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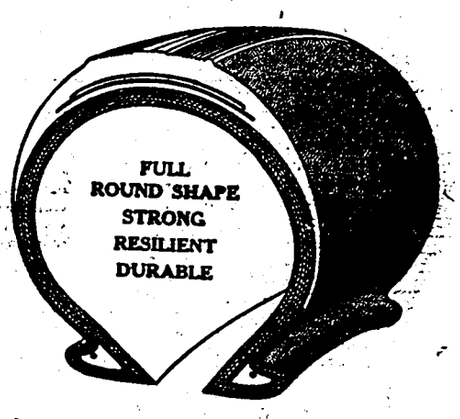

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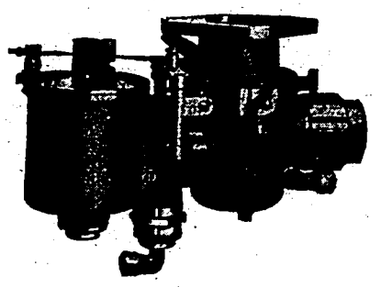

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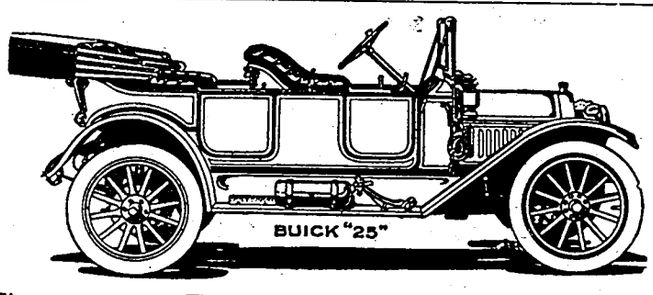

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LITTLETON.

News Items.

Hugh McDonald & Son sold an Overland automobile to Burpee Steele, of Boxborough, last week, and a car each to William J. Healy and James E. Smith this week. Two more cars have been sold if they are obtainable. The demand far exceeds the supply.

Mrs. George Hutchinson is gaining and the nurse who has had the care of her recently left.

Miss Rachel Ireland is working for the Champion International Paper Co., sorting paper, and is not employed in the box factory as reported last week.

The young people will hold an Endeavor social at the Baptist vestry, with a musical program, games and contests, with ice cream and candy on sale on Saturday evening, May 31.

Rev. and Mrs. Speed, of Clinton, are visiting Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Packard.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gormly, of Mattapan, toured in their large Winton Six car to visit their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, of Taylor street, this last week.

Sanford B. Hubbard, of Cambridge, for over thirty years connected with the public schools of that city, has bought George W. Whitcomb's farm on Foster street, but will probably not occupy it before fall. Mr. Whitcomb is as yet undecided where he will live next, but for the present he will remain on the farm.

The sophomore class of the high school, with Miss Helena Meredith, teacher, gave Mary Kimball, of the 1915 class, a very pleasant surprise party at her home on Harwood avenue Tuesday evening. There were eighteen present and all had a jolly good time. Games, refreshments and a social completed the program for the evening.

The young people furnished an excellent musical entertainment at the strawberry festival in the Baptist vestry last week, assisted by Miss Helen A. Caulkins, of Medford, who recited a number of selections with fine effect. Miss Caulkins will graduate from Medford high school in June, and has taken three years of elocutionary training in addition to the regular school work. Her rendering of humorous selections was very appreciative, though her special strength lay in dramatic readings.

Miss Gertrude Johnson, of King street, who works in Boston, is boarding at home for the summer, and goes back and forth daily on the cars.

James Lawton, who is still at the Eliot hospital in Boston, is improving even more rapidly than his physicians anticipated.

Miss Alice Libby, of Ftchburg Normal, was at home over Saturday and Sunday. Her finger that has given her so much trouble, is slowly improving.

Mildred Flagg, of the Woman's college in Providence, R. I., was at home over Sunday. One of her college mates, with Miss Eaton and Charles Drew, of Providence, were guests of the E. A. Flagg family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Couper entertained friends from the Lyman school in Westboro last Sunday; also, Mr. Couper's brother, George Couper, of Boston, milk inspector for Hood Company.

Mrs. Thomas McNiff informs us that the report concerning the sale of her place on Taylor street, known as the W. L. Kimball estate, is without foundation.

The annual meeting of the United Workers, scheduled for next week Wednesday afternoon, has been postponed. Notice of the meeting will be given later.

Lodge Notes.

The members of Loyal Nashobah lodge and Pride of Nashobah lodge of Ladies will attend the memorial service of Loyal Assabet lodge of Maynard on Sunday, June 1. There will also be a large delegation from the Uniform Rank of Littleton and Boston.

The members of Loyal Nashobah lodge of Littleton and Loyal Middlesex lodge of Ayer, met at the town hall in Littleton on Saturday evening, May 24, and joined in forming a new chapter of the Uniform Rank Degree, I. O. O. F., M. U., to be known as the Littleton chapter No. 3. The commander-in-chief of the Uniform Rank, M. E. Somes, was presiding officer, assisted by George Haskell, of Waltham, district deputy grand master of Massachusetts, Adjt. Henry J. Cornell, of Revere, with officers J. Stricker, William Winters and J. Contanche, of Boston chapter No. 1, of Boston. After the installation a lunch was served in the upper hall and a social hour followed, when all departed for their homes feeling that they had passed a very pleasant evening, as well as a very successful one for the good of the I. O. O. F., M. U. members in this and adjoining towns.

On Sunday, May 25, the members of Loyal Nashobah lodge with the Pride of Nashobah lodge of ladies observed the eighth annual memorial Sunday at the Baptist church. The exercises were appropriate and impressive. Special musical selections were rendered by the church choir and organist. One rarely hears "Nearer my God to thee" and "America" sung with greater power, the whole congregation uniting. The pastor, Rev. H. L. Caulkins, delivered a very interesting discourse. Subject, "A sacred inheritance." After the services at the church the members of the lodge formed in line for march to the cemetery. The parade was led by Herbert E. Whitney, past grand, followed by the drum corps of Self Help lodge, of Forge Village. The members of the Uniform chapter, of Boston, the many members of Loyal Assabet lodge of Maynard, Middlesex lodge of Ayer, and the Loyal Nashobah of Littleton, under command of M. E. Somes, past grand.

After placing flowers on the graves of their brothers who lie at rest, the column returned to the hall, where George Haskell, d. g. m., made a few remarks on the duties of an Odd Fellow to the living, as well as to those who have passed on. The company then disbanded.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Charles D. Colburn, of the board of assessors, has had a telephone put in at his home this last week—11-5.

Miss Dorothy Jaques, of Malden, was a visitor at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland, one day this week.

Miss Mary Morin's many friends will be interested to learn that she plans to extend her stay in California for some time, possibly another year. Her capable activities and friendly ministrations in many homes in this and surrounding towns are much missed, but all join in wishing her the rest and broadening of outlook that change of environment brings.

Among Memorial day guests in town are the Fred A. Hildreths, of Malden, at H. V. Hildreth's, and Miss Nettie Babbitt and a friend, of Cambridge, at Mrs. Edward Prescott's.

The school term closes for Masters Fletcher and Robert Abbot on June 4, and Mr. and Mrs. Abbot return with them to their home here, which has been opened and put in order for them, from Newton, where they have been spending the winter.

The officers of the Tadmuck club have been fortunate in securing for the executive committee Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mrs. Goldsmith Conant and Miss Alice Howard, and they, with the officers which constitutes the executive board of the club, have chosen Miss Edith Forster, Miss Mabel Drew and have allowed the last two names of the executive committee to be added to the names of Miss Forster and Miss Drew for the calendar committee. The personel of this last committee bespeaks the success of the calendar for another season.

The vestments of the girls' new supplied choir are to be worn for the first time on Sunday. Miss May Atwood resumes her place at the organ, and with the choir, after several months' vacation, and the sincerest appreciation of all the church people goes to Miss Grace Lumbert who has so efficiently had charge of the music since last November.

Rev. C. C. P. Hiller's former Westford parishioners will be interested and glad to learn that he is starting soon to Europe for several weeks' of foreign travel.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren are having added to their new home a very spacious piazza placed so as to get the western outlook and which according to the modern, sensible plan, will serve as an out-door living-room much of the time.

David L. Greig, who, owing to his many long weeks of severe and critical illness, was restricted to the society of his faithful physicians, nurse and the members of his immediate family, now enjoys calls from his friends and who have availed themselves of the privilege of helping while away some of the hours of convalescence.

Union Memorial Service.

The union memorial service was true to name last Sunday at the Congregational church. There was a large representation from the Unitarian and Graniteville M. E. churches, as well as others from the surrounding villages. Members of the Westford Veteran association, with their escort of Sons and Daughters of Veterans were the guests of the day. These marched in a body from the town hall and occupied the special seats reserved for them. The church had been effectively decorated with cut flowers and the national colors for the occasion under the direction of Miss May Atwood. Harwood L. Wright, William R. Taylor and John P. Wright acted as ushers, and Miss Grace Lumbert was in charge of the excellent musical program.

Rev. T. C. Collister, of the Graniteville church, gave the invocation, followed by a duet "Peace to this sacred dwelling," by Misses Gertrude D. Fletcher and Miss Edna Ferguson. Rev. Lyman B. Weeks, of the Unitarian church, conducted the responsive reading, and the full choir rendered an anthem "To thee our God we fly," followed by scripture reading by Mr. Collister, and singing by the congregation and prayer by Mr. Weeks. Mr. Wallace, of the home church, delivered the sermon, taking for his subject, "The passing and the permanent," and was a thoughtful and interesting presentation of what through the sifting and softening haze of the flight of time are the permanent and abiding lessons and results of the great conflict of the four years from '61 to '65. It was a timely and thoughtful discourse and merited the close attention it received from over two hundred hearers.

Percy Yarnold and Mrs. Helen D. Fitton were additional soloists of the day.

The ranks of the Westford Veteran association have been depleted by three deaths during the year—Francis Hosmer, George F. Millis and Eugene Derohen.

About Town.

The newly-organized baseball team of West Chelmsford has elected Clarence Spalding, of Francis hill, as captain, and will play the Westford A. A. on Saturday on the Whitney park playground at Westford Center.

A man without name or fame, as far as his knowledge leaked out, and water soaked outside and otherwise soaked inside, gave demonstrations on Saturday on Oak hill of the above outside and inside soaking. He insisted that his clothes were on fire. This miscalculation apparently was caused by the fire inside which had started to warm up the brain, and thus incorrectly inform the gentleman of what was on fire. Elmer E. Whidden received marching orders to the town farm where he will have ample time to find out about the fire.

The next meeting of the grange will be held at the town hall on Thursday evening, June 5. This meeting will be given over to the children and will be open to the public. This occurrence will be in charge of Miss Edith Wright.

Chelmsford grange have invited Middlesex-North Agricultural society to hold the annual fair at Chelmsford Center in September, and the society has accepted the invitation, so get your plans, pumpkins, potatoes and plums and other poultry relics into special training for this annual.

The weather on Sunday afternoon was accompanied with thunder, lightning, rain and hail. The hail stones were of good size.

David L. Greig, who has had an involuntary leave of absence from his unusual successful career as farmer on account of several months' serious illness, is rapidly recovering back to the rosy conditions of health. During the most serious time of this unusual happening, when even an uncertainty was not quite sure of its findings, the disturbing influence of calls by telephone from his numerous friends was generously and thoughtfully cared for by Mrs. Isles at the Central station at Westford Center. This voluntary kindness removed the disturbance of a nearly continuous inquiry by interested friends. Mrs. Isles' efforts are appreciated.

James Monahan, the handy man at all trades, has left the farm employ of James H. O'Brien on Pigeon hill on the Stony Brook road.

The farmers in the Stony Brook valley, whose farms fringe on the Stony Brook railroad, have sold their milk to Contractor Boardman, of Somerville, dating from June 1.

Charles Edwards, who has been laid off for surgical repairs, has recovered nearly back prior to said repairs. Dr. Wells is master of ceremonies.

At last reports the grange water fountain was only eight miles from where it ought to be.

Amos B. Polley has an acre of thrifty winter growing on the Prairie farm. He intends to lean on this winter as the staff of life. Just westerly on the Old Oaken Bucket farm is an acre of spring wheat, where there will be some more leaning.

Graniteville.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held an ice cream and cake sale in the church vestry on Thursday evening of last week, and in spite of the incelment weather the affair was well attended, and the different tables were liberally patronized. At the close of the sale a very pleasant entertainment was given. The affair was a pronounced success.

Owing to the weather conditions, the South Ends-Graniteville baseball game that was to be played here on last Saturday was called off. As the rain did not materialize to any great extent, and as there was plenty of help at hand, a start was made on the erection of a grandstand under the supervision of P. H. Harrington, contractor. Much progress was made during this week. The men and boys have responded well to the call of Manager Fork of the local team, and large gangs have been at the ball grounds every fair evening this week supplied with saws and hammers.

The Graniteville team plays the fast Milford, N. H., team two games on Memorial day on the home grounds—at ten in the morning and at three in the afternoon. On Saturday they will meet the strong Tiger A. C., of Leominster. Both of the visiting teams are considered to be very fast clubs.

Mrs. George Day, who has been stopping with Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherman for the past few months, left here this week for her home in Damariscotta, Me.

Mrs. Hannah Turner has recently returned from Bridgewater, Me., where she has been visiting with her married daughter for the past few weeks.

The Abbot Worsted Company are now re-surfacing the lawns in front of the different cottages owned by them on Broadway, and when this work is completed it will add greatly to the looks of the street.

There was no morning service held in the M. E. church on last Sunday owing to the union memorial service held in Westford. Among those from here who assisted in a musical way at this service were Mrs. Helen Filton, Alfred Prinn, Frank Caunter, Henry Smith and Alvin Nelson.

The members of Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., held their regular meeting in their rooms on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Maria Wall, chief companion, in the chair. Business of importance was transacted and the delegates who will attend the convention at Nahant next week received instructions. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

The children of the Sargent school held their Memorial day exercises in Healy's hall on Thursday afternoon at 1.45 o'clock, which proved to be very interesting.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Last week Friday evening was so stormy that no grange meeting was held. The program was to be in charge of the high school pupils, and as some of them had spent considerable time to prepare papers on the subject for the evening which was interesting history of our town, we hope an opportunity will be given them to read their articles at some future time.

Mrs. S. D. Salmon, sr., attended the last meeting of the Whist club, of which she is a member last week at Copley-Plaza. Instead of prizes being given at each meeting, the score was kept throughout the season and the awards given at the closing session. Mrs. Salmon was fortunate in winning one of the two prizes, a beautiful cut glass cold tea pitcher.

Mr. Wythe and family, who have been living on the coöperative farm, moved to Stow last week.

Mrs. Clarence Braman and two children spent last week in Gleasondale with their old neighbors, the William Spear family.

Robert Cunningham has been awarded the prize given at Bromfield school to the freshman class for original composition.

George and Arthur Goodearl and Robert Poland took parts in the opera "The Mikado," given by high school pupils at Concord on last week Thursday and Saturday evenings. A number from here went down to hear it.

Nine from the local grange witnessed the conferring of the third and fourth degrees at Acton on Tuesday evening.

Miss Alice Fairfield and Eleanor Poland saw "As you like it" last Saturday evening, and in connection with literature work, the Goodearl boys saw "Taming of the shrew" and "Macbeth" last week.

Miss Cora Hartwell is spending the week at Point Allerton.

Mrs. Joseph Poland entertained Mr. and Mrs. Weston, of Auburndale, over Sunday.

C. T. Wetherbee and Ira Whitcomb went to Worcester for a three-days' vacation the first of the week. They attended the great cattle sale, ball games, theatres and report a glorious time. Philip Cunningham also went to the cattle sale.

