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## SHIRLEY

### News Items.

Charles Maylin has sold his farm, one in Shirley and the other in Lunenburg. A. Polander has bought the one in Shirley for occupancy and the other to a Mr. Green in Lunenburg, who will occupy the same. Mr. Maylin will leave in about two weeks for Vermont, where he will make his home with his family.

The county tax is \$1989.76 for 1919 for Shirley; an increase of \$135.76 over last year.

Miss Mary Gleason, a teacher at Springfield, is at home for the summer.

Charles A. McCarthy, proprietor of the Shirley market, has this week bought a new Ford truck, which he will use in his business.

### Special Town Meeting.

The adjourned special town meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the Engine hall. This meeting was for the purpose of deciding the question of repairs on Center road, which could not be decided at the meeting two weeks ago on account of lack of data. In the meantime the board of selectmen had received a letter from F. D. Sabin of the highway commission, stating that to gravel the worst mud holes on Center road and make the road passable at all times would cost \$3000. Mr. Sabin had figured on doing the work on money which the county may appropriate after the hearing in Shirley on July 30, but suggested that the town appropriate \$1000 which could go back if it was not needed. On motion of Selectman Robert H. J. Holden \$1000 was appropriated for the repair of sections of Center road located between the house occupied by Willard G. White and the store of Graves Brothers, at the Center. The meeting then adjourned. D. Chester Parsons acted as moderator.

### Welcome Home Day.

The welcome home day to be given by the citizens of Shirley to the returned soldiers, sailors and marines on Saturday, July 5, bids fair to be one of the big events in the town's history. The Fitchburg Military band will be in town all day and will play at the various events. The day starts at nine in the morning when the parade leaves Depot square for the ball grounds. At 9.15 there will be a ball game between the Shirley service men and the Shirley civilians, the lineup including many of the old baseball stars of the town. The rivalry between the two teams is great, and a hotly contested game is looked for. The batting orders are as follows: Service men, Harry O. Bangs, captain, Wheeler ss, H. Emerson c, A. Desmond lf, T. Burrill, Jr., 3b, Jones 2b, L. Wells cf, White 1b, C. Hooper rf, Peneseau p; Civilians, J. Edmond Pomfret, captain, Lucy rf, O. Sidleau 2b, Cook lf, T. Burrill, Sr., 1b, Daley 3b, J. Chesboro lf, Stebbins ss, F. Sidleau c, R. Chesboro p. After the ball game, for which there will be a suitable prize, the following sports will be run off: 100-yd. dash for boys under twelve; 50-yd. dash for girls; 100-yd. dash for boys twelve and over; candle race for girls. In each of these events there



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## LITTLETON

### News Items.

The new timetable on the Fitchburg railroad that went into effect on Monday has a few changes for Littleton. The most noticeable is the removal of the one o'clock train and perhaps as a possible substitute a train east bound stopping at Littleton at 11.42 a. m. The 2.26 p. m. train going east stops only for passengers coming from beyond Fitchburg; other trains have not been changed very much.

"The rift in the clouds" will be Rev. F. W. Lambert's theme for Sunday morning. Communion will be observed—at the Congregational church.

Government doctors and meat inspectors including representatives of the Armour Packing Company and the North Packing Company, to the number of about seventy, came to the U. S. quarantine in seventeen automobiles last Saturday and enjoyed an outing. They brought their dinner and ate in Saint James' camp. Afterwards they made use of the County club grounds where they played ball and had a picnic.

Miss... Newhafer, of Rochester, N. Y., was the guest of Miss Olive Thayer.

Miss... Simerson is entertaining her... Miss Lorna McKendrick, of Toronto, Canada, a few weeks.

Miss... Home is helping as clerk in the postoffice at Littleton depot for a few hours each day.

A shipment of sheep is expected at the U. S. quarantine very soon.

At the meeting of the welcome home committee held on Monday evening a publicity committee was chosen—Rev. H. L. Caulkins, J. P. Thacher and Miss Kimball.

Austin Hartwell is expected home at any time now as he wrote two weeks ago that he was supposed to sail for home very soon.

A bad accident on Lactart road occurred on Sunday afternoon, the details of which are more or less uncertain. However, circumstantial evidence points to a case of over-speeding when one car in an attempt to pass another landed in the mud and had to be drawn out by Ed. Loring's truck. Two men and two women were in the car which had turned turtle and was facing Ayer, the direction from which it had come, one of the men dying Monday at the Gro-

ton private hospital. Parties from another... The unfortunate occupant of the Groton private hospital, where it was thought one woman was seriously injured and the others, with the exception of the man mentioned, injured to a less extent. Further than that we have been able to ascertain little except that the car that went into the mud was smashed considerably, but the machinery was still in working order. The road at the place of the accident is wide enough and straight but not suited to a 50- or 70-mile-an-hour speed.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Robbins spent the weekend at F. C. Hartwell's, and this week they are with the Harry Smith family in Gloucester.

The members of the Unitarian Sunday school and their families held their fourth annual Fourth of July picnic at F. C. Hartwell's this week Friday.  
A good number of stockholders went to Boston... to the Fitchburg railroad stockholders' meeting, on Wednesday.  
Hazel Bradley visited a week with her cousin, Ruth Lothrop, in Milton.  
Mrs. Ada Bradley has returned from a two-weeks' visit in Tilton, N. H.  
Don't plan anything for July 11 but the Grange lawn party, to be held in town hall park for the benefit of the

welcome home contribution. Ice cream, tonics and peanuts for sale on the grounds; dancing in the hall; Dumfry's entrancing music will keep you happy.  
Miss Jennie Sawyer, now of Shirley, will return to her former position in the telegraph office at Littleton next Monday. A welcome awaits her by all old friends and patrons.  
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WESTFORD

Center. Dr. and Mrs. Edward Atwood have been visitors at the home of the Misses Atwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher and son John have taken a camp at Forge pond for the month of July. Mrs. Harry Prescott and daughter Betty are with them for the first of their stay and other guests are planned for during the month.

We regret that we failed to report last week reports from several of the early gardeners of their first green peas.

Frank C. Johnson has received his discharge and is at home after his army experiences. He is looking in the best of health, but has had sickness, being in the hospital at one time with a siege of pneumonia, and at another time with measles. He expresses himself as glad to have had a part in the great struggle and prizes the memory of his experiences, but now that they are over would not care to repeat them.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright, who have opened their Westford home, will entertain a group of old friends for the holiday, who for a long time have held an annual reunion at the home of July.

The young veterans who are forming an organization are to have a dance at the town hall on Friday evening, July 11, to raise funds for the same. More particulars will be given later.

Miss A. Mabel Drew, while driving with her mother, Mrs. Sarah J. Drew, to Greenwich, Conn., to visit the George Albert Drews, met with an accident in Palmer, when her machine skidded and went over an embankment into water. Fortunately they or the machine were not injured seriously for which their friends are glad. Mrs. Drew was past eighty and such an experience would prove trying to one many years her junior.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec MacDougall are entertaining for two weeks their son Allister, his wife and two children, of Northampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Shupe are at their farm in South Merrimack, N. H., attending to the hay harvest.

Miss Golda Alivetta McKinsley and Wilfred Ernest Whitton, of Westford, were married in Lowell on Monday evening.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. O. L. Brownsey will take for his subject, "The discerning eye," and in the evening will speak from the topic, "Deep calling unto deep." At the annual meeting of the men's class last Sunday Arthur E. Day was elected president and William R. Taylor, vice president.

Principal William C. Roudenbush, who was recently returned from the commencement exercises at Williams college, and where he enjoyed exercises of unusual interest, tells of the splendid record of the class of 1919 in the great war. Out of a class of 103 men, who were graduated, 101 entered the military service, of the other two one was in the public service and not permitted to resign. The remaining man was a cripple, but before the armistice came he was driving an ambulance at an army camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth and son Lester spent the week-end with relatives in Sterling.

Mrs. Jennie Peterson and Miss Olga Strauberg, employed in the J. J. Abbott household, are going for a trip to their native Sweden.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Cameron drove up from Lowell with a friend, who was a guest in their home. This lady, whose married name we do not know, was the wife of a musician, and had lived many years in Lowell and her home when in this country had been removed from here to Westford by her birthplace. She was born here, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson. Mr. Wilson was the second pastor of the church here, and the succeeding Rev. Leonard Lord, the first pastor, and probably lived in a house standing where H. V. Hildreth's residence now is. The family removed from here when the subject of this sketch was two years old, but she was exceedingly anxious to see her native town, which was at the best of that beautiful June afternoon.

The notorious old brick tavern at the north part of the town, which had been under suspension for some time, was razed last Sunday by Chas. Ripley and Officers Sutherland and Ball and Officers Mahan of Lowell. Six hundred bottles of beer were destroyed. There were also empty bottles and evidences of the sale and keeping of liquor. Matthew Downs, the aged proprietor of the place, is awaiting trial, charged with the illegal sale of liquor.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Hildreth and little son of Monday, are spending their school vacation in town, living in Miss Ella Hildreth's vacant house on Hildreth street. Mrs. Hildreth was formerly Miss Bertha Norris, a popular Westford academy teacher.

It was good news that Harold W. Hildreth called of sailing for home June 22, and is expected in Westford the latter part of this week. Harold Hildreth was still at Brest, France, at last report, expecting to get started for home at any time.

The state guard members held their regular drill on Tuesday evening, assembling at the town hall and marching to Whitney playground for out-

door drill. Plans are being completed for their encampment at Foxboro from July 12 to July 19.

Perley E. Wright made his first trip to Boston with his motor truck on Tuesday night and was gone on Sunday night.

Social.

The committee for the June social, the last one for the season, closed the successful series of socials at the Congregational church, Friday evening, June 28, by giving the large gathering a good supper and a fine entertainment. There were only 125 plates set for the strawberry shortcake supper, the committee being obliged to reset tables for a second course. Menu of cold meats—state salad, rolls, coffee, strawberry shortcake, cake and ice cream and cake was most attractively served and cooked by Mrs. Ralph Bridgeford, Mrs. John Felch, Mrs. A. H. Burnham, Mrs. Parker and other helpers. Mrs. Bridgeford's brother, Edward A. Felch, and a professional chef was chief assistant and results were greatly to his credit. He added the picturesque touch during the serving hour with his white suit and cap.

The entertainment was by an orchestra from the base hospital at Camp Devens, consisting of Sergt. C. H. Cahill, piano; Private Anderson, violin, and Sergt. Scanlon, cornet, and were conveyed by Arthur Burnham, who gave his services. There were two other players and instruments that went with this orchestra, but this trio gave their audience a musical treat, playing a wide range of selections which conveyed the spirit of music, of youth, of the military camp and of old favorites and modern as well, and of the popular dance music. They were assisted in vocal solos and duets by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Peterson, Miss Newbold and Edward A. Felch.

About Town.

There was a light frost last week Tuesday evening which left its trade mark very lightly on an exposed hill of beans and some of the vine family. We did not mistrust frost so did not discover it in season to report last week.

A recent real estate transaction, the largest and most important in the Stoney Brook valley, was the sale by George C. Moore of all his real estate at Brookside, including mill property; also, all his real estate at Westford depot, including water power and buildings, to the Abbot Wardsman. Mr. Moore still retains his mill interests at Nabnasset and his mill interests at North and West Chelmsford.

Mr. and Mrs. John McAlpine, of Cleveland, Ohio, after an absence of twenty-three years, are visiting relatives and friends in the east. They made a short call on relatives at the Old Brook valley, and later will make a more extended call. They will spend part of their vacation in Vermont. Mr. McAlpine is a brother of Hon. William T. McAlpine, of Lawrence. It is fifty years since he left Lowell for the west.

Amos Polly has bought all the grass on the south side of the Lowell road, the Charles Whitney farm.

The selectmen have called the Lowell road for a dust distance covering the dwelling houses.

Death.

Ossian V. Robey died last week Thursday at the home of his brother-in-law, F. L. Soule, Lowell. He leaves four sons, Charles and Addison, of Westford, Edwin, of Boston, and Fred, of Lowell; two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Erickson, of Newport, R. I., and Miss Lillian Robey, of Westford; three sisters and two brothers, and several grandchildren. He was for several years a resident of Westford, living with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa B. M. Eastman, of Leland road. While in town he was an active member of Westford Grange. He was an industrious and upright citizen, working at his trade as carpenter. In Lowell he was a member of Highland Veritas, a Filianic organization, Lowell, N. H., of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Thomas Latta conducting the services. The fraternal organizations to which he belonged were largely represented at the funeral. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Westford.

Graniteville.

The St. Peter's A. A. of Lowell decorated the Abbot Wardsman company here last Saturday afternoon in a well planned game by the score of 2 to 2. Garrity, the Lowell pitcher, was hit freely, but the A. W. P. did not hit Garrity, six or eight balls being caught by the St. Peter's pitcher. The Lowell pitcher got all of the runs in the first inning, putting down them as the best of the game. The Abbot team will play the Stone Mills club in North Chelmsford on Sunday July 13. No game will be played on July 14.

The mill and shop teams here are playing a series of games for the summer. The series is the best that has been seen here for many years. The games will be played next week. The Graniteville A. A. last to West played last Saturday by the score of 2 to 2.

Mrs. May M. Sheahan, Elizabeth M. Sheahan and Alice C. Sheahan, Lowell, have been visitors here recently.

The Misses May M. and Charles A. Wall are spending a few days of the summer vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Kinney in Lowell.

The formal celebration of the glorious Fourth was held here this year, many of the people spending the week-end at the beaches.

The Abbot Wardsman Company here held a rehearsal here on Monday night, and although the band has not been organized for a short time, the members are making good progress. The leadership of James P. Larkin, it is thought, that the band will give a good concert in the early fall.

Forge Village.

The Sunday school children of the Andrews mission, held a very enjoyable picnic last Saturday afternoon at Campden park. Good weather helped make the occasion more enjoyable. The children spent the day in the direction of the Rev. Leslie Wallace. The picnic was very good and the children enjoyed having had a fine time. The picnic and cake was served.

The Boy Scouts, recently organized under the leadership of Rev. Leslie Wallace, enjoyed their first outing on Tuesday and Wednesday, camping out over night.

The many friends of George Cotter will be sorry to learn that while attending his work in Boston last week a 500-pound weight fell and struck his leg, breaking it in three places. The bone came out through his stocking. It was a narrow escape from death. His home is in Jamaica Plain, Mass., formerly lived in Westford, and he resided in Groton. His sister, Mrs. William Hodgget, of the Bridges, is visiting him.

Still River.

Rev. Mr. Tomms of Boston, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday, coming as a candidate. He wishes that all the singers possible will be out as well as everyone else. He will have for his topic in the morning, "Christ standing at the door," and in the evening, "The fall of Babylon, or Belshazzar's Feast." Last Sunday Rev. Mr. Gleason preached very acceptably and was well liked.

A gentleman from the village succeeded in getting subscriptions towards paying the advanced charge on the telephone at the railroad station. He will remain for another year or more, much to the pleasure of many.

A young man, a clergyman from Pennsylvania, named Gamble, and wife, are stopping at the pond, and he attended church here last Sunday, and was a great help in the Sunday school.

Miss Harriet Mason, of Tewksbury, spent Sunday with Ruth Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutcherson went to Temple in his auto on Tuesday afternoon.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

A reception to Rev. Frank G. Potter was given last week, Thursday evening, by his former parishioners of the Methodist church. It was planned to hold a lawn party, but showers came up just in time to spoil that plan, and the party was held in the very pretty chapel. All were very glad to meet and greet Mr. Potter in the church where he had labored so faithfully for 100 years, and endeared himself to all who knew him. A bountiful lunch was served, speeches were made informally by the president of the different societies of the church, many amusing and appropriate anecdotes were told, producing much fun and jollity, making the gathering seem like a great family reunion in which everyone present had a part and seemed to feel that the promised "good time coming" had really and truly arrived. Rev. and Mrs. Potter may always feel sure of a very cordial welcome whenever they visit Lunenburg.

The Missionary society of the Methodist church will hold their annual picnic at Whalom Park on Wednesday, July 9. Take the ten o'clock car; basket lunch to be served at noon; enjoy a fine day in the beautiful woods with games, sports, sociability and communion with Nature.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Austin T. Kempton will rejoice with them at the safe return of both their boys from over the sea. Bradford, the oldest son, who has been in the service nearly two years, returned home two weeks ago and attended graduation exercises here on last week Friday. His younger brother, Lawrence, has but recently returned from France and is at Camp Devens awaiting his discharge. Another of our school boys, Allen Parker, now of Billerica, graduated there on last week Thursday and was valedictorian of his class. A curious coincidence is that when he was a member of the Lunenburg school he was a friendly rival of Thelma Brown. Now they have both graduated and each was chosen valedictorian of their class. Allen expects to enter Boston Tech in October, and Miss Thelma will go to Cushing academy.

Rev. L. A. Whiston and nearly 100 Boy Scouts are camping out for a week at Stodge's meadow in Ashby.

Misses Lilla Lancy and Gladys Sanderson are home from their schools and enjoying their vacation at home. Miss Lancy teaches in New Jersey and Miss Sanderson in Massachusetts.

Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Martin are taking their vacation at the summer home at East Long Meadow, and during their absence much needed repairs will be made at the parsonage.

George Smith, just returned from service over the sea, spent a few hours at the home of his mother and brothers last Sunday, surprising them all, very happily, as they were not expecting him until next week. He expects his discharge at Camp Devens this week.

Albert G. Smith and family, who have been occupying Arthur O. Scott's place on Whiting street, will vacate the place and move to a new home in North Westminster. Mrs. John D. Gardner, Jr., will occupy the place and takes possession as soon as vacated.

The Old Home Week association held a meeting in the town hall last Saturday evening to further plans for the triple celebration of the 200th anniversary of the settlement of the town, the Old Home Week and the welcome home to be given to all our soldiers and sailors. Committees were appointed and arrangements started in which we hope everyone in town will feel interested sufficiently to attend a meeting on this week Saturday evening to hear reports of the committees and do all in their power to make this celebration a grand success. The meeting is free and open to everyone. Let there be a large turnout.

Graduating Exercises.

Graduating exercises for the high school, which began on Sunday, June 22 with the baccalaureate sermon at the Congregational church, came to a most successful termination on Wednesday, June 26. The day was all that could be asked for and when evening came the hall was filled to its capacity. The stage was beautifully decorated with laurel and in the archway which the graduates passed through the Miss Ruth Burrage was the valedictorian and led the graduates to the orchestra platform.

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Following the exercises the graduates held a reception, after which a fine dinner was enjoyed with music furnished by the Fitchburg orchestra.

Visitors were the principals of the graduates, among them were Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. and daughter, Ethel Ripley, of Westford, the latter formerly a member of the class.

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A young man, a clergyman from Pennsylvania, named Gamble, and wife, are stopping at the pond, and he attended church here last Sunday, and was a great help in the Sunday school.

Miss Harriet Mason, of Tewksbury, spent Sunday with Ruth Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutcherson went to Temple in his auto on Tuesday afternoon.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

A reception to Rev. Frank G. Potter was given last week, Thursday evening, by his former parishioners of the Methodist church. It was planned to hold a lawn party, but showers came up just in time to spoil that plan, and the party was held in the very pretty chapel. All were very glad to meet and greet Mr. Potter in the church where he had labored so faithfully for 100 years, and endeared himself to all who knew him. A bountiful lunch was served, speeches were made informally by the president of the different societies of the church, many amusing and appropriate anecdotes were told, producing much fun and jollity, making the gathering seem like a great family reunion in which everyone present had a part and seemed to feel that the promised "good time coming" had really and truly arrived. Rev. and Mrs. Potter may always feel sure of a very cordial welcome whenever they visit Lunenburg.

The Missionary society of the Methodist church will hold their annual picnic at Whalom Park on Wednesday, July 9. Take the ten o'clock car; basket lunch to be served at noon; enjoy a fine day in the beautiful woods with games, sports, sociability and communion with Nature.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Austin T. Kempton will rejoice with them at the safe return of both their boys from over the sea. Bradford, the oldest son, who has been in the service nearly two years, returned home two weeks ago and attended graduation exercises here on last week Friday. His younger brother, Lawrence, has but recently returned from France and is at Camp Devens awaiting his discharge. Another of our school boys, Allen Parker, now of Billerica, graduated there on last week Thursday and was valedictorian of his class. A curious coincidence is that when he was a member of the Lunenburg school he was a friendly rival of Thelma Brown. Now they have both graduated and each was chosen valedictorian of their class. Allen expects to enter Boston Tech in October, and Miss Thelma will go to Cushing academy.

Rev. L. A. Whiston and nearly 100 Boy Scouts are camping out for a week at Stodge's meadow in Ashby.

Misses Lilla Lancy and Gladys Sanderson are home from their schools and enjoying their vacation at home. Miss Lancy teaches in New Jersey and Miss Sanderson in Massachusetts.

Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Martin are taking their vacation at the summer home at East Long Meadow, and during their absence much needed repairs will be made at the parsonage.

George Smith, just returned from service over the sea, spent a few hours at the home of his mother and brothers last Sunday, surprising them all, very happily, as they were not expecting him until next week. He expects his discharge at Camp Devens this week.

Albert G. Smith and family, who have been occupying Arthur O. Scott's place on Whiting street, will vacate the place and move to a new home in North Westminster. Mrs. John D. Gardner, Jr., will occupy the place and takes possession as soon as vacated.

The Old Home Week association held a meeting in the town hall last Saturday evening to further plans for the triple celebration of the 200th anniversary of the settlement of the town, the Old Home Week and the welcome home to be given to all our soldiers and sailors. Committees were appointed and arrangements started in which we hope everyone in town will feel interested sufficiently to attend a meeting on this week Saturday evening to hear reports of the committees and do all in their power to make this celebration a grand success. The meeting is free and open to everyone. Let there be a large turnout.

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Mrs. Frances Forbes announces the engagement of her elder daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth, to Claire Bradbury Foss, of Worcester, son of the late William F. and Mary Foss, of Rosindale.

Miss Helen Forbes attended the church exercises and the alumni reunion and banquet at the Fitchburg Normal school last week. She is at home for part of her summer vacation.

Edwin A. Shattuck has bought a horse from Moseley Hale.

The regular meeting of the selectmen was held on Thursday evening at 7.45.

Miss Elizabeth Whitehill is assisting Miss Wright at the lunch room.

Thirty people, parents, teachers and scholars of the Unitarian Sunday school, went to Whalom on Tuesday. The day was fine and the children enjoyed the merry-go-rounds, roller-skating and boating.

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge met on Tuesday evening with a good attendance. After the regular business meeting there was a short entertainment—piano duet and a laughable farce, entitled "Just a little mistake."

The different parts in the farce were taken by Mrs. Blanche Brown, Mrs. Arline Bishop, Mrs. Anna Hemenway, Mrs. Effie Harrington, Miss Mabel Souther and Mrs. Mary D. Boynton.

The Holy Name society of the Sacred Heart church called on Nicholas Dinan lately and heed his garden for him.

In response to the appeal for books sixty-six volumes were sent to the public library and were forwarded to Cambridge. An acknowledgment has been received from the Overseas Dispatch office as follows: "Many thanks for the books which we have just received. They are certainly have come at an opportune moment, for we are having a heavy week with a number of large transports to equip."

Mrs. James Lawrence called for France on Wednesday in the interests of devastated France. Mrs. Lawrence is a liaison officer and her work in the various committees has been inspiring and uplifting. In France she will divide her time between the Paris office of the American committee for Devastated France and in active service on the field, visiting the various cantonments and conferring with the various committees working in the interests of the devastated regions.

She will return to this country early in September, after having made a complete study of the requirements of the needy in France, and will outline her campaign for the fall along with the various committees.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Wood are in town for a part of the summer. Mr. Wood is a nephew of the late Miss Carrie E. Wood. Mrs. Wood's father will also be here for a time.

Corp. Edward L. Duffy arrived in New York on June 25, leaving there for Camp Mills. He will be at Camp Devens before long.

Mrs. J. E. Adams went to Greenfield and has returned, bringing her granddaughter, Esther Dugas, home with her. Esther has been with her father, A. J. Dugas, for the past three months.

Miss Lillian W. Kane is again in town, having completed the school year in Providence.

Mrs. A. M. West, of East Pepperell, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Hemenway.

William Woods, son of George H. Woods, has been discharged recently from Camp Devens.

P. A. Weber is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. William Randall, in Rochester.

Mrs. Elvira S. Ames returned Saturday from Fitchburg, where she has been visiting her sister.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence has given up her room with Mrs. Arthur Wood and returned to her home.

Miss Lizzie Gilson is keeping house for Grant Shattuck during Mrs. Shattuck's absence in Maine.

Mrs. James T. Bennett, with her son and daughter, have come home from a short stay at their camp at Spectacle pond.

