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#### TOWNSEND

Center. Word has been received that Parke Struthers has received his commission as second lieutenant, Aviation corps, aeronautical division.

The members of the Country club tendered a surprise last week Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver of South row on their fifteenth wedding anniversary. An outdoor picnic dinner was enjoyed and a social afternoon spent. During the afternoon they were presented with a three piece Pyrex set from the club as a pleasant reminder of the occasion.

Mrs. Carrie Lane, of Gardner, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Seaver.

Miss Adelaide Weil has been spending a portion of her vacation with friends at Lake Boone, Stow.

Mrs. Beatrice Andrews, of Sharon, is enjoying a visit with her friend, Miss Adelaide Weil, at the home of George Brackett, Old City. In honor of her guest Miss Weil gave a neighborhood veranda tea party on Tuesday afternoon when a social time was enjoyed and refreshments served.

Mrs. Annie Greenleaf, of Old City, is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Bryan, and daughter, Miss Eva Bryan, of Dorchester.

Mrs. Ruth J. Weston, aged seventy-six years, who has been an invalid for about nine years, passed away early Wednesday morning at her home. The funeral will be held from

her late home on this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment in the Hillside cemetery, beside her late husband, Frank Weston.

#### West.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and son Edward, from Athol, who have been visiting relatives in Beverly and vicinity, stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle, Monday, on their way home to Athol.

Mr. and Mrs. Enzor, overseers at the town farm, entertained an auto party from Woburn, Sunday, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlberg and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Canwell and daughter. During the afternoon Mr. Carlberg afforded great pleasure to the five inmates at the farm by taking them out for an auto ride, a privilege which they greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Eliza Tebbetts, who is stopping with her mother, Mrs. Charles R. Morgan, has returned to her home in Reading for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Laura Windsor, from Waltham, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle.

Rev. Joseph McKean expects to preach Sunday morning from the topic "Wheat and chaff," and in the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. service will be conducted by Miss Alice Seaver, the topic being "Using our pens for Christ."

The most severe thunder shower of the season took place on Wednesday afternoon about five o'clock, following a day of extreme heat and was preceded by a severe gale which laid flat the cornfield and blew down trees. Part of a large, old buttonwood tree in the entrance of Herman Sticker's yard was blown down and blocked the Main street for about half an hour.

An alarm was sounded at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon for a brush fire in a woodlot near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Richards. This fire was discovered on Tuesday afternoon and apparently was caused by carelessness on the part of a smoker. Mr. Richards left it apparently out on Tuesday night but the high wind caused it to spring up again and about one o'clock it had got beyond his control and he called the fire department. The brush firemen responded with chemicals and in a short time it was gotten again under control and left with a fireman on watch and the heavy shower of the late afternoon finished the work and no special damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruce of Boston have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Bruce.

Mrs. Lois Vose, who has been spending the summer with her daughter on Staten Island, N. Y., has returned to the home of her niece, Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin, who with her little son Roger, has accompanied her husband on a week's business trip.

Word was received here that Mrs. Clarence Rawson is seriously ill with appendicitis in Burbank hospital. Mrs. H. L. Stuckney, Mr. Rawson's mother, is spending a few days at the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wyman and child, from Worcester, are guests at the home of Mrs. D. O. Evans. George Marshall, a former well-

known resident here, now living in Athol, is at the Littleton hospital in Winchendon, where he underwent a successful operation Monday.

The regular weekly band concert by the Townsend band will be given in the schoolhouse grounds on Friday evening. In connection with this concert there will be a lawn party under the auspices of the Brotherhood and Ladies' Auxiliaries with booths for the sale of ice cream and soft drinks and liberty packages will also be on sale. If the weather should be stormy the affair will be held on Saturday evening.

Miss Blanche Sprague, who has been spending the past month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver, left Wednesday evening for Worcester, where she will spend a week before returning to her home in Readsboro, Vt., where she will resume her school after Labor day.

Miss Freda Jodery of Concord is stopping at the L. F. Wood place for a few weeks.

Mrs. Margaret Terry and friends, from Boston, are stopping for a few weeks at Twin Maples.

Mrs. McNary and children have been making a brief visit to relatives in Holliston, N. H., and Friday will remain for the rest of the week.

Owing to the extreme heat and the thunder shower the attendance at the meeting of the War Relief Workers at the Red House on Wednesday was small, but the work was continued on clothes for the destitute Belgians.

#### Harbor.

Frank Glechrist left for New York State college in Albany, Thursday, for the special study of gasoline and steam engines, in order to prepare for overseas work in that department.

Herbert Harvey and family, of Pennsylvania, are spending several days at the home of T. J. Harvey.

Mrs. Esther Bailey and her daughter, Miss Sybil Bailey, are spending the week-ends during August in this village.

Postmaster Josselyn spent Thursday at the beach.

Mrs. Ada Howe, of West Boylston, returned home last Saturday from a visit at Willowbrook.

Miss Marion Holloman, of Waverley, is visiting her brother and other friends in this village.

Mrs. Strout returned this week from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Proctor, of Waltham.

Miss Susie Phelps has returned to the home of her sister, Mrs. Anson Spaulding.

Mrs. James Bennett is meeting with great success in selling war-savings stamps. Her last sales amounted to nearly \$20.

Miss Mary Heneoy, of Boston, accompanied by a friend, has been spending a week with Mrs. Betsey Mitchell.

Included in the damage done by the wind on Wednesday were many large branches twisted off; a big elm uprooted on the Fletcher estate, and the Baldwin flag pole blown down. But the birdhouse in Depot square still stands, an ever present reminder of the leaning of Pisa.

The regular meeting of the As You Like It club was held on August 12 at Westview with Mrs. Frank Conant. Everyone exclaimed "How cool it is," when they entered the shady rooms decorated with cool green and dainty Princess Lace flowers. Because of the extreme hot weather a very simple program was planned by the lecturer, Mrs. Lawrence Morgan. While the ladies busied themselves with knitting and fancy work, Mrs. Galen Proctor read the touching story of "Three things." Mrs. Ransom Adams gave a sketch of the life of Lucy Stone, founder of woman's suffrage. Tuesday, August 13, was the anniversary of her birth. A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed. The club adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. Hannah Foss; Mrs. G. A. Proctor, lecturer.

#### LITTLETON

#### News Items.

An auto accident occurred between the Proctor house and H. J. Couper's residence about 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when a little too much high speeding and crowding caused a jockey, in passing, to hit a Ford and overturn it, causing slight bruises on the bodies of two children in the Ford, but otherwise doing little injury.

Thomas Chappell has notified his paper customers that as soon as a moment in Concord Junction is vacated he will take up his residence there, and the public will have to depend on his successor for the Sunday morning papers. Mr. Chappell has lived in town about twenty-five years and he and his family will be missed by a large circle of friends, whose good wishes attend them.

Miss Lizzie Farrer is spending her vacation of two weeks with friends in Pepperell.

Miss Ruth Sawyer, of Auburndale, is visiting her cousins, the F. S. Kimballs.

Mrs. Ada Woodland and son William are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ireland in Pepperell this week.

Mrs. Fred Hill and son Carl, of Reading, were Sunday guests of the G. F. Hibbard.

The Winton Six that was demolished in the accident at New Estate crossing Monday morning lies in a heap of fragments by the right house, bearing evidence of its sad fate.

Karlton K. Frost has graduated from the French officers' commissioners' training school in France. He writes warmly of Littleton friends and hopes some day to return to them. Richard G. Conant is also reported as having taken the officers' training course in France.

The surgical dressings workers met in the Unitarian society on Thursday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Fairfield returned on Saturday from an enjoyable outing trip by auto to Maine, where they made a call on their daughter Faith, who is a waitress at the Poland Springs House.

Wednesday is the day for the Sunday school picnic which is to be held this year at Norwanna Park. Those who have autos with extra seats are asked to be at the Unitarian church at nine o'clock to take those who are

without conveyance. The start will be made soon after nine. As in previous years the invitation is to all our townspeople to join in making it a Littleton picnic, though it was planned by the officers of the Unitarian school, the chairman of the committee being Roland G. Houghton.

Charles F. Flagg and Miss Marion Flagg returned home from Kennebunkport on Monday.

The case of Edward P. Burke, of Newton Highlands, whose car struck the telephone pole near the Congregational church a few Sundays ago, came up in court on Thursday morning and he was fined five dollars for not having his license with him.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kane, of Worcester, are in camp at W. L. Mitchell's cottage, Long pond, for two weeks.

Mrs. Perry and Miss Perry, of Rochester, N. Y., are guests of Hon. F. A. Patch and his sister, Miss Hatfield White, of Andover, is another of their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gillett, with Hon. F. A. Patch, Miss Ewings and Mrs. Patch, and Miss Perry, as auto guests, went to Salem, where they were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. Gillett's sister, Mrs. Boshart.

Several heat prostrations on Tuesday and Wednesday necessitated medical treatment. Dr. J. D. Christie attended Mrs. Osborne, Mr. Davis, of the common, and others who were partially overcome.

The young Crosby lad cut his foot while in bathing at Long pond. Those broken bones are still bringing discomfort to the bathers who happen to step on them.

Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stewart, in Worcester.

Miss Mildred Wright is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Conant.

Mrs. Chester M. Hartwell, of Detroit, and her two children, are at J. M. Hartwell's.

Miss Persis Jacobs is with relatives in Somerville.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton spent Thursday as the guest of Mrs. Hazel Bradlee Martyn in Nashua, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Martyn expect to move soon to New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. John Priest, of Alliston; Miss Harris, of Lexington, and her sister, Miss Harris, principal of a school building in Cambridge, are at Miss Marshall's.

Mrs. Lothrop, of Newton, was a five-day guest of her sister, Mrs. A. F. Bradlee, last week.