Charles Adams, Mrs. Harry Adams and Mabel Lawrence enjoyed sightseeing in Boston last Saturday and saw the "Old Homestead," in the evening.

An interesting ball game between the married men and single men is looked forward to on Friday afternoon on Wetherbee's field.

Bernice Cunningham spent Sunday in Woonsocket with Miss Gale.

It is reported that Mrs. Maline has sold her farm.

Mrs. S. D. Salmon joined a number of friends from Somerville last Saturday and went by automobile to Point Allerton. There were twelve autos in the party. This was the of many delightful times had during the past season.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 4, the United Workers will hold their annual meeting and social with Mrs. H. L. Packard at the Congregational parsonage.

The King's Daughters meet with Mrs. William Davis on Tuesday afternoon, June 3.

Misses Emily and Lucy Adams are week-end guests of their sister, Mrs. Nahum H. Whitcomb.

Charles H. Stineford and family are spending the Memorial season with friends in Pepperell.

The Bragdon family from Chelsea are occupying their new home on Warren street for a few days.

Mrs. H. L. Packard received word on Sunday morning of the death of her infant nephew, the Speed baby, in Clinton, who has made a brave struggle for life in its seven months. Mr. Packard preached for his brother-in-law, Rev. Mr. Speed, last Sabbath, and Rev. F. P. Wood occupied the Congregational pulpit in Littleton.

Frank Downing, of Auburn, Me., a draftsman in government employ, spent Sunday at C. H. Stineford's.

Mrs. Caroline A. Hosmer attended the meetings in Boston during anniversary week, and then went to Somerville for a visit with Mrs. Charles Hosmer, returning home on Sunday.

E. H. Gerstle, manager of the Scenic theatre in Waltham, has hired Grand View cottage by Warren lake for two months or more. All the camps at Warren lake are occupied over Memorial day, Saturday and Sunday.

A Scotchman in care of the cattle of the U. S. quarantine delights a good-sized audience evenings by giving a bagpipe concert.

A. Eugene Robbins, W. H. Titcomb, A. T. Kimball, F. S. Kimball and J. A. Wright went to the great auction sale of cattle in Worcester on Tuesday. Prices ran high, and J. H. D. Whitcomb sold two cows for $500, and a week old calf for $150.

Mrs. A. W. Turner, of Milford, N. H., has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Annie Hume, of Mill road.

Miss Vera Libby, Fitchburg Normal school '13, Littleton high '11, has been honored with an invitation to return next fall and take the high school teachers' course.

W. H. Brown and A. T. Kimball have had their buildings painted.

The wood and timber on the town farm, recently advertised, has been sold to Fred C. Hartwell for $1660.

James E. Smith plans to attend the reunion of civil war veterans at Gettysburg on July 1.

June 4 will be children's night at the grange and a good time is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Proctor recently entertained their cousin, Charles S. Houghton, of Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Proctor had as automobile guests on Sunday their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fuller, and the Misses Ethel and Evelyn Fuller; also, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fuller, of Everett. They also entertained Mrs. Proctor's sister's family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Souther and children, Lovell, Bernice and baby Una Souther, of Groton. The rooms and table were prettily decorated with flowers. Refreshments were served consisting of ice cream, cake and strawberries. The center attraction of the table was a large cake with the date May 24, 1883-1913, which Mrs. Proctor's sister, Mrs. Mary Potter Souther, contributed.

Eighty-fifth Birthday.

Last Sunday was a very pleasant day for Mrs. John A. Kimball, when her children and grandchildren all came home to dinner and spent a few quiet, but memorable hours in recognition of her eighty-fifth birthday. Several of the neighbors and other friends called to extend their congratulations, and many more sent treasured messages. The picture of "Grandma Kimball," as she sat among the wealth of beautiful flowers—the gifts of many friends, and received numerous tokens of regard will not soon fade from memory's canvas.

Among the remembrances was a delicate and handsomely frosted birthday cake from the King's Daughters, a mark of distinction shown only to those who have attained eighty-five years or more. Not anticipating this gift, she had, on the previous day, made a birthday cake according to a favorite recipe of former years, and well demonstrated the fact that she still possesses no small degree of culinary skill. Her friends who sent postcards will be pleased to know of the genuine enjoyment and appreciation with which they were received.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

The committee of arrangement for the play on Memorial night have secured Mr. Sullivan, of the Sullivan & Sullivan Musical Co., who are with the Keith circuit, to play a cornet solo during the evening's program.

Helen Tarbell, Joseph Gillieo and Charlie Swicker are taking their turn having measles.

Gertrude Rockwood graduated from Miss Fisher's kindergarten school at Boston on Wednesday, where she has been a student for the past few years. Miss Lizzie Whitcomb and W. F. Rockwood attended the exercises.

The body of Charles A. Peckham, aged thirty-six years, was brought here for burial on Tuesday. He was the invalid son of H. S. Peckham, of this town. Funeral services were held at the grave.

Luther Richards has been visiting in Athol this week.

George Page, of Pawtucket, R. I., with his cousin and also a friend, Asst. Judge Emerson, were in town on Saturday and Sunday.

The pick-up team in town won from the high school nine in an exciting game of baseball on last Saturday, winning by quite a margin in the score. Walter Farrar umpired.

A Pleasing Entertainment.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church presented a farce entitled "The new district school," in the church vestries on Tuesday evening and the entertainment was a very amusing, drawing a good-sized audience. During the evening home-made candy in fancy May baskets was for sale. Besides a piano duet by Misses Hyde and Lancey, there was a solo by Myrtle Gray, reading by Helen Higgins and violin duet by Ian Rusk and Lester Swicker. The farce was cast as follows:

Freddie Frogs, a Harvard freshman, ... Leland Woods
Willie Green ..... Albert Howard
Tommy Tucker, the smartest boy in school ..... Harold Miller
Felix Hall, a little hard of hearing, ... Lester Swicker
Jed Swift, nothing slow about him, ... Milton Wilder
Hezekiah Perkins ..... Ralph Bush
Obadiah Frost, always late, ... James Keene
Eva Perkins, the favorite scholar, ... Arline Clarke
Helen Hamilton, know everything, ... Belle Twombley
Maggie Muldoon ..... Alice Davis
Peggy Jones ..... Marguerite Struthers
Sam Slocumb ..... Harley Parker
Dorothy Tucker, the school orator, ... Amy Rixford
Matilda Putnam, the school artist, ... Elma Johnson
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Not a single bank robbery was committed or attempted in Kansas in 1912, according to the reports of J. N. Dolley, state bank commissioner. It is said to be the first time in twenty years that no attempt was made in the course of twelve months to rob a Kansas bank. No Kansas bank failed during the year, so no bank depositor in Kansas lost a cent during the year because of bank troubles.

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Sundays—8.20 a. m., then same as week days. Cars connect at Ayer up to 10 p. m. for Fitchburg and Leominster. Until 9 p. m. for Worcester.

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Cars leave North Chelmsford for Brookside—5.50 a. m. and 50 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.50 p. m.

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Sundays—First car at 8.05 a. m., then same as week days.

Leave North Chelmsford for Westford—6.50, 7.50, 8.50, 11.50 a. m., 12.50, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m.

Sundays—7.50, 8.50, 9.50, 10.50 a. m., 12.50, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m.

Leave Westford for Lowell—6.55, 7.40, 8.40, 11.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40 p. m.

Sundays—7.40, 8.40, 9.40, 10.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40 p. m.

Cars due to leave Merrimac Square, Lowell, at 47 minutes past the hour, up to and including the 10.47 p. m. car connect at North Chelmsford with the Ayer car.

All schedules subject to change without notice.

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Boston via Tewksbury and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6.45 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 8.45 p. m. Sundays—7.45 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 9.15 p. m.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Center, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5.25 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 9.25 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.25 p. m. until 9.55 p. m.) 10.25 p. m. to Woburn only. Sundays—6.55 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.55 p. m. 10.25 p. m. to Woburn only. Return—Leave Sullivan Square Terminal—6.32 a. m. and every 60 minutes until 9.32 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 11.32 a. m. until 9.32 p. m.) Sundays—7.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.55, 7.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m., then 10.48 p. m. Sundays—8.18 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m., then 11.33 p. m. Sundays—9.03 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 5.55, 6.30, 6.57, 7.18 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m., then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—8.03 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Lawrence—5.15, 6.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m., then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5.20, 6.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m., then same as week days.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.45 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

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Everyone ought to cultivate a friendship for trees, and along with his animal friends have a few tree friends. He could do no better to commemorate an event in his family life than to set out a tree and name it with the name of what he would remember—have arbor days of his own.

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There will be another tree somewhere near that one called the free delivery tree, commemorating the year the mail was first brought to the door. There will also be some small trees, among them the auto tree, in memory of the first automobile owned by the farmer, and the air tree, to remember the thrill experienced upon seeing the first aeroplane.

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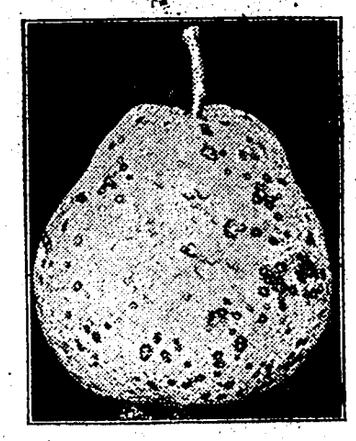
Probably No Other Insect, if Uncontrolled, Capable of Doing Greater Damage to Fruit.

The pear in common with other fruits is subject to the depredations of insects, among the most important of which are the codling moth and the San Jose scale.

The larva of the codling moth, which affects the apple to such an alarming extent, entailing a loss of millions of dollars, is also more or less injurious to the pear, though to a much les extent than to the apple.

Probably no other insect, if uncontrolled, is capable of doing greater damage to the fruit industry of this country than the San Jose scale. Nearly all kinds of deciduous fruit trees are more or less subject to its attacks.

It multiplies and spreads with such great rapidity that unless controlled it is but a question of a short time until the tree is ruined and death follows Nevertheless this insect can be controlled at a relatively small cost so that it no longer to be regarded



Damage Done by San Jose Scale.

as an insurmountable obstacle to the growing of fruits. Experiments have been carried on by the entomologists of the several state experiment stations and the United States department of agriculture with satisfactory results. The use of the lime-sulphur wash has come to be the generally accepted remedy.

For full information on the San Jose scale and its control, readers should apply to the secretary of agriculture, Washington, D. C., for Circular 124 of the Bureau of Entomology The control of the codling moth or pears is fully treated in Bulletin 97 Part II., of the same bureau.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES

A strawberry patch well cared for is a popular resort in June. Don't fail to have one.

To prevent rabbits from gnawing the bark and limbs from small apple trees, spray with soapsuds.

Cut worms may be collected and killed in small areas by digging out around plants with the fingers.

Spraying is as important as either the cultivating or pruning even before the pests make an appearance.

The grape root worm has committed extensive depredations among the vineyards of Pennsylvania.

Water thoroughly when the soil is dry to the touch, but never "sprinkle" roses when they need watering.

Pruning and grafting should be attended to with the same care and judgment used in selecting seed corn.

Every time you shoot a bird you are killing an automatic insect destroyer that works for nothing and boards itself.

The lady-bugs or lady-birds are small, turtle-shaped beetles which feed upon plant lice in both the larval and adult stages.

The farmers and fruit growers of this country are losing over one billion dollars annually by reason of the ravages of insects.

Cut the branches close to the larger ones or main trunk, and cover the fresh wound with white lead and oil to keep out the air.

When the roses bloom cut back to a strong and well developed bud, and in a short time this shoot will grow, and develop into a rose.

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Pursuant to a decree of the Probate Court for the County of Middlesex, dated May 7, 1913, by which said decree the undersigned was appointed Commissioner to sell the within described real estate, for the purpose of making partition among Frank B. Runey et als. the tenants in common thereof, notice is hereby given that on **Saturday, June 7, 1913, at two o'clock P. M.**, the undersigned will sell, at public auction, on the premises, said parcel of real estate, described as follows:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in the northeasterly part of Pepperell, in said County of Middlesex, on the easterly side of the road leading from the dwelling house now or late of Calvin F. Robbins, containing four acres, more or less, and further bounded as follows:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of said parcel, at the intersection of said road, with the road leading to the house on said parcel, thence northerly by the road first mentioned, about twenty four rods to land of said Calvin F. Robbins; thence easterly by said land of Robbins, about thirty two and one third rods to a corner; thence southerly about twelve and one fourth rods to a corner at said last mentioned road; thence westerly by said last mentioned road to the point of beginning. Being the same parcel conveyed to James Riley by George L. Robbins by his deed dated February 16, 1887, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 1786, page 366.

Said parcel will be sold subject to restrictions of record, if any, and in so far as now in force and applicable, and to any and all incumbrances of record, if any.

One hundred dollars will be paid in cash at the time and place of sale, the balance to be paid in ten days, on delivery of the deed. Further terms at sale, or of the commissioner.

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Center.

James Diamond's covered fruit team, in charge of his uncle, got a bad smashing up on Monday noon. The team was in front of the barber shop and an auto went through, blowing the whistle as it got opposite the team. The horse started, but only walked along until the wheel hit the curbing, and the grating noise scared it more. It then ran around the drug store corner, getting up onto the concrete and tipping the wagon over onto its side, dragging it the whole length of the drug store premises, after which it cleared itself from the wagon and ran in back of the drug store. Those who saw the accident assisted the man to right his cart, which was pretty well smashed up, the cloth top being torn off and the shafts broken and other slight damages.

On last week Thursday afternoon the grammar school pupils had a sale of home-made candy, fancy aprons and bird houses, etc. The money is to go for a sewing machine for the girls, and mitre box for the boys, so that they may have a little manual training.

Mrs. Minnie Blood Osgood, of Oakland, Cal., is with her father, E. A. Blood, for a few weeks' stay.

The passing away of Leonard Felch, conductor, at Greenville, N. H., on Friday of last week, removes a long familiar figure from our midst. Although he has not been conducting his train for some little time, the train has hardly ever passed through here without one's associating him with it. His genial smile will be missed by patrons of long years' standing.

Memorial Sunday was observed by a union service held at Memorial hall early Sunday evening. Rev. S. D. Ringrose gave the address. The other pastors in town also officiated and the program was given as printed last week The hall was well filled and members of the G. A. R. and Townsend Memorial association were present.

T. E. Flarity, d. d., inspected the grange at Springfield on Tuesday evening.

The first and second degrees were conferred upon a class of candidates at the grange on Monday evening.

Owen Thorpe and his newly-made bride arrived in town on Monday night and were plentifully covered with rice at the depot by relatives anticipating their arrival. Mr. Thorpe worked for the Fessenden Company this last winter and spring.

West.

Preparations are completed for the Brotherhood banquet to be held in the Baptist vestry on Thursday evening, June 5. The speaker of the evening will be E. P. Carr, superintendent of schools in Marlboro, and special music will be provided by local talent and it is expected that Miss Mildred Sanders, of Ayer, will render a vocal selection, and George Hayward, of Fitchburg, piano solos. Guests are invited from the Center and Ayer, and a most enjoyable evening is anticipated.

Mrs. Cummings, who has been living at the Wilkinson house on the Fitchburg road, has been moved to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Richards.

The Knights of the White Shield held their weekly meeting at the vestry on Tuesday evening, it being peanut night, and a goodly number were present and a jolly time enjoyed.

Mrs. Parkes, mother of F. D. Parsons, is quite ill at this writing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Parsons.