Misses Marguerite E. Leonard, Mildred B. Brown and Helen A. Forbes have returned to town at the close of the school year.

There was a frost on the mountains on Sunday night, June 22, and Saturday night, June 28.

Miss Annie L. Gilson is in town again after a short visit in Newton.

Miss Elizabeth Blood, a pupil at Cushing academy, was awarded one of six prizes offered—a five-dollar gold piece—for excellence in typewriting. Miss Blood was also elected vice president of the American society for next year.

William Glendon had an eye on display in Shattuck's store that measured 8 3/4 inches and weighed four ounces. Mr. Shattuck then went to his home and brought one that weighed almost as much.

Little Clarissa Smith, from Littleton, is visiting her cousins, the Hermon Frazees.

Warren Gilson, of the town farm, was called to Nashua by the death of his sister recently.

George Bywater moved last Saturday into the Nellie Condon house, recently purchased by John Forcino.

Robert Prescott Leonard was in town last week.

Miss Hannah Hallisey has gone to the Point of Pines for the summer.

Miss Catherine Whalen spent last Saturday and Sunday in Nashua and had a very pleasant outing.

Mrs. Patrick Ryan had another ill turn last week.

Marshall Swallow has been in Waterville in the White Mountains, making repairs on a summer cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Scott and baby are spending a week at the Scott farm.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Danielson have been visiting in Chicago. Mr. Danielson has recently returned from France and is now in Danielson, Conn. Mrs. Danielson returned to her home in Groton on Monday.

It is reported that Corp. Edward L. Duffy is now at Camp Devens.

The town has just added a new sprayer and a road roller to its road implements.

A strawberry festival was held by the Unitarian church on the common opposite, last Saturday evening. The affair was very prettily arranged. The lights, the Japanese lanterns, ice cream, strawberry, cake and candy tables added to the general effect. There were soft drinks and a mystery table for the children. There were a number of people from out of town present and the articles were pretty well sold out. It was a most successful sale.

There will be a band concert at the bandstand on Saturday evening of this week.

Upon the recommendation of Dr. A. G. Kibbourn of the board of health the selectmen have decided to suspend the law restraining dogs.

At the Groton private hospital a son was born last week to Mrs. Albert C. Gorton of Ayer.

Miss Alice Davis is spending her vacation in Beverly.

The friends of Chief Dowling will be interested to hear of the marriage of his daughter, Miss Helen M. Dowling, to William Straub in New York city on July 3. Mr. and Mrs. Straub will visit the home of the bride's parents in Marlboro before going to a home of their own.

Chief Beatty, of Ayer, was in town on Monday.

Brigadier-General MacFarlane moved into Mrs. E. M. Needham's house on Wednesday.

The friends of Bradley Sampson, of Littleton, will be glad to hear that he is getting along nicely at the Groton private hospital.

Atty. John D. Carney, of Ayer, was in town on business on June 30.

Mrs. R. E. Danielson has sent Frank McPartland to a school to learn to run an automobile, as he is to be her chauffeur.

Mrs. Cedric Hodgman was in town last week.

Miss Clara L. Hutchins has had a telephone installed—212-3.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Fitts moved their goods on July first to Mansfield.

On Saturday, June 28, at the Groton private hospital, a nine-pound son was born to Mrs. John McMillan.

As no appropriation was made for a public celebration in town on the Fourth of July, it is probable that Groton will have an unusually quiet Fourth.

Mr. Jerome Shattuck, P. W. Kane of West Groton and Willard Tolles will be on duty, however, to assist Chief Dowling as may be required.

All owners of dogs should bear in mind that the dog licenses are long past due and that they are liable to prosecution if such licenses are not paid by July 15.

As the condition of our roads is a subject of great importance to our townspeople it is of interest to know that in the opinion of one of our state engineers that the road building is progressing exceptionally well.

Addie Shattuck Pierce was in town last Sunday with her daughter Mildred, who is stationed at the base hospital at Camp Devens as a reconstruction aide. She has received an appointment for Plattsburg and will leave this week to assume her duties there in occupational therapy.

Strawberry Festival.

The entertainment at the Grange strawberry festival began with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the audience, after which the girls saluted the flag. Bertha Rose then played the "Anvil Chorus." Ruth Gleason followed with a solo, after which Bertha Rose played "Cathedral chimps, village chorus" behind the scenes. Motion dancing and song by the children was the next number. These children took their parts so well they drew the great credit. There were Bertha and Marie Frazee, Katherine and Margaret Miller, Beatrice Palmer, Bertha Rose, Helen Palmer, Annie Perrino, Mabel Jacoby, Ruth Patterson. Bertha Rose gave a piano selection, "Liberty song" and Mrs. Effie Souther read a selection. Bertha and Edna Patterson rendered a vocal duet and Miss Alice Knapp a violin solo.

A piece "Hiram Jones' bet" was given by Mr. and Mrs. James Boutwell and Mrs. G. H. Brooks of Ayer Grange.

Mrs. Harry Redlee was in charge of the entertainment and Miss Abbie Holbrook was the accompanist.

The strawberry festival followed under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby. The tables were well supplied with food and decorated with flowers. H. M. Adams and Miss Helen Barrings furnished the music for the evening. The evening Miss Addie Rose also danced the Highland Fling. All in all it was a most enjoyable evening.

Alumni Meeting.

The High School Alumni association met on Friday evening, June 27, at 7.30. The officers for the next year were chosen as follows: Cedric Hodgman, president; Virginia Woods and Herbert H. Woods, vice-presidents; Florence Roche, secy.; Edna Leonard, treasurer; Clarissa Coburn, Howard Gilson, Herbert W. Taylor, ex. com.; Muriel Rockwood, Fred Torrey and Christine Rockwood, nominating committee for next year. There is to be a membership committee to solicit new members.

The alumni have bound themselves to furnish the money for one scholarship each year, which is the special reason for these efforts to get new members. Helen M. O'Sullivan was the scholarship for this year.

At a little after eight o'clock Mrs. Needham spoke of his experience in the war for an hour. He was at the front for over a year. He described the training, the going into action at Chateau-Thierry, several attacks and the mutual respect they had for each other's headquarters. If the Germans attacked the Allied headquarters, they were shelled in turn. At one time Capt. Needham was at headquarters when a shell struck the building. They all got out, when a

second shell tore it, to pieces. The Allies then shelled the German headquarters.

Then followed dancing from nine to one o'clock. Music was furnished by a Camp Devens orchestra. Next year will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the society.

Fatally Injured.

On last Sunday four persons were brought to the Groton private hospital for treatment for serious injuries from the effects of internal injuries. Mrs. Moore is suffering from a compound fracture of the right thigh and a fracture of the right elbow, as well as many other bodily injuries. Mr. MacCaffrey received a puncture wound on the right foot, and his wife had a wound on the left arm, and also an injured hand.

The party had been to Camp Devens to visit the brother of Mrs. MacCaffrey and Mr. Moore. Not finding him at the camp they learned by telephoning that he was at his home in Lawrence and they were on their way to see him when the accident occurred. This brother had been in France for two years and had arrived at Camp Devens that morning. At the time of this writing the particulars of the accident are not known with certainty, but Mr. MacCaffrey's wife was struck by a truck which it passed going in the same direction and continued rapidly on its way. Medical Examiner Bulkeley and T. F. Mullin, probation officer, were notified to examine into the cause of Mr. Moore's death.

Farm Bureau Membership.

The Middlesex County Farm Bureau has been held on Tuesday evening and again for increasing its membership during the present week. Many farmers and others who have met Mr. Abbott, the agricultural agent, and Mr. Jenks, the horticultural agent, and have perhaps benefited by a discussion of their own farms which it passed going in the same direction and continued rapidly on its way. Medical Examiner Bulkeley and T. F. Mullin, probation officer, were notified to examine into the cause of Mr. Moore's death.

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Saturday, July 5, 1919

AYER

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin of New Bedford are visiting at the home of Mrs. John Sheehan, Fletcher street, for a few days.

The Unitarian church school held its annual flower concert on Sunday. The program was well carried out and was of unusual interest. In the opening service was a chant which was remarkably well done for so young children. Music and songs were a favorite of the children. There were recitations by Beryl Proctor, Elizabeth Proctor, Marjorie and Barbara Fletcher, Lester and Bruce Filibrown, Benjamin Lawton, Arthur Baker, Lillian Drake, Martha True, Lucy Barry, Clarice Fisher and Clio Baker. Gladys Proctor gave a brief account of Julia Ward Howe and Irene McClester gave a story. Then an exercise on the life of Jesus by members of the Beacon class, closing with the presentation of 'Da Vinci's painting of The Last Supper. The superintendent, Mrs. Barker, gave a story and plants were distributed to all the children.

Happy Jack Thrift club has sold four war stamps and ten thrift stamps since the last report.

The Nonacoleus Camp Fire Girls go to camp next Monday for two weeks at East Grotton.

The high school reception by the senior class last week Friday evening was a very enjoyable affair. The town hall was prettily decorated. The matrons were Mrs. F. C. Johnson, Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason, Mrs. L. D. Sullivan and Mrs. Lois E. Porter. The matrons and members of the senior class formed in line in the rear of the hall and marched to position in the main hall and held the reception when dancing began and continued until one o'clock. Refreshments were served in charge of the Junior class at 10.30. Music was furnished by Bonnell's orchestra of Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Normand and son Benjamin and Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Turner and children leave this week Friday morning by auto for Beachwood, Me., for over Sunday.

George L. Osgood and family leave by auto early this week Friday morning for their summer home at Sullivan, Me. Mr. Osgood will be away for about a week, but the family will remain until September.

Miss Dorcas Scruton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scruton, was united in marriage to William S. Gardner, of Providence, R. I., Monday, in Littleton, by Rev. H. L. Caulkins. Following the ceremony they left for Worcester on a brief trip, after which they return here. Miss Scruton was formerly at Harlow's laundry, and Mr. Gardner is watchman at the remount depot, recently receiving his discharge from the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Smith spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Denby in Henniker, N. H., making the trip by auto through Amherst and New Boston. Mrs. W. H. Huskell and daughter accompanied the party on the trip home through Goffstown, Manchester and Nashua, returning home this week Thursday morning.

Union services will be held at St. Andrew's church Sunday morning and evening. The Federated church joins in these services. The Sunday school will meet at the Federated church at twelve o'clock as usual. On Wednesday, July 9, the Sunday school of the Federated church will hold its annual picnic at Baddacook pond. Grotton. The start will be made from the church from 8.30 to 9.00. Mid-week service at 7.30 in the evening. The union services of July 13 and 20 will be at the Federated church.

George Wilker, of Ashburnham, has been visiting relatives here.

Miss Gertrude Chandler is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ellen Chandler, in New Ipswich, N. H.

William S. Tinker has returned from a vacation at Lynn Beach and is at the home of his sister, Mrs. Arthur E. Dykes.

Mrs. Alden W. Sprague has returned from a visit with relatives in New Ipswich, N. H.

Mrs. Jennie Merchant and two sons, of Boston, are visiting Mrs. Isabel L. Thomas, Mrs. Merchant's mother.

To every boy and girl who purchases a loaf of Pillman's Black Fox bread or cream bread at their bakery next to the postoffice, Saturday, they will be given a fancy cookie.

Word has been received by relatives of Charles E. Ferrin that he died at Newport News, Va., last week Wednesday from France. He served in the balloon detachment.

Miss Nellie Huntington and Miss Ruth Huntington left Tuesday for Plum Island, Newburyport, for a month's vacation at their summer cottage. Mrs. Alice Mead joins them next week.

The Ayer Gun club will hold an afternoon shoot on their grounds on East Main street, Friday afternoon, July 4, at two o'clock. Everybody is welcome. Members please notice and try to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason and daughter Marjorie left Wednesday by auto for a visit over the Fourth with friends in Lanesboro, in the western part of the state.

Henry G. Turner and Howard M. Beverly returned home Saturday night from their two weeks' canoe trip in Aroostook county, Maine. They report plenty of trout.

Alfred Felch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch, upper Washington street, has accepted a position with the Aberthaw Construction Co., of Boston, as assistant purchaser at the new mill they are building in Nashua, N. H., and left town last Saturday.

The wooden awning which has covered the sidewalk in front of Mead's block for a good many years, was removed last week, the work being completed on Saturday.

A forest fire alarm was sounded on Sunday afternoon for a brush fire in the northwest part of the town, which burned over the section of brush land between the Greenville branch railroad tracks and the state road. The fire has smoldered for several days, the smoke from it being a nuisance to automobile traffic along the state road at night.

A small band of gypsies passed through town on Monday noon from Lunenburg, where they camped over Sunday at the side of the state road, near Goodrichville. They were traveling in three dilapidated automobiles instead of the covered wagons of a few years ago.

Since her discharge from custody last week Thursday Miss Mabel E. Puffer has spent the greater part of her time at her former place of confinement at the town hall in the company of the police matron. After her discharge Miss Puffer went to her cottage at Sandy pond, but returned from there voluntarily to the care of the police matron. There have been reports that she intended to leave town soon and make her home on the Pacific coast. It has also been reported that she would live in Swampscott with her half-niece, Mrs. Mary L. Goodwin, and that the cottage at Sandy pond would be closed. Since the arrest of her father, her departure from town has been postponed because her appearance in court against him may be necessary. It is understood that she has again returned to her cottage at Sandy pond and that Mrs. Goodwin is staying with her.

Howard J. Curry, charged with violation of the automobile laws, failing to have proper lights on his auto at Whalom park, was fined three dollars in the Fitchburg court last week Friday.

The grounds at the Federated church presented a very festive appearance Tuesday evening on the occasion of the lawn party given there. It was all for the benefit of the Ladies' Benevolent society of that church and was done under the direction of Miss Jessie MacGregor by the Nonacoleus Camp Fire Girls and the Boy Scouts.

The grounds were gay with lanterns, colored streamers, red, white and blue and tables adorned with the same. The young people acquitted themselves well. The singing, which was in charge of Miss Flora Cole, was enthusiastic. The ice cream table was in charge of James Truquair and Ida Smith, the punch of Ruth Harlowe and Herbert Allen, the candy of Edessa Crawford and Roger Johnson, the grab table of Maud Briggs and Alice Rand, and the fortune telling booth Ayer Grange worked the first and second degrees Wednesday evening at a special meeting held in the Odd Fellows' Revere hall.

The Howard P. Fletcher and Fisk Butterfield families have taken a cottage at Hampton Beach, N. H., for the month of July. Fisk Butterfield will be there the first two weeks in July and Howard Fletcher the last two weeks. The Fletcher family go by auto next Sunday.

Leonard S. Bigelow and family of Groveland arrived Saturday for an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elson H. Bigelow.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

District Court.

The continued case of John George, of Ayer, for keeping a common nuisance and keeping and exposing intoxicating liquors for sale, came up on last Saturday morning. This case was one of the Jamaica zinger cases arising from the recent raid made by the Ayer police on several stores in town. George pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 on one count, while the other was placed on file.

The hearing on the charge against Arthur G. ("Honey") Hazard for enticing Miss Mabel E. Puffer from her home to Concord, N. H., was postponed until July 12.

At the civil session of the court on Saturday morning the action of Thomas F. Mullin, of Ayer, against Frank Sweet, of Gardner, for commission on a real estate deal, was tried. The evidence showed that Mr. Sweet had been interested in certain land on Ayer street which he wished to purchase. In the meantime the property was bought by Charles Sherwin and Elisha D. Stone. Mr. Sweet employed Mr. Mullin to obtain the property from them if possible, but Mr. Mullin was unable to do so at the figure named. The defendant then went to Messrs. Sherwin and Stone and purchased the property at a higher figure. Mr. Mullin considered that he was entitled to a commission on the deal, although he had not completed it, and the evidence tended to show that Mr. Sweet had promised to pay him, but failed to do so. Mr. Mullin sued for a commission of \$100, which is less than the customary commission of a real estate agent. The court's finding on the case has not yet been announced. Mr. Mullin was represented by Atty. John M. Maloney of Ayer, and Mr. Sweet by Atty. P. H. Murray of Gardner.

As a sequel to the Hazard-Puffer sensation, Hazard was in court on Monday morning charged with the larceny of \$5000 from Miss Puffer's assets. Hazard pleaded not guilty and at the request of his counsel, Cornelius J. O'Neil, of Lowell, the case was continued until July 12, when the charge of enticing Miss Puffer from Ayer to Concord will be heard. Hazard was arrested by the Lowell police on Sunday on a warrant applied for by Attorneys Carney and Wilson for Miss Puffer's relatives. He was later released on \$10,000 bail furnished by his brother, William Hazard. Hazard's home was searched for the property alleged to have been stolen on Sunday afternoon by Chief Beatty, with a search warrant, and accompanied by the counsel for Miss Puffer's relatives. The property found, which is alleged to belong to Miss Puffer, includes three trunks, four chairs, one rocker, one table, a silver service, a squirrel fur set, knives, forks, a set of lace curtains, and family trinkets and these articles were removed for safe keeping. Miss Puffer identified the property as hers after being sent for to come from the town hall nearby, where she was staying in the company of the police matron.

Auto Accident.

West street, near the corner of Main street, was the scene of an automobile accident last Saturday. The large truck owned by the Ayer Farmers' Co-operative Exchange was being driven down West street onto Main street. A Ford car belonging to an officer at Camp Devens was parked on one side of the street, near the sidewalk. A Ford sedan owned by the Y. M. C. A. swung from Main street street onto West street just as the truck approached the corner. The street is not wide enough to accommodate the three machines, and the truck sidwinded the Y. M. C. A. machine, breaking a lamp and fender and tearing off one of the front tires of the latter. Just as the accident occurred the young son of James Tagg started to cross the street and was struck by the Y. M. C. A. car and knocked down. He was not seriously injured, however.

Fourth of July Program.

The committee in charge of the celebration for the Fourth of July has now made its final plans and announces the following program:

A parade of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and the children of the town at 8.30 a. m., headed by the Grotton Cornet Band, Edward E. Sawyer, marshal. They are asked to meet in front of the Soldiers' club promptly at 8.15 in order that the procession may get away in time. Trucks having been provided for each boy and girl and each will be given a flag. After the parade ice cream and candy will be given to all taking part. All automobilists are invited to join the procession, and are requested to bring their autos decorated. Prizes will be given to the best group or individual take-off that may appear in the parade.

The morning program at the town park will be for the boys and the girls. There will be a baseball game between the Westford High and Ayer High; also, some races for the boys and girls and for the girls if they wish to take part. Considerable interest has been shown already among the boys and several have been seen training for the various races. Suitable prizes will be given to the winners of each event.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, the women and girls will have an entertainment, especially for them, in an open-air theatre at the town park, where a stage has been erected. The Lowell War Camp Community playlets will put on a program of fancy dancing and singing. The players have some very unusual costumes and the program they intend to give will prove very attractive. The big event of the afternoon will be the ball game between the Camp Devens league team and the Townsend team. Both of these teams have had records.

In the evening the entertainment will be at the Soldiers' club. A band concert by the Grotton Cornet Band will be given on the platform between the Soldiers' club and the dormitory beginning at seven o'clock. Following this at eight o'clock comes the star event of the evening, a feature presented by Hon. John Jacob Rogers at the Soldiers' club. Mr. Rogers is one of the best public speakers in this section and Ayer is very fortunate indeed in securing him. After the address the band will give another concert and in the Soldiers' club will be several motion pictures free to people who come.

It is hoped that in addition to the G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans that all Ayer boys who have returned from France or who have been discharged from service will be on hand and join in the celebration.

The committee further wishes that the homes of the town be decorated with flags wherever possible.

This program presents a varied kind of entertainment throughout the whole day and it is hoped that all citizens of Ayer will turn out and help make it a real Victory Fourth of July.

Union Summer Services.

Union services of St. Andrew's church, the Federated church and the First Unitarian Parish church will be held during the months of July and August. The officers of the several churches recently voted to hold such services and adopted a simple plan of administration.

The general objects of the plan are economy and a better order of brotherhood among christian people. By this plan, time and energy will be saved by ministers and laymen to be employed on tasks which heretofore have demanded more of both time and energy than was available; also, it is hoped, these services will promote co-operation and closer fellowship among the churches.

Three services will be held in each church. In each case the minister of the church will conduct the services and may be assisted by other clergymen. The hours of the services will be 10.45 in the morning and 7.30 in the evening. Religious meetings occurring at other hours and on other days will take place according to the customs of the church where such meetings are held. During his period of service each minister is subject to call by any person of any of the three churches for any professional service which he may wish him to perform. However, any parishioner is free to call upon his own minister, or any other, who may be available. The offering envelopes pertaining to their own church. These will be returned from each church to the proper officer in each of the other two churches. That part of the offering not in envelopes will be equally divided.

The schedule of services follows. It should be preserved by all interested.

July 6. St. Andrew's church. July 13. The Federated church. July 20. The Federated church. July 27. St. Andrew's church. August 3. St. Andrew's church. August 10. The First Unitarian Parish church. August 17. The First Unitarian Parish church. August 24. The First Unitarian Parish church. August 31. The Federated church.

Label Action Taken.

On Saturday, June 28, three Boston papers and one Fitchburg paper published a story that Mrs. Minta J. Fay, wife of Arthur W. Nutting, had eloped from Sandy Pond on May 27, had not been seen in Ayer since that date, and were living together on a farm near here. This was astonishing to the inhabitants of the Sandy Pond section, who knew that Mrs. Fay had left town, but knew also that Mr. Nutting had sent his grocery store open every day and had been at work in the store every day. The parties did the only thing they could do and instructed their counsel to take action against all the papers for this rank libel. The following letter has been sent to each editor in whose paper the libel appeared:

June 30, 1919.

To the Editor: This to inform you that I have been consulted and retained by Arthur W. Nutting and Minta J. Fay, who were the victims of a gross, wanton and cruel libel that appeared in your paper of last Saturday, June 28, 1919. To brand as an adroitress an unfortunate, unhappy young girl, who fled from home in want and terror, taking her baby with her, may seem to you to be up-to-date journalism. To most people, however, it seems pitiful. The statement without any investigation that a young business man, who has been in his store daily and nightly, eloped with her, is living with her, and has been missing from Ayer since May 27, and calling particular attention to his physical make-up, deserves the contempt of all decent people. The side-lights you shed on this story concerning night walks and costly presents are simply nasty lies

designed to bolster up the story. In due time you will answer in court before a jury for the great injury you have done these young people. Mrs. Fay's friends know where she is and know that she is earning a living for herself and her baby, and Mr. Nutting's store is open daily and he is in attendance there.

Yours very truly, Frank J. Maloney.

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TUESDAY, JULY 8 WILLIAM RUSSELL in "Some Liar." Don't miss this. Latest Lyons Moran comedy. Tenth episode of "The Red Glove."

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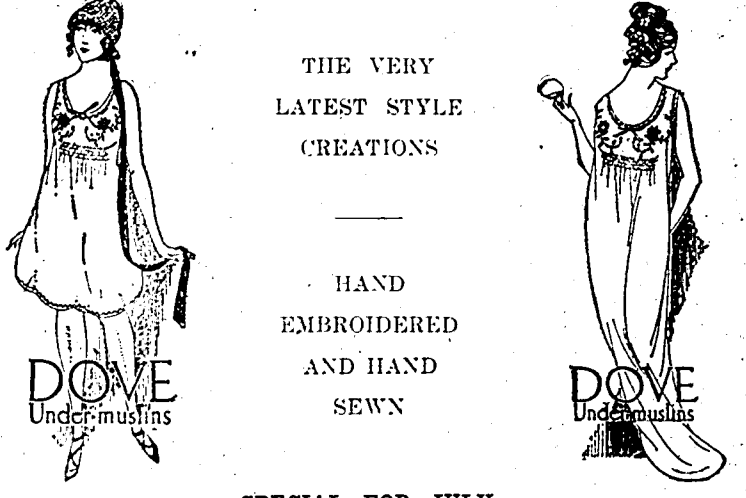
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Whereas, certain instruments purporting to be the last will and testament—and one codicil—of said deceased have been presented to said Court, and Probate, by MRS. L. M. RICHARDS and ALICE L. SHATTUCK who pray that letters testamentary be issued to them, the executrices therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

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

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Citizen-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on said day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate of said deceased, at least, before said Court.

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

344 F. M. ESTY, Register.

**TOWNSEND**  
Center.  
In addition to the listed articles given in the last two reports, the committee in town who are working for the American Fund for French Wounded have made and forwarded since January, 1919, 14 pairs socks, a children's combination, 28 children's aprons, 1 boy's sweater, 1 girl's dress, 12 infants' dresses, 4 boys' shirts and 1 bed quilt. They have totalled \$85 toward the children's hospital at Rheims, which has been erected as a memorial to our American boys. The committee are in hopes to raise the \$15 balance which will make the \$100 which has been their aim to raise toward this memorial hospital.