Mrs. L. A. Hager and daughter Patti leave home today for Lake Winnisquam, N. H., where they will stay through the month at Lakeside hotel.

Mrs. Ada Bradlee is visiting her son's family.

Arthur F. Bradlee returned to his office work on Thursday after a vacation of two weeks, pleasantly spent at his home and in day trips with his family.

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TOWNSEND

Center. Rev. Mr. Waterhouse and family of Lynn, are spending a vacation in town...

East Pepperell, the single ring service being used. Her father gave her away and her sister, Agnes Hallisey, acted as bridesmaid...

Rony Cowdrey, from the Center, assisting as clerk at W. A. Bowers' store during the absence of...

expect to receive their summons very soon to attend the wide acre...

"The Fog" By LOUISE OLIVER (Copyright, 1918, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate) An east wind was blowing when the Bardsleys awoke on Monday morning...

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Wedding. The wedding of Miss Frieda Patricia Hallisey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hallisey of this town...

William Spear, from Beverly, who is visiting relatives in New Ipswich, N. H., has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway.

Word has been received by Dr. C. E. Woods that his son, Arnold H. Woods, has received his temporary commission as ensign and will go to the Annapolis naval academy on October 5 for further training.

John Woodredge, chairman of the assessors, gave a public hearing and announcement last Saturday that the tax rate for this year would be \$18, which is \$5.50 less than last year...

Mr. Bardsley proceeded to his office, the east wind and shades of Welsh rabbits following. Things went wrong all day. His stenographer irritated him beyond endurance by refusing to be a mind reader and understanding what he meant to say instead of what he did say by the book dictation.

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Saturday, August 17, 1918.

GROTON

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Barr of Willow Dale are very poorly.

George Mason is working in Leominster.

W. W. Ames spent last week in Hampton and Salisbury.

Mrs. Emma Blood has received a letter from her son Roy from overseas.

He states that if any of the neighbors want a piano moved when he goes he would take it on his back and carry it anywhere, for he would be nothing compared to the loads he has to carry now.

John Forcino has a new horse—he don't have to take anybody's dust now.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest O. Andrews of Nashua moved to town last week and will make their home with Mrs. Samuel L. Blodgett, Mrs. Andrews' mother.

There will be a band concert from the bandstand on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman spent the day Tuesday at A. B. Farrell's, coming by auto from Brant Rock.

Mrs. James Hill has returned home after a week's visit with her mother in Merrimack, N. H.

Mrs. Grace Graves, sister of J. E. Adams, recently entertained Mrs. Adams, A. J. Dugas and children, Charles and Esther, at her summer home in Wellesley.

Bernard Sherwin of West Groton has been spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crowley.

Mrs. J. E. Messinger and daughter Edith are enjoying a vacation of two weeks at Lake Sunapee, N. H.

Miss Margaret Crowley has been entertaining Mrs. P. H. Crowley and daughter Mary of New York city.

Mrs. Edwin Leonard and daughters, Misses Marguerite and Edna, with Miss Florence Roach and Miss Selina Bradley, returned Friday night from a vacation in South Hero, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer motored to Marblehead on Sunday to visit their son Howard, returning home on Monday.

Groton Grange held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. This was a "swap social," each member bringing a package of lunch which was exchanged with other members. The committee furnished fruit punch and watermelon. There was a short program of readings and music.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb visited relatives in New York last week, going by auto.

Claude C. Farwell of Harvard Cadet school, Cambridge, spent the week-end with his grandmother, Mrs. Chapman, at Brant Rock.

Last week Thursday, one of the hottest days of the summer, William A. Parkhurst, eighty-five years of age, worked at ditching on his farm. Mr. Parkhurst may well be proud of his age and ability.

Leonard Dodge with a party of friends has been enjoying a vacation in camp at Island pond.

Harvey Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woods, is in Angiers, France, and is of Co. A, 116th Engineers.

Mrs. L. E. Miner has let the tenement over her store to Capt. Townsend.

Superintendent of schools, Edward P. Fitts, and Mrs. Fitts are spending their vacation in Northboro.

Odger S. Folkins and son Clifford start Sunday for a two weeks' outing in New Brunswick.

An automobile accident occurred on Monday night at the foot of Ballard hill, Lancaster, at 9:30 o'clock, when a seven passenger Reo car, driven by Lee M. Reynolds, of this town, crashed into a tree. In the car with Mr. Reynolds were Philip H. Block, of Providence, R. I., Fred D. Smith, of Fitchburg, Joseph Murphy and J. M. Agel. Mr. Block was killed, and the automobile striking the tree, was thrown twenty feet from the tree. Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Smith were very seriously injured and were taken to the Clinton hospital, where they were placed on the dangerous list, suffering from bruises and shock. A warrant charging manslaughter was issued on Tuesday for the arrest of Mr. Reynolds. The warrant was issued at the request of Chief Sampson of Lancaster.

Mrs. Alice Miller, who has been visiting the E. C. Williams family at Fitch Bay, Quebec, and her brother, of this town, has returned to Keene, N. H.

Mrs. Irvin Howe visited the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Brown and enjoyed an auto trip to Connecticut with them. Mrs. Howe is lecturer of the Middlesex-Central, Pomona Grange.

Union services of the Congregational and Baptist churches will be held in the Congregational church on Sunday. Rev. E. Lyman Hood, of Atlanta, Ga., will occupy the pulpit on that occasion. All are welcome.

Francis W. K. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Smith, has been appointed lieutenant engineer on the State street. He has been practicing law with an office at 20 State street, from Harvard law school. He received a degree of B. S. from Tufts university. He was employed three years as civil engineer, two of which were spent in the Philippines, and on the estate of a wealthy farmer and they had everything made their stay most pleasant. The largest flag used to decorate the party was used to decorate the party. The stripes of the flag were sixteen inches wide, with the corresponding size, with the stars on the estate of a wealthy farmer and they had everything made their stay most pleasant. The largest flag used to decorate the party was used to decorate the party.

Robert Fletcher, formerly of the Groton police force, has accepted a position on the police force of Ayer and began his duties last week.

Rev. Charles Warren of Boston, supporting pastor of the Baptist church, will preach on Sunday afternoon at the union service to be held in the Congregational church.

Miss Ruth Stevens and her sister, Miss Dorothy, are visiting friends in Wenham.

The household goods of John Locke were taken this week by auto truck from his former home, Martin's pond road, to Clinton Grove, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Locke own a farm there where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Etta Armstrong, of Malden, visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Shattuck, at her home on Station avenue, last week.

Henry Floyd, who has a position as night watchman at the Myer's Thread Mills, Lowell, recently visited his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Floyd.

Mrs. Laura Quimby, of Franconia, N. H., with two children, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Eaton, and her

brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Eaton, at their home on Hollis street.

Twenty-four young ladies from this town attended the Red Cross dance in Ayer on Thursday evening of last week.

Charles Smith, who is employed in the Hollingsworth & Vose paper mill, slipped on the wet floor one day last week and fractured a rib. He was attended to by Dr. A. G. Kilbourn.

Mrs. Ruth Keen, of Westfield, with her two children, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Gardner Randlett, and other relatives in town.

Mrs. Alice Sawyer, of Martin's pond road, is spending a few weeks with friends in Pepperell.

More Books Needed.

The public library has received a request from the American Library association headquarters in Washington for more books from this community for the men overseas. The appeal from Washington states that new novels and good western stories (whether fiction or fact) are most needed. Books by Zane Grey, Rex Beach, Jack London, Ralph Connor, Owen Wister and O. Henry are very popular.

The public library announces that it will receive and forward all suitable books that are turned in. It urges the friends of the soldiers and sailors, many of whom have already responded most generously, to give more books. The books go on the decks of transports, in cargo vessels and in naval vessels. Those that go on the decks of transports are open so that the men may have reading matter for use on the voyage. All these books are gathered together again whenever the cases and delivered to the proper officials in France.

In France the books are distributed by an experienced librarian, representing the American Library association. Most of them go to the Y. M. C. A., Red Cross and Salvation Army huts, hospitals and canteens; others go directly to chaplains and officers.

Food Administration Notice.

The attention of Groton residents is called to two important rulings by the state food administration:

1. Graham and whole wheat flour—Temporary permission is given to Massachusetts retailers to sell without substitutes from the stocks of August 1. This order is merely to disperse the small excess in Massachusetts, in the country there is still a wheat shortage; consumers are urged to use wheat sparingly, and, if they use substitutes, to use it instead of white flour. There is no change in the rules relating to bakers' use of graham.

2. Cards for canning sugar—On account of the abuse of canning cards in many sections, cards already issued have been recalled and grocers are instructed not to sell on the old cards. New cards will be issued by Mrs. Frank Torrey. These must be countersigned on the reverse side by the local county administrator and by the local administrator. A second card will not be issued without special written permission from the county administrator. Groton Food Administration.

About Town.

Daniel Whalen has purchased the house once owned by the later Parker S. Fuller. Mr. Whalen buys for a home.

E. Dexter Howe and Charles E. Eddy started last Sunday morning in the rain for a pleasure trip to Canada, to be gone ten days or more.

Mrs. E. C. Leonard and daughters, Marguerite and Edna; also Miss Florence Roach, returned from South Hero, Vt., last Saturday after having spent a pleasant month. Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Durant will remain until next week.

Miss Cullen, our kind and devoted nurse, is taking a two-weeks' vacation. We hope no one will be ill and need her services while she is away.

Colonel David Child Dodge, who was reported in these columns last week as being died at his home in Denver, Col., was a cousin of the late Charles Woolley of this town.

Groton Grange held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening and had a pleasant meeting. It was a "swap" social, each one carrying a box of food, and they had watermelon and fruit punch. The program consisted of a song by Mrs. Patterson, readings by Mrs. Gilson and Miss Gilson, and a paper by Mrs. Lyman Cook on the trip to Storrs, Conn.

At the Red Cross meeting on Wednesday evening the attendance was very small, owing probably to the heavy shower.

James Bennett and family spent some time at their camp this week.

The meeting called for Wednesday evening in the lower town hall to form a part in the interest of the state members of the State Highway, was postponed because the speaker could not be present.

A Pleasant Trip.

A party of twelve who took the boat to Peabody, starting last Sunday morning and returning Sunday afternoon, report a most enjoyable trip. They had a most interesting and pleasant time. They were accompanied by Mrs. Thompson, Conn., about twenty miles beyond Worcester, and after a day's stay, where there was a gathering of over 2000 Grangers from all over the state, and where three speakers were to speak. The gathering was on the estate of a wealthy farmer and they had everything made their stay most pleasant. The largest flag used to decorate the party was used to decorate the party.

The Red Cross sold ice cream made over \$200. It began to rain after lunch and the speaking was greatly interrupted.

Judge Mills, from New York, at length and was listened to with interest. As the large crowd had to be accommodated under the tent, they began to disperse, and the Groton party had a forty-mile trip to reach Storrs, where the big meeting of Saturday was to be held. It did not hear the speeches of the speakers, but arrived at their destination at about five o'clock. The meeting was held at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, where the grounds covered by a fireproof brick. A very large gymnasium was the place of meeting, where the speakers were the lecturers of the State Granges of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts. The fourth birthday one day this week. Ice cream, cakes and candies were served.

Charles M. Gardner, high priest of demeter, and others. They all were excellent and listened to with closest attention by the audience from all sections.

The grounds are fine to look upon—greenhouses filled with everything rare and beautiful. Automobiles conveyed the people around to the poultry houses, dairy gardens, etc. Rooms were furnished in the college dormitory with meals at the dining hall or at private houses for a reasonable sum.

Although the sun did not shine everyone had a good time and made sunshine, both on the way and while there, as it was a trip with no blow-outs or anything to mar the pleasure of such a trip. Those who had the opportunity of enjoying this pleasant and profitable meeting were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George H. McKee, Mrs. F. C. Bishop, Mrs. Jennie R. Blomquist, Mrs. Herbert Folkins, Miss Florence Folkins, Russell Woods, Lyman A. Cook, Mrs. E. P. Woolley and Mrs. Alice Howe of Maynard.

West Groton.

Word has been received that Asel Bates of the U. S. navy is at present in Scotland, though exact location of the nature of his work cannot be divulged. He enjoyed the trip across greatly.

Miss Hazel Bates returned on Tuesday from a week's stay with relatives in Portchester, N. Y.

Miss Hazel Thompson is entertaining Miss Helen Dana, a friend of hospital training days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ouis Lackey of Worcester were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams.

Miss Nellie Eastman of New Hampshire is assisting at the home of her cousin, Mrs. G. H. Bixby.

Miss Mildred Blood has returned from a visit of several weeks with various relatives and friends in Boston and vicinity.

Rev. William Ganley is visiting in Barnstable. Mrs. Ganley and daughter Ella are guests of friends in Salem, N. H.

Mrs. Lee Bixby accompanied Mrs. Ganley to Salem, returning on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hallett were called to Yonkers, N. Y., by the death of Mr. Shocum, Mrs. Hallett's father, who has been critically ill for several months. They are to return on Friday evening.

Mrs. Clifford Bixby with her baby daughter arrived home on Wednesday afternoon from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, where she has been a patient since June 25. Mrs. Bixby's many friends are sincerely glad to know that she is home again and hope that she will gain rapidly in health and strength.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby are entertaining a niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ebelhart, and child, of Newark, N. J. Mrs. Ebelhart was known here formerly as Miss Marguerite Sprague, of Denver, Col.

The Misses Elsie and Olive Tarbell left home on Wednesday evening, under Red Cross orders. Later movements are not definitely known even to themselves.

Robert Bliss resigned his position at the papermill on Thursday. He expects to be called to camp on August 20 and will probably be located at Camp Jackson.

Mrs. Ruth Bixby is entertaining a college friend, Miss Lois Meyers, of Framingham.

A. F. Bates, with two of his younger children, Elizabeth and Norman, returned on Tuesday from a week's stay with relatives in Northern Vermont. The youngest daughter, Louise, also returned from a visit with relatives in Fitchburg.

A box sent by the Red Cross Auxiliary to the French wounded, representing work for July, contained 6 sheets, 1 blanket, 7 bed pads, 8 small pillow cases, 5 hot water bottle covers, 260 fermentation cloths, 155 eye dressings, 13 shirts, 10 sleeveless vests, 11 comfort pillows, 10 serviettes, 1 towel, 6 handkerchiefs, 2 rubber covers. Also to the Groton Red Cross chapter were sent 75 surgical dressings and 75 bags to hold them, 12 pairs of socks and 3 sweaters. In addition to the knitted articles sent to the Red Cross, each West Groton boy who joins the service is furnished with two pairs of socks and a sweater.

The Misses Mary and Lillian Clark, of Pepperell, and their brother, William, coming on Saturday evening, were guests of W. V. Bixby and family. William will stay Sunday evening, and the young ladies until Wednesday morning. On Saturday, Donald, Robert, Irene and Mabel Bixby, with their three guests, and Miss Loraine Stone and her mother, Irene, and W. T. Sherman Thorndike, of Boston and Harvard, Sherman, as he is familiarly known here, is a great favorite with the people here, and the best wishes of the citizens go with him in his first step toward matrimony. He is now a student at the Harvard medical school.

Wallace Bryant, Frank Abbot, Clarence Davis, Harry Jones and Lawrence Jones, leave next week for a "four days' camp with the state guard in Framingham.

Miss Grace Welch, teacher in the primary grades here, has resigned to take a position in Stoneham, much to the regret of her pupils here, where she was a popular teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, of New York City, are guests this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Maynard.

Mr. Robert Dixon has accepted a position in the government work and will be his home here. He resigns from the school committee, much to the regret of the townspeople. He was a very earnest and efficient worker in the schools.

Shill River.

The annual Sunday school and the annual picnic were on Thursday and Friday respectively. It was a very successful and good number were present. From out of town were noted Mrs. Henry Bennett and daughter Florence, from Dodge; Mrs. Joseph Subbins and two children, of Shirley; Mrs. Ralph Whitney and daughter Jean, of Worcester; Mrs. Belle Robinson, of Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merrill, of Bolton; Mrs. Baisel Harvey and two children, of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Goggin, of Worcester; Robert Fuller and family, of Cambridge; Mrs. Everett Hawkins, of Lancaster; and Miss Laura A. Brown, of West Acton.

Rev. L. H. Morse, on Friday, received word of the death of his mother in Newton Center. The funeral was held on Sunday and he had to be away and there were no services at the Baptist church.

to the little guests and the youthful hostess was the recipient of many gifts.

Death.

John Cronin, former resident of Shirley and West Groton, died in Waverley on Sunday, the age of seventy years. His son and daughter residing here were notified of his serious illness and took a midnight auto trip to Waverley on Wednesday morning. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer. His four sons, born in Ireland, Mr. Cronin was born in Ireland, coming to this country when a young man. He lived for many years in North Shirley and about ten years ago moved to Vose, West Groton. He was during much of this time employed by Hollingsworth & Vose Co., and was a useful, well-liked and respected citizen.

The deceased is survived by a widow, four sons, Cornelius of Leominster; Lawrence of West Groton, John of Belmont, Michael of Fitchburg; five daughters, Mrs. John Long of West Groton, Miss Mary Cronin of Boston, the Misses Nellie and Anna Cronin, and Mrs. N. H. Schottmiller, all of Waverley, and fifteen grandchildren, thirteen of whom live in West Groton. Mr. and Mrs. Cronin left West Groton on June 12, and at the time of Mr. Cronin's death were with their daughter, Mrs. Schottmiller.

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Mrs. Laura Webber, of Gardner, Mass., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Bailey, the past week.

The Sunbonnet club met at the home of Mrs. George Dodge in West Groton, Mass., last week Tuesday in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Constance Nye and little son are guests at the home of George Nye, Forace Hall and Kenneth Russell, who enlisted in the Naval Reserves, were called on last week Thursday and are now stationed at Hingham, Mass.

Herbert Moore is entertaining his father from Holden, Mass.

Bert Phelps and son, of Townsend, were visitors in town on Sunday.

Charles J. and William Wheeler, of Lyndeboro, and Mrs. Annie Nichols, of Milford, were visitors at the home of Silas Wheeler last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Atherton, of Holyoke, arrived at the old homestead on Thursday for a two-weeks' stay.

One of the old families of Harvard, Abiel Willard and family, who have lived on Prospect hill road since 1872, moved away on Wednesday. They sold their farm to Miss C. E. Sears and bought a house in Lancaster Center. They are certainly a great loss to Still River and their many friends wish them much happiness in their new home.

Miss Estelle Hoirn, of Framingham, was a recent guest of Miss Anna Flanagan.

Fred Bateman and sister Eliza were visiting their brother Luther and family in Arlington one day last week when there came a terrific thunder storm and wind. A large tree in front of Mr. Bateman's house was blown across the street and another tree in his backyard was struck by lightning. Luther Bateman's daughter, Louie, is now in hospital work at Washington, D. C., and expects soon to go to France. She has a lieutenant's commission.

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Word has been received from Eldorado Fossenden and Robert Taylor that they have landed safely overseas. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jensen on Saturday, August 10, weighing ten pounds. Eugene Ouellette, who is stationed at New Haven, Conn., has recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant. His brother, Addord, who is in France, is an interpreter of languages. The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Hattie Pierce on Wednesday afternoon. Alvin H. Wheeler and son Bernard were week-end visitors in Lyndeboro. The infant

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AYER

Mrs. Carl W. Moses is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli W. Carley. Mr. Moses expects to arrive here this week Friday for a visit. The accident caused by a fall from an airplane several months ago, has disqualified him from again entering that branch of the military service. At present he is employed by his father, F. W. Moses, in the insurance business in Providence, R. I.

