Noah Wallace and Howard B. White.

You are hereby cited to appear at a
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