The Squannicook house is to be opened about the first of June, or earlier, the new proprietor being Col. A. J. Brown, from Canaan, N. H. Mr. Brown was a resident at the Center about eighteen years ago, and has since been hotel proprietor in Sandwich and Canaan, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilson have moved into the Bowen cottage near the railroad crossing.

Mrs. Ellen Blood has returned from the Center, where she has been employed, and is at present at the home of Mrs. William P. Robbins.

At the election of officers of the Baptist Sunday school last week Thursday evening, Perry W. Sawtelle was chosen superintendent; Mervin Wares, asst. supt.; Mrs. Fred A. Patch, sec. and treas.; Ian Rusk, lib.

On last Sunday evening at the Baptist church, A. S. Howard, from the Center, gave a very interesting talk on "The law within," and the fifteen-minute organ recital by Mrs. Mervin Hodgman was enjoyed as usual. Rev. S. D. Ringrose delivered the Memorial address at the union services at the Center.

Benjamin Lawrence has returned from a week's vacation and is soon to leave town to take a position at Lake Sunapee for the summer.

George Way, who has been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farnsworth for the winter, has returned to Boston.

Mrs. Glazier, who has been visiting in Gardner, has returned to Mrs. Perkins' cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter V. Byther, from Lynn, have been recent guests of their daughter, Mrs. F. H. Ormsby.

Miss M. A. Taft, who has been for several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton, has returned to her home in Lowell.

Mrs. Perrin, from Boston, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman.

The public schools held their customary exercises appropriate to Memorial day at the Center on Thursday afternoon, the schools from this village being conveyed to the Center by H. B. Hathaway in Boynton's barge.

Mrs. Cutting is on the sick list this week at her home.

Plans are being made by the Baptist Sunday school for a concert on children's day, Sunday, June 8.

As recent rulings of the postoffice department leave fourth-class offices unprotected by civil service rules, it is understood that in any move for a change at the West Townsend postoffice, former postmaster McElligott, who served for several years, having been appointed under the Cleveland administration and whose management of the office was so satisfactory to all its patrons, is a candidate.

DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Just now the all-important question in the legislature is whether the Washburn railroad bill can be put over the veto of Governor Foss, for nearly everybody agreed last week that the executive had made up his mind to veto the measure when it came to him, on account of the financial sections, 15 and 16. The veto of the bill to allow electric light and power companies to issue bonds to twice the amount of their paid-in capital made it plain that he would "take his pen in hand" against the railroad measure. The proponents of the bill believe that it can be passed over the veto of the Governor, and claim that the case presented in the house by Representative Ellis, of Newton, when the measure was under consideration, stated the situation fairly. There has been more or less politics mixed up with the railroad situation, and the members of the legislature generally deplore the seeming attempt of the governor to make an issue of "the railroad" at a time when there is every reason in the world for ending the obstructionist tactics which have prevented great railroad improvements from being made in New England. In New Hampshire, the legislature has eliminated the Boston and Maine as an issue in political campaigns and has paved the way for a rational and equitable adjustment of rates. Just at this time, therefore, when a conference of representatives of New England states are trying to evolve some systematic plan for railroad legislation, it is deemed particularly unfortunate that the railroad question should be made a political issue in Massachusetts.

The western trolley bill, which came up this week, is another bone of contention, and another veto is looked for on this measure. The advocates of the trolley bill are in a much stronger position than they were last year, however, for they have a better bill than they did last year, and it will be difficult to raise any very serious objection to it in its present form, other than that the railroad is willing to build the trolley lines so much needed in the western part of the state. Certain powerful financial interests which fought the proposition a year ago are not fighting the measure this year. The advocates of the measure are by no means as sanguine of passing it over the veto as they are of putting over the Washburn bill.

Another matter which will provoke discussion in the last days of the legislature is the so-called "blue-sky" law, relating to the sale of stocks and bonds. It is modeled after the Kansas law, but does not go quite as far in some respects. The purpose of the bill is to prevent "wildcat" stock companies from unloading their worthless paper on Massachusetts investors, by providing for close scrutiny by the commissioner of corporations and the widest possible publicity as to the assets of the concern with stock to sell. The principal objection to the bill seems to be that it hampers the transactions of brokers who deal only in legitimate and high-grade securities.

Several bills affecting the agricultural and rural interests of the state have become laws in the past week, having received the signature of the governor. Among them are acts:

To fix the penalty for the poisoning or the unlawful snaring of wild animals at a fine of not to exceed $100 and to provide that any person who sets a trap upon the inclosed land of another without written permission or who fails to visit traps which he has set at least once in every twenty-four hours shall be liable to a fine of twenty dollars.

To provide that all lobster meat except canned lobster shall be sold and delivered in the shell.

To provide that the inmates of penal institutions who are required to labor shall be employed so far as is possible in outdoor work in the reclamation of waste places and the cultivation of land for the raising of produce and to allow county commissioners to purchase or lease land for the purpose.

To allow towns to appropriate at town meeting an amount not to exceed five percent of the total tax levy of the preceding year for the purpose of an emergency or reserve fund.

To provide that owners of animals killed on account of glanders shall be compensated by the state.

To prevent adulterations in the manufacture of sausages.

To make it unlawful under penalty of a fine from $10 to $1000 to sell eggs that are unfit for food.

A bill has also become law to require every city and town having outstanding notes to provide for the payment of the same from the tax levy of 1914, or if the burden of the payment in a single year is too great to provide for the payment of the notes by an issue of bonds outside the debt limit to run for a period not more than fifteen years.

New Advertisements.

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Whereas, A. Fred. Tassinari, of Nashua, in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, did give to George Zigra of said Nashua, a mortgage dated April 1, 1913, of the following goods and chattels, to wit:

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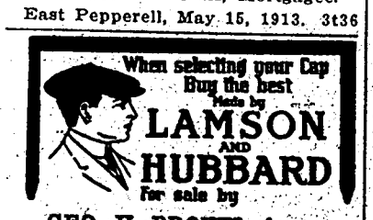

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Saturday, May 31, 1913.

GROTON.

News Items.

Mrs. C. A. Shaw is ill with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Adey, of Newton, were up Sunday in their touring car, and Miss Annie L. Gilson returned to their home with them on the same day.

In the boat race on the Nashua last Saturday, Groton School won over the Springfield high by three lengths.

It is now about a week since G. E. Hodgman has been able to get out on crutches, recovering from his accident of some three weeks ago.

James R. Hawkes was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

The Book and Thimble club meet next week with Mrs. E. A. Barrows.

The final meeting for this year of the Groton Historical society will be held in the lower town hall on Monday evening, June 16.

There is to be a temperance meeting at the town hall on Sunday evening. The meeting will be in the interests of the Anti-Tobacco work and will be addressed by representatives of that society. The public is cordially invited.

Groton chapter, D. R., met at the home of Mrs. F. F. Waters Thursday, May 15. Mrs. Chase read a very able and interesting paper on Champlain and the musical part of the program consisted of selections by a ladies' quartet from Littleton and a vocal solo by Mrs. Cressey. Refreshments and a social hour closed an enjoyable afternoon.

The grange met in regular session on Tuesday evening. After the business meeting, when the names of three candidates were favorably voted on for membership, a program as follows was carried out, though not given in order of occurrence: Song, Mrs. E. P. Woolley; reading on Memorial day, Mrs. Edith Benedict; piano selection, Miss Eva Blodgett; selections on bells, Henry Adams, with piano accompaniment by Miss Barrows; song, Miss Dora Bailey; song, Mrs. Bishop; remarks by comrades of E. S. Clark post, Charles Berry and Thomas Gilson.

Miss Sarah Priest, of Littleton, spent Wednesday with relatives here.

Several members of the Groton Woman's club attended the annual meeting of the State Federation of Woman's clubs held in Boston on Wednesday and Thursday. Among those attending were the president, Miss Boutwell, and Mrs. H. Chase, who were the delegates, with alternates Mrs. Manning and Mrs. F. F. Woods. These four will attend the two days' meeting and the evening reception. Some others from the Groton club were Mrs. W. A. Brown, Mrs. F. F. Waters, and presumably others whose names have not been learned.

Fred H. Lawton, assistant superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, has been selected to address the public temperance meeting at the town hall on Sunday evening.

Dr. Samuel A. Green came to Groton on Monday afternoon. He is stopping at the Inn for the week and expects to be present at the Memorial exercises of Friday.

Mrs. Laura Jones, of Worcester, visited her sister, Mrs. Chester Blodgett, last Saturday. Mrs. Burnett, mother of Mrs. Blodgett, also came to visit her for the day from Forge Village. Mrs. Whigham and children from Forge Village, came the same day as a guest of Mrs. William Blodgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Raddin came Wednesday to stay over Memorial day at the home of his father, J. B. Raddin.

Mss Emma Blodgett and Miss Eva Blodgett visited their sister, Mrs. Aaron Tuttle, of Lowell, over last Saturday and Sunday.

The members of the W. R. C. are requested to meet on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the entrance to the Groton cemetery. They will proceed in line for the memorial services and decoration of the graves of deceased members. Please bring flowers.

George Cotterell, man of work for several years at Dr. Kilbourn's, left his position permanently on Monday. Shad Evans has since been filling his place.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Baptist church met on Thursday afternoon for their annual election of officers and the transaction of other business.

Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck visited her daughters in Malden and Hyde Park on Tuesday.

The Neighborhood club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Arthur C. Tuttle, nearly every member being present with the new neighbor, Mrs. May, of the former Nowill place, also in attendance. At the business meeting the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read, the latter showing a nice little sum in the treasury. The leading feature of the afternoon was the feast of good things spread by the hostess to tempt and more than satisfy the appetites of her club guests, who almost wished their capacity was equal to "more." This was the closing of the regular meetings for the season. Sometime during the summer the members will meet together for a lawn party or picnic, as is their custom. The regular meetings will be resumed next October.

Memorial Sunday.

The E. S. Clark post and W. R. C. attended services on Memorial Sunday at the Unitarian church and a cordial welcome was extended them. The flag was draped about the pulpit and there were also floral decorations. As the six veterans and the twenty-two ladies of the corps marched by twos up the aisle, the processional hymn "Speed our republic" was played and sung, making the opening of the services very effective. Other special music was the response of a trio and the choir "For thee O dear, dear country," a beautiful selection from Gaul's "Holy city." The offertory, a violin solo, "Meditations," by Mr. Mansur, and at the close, the recessional, "The Star Spangled Banner." Rev. P. H. Cressey gave an eloquent sermon with patriotic fervor based upon the sentiment "They builded better than they knew." It was closely followed and enjoyed by the organizations worshiping there for the day and by all the others, making up a good-sized congregation. The entire service was much appreciated by the E. S. Clark post and corps.

Real Daughters.

The Boston Sunday Herald of May 25, gives a sketch with pictures of eleven real Daughters of the Revolution now living in Massachusetts. One of these, Mrs. Nancy Hartwell McKenny, who lives at East Mansfield, was born in Stetson, Me., in a log house on October 5, 1823. She is the daughter of Oliver Hartwell and Keziah Matthews, his second wife, and is one of thirteen children. Oliver Hartwell, sixth in line from William Hartwell, who came from England and settled in Concord, was born in Groton on September 5, 1761. His father, Oliver Hartwell, served in the Continental army and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Oliver Hartwell, the son, father of Mrs. McKenny, was only fifteen years old when he joined the Minute Men at Lexington. He belonged to the smallest company enrolled in the army, numbering only twenty-six men. He fought side by side with Gen. Israel Putnam, and was often heard to speak of the bravery of Col. John Stark. He was in the battle of Bunker Hill, where his company arrived about three o'clock in the afternoon at the thickest of the fight, where he was slightly wounded. When living in Groton with his first wife, who was Rachel, daughter of Job Shattuck, and family, their home was on the place now occupied by Harry E. Nutting on the Pepperell road. The large grape vine now and for many years on the place, was originally set out by Oliver Hartwell.

Some of his children married and settled in Groton, where three of his grandchildren are now living. They are Samuel P. Williams, Mrs. Marcia W. Parkhurst and Mrs. Ellen M. Mason.

Woman's Club.

The Groton Woman's club held a meeting in town hall, Monday evening, to which the public was invited. Seated upon the platform was the president, Miss Georgianna Boutwell, and the other officers of the club, and the two gentlemen speakers of the evening. There was an audience of near two hundred. Miss Boutwell gave an opening address as follows:

Gentlemen and ladies—As president of the Groton Woman's club I welcome you to this our first open meeting.

Gentlemen guests we have asked you to take counsel with us as to the housing and training of our school children. We are mindful of the fact that you have chosen a committee to consider the housing of the children of this village who are to report to you next month. We are not privileged to hear that report. It has seemed to us that the women of our town, especially the mothers, should have some knowledge of the subject. If it is true, as we are often told, that "women rule the world through their silent influence" our influence ought surely to be an enlightened influence.

We have arranged this meeting primarily for ourselves, but not wishing to be selfish we have invited you, hoping that you may hear something tonight which will help you to decide more wisely the question which will soon come before you. In order to know what ought to be done, we need first to know the present condition of our school buildings.

Each schoolhouse now in commission has been inspected by one or more of our members. The three old-fashioned brick schoolhouses used for some generations—the Moors, Trowbridge and Chicopee, the only ones now occupied, are in as good a condition as can be expected—they are kept clean and in sanitary condition.

At the Chicopee, the drinking water is taken from a new well built for the school. At the Trowbridge and Moors school the water is the same used by a nearby family. Presumably this water is pure and healthy, but it has never been analyzed. I find upon enquiry, that upon application of our local board of health, the State board will send some one to analyze the water and report, without charge, upon its purity. With our present ideas of a pure water supply it would seem well, as the cost to the town would be only the cost of a letter or two sent to the board, to have the water analyzed so that we may be sure in regard to its purity instead of guessing.

The Tarbell school at West Groton is perhaps in as good a condition as can be expected. It is over-crowded. A temporary arrangement has been made for a recitation room which is not satisfactory, but the best that could be done at present. The problem of putting that building in good shape for the increasing number of pupils is not a difficult one to solve, and will probably receive attention in due time.

The Butler school is in good order as regards cleanliness and sanitary condition. When we consider the age of the floors and stairways and their condition, credit is due for the care which the building receives. I suppose we are all agreed that the upper story should not be used as a schoolroom. The risk of human life is too great.

Nothing can be said in favor of the condition of the Chaplin schoolhouse. It is neither clean or sanitary from the standpoint of a housekeeper. The work of a janitor is done by a boy as well as we have a right to expect. The care of the two rooms, entries and stairs, and the carrying of wood to the stoves during the winter is a tax on the strength of a growing boy. It is work for an adult. No house or school can be kept clean by dry cleaning. Circumstantial evidence would show that no water had been used in cleaning the rooms since the summer vacation, if then. Not only fly spots, but dead flies are to be found on walls, windows and picture frames.

In the Tarbell, Butler and Chaplin school is the town water with the bubble for drinking purposes. Except in the Butler school, ventilation is bad in the school hours for most of the year. The only method is by the open window, which makes a direct draft on the pupils. There are a number of inexpensive appliances on the market by which windows can be open admitting fresh air, but directing it so as not to make a direct draft.

Much more might be said. I beg pardon for the time already taken. These statistics I have given for the benefit of our club—presumably the voters have no need of this information as they probably have made themselves conversant with the condition of the school buildings—as the question of a new building has so long been before them.

Of the 354 cities and towns in the state, there are 316 that pay a larger tax on a thousand dollars of valuation for school purposes than Groton. This tax includes everything given in regard to schools, salaries, transportation, books, etc.,—not new buildings. There are only thirty-seven towns that pay less on a thousand. Of these thirty-seven towns, two are rich towns, Brookline and Nahant. Most of the others are very poor towns, the hill towns of Berkshire and those of the cape. Some of these, I was not able to tell how many, not being able to support their schools, have extra state aid—Tolland, Mt. Washington and Gosnold paying tax of 98, 67 and 11 cents respectively. The following towns pay on a thousand: Ashby $7.68, Pepperell $6.83, Westford $6.78, Littleton $5.95, Ayer $4.94, Lunenburg $4.53, Harvard $4.23, Dunstable $4.17, Groton $3.03.