Married, on August 14, Private Charles F. Towne, Depot Brigade, and Miss Goldie E. Delaney, of Danby, Vt., by Rev. Frank B. Crandall.

Joseph A. Hornig, who has been at the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, for treatment for foot trouble, returned to his home last Saturday. He is somewhat improved although not able to return to his work.

Mrs. Mary Snyder and daughter have returned to Los Angeles, Calif. after several months' visit with friends in Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen spent the week-end in Lunenburg.

A new species of insect pest is gradually destroying the elm trees about town, as well as other shade trees. As a result of the work of the unknown destroyer many limbs are bare. The leaves of the trees upon which it works being strewn about the streets. Unless something is done many of the beautiful trees will be destroyed.

Miss Helen Gilroy, of Burlington, Vt., was a guest of Miss Nellie McNiff, Sunday.

An entertainment was given at the White Ribbon House for the soldiers last Saturday evening.

A fine entertainment was given for the benefit of the soldiers at the Federation House last week Friday evening. Character sketches by Lucius C. Fairbank and by Private Levinsky. Vocal music by the entire company and piano selections constituted the program. Manford W. Shuh, the superintendent of the house, presided.

Patrick J. Donahue received a very brief message from his son, Sergt. Martin S. Donahue, this week, stating that he had safely arrived overseas. Sergt. Donahue is attached to the ammunition train. Another message received from one of his comrades, that the Ayer and Peppercorn boys all arrived without mishap and that they are encamped together.

A large number of slackers were brought to camp from various parts of the country on Thursday night. They alighted at the depot and were taken to the camp in government automobile trucks. These soldiers were given duty all day in the section which sends its men to Camp Devens, but had left for other and distant places in order to get away from the draft regulations. That distance means little if anything to the government when it goes after a man is shown by the fact that one of the men rounded up, although lying in this section of the country, was caught in far away Oklahoma, to which place he had evidently fled to avoid military service.

Michael Sculley received a postal card Thursday evening from Private John F. Hurley, an Ayer boy, who states that he has recently arrived "over there."

Mrs. H. G. Front, of Bridgewater, with her son and daughter, are visiting Mrs. Guy Coffin on East Main street.

State surveyors were in town this week for sewer and sanitary survey for the sewer system for the town. The work is being done under the direction of the state board of health.

Sometime Monday night a Ford car ran into the fence at the overhead bridge on East Main street, badly damaging the machine. When the wreck was discovered the place was deserted. The name of the driver could not be learned.

Rabbi Abram Simon, of Washington, D. C., gave a fine address at Camp Devens last week Friday on "The ten commandments of Junkerdom." The rabbi is a distinguished scholar and speaker and has made several tours of the camps under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Board.

Mrs. Lillian Chaffin is visiting in Philadelphia.

Mary Seaver, thirteen years old, of Marlboro, who early in the week disappeared from her home after declaring that her body would be found at the bottom of Lake Williams, was found in Ayer on Thursday by her father, William W. Seaver, and returned to her home. Love sickness and dejection because her love affair with a neighborhood boy was interfered with by her father are assigned as the causes that led her to leave home.

Happy Jack has been really very happy this week. He has disposed of two stamps and fifty thrift stamps. He says "Thank you," and "now let's go on better still the coming week."

Rev. John R. Chaffee and family returned Thursday evening from a two-weeks' vacation at Cape Porpoise, Me. They made the trip by auto.

Rev. William M. Crawford, of Leominster, will exchange pulpits with the pastor of the Federated church on Sunday morning at 10.30. Young people's meeting at 6.30 in the evening. Herbert H. Hardy, leader. Mid-week service on Thursday evening at 7.45; Herbert J. Webb, leader.

These are the pictures to be shown next week at Page hall theatre: Monday, George M. Cohan in "Hit the Trail Holiday"; Tuesday, "The woman and the law"; William Fox's super-production, with a star cast; Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sagnoy in "Fay Day"; Thursday, "Faith enduring"; with Roy Stewart; Friday, Norma Talmadge in "By right of purchase"; also, the first series of official war review taken on the fighting ground; Saturday, Gladys Brockwell in "Her one mistake." Every Friday there will be shown a series of official war pictures, taken on the fighting line.

It is said that another enticement of passengers is to take place on the Boston and Maine railroad. No definite information can be obtained at the local station on the matter.

Lyman J. Taylor, who has been doing police duty for the Boston and Maine railroad at the railroad station for several months, has returned to

his former duties as car inspector. Robert Flagler, of Groton, takes his place. Thomas C. Burdell, of Shirley, has also resigned as police officer and has returned to his trade as weaver in the Edgerton suspender factory in Shirley. William Wall, of Graniteville, who went to Syracuse, N. Y., to enlist in the United States service as police officer at embarkation points, was rejected for physical disability. He has returned to his duties as police officer at the railroad station.

Married in Ayer, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Harold C. Clark, a soldier, and Minnie L. Morrison, of Portland, Me., August 10.

The meetings at the Baptist church were well attended, many soldiers being present last Sunday, and the song service in the evening was especially interesting. The pastor will speak on Sunday morning at 10.45. Sunday school at twelve. Praise meeting at 6.45 in the evening, with a short address on "Diligence," the road to success. B. Y. P. U. Tuesday evening at 7.30. Mid-week prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30.

John Lavin, of Leominster, a local Western Union Telegraph messenger boy, reported to the police Wednesday morning that his bicycle, which he had left out of doors behind the Barry block on Tuesday night, had been stolen. The loss of the wheel means much to the boy, as by its use he delivers messages.

The time for filing nomination papers for the state primary expires this week Friday afternoon at five o'clock.

Mrs. M. H. Graves has received word from her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Gately, that she has arrived safely in France. Mrs. Gately is serving as a Red Cross nurse.

Chief of Police Beatty with Officer Donahue raided the premises of S. Angelo on West Main street last Sunday and seized three pints of liquor.

H. J. Webb, Washington street, commenced this week to change his barn into a dwelling house, and work on digging the cellar and putting in the foundation is in operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Whitcomb and Mrs. Whitcomb's mother, Mrs. John Harrington, and daughter Helen, left last Sunday by auto for Onset, where they will spend a vacation of two weeks. Mr. Arthur, of Leominster Electric Light Co., takes Mr. Whitcomb's place as superintendent of the Ayer Electric Light Company while he is away.

Misses Susie F. Neylan and Mary E. McCarthy left on Monday for a two-weeks' vacation in North Woodstock, N. H.

St. Andrew's church, Sunday, August 18—Holy communion at eight o'clock; the morning prayer and sermon at 10.30; preacher, Rev. Angus Dun, the vicar.

Harry E. Robbins, executive secretary of the War Camp Community Service, has been appointed executive secretary at Asheville, N. C. Mr. Robbins is to be congratulated on the splendid work he has accomplished while in Ayer. Mr. Robbins' successor is J. M. Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson comes to Ayer from Camp Upton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason and daughter Marjorie left by auto on Thursday morning for Ogunquit, Me., where they will occupy a cottage for two weeks.

The new plate glass window in George E. Homer's jewelry store in the Public Spirit building, met with a mishap on Wednesday afternoon. A large window pane, which the glass was shipped was set up against the iron posts in front of the building and fell against the window when a gust of wind blew it over, smashing the glass.

The Unitarian Girls' club will hold an afternoon whist on the lawn of D. W. Fletcher, Howard street, at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, August 20. The club, whose president will be an outing on the H. E. Sanderson lot at Sandy pond on Sunday, August 18. Basket lunch; ten o'clock electric.

Mrs. J. S. Hall, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, is improving.

Nomination papers were filed with the town clerk this week for the following candidates to be voted upon at the coming state primary: Frank A. Torrey, Groton, representative; 12th district; David L. Wall, of Shirley, United States senator; William A. Gaston, Boston, governor; Joseph H. O'Neil, Boston, lieutenant governor; Charles H. McGue, Lynn, secretary of state; Charles H. Giddings, Great Barrington, treasurer and receiver-general; Noe H. Beaulieu, Medford, auditor; Thomas W. Proctor, Boston, attorney-general. The following names of candidates for the Ayer democratic committee were also filed: Michael E. Markham, James E. McGuane, Joseph P. Walsh, John M. Carrigan, Charles H. Meahan, Thomas W. Sculley, John W. McGuane.

The presidential proclamation requires all men who have become twenty-one years of age since June 3, 1918, and on or before August 24, 1918, to register. This registration will be held at the rooms of the exemption board at the town hall, Ayer, on Saturday, August 24, from nine in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon.

H. B. White, Theodore Barry and George L. Osgood are expected home from their fishing trip in Northern Maine on Sunday.

Auto Accident. Chief Beatty, Officer McDonald and Probation Officer Mullin went to the scene of the fatal automobile accident at the new state road crossing, a short distance over the Ayer line in Littleton, Monday morning and assisted Chief Hibbard, of Littleton, in handling the situation. The accident happened at 12.55 o'clock, when the west-bound American express train struck an automobile, killing the two occupants, Allen J. Shea, of Berlin, N. H., a sailor stationed at Commonwealth Pier, Boston, and Peter Sagnoy, of Cambridge, a civilian driver. The automobile was demolished, all that was left being the chassis. Sagnoy was a well-known public driver, with headquarters in Depot square, Ayer. A fuller account of the tragedy will be found in the Littleton column.

The bodies were taken to Page's undertaking rooms, Ayer. Sagnoy's body was taken to his late home in Cambridge on Monday. Shea's body was taken in charge by an undertaker and moved to the home of the deceased for burial.