Capt. Warren Barnaby, assistant quartermaster, 2d Brigade of Marines stationed at Philadelphia, Pa., who, with Mrs. Barnaby and their two children, Barbara and Elizabeth, has been spending a few days at the Copeland homestead on Townsend hill, returned to his duties in Philadelphia the first of the week. Mrs. Barnaby and children remaining for a week's visit. Mr. Barnaby's elder sister, Miss Sarah Copeland, a teacher from Montclair, N. J., is spending her summer vacation at the homestead with her brother, William Copeland.

Mrs. Robert Dobson has gone to Chicago, Ill., her former home, where she will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

Mrs. Agnes Cattan, of Lowell, has been a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Brien, and while in town she attended the graduation of her niece, Miss Catherine O'Brien, from the Fitchburg Normal school.

Lester and Harold Swicker, of Maine university, are enjoying a vacation visit in town with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Swicker. Lester graduated from the university last week and expects to leave soon for New York, where he has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, of Amesbury, were the week-end auto guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Clarke.

Miss Olive Clark, of Milford, N. H., a former Townsend school teacher, is the guest of Miss Helen Dobson.

Miss Eleanor Harriman, a former first grade teacher in town, now of Gardner, is the guest of Mrs. Irving A. Seaver at South row.

Mrs. Myron Going, of Worcester, is visiting relatives in town this week.

Miss Helen Higgins, teacher in Springfield, Vt., and Miss Gertrude Higgins, of Framingham Normal, arrived home this week for their summer vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dodge and Miss Harriet Yates, of Linden, are enjoying a vacation visit at Elm Lane farm with Mr. and Mrs. George Upham.

Mrs. Attie Streeter and son Norman, of Waltham, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity.

Miss Harriet Miller, who has been at the Athol hospital for treatment for nervous prostration, has returned to the home of her father, H. J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. de Carteret and daughter, Helen Joy, of LaTuque, Province of Quebec, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Fessenden.

Miss N. Maude Donnell, teacher in Spencer, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howard.

Mrs. Arthur E. Blizard and daughter Doris, of Needham, have been visiting Mrs. Mary Sherrin.

Misses Amy and Eva Whitcomb, of Boston, spent the week-end and over Sunday at G. L. Whitcomb's.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers, the Congregational pulpit was occupied last Sunday morning by Rev. George A. Gordon, associate superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, who spoke on "Prohibition" and in the interest of the league. An opportunity was given to all to contribute toward the support of the league. In observance of the Independence of the United States of America a union patriotic service was held in the evening at the congregational church with community singing, conducted by T. E. Flarity, and a brief talk by Herman C. Knight, superintendent of schools, and a sermon addressed by Rev. John O. Long of the M. E. church. In closing the pastor read the poem by Katherine Bates, "Beautiful America." It was deeply appreciated that there was not a larger audience present at this timely and impressive service.

John Walker, of Fitchburg, is enjoying a several-weeks' visit with his daughter, Miss Carrie Walker, at the home of Arthur Barber on Townsend hill.

W. John Stewart, Jr., recently returned from overseas, received his honorable discharge from service at Camp Devens, Tuesday, and is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stewart, on the Fitchburg road.

Stephen Coffey, who recently returned from overseas, and who has been making a brief visit at the home of his father, John Coffey, has left town for Washington, D. C., where he has been appointed in the engine department of the war risk bureau.

Mrs. William S. Dudley, Miss Ida and Gertrude Dudley and Frank Dudley, are spending several weeks at the latter's summer home in Warwick, R. I.

Misses Adelaide Weil and Mabel Bliss, teachers from Maynard, are spending the week-end at their respective homes in town.

Miss Agnes Hallisey, of Fitchburg, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Hallisey.

Miss Marion Streeter, of Waltham, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Estes.

The band concert will be omitted this week Friday evening.

**Alumni Meeting.**  
There was a good attendance of members and invited guests at the twentieth annual meeting of the Townsend High School Alumni, held in Memorial hall, Coleman's orchestra, of Fitchburg, furnished the music for the pleasing concert program and for the dancing which followed.

At the business meeting of the alumni members held in the selectmen's room the president, Harold McLane presided, and the minutes of the last meeting was read by the secretary, Mrs. Jennie N. Campbell Lovering, and the following officers elected for the new year: Mrs. Edna Wilder, pres.; Mrs. Nellie Coffey Smith, v. p.; Miss Albert D. Barber, sec. and treas.; William Copeland, Jan Rusk and George Davis, ex. com.

The association voted at its last meeting, June 21, 1918, to establish a fund to assist in the education of graduates to continue their education. The fund is to be raised by voluntary subscriptions of the members of the alumni. The fund was started with a \$50 liberty bond from the high school and some of the alumni members have already contributed toward the fund, and it is earnestly desired that every member show their interest by pledging some amount to this cause, which should appeal to their loyalty to their alma mater.

It is thirty-six years since the first graduation of the high school and it is very gratifying to see so many of the classes represented at the alumni at the calling of the roll, and it is of interest to note that two members of the first graduating class were present, Atty. Joseph Emerson Worcester, of Boston, and Mrs. Edward Cram Lancey, of this town. The first class of 1883 was composed of ten members, one of whom is deceased, Mrs. Miletta Wilder Fletcher. The salutatory was given by J. E. Worcester and the class ode was written by Union S. Adams, of this town. John Henry White was principal of the high school.

It was during the late Edward J. Sartelle's administration as principal of the high school that it became a high school in fact as well as in name. Two courses of study were arranged each covering a period of three years—an English and a Latin. In 1896 the school board added a year to the course, making it four years instead of three, and consequently no diplomas were issued. In 1897 no class was graduated for the reason that the senior class of the present year, 1919, who graduated with the "next year's" class. In 1897, owing to the small membership of the graduating class the exercises were held in the high school room; similar conditions existed in 1898 and in the present year of 1919, and similar exercises were held in the high school room and diplomas presented. The class of 1895 has the distinction of being the first class to hold graduating exercises in the new Memorial hall, which occurred on Friday evening, June 28.

The preceding graduating exercises were held in the Methodist and Congregational churches and in the former Lawrence and Going's hall.

Among the out-of-town members attending the alumni meeting not previously mentioned were Dr. Clifford Lacey, of Groton; Almus Russell, of Dartmouth college; Harry Spaulding and Edwin Sanders, of Boston; Mrs. Fannie Estes Streeter, of Waltham; Mrs. Adelle Gates Page, of Pawtucket; Mrs. Ruth Hayden Martin, of Ayer; Miss Sarah Copeland, of Montclair, N. J.; Mrs. Warren Barnaby, of Philadelphia, and Claude E. Harford, aviator, just returned from overseas, who had the distinction of being lieutenant on General Pershing's staff when in France.

**Welcome Home Plaques.**  
At the last meeting of the welcoming committee for the celebration of the returned Townsend boys from the service, the following program was planned, Thursday, July 24, is the date selected for the celebration. The morning program will include a parade of the boys, all organizations and orders in town, floats, etc., headed by the Townsend band, followed by a concert by the band of the common. Dinner at noon. Afternoon program will consist of a ball game at 1.30 at Athletic park and band concert at the common about five o'clock, after which, at six o'clock, a banquet, C. H. Kenney, caterer, of Fitchburg, will be given in Memorial hall for all Townsend boys in the world war service and their families, and the Townsend civil war veterans and their families.

Every effort is being made by the committee to secure one of the overseas general for the evening speaker. An orchestra will furnish a concert program and also for the dancing which is to follow.

The out-of-town judges have awarded to Mrs. Eunice Bruce the prize of the \$25.00 gold piece for writing the best "Welcome home" song to be sung on this celebration day occasion.

**West.**  
Mrs. Louise McElligott, of Somerville has arrived at her summer home for the season and is accompanied by Mrs. Edward Craig of Providence, R. I., a former resident here, who will be her guest for a time and her daughter Inez is expected the first of the week.

Miss Harriet Shepard has been on the sick list at her home here for a few days.

Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle is on the sick list at her home and Mrs. Carrie Kaddy is assisting in caring for her.

Stanley Hardy from Ashby is visiting for the present at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway.

Several parties from here attended the Townsend High School Alumni

meeting in Memorial hall at the Center, but not as many as in former seasons.

Miss Grace Thompson has arrived at the home of her mother, Mrs. Chas. A. Patch, for her summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Athos Elliot from East Weare, N. H., have been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Shepard of Josselynville.

Roy Kaddy, who arrived from overseas on the Dakota and was recently mustered out of service at Camp Dix, is stopping with his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Kaddy, and George Kaddy, of Dorchester also spent the week-end with his mother.

Benjamin Hodgman of Lewiston is spending his vacation with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman.

Mrs. S. W. Tyler, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Willard, was suddenly called to her home in Dorchester by the illness of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vose have been spending a few days with their mother, Mrs. Lois Vose, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin.

The L. B. S. held a very successful sale of food and fancy cooking of various sorts at the vestry on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. The tables were in charge of Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, Mrs. H. L. Stekney, Mrs. Charles Hodgman and Mrs. Joseph McKean, and the tables were cleared almost immediately after the doors were opened at four o'clock.

Several from this village attended the meeting of the vestry of the Unitarian churches at Westford on Wednesday.

Miss Glennis Delano, from Rouses Point, N. Y., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman. Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Hodgman have returned to their home in Greenville, N. H.

Miss Myrtle Hobart, of Waverley, and Mr. Ward of Southwick, have been recent guests of Miss Hobart's mother, Mrs. Mary Robbins.

Harold Petts has left the employ of Clarence Wyman at the Center and Mr. Wyman has discontinued his order route through this village for the present.

Miss Evelyn Newton, who has been with Mrs. W. C. Winchester at the Southwick Inn, has returned to her home at the Center.

Frank Adams and family, from Boston, have arrived at their summer home on Bayberry hill for the season.

Miss Grace Thompson, who teaches in Haverhill, is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles Patch, for the summer vacation, and Miss Mabel Thompson, of Watertown, is also spending her vacation at her home.

Mrs. Clarence Sherwin has been enjoying a visit from her sister and her niece from Lunenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Josslyn, from Gardner, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch.

The public library is closed for the annual examination of books and will be ready for distribution of books again from the reading-room on Saturday, July 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and son, from Athol, are visiting relatives and friends in town this week.

Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle, who is on the sick list, is somewhat improved, but Mrs. Carrie Kaddy is still in attendance. Mrs. Kaddy's children are stopping for the present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Webster.

Miss Inez McElligott, of Somerville, has arrived at her summer home here, accompanied by Miss Ora Craig, a teacher from Claremont, N. H., and a former resident of this village, who will spend a few weeks with her.

Mrs. Fred Dwinell, of Somerville, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed. Mr. Reed, who has been quite ill with the influenza, is now able to be out.

Benjamin Hodgman, who has been visiting her sister in Groton, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Foster Hamilton, before returning to her home in Lewiston, Me.

**Obituaries.**  
The funeral services of William C. Winchester, proprietor of the Squannacook Inn, whose body was buried at midnight last week Wednesday, from Portland, Me., where he passed away Tuesday evening at the Maine General hospital as a result of an accident, falling from the fifth story window of the Chase House, were held at the inn at 2.30 o'clock last week Thursday afternoon and were attended by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Rev. Joseph McKean of the Baptist church officiated and paid a high tribute to the character of the deceased and spoke feelingly of the loss the community sustains by his death.

Two selections, "Face to face" and "Some times we are separated," were beautifully rendered by Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin, with Miss Emma Adams as accompanist.

Friday morning the funeral party left for Taunton by auto, where they were met by relatives and friends, and the Masonic services were held in the Mortuary chapel at the cemetery, and the body was escorted to its last resting place by a delegation from the Masonic lodge. Out-of-town relatives attending the services here were his sister, Miss Alice P. Winchester, of New Bedford, and Roy Hicks, from Boston. The room in which the body lay was filled with a profusion of most beautiful flowers, tributes of esteem and sympathy from relatives and friends and business associates, and several pieces arrived at the services in Taunton.

Mr. Winchester was a native of Westport and was fifty-six years of age on June 9. Most of his life was passed in Taunton, where he had held business relations for about thirty years, and he was for a number of years the manager of the Grand Union Tea Company in that city.

He was married to Miss Ella Caswell, of this city in his early manhood, with whom he enjoyed thirty-three years of devoted married life.

The deceased is survived by his wife and one son, George Winchester, of this village; a sister, Miss Alice P. Winchester, of New Bedford, and two brothers, Charles Winchester, of New York, and George D. Winchester, of Boston.

He was a member of the Good Samaritan lodge, I. O. F., and the Elizabeth Poole Rebekah lodge, and of the King David A. F. and A. M., Eastern Star lodge of Taunton. He came to this village three years ago in February and opened the Squannacook Inn for public service. The first of April and later added the public auto service between this town and Fitchburg.

An energetic and tireless worker, he renovated and improved the hotel

and grounds and conducted a clean and orderly establishment which is a credit to the village, and draws an excellent class of patronage. In the home he was ever a loving and devoted husband and father and a kind and courteous neighbor. As a friend he was always loyal, helpful and sympathetic. He took a strong interest in the welfare of the town and all public measures that were beneficial, and his sudden and tragic death means a great loss to this village and to the town, and he will be greatly missed in the neighborhood of Fitchburg, where he had many business and social interests.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the afflicted family in their sudden and terrible bereavement and the public is pleased to learn that the funeral will not be closed, but that the place will be carried on by Mrs. Winchester and the autos accompanying their passenger service to the city at their regular hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman have returned from their visit to Mrs. Hodgman's former home at Rouses Point, N. Y., where they conveyed the body of Mrs. Hodgman's mother, Mrs. Louisa Allison, who was a native of that place, her parents being Joseph and Harriet Weeks, who were among the early settlers of this place. Mr. Weeks cutting with his own hands the timbers of which the old homestead was built. The funeral services were held last Sunday in the old home and the casket stood in the exact spot where she stood as a bride upon her marriage to Job Allison, of that town, in 1870. Mrs. Allison was one of ten children, of whom but two, the Misses Della and Laura Weeks, of Rouses Point, are still living, and her entire life until her removal to this town was passed in her native town, where she conducted a large dressmaking establishment for many years. She was a member of the Methodist church and a singer in its choir. About nine years ago she accompanied her daughter to her home in this village, where she has made many friends and has been active and interested in the affairs of life until ill health overtook her about three years ago, since which time she steadily failed, but was confined to her bed but a few weeks before her death.

**New Advertisements**  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of FRED B. FELCH late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and presented to said Court, for Probate, by LUZZIE GRAVES FELCH and EVA LIZZIE GRAVES FELCH who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executrices therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

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

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

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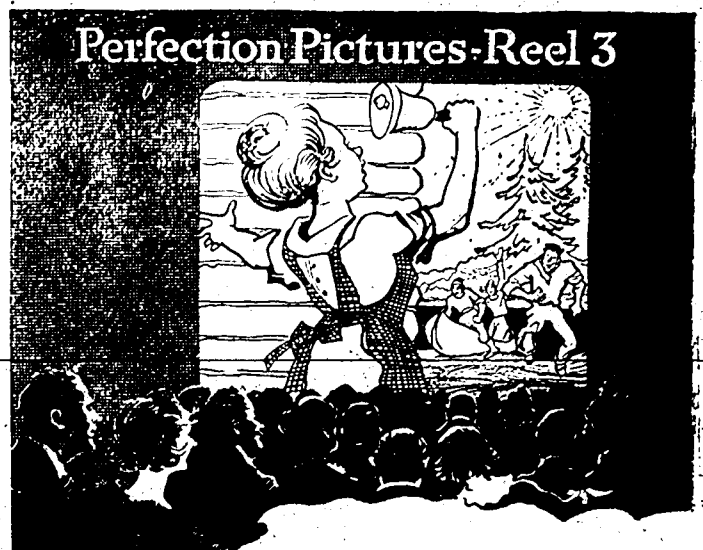
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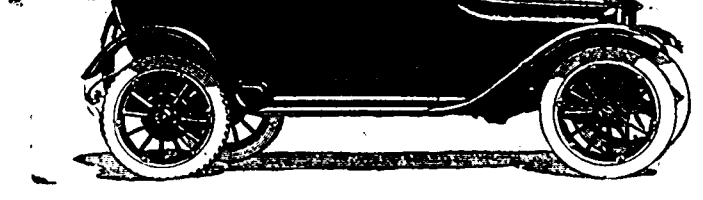
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