Our appropriation for 1910-11 was $12,000. If we paid as large a school tax as Ashby, Pepperell, Westford and tax as Ashby, Pepperell, Westford and Littleton, we should raise for school purposes $24,000 a year, or if we raised on $1000 as much as Ayer, Lunenburg, Harvard or Dunstable we would raise $18,000 a year. If we raised as much a year as the four other of our neighboring towns we would have $6000 a year for these same improvements. With this additional money each year we would have in a few years, and paid for, these schoolhouses in this two villages in perfect condition for the most advanced ideas of what should be taught in our public schools. Is it any reason because we are a rich town and that more are poorer in comparison that we should spend less money than they, especially as we so sorely need better school accommodations?

We cordially agree with the old adage: "It is a woman's duty to fit her children to enter the world," but we would broaden the idea and make it harmonize with the ideas of the twentieth century. We club women believe that it is the duty of woman to fit her children to enter the world and that it is equally the duty of woman to fit the world for the children to enter. Therefore, gentlemen, we may not only ask you to join us in our social occasions, but we may ask you from time to time to join us in considering questions other than educational problems, which may help in the advancement of the community.

At the close of Miss Boutwell's address, she introduced the two speakers—Rufus W. Stimpson, of the State Board of Education, and R. Clipston Sturgis, architect of the Boston school buildings.

Mr. Stimson, taking the subject of "Vocational training," on which he has specialized, was the first speaker. He remarked how when Harvard college was young and the country was newer, the primary idea of education in college and secondary schools was for culture of the mind, and then as times have changed, the idea has grown that education is not confined to the discipline obtained from drill and study in books and languages, but has widened to the recognition of mental and bodily powers working together. While he alluded to the many vocations upon which children in our schools may now be instructed, Mr. Stimpson spoke particularly on agricultural training.

He told of the school building in Northampton so arranged that a central space, or room, was left for the children to exhibit their products raised, even horses and cattle. The children are trained in vegetable raising, the bee industry, fruit products, poultry, etc., and farm management. The speaker demonstrated some of his ideas and plans on the blackboard and spoke interestingly until obliged to leave to go by train elsewhere.

Mr. Sturgis, who was entertaining from the first to the last of his talk on "The schoolhouse of today," emphasized what might be called the economy of space, and told what difficultes he had experienced as the architect of the Boston schoolhouses in having his ideas carried out. No schoolhouse should have rooms where one room was occupied or used by a few pupils for a few hours in a day and then unused for the remainder of the day.

Mr. Sturgis endorsed all Mr. Stimson had said on vocational training and made some striking points himself along the same lines and always with a keen wit that was appreciated by his hearers. He believed that a boy should be given as high a mark for swinging an axe well as for doing well in a Latin or German grammar. He emphasized the necessity and wisdom of first getting the right curriculum and then building according to the fundamental principles of architecture a schoolhouse that met the requirements with no waste.

The Groton orchestra enlivened the meeting with well rendered selections, under T. F. Donahue, jr., as director, and gave their music without charge.

Eleventh Anniversary.

The Book and Thimble club held its eleventh anniversary on Friday afternoon, May 23. The hostess for the occasion was Mrs. Louis H. Clark, and every member was present to enjoy the occasion. Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst read the records which she had carefully kept, and Mrs. E. A. Barrows read some original verses written by request for this anniversary. According to their custom at these annual gatherings, each member brought some appetizing food for the spread, which was made even more bountiful by the generous additions made by the hostess. The meeting was altogether very enjoyable. The following are the original verses by Mrs. Barrows:

Eleven years since we united
On the "Book and Thimble" day.
It has been pleasant recreation,
Profitable in its way.

One dear sister is in sorrow.
Grief has come into her life,
But she has the consolation
She has been a happy wife.

We bring to her our sympathy.
But our love cannot atone.
Friends may sympathize in trouble,
Bereavement is borne alone.

We are thankful that all members
Are blessed with the health to come,
And we thank our kind hostess
For this welcome to her home.

May many anniversaries
To our "Book and Thimble come.
Bringing cheerful entertainment
To the members of each home.

West Groton.

Peter Grey, a little Polish boy living in the building formerly used as a barber shop on Main street, died on Sunday. This is the second death which has occurred in this same house within a comparatively short time, and as the sanitary conditions are known to be very bad, many have wondered if this might not be the cause.

At the next regular meeting of the I. O. O. F., M. U., Thursday evening, June 5, three members will be initiated. It is hoped that all members will be present. Light refreshments will be served.

L. G. Strand has sold his lot and house foundation on Bixby street to W. V. Bixby.

Carl Strand and Clarence Thompson took their first degree in Masonry at Ayer on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lindall, of Roslindale, have been visiting at Mrs. C. E. E. Blood's.

Mrs. Roscoe Ferden, of Foxboro, was in town on Monday superintending the moving of her goods, which have been stored here since she left town. Mr. and Mrs. Ferden intend locating in Walpole.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bixby saw Julia Marlowe and Sothern at the Shubert theatre in Boston on Monday evening, the play being Shakespeare's "Taming of the shrew."

Mrs. Gilbert Wheaton spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Boston.

Mrs. F. G. Humiston made a short visit in town last week. Her mother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell, returned with her to East Jaffrey, N. H., for a visit.

The entertainment and fair given by the Sunshine club last week Friday evening was very well attended, considering the very stormy evening. Over thirty dollars were added to their treasury.

Mrs. Robinson gave a little party for her son Stanley on Monday afternoon, it being his fifth birthday. The children all had a merry time with games of various kinds. Cake and ice cream were served.

Mrs. A. P. Blood was brought by auto from the Deaconess home of Haverhill to Miss Flora Kemp's on Monday. Mrs. Blood is ill and in the care of a trained nurse.

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge and Rev. Pemberton Cressy, of the First Parish, Groton, will exchange pulpits on Sunday morning.

On Sunday, June 8, children's exercises will take the place of the regular service. There will be songs, recitations, christening of children, and presentation of testaments to children who have reached the age of seven years.

The School Question.

A meeting was called in Squannacook hall on Tuesday evening by Arthur Lamb, one of the members of the investigating committee of the schoolhouses in Groton, to get the opinion of the citizens of the village in regard to plans for a new school building, or the enlargement of the old one. This part of the town has grown so fast that it is an absolute necessity that something be done. Frank Lawrence Blood, another member of the committee, and James Bennett, a builder, were present at the meeting. A great deal of interest was manifested by the parents and other relatives of the children who attend school here. Mr. Blood had a plan which he unfolded, which was to add two rooms to the rear of the present building and excavate beneath it for a heating plant; close the windows at the west and add new ones at the east, put in new floors, new stairs, etc. Mr. Bennett told how it might be done.

G. H. Bixby thought it would be rather risky trying to fix over the old building, as he remembered when it was made that the builder, coming short for a stringer for stairs, went out to a fence and taking a rail from it used that for support. Mr. Thompson thought they ought not to consider the old building at all, and if the people knew about the conditions surrounding the school they would not wish their children to be there.

Mrs. Clifford Bixby told of visiting the school a few weeks ago and finding the room swarming with flies. She was formerly a teacher, and thought it would be impossible for her to teach under such circumstances. If flies go but a short distance from their breeding places as one man said, they would have only about thirty feet to travel.

Several people spoke about a new building on Bixby stret, and it was finally put to vote whether they would like a new building in a new place, or the old one remodeled. Every vote was for the new building and a different location.

This is a beautiful old town and all the public buildings are fine except the schoolhouses, but when it comes to planning for new, up-to-date buildings they just think it over, but no active measures are taken. It is sincerely hoped that West Groton can have a new school building in a new location. It is also hoped by people who live on Main street that the present conditions can be radically changed.

LITTLETON.

News Item.

Joseph McPherson and Mrs. Helen Provost Sleeper, both of Littleton, and employed by Conant & Houghton, were married in Ayer on Tuesday, May 27, by Rev. Joseph W. Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. McPherson will live in Shirley, her former home.

Improvement Society.

The Improvement society met on Tuesday evening. Although the number present was small, the enthusiasm was gratifying. As the town did not vote any money for the construction of cement sidewalks at the annual meeting in March, the Improvement society voted to keep the money that was originally intended for that purpose until some future time. It was also voted to give an entertainment late in July or early in August for the purpose of increasing the sidewalk fund. As the committee chosen by the town to make arrangements for the 1914 celebration has no funds, the Improvement society proposes to offer prizes to those persons, whether resident or non-resident, who furnish the best suggestions for the 1914 celebration of the incorporation of the town. Other interesting subjects relating to town improvement were discussed. Another meeting will be held soon to make more definite plans for the entertainment this summer.

SHIRLEY.

Funeral.

The funeral of Herman S. Hazen was held from his late home at the Center, Tuesday afternoon. A large number of townspeople were present and many from out-of-town, including ex-mayor J. H. McMahon of Fitchburg, a former schoolmate of Mr. Hazen.

Hacks were provided to convey those from the village who wished to attend. All public places in town were closed during the funeral.

Rev. Herbert H. Mott, formerly of Nashua, now pastor of the Unitarian church at Newton, officiated. E. F. Colburn sang two solos, "A little while" and "Gathering home."

Inspect Gravel Bank.

Taken from the Fitchburg Sentinel, May 28:

The street commissioners, Thomas A. Monahan, Patrick J. Hart and Joseph A. Rivers, with Michael J. Hogan, superintendent of streets, Fred C. Davis, city engineer, and Wesley W. Sargent, president of the Fitchburg and Leominster street railway company, went to Shirley, this afternoon, in an automobile, to inspect a gravel bank, from which Supt. Hogan recommends that gravel used on streets be secured. The commissioners seem to favor the general proposition which has been submitted to Supt. Hogan and hope to work out the details, this afternoon.

According to Supt. Hogan, this city is without a suitable gravel bank and that in Shirley, which is close to the street railway line, contains just the kind of material that is needed for dressing dirt roads.

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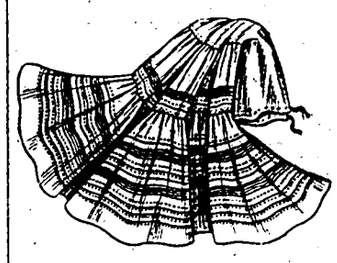

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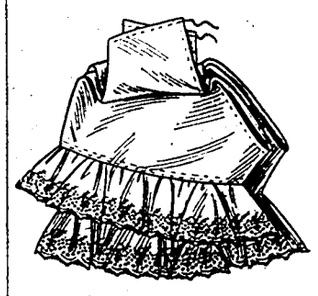

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AYER.

News Items.

The ladies of the Sandy Pond School association will have a supper at the schoolhouse on Tuesday evening, June 3. Supper from six to 7.30.

Michael F. Fitzgerald attended the Grand Court convention of Foresters of America at Fitchburg last week as a delegate from Court Napoleon Bonaparte.

Miss S. Adelaide Blood returned on last Saturday from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Clesson Kenney, in Leominster.

William H. Beard, who has been quite sick with pneumonia, is reported as improved.

The members of the local W. C. T. U., who attended the Middlesex County convention at Westford recently were Mrs. Augustus D. Scruton, Mrs. Otis Kittredge, Mrs. George S. Hatch, Mrs. J. W. Clark, Mrs. E. F. Learned, Mrs. George M. Crawford and Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders.

Fred Holbrook, a former resident of Ayer, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carley last week. Mr. Holbrook, when a resident of this town, was employed by the Haynes-Piper Company, and he and Mrs. Holbrook lived in the Knowlton house on Williams street.

One of the shiting engines fell partly into the turntable pit at the engine house on last Wednesday morning, caused by the failure of the brakes to work. The local wrecking crew quickly pulled it out by means of a hand derrick.

Mrs. Sarah A. Allen, of Malone, N. Y., is visiting her son, Harry S. Allen.

John Devarney, who has been at the Clinton hospital for three weeks, has returned and is much improved. His trouble is abscess of the lung, following a severe attack of pneumonia.

H. P. Boutelle, of Dorchester, was a guest of O. K. Pierce at his home last week.

A very pleasant time was enjoyed last week Wednesday afternoon in Odd Fellows' hall when fifty members of Alpha Past Noble Grands association gathered there. The program included readings by Misses Sarah Ross and Hazel Scruton, piano solos by Miss Flora I. Cole and Miss Eva Blodgett, of Groton, a vocal solo by Mrs. Nora T. Folkins, of Groton, and song by Miss Marion Winslow. A supper was served after the meeting by the members of Vesta Rebekah lodge.

Rev. and Mrs. Richmond Fisk have returned after a few days' visit to Wilton, N. H.

George C. Wheeler, a former schoolmate at Lawrence academy of Gen. William H. Bancroft, general manager of the Boston Elevated railroad, and Frank S. Chick, vice president of the John H. Pray Co., Boston, will be in Ayer on Memorial day to visit the graves of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Wheeler, a former prominent Ayer merchant.

Misses Sullivan and Walsh, of Ayer, teachers in the Shirley Center school, are busy preparing the children of that school for a three-act operetta, "The enchanted wood." It is to be presented at the town hall, Shirley Center, on Friday evening, June 6, at eight o'clock.

There was plenty of milk to be had without price at the railroad station last Saturday morning and those fortunate enough to be aware of that fact profited by it. It looked at first like an effort to break the milk trust but such was not the intention of those engaged in its distribution. Investigation showed that some drivers in charge of three cars of cows in a through freight were milking the animals, as they do every day they are on the road, such action being declared necessary to keep the cows in a healthy condition. Several pails of milk were thrown away before it was generally known and those who wished milk were plentifully supplied free of charge.

Chief of police Beatty, deputy sheriff A. A. Fillebrown, officers William J. Mullin and James H. O'Connell and Fred J. Weyand of Boston raided the new Union house again last Saturday morning. Although a thorough search was made no liquors were found.

Chief of Police Beatty was called to Natick last Saturday by the sudden death of a brother.

The trouble over the installation of town water at the Wood lunch cart in front of the Taylor house has been satisfactorily settled and the latest addition to the list of eating places is now connected with the necessary fluid.

At the meeting of Harbinger lodge, K. P., Monday evening, the rank of esquire was conferred.

Rev. Thomas L. Fisher of Leominster, formerly vicar of St. Andrew's parish, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. N. T. Ross of Proctorsville, Vt., is visiting her son, Henry E. Farnum.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kelley of Milton visited her sisters, Mrs. W. L. Preble and Mrs. E. M. Noddin over Sunday.

In accordance with the promise made by the Boston and Maine officials a new passenger train was put on the Fitchburg division Monday, which leaves Boston at 9.31 p. m., and arrives at Ayer at 10.29, making the run from the city here in fifty-eight minutes. The train runs through to North Adams, where it makes a stop of two hours and then proceeds to Troy, N. Y. This train was put on to satisfy the patrons of the road on the Fitchburg division west of Fitchburg, which were without suitable service since the taking off the theatre train when the train schedules were recently changed.

A slight change has been made in the original plan for the movements of the three patriotic societies on Memorial day. The members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., will go to Shirley by automobile instead of by trolley as previously arranged, leaving here at 7.45 a. m. Otherwise the regular program will be followed.

The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., W. R. C. and Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., attended a memorial service in the Congregational church last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. John E. Whitley, preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. There was special singing by the male quartet, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, E. H. Bliss, E. B. Harlow and H. C. Harlow. The national colors draped the pulpit and choir loft.

Ruel P. Lougee returned from the Groton hospital last Sunday, still very weak from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy has been chosen a delegate to the National Convention of the Woman's Relief corps, which will be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., next September.

The funeral of Mrs. Chester P. Perrin, whose death was announced in this paper last week, was held from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Stewart, in Boston, last Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. A floral piece in the form of a sickle, which is emblematic of the office of Pomona, which the deceased held in Ayer grange, was one of the floral tributes. Those who attended from here were Mrs. F. W. Rymes, Miss May E. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Winslow and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Perrin and Mrs. O. C. Rand. The interment was in Mt. Hope cemetery, Boston.

The ladies' degree team of the Ayer grange will go to Harvard next Tuesday evening to confer the third degree on a class of twenty-four candidates.

J. E. Fletcher returned from a visit to Lake Boone, Stow, last Saturday, where he had been for three days at the cottage of Fred W. Lowell. He was accompanied there by Mr. and Mrs. Lowell and Mrs. Fletcher.

Nils Petersson has purchased the house on Central avenue, which was formerly occupied by Calixte Girard, of L. W. Phelps. Mr. Petersson moved his furniture from his late residence on Elm street to his newly-purchased house on Central avenue on Wednesday.

There will be a sale of fancy work and candy, made by the seventh and eighth grades at the Pleasant street school on Friday, June 6, at 3.30 p. m. The proceeds are to be used toward buying a sewing machine for the use of the school in their manual art course doing leather work and sewing.

John M. Wallace is now employed in the electrical department of Robert Murphy's Sons Company.

A model 31 Buick touring car has been purchased by Edward Q. McCollester of E. O. Proctor.

The fifth grade school was closed Tuesday owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss May E. Briggs.

Misses Doris Fletcher, Natalie Bigelow, Rebecca Pierce and Mrs. Susan M. Barker from the Unitarian Sunday school were delegates last week Friday to the annual meeting of the Unitarian Sunday school society in King's chapel, Boston.

The sale in the Unitarian parlor last Saturday was very successful. Those in charge of the food table were Mrs. Lyman Clark, Mrs. Nellie Kittredge and Mrs. Ruth Sherwin, while Mrs. A. C. Perkins presided at the apron table.

The vestry of the Unitarian church was the scene of a very charming entertainment Tuesday evening at the piano recital of the pupils of Miss L. Etta Green. Piano duets were given by Gertrude Davis and Mona Kittredge, Mildred Hart and Kathleen Miner, Hazel Murphy and Etta Green, Hazel Farnum and Mildred Pillman, Ralph Brown and Chas. Mullin, Lois Leavitt and Etta Green, Gladys Phelps and Hazel Ballou; piano solos were given by Edith Neylan, Gladys Phelps, Hazel Ballou and Mona Kittredge. The program was pleasingly varied with vocal duets by Elinor Clark and Ruth Fenner, Miss Green, accompanist. The pupils all did well from the little ones with only brief training to the more accomplished. There was present a good sized audience of relatives and friends of the pupils.

At the Y. P. R. U. last Sunday evening Fisk Butterfield was leader. This committee to nominate officers for the coming year was chosen: Mrs. Susan M. Barker, Miss Doris Fletcher and Kendall Pierce. The annual meeting comes next Sunday. Miss Doris Fletcher will be leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Huntington and children, Fred and Ruth, left Thursday for Plum Island for a few days' visit and have taken a cottage there.

Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy and Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended the annual meeting of the State Federation of Women's clubs in Boston, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

M. Feldman, shoe repairer, Main street, has purchased a shoe machinery outfit that he will run by electricity. He expects it to be here next week.

Roger C. Lawrence, Frank E. Brown, Miss Pauline M. Sherwin and Miss Alice R. McCarthy have been given the honor parts at the graduating exercises of the high school which takes place in the town hall on Thursday evening, June 26.

The Eagles, of West Somerville, will play the Ayer A. A. baseball team at the town park on Memorial day afternoon at three o'clock.

Auguste Pelletier finished the work of blasting for the cellar of the new addition to the telephone building on Wednesday morning, and the work of laying the cellar wall will begin at once.

William McMahon, of Groton, a brakeman in the railroad yard, sprained his ankle while about his work on Monday afternoon. Dr. Sullivan was called and gave medical treatment, after which the doctor took McMahon to his home.

Jersey ice cream tickets, on account of the unfavorable weather, will be honored at Hill's drug store after the time expires, as long as stock lasts.

John C. Martell, who is suffering from an abscess of the ear, went to Nashua on Monday for medical treatment.

The C. E. meeting at the Congregational church last Sunday evening was unusually well attended, the congregation being invited to join with the members in the service. A vocal duet was given by Misses Rosamond and Mildred Lougee. A vocal solo by Miss Helen Hardy and a selection on the zither by Miss Helen Thayer.

Rev. Clyde L. Nevins, the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, will leave on Monday morning for Meadville, Pa. He will be gone during the month of June. While in Meadville Mr. Nevins will receive the degree of A. B. from Allegheny college.

The special meetings at the Baptist church during the week, conducted by Rev. Lewis F. Wallace and wife, have been well attended and full of interest. There will be no services on Friday and Saturday evenings. On Sunday, Mr. Wallace will preach at 10.45 in the morning and at seven in the evening. Mrs. Wallace will sing.

The baseball game scheduled between Ayer high and Groton high school teams at the town park on Wednesday afternoon was postponed on account of stormy weather. The game will be played later. On next Wednesday Ayer high plays Westford high at Westford.

District Moth Superintendent Hatch, of Hudson, was in town on Tuesday overseeing the work of the moth extermination. The new sprayer, in charge of Douglas C. Smith, local moth superintendent, is now at work and doing good service.

A new and impressive feature of the exercises for Memorial day will be the ringing of the church bells for five minutes between twelve and 12.05 at noon. During this time all the veterans all over the state will stand in silence as a mark of respect to their deceased comrades.

Fred W. Hosmer began work with a force of men on Thursday morning in building a new waiting room for the Fitchburg and Lowell Street Railway Company at Sandy pond. The new building will be erected on the same site as the other station near Taft's cottage.

James Pender, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Pender, was taken to the Clinton hospital on Tuesday evening by Dr. Sullivan, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. The patient is reported as doing well.

Rev. Richmond Fisk delivered an address on "The beginnings of St. Lawrence university" on Monday at the meeting of the Universalist Historical society in Boston.

The following are the names of the graduating class of the high school: Frank E. Brown, Gertrude I. Carrigan, Flora I. Cole, Alice R. McCarthy, Lillian E. McMann, Charles T. Mullin, Pauline M. Sherwin, Anna G. Taylor, classical course; Victor LeF. Fillebrown, Roger C. Lawrence, Evelyn M. Sanderson, Helen M. Moore, general; Margaret E. Hume, Mary E. Leahy, Madeline D. O'Neil, commercial.

Eugene Barry, Eugene S. Barry and Mrs. Wyman went to Clinton in one of Murphy's Studebaker cars on Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Eugene Barry, who has been at the Clinton hospital for a few weeks, convalescing from an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. E. E. Duncklee was a visitor at the home of Mrs. George Pierce in Pepperell on Monday.

Ayer's New Industry.

Once upon a time, not many years ago, the people of this town were greatly surprised when it was announced that a lunch cart was to be located here. The idea was regarded as extremely visionary and the unanimous opinion was expressed that the new proprietor would soon come to grief, as they said he would not receive enough business to even meet expenses. But the supposedly doomed manager stayed, and to the surprise of all built up a good business.

The business changed hands several times since then, but the number of places aside from the restaurants, was not increased, only once and that for a short time only, till a year and a half ago, when another cart was added.

Since that time the appetites of the people of Ayer and the transients who patronize such places has evidently increased to such a great extent as to require two more feeding places, and they were added, making four in all at the present time.

Thus, from a small beginning, this great industry has grown in a comparatively few years to be the most lucrative one in town, and its success should be an added inspiration to others who contemplate entering business.

There are in all at present, sixteen public eating places in town, including restaurant and lunch carts, and it is said that there are two more of the latter coming soon.

Death.

Leonard Felch, one of the veterans of greatest length of service in the employ of the Boston and Maine railroad, died at his home in Greenville on last week Friday, death being brought on by kidney and heart trouble. He had been sick for about two months, and up to that time had been doing regular duty as conductor of the passenger train which makes three trips daily between Greenville and Ayer.

Mr. Felch had been fifty-one years in the employ of the Boston and Maine on October 12, 1912, and in all that time had never been injured in a railroad accident, and but three of his trainmen had been killed in over half a century of railroading. He was a most faithful employé and popular with the management and with his fellow railroad men. His standing in the community was high.

Leonard Felch was born in Greenville on April 26, 1841, the son of Daniel and Lucy R. (Hanniford) Felch, the third of ten children. His father was a maker of tinware, and at an early age the son went into the shop, but soon forsook that trade. One day, to fill a vacancy on the Greenville branch train, he took a place as brakeman and stuck to the life of a railroad man from that day.

In March, 1870, he married Sarah E. Willard, of Hudson, N. H., who died eighteen years later, and on August 7, 1890, he married Margaret T. Cumnock, of Mason, who survives him. He had no children by either marriage.

New Progressives.

Twenty-six voters formerly enrolled as republicans have changed their party designations to progressives, and one former democrat is now enrolled among the progressive party. The change becomes effective on August 15. This action is in accordance with the party enrollment law which requires voters who desire to change their party designations to do so at least ninety days prior to the state primary which takes place in September. Those who have changed their enrollment from republican to progressive are: Harry S. Allen, Gilman P. Beverly, Frank W. Balcom, Charles H. Crocker, R. H. Cunningham, Daniel H. Dickinson, A. E. Downing, Carolus A. Fox, William Hodgdon, Charles H. Kennison, John L. Kennison, Frank Lyons, Guy B. Remick, Walter Bigelow Robbins, Eugene Rousseau, Frank Rynn, Lyman J. Taylor, J. M. Wallace, Charles L. Washburn, Herbert J. Webb, Joseph F. Wheeler, Herbert E. Whitney, Augustus Lovejoy, Archer W. Nutting, Philip Potter; from the democratic to the progressive party, J. F. O'Brien.

Allotments for Highway Work.

The state highway commission has notified the Middlesex county commission that the small town allotments for highway improvements in the county would total, $75,350 for this year.

Northern Middlesex is well represented in the division of state assistance: Billerica gets $2500; Dracut, $2000; Hudson, $1000; Reading, in two separate allotments, $1500 and $1000; Sherborn, $500; Ashby, $1000; North Reading, $1000; Shirley, $1050; Stow, $1000; Boxboro, $400; Carlisle, $500; Dunstable, $400; Acton, (construction), $15,000; Ayer-Shirley (construction), $25,000; Littleton, (construction), $13,000; Lincoln, (construction), $500; Tyngsboro, (construction), $6000; Winchester, (construction), $2000.

Drowning Accident.

Lincoln R. Bush, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest L. Bush, was drowned in what is known as Balch's pond, near the pumping station, early Tuesday evening. As soon as the parents of the boy knew that he was missing they got into communication with Chief Beatty, they not knowing at the time that the little fellow was drowned. When the chief arrived he noticed what looked like a boy's cap floating on the water. Procuring two rakes the pond was dragged near the shore, and in a few minutes the chief, with the assistance of Erastus B. Lewis, succeeded in finding the body close to the shore.

The body was taken out of the water and later was viewed by Herbert B. Priest, assistant medical examiner, who declared that death was due to accidental drowning. The body was afterward placed in charge of L. B. Tuttle, undertaker, who prepared it for burial.

The little fellow was born in Nashua, N. H., on February 12, 1909, and was 4 years, 4 months and 15 days old at the time of death. Besides his parents he leaves several small brothers and sisters.

Just how he met with the fatal accident is not known. From what can be learned he and his small brother Arthur, and Theodore Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Carlson, went fishing as was often their custom along the shore of the pond. After a time the unfortunate boy started for home while the other two moved on. Upon being missed an investigation was started and the body found as above stated.

It is thought that the little fellow after he had left his two companions wandered off the highway and fell in where he was afterward found. The place where the body was discovered was in the channel passing under the highway from Balch's pond to the other side of the road. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, the interment being in Woodlawn cemetery.

Methodist Notes.

It is not often that a church has a Sunday program of such high order as the Methodist church will have for Sunday, June 1.

If the residents of this town knew what a fine assortment of songs the young people have prepared for Sunday night at 7.30 o'clock they would turn out en masse. The occasion is the annual children's day service. Everybody likes children. For that reason there will be a number of selections in which they will take part. No seats reserved after 7.30.

Dr. George B. Dean, formerly the popular pastor of the Somerville Methodist church, but recently appointed district superintendent of the Worcester district, will preach at eleven o'clock. Dr. Dean is worth anybody's hearing. He is sincere, forceful, convincing and interesting. A half hour in his presence is worth while.

Plans are on foot for a large communion service after preaching. A new set of individual cups in use for the first time ought to insure a large congregation. The sacrament of baptism will be administered. The public is invited to all these services.

District Court.

Daniel Piledo and John Piledo, of Westford, were before the court on Monday morning charged with drunkenness. The former was found guilty and ordered to pay the expenses of the case amounting to $12.28, and he was also placed on probation. The latter was found not guilty and discharged. The appearance of these men in court was the result of a row in Forge Village in which there was no damage done and no other charge than the above was preferred against them.

John H. Blood, of Groton, pleaded guilty of assault and battery, and was fined ten dollars on Wednesday morning.

William Kolmier, no home, was found guilty of vagrancy last Saturday morning and the case placed on file.

Fred Arlin, Joseph Stone, John W. Turner, all of Lawrence were found guilty of vagrancy on Thursday morning and their cases were placed on file.

Memorial Exercises.

The memorial exercises given by the pupils of the public schools in the town hall on Thursday afternoon were as usual well attended. American flags were about the hall and back of the stage, while on the front part of the stage the silk flag which was presented to the high school some time ago occupied a prominent place. Upon the platform were seated these members of the G. A. R.: James J. O'Brien, Francis Lovejoy, Augustus Lovejoy, Daniel H. Dickinson, Charles Barrett and George G. Puffer.

Principal Ernest M. Gleason had charge of the program, which was finely carried out. The high school orchestra furnished music for the occasion. The program follows:

Selection,
High school orchestra
Song, "A scout of Uncle Sam"
Four boys from Washington street primary
Exercise, "The first flag"
Thirteen pupils from grade four
Song, "A family drum corps"
Grade three
"The American flag"
Pupils from special room
Song, "Our country's flag"
Grade five
Recitation, "Hurrah for the flag"
Wilfred Corneller, Virginia Dudley
"Flag song"
Girls from Main street primary
Recitation, "Nature's flag"
George Sanderson, jr.
Selection,
High school orchestra
Recitation, "The soldier's flower and the soldier's flag"
William Profit and Ruth Griffin
Song, "Flag of the free"
Shirley street primary
Exercise, "The origin of the flag"
Five pupils from grades seven and eight
Ribbon exercise, "Red, white and blue"
Six girls from Washington street primary
Song, "Our own free land"
Grade six
A flag exercise,
Boys from Main street primary
Song, "Columbia"
Grade four
Recitation, "Keenan's charge"
Lyman Sprague
A flag exercise
Grade three
"The Star Spangled Banner"
Grades seven and eight

A Youthful Elopement.

A free carriage ride by two young children was interrupted on Tuesday and the team restored to its owner. According to the story in circulation, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Maynard, who is about four years of age, and a female companion still younger, noticed L. W. Phelps' team, in charge of Henry Gendreau, standing not far from the Maynard boy's house on Fletcher street. Seeing no one around, they decided to take a ride. The boy took charge of the team and the pair proceeded as far as the watering trough in Railroad square, the boy driving. After they reached this point their troubles began.

The reins became caught under one end of the whiffletree with the result that the horse was obliged to travel in circles about the square. Matters were finally straightened out and the youthful escapade came to an end with the horse being turned over to its owner.

Meanwhile Mr. Gendreau missed the team and started an investigation. He says the next time he leaves it anywhere on the street he will hitch a weight to it so that the experience of Tuesday will not be repeated. The scene made quite a sensation along the street.

WESTFORD.

Center.

Miss Emily F. Fletcher and Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher returned Monday from a most enjoyable trip of a few days to Windsor, Vt., and vicinity. They were invited guests of a party of Appalachian club members. One day was spent in making the ascent of Ascutney Mt. and another pleasant side trip was to the attractive town of Cornish, N. H.

The drinking fountain, which has been delayed in transportation, has arrived this week and A. H. Sutherland and helpers are busy getting it in place for the dedication as outlined in last week's column Memorial day afternoon.

Supt. of streets Alec McDonald and his men have been busy at the Center this week putting the village streets in good shape for Memorial day. The common has been mowed and the bandstand put in place for the outdoor concert Friday afternoon.

A. A. Hildreth had the misfortune to injure one of his hands a few days ago while working about his windmill. Two fingers were badly lacerated and will cause him considerable inconvenience for some time.

Nearly Ready.

The well-known Nashoba farm, which was purchased by Mr. Wetmore last season and which a force of workmen have been busy thoroughly renovating for some time, is nearly ready for occupancy, the owners expecting furniture to arrive next week. The result of the work done should surely prove a combination of the pleasures of country life plus the conveniences of city living. A fine system of plumbing and up-to-date hot water heating system has been installed and the house and barn equipped for electric lighting.

The two rooms at the left of the front entrance have been transformed into one large living room with central fireplace and the room finished in attractive paneled wood work. Opening from this through French windows a piazza or outdoor living room has been added with fireplace and brick pillars to match the brick ends of the main house. Every effect has been made to keep the renovations true to the type of architecture of the period in which it was built and the result is most attractive.

This house was built about eighty-five years ago by one Horatio Fletcher, who later sold it to the late Daniel Atwood, who carried on such successful farming with his sons for many years. Later owners of the place have been Abel C. Whittier and O. A. Foster. This farm is noted through the country side for the well-known Nashoba spring.

Forge Village.

Mrs. Lewis Braddon of Tyngsboro has been teaching the lower primary grades in Cameron school during the absence of Miss Eva Pyne.

Miss Sadie Smith leaves for Canton Saturday.

Miss Eva Pyne of Pine Ridge is reported to be improving after her illness.

Miss Bertha Collins is ill at her home with an attack of the grippe.

The evening school session held in Abbot hall by the masters of Groton School for the benefit of the foreign population came to a close on Thursday evening. All the members, both Russians and Polanders, were unable to speak English, much less read and write, and they have all made rapid progress. All can now read and write and can speak quite fluently and the masters are to be congratulated on the results. The masters have kindly and generously, without recompense, given their services since last October and their efforts have been thoroughly appreciated both by the pupils and village people as well.

Miss Marion Blodgett and Miss Elizabeth Spinner have returned from a delightful visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coley of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Coley, who are well known here, leave for a visit to Kidderminister, England, in July.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Naylor are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Eccles of Howarth, England, also Mr. and Mrs. Wademan of Keighley, England, all of whom arrived last Wednesday on the Cunard liner Laconia. Mrs. Eccles, who is sister to Mrs. Naylor, with her husband, will live in Lowell, while Mr. and Mrs. Wademan will reside here for the present.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex on the nineteenth day of June A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
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SHIRLEY.

Center.

Miss Shaw, of Cambridge, spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lane on Lunenburg road.

Miss Pauline Sweetser returned home on last Saturday after a week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler, at Cambridge.

Miss Helen M. Winslow is spending several days this week in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carey, of Fitchburg, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey over Sunday.

Mrs. Steele Mackaye, of Cambridge, is at her cottage on Parker road for a few days.

Mrs. C. C. Lane, of Cambridge, spent Saturday at her summer home on Lunenburg road.

The next regular meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 31, at the home of Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed have recently had an addition built on their summer home on Center road.

The improvements which have been going on under the supervision of Ernest L. Harris, at the recently purchased home of Mrs. Dakin, have reached completion. A large new veranda forty feet in length has been added to the house, beside extensive inside alterations.

Mrs. Carrie Hartwell, of the village, spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mackaye were guests of Mr. Mackaye's mother, Mrs. Steele Mackaye, over Sunday.

Miss Sara A. Dunn, of New York, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wyman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Evans, who have been at the home of Mrs. Eva Holden for several weeks, have returned to the portable saw mill camp at the North.

Miss Alison Winslow is arranging for a series of three dances at the town hall, Shirley Center, for the following dates: June 28, August 29, and September 16. The first will be a "favor dance," the second a masquerade, and the third will have special features. Thayer's orchestra has been engaged for all.

The next meeting of Shirley grange, Tuesday evening, June 3, will be children's night. The program is in the charge of Flora, Mrs. Julia E. Holden. After a short business meeting the public will be admitted and an entertainment consisting of songs, readings, etc., will be given.

The Matrons' Aid society were very pleasantly entertained on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry W. Farrar, at the North.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams are having a fine new piazza added to their home, beside other extensive improvements. Ernest L. Harris, of the village, has charge of the work.

Miss Dora Burnham entertained ten of her girl friends from Revere at a house party at her home at Woodsville over the week-end. The guests were Misses Ruth Smalley, Charlotta M. Taylor, Eleanor Devine, Hazel Cuthbertson, Ruth Keeping, Mildred Harron, Helen O'Connor, Florence Griffin, Thelma Little. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Albert S. Burnham and Mrs. Robert M. English, who was accompanied by her little son Richard.

The third and last of the H. and Y. club dances will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, May 31. The other two in the series were very successful, and it is hoped that this one will be even more so if possible. E. Percival Coleman, of Fitchburg, will furnish the music. Barges will leave the Shirley depot for the Center at 7.30. Refreshments will be served.

Miss Helen M. Winslow leaves on Saturday for a short visit with relatives and friends in Vermont.

Miss Alison B. Winslow injured her back last Saturday and is confined to the house for a few days under the care of a physician. Miss Winslow was unable to go to Newton Sunday to teach her Sunday school class at Hope chapel. This was the last class for the year, as the mission closed on Sunday for the season.

Frank R. Hardon is spending a few days with friends at Woodsville.

The Center Primary and grammar schools held Memorial day exercises on Thursday morning in the town hall. Several members of the Grand Army were present and spoke to the children.

Wesley Weyman, the pianist, who has been abroad all winter, is in England at present. During Mr. Weyman's vacation at Shirley Center this summer, he is to conduct a music school. The young ladies who are to attend the school are having considerable difficulty in finding boarding places for the summer on account of the lack of accommodations.

The children of the Shirley Center school are busy preparing for a three-act operetta, "The enchanted wood." It is to be presented at the town hall, Shirley Center, on Friday evening, June 6, at eight o'clock.

An Enjoyable Affair.

A private dance was held on last Saturday evening in the town hall by the Burnham boarding school girls. The affair was a most enjoyable one, everything possibly being done to make it a success. Music was furnished by Mr. Mudgett and Mrs. Wilson, and refreshments were served. The matrons of the evening were Mrs. Albert S. Burnham, Mrs. Robert M. English and Mrs. Herbert Sweetser. Among those present were Dora Burnham, Ruth Smalley, Charlotta Taylor, Eleanor Devine, Hazel Cuthbertson, Ruth Keeping, Mildred Harron, Helen O'Connor, Florence Griffin, Thelma Little, Priscilla Sweetser, Pauline Sweetser, Stanley Wells, Arthur Annis, Richard Weeks, Harry O. Bangs, Robert H. J. Holden, Leslie Wells, Lester Holden, Augustus l'Ecuyer, William Connors, Earl Merriman, F. R. Hardon.

Surprise Party.

A surprise party was tendered to Miss Ruth M. Graves on last week Thursday evening by a party of friends and fellow grange members, the occasion being her twentieth birthday. A gold ring, set with pearls and rubies, was presented to Miss Graves on behalf of the party by Harry N. Brown, with a few appropriate words. The evening was spent in playing games and in music. Miss Alison B. Winslow and Miss Ora E. Holden gave several selections on the piano. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Carey, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, William Jubb, Mrs. A. A. Adams, Mrs. Carrie Hartwell, Mrs. Eva Holden, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, Ora E. Holden, Ernest Bohanon, Walter Woods, Margaret Longley, Helen Bradford, Carrie Bradford, Priscilla Sweetser, Ethel M. Holden, Alison B. Winslow, Amos Farrar, John Farrar, Harry N. Brown, Elmer Wilkins, William Thompson, Everett Buxton, Mildred Evans, Thomas Evans, Lester Holden, Margaret Evans, Horace Harris, Kenneth Horton.

Death.

Herman S. Hazen, one of the town's most respected citizens, and for many years a faithful servant of the town, passed away on Friday of last week at his home on Parker road. For many months he had been suffering from a long and lingering illness, which made it necessary for him to give up his offices as town clerk and town treasurer at the last election. His death was the result of a general breakdown and heart disease.

Mr. Hazen was born on August 25, 1845, at the house on Hazen road now owned by Henry Ware. His parents were from old and respected families, his father being Joseph Hazen, and his mother, Ann (Longley) Hazen. He received his education in the schools of the town and later attended Appleton academy, from which he graduated. On November 1, 1865, he was married to Elizabeth Ann Chandler, also a member of one of the town's most respected families. One daughter was born to them, who died, however, at the age of ten years, in 1882, leaving them childless. Twenty-five years of their married life was spent at the old Hazen home on Hazen road. They then moved to Ayer, where they lived for three years, afterward returning to Shirley, where they have lived since that time in their home on Parker road.

After graduating from Appleton academy, Mr. Hazen spent twelve years in teaching school in the schools of the town. Since that time he has become well-known as an administrator of estates, in which he has been very successful.

Mr. Hazen's career as a public official has been one of the most varied and extensive in the history of the town. When but twenty-two years of age he began this remarkable career by serving as town clerk for two years. He was a member of the school committee for nine years, being chairman of the committee for the greater part of this time. He served as selectman for many years, being chairman of the board of selectmen also during the majority of his service.

In 1884, he represented the town in the Massachusetts house of representatives, and at the expiration of his term was offered re-election, but would not accept. During a large part of his public service he was a member of the cemetery committee, and was also a prominent member of the republican town committee. For years he had been treasurer of the First Parish church at the Center, and was also identified as trustee of the Baptist church at the village. During the latter part of his life he served ten years more as town clerk, making a total of twelve years of service in this office, and eighteen years as town treasurer. He received no opposition in his elections to these offices and could have been re-elected to them again this year had he not declined nomination on account of his illness.

During the last several years of his life, and at the time of his death, he was a member of the board of trustees of the North Middlesex Savings bank of Ayer. In addition to these offices he served on various smaller committees, as an assessor, and in numerous other public functions at different times during his public life.

Mr. Hazen's main incentive in life was the welfare and service of his town. The appreciation of his honesty and integrity is clearly shown by his unopposed elections to the most prominent and important offices in the town. From the time he was twenty-two years old to the time of his death, a period of forty-five years, he was never out of active town office, excepting for his three years of residence at Ayer. His whole period of service has been marred by no blot or strain; honesty and uprightness have been the predominant features of all of his connections with the town, and his energies have always been bent to the furtherance of the interests of the town, rather than to his own benefit.

He was a kind and loving father and husband, and though saddened by the death of his only daughter Ethel, he has always been a great lover of children. The influence of his honesty and his pure and clean life has been felt by all who have come in contact with him, and the memory of him will remain green for many years to come.

Besides his wife, Mr. Hazen is survived by one sister, Mrs. Martha A. Clark, of Worcester, and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at the home on Parker road, Rev. Mr. Mott, of the Unitarian church at Norton, officiating. The services were very simple, according to Mr. Hazen's wishes. Edward Colburn very beautifully rendered a vocal solo. A large number of friends and relatives from far and near attended the services, and the huge mass of floral offerings betokened the wide-spread esteem for Mr. Hazen. After the services the body was taken to the family lot in the Center cemetery for burial, William E. Barnard, E. J. Stevens, Frederick W. Holden and Howard Fuller acting as bearers.

News Items.

Francis Boucher was tendered a surprise party at his home on last Saturday evening, the occasion being his twenty-ninth birthday. Relatives and friends were present from nearby towns. Refreshments of ice cream and cake was served and the evening most enjoyably spent. Mr. Boucher was the recipient of a number of gifts.

Members of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., and members of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge observed Memorial day last Sunday by attending service at the Universalist church and listening to a fine address by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker. At the close of the service members of both lodges marched to the village cemetery and decorated the graves of deceased members.

Children's day will be observed at the Universalist church on Sunday. A splendid program has been arranged and the service promises to be one of interest and pleasure. New members will also be received at this service.

Mrs. Elnora Christian, of Fitchburg, and Mrs. Alice Christian, of Leominster, spent the first of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pelote.

Mrs. Lizzie Ferry, of Wilkinsville, Mrs. Lawton and Miss Cora Ferris, of Worcester, spent the first of the week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch.

Nelson Holden is confined to his home with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch left town on Thursday to spent Decoration day holidays with relatives in Lewiston, Me.

Mrs. Edmund B. Winterbottom is confined to her home with a critical illness. Mrs. Bliss is assisting in the home.

The C. E. society of the Congregational church will hold a social and entertainment in the church vestry on Monday evening at 7.30. Refreshments will be served and the evening promises to be one of enjoyment for all Endeavorers.

Rev. Williston M. Ford, of St. Andrew's church, Ayer, has rented and occupies the cottage on Harvard road recently vacated by Mrs. Holt. This cottage, which is owned by Thomas L. Hazen, is undergoing extensive repairs and alterations, which will include a bathroom.

The coöperative patriotic entertainment given at Odd Fellows' hall on last week Friday evening was not largely attended. The program, however, was good and much enjoyed. The rainstorm which prevailed during the evening doubtless kept many away who had planned to go. The affair of the evening was under the direction of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R.

John M. Leopold attended the funeral of his mother in Fitchburg on last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Leopold died at her home in Fitchburg on last week Friday morning. She was fifty-four years of age and a native of Germany.

The funeral of Mrs. Carrie M. Ritchie took place on last Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Inez F. Sawyer. Rev. Thomas Goodwin, of Scituate officiated. Mrs. Ritchie, who was sixty-two years of age, died last week Friday morning from the effects of paralysis. Burial was in Groton. Mrs. Ritchie has made her home with Mrs. Sawyer for the past three years.

On Memorial day at ten in the morning, there will be a ball game between the married men and the single men. In the afternoon the Industrial school team will play against the Shirley A. C. team.

Altrurian Meeting.

The Altrurian club held a very spirited adjourned meeting at the club room Tuesday afternoon. A good number were present and business of much importance was attended to. At the close the president, Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, thanked the club for their helpfulness and support throughout the year. Mrs. Nickless then introduced the incoming president, Mrs. Myra E. Ely, who after addressing the club appointed the following committees:

Mrs. Georgia H. Farnsworth, Mrs. Mary C. Park, Mrs. Clara L. Hersom, entertainment; Mrs. Hattie L. Conant, Mrs. Emma S. Horton, Mrs. Althea W. Linderberg, hospitality; Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, civics; Mrs. Minnie L. Allen, Mrs. Jennie S. Knowles, legislature; Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, Mrs. Catherine A. Hooper, health and household economics; Mrs. Ida W. Wolff, Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, Mrs. Mary J. Harlow, music; Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Mrs. Hittie W. Evans, Mrs. Cora F. Wilbur, education; Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, stamp savings; Mrs. Lydia R. Binney, reporter.

Meeting adjourned till October.

Clipping.

The following clipping was taken from the Fitchburg Sentinel of Tuesday, May 27:

In police court this morning, Special Justice Charles H. Blood, presiding, Wilfred Weeks was arraigned on complaints charging him with the larceny of $46 from the Putnam Machine Co., in this city, on May 19, and with the larceny of $8 from the Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., on May 8. He entered pleas of guilty to both complaints and was sentenced to the house of correction for three months, two months for the larceny involving the larger amount and one month for the first offense, committed on May 8. Sentences in both complaints was ordered suspended for one year.

Chief Thayer told the court that the defendant was nineteen years old and the son of a Shirley manufacturer. Telephone messages purporting to come from the senior Mr. Weeks were received by the Putnam Machine Co. and the Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., explaining that a shipment of goods consigned to Shirley had been delivered to Fitchburg by mistake and that a temporary loan was desired to take care of the matter, it being stated that the young man would call for the money. This he did and it was given him, as his father had had many business dealings with both concerns, and was known to be all right. The boy tried the scheme in one other place in Fitchburg, where it failed, and was working the scheme in Boston when his father communicated with Chief Thayer and steps were made to put a stop to the money raising plan as quickly as possible.

The father of the boy took the stand. He testified that the boy was wild, left home frequently without consulting anyone, and was not absolutely under control. The boy had worked for the past few years, made his own living and, as far as his father knew, had never been in trouble. His father expressed his willingness to make restitution in full and thought that a suspended sentence would be the best way to deal with him, hoping its influence might cause him to remain at home and not attempt to put through any more plans for raising cash. He said that he took the matter up with the police himself.

The court agreed that a suspended sentence seemed to be the best solution of the matter and disposed of the complaints as stated above.

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It is decreed that his name be changed, as prayed for, to that of BOWEN BARKER which name he shall hereafter bear, and which shall be his legal name, and that he give public notice of said change by publishing this decree once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, and make return to this Court under oath that such notice has been given.

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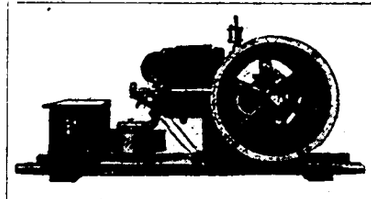

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

The Sunbonnet club was entertained at dinner on Friday of last week by Mrs. Alice Parker at Inncroft, her summer home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haley, of Cambridge, Mass., were visitors in town on Friday of last week.

George Dodge has sold his farm to Stanley Abbott, of Wilton.

The Loyal Workers were royally entertained by Mrs. Frank Barber at her cosey home on the "hill" on last week Wednesday. A good number responded to the cordial invitation and many more would have been there had there been conveyance. The guest of the afternoon was Miss Gertrude Abbott, of Stanstead Plains, Canada, who added much to the enjoyment of all present. The hostess served all with an appetizing lunch of wafers and whipped cream dainties. Mrs. Jennie Boutelle has invited the Workers to enjoy the afternoon of June 4 at her pleasant home.

The Methodist church acknowledges the gift of a nice parlor organ from the late Mrs. Sarah (Betterley) Crossman, late of Shirley, Mass.

Eldorus Fessenden has been suffering with his throat and nose, caused by having his nose broken while coasting when a child. He has received hospital treatment and is improving.

John Dobson and daughter Helen of Townsend were at the home of Harry Campbell and entertained at dinner on last Sunday. Mrs. Sarah Colburn returned to Townsend with them in the afternoon for a visit of a few days.

The tonsilitis cases are all well and no new ones have been reported.

Mrs. Bell (Kendall) Sawyer, of Sterling, Mass., was the guest last week of her brother, George Kendall, and family.

Rev. James N. Seaver, of Hillsboro, recently of this town, submitted to a very serious operation at a Cambridge hospital last week. His Brookline friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Joseph Silver is building the stone wall between the town house and the land of Herbert Corey.

Elbert Baldwin has a position on the police force at Spokane, Wash.

Arthur Jackson, of this town, who was injured by having his hip crushed last week at a quarry at Milford, was taken to the hospital at Grasmere a short time ago.

The Astor house at New York city, where Alfred J. Cox has been employed for several years as clerk, has been sold and will be removed to make way for the subway in that city.

Death.

P. Warren Gould passed away on Friday morning of last week at his home on Mason street. Mr. Gould was born in this town and was seventy-eight years of age. He was a veteran of the civil war, enlisting at Groton, Mass., in 1861, in the 16th Massachusetts Infantry. He went to the front and was in several engagements, being wounded in the knee at Chancellorsville. After returning from the war he was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Fessenden, of this town. They removed to Boston, and for eight years Mr. Gould held a position in the custom house, where his health seemed to be failing, and he remarked that he wished to spend his last years in his home town.

Fourteen months ago they purchased the home of the late Frank Jenness, and he, with Mrs. Gould, came here to live and they have enjoyed every moment since leaving the city, and the community feel saddened to think he could not have enjoyed a few years more of life. About four weeks ago he was obliged to give up and take his bed. Tenderly cared for by the good wife, and all that medical aid could do, the devoted husband and father, kind neighbor and friend, was mustered out to join his old comrades in the army above. He was a member of Thomas G. Stephenson Post, G. A. R., of Roxbury.

Beside the widow, one son, Edward Gould, of Boston, three grandchildren and two aged sisters, Mrs. Fernando Shattuck, of this town, and Mrs. James Edson, of Leominster, survive. The family have the sympathy of a large circle of neighbors and friends.

Funeral services took place at the late home on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. C. H. Dockrell, of the M. E. church, and Rev. W. L. Noyes, of the Congregational church having charge of the services, Mr. Dockrell giving the eulogy. The vocal selections sweetly rendered by Mrs. Jennie Boutelle, were "Go bury thy sorrow" and "Good night." A profusion of beautiful flowers were in evidence of the love and esteem of many relatives and friends, among them being a pillow from the widow.

James Fessenden, David Fessenden, Linville Shattuck and Eldorus Shattuck, all relatives, tenderly laid him to rest in the family lot at the South cemetery. Those attending from out-of-town were Mrs. Annie Bryant, Manchester; Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce, Mrs. Lucretia Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck, Pepperell; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ross, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; James Fessenden, Newton, Mass.; Mrs. Mary Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barber, Mrs. Frank Barber, Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall, Townsend hill; Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Edson, Leominster, Mass.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

On last Sunday forenoon, Memorial Sunday was observed by special services at the church. The few remaining members of the John H. Worcester G. A. R., and Charles H. Farley S. of V., and W. R. C. were out and occupied the pews in the center of the church. The church was decorated with flags and flowers. Rev. R. M. Pounder, of the seminary at Cambridge, Mass., gave a fine sermon to them, Among other things he repeated Lincoln's address at Gettysburg. The soldiers were well pleased with the service. The G. A. R., S. of V., and W. R. C. will hold the usual services at the cemeteries and town hall on Friday. The oration will be given by Perley D. Smith, of Lawrence, Mass.

All the schools in town held the annual Memorial day services at the town hall on Thursday afternoon.

Guest Night.

The Hollis Woman's club observed its annual guest night on Wednesday evening, May 21, by a most delightful house party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis C. Hardy on the Nashua road. Mrs. Hardy invited the club in February to hold its guest night with her. It proved to be one of the most enjoyable social events of the club. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy are well-known to be the very best of hosts. The weather was slightly misty, although the storm of last week had scarcely commenced. The entertainment committee presented the farce "A proposal under difficulties," on the porch. The cast included Miss Emma Van Dyke, Miss Minnie Bancroft, Mrs. Bessie McInnes and Miss Louise Stratton. The guests enjoyed it very much and it was excellently presented, and at its conclusion refreshments were served. The spacious door-yard was illuminated with numbers of golden globes. The club has often enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy and this occasion was like all the others—a most enjoyable one.

Current Events.

Mrs. Mary Locke and grandson, Alan Ord, spent the week-end in Waltham, Mass., with Mrs. Daniel Ord and relatives.

Rev. Darius Scott, D. D., was in town on last week Thursday to attend the funeral of Miss Elizabeth Fletcher.

John L. Woods, who was quite badly injured a short time ago, has been on the gain and was able to get out of doors the first of the week.

Mrs. Frank Twiss went to Nashua the past week to undergo another operation on her eyes. This operation is said to be not so serious as the first one was.

Lena E. Ladd, who has been working in Manchester of late, is finishing her work there this week and will then enter upon her new work at Concord.

Mrs. Walter A. Lund, who has been visiting at William H. Lund's, was taken quite ill last week and threatened with appendicitis. She was better at last reports.

The parsonage and grounds have been receiving attention the past week, getting them ready for occupancy of the new minister, who is expected this week.

William T. MacMaster was in Winchester, Mass., on last week Friday on business.

A new piazza is being added to the home of William Canavan which will extend across the entire front.

Mrs. C. Fred Mead has been spending a few days with Miss Bertha M. Hayden.

Mrs. George L. Lund is seriously ill at her home on the Worcester's mill road.

Mrs. LeRoy Peacock, of Nashua, has been in town caring for Mrs. Geo. L. Lund.

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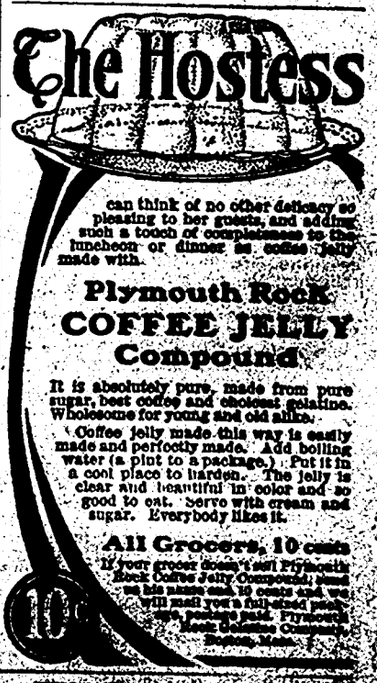

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Saturday, May 31, 1913.

PEPPERELL.

Current Events.

The bandstand is being put in repair for Memorial day. A new roof, new underpinning and a coat of paint make quite an improvement.

Station Agent Harris returned on last Saturday from Rangeley. He reports good sport and a fine time.

Mrs. I. W. Margeson returned to her home on Hollis street on Friday after spending the week with relatives around Boston.

Mrs. E. E. Duncklee, of Ayer, was a visitor in town on Monday at the home of Mrs. George Pierce.

Wendell Lovejoy has been in Worcester recently working with an electrician.

The Ladies' Aid society, through the kindness of A. A. Tarbell, and the energy of Mrs. Kate Dunlap, held a very successful sale of food on Friday afternoon of last week in spite of the rain.

Mrs. A. A. Blood, of Gardner, is in town and attended the Alpha Past Grand meeting last week at Ayer, in company with Mrs. Warren Blood and Mrs. L. G. Robbins.

Seventeen of the girls of the Pepperell high school drove to Groton in Durant's big barges last week to witness the ball game between the Groton and Pepperell teams, and add to the enthusiasm of the game.

Dr. Nelson Woods made a week-end visit at his home at Springfield, going by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Carrow have purchased a farm in Mt. Vernon, N. H., and will soon remove there. They have made many friends in town who will be sorry to miss them.

A. A. Gilson, of Shirley street, recently sustained a loss by the death of his faithful old white horse, whom he had used about the farm for many years. The animal was twenty-three years old.

Mrs. Laura Herrig Kelley was a visitor in town over Sunday and assisted, with her violin, at the Memorial services held at the Methodist church. Mrs. O. M. Nash presided at the organ in her old-time able manner. Mr. Nash and Mrs. Elsie Copp rendered a duet and also assisted the choir in the other anthems and hymns.

Miss Annie Allen is reported at time of writing as slightly more comfortable. She was taken to the Kilbourn hospital at Groton on Friday of last week. Her brother, John Allen, came from Boston on Sunday with a specialist, and it was decided not to attempt a second operation, which it was feared might be necessary.

W. F. Dennen, with his family and mother, it is understood, will soon abandon the old home place they have occupied for some years on Park street, and move into the tenement house recently vacated by Mr. Savage on the farm which he carried on for C. A. Dennen on Hollis street. Their old neighbors and friends regret the circumstances which make this move necessary.

William W. Dole recently took a most enjoyable trip. Starting on the early train last Monday, he trolleyed from Ayer to Fall River. During the week he made shorter trips, calling on many friends through the southern part of the state, and returned to his home on Oak hill on Friday.

John Allen and Mrs. Collins, of Natick, are at the home of their mother, Mrs. Margaret Allen, of Mill street, and visit their sister, Annie Allen, who is ill at the Groton hospital, every day.

Miss Ada Whitney went into Boston on the early morning train on Wednesday to enable her to attend the funeral services of a brother of the late Fayette Bicknell, at Malden, Delphine Bicknell, who passed away on Monday.

Mrs. Charles Bemis is convalescent after an attack of tonsilitis.

Lyman Robbins will go to Centre Conway, N. H., to spend Decoration day and Sunday, unless Mrs. Robbins is able to make plans to return here. She has been away some weeks, assisting in caring for an aunt during a protracted illness.

Bartolomeo, the fruit man, after his adjustment with the insurance company, has moved some of his goods into the store occupied by the tailor in the Tarbell block, which was not so badly damaged by the recent fire as the one he occupied. He is continuing his trade from the fruit wagon.

The new auto truck for use by the Nashua River Paper Corporation arrived on Wednesday afternoon.

Joseph Lawrence celebrated his seventy-seventh birthday on Monday at his home on Nashua street. He received many pleasant remembrances from relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ernest Bartlett and little daughter, from Dorchester, are visiting at her former home on River street.

The engagement of Miss Beatrice Wallace, of this town, to Edward Duffey, formerly of Putnam, Conn., is announced.

There will be a meeting of the Pepperell high school alumni at the home of Walter Reed, Main street, on Saturday evening, May 31, to arrange for the senior class reception.

News Items.

The W. C. T. U. will give the annual reception to elderly people on Wednesday afternoon, June 4, from two to six o'clock in the Orthodox church vestry. Supper at five o'clock. All who have reached the age of seventy and upward are most cordially invited. Conveyance will be furnished those who inform some member of the Union. Flowers and food solicited.

The large number of D. A. R. members at memorial services in the Methodist church on last Sunday shows a growing interest in patriotism, and we rejoice so much respect is shown the "Boys in Blue," of our G. A. R. post. Charles Allen Parker was present with the D. A. R. as a representative of the S. A. R., and who is also a brother of Thomas A. Parker, who died in Libby prison, an honored citizen and noble patriot, deeply honored by the post which bears his name.

A touching sight was the memorial service of the children of the Unitarian Sunday school who held their annual exercises at the grave of the beloved pastor and chaplain of the Old Sixth Regiment, Rev. Dr. Charles Babbidge.

Adolph Heber, of Hollingsworth, Groton, has bought the Alfred Burkinshaw place and takes possession on June 1. This is the place where Mr. Servey recently died on Heald street.

The attendance of Miss Willey to the Amherst college course has saved the town about thirty dollars, as she there was instructed how to repair certain damages that are sure to come in use of books at the public library.

Mr. Quackenbush and family leave on May 29, for Canada. He has been employed on the Boston and Maine railroad.

The Ladies' Social circle will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. James E. Dunn on Thursday, June 5, from three to five p. m.

Percy Benedict, of Groton, and Leon Whitcomb, of Sawtelle street, have a contract at Short Falls, N. H., that is estimated will take a couple of years to complete. They are sawing lumber into match stock for a match manufacturer.

A few days ago, Mrs. Alfred Lawrence, Mrs. Alfred Boynton and Mrs. Sarah Lamb were together walking on Main street, apparently very happy. Their united age is no less than 252 years, and they had every reason to be happy.

The announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Edith W. Mason to Joseph C. Danfefreau.

There will be a meeting of the Pepperell Farmers' and Mechanics' club on Monday evening, June 2, at eight o'clock. A good attendance is requested.

Fred Avery and little daughter Elizabeth spent Monday with Mrs. Susan Richardson of High street.

The garbage or refuse barrels have been put in place at Pepperell Center.

Wardell Parker has been employed by Mr. Baker, of Keyes hill.

At the first meeting of the new executive board of the Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., on May 22, Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck was re-elected parliamentarian, Miss Jordan re-appointed chaplain and Miss Merrill historian for the ensuing year. Plans were discussed for the anticipated visit of the Bunker Hill chapter of Charlestown, on June 17, and a vote was taken to have the chapter house flag pole painted and new halyards attached. Twenty-two members of the chapter attended the services at the M. E. church with the Grand Army post on Memorial Sunday.

Miss Bessie M. Farley is home from Lowell for a vacation.

Mrs. D. E. Weston and Mrs. W. A. Kemp spent Tuesday in Lowell.

Methodist Notes.

"Not ashamed of the gospel" will be the subject at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. At seven in the evening, Rev. P. R. Stratton will speak upon the words "Whose image and superscription is this?" Studies in the spiritual life every Sunday from twelve to one o'clock. The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at six o'clock. Subject, "The cross of Jesus." Leader, Miss Alice Marshall.

The prayer service for intense cultivation will be held on Tuesday evening at 7.30. The study hour for Sunday school teachers and workers comes at 8.30.

The business meeting of the Epworth league will be held at the parsonage on Friday evening, June 6, at 7.45 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the finance committee next Monday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

Wedding.

Miss Anna L. Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Kelley, of Lynn, was married Monday in that city to John J. O'Connor, a construction engineer at the Portsmouth plant of the General Electric company.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. Timothy J. Curtin in the parochial residence of St. Mary's church. The bride was attended by Miss Helen Gately of West Newton, a former classmate at Wellesley, while her sister, Miss Dorothy Kelley, was maid of honor. Dr. Frederick MacGrail of Pepperell, a classmate of the bridegroom at Dartmouth, was best man. There was a reception at the summer home of the bride's parents on Willow road, Nahant.

NOTICE—Commencing on June 5, and until August 28, the undersigned will close their places of business on Thursdays at noon: A. F. Parker, P. J. Hayes, A. A. Lawrence, Lane Bros., Whipple & Tower, M. J. Mault, L. D. & I. Woods, W. H. Mansfield, J. C. Duprey, Amos Grenier, A. H. Gilbert, R. Blais, C. H. Swasey, W. A. Kemp, Lyman Kenney, Attridge Bros., A. J. Saunders & Son, C. H. Beaulieu, A. D. Mahony, D. E. Weston, A. A. Tarbell.

Center.

The regular meeting of the Warren Veteran Firemen association will be held on Tuesday evening, June 3, in the hall of Engine Company No. 1. A good attendance is requested, as invitations to several musters will be acted upon.

The Pepperell Military band will give a concert in the bandstand on Main street on Memorial day evening, and later will conduct a social dance in Tarbell's Opera house with the Pepperell Musical club orchestra supplying the music, ten pieces.

Mrs. Albert Pelton, of Hovey's Corner visited friends in Haverhill this past week.

Fred Mills has opened his home on Oak hill, again and is going to stay in town after spending some time in and about New York.

The Townsend Harbor Dramatic club will present the farce "Down East" in Prescott hall on Friday evening, June 6, for the benefit of the Pepperell Military band. The Pepperell band will furnish music during the evening. Following the farce dancing will be held from 10.30 until one o'clock. The cast of this farce is going to be the same people who presented the same so well in Memorial hall, Townsend, a few weeks ago.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Alfred C. Fuller, of Belmont, opened his summer home on Oak hill this week for the summer season. The Pettingill house, also owned by the Fullers, is being repaired. Carpenters and painters are giving it a thorough overhauling preparatory to occupancy this season.

Miss Lillian Hazelton, of Winchendon, is visiting this week with her cousins at Irving E. Morse's.

Miss Shea, of Charlestown, was a guest over Sunday at the home of Mrs. James Ford on West Bare hill.

In conjunction with the degree work at the grange on Tuesday evening of next week, the district deputy will be present on his annual tour of inspection. The harvest supper will be arranged for by the feast committee.

Wallace Williams has moved with his family from Ayer into the Hayden house in old mill district. Mr. Williams is employed with Abel Willard.

The regular meeting of the King's Daughters will be held at the church parlor on Friday afternoon, June 6, at 2.30 o'clock.

Preparations are going forward toward making the strawberry festival in June at the Pollard homestead of special interest to residents of Harvard and the adjoining towns. It has been decided to give the entertainment both afternoon and evening, and arrangements will be made for the parking of automobiles of out-of-town visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Atherton, of Boston, are considering plans to occupy the brick house at Tahanto farm for the summer season.

Westward cottage, on the estate of the Misses Cushman, Oak hill, opened this week for the summer. The occupants are Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Perkins, with their families from Boston.

Mrs. M. G. Hildreth, of Cambridge, opened her house here for a few days this week.

Miss Mary Norwell and Miss Jane Blood, proprietors of the Mary Jane tea shop, are in town this week making plans for the opening of the tea shop next month. They have engaged rooms for the season with Mrs. A. F. Haskell.

Mrs. O. A. Fairbanks on Lovers' Lane gave a party to the friends of her daughter, Miss Emeline Fairbanks, on Wednesday, the event being the seventh anniversary of her birthday. Those present were Misses Nancy and Miriam Harlow, Fred and Adelaide Watson, Phœbe Anderson, and Masters Kenneth Hapgood, Kenneth and Winslow West. Cakes, candies and ice cream were served during the afternoon and the youngsters played games and enjoyed themselves generally.

A whist party will be given for the benefit of the Bromfield alumni in the town hall on Tuesday evening, June 10. Refreshments served. Tickets may be obtained of A. H. Bigelow, W. J. Kerley, Helen Dickson and Eleanor Haskell from June 2, till June 9, at noon.

The meeting of the grange to be held on Tuesday evening, June 3, will be opened promptly at 7.30 o'clock.

Congregational Notes.

There was a very good representation from the Congregational church in attendance at the memorial service in Still River on last Sunday morning. Those who went were well repaid by the stirring sermon preached by the pastor, Rev. L. H. Morse, who vividly portrayed present day opportunities for loyalty and patriotism.

The illustrated missionary lecture given last Sunday evening at the Congregational church proved to be of more than usual interest owing to the strong appeal of the subject and the high quality of the pictures shown. In response to inquiry, it may be said that the next missionary lecture will be given on Sunday evening, June 22.

The subject of the pastor's discourse on Sunday morning, June 1, at the Congregational church will be "Limits." The Sunday morning bible school will meet directly after the preaching service and a portion of the session will be devoted to musical preparation for children's day. The C. E. prayer meeting at 7.30 o'clock will discuss the topic "The ideal christian—his bible study."

The strawberry festival, which has already been referred to in these columns as being in course of preparation by the ladies of the Benevolent society of the Congregational church, is to be held on the estate of George F. Pollard on Thursday, June 19. This affair might almost better be called by some other name, as strawberries will be but one of many tempting features. Other seasonable delicacies will be on sale, including college ices and cooling summer beverages, and there will also be a sale able for the disposal of articles that appeal to the artistic feminine eye. The entertainment, as suggested last week, is to be something unique, but that is another story and may be touched upon at another time.

Still River.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Baptist church have recently installed electric lights in the church and vestry, and have thereby incurred quite a debt. They have been for several months getting ready for a sale, and hope to clear the debt at that time. The sale will be held at the vestry on Thursday afternoon, June 5, at 3.30 o'clock. There will be domestic, fancy, bag, candy and ice cream tables. Supper will be served from 5.30 to 7.30 o'clock, followed by a "unique auction sale." The society manages to meet about all the extra expenses of the church and are always ready to take up any needed work and everybody is glad to take hold and help them out. They look for a grand rally to help them clear their debt at this time.

Mrs. Fairchild has a sister from Chicago visiting her.

Mrs. Baxter, of New York, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. H. Morse.

Mrs. Maud Currier, formerly Mrs. Edward Atherton, of Worcester, was the guest of Mrs. Adeliza Turner on Sunday.

Miss Emma Butterfield, of Ayer, is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stone.

On last Sunday a good number from the Harvard churches united with the Still River church for memorial services. Rev. H. B. Mason, pastor of the Congregational church, read the scripture and offered prayer, Rev. L. H. Morse gave the sermon and a quartet sang an anthem. The church was decorated with flowering dog wood, and the pulpit was draped with a large flag.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson, of Providence, will spend Decoration day holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles. Mr. Simpson is a brother of Mrs. Knowles.

Mrs. Carrie R. Bruce has returned again to her position in Boston. Miss Perkins, who has been at the Sawyer home for some months past, also returned to her home.

The application for a pardon of George P. Hewes was presented to the governor's council on Tuesday. The application was signed by all the jurors and recommended by the district attorney. The pardon committee voted unanimously to grant the pardon.

The King's Daughters met with Miss Lena Fuller Monday evening at her home with Mrs. Binney. The hostess served refreshments and the evening was most delightfully spent.

Willie Connors of Boston spent the week-end at home with his mother.

John and Miss Alice Flynn spent Decoration day holidays at the home of their brother, P. J. Flynn, of Allston. John Flynn attended the opening of the colossal amusement building at Revere beach Thursday evening of which P. J. Flynn is treasurer.

Miss L. Etta Green's recital at Ayer Tuesday evening in the vestry of the Unitarian church was a decidedly pleasing and successful affair. Miss Green's Shirley pupils who attended and took part were Miss Gladys Phelps, Miss Hazel Ballou, Miss Mildred Hart and Miss Kathleen Miner.

Mrs. Charles M. Petersen is confined to her home with rheumatic fever.

C. F. Edgarton has erected a fine monument in his burial lot in the Village cemetery.

John H. Will arrived from the Massachusetts General hospital, Thursday. During his convalescing period he will be attended by Dr. T. E. Lilly.

Memorial Exercises.

Memorial day school exercises were held by the primary and intermediate grades Thursday afternoon at 1.30, under the direction of the following teachers: Miss Lura White, Miss Julia F. Rynn and Miss Marion E. Fowle. The following program was given:

Flag salute; flag song, 3d, 4th, 5th and sixth grades; concert recitation, "Cover them over," fifth and sixth grades; recitations, "Our offering for the soldiers," Edith Eisner; "Memorial day," Clarence Hooper; "The schoolhouse flag," Donald Campbell; "Memory day," Moody Parker and Richard Holden; song, "Flag of our native land," fifth and sixth grades; exercise, "Memorial day," third and fourth grades; "The young patriot," Earle Pomfret; "Let little hands," Doris Knowles; "Red white and blue," intermediate school; "Bring your loving thoughts," Clara Hersom; "Tho' I am a little girl," Olive Evans; song, "Bonny flag," primary first and second grades; recitations, "Our country," Everett Barnard; Millie Parker; "The soldier," Norman Farmer; "The pine and the palm," Mildred Badstubner and Dorothy Jubb; song, third and fourth grades; recitations, "Our flag," Albert Dearden; "A daisy's mission," Ruth Lynch; "My country's flag," Bruno Malski; song, "Scatter flowers," Frances Hersom; recitations, "The G. A. R." Fred Will; Richard Lilly; "Driving home the cows," Chas. Gordon; exercise, "The canteen," Chas. Penseau and Lewis Graham; recitation, "Our soldiers," Freddie Lynch; song, "Memorial day," Ralph Hersom; song, fifth and sixth grades.

Annual Meeting.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church held its annual meeting Wednesday afternoon in the vestry of the church. The president, Mrs. Alice L. Wright presided. Mrs. Martha J. Conant, secretary and treasurer, submitted her yearly report, which was accepted. It was voted to send a barrel of clothing to Mond Bayou, Mississipi. The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: Mrs. Alice L. Wright, pres.; Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, vice-pres.; Mrs. Marhta J. Conant, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Richard Pomfret, Mrs. Margaret J. Brockelman, Mrs. Ruth Phelps, Mrs. Catherine Hooper, Mrs. Rena Eisner, Miss Altie Howe, directors; Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, parsonage committee; Mrs. Louise Butler, missionary committee; Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Miss Mary A. Park, printing committee.

The following program of entertainment was rendered: Song, Ladies' circle; song, six young ladies, consisting of the Misses Alice Horton, Gladys Annis, Virginia McElroy, Sarah Stevenson and Cora James, piano accompaniment by Mrs. Bessie Collyer; reading of scripture, Mrs. Louise Butler; missionary story, Miss Altie F. Howe; reading of poem, Mrs. Annie Brockelman. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and tea were served. A rising vote of thanks was unanimously given the president, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, by the twenty-four circle members and the ten invited guests present.

The Misses Rheta Lenox and Blanche Wells played the role of servers during the social hour. The meeting then adjourned to meet again next September.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Miss Ruth Harrington was very pleasantly surprised at her home on Saturday evening by eighteen of her friends, former schoolmates and fellow graduates, who came together to assist in celebrating her birthday. Ice cream and cake were served, and Hoyt Barter, wishing her many happy returns of the day and all other good things in the name of the company assembled, presented her with a beautiful gold ring set with an emerald.

The Woman's club will hold its next regular semi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. C. P. Dickenson; on the Northfield road on Friday afternoon, June 6. The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. A. J. Covell, of Fitchburg, who will tell something of her travels and experiences in quaint old Holland. A rare treat is anticipated for all who make an effort to attend.

Grover C. Barney is one of the latest in town to join the ranks of automobilists, he having recently become a purchaser of one.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Augustus Taylor will be glad to know that she is at her home again after a successful operation and three-weeks' treatment in Burbank hospital. She now has a fair prospect of better health for the future than she has had for several years in the past.

Memorial Sunday Service.

A large congregation attended the union memorial services at the Methodist church on last Sunday morning. The church was very prettily decorated with flags, bunting, and potted plants and flowers; the pulpit, organ and choir rail draped with the national colors. Nine of the resident veterans in town entered the church, escorted by the Daughters of Veterans, preceded by the color bearers, who remained standing while the veterans took their seats, then placing their flags on either side of the pulpit, took their seats with others of the D. of V. The organist, Mrs. Minnie Whitcomb, rendered music "sweet and low" as the procession entered, then came the voluntary, after which all united with the choir in singing "Onward christian soldiers."

Rev. Robert A. Bryant, pastor of the Congregational church, offered prayer and read the scripture lesson. The choir sang "The flag they loved so well," a beautiful selection. Rev. Alfred Noon, himself a veteran of the civil war, then delivered an earnest, eloquent address, the keynote of which was "honor and loyalty," the speaker claiming that these two qualities were manifested in a greater degree during the civil war than in any other, and, as the war progressed, sympathy and kindness particularly toward prisoners taken developed, especially on the Union side, and in nearly every instance hostilities were conducted honorably.

Wages were small and hardtack was not always plentiful nor of the best quality, but there was very little if any murmuring among the soldiers, thus proving their loyalty. A conflict is constantly going on between the forces of evil and the powers that make for righteousness, and in this conflict every man, woman and child should engage, by helpfully ministering to every one with whom they are associated, thus exemplifying the principles of honor. Be loyal to your town, to your state, to your nation and to the divine leader and the institutions he has founded. Rev. Robert Bryant pronounced the benediction.

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