District Court. The continued cases of Pascalone and Laura DeSilva, of Littleton, who were charged with assault and battery on Vincenzo Rivetti, were called for trial last Saturday morning. The

former was found guilty and fined ten dollars; the latter, Robert E. Peppercorn, John D. Carney represented the government and John M. Donohue acted as counsel for the defendants. It appeared from the testimony that the trouble between the three women arose over a neighborhood brew which had been brewing for some time past.

The cases against Joseph J. Cohen and George Lavine, who were charged with larceny of a Hudson-Six automobile, the property of Adolph Singer, which were continued from Wednesday of last week, came up for trial last Saturday morning. Both defendants were found not guilty and discharged. John D. Carney was counsel for the defense.

The evidence given by the defendants was substantially the same. It appears that Lavine made an agreement with Singer in which the former was to pay twenty dollars per day for the use of the machine; one-third of the proceeds of the automobile was to go to Lavine and two-thirds to Singer. On returning from Hampton, N. H., where Lavine delivered some passengers, the machine broke down in Revere. Lavine sent for Cohen to come to that place from Ayer to repair the automobile.

The fact that the automobile was not returned for several days gave Singer the impression that both defendants had stolen it. Cohen proved to the satisfaction of the court that he was entirely innocent of any intent to do wrong, his object in going to Revere being to help out his friend in putting the automobile in shape for its return to Ayer. Lavine's story had also the appearance of being true. Singer, who acted as his own lawyer, cross-examined the defendants at length, but failed to bring out any evidence that either was guilty of the complaints alleged against them.

John D. Ahearn, a local jitney driver, was arraigned for reckless driving, Thursday. His case was continued until this Saturday.

George Millerford was arraigned on two complaints, one for reckless driving of an automobile, and the other for not having a town license. He was found guilty on the first complaint, and fined twenty dollars. The last named charge was filed after a finding of guilty.

Edward Burke, for not having a license while operating an automobile was fined five dollars.

W. C. S. Notes. H. E. Robbins, executive secretary of the War Camp Community Service, has been appointed commissioner for smilge books. Books may be had at the Soldiers' club, West street, at one dollar and five dollars. A smilge book to an enlisted man means happy evenings. There are forty-two Liberty theatres now operating and four more soon to open.

A trip through an army cantonment shows to the civilians how little he knows of army life, of war and its stern realities. It is a strange impression one feels on entering a playhouse built by the government, inside the camp, and dedicated to the entertainment of the men in the service. The world has such a thing been done by any government. Its value and worth have been proved beyond all question. Imagine an immense theatre 180x120 feet. Not an extra board, nor an extra seat, nor an extra cent of cost, yet adequate for all needs.

It is not the theatre man from the city is accustomed to, but it is a revelation to the man from the small towns. Such a theatre, holding 3000 people, would take the entire population of many a town from which men in a million theatres have been built in forty-two camps.

These theatres are conducted without profit by the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities. The history of the government organization for directing the work of the War Camp Community Service, Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Y. W. C. A., the American Library association, the Jewish Welfare board. Of all these activities War Camp Community Service only has been created by the government, and all the other activities have been invited to help in the work of providing for the soldier in his leisure time.

In the Liberty theatre the actor works for greatly reduced wages, and the motion pictures are rented at a low price. The Liberty theatre is well serving its purpose in relieving the mental strain of routine training and thus the more quickly making an efficient soldier.

Now to accomplish the purpose of these Liberty theatres, to support them, to get men into them, the smilge book was introduced. These books contain a number of coupons worth five cents each in exchange for admission tickets to the picture show or big motion picture. The admission charge runs from five to fifty coupons, or from one to ten smilge books.

The smilge book is a paper card designed in which the purchaser can designate to the man to directly receive the benefit. The best thing of the smilge book is what it buys.

On Saturday, August 17, twelve writers, representing the leading magazines of the country, will study the work of the War Camp Community Service in Ayer. An article from each writer will soon be published.

It is requested that enlisted men who can sing second bass join the Monday evening chorus singing at the Soldiers' club, West street. The chorus is making excellent progress and the ensemble, that most vital necessity of chorus singing, is becoming better and better. The bass must have volume if it is to carry and with more second basses to add the needed tonal balance fast progress will undoubtedly be made by the chorus.

Through the War Camp Community Service, John E. Thayer, of South Lancaster, invites the officers and men of Camp Devens to visit his bird museum. Mr. Thayer's collection of mounted birds is large and unique. The museum is on the main street in South Lancaster. It is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 8 to 12 in the morning; 1 to 4.30 in the afternoon.

New Lot of Draftees. The following is a list of registrants to be called for military service between August 26 and 30, and the camps to which they will be assigned: Camp Devens—Joseph L. Coe, Joseph P. Martin, Maynard; Russell P. Wright, Peppercorn; Robert E. Bliss, West Groton.

Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.—Glen C. Jones, West Acton; Bernard Foss, Harvard; John H. Remick, Robert C. Cobb, Lewis J. Gilbert, Amos H. Knowlton, Littleton; Joseph O. Joyal,

Ralph W. Buck, Donald L. Shattuck, Peppercorn; John J. Parkhill, John Drexco, Maynard; Perry W. Hallock, C. W. Smith, Stow; Clarence F. Anderson, William H. Lincoln, Francis P. McFarland, Groton; Chester E. Blaisdell, Raymond V. Charlton, Westford; Kenneth W. Crossman, George E. Stone, Berlin; Edward J. Murray, Townsend; Chester J. Smith, Shirley; George P. Fendleton, Ayer; Frederick J. Curtis, Lunenburg.

The following classifications of those of the class of 1918, registered June 5, with their order number, were made last week: Class 1-A—Kenneth W. Crossman 2, Adelbert E. Coulson 77, Berlin; William C. B. Gilson 77, Groton; Charles F. Hale 111, Townsend; Ray W. Cross 117, Kent R. Ewing 123, Littleton; Russell D. White 124, Ashby. Class 1-A, Limited Service—Walter J. Sullivan 70, Ayer; William F. MacCharles 120, West Acton. Class 2-C—Richard P. White 149, North Acton.

These go to Camp Upton, Yaphank, L. I., for limited service—George C. Winchester, Charles A. Wyman, Townsend; Walter C. Murray, Maynard; Henry G. E. Coulson, Westford; John P. Lantorne, Joseph Kalen, Shirley; Winfield O. Larkin, West Berlin.

Herbert L. Hardy, of Ayer, and William G. Coburn, of Lunenburg, left for Syracuse university, N. Y., Thursday morning for special training in mechanical lines and carpentering; George W. Tooker, of Harvard, went to the U. S. Army Signal School, Albany, N. Y., for two months' special training as an automobile mechanic; Chester L. Campbell, of Ayer, went to Franklin Union Institute, Boston, for two months' training as gas engine man.

Summer Residents. Sandy pond still holds its beauty and affords enjoyment in out-of-door life to many people, although it has become quite a lively place at some times. The Donlon cottage is being occupied for five weeks by fifteen of the telephone girls who find the fun and frolic quite a necessary antidote to the exacting duties of their daily tasks. They are mostly Ayer girls, among them Margaret McCarthy, Susan Daffy, Teresa, Lena and Jennie Markham, Rosamond and Mildred Lougee, Elvira Olson, Marion Young, Mary Guthrie, Mrs. Christine Merchant, Margaret Horan, Mrs. Ethel Palmer. The D. W. Fletcher cottage is occupied just now. Mr. and Mrs. Austin E. Lawrence have been in the cottage since June. Their son Herbert was with them through July and his family are still there. They have also with them Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lawrence, from Millers Falls.

Edward O. Richardson and family have been in the C. R. P. cottage since May and will probably remain until late in the fall.

Clarence Hall and family are in the O. K. Pierce cottage. He has a coal contract at Camp Devens. Guy Remick and family are permanent residents in the house occupied long ago by the Godings. They have a fine garden which Mrs. Remick has carried on this year, her husband not having any time for such work.

Raymond Ripley and family are in a nearby cottage. In the log cabin near the entrance to Shore Acres are two Davis brothers. In a cottage near, owned by E. A. Richardson, Lieut. Dodge, wife, son and nephew have been in the cottage since the first of July. E. A. Richardson and his wife are in the 302d infantry and is overseas. The others and a sister, Miss Pauline Stanton, will stay till September.

Raymond Ripley, wife, mother and daughter are in the club house. Lawyer Worcester and family are in Mabel Puffer's cottage. Dr. and Mrs. Wiley and son are in the cottage formerly owned by Mrs. Nutting. In another cottage are Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Work and son who have been here a year. Mr. Work is a truckman at the camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Pilling and Mr. Pilling's mother and daughters of Newville have been in the Ladd cottage since the first of July. E. A. Richardson has a tent on his lot and members from his family occupy it occasionally. Arthur Nutting owns the Taft cottage. Mrs. R. S. Southard of Groton owns the cottage at the farthest end of the pond.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson and son Ralph have just gone to their spacious cottage to stay the rest of the month.

The odd cottage built by the Greenes has been purchased by H. P. Baker, who occupies it at week-ends. William Brown's cottage has been occupied recently by L. A. (Arman) and family, but is empty now, as is also George H. Hill's cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert and son spend the nights at their cottage.

Telephone service is good. E. A. Richardson, who formerly had the only telephone, has allowed a six party line, because so many desired this service.

Fred Hosmer's log cabin has a fine location and is the scene of many social gatherings made very pleasant by the genial host.

In-door Picnic. The Unitarian Women's Alliance held another delightful in-door picnic in their new church hall on Thursday afternoon from ten o'clock in the morning until four o'clock in the afternoon. The place of meeting is refreshing and restful. The picnic was a most successful one. The women on the still uncompleted auditorium. Busy fingers completed the quota of Red Cross work, which included the making of hospital socks and aprons, while many hands knitted on woolen socks. A basket lunch was served with hot coffee from Gay's cafe. A brief business meeting followed. An interesting and animated program of songs and recitations followed. At two o'clock a delegation of eight, well-trained Girl Scouts, from the Wild Rose troop of Shirley, led the picnic. The women, including a nurse and semaphore practitioner, were in charge was Miss Barker, Mrs. Avis R. Fisher and Emma Butterfield.

"Stranded in Kalro." A most travesty, complete with catchy songs, novelty dances, handsome men, barefoot women, given by the enlistment office of the base hospital, Camp Devens, coming to Ayer town last Thursday evening, August 22, at eight p. m. will undoubtedly bring all people here to the hall. The men of such handsome girls it is hard to realize they are not what they appear to be.

The Broadway Musical Company becomes stranded in Kalro, unable to pay their board. They are thrown into a dungeon, later taken to the Kedive for sentence. They plea to present their performance and ask leniency by

proposing to go halves with the mighty ruler if he likes their show and put it on throughout Egypt. This gives a little plot to introduce a travesty full of tuneful songs, gay dances, picturesque settings. The play has been coached and produced by Mrs. Pearl Keating of Boston and successfully given by the men at the Red Cross house and Y. M. C. A. auditorium in the camp, also in Fitchburg. The tickets for reserved sections will be on sale at town hall on Wednesday morning at 10 p. m., until night of performance.

Locations Granted. A compromise has been effected between the town authorities and the Ayer Electric Light Company by which the company may run its line through the extreme southern end of the town park from a point near the pumping station to the Ayer Tanning Company's factory for the purpose of furnishing power to that firm. Investigation into the legal aspects of the case disclosed that the town could not give permission to a private company to run its line through a public park unless said action was essential to light the park, which of course would make it necessary to have a line of poles and fixtures through it. The electric company to meet this situation and thereby make its action legal has agreed to light the park with 25 lights whenever required, free of charge, unless the company has secured satisfactory locations on the remainder of the line asked for it is now up to it to give the Ayer Tanning Company the power asked for to run its factory.

Girl Scout News. The entertainment in Littleton on August 7 netted the Girl Scouts thirty-three dollars, part of the proceeds going to the Red Cross. They spent the day at the Girl Scout farm camp on Thursday and took part in all the camp activities.

The Lily of the Valley troop of Shirley had a picnic last Saturday at Fort pond, under the leadership of their captain, Mrs. Platt. The senior patrol made popcorn and candy for the Red Cross. The girls at camp and Mrs. Lilly's home on Thursday and sold it in the evening.

The Girl Scouts of Groton assisted in selling lemonade and candy at the War Camp Community Service lawn fête at Mrs. Prescott Leonard's estate on Thursday evening. They also held a picnic at the Scout camp on Friday.

The girls of Harvard are as busy as ever with their canning classes and are doing their best to beat their fine record of last year, and are planning some demonstrations of their work at the end of the season.

The camp this week numbers fifty-two. More tents have been put up and through the generosity of Mrs. James J. Storror fifteen more cots have been loaned. The tents have been put up through the kindness of a woman from Camp Devens. The girls at camp and the councilors as well wish to express their thanks and appreciation to their many friends whose generous offers of help have done so much to make the camp a success.

To the Editor: The Suffrage coffee house, West Main street, has been running long enough to demonstrate its usefulness and is patronized by soldiers and others in steadily and rapidly increasing numbers.

The house supplies well cooked and well served meals at cost. It furnishes a comfortable lounging and smoking room for soldiers, a quiet reading and writing room, and hot baths at twenty-five cents each. Books, magazines and games are supplied. There are a piano and Victrola, and a general atmosphere of informality and comfort pervades the house. Special supplies for the entertainment of a party of soldiers are becoming popular. The large double wooden house on the main street between the cantonment and the town which was purchased has been remodeled and equipped at an expense of about \$6900 to fit the requirements of the soldiers. A resident hostess, a resident manager and an excellent cook with necessary assistants have been secured, many of whom are the wives of soldiers stationed at the cantonment, and, judging by the words of praise and the large patronage of the soldiers, it appears that the Suffrage coffee house has now made the place for itself in Ayer which was started when the military health and sanitary inspectors give our house a rating of ninety-five per cent, the highest in town. The recreation room and comfort stations for the women relatives and friends of the soldiers have supplied a very pressing need in Ayer and has not only been greatly appreciated, but has been run on the basis of an eight-hour day for employees, and along democratic lines.

Contributions for the enterprise have been most generous and spread over a large number of individuals and Suffrage League, and many in New Hampshire and Maine. The house has been handled by a committee of women who have done a great deal of time and effort and tried in every case to get the best results at the least possible cost.

Various visits to the house give their week-ends at the house when the number of women in the committee and members of the committee in touch with the house. The house pays its own running expenses, although nothing is run for profit. The house for rent, a very low price, and the locations are very convenient. The house is in Ayer, and is a very convenient place for the women relatives and friends of the soldiers to visit. The house is a very convenient place for the women relatives and friends of the soldiers to visit. The house is a very convenient place for the women relatives and friends of the soldiers to visit.

For the Committee, Mrs. A. Crowley, Treasurer.

What's soiling for \$9 a bushel in Turkey, reports the American and Syrian Relief Commission in Turkey. Before the war the normal price was 50 to 60 cents per bushel.

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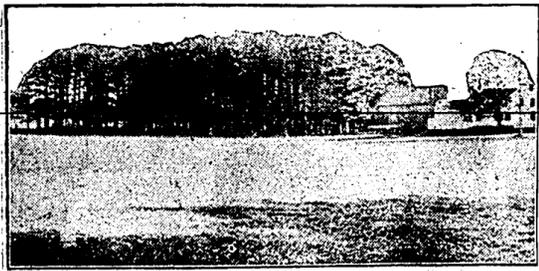
SHIRLEY Death. Welcome H. Longley, for twenty-seven years cashier for the United States Shoe Machinery Company, in the Boston office, died on Tuesday evening following a prolonged illness. He had been in poor health for the past three years, the last year of which he had been confined to his home. He died from cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. Longley was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and was the son of Stephen and Sara (Sylvester) Longley. He came to Shirley with his parents when a boy, and his boyhood was spent here. Later, he attended Burdett's Business college in Boston, and on completing his course there immediately entered the employ of the United Shoe Machinery Company, where he remained until his illness prevented. He was forty-eight years of age. Although not a resident of Shirley, Mr. Longley was a Shirley boy, and was a frequent visitor at his mother's home here. He was liked and respected by the townspeople, and he will be sincerely missed. He was a member of Lafayette lodge of Masons. The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bessie Berry Longley, formerly of Rochester, N. H.; his mother, Mrs. Sara Longley, of Shirley, and two brothers, Frank, of Lowell, and S. LeRoy Longley, of Shirley. The funeral was held on Friday morning at 11.30 o'clock at his late residence in Jamaica Plain.

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Not Only Is a Well-Managed Farm Timber Stand a Source of Fuel, but it Shelters the Farmstead From the Prevailing Winter Winds.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Trees and shrubs about the home and farmstead not only increase the value of the property but make conditions pleasanter and more healthful. A limited amount of planting may be done, therefore, for comfort alone irrespective of other returns. Where a considerable plantation is contemplated, however, it is essential to know what material may be grown economically and the uses to which it may be put.

On the average farm in the plains region, the first effort in planting is to provide a small grove plantation which will protect the buildings from severe winds and furnish shade for greater comfort of both man and animals. Sometimes when such a windbreak has been established the owner tries to make it furnish a supply of material for use on the farm. This is a mistake, for if a belt of trees is planted primarily as a protection against the wind the pruning and removal of much large material may lessen or even destroy its protective value.

Value of Plantation.

The value of a plantation, other than a windbreak, on the farm lies in its ability to furnish fuel, posts and a limited amount of lumber and repair material. Within a very few years after planting the plantation will need to be pruned and the pruning will furnish considerable fuel, depending upon the size of the plot. If good care is given the trees they will develop rapidly and some thinning will have to be done to prevent harmful crowding. The material thus removed will contribute materially to the upkeep of the farm by furnishing posts and stakes. When the plantation is still older more valuable material may be harvested. Small timbers for building construction, poles for implements, also tool handles, meekyokes, eveners, whiffletrees and, in favorable situations, a limited amount of lumber is provided at home as needed.

Throughout the plains region there is a marked scarcity of timber which will produce even a fair grade of lumber and this fact should be taken into account when species are selected for planting. When a large planta-

tion is established care should be taken to put out such trees as will give the maximum amount of body material and to arrange them so as to derive the greatest benefit.

Secure Best Results.

In windbreak planting the best results usually are secured when the shortest trees are placed on the side facing the wind, so that a sloping face is presented and the air currents are deflected upward. These short trees should have low-branching habits and dense foliage, in order that they may offer as much hindrance to the passage of air currents close to the ground as is possible. The Russian olive is probably the best for this. Not infrequently, when complaints are made of the reputed ineffectiveness of windbreaks it develops upon examination that the planter has either used unsuitable species and given them poor care or has failed to establish belts of sufficient width.

Species for Northern Region.

The northern half of the plains region, which includes the eastern portion of Montana, Wyoming and Colorado and the western portions of the Dakotas and Nebraska, is characterized by lower temperatures, heavier precipitation, and a shorter growing season than the southern half. The species recommended for it are: Hackberry, honey locust, white elm, cottonwood, narrow-leaf cottonwood, white poplar, white willow, diamond willow, Russian olive, buffalo berry, Siberian pear tree, Jack pine, western yellow pine.

Species for Southern Region.

All the species recommended for the northern portion of the plains region may be planted in the southern portion, which includes southeastern Colorado, western Kansas and Oklahoma and northern Texas, and on account of the more moderate temperatures it is possible to extend the list. The following additional species are recommended: Box elder, green ash, black locust, red cedar, Chinese arbor vitae.

Specific information on these species is published in Farmers' Bulletin No. 888, a copy of which can be obtained by applying to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

POULTRY FACTS



STANDARD BREEDS OF GEESSE

Fowls Should Be Selected for Size, Prolificacy and Vitality—Toulouse Is Largest.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In order to obtain best results in raising geese they should be selected for size, prolificacy, and vitality. Six breeds of geese have been admitted to the American standard of perfection, namely Toulouse, Embden, Chinese, African, Wild or Canadian, and Egyptian. In addition to the stand-



Toulouse Gander.

ard breeds there is the so-called Mongrel goose, which is a hybrid made by crossing one of these varieties, or the common goose, with wild geese. Crosses of the varieties of geese, especially of the Toulouse and Embden, are occasionally made, but without any apparent gain. The Toulouse, Embden, Chinese, and African are easily the most popular breeds of geese in this country, the first two greatly leading the other breeds. All economic breeds of geese are kept primarily for the production of flesh and feathers; and although their eggs are occasionally used for culinary purposes on the farm, there is no demand for them for food purposes in the markets.

The Toulouse, the largest of the standard breeds of geese, is a good layer, producing from 20 to 35 eggs a year. It docile, grows rapidly, and makes a good market bird. However, its dark pinfeathers make it a slightly less attractive market goose than the Embden.

The Embden, a large white goose, slightly smaller and with somewhat longer legs than the Toulouse, is only a fair layer and is usually less prolific than the Toulouse. This breed has white pin feathers, is a rapid grower, and matures early.

The African, a gray goose with a distinct brown shade, about the size of the Embden, is a good layer and makes a good market goose, although it has the objectionable dark pin feathers. It is a rapid grower and matures early.

There are two standard varieties of Chinese geese, the Brown and the White. Both varieties mature early and are said to be prolific layers and rapid growers, but shy and rather difficult to handle.

The wild goose is bred to some extent in captivity, and the young are sold to hunters to use as decoys. The wild gander is used to cross with either the common or the purebred goose, producing the so-called Mongrel goose. This Mongrel goose is highly prized as a market goose, but is sterile and cannot breed.

INCREASE IN POULTRY URGED

Poor Policy for Novices to Begin on Large Scale—Quite Likely to Lead to Failure.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

It should be borne in mind that an increase in poultry production is sought not for this year alone, but for the entire duration of the war. It is not urged that novices without experience engage in poultry keeping on a large scale. That is recognized as a poor policy at any time and is more likely to lead to failure and eventual decrease than to a steady and permanent increase in production. What is urged is that those who are already poultry growers to some extent and possess the information and ability necessary successfully to increase their stock and production should do so.

Beginner With Poultry.

If the beginner has had experience in poultry keeping, it will be all right to purchase eggs and start with right away. Otherwise he should begin with the fowls and thus gain some knowledge of caring for poultry before attempting to raise chickens.

Hens in Confinement.

Hens like freedom, but good feed and care reconcile them to confinement. Mature, robust birds often lay more eggs in close confinement than when at liberty.

Said to Be Better Than Starch.

By boiling seaweed with carbonate of soda, and treating the filtered solution with sulphuric acid, a substance is produced that has more viscosity than starch or even gum arabic, and that can be profitably employed in stiffening various textile fabrics.

Daily Thought.

Women like brave men exceedingly, but audacious men still more.—Lemmas.

BEADING FOR FINE BLOUSES

Two Spanish Designs That Should Appeal to Woman Desiring to Make Own Garments.

It is easy to spot an imported hand-made blouse because of the extreme care with which all the finishing is done. Usually seams are put together with beading or entre-deux. This offers a suggestion to the home sewer who seeks to rival the importers in her own hand-made blouses. She can make her own entre-deux and make it in such a way that it will form a trimming for her blouse as well, according to a fashion correspondent.

First of all there is the regular flat mesh—just one row of it. To strengthen this for use in joining seams it is well to go over the edges with a single crochet. You may be able to do this when you are joining it to the material at each side, using a crochet hook and slip stitches to hold beading and seam together.

Two Spanish designs for entre-deux are especially lovely. One in pyramid effect is done as follows: Crochet six chains; in the fifth make a single crochet; in the fourth a single, in the third a double; in the second a triple (made by wrapping thread twice over needle before inserting it in chain and taking off two stitches at a time); in the first chain an extra "long" stitch (by wrapping thread three times over needle and taking off two at a time).

Repeat these pyramids for a sufficient length, then turn and make five chains for the base of each pyramid, fastening the chain with a single between each two pyramids. At the end of the piece of entre-deux make seven chains for a turn, and attach to the point of the first pyramid with a single crochet, chain five between each pyramid, fastening the chain at each point with a single.

The second Spanish beading is done by chaining enough for the length you desire. Work three doubles in the sixth stitch, but do not pull the thread through the last stitch of any of the double crochets so that when you finish you have four stitches on the needle; these you take off at once. Chain 2, three doubles into third chain from last group, etc.

Halfsize lace also makes exquisite beading. It is not easy to explain this lace in print, but almost any old-time needleworker can show the amateur in two minutes.

TIME FOR DEEDS OF VALUE

Women Should Conserve Strength Wasted in Anxiety Over Hearsay, and Concentrate Efforts.

Nothing is more important than taking the big view of life, especially at the present time, which is a crisis in the world's history. Men and women have been too self-centered to be of much use or service to anyone, even to themselves, but now, if at no other time, there must be a settlement of this stage of affairs, a writer states. Self-centered folk merely consider small events and the natural accidents they take at petty things—which are of no moment whatever—cause a loss of the big opportunities in the consideration of these affairs, which are so trivial that they are not worth a moment's notice.

The woman who has spent so much time considering what other folks say and what the world's opinion means in every passing event of her life has begun to feel that after all "they say" does not count for much, and it is what she is really doing that amounts to anything. If she has any worth whatever, she will make up for lost time by conserving the strength wasted in anxiety over silly hearsay and concentrate her efforts to accomplish deeds of value and good service.

PRETTY CAPES FOR SUMMER



This exquisite creation takes first rank among the many capes designed for summer wear, for besides an abundance of other good points it has the additional advantage of being different in material from the majority. It is made of black velvet instead of wool, taffeta or satin, which have been usually employed this year.

Clean Refrigerator.

Five minutes a day and half an hour extra for the weekly cleaning—a little more than an hour a week—will keep the refrigerator in sanitary and satisfactory condition through the warm weather.

Early Egyptian Maps.

Maps originally appeared among the early Egyptians. They were wooden tablets on which land and sea, roads, and rivers were fairly accurately outlined. The evidence of such maps is not only furnished in the old Egyptian papyrus rolls, but some of the actual maps have been discovered. It was once contended that the Greeks were the inventors of the art of cartography, but it has been proved that the Egyptians and Babylonians antedated them in this respect.

Typewriting on Parchment Fades.

It has been found that typewriting on parchment deeds is not durable. In deeds deposited within very recent years many lines are illegible and several lines have completely disappeared.

THE PRODIGAL SON

By AUGUSTUS G. SHERWIN.

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He was a man of whims and impulse apparently, for he was almost childishly engrossed in viewing a pretty picture, of which a bright, attractive-looking girl was the center. She was just inside the fence of a clover field and was daintily picking the luscious red tops. Then she would go to the separating barbed wire fence, reach through and pet, converse with and feed a white-speckled calf, plump, friendly, and sploshed of grime or brer.

"I've an idea—the fatted calf!" abruptly chuckled the onlooker. "Almost as pretty as the girl," and he approached the fence near which Hilda Strong stood.

"Part of the big farm a bit back where they're selling out," he asked. "The girl, quite startled, flushed and fluttered and gave a confused assent. "I'll take that calf if the figure is right," resumed the stranger.

"But Whitey is not for sale," announced Hilda. "She does not belong to the farm. Mr. Warren gave her to me when she was the tiniest little thing and I have raised her."

"You wouldn't sell her, then?" "Oh, no! Never! That is—unless I had to. And maybe that may come," said Hilda, a mournful shadow crossing her pretty face. "Mr. Warren is breaking up and I must look for a new home. I am an orphan and have only a few distant relatives."

Her artlessness charmed Bart Miller and her simple ways aroused his sympathy and interest.

"Hello!" he uttered. "We're pretty near of a kind. I've been an orphan myself for ten years—that is, I ran away from home and haven't seen father or mother since."

"Oh, dear! how could you stay away from them?" child Hilda asked.

"Well, I got going careless and rough and bad. Then in trouble and finally I settled down to life among the hardest crowd a ranch ever knew. It was cards, drink and fighting, most of the time."

Hilda had shrunk a little at the confession. "You don't look very careless, and rough, and bad," she said. "He laughed quite boisterously at her innocence.

"I'm not now. That's why I'm going back home."

"Oh, are you? Are you?" cried Hilda, sprightly. "How glad your folks will be to see you!"

"Father is dead," said Bart, "but mother is living, and I've sort of splined out the land before I ventured to let her know I was around. As I said, I was a reckless one until a year ago. I had gone to prospecting. Bad as ever, I treated with a hard crowd. One day I took a drop too much, and a tumble. I went into a pit and must have been over fifty feet. How I escaped being killed I couldn't reckon out. When I landed it was on a soft bed of sand—on my knees."

He spoke the last words solemnly. A strange, spiritual expression came into his eyes and illumined his face, until Hilda was fascinated in an intense, hypnotic way.

"Yes, on my knees," repeated Bart. "There I was—saved by the Almighty. I was, as I had been at my mother's side way back in childhood. All my bad life flashed upon me. The words of 'Now I lay me down to sleep' drifted dreamily through my mind. I couldn't stir for over an hour. All the time some soft spirit seemed to come over me. Young lady, I crawled out of that pit weak and broken—a new man."

"Oh, how glad your dear old mother will be when you tell her all this!" cried Hilda.

"With good behavior came good luck," went on Bart tersely. "I struck a rich mine. I saved, instead of squandering. I'm going home a pretty rich man, and my money will do some good, for I found my mother poor and neglected. I'm still queer in my notions, young lady. I know what mother will say when she sees me coming back."

"What?" urged Hilda breathlessly, as absorbed as though listening to some entrancing fairy story.

"Well, mother is biblical, and it would be just like her to say, in her gentle, kindly, forgiving way: 'Prodigal son, you are welcome, and for you shall be killed the fatted calf.' But, you see, poor old soul; she has no fatted calf. And your Whitey story? My fancy. And I thought I'd buy a lead her to the old home—it's only ten miles across the country—and say, 'Mother, I've brought the fatted calf, and a bag of gold, and my worthless self, all at once back home.'"

"Oh, she won't think you worthless! And what a grand man you have been to stop being rough and careless, and all that, and thinking so much of your dear old mother! And what a blessing you will be to her, and I'm so glad I met you, for you can take Whitey, and you're welcome to her, and it's all like some beautiful story," and, overcome by her emotions, Hilda broke down in tears.

It was with a pretty ribbon tied around her neck that Whitey was led away from her devoted young mistress. Hilda had urged him to tell her the end of the charming story he, she, the old mother and Whitey were acting out. "Mother says she must see you," reported Bart two days later. "Hilda, we haven't known each other very long, but long enough for me to know that I love you, and want you to help me make mother happy."

Daily Thought.

Honor is the recompense of those who do right without seeking recompense.

Mass of Materials in Nest.

Study a completely finished oriole's nest. What a mass of tangled filaments, strings, grasses, fibers, I have often wondered which was the first string that was put on, how was it put on, and what came next in the order of building, says Edward F. Bigelow, in "Boys' Life."

FARM ANIMALS

FORAGE CROP IS IMPORTANT

Essential for Successful and Economical Production of Pork—Crops for Many Sections.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The successful and economical production of pork depends in a large measure upon good permanent pastures supplemented by other forage crops. There should be on an average one acre of permanent pasture for each brood sow kept. Green forage is little more than a maintenance ration, and if rapid gains are desired, hogs should have a liberal allowance of grain. Growing forage crops and grazing them off is a good method of improving soils lacking in organic matter.

Kind of crops: (a) For the cotton belt, Bermuda, bur clover, white clover and Lespedeza make good permanent pastures. These should be supplemented by small grains and rape for winter, crimson clover and vetch for spring, cowpeas and sorghum for summer, corn with soy beans, velvet beans or peanuts for fall. (b) For the central and middle Atlantic states, including the blue-grass region, blue grass should be used largely for permanent pasture. It should be supplemented by rye for winter, rape for spring, red clover for spring and summer, corn with soy beans and rape for fall. (c) For the Northern and Eastern states blue grass or redtop provides permanent pasture. Supplementary grazing should be furnished by oats and peas for spring, rape and red clover for fall, and early field corn for fall. (d) For the West grazing is furnished by alfalfa and corn. Corn should be "hogged down."

SHIPPING SWINE IN SUMMER

Hot Weather Precautions to Prevent Loss of Important Part of Nation's Meat Supply.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Every hog that is killed in transit due to overcrowding or mishandling means a loss, at present prices, of probably more than \$30 to the shipper as well as a waste of meat needed by the nation. Mortality in transit or after arrival at the central market can be lessened greatly in hot weather by the practice of the following simple precautions on the part of shippers and dealers:

1. When hogs are very hot, during or after a drive, never pour cold water over their backs. 2. Before loading, clean out each car and bed it with sand which, during dry, hot weather should be wetted down thoroughly. Hogs in transit during the night only are not so likely to be lost from overheating as are the animals shipped in the daytime. With dry shipments in hot weather it is highly advisable to suspend burlap sacks of ice from the ceiling in various parts of the

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MEMORY THAT WILL LAST

French Gratitude to America Is Deeply Engraved on the Hearts of Her People.

Kathleen Norris, writing in the Woman's Home Companion, gives an imaginary conversation with a young French girl describing the coming of the American soldiers to France as she is supposed to remember it:

"And men—to stand beside our men—from America! I remember standing at the chateau gateway on a bright November afternoon and seeing them come up the road. Soldiers! We were used to soldiers! But these! We were different. Grandmere was with me, we had been here all the time.

"They came along, in the streaming afternoon sunlight, and they smiled, and waved at me. 'They are the Americans!' grandmere said, as she began to cry softly. 'God bless them—God bless them!' she whispered, over and over. And that night, as you know, we had their officers at the chateau, and one of them told me he also had a daughter, not much younger than I, and that her name was Virginia—"

"I don't know why—for, God knows, there were hard times, and dark times, ahead. But from that moment I felt—hope. Child that I was, I seemed to see, behind those marching men, the big and generous nation that was dedicating itself to their service, the women everywhere, with their sewing and cooking, saving and planning, their letters and their prayers—all one in their work for an ideal beside which the comfort and the ease of this generation was as nothing!"

REAL JOB, THAT-OF THE "UMP"

Man Who Holds Indicator in Professional Ball Game Surely Has No "Soft Snap."

There are those who will scoff at the idea that umpiring a ball game is work; but let these, just once, stand out in the broiling heat of July or August, and judge a two-hour game, while watched intently every moment by two keen-eyed managers, thirty or forty players, as familiar with the rules as the indicator holders, and several thousand excited, restless and shouting spectators, every one of whom is anxious to detect some slip in judgment upon the part of the man in blue. Let them labor for that length of time without encouragement, but with shouts of disapproval ringing in their ears at frequent intervals, or have several players step on their toes with their spiked shoes, while making threats and referring to slighting terms to every one connected with them from their remotest ancestry, they will be ready not only to admit but to make affidavit that the umpire actually works.—Leslie's Magazine.

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CABBAGE WORM MOST DESTRUCTIVE ENEMY

Spraying Is Effective Remedy in Combating This Pest.

Community Action Is Desirable Wherever Related Crops Are Grown Extensively—Leaves Few Poisoned Stalks for Traps.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The common cabbage worm, the most destructive enemy of cabbage and related crops in the United States, begins its depredations as soon as the young plants are set out in the spring and continues its work throughout the summer. Control measures, to be effective, should begin as soon as the insect makes its appearance.

Although the insect causes the total destruction of cabbage, cauliflower, and other crops in large areas in the years immediately after its first appearance in this country in the sixties, control measures have now been perfected to such a degree and adopted to such an extent that losses need not be great. Spraying with a solution of two pounds of powdered arsenate of lead, four pounds of arsenate of lead in the paste form, or one pound of paris green to 50 gallons of water should be begun as soon as the plants are set out and should be repeated as often as examination of the plants shows it to be necessary.

The common cabbage "worm" is the larva of a white butterfly having black-tipped wings. The butterflies appear on warm spring days, and continue about gardens and fields until after several severe fall frosts. In the Gulf region they are present throughout the season. Eggs are laid on cabbage and related plants where they hatch in from four to eight days.

The caterpillar is velvety green, about the color of the cabbage foliage. It eats voraciously and grows rapidly, becoming fully grown in from ten to fourteen days after hatching. Three generations occur each season in the northeast and probably six in the extreme South. The first generation usually develops on wild plants.

Hand picking may be practiced successfully in small gardens. Where sprays are employed they should be

Play's Real Meaning.

Play, according to Professor Pyle, is the revival of man's older self. It is the truest expression of his real self, stripped of the latter-day formalities, dignities, habits and other artificial things with which "society" hedges about an otherwise free man. The middle aged man can be looked at either as a mold into which some super-Frankenstein has poured the youthful enthusiasm, hopes, aims, honesty, candor and muscular play or as a madman obsessed with his own selfishness.

Daily Thought.

Women like brave men exceedingly, but audacious men still more.—Lemmas.



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Saturday, August 17, 1918.

PEPPERELL

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Mrs. William Withrow, Park street, went Monday afternoon to St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua, N. H., to be operated for a tumor in the throat.

George Stewart, who is also a friend of the party.

It is understood that Raymond L. South and Mrs. Elias South had their left foot crushed and that they lay on the battlefield from eleven until three o'clock before he could be attended to.

Miss Sylvia Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Stewart, Park street, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital on Monday, and on Tuesday her tonsils and adenoids were removed.

Miss Gertrude Dane returned last week Thursday from Nashua and Lowell, where she had been spending a part of her vacation with her brother and other friends.

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Miss Myra Attridge spent Wednesday and Thursday in Boston with friends.

Mrs. Burton Humphrey, who formerly lived on High street, is now working in the H. H. hospital in Haverhill, came Tuesday to stay while at the Ray Hackett home.

The Little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris, Pleasant street, has been suffering this hot weather with the measles, and their neighbor's son, John McCarney, is just coming down with them.

Child Welfare Work: The child welfare work went along on Friday and Saturday of last week and between seventy-five and eighty children were brought forward.

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The society has a large box of hospital supplies and is ready to be shipped. These contain bandages, hospital bags and rubber pillows.

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VALUE OF SPANISH

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Office of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN: JOHN D. CARNEY, Chairman Board of Selectmen.

ORDERED: That a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on the twenty-sixth day of August, A. D. 1918, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard.

JOHN D. CARNEY, DOUGLAS C. SMITH, ELWIN H. LONGLEY, Selectmen of Ayer.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS: Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs, executors, administrators, and all other persons interested in the estate of FREDERICK R. ROBERTS, of Ayer, in said County, deceased, intestate.

WHERAS, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the remaining estate of said deceased, to FREDERICK R. ROBERTS, of Ayer, in said County, deceased, intestate.

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

Witness my hand and seal of said Court, this seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

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