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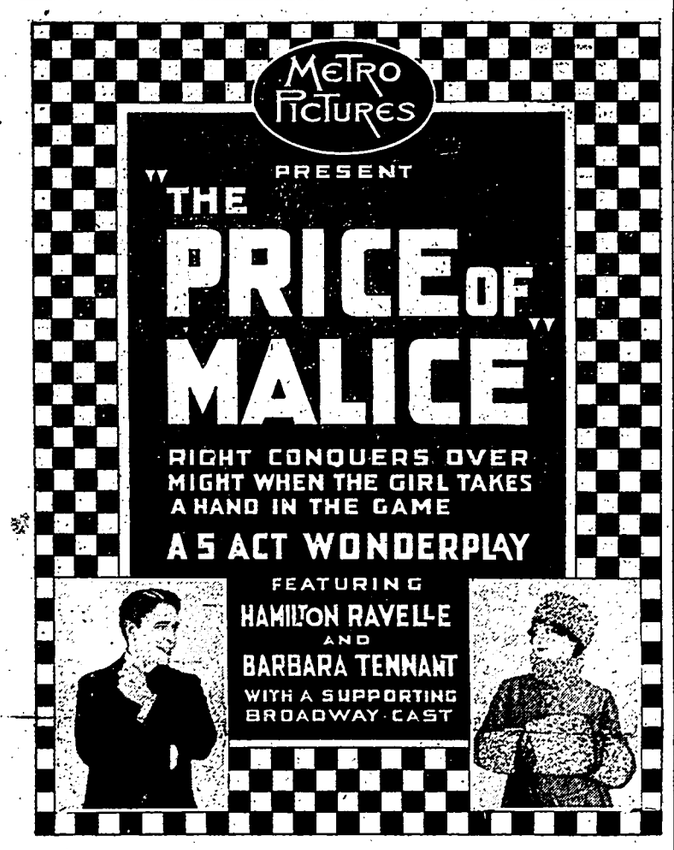

PAGE HALL THEATRE - AYER

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 22

PEPPERELL

News Items.

Mrs. Raymond Maxwell and daughter Marjorie, and Mrs. William Deware returned home from New Brunswick, where they were called by the death of their father, on Thursday.

A daughter was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Winch on Thursday morning.

Clarence Webster, of Revere, and Leslie Jay, from Cliftondale, are at the home of P. J. McDonald, coming Wednesday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Arthur Shattuck on Monday.

Miss Katharyn Thayer returned home Wednesday from Rye Beach, N. H., where she went Saturday with her two nieces, taking them back to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thayer, who have a cottage at that resort.

The death of Mrs. Patrick McGrath occurred on Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Deglan Allen, Williams street. She was ninety years of age, and a native of Ireland, coming to this country about forty years ago. Besides the daughter above mentioned she leaves a son, Michael McGrath, of this town. Services were held at St. Joseph's church on Thursday morning, Rev. W. J. Barry officiating at solemn high mass of requiem. Burial was in Ayer.

The marriage of Miss Lillian Frost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Frost, of this town, to John Victor Rodier, also of this town, occurred at St. Joseph's parsonage by Rev. W. J. Barry. The bridal couple will reside on Cross street in the tenement of J. A. Frossard after a brief trip.

L. G. Robbins was taken ill at his insurance office on Wednesday afternoon and conveyed to his home on High street by the physician who was summoned. The acute attack, which was pronounced cholera morbus, yielded to treatment, but other complications will confine him to his home for a few days.

Dr. E. L. Hill was in town Wednesday for a brief visit with Mrs. Hill and their three children who are at the bungalow for the summer and possibly longer, if there is any more danger from infantile paralysis in Millis or nearby. Mrs. Hill has this week been entertaining Mrs. Frank Gould and daughter from Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. T. Carlysle Kelley from Somerville are expected for the week-end.

Arthur Tower spent Wednesday afternoon at his home in town, it being a half-holiday at the Memorial hospital, Nashua, for him.

Marshall Meriam and daughter motored to Boston Wednesday and were accompanied on their return by Miss Kate and Julia Gage from Roxbury.

Mrs. Catherine Pierce went to Sutton on Thursday to visit an old-time friend, Mrs. Elizabeth Balcom.

The entertainment which was in preparation to be given by the Pennemaquan Camp-fire girls on Friday, July 28, has been postponed, as other events are to occur on this date.

Miss Hattie Kendall is visiting at Gardner, going on Thursday.

Mrs. F. A. Davis entertained her sister, Mrs. Albert Richardson, and son Kenneth of Beverly over the week-end. Mrs. Richardson returned home on Monday, leaving the little boy for a longer visit.

William Hanna and family recently moved from Cottage to Mill street. He finished working at the Nashua River Paper Mill on Saturday and is now employed at Clinton.

The double tenement house of Mrs. Helen Pike on Main street is receiving a fresh coat of paint. It is to be changed from the light brown color, which has been the same for years, to white. Charles M. Bolles has the contract.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rivers were called to Cushing, Me., Monday, by the sad intelligence of the death of his mother, Mrs. Thomas Rivers. Ernest Melendy also went, his wife, the daughter of Mrs. Rivers, having been there for some time past.

Miss Nellie Errington is moving her goods from the Jewett tenement on Main street, which she has occupied for some time. At present she is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Errington.

The Pennemaquan Camp-fire circle held the July council fire at the Methodist vestry on Friday of last week. It was somewhat expected that a neighboring camp-fire circle would be their guests and the room was prettily arranged with rugs and easy chairs, in anticipation of their coming. Regrets were received, however, by the late afternoon mail. Refreshments of ice cream and wafers and cake were enjoyed by the circle.

Mrs. Thomas Reaveley, who visited her relatives here recently, went from here to join her husband in Springfield. After a short visit there and in Holyoke, their former home, they went to Bennington, N. H., where they are still enjoying camp-life, about two miles away from the town, with Mr. Reaveley's relatives.

James Carrigan and Allan Hawlett of Boston, members of the 6th regt, at Framingham, which was not called out for active duty, hve been visiting friends in town the past week.

The East Village Social club will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. Herbert Raymond on Wednesday afternoon, July 26. It will be an out-of-door meeting, if the weather is favorable, with a miscellaneous program.

Willis Bosworth and wife and two children of Brockton arrived Saturday for a week's stay at the home of his uncle, A. H. Raymond, Hollis street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sullivan and their three daughters, Misses Margaret, Florence and Grace, came to Maplelawn farm from Somerville on Sunday by auto. Mr. Sullivan returned on Monday, his family remaining for a few weeks, during which time he will come up for week-end visits.

At a meeting of the Ladies' society held at the Methodist vestry on Wednesday afternoon it was voted to install an electric lighting system in the parsonage. It was also voted to adjourn until the last week in August.

Mrs. H. G. Jordan went to Boston Monday to visit relatives in that vicinity for a few days for a needed rest and change.

Grange Notes.

The regular meeting of Prescott Grange was held on Friday evening of last week with a good attendance. A paper of unusual interest had been prepared and was read by Miss Gertrude Dane on "The national parks of the United States." She gave fine descriptions of Yellowstone Park; of the reservation on Mt. Ranier, near Seattle, with its glaciers; of the Grand Canyon, Arizona; the reservation near New Mexico, containing the old cliff-dwellers' palace of 5000 rooms; of the Montana Glacial Park, and the Yosemite big tree reservation. The paper showed excellent research and powers of description, making it well worth hearing. Mrs. Amy Shattuck gave a humorous reading to add variety and several Grange songs completed the program.

The next meeting will be on July 28, and the program will be announced later.

On Wednesday evening, July 26, Prescott Grange neighbors with the Grange in Ayer. The entertainment will be given by Prescott Grange and will include musical selections and a farce by four characters, entitled "Rubber boots." Arrangements will be made with E. S. Durant for transportation, and any member desiring same is requested to notify the committee, E. M. Stewart, as early in the week as possible. Members will meet at the foot of Chase hill, corner of Main and River streets, at 6.45.

Merchants' Band Concert.

Some of the enterprising traders, with F. H. Quimby as prime mover, arranged a merchants' open-air concert in Railroad square on Wednesday evening, and one of the biggest crowds of the season gathered. Chief Smith, with his assistants, proved his proficiency in handling the vehicles and people. The autos were parked by the track and the sides of the street, and traffic through the square was kept open and everything was orderly. The band was stationed on the piazza of the New Prescott hotel by courtesy of the proprietor, T. F. Graham, and rendered selections until about ten o'clock, when many of those assembled adjourned to the Opera House for a dance. Thayer's orchestra, two pieces, furnished good music. The clerks at Quimby's pharmacy were kept busy with ice cream orders. They say trade was good, and the crowd say the ice cream was also. Everybody seemed satisfied with the experiment, which is likely to be repeated.

Electrocuted.

Harry J. Jelley, the electrician at the Nashua River Paper mill, was electrocuted at his room at the mill this week Friday morning at two o'clock. The wind had caused a short circuit and because of the difficulty with the lights he was called from his home, and within five minutes after entering the mill he was dead, the wire having touched his wrist. He was seen to fall and a physician was immediately summoned, the body being removed from the danger point. The physician stated that he had met with death instantly, as the body had received the entire voltage of the mill. Dr. Bulkeley, medical examiner, of Ayer, was summoned and the body removed to Mahoney's undertaking rooms. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jelley, of Nashua, were notified and arrived by auto, and arrangements were made to have the body conveyed to Nashua this Friday afternoon. He leaves a wife and three young children.

Small Blaze.

An alarm for fire was sounded from box 27 at Railroad square shortly before noon on Thursday. It was found to be occasioned by a blaze in a small storehouse belonging to W. A. Drummey on Hotel place. The quick work of two clerks, Elwood Sanders, from Quimby's pharmacy, and Roscoe Hayes, from the store of his father, both of whom had extinguishers, no doubt saved the situation, as they kept the flames from breaking out until the arrival of the fire company. The contents of the building, consisting of tobacco, cigars, confectionery and a small quantity of papers was badly damaged by the water. Mr. Drummey states that his goods were partially insured, no adjustment having yet been effected. It is thought the fire may have originated from a small quantity of matches which were stored in the corner where the fire started.

Congregational Church Notes.

Services will be held as usual at the Congregational church. Rev. J. B. Lewis, the pastor, will preach at 10.45. Sunday school at noon as usual.

Another Community Sing will be held on the church lawn at seven o'clock. The old gospel songs will be used at the service. A short address will be given by Steven Webster, a Phillips Exeter academy student and special music will be rendered by Miss Elizabeth Wright. There is a growing interest in these open-air meetings.

Miss Caroline Harrison represents the Sunday school at the S. S. convention at Northfield, July 22-29.

The Forward club will have an all-day outing on Saturday, July 29, the details as to place, etc., to be announced later.

The Shepherdesses of the cradle roll of the Congregational church will give a reception to the mothers and babies on Friday afternoon, July 28, from three to six o'clock, in the vestry.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Mrs. S. P. Dodge, who has not been feeling well for some time, went to the Eliot hospital, Boston, for an operation for gallstones last week Thursday. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. B. C. Steele. The operation was performed Friday morning and was quite successful.

Miss Marion Burroughs is spending part of her vacation at Vineyard Haven.

Last Friday night was neighbors' evening at the Grange. More than forty patrons came from Bolton and furnished a fine entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, a farce and a minstrel show. After the program had been carried out a salad supper was served in the lower hall by a competent committee. The Camp-fire Girls had to miss the entertainment as they wanted to see the play given by the Harvard Camp-fire Girls the same evening, but they returned just in season to sit at the first table of the feast.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barteau and Ina Wetherbee went to South Chelmsford Sunday to visit relatives. Miss Wetherbee inspected the cottage at Heart Lake, where the Camp-fire Girls will camp later in the season.

Mrs. Ada Durkee was the guest of the George Durkee family of Boston at their cottage on Lake Nagog a part of last week.

Charles Wilson, who spent several summers at Bide-a-Wee, has joined the army and is now at El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. M. L. Whitcomb of Bolton spent part of the week with Mrs. C. B. Robbins.

Next Friday evening the Camp-fire Girls will hold a lawn party and dance at Library hall and are preparing a good list of amusements.

The pleasant evenings this week have induced many from here to attend the lawn parties given in Acton Center, Littleton and West Acton. Since the coming of the auto and auto truck it is easy and pleasant to get to the neighboring towns and an enjoyable diversion after a day in the hay field.

Linwood Richardson is making extensive alterations on his barn, both inside and out.

Church Notes.

Sunday services: Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister. Subject, "The great question." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

Children's singing at the Sunday school was very encouraging. We expect to see many other boys and girls of our town to join with this choir.

The Ladies' Missionary society met at Mrs. C. H. Waitt's. In spite of the afternoon shower the attendance was good. Miss Nellie Dean, who was present at the meeting, entertained the meeting with her fine musical selections on the piano. Ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

Rev. G. M. Missirian will be at the parsonage, at home, on Mondays and Thursdays, to receive callers. On other days by appointment. He will be very delighted to talk with anybody in the town, concerning their religious lives, and particularly with those who are considering to join with the church. Mr. Missirian is making his calls on Tuesday and Friday, for the present.

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WESTFORD

Center.

The tax rate for this year is $15.50. The assessors are about finishing their work and the bills will soon be sent out. The rate last year was $15.00.

Charles H. Bicknell has added to the attractiveness of his home by the addition of a large, screened-in piazza. His brother, Al Bicknell, has been having his house shingled.

Charles D. Colburn and J. Henry Colburn attended the funeral of their half-brother, James C. Colburn, of Nashua, on Friday of last week. Mr. Colburn, who was in the prime of life, died after a very brief illness of pneumonia.

John M. Fletcher has returned from a week's visit with relatives in Farmington, N. H.

Word comes to the Westford friends from Walter J. Sleeper that he has enlisted to go to the Mexican border, going with others from Duluth, Minn., where his home has been with his uncle since the death of his parents. We all regard Walter as a Westford boy even though he has been absent for a few years, and it is hoped that friends in his home town will write to him.

Westford A. A. were the victors in the game with the T. R. & T. team of North Billerica by the score of 7 to 3 at Whitney playground last Saturday afternoon. Much interest centers in the game for this Saturday afternoon when Westford meets Townsend A. A. at Whitney playground. This promises to be one of the hot games of the season and a large attendance from both sides is looked for.

The annual picnic of the Congregational Sunday school took place Wednesday and proved a success in every way. The weather, while warm, was much more endurable than some days recently, and no showers marred the day. Perley E. Wright started from the common about nine o'clock for Lakeview with his new auto truck and fully forty passengers, bringing the party home again at the close of the day. A more careful and competent charioteer for the young people would be hard to find. Quite a few others went in their own conveyances. The day was spent enjoying the attractions of the place, the picnic dinner at noon and the children returned at night tired but happy, while their elders and caretakers were also tired but thankful that the day passed off pleasantly and without mishap.

Mrs. Edmund Day, who was quite seriously sick earlier in the week, is very much improved and combined with good sense and good constitution and eighty-three years, is getting back to normal each day.

Rev. James M. Kyle, of Lowell, was the preacher at the Congregational church last Sunday. Dr. Kyle superintends the Portuguese work of the Home Missionary society and was an interesting speaker. "Helps to faith" was the topic at the evening service, and at the mid-week C. E. meeting Mrs. Clarence was the leader; subject, "Enthusiasm."

Most of the farmers are still at work with their belated and luxuriant hay crop. So much unsettled weather and help being hard to get makes the work drag. Strawberry raisers have had a splendid harvest and raspberry picking is well under way and of good quality. Blackberries, owing to winter killing, will be a short crop. Perley E. Wright makes his first Boston trip Sunday night.

Mrs. Helen K. Frost is visiting relatives in Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Georgie Stilphen is visiting at the home of her cousin, Emery J. Whitney.

Mrs. Walter L. Catter is staying with relatives in Roxbury.

Some good games of tennis have taken place at Whitney playground this week; also, some of these warm afternoons some pleasant afternoon needlework parties have been held.

The reading circle of the Tadmuck club met with Mrs. Goldsmith Conant on Thursday afternoon at her home in Parkerville. Mrs. L. W. Wheeler reviewed some of the chapters of Louise Closser Hale's charming auto story "We discover New England," and the remainder of the time was occupied with "Nicholas N. Kleny."

A coating of oil has been put on the electric railroad track, which in addition to that spread earlier makes a well oiled street much appreciated by everybody, especially the housewives.

About Town.

Luanna B. Decatur is home from her teaching at New Rochelle, N. Y. The summer will be spent mostly at the home residence on the Lowell road.

A hedge hog broke into and entered the barn of James H. O'Brien, Stony Brook road, Pigeon hill. For said entering into he was tried by capital punishment which proved fatal.

The next meeting of West Chelmsford Grange will be held in Historical hall next week Thursday evening. An address will be given by Mrs. Margaret A. Sarre, of Lowell, lady assistant steward of the State Grange, on "The history of the Grange."

William R. Taylor has sold about twenty-five acres' worth of grass to Charles W. Whitney.

The Unitarian church will be closed for the annual vacation until the first Sunday in September. Among those present at the church last Sunday were Mrs. John William Abbot, of Brookline, and the Misses Simpson, of Lowell, who occupy the Luce house for the summer.

The board of registrars will hold a meeting at the town hall Saturday evening, July 22 and 29, from 7.30 to 8.30, to certify to nomination papers.

Clarence Spaulding, of Francis hill, has accepted a position as fireman on the Boston and Maine.

Mrs. Matthew Smith, of the Lowell road, Brookside, is at the Lowell hospital for a surgical operation.

Mrs. Frank W. Banister has returned home from a hospital in Lowell after successful surgical suggestions by Dr. O. V. Wells.

Joseph T. Richardson, of recent serious illness, died at his home on the Lowell road Wednesday afternoon.

The Old Oaken Bucket Taylor brothers while out Wednesday morning fishing for fish, ran along sideways of five feet or more of black snake, who would have fought, but in a quick turn got caught, of which he will never remember aught.

Forge Village.

Irene Leclere, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leclere, Central street, celebrated her sixth birthday anniversary last Monday at her home. A large number of little folks gathered and enjoyed a general good time. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Leclere, assisted by Miss Mildred Parrot.

Miss Marjorie Rose, of Belmont, is spending her vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Splain.

Henry Catchpole, a very well-known resident here for many years, died at his home on Central street Wednesday afternoon after an illness of a week. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife; a son William, and two daughters, Miss Emily, of this village, and Mrs. Joseph Mason, of Lowell; three grandchildren; a brother, Herbert Catchpole, of Boston, and a sister, Mrs. William Kirk, of Worcester.

The second meeting of the Boy Scouts was held in Abbot hall last Tuesday evening. Owing to the illness of Scoutmaster Robey, George Perkins, patrol leader of the Westford Scouts, conducted the meeting. Two patrols were formed. Julian A. Cameron has presented the scouts with a tent. The next meeting will be held in two weeks, when officers will be installed.

Mrs. William Orange is at St. John's hospital, Lowell, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

The Misses Delia and Catherine Connell are in Portsmouth, N. H., for the summer.

Miss Carmel Rose, of Belmont, is spending the summer with her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Splain.

On Sunday, July 23, services will be held at St. Andrew's mission at nine o'clock in the morning.

The pupils of St. Andrew's Sunday school enjoyed their annual picnic last week. It was held this year at Sandy pond. Mr. Remick, of Ayer, gave the use of his summer home for the occasion and the beautiful spot was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The usual sports were enjoyed, after which a basket luncheon was served by the teachers of the Sunday school. Charles Flanagan and Robert Spinner arranged the sports. The Misses Emily Collins and Sarah Precious had charge of the prizes. Refreshments were under the supervision of the Misses Theresa Lowther and Marion Loid.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelard Braie and family left recently for Canada, which will be their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins and daughter, Miss Ethel M., recently enjoyed a short vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins, Sr., of Southbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Leclere entertained their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Paquette, and three children, of Nashua, N. H.

Joseph Bennett, who sustained an injury to his shoulder a month ago, has now resumed his work in the mill of Abbot & Co.

Mrs. Herbert Bishopric, of Henniker, N. H., has been a recent guest of Mrs. M. A. Lowther.

Mrs. Mary I. Drake, of Shrewsbury, is the guest of her brother, Alvin S. Bennett.

Albert Mountain was operated upon for appendicitis at the Lowell hospital last week Friday.

Blueberries are plentiful, but owing to the rainy season they are hard to get. The water in the swamps are unusually high.

The Sunday school class of Miss Theresa Lowther is to enjoy their picnic at Canobie Lake, N. H., Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Naylor and family have returned after spending last week with friends in Lowell.

The Abbot Worsted Company are erecting three new cottages. They are also building an addition to the mill. Another story is to be added to the reeling room.

The Red Sox played the Pepperell A. A. at Cameron school playgrounds last Saturday afternoon and were defeated by the visitors 15 to 7. The game proved very interesting. Cunningham and Lavell formed the battery for Pepperell, while Kavanaugh and Milot performed for the home team.

Mrs. Timothy Riney, of Camden, N. J., who is visiting relatives in Graniteville, was the guest of Mrs. William Burnett Monday evening.

Graniteville.

Many of the baseball fans here took in the Westford-T. R. & T. game at Westford last Saturday, Westford winning the game. Townsend A. A. will play at Westford Saturday and a great game is expected.

Mrs. Catherine Estey, of Fitchburg, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wall.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Payne and little son, of Lowell, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Payne.

Work on the three new cottage houses that are being erected on Bridge street near the ball park, are progressing rapidly and they will surely make a great improvement in this particular part of the village when completed.

Mr. and Mrs. David Reed, of Fitchburg, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caunter.

Miss Rachel Wall is visiting with friends in Nashua, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Flynn and son Vincent, of Tewksbury, and Mrs. John Horan and son, John Jr., of Charlestown, have been recent visitors here.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. Edmund T. Schofield. Owing to the large number of summer residents now at the various ponds in this vicinity, the masses were largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Furbush and Miss Helen Furbush are stopping at Hampton Beach, N. H., for a few days.

Mrs. Thomas Ledwith has been spending the past few days with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward De Lorenzo, in Milford, N. H.

Carmel City, Ky., is to have a factory to produce one thousand pounds of dyestuffs daily.

On Monday afternoon, July 24, at two o'clock sharp Otis H. Forbush will sell by auction ten cows for Joseph E. Allen, Bridge street, Medfield. They are grade Holsteins and Ayrshires.

HARVARD

News Items.

Mrs. Amelia Millett, of West Medford, is visiting this week with Mrs. George Harrod. Mrs. Millett was for several years a resident here.

Mrs. James Woodland, of Melrose, spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week with Mrs. I. E. Morse. Mr. and Mrs. Woodland were residents here in Harvard for many years. Mr. Woodland is now employed as a member of the Metropolitan police force.

Mrs. Walter I. Archer, of Boston, is with Mrs. Benjamin Houtes and expects to spend several weeks here in town. Mr. Archer was formerly chauffeur for Mrs. Fiske Warren.

The regular church services will be held on the Sabbath morning at the customary time and places. Rev. H. B. Mason will preach the morning lesson at the Congregational church. The chorus will sing "Holy art thou." At the Unitarian church Rev. Lyman Greenman, of Quincy, Ill., will conduct the service. Special music will be given by Frank Gale and Mrs. Louise Atwood.

Supplementary to the announcement of the engagement of Miss Louise Freeman to Earle Turner, Mrs. Atwood and Mrs. Gale arranged a surprise linen shower for the bride-elect for Saturday afternoon, July 15. Miss Freeman was invited to spend the afternoon with Mrs. Gale on a pretense of meeting an unknown cousin of the family. She found the room full of relatives of the Turner family and school girl friends. A gypsy peddler, Mrs. Atwood in disguise, called incidentally and asked to show her wares. True to the womanly instinct, Miss Freeman became interested at once and was formerly presented with a great variety of beautiful linen gifts. The party was very cleverly arranged and a complete surprise to Miss Freeman. After the gifts were laid out the party sat down for a dainty lunch prepared by Mrs. Gale and Mrs. Atwood.

There will be a meeting of the Bird club on Monday evening, July 24, at Hapgood Memorial rooms at eight o'clock.

On Wednesday afternoon, July 26, at three o'clock at her home at Eldonshiel, Tahanto farm, Mrs. Lewis J. Johnson will entertain the Harvard equal suffrage league with a talk on the Chicago and St. Louis convention. All who are interested in this subject are cordially invited to be present. Mrs. Johnson is a well-known speaker and her talk is sure to be both instructive and interesting.

The Misses Marjorie and Geraldine Peterson, from Newark, N. J., with their aunt, Miss Ruth Bull, and her father, Quincy Bull, of Worcester, are visiting for two weeks with Mrs. H. Emma Whitney.

Miss Dorothy E. West started today for a ten-days' camping trip with the prize-winners of the household arts contest, 1915, to Amherst. Miss Ethel Nash will have charge of the party. Miss West is anticipating a very enjoyable time.

The Ladies' Picnic club will hold their annual summer picnic at the Safford cottage on the Lancaster shore on Thursday, July 27. All desiring transportation should notify the secretary, Mrs. Alice W. Cleaves, not later than Monday, July 24. The truck will leave the postoffice at 10.30.

The next of the summer social series of dances will be held in the town hall on Thursday evening, July 27.

"The wayfarers," featuring Vivian Rich and Alfred Bosburgh, supported by George Periolat and a splendid cast, will be the headliner at the moving picture show Saturday evening. "Two-spot Joe," a tense melodrama of frontier life, in two acts; "Those love pangs," a drama, and "The hold-up," a comedy, completes what promises to be an excellent show.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Parsons, of Washington street, left on Tuesday for Nantasket to spend the rest of the week.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

The military band concert, postponed from last week Thursday evening on account of the rain, was held on Monday evening and was attended by a large crowd of interested listeners. A line of automobiles was formed up all around the common, in many places two or three deep—their occupants showing their appreciation and enjoyment of the music by repeated whistles from their horns. One number on the program, piccolo solo, by E. Weston, received so hearty an encore that he very kindly repeated it. Other numbers also received enthusiastic applause.

A very pleasant party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest K. Proctor in honor of their daughter, Margaret, who on that day passed the sixth milestone in her journey of life. Twenty-nine of her little friends and neighbors were in attendance and joined in various sports and games from three to five o'clock, and also enjoyed a most liberal supply of ice cream, cookies, cakes and candy served by the youthful hostess and her mother. Miss Margaret distributed favors among her guests and also received several presents from them.

Miss Grace Gower, who has been stopping with her sisters in town for nearly a year, returned to her home in Cherryfield, Me., last week Friday.

The chorus for the Old Home Week Sunday concert held a very satisfactory rehearsal in the town hall on Wednesday evening.

George A. Lawrence, of Carthage, S. D., who with his son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kent Lawrence, of Stickney, S. D., have been visiting their sister and aunt, Mrs. Julia E. Longley, for a week, took a trip to Boston on Tuesday, thence to Plymouth, spending the day at the rock, Burial hill, old curiosity shop and other points of interest in that historic old town. After spending two days in Boston they started on the long journey homeward.

Giovanni Briguglio and family have removed to a pretty cottage on the Northfield road.

Hattie D. Stone tent, D. of V., held a very pleasant meeting at their room in the town hall on Tuesday evening.

Miss Bertha Farnsworth, formerly of Pepperell, called on old friends in town on Wednesday.

Should Sloan's Liniment Go Along?

Of course it should! For after a strenuous day when your muscles have been exercised to the limit an application of Sloan's Liniment will take the soreness and stiffness away and get you in fine shape for the morrow. You should also use it for a sudden attack of toothache, stiff neck, backache, bites, stings and the many accidents that are incidental to a vacation. "We would as soon leave our baggage as to go on a vacation or camp out without Sloan's Liniment." Writes one vacationist: "We use it for everything from cramps to tootache." Put a bottle in your bag, be prepared and have no regrets.

DON'T FORGET TO SPRAY.

Have you made your attack on the San Jose scale yet? Remember that this is just about the worst enemy of fruit trees and that the only effective way to control it is to spray your trees in winter when there is no danger to foliage. Commercial lime-sulphur, in the proportion of one gallon to nine gallons of water, is the spray to use. The time to use it is before the buds begin to swell in early spring.—Home and Farm.

WAR ON CANKERWORMS.

Directions For Fighting This Common Enemy of Trees.

War has been declared. No, it is not with shot and shell that the fight is to be waged, but with sticky bands and spraying solutions. The common enemy is the cankerworm.

"To assure success in the combat too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the necessity of beginning early," says George A. Dean, professor of entomology in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

In the case of shade trees or of a few fruit trees a simple method, and one that gives excellent satisfaction, consists in banding the trunk of the tree with a sticky substance to prevent the ascent of the wingless female. The best method is to smear the sticky substance on bands of heavy paper, such as building or tarred paper, bound to the trunk of the tree.

"The paper bands should be put on in the first warm days of February or early spring, and the sticky substance renewed whenever the material hardens. In order to close all crevices between tree and band a strip of cotton batting, cheapest grade, about two inches wide should be placed around the tree and covered with the band of tarred paper. The paper should be drawn snugly enough to press the thick band of cotton into the crevices.

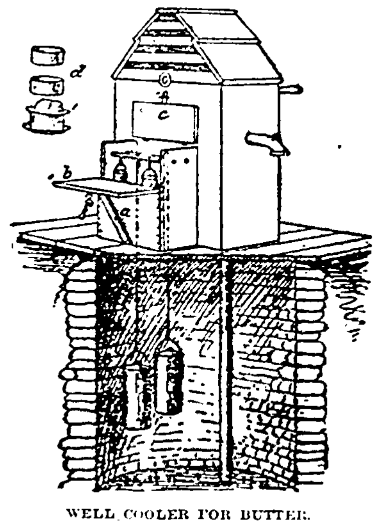
"The band can be easily fastened at the end with three sharp pointed tacks about three-fourths of an inch long. If the paper band is much wider than the narrow cotton one it will completely cover it and thus avoid the unsightly appearance of cotton either above or below the edge of the paper."

A number of substances of a sticky nature are suggested by this authority. Among them are pine tar, coal tar. Among them are pine tar, coal tar and printer's ink. There are on the market effective preparations that remain sticky for the entire season.

The caterpillars may be quickly destroyed by spraying with arsenate of lead, using from two to three pounds to fifty gallons of water. This method is recommended for orchards and small shade trees. The first spraying should be done as soon as the foliage is partly expanded and before the trees bloom and the second spraying as soon as the blossoms fall.

Well Cooler For Butter.

A convenient cooler for butter, milk and other perishable products can be made in any well as shown by the drawing. It consists of a bottomless box placed on the well platform and provided at the top with two hinged doors. Inside, extending across the box are a pair of bars. On these by means of hooks (No. 9 wire will do) hang deep pails similar to those used for deep setting cream. Inside one



WELL COOLER FOR BUTTER.

of these pails are placed dinner plates and somewhat smaller metal rings for holding butter in fair sized quantities. The other pail is for milk. When filled the pails are lowered into the well as indicated. They may or may not rest in the water. If desired the pail used for solids may be made with perforated bottom and top so there will be a free circulation of cool air around the butter or other material inside.

These pails may be of any convenient size. A good dimension is ten or twelve inches in diameter and eighteen to twenty-four inches deep. The collars should be at least an inch smaller in diameter. Indeed, one and a half inches will be found preferable. The box should be two feet high, two feet wide and about eighteen inches across. It should have a latch and a padlock if there is danger of its being visited by people who have no business on the premises. Preferably the pails should be hung on metal rods rather than by cords or chains. This will facilitate raising and lowering.

In the drawing a is a hinged leg which hangs from the front b and drops to the floor against the side of the box, thus making b into a table. The front b locks on the top c. The rings which fit over the plates in the cans are shown at d.

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Prince Albert affords the keenest pipe and cigarette enjoyment! And that flavor and fragrance and coolness is as good as that sounds. P. A. just *answers the universal demand for tobacco without bite, parch or kick-back!*

Introduction to Prince Albert isn't any harder than to walk into the nearest place that sells tobacco and ask for "a supply of P. A." You pay out a little change, to be sure, but it's the cheerfullest investment you ever made!

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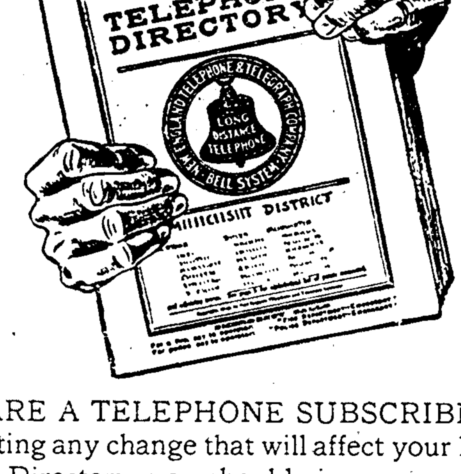

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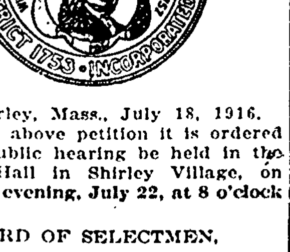
Fitchburg, Mass., July 11, 1916.
To the Selectmen of the Town of Shirley:

Your petitioner, the Fitchburg & Leominster Street Railway Company, respectfully prays that your Honorable Board will authorize it to act as a common carrier of newspapers, baggage, express matter and freight, over the entire location of its street railway in the town of Shirley.

FITCHBURG & LEOMINSTER ST. RAILWAY COMPANY.
(Signed) By W. W. SARGENT, President.



Shirley, Mass., July 18, 1916.
On the above petition it is ordered that a public hearing be held in the Engine Hall in Shirley Village, on Saturday evening, July 22, at 8 o'clock P. M.

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RAILROAD WAGES

Shall they be determined by *Industrial Warfare* or *Federal Inquiry?*

To the American Public:

Do you believe in arbitration or industrial warfare?

The train employes on all the railroads are voting whether they will give their leaders authority to tie up the commerce of the country to enforce their demands for a 100 million dollar wage increase.

The railroads are in the public service—your service. This army of employes is in the public service—your service.

You pay for rail transportation 3 billion dollars a year, and 44 cents out of every dollar from you goes to the employes.

On all the Eastern Railroads in 1915, seventy-five per cent of the train employes earned these wages (lowest, highest, and average of all) as shown by the payrolls—

	Passenger		Freight		Yard	
	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average
Engineers	$1641 3224	$1931	$1585 2992	$1783	$1303 2178	$1543
Conductors	1553 3004	1831	1552 2901	1642	1145 1991	1315
Firemen	951 1704	1128	933 1762	1109	752 1633	935
Brakemen	957 1707	1141	862 1521	973	834 1635	1085

The average yearly wage payments to *all* Eastern train employes (including those who worked only part of the year) as shown by the 1915 payrolls were—

	Passenger	Freight	Yard
Engineers	$1796	$1546	$1384
Conductors	1724	1404	1238
Firemen	1033	903	844
Brakemen	1018	858	990

A 100 million dollar wage increase for men in freight and yard service (less than one-fifth of all employes) is equal to a 5 per cent advance in all freight rates.

The managers of the railroads, as trustees for the public, have no right to place this burden on the cost of transportation to you without a clear mandate from a public tribunal speaking for you.

The railroads have proposed the settlement of this controversy either under the existing national arbitration law, or by reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission. This offer has been refused by the employes' representatives.

Shall a nation-wide strike or an investigation under the Government determine this issue?

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

The Baptist church picnic held at Cumberry pond last Saturday was most delightful in every particular. Games were played and basket lunch served at noon. A goodly number were present and enjoyed every moment of the day's outing. The following were the winners of prizes: 100-yd. dash, boys, Ted Maylin 1st, Mitchell Sibley 2d; 50-yd. dash, men, Roland Hocquard 1st, David Goochee 2d; 50-yd. dash, girls, Clara Hersom 1st, Eleanor Longley 2d; 25-yd. dash, children under 12, Arnold Hocquard 1st, Annie Parmenter 2d; running broad jump, Ted Maylin 1st, Ralph Maylin 2d, Mitchell Sibley 3d.

James J. O'Leary, of Commonwealth avenue, Boston, was arraigned in the district court at Ayer on Tuesday morning on complaint of Chief Riley, charged with speeding through the town of Shirley and not blowing his horn. Mr. O'Leary pleaded guilty and his case was placed on file with the payments of costs of court, $4.84. Chief Riley is determined that the automobile laws shall be enforced in Shirley.

The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Glonet, chopped his left thumb off while playing with an axe in the back shed on Monday.

Mrs. Alice L. Wright left on Tuesday for a two-weeks' vacation with relatives in Brattleboro, Vt., and other places.

"Daddy Long Legs," in which the accomplished impersonator, Marion Clarke, appeared on Monday evening in Odd Fellows' hall, was received by a good sized audience. The attention of all was held from start to finish. Miss Clarke appeared at her best, bringing out the great moments in the life of little orphan Judy and her shadowy benefactor. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the Altrurian club.

Mrs. Edward R. Thompson and daughter Fanny is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bert Dow, of Townsend.

Mrs. George Peneseau, who was operated upon for a tumor at the Clinton hospital two weeks ago, is convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Francis McCaffery, Leominster.

The Altrurian club wishes all who are interested to send every Thursday afternoon wild or cultivated flowers to the residence of Mrs. E. H. Conant, where they will be packed and sent to the flower mission of the Parker Memorial, Boston.

At the regular meeting of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge held last week Friday evening, seven new members were received. Nora F. Folkins, deputy president, and Clara M. Peterson of Ayer, marshal, were present. There were also visitors from Hudson, Ayer and Groton. At the close of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed. Refreshments of punch and wafers were served by a committee consisting of Bessie M. Dadmun, Alice Birchstead and Beulah Brill.

The Congregational church will hold its annual picnic this Saturday at Whalom Park. A special car will leave Depot square at 9.15 in the morning. Lunch will be served at noon. Tickets good on all cars going and returning from Whalom.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Lynch and Mrs. Charles A. Ford and family left last Saturday for a two-weeks' visit at the home of Mr. Lynch's parents in Amherst, N. J.

The Baptist church held its annual picnic last Saturday at Cumberg pond. Basket lunch was served at noon and the day spent most enjoyably.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilbur and their daughter Arline are expected home this week-end from a two-weeks' vacation spent in Vermont.

Mrs. Walter W. Manning, of Upper Montclair, N. J., with young son Richard, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, for a vacation.

Mrs. Otto London, with daughter Bernice, of Cambridge, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. James L. Holland.

Eugene Livermore returned home the first of the week from a ten-days' vacation spent in New York and Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom spent the first of the week in Rindge, N. H., making the trip by auto.

Mrs. M. A. McElroy and daughter Virginia are visiting friends in Lewiston, Me., and other places for a few weeks.

Mrs. Ernest W. Harris spent a few days the first of the week with her daughter, Mrs. Fremont Keyes, of Auburndale.

Charles Stebbins, clerk at the store of Charles R. White, is enjoying a vacation this week in Providence, R. I.

The auction sale of the household goods of the late Mrs. Mary M. Nickless last Saturday netted $260.

Charles L. Clark, of Chapel street, has left the Ayer Machine Tool Company and is now working for the Remington Arms Co.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church are making extensive plans to hold a fair in their vestry on November 6 and 7.

Mrs. George Greenleaf is at Rutland, Vt.

Clarence Lohnes, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is slightly better.

Misses Annie B. and Martha A. Hunter, in company with their cousin, Lewis Parsons, is enjoying a trip to New York and Maine.

Mrs. Will Love and daughter, Miss Jessie Love, left town last Saturday for their old home at Lake George, N. B., for the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brigham and daughter May, and Mrs. George Brigham, all of Shrewsbury, were guests on Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden.

Mrs. Susan Whelan Flynn recently attended a reunion of the Whelan family at the home cottage in Ashburnham. A dinner and exchange of greetings helped to make the day pleasant. Included in the party were Mrs. Flynn's three brothers, two sisters and other relatives.

Mrs. Hattie Patterson of Ayer is a guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden.

Miss Grace Tewksbury has been confined to home this week with sickness.

Mrs. Lewis Parmenter, who is sick with blood poisoning, is reported as some better.

Mrs. George Peneseau, who recently was operated upon at the Clinton hospital for a fibrous tumor, and has been convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. McCaffrey, in Leominster, returned to her home in Shirley on Wednesday.

Center.

Mrs. M. M. Mackaye and daughter, Miss Hazel Mackaye, arrived at their cottage on Parker road last week for the summer.

Forrest B. Wing, of Brookline, spent the latter part of last week at the home of his grandfather, Albert Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed have returned home after an automobile trip of a week through the White Mountains.

James Mackaye, of Cambridge, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. M. M. Mackaye.

Misses Helen and Alice Roe, of Roxbury, spent the week-end at the home of Albert Adams.

Arthur R. Holden, who is managing a portable sawmill in Francestown, N. H., is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden, for a vacation of two or three weeks.

Sarah Hubbard, of Princeton, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. John W. Farrar, Hazen road.

Mrs. Henry Walenta has returned to her home on Parker road after an absence of two weeks. Mr. Walenta, who has a position in Woburn, spent the week-end with her.

Miss Helen Farwell returned last week Thursday to Wollaston after a short visit with Miss Margaret Goodspeed.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus conducted the service at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. On Sunday, July 23, Rev. Remsen B. Ogilby will have charge of the service.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid society will be held with Mrs. A. A. Adams on Tuesday, August 8.

A special meeting of Shirley Grange was held on last week Friday evening at which five applications for membership were read.

Mrs. Sara Longley has returned home after a visit in Roxbury at the home of her son, Welcome Longley.

G. Lyman Snow and family, who have purchased the home of the late Mrs. Grace Winslow, were in town on Sunday. They expect to occupy their new home very soon.

Dr. Fuller, of Pennsylvania, is spending a short vacation at the home of his brother, Howard Fuller.

Charlie Longley, of Millbury, is spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Charles Longley.

The Shirley Grange baseball team will play Groton Grange at the Grange field day in Ayer on July 28.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild will be held on Monday, July 24. Election of officers will be held and plans for the annual fair and sale will be discussed.

Percy Mackaye, the well-known writer, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. M. M. Mackaye.

The Shirley Center baseball team will play their third game with the Fredonian A. C. at the Center on Saturday afternoon.

A large crowd enjoyed the excellent concert given by the Shirley band in front of the town hall on Tuesday evening. The Girls' Sewing guild added to their funds by selling ice cream during the concert.

At the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening the first and second degrees were worked on a class of six candidates. The band concert made necessary a long recess in the meeting, and the program which was to be given under the direction of the music committee was not given. At the next meeting of the Grange the third and fourth degrees will be worked.

A great deal of dissatisfaction is being expressed about the Center regarding the condition of the Shirley common. The common has not yet been mowed this summer and is now adorned with a crop of grass which would do credit to anybody's field. It is surely a poor advertisement for the town to have the many strangers who pass through every day see the common in such a condition—a condition that is not allowed to exist in the surrounding towns. It would seem that the town might be able to afford a small sum of money to provide for cutting the grass on the common for Memorial day and once or twice during the summer, and for keeping public property in a respectable condition.

The annual outing of the Alliance will be held at Whalom Park on July 27, with a basket lunch. Most of the members and their friends are planning to leave Shirley on the eleven o'clock car. A short business session will be held at the park. The meeting at Mrs. Henry Ware's on last week Thursday was very well attended, although the rain kept many from coming. The speaker was Rev. George Gibson of the Baptist church, who spoke most interestingly on the subject of the negro in the south from the religious and educational viewpoints. Mrs. Ware served refreshments, assisted by her sister-in-law Mrs. G. Loring Briggs. The meeting adjourned for two weeks.

Services at the First Parish (Unitarian) church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Rev. F. K. Gifford will take for the subject of his sermon, "Stumbling blocks and stepping stones." He delivered an excellent sermon last Sunday on "New ways for old." Miss Edith L. Longley, of Ayer, played an aria by Gounod for organ. William R. Eaton is expected to sing solos on Sunday.

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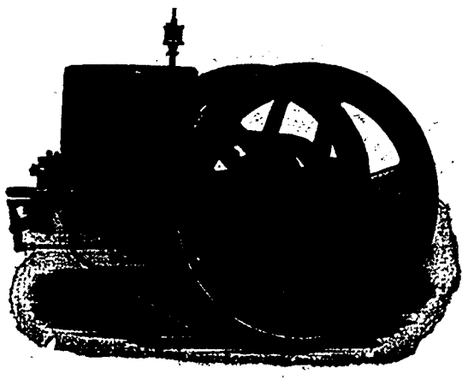

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Saturday, July 22, 1916.

GROTON

News Items.

Mrs. Bradford Harrington is visiting her friend, Mrs. Elizabeth Day Totten, in Reading.

The C. E. topic for July 23 is "Enthusiasm: its value; how to cultivate it." Leader, Mrs. Grant Shattuck.

After sixteen years of service on the Boynton bread and cracker route, running to Pepperell and other towns, Odber Folkins has left and is working at the Boston and Maine yards in Ayer.

Mrs. Leila Nutting and Miss Kathleen Dunphy left Monday noon for York Beach.

John Field, who has been looking after the boats at Knopp's pond, has returned to East Boston to look after the power plant of W. T. Hunter during Mr. Hunter's illness.

Mrs. Dennis Coughlin is entertaining as guests at her home this week her sister, Miss Josie Landry, of Boston, and also her nephew and niece, Francis Boyle, nurse at the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, and his sister, Miss Josie Boyle, of Cambridge.

Phineas Harrington passed his eighty-ninth birthday on Friday, July 7. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrington, Miss Genelve Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood and son, Mark H. Blood, Mr. and Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck called with gifts and congratulations. A number of postcards from Lynn and other places were received.

Mrs. John Benedict, whose home is with her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Shattuck, Pleasant street, passed her ninety-third birthday on Tuesday, July 18. Several of the neighbors and other friends in town called to congratulate, bringing flowers and some other remembrances of the day. Mrs. Benedict is free from many of the burdens coming with advanced years, and is in the enjoyment of good mental and bodily health.

Mr. Pendleton, who is here getting ready to start up the grain and coal business in the store rented by Mr. Harding of Capt. Palmer, is boarding with Miss Mary Donahue on Court street, but is looking meanwhile for a house or tenement to occupy with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meyet, and their two nieces, the Misses Marguerite and Edna Leonard, and Miss Mildred Brown, left early Monday morning, going in Mr. Meyet's auto for their summer outing place in South Hero, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. Durant, who are also relatives, went up in their own auto to the South Hero camping place. Mrs. Leonard is staying at Mr. Meyet's until his return the last of this week.

Harry N. Tolles, who has been working for George H. Woods at carpentering during the past year, went to Providence, R. I., this week to meet his wife, who had gone there to her daughter's home about three weeks before. On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Tolles left Providence for Detroit, Mich., where Mrs. Tolles is to be treated for locomotor-ataxia by the noted specialist, Dr. Burton. Mrs. Tolles, formerly Miss Augusta Gale, has been suffering for years with this trouble, at first called rheumatism, until gradually growing worse, their only hope of improvement lies with the skill of this specialist.

Mrs. Susan M. Swartz is at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, recovering from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Alling, of Chicago, have been guests of Dr. Ayers at his sanitorium the past week. They came to visit Mr. Alling's father, who has been a patient at the hospital for the last five months, and they were greatly pleased to find him so distinctly improved in physical condition and more than satisfied with the care and service that he receives. The scenic beauty of the location, the airiness and amplitude of the home, the completeness of its appointments and its up-to-date service impressed them so favorably that they promise Dr. Ayers to return and make a longer visit next season.

An arrangement has been made between the Baptist and Congregational churches for united services during August. The services will be held in the Congregational church on August 6 and 13, and in the Baptist church on August 20 and 27. The C. E. society and the B. Y. P. U. will hold united services on the same dates and places. The mid-week prayer meetings of the Congregational church will be omitted during the month.

Mrs. P. J. Benedict and daughter, Miss Blanche Benedict, of West Brookfield, are guests at Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown's, and during their stay they are visiting other friends in town

Mrs. Shelby Sawyer is visiting her son, Ernest Sawyer, and family, in Winchendon.

Mrs. H. H. Richards and oldest son, Hal, went Wednesday to Squam Lake, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, who are in the employ of Mr. and Mrs. Richards, also went to Squam Lake on Wednesday, taking their young son Albert with them.

Miss Myra Hodge, of Detroit, Mich., a college friend of Miss Irene Tyrrell, is visiting her this week and has been full of admiration for the views from the hills and scenes to be enjoyed in their drives about the town. Mrs. Tyrrell and Miss Irene Tyrrell spent the week-end last week with friends in Brookline.

Mrs. Jane E. Clark was very pleasantly remembered with flowers and other gifts on her birthday, which came on Sunday, July 16.

Mrs. Myron P. Swallow and daughters, the Misses Bertha and Gladys Swallow, and Miss Clarissa Coburn, went last week Thursday for an outing. They started from Boston and going all the way by water made a trip up the Hudson as far as Albany. They had a fine trip, returning to Groton on Monday evening.

Horace Buckingham takes the Boynton bakery route, formerly driven by Odber Folkins, and Charles Shattuck takes the route left by Mr. Buckingham.

Charles B. Baldwin, the oldest man in town, suffered a slight shock one day last week and has been taken this week up to the Dr. Ayer's Private hospital.

C. B. Eddy, engineer at the Groton pumping station, is taking a vacation. Mr. Jewett, of Pepperell, is substituting for him.

Carroll Gillett and daughter, Mrs. Cass, returned last Saturday to their home in Rosefield, N. J., after a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown.

A dance will follow the band concert Saturday evening in Odd Fellows' hall.

Wallace Bywater is on a vacation from his work at the Shattuck Store Company.

Miss Helen Buckley, of Marblehead, has been spending the week with Mrs. Jennie Hemenway.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lawrence and son, Carl A. P. Lawrence, attended the wedding of Miss Catharine Lawrence Richardson, daughter of Mrs. George H. Richardson to Victor Harris in the Church of the Messiah, New York. W. A. Lawrence is a near kinsman of the bride on her father's side.

Delightful Visit.

The visit of Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Williams, announced in this column of last week's issue, was signalized by a most enjoyable time to the former in meeting many of the old citizens who were boys and girls with him; in visiting the old homestead; the old brick schoolhouse; and in going over the hills and through the valleys, and by the old brooks, meandering and musical as ever. Mrs. Williams, who was born in New York city, and has no New England blood in her veins, was exceedingly interested in the evidences in which Groton so freely abounds of the stormy scenes of the revolutionary days. She spent an entire morning in the old cemetery visiting the last resting places of the old heroes, and expressed appreciation of the work of the Historical society that have placed markers by these sacred spots, and furnished data of so many who were directly connected with those early struggles.

Hon. L. D. Apsley, a friend and patient of Dr. Williams, motored up Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Apsley from their home in Hudson, taking Dr. and Mrs. Williams back with them for a short visit. From Hudson they went for a short stay with some New York friends at Barre. They planned to be back to Brooklyn by Wednesday.

Mr. Apsley, who knew our late citizen, Hon. George S. Boutwell, expressed a wish to see where he was buried. On starting out to return to Hudson Sunday afternoon he first had his chauffeur turn their course to the cemetery and visited Gov. Boutwell's grave.

Military Books in Library.

The public library has the following books on national defense and military training:

Maxim. Defenseless America.
Moss. Manual of military training.
Roosevelt. Fear God and take your own part.
U. S. Army Service Schools. Studies in minor tactics.
U. S. War Department. Field service regulations.
Infantry drill regulations.
Small arms firing manual.
Williams. Modern warfare.

Baptist Church.

Sunday, July 23—Morning worship at 10.30; subject, "Quench not the spirit." Sunday school at twelve. Evening praise service at seven; subject, "The importance of harnessing the thoughts." Wednesday evening at 7.30, regular prayer meeting of the church.

During the month of August union services will be held with the Congregational church. The first two weeks the services will be held at the Congregational church, and the following two weeks at the Baptist church.

The regular Sunday school picnic was held at Baddacook on Tuesday, about seventy being present, who enjoyed boating, swimming and the swings and tilts were a source of pleasure to the children. The Boy Scouts had an ice cream and candy booth which was well patronized. In the afternoon the following program was enjoyed by all present:

Exhibition of free arm work, Boy Scouts, hat, coat, begging and shoe race, Archie McGregor 1st, time, 3m. 58s.; lighting fire contest, Keiser 1st, W. Jacomb 2d. lemon race, S. Carkins 1st, Clifford Barto 2d; carrying partner contest, Walter Jacomb and George Matterson 1st, Archie McGregor and Lovell Souther 2d hop step and jump Keiser 1st, Sidney Carkin 2d three-legged race, L. Carkin and White 1st, Walter Jacomb and George Matterson 2d, girls' candy race, Roberta Bailey 1st, Ruth Graham 2d, cracker and water race, S. Carkin 1st, W. Jacomb 2d; hurdles, Gerald Breckenridge 1st, Sidney Carkins 2d, running broad jump, Lovell Souther 1st, 9ft., Gerald Breckenridge 2d, running high jump, Sydney Carkin, 4½ ft., fat women's race, Mrs. McGregor 1st; tug of war, won by Aides; swimming race 100 yards, Keiser 1st, Archie McGregor 2d, boat race, Gerald Breckenridge 1st, Keiser 2d, girls' lemon race, Christine Carkins 1st, Thelma McGregor 2d.

Military Training School.

The Groton Military Training school held its regular drill on Wednesday evening, with about sixty officers and men present. The first three-quarters of an hour was spent in extended order drill in the streets, the company being divided into three sections, each under the command of an officer. Corporals were given minor leadership problems to work out with their squads, in some cases the corporal being "killed" in the middle of the problem, leaving the squad to go ahead on its own initiative, in most instances the men showed good individual initiative and common-sense grasp of the situations.

The remaining time until nine o'clock was spent in the town hall and was taken up by a lecture by Lieut. Ayers, assisted by private Call, on bugle signals and calls; and a talk by Capt. Powers on whistle and arm signals, illustrated by practical demonstrations by Corporals Powell, Parker, Lamb, Park, Bradley and Woods. There were a few spectators in the balcony.

At the previous drill it was announced that the school would fall in at 7.30 and be dismissed at nine. Opportunity was given, however, to those men who desired, to remain afterwards for an extra drill. More than thirty men took advantage of this and drilled steadily for an hour in close order movements and the manual of arms, being excused at ten o'clock.

Deaths.

Mrs. Louisa (Lynch), widow of Samuel W. Rowe, died here at her home on Monday from arterio-sclerosis at the age of 82 years, 10 months, 24 days. She was born in Mason, N. H., the sixth of ten children in the family of Alexander and Anna (Barrett) Lynch. Mrs. Rowe had lived in Taunton and Franklin previous to coming to Groton and was married to Squire S. W. Rowe, as he was always known, on January 19, 1881. Mr. Rowe died on January 14, 1884. She leaves three sisters, Mrs. Maria Eddy of Providence, R. I., Mrs. Stillman F. Willis of East Foxboro, and Mrs. Francis A. Williams of Groton; also, a brother, George F. Lynch, of Amherst, N. H. The funeral was held from her home Thursday afternoon at 2.30, Rev. B. E. Tucker officiating. The bearers were Dea. H. C. Rockwood, Daniel N. Pressey, A. B. Farwell and W. Putnam. The interment was in Groton cemetery.

Mrs. Bridget (Gallery) Rynn, widow of David Rynn, died last Sunday at the age of 92 years, 5 months, 15 days, her death resulting from the failing health and strength incident to advanced age. Mrs. Rynn was born in the town of Innis, County Clare, Ireland, but has lived in this country for about sixty-five years. Since the death of her husband and the more recent death of her youngest and only remaining son, Mrs. Rynn has enjoyed a home with her daughter, Mrs. T. F. Donahue, Sr., and family, of Whiting avenue.

The funeral services from the Sacred Heart church on Tuesday morning were largely attended, Rev. Fr. Barry of Pepperell being the officiating celebrant of the high requiem mass. The bearers were the four eldest of the Donahue grandchildren, Patrick, John, Thomas and David Donahue.

Mrs. Rynn is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Michael Rynn and Mrs. Cullinan of Ayer, and Mrs. Donahue of this town. Of her thirty-one grandchildren twenty-four are now living, and there are also a number of great-grandchildren.

The interment was in the Rynn family lot in St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer.

Alonzo Edward Willis died on Wednesday of heart disease. He was born in Exeter, N. H., May 31, 1836. Mr. Willis was for years in the livery business in Ayer. Later he bought the farm in Groton on the old Ayer road, now owned and occupied by F. G. May. Afterwards he bought and has since lived at the place sometimes known as the Gustin place in Groton, not far from the Pepperell line. This is historically the old Job Shattuck place. Mr. Willis is survived by a widow, several sons and a daughter. The funeral was on Friday morning with interment in Ayer.

History of Groton Band.

The members of the first band, as stated in the record book of the date of September 29, 1858, sixty years ago, were as follows: Charles Blood, Joe Fitch, J. J. Randall, Gilbert Barrows, Gilman Barrows, Bowman Gale, Rodney Cragin, Moses Palmer, George May, J. D. Cragin, William T. Childs, Charles Bigelow, G. S. Clark, James Woolley, J. S. Bennett, George A. Gleason.

Charles Blood, father of George and Frank Blood, present members of the band, played Eb cornet and violin. He was almost unanimously elected first leader, receiving 12 out of 13 votes cast.

Joe Fitch, uncles of James Fitch, who now plays cornet in the band, was also an Eb cornetist and violinist. He was made assistant or second leader. Mr. Palmer says that Charles Blood was a very careful and correct leader, but not a strong player. Joe Fitch, on the other hand, was a strong player, but lacked confindence. Mr. Palmer says that Fitch couldn't play without shutting his eyes, and whenever Blood stopped playing he stopped. Needless to say, this was the cause of many amusing incidents.

J. J. Randall played Bb cornet. He was in the shoe manufacturing business with Charles Bigelow, where Shattuck's store now is. Bigelow was one of the large family of Josiah Bigelow, a retired drug merchant of Boston, who lived at the Wharton place on Farmers' row. Charles probably played tenor, but did not stay in the band very long. Mr. Palmer says that Bigelow has played in Boston bands in recent years.

Gilbert Barrows played Eb cornet and Gilman played alto. Although these twin brothers were great lovers of music, their success was due chiefly to their being, as Mr. Baldwin says, "persevering cusses." It is related that when they were young fellows and lived at home together, they were both in the habit of practicing their respective instruments after their day's work was done, one secreting himself in one room, and the other occupying another. It seems that their interest in music manifested itself during working hours as well, as the following scene, observed by one person will indicate: Gilman held a scythe which he was about to sharpen and Gilbert was in a position to turn the grindstone. Between them lay a piece of music, about which they, holding their respective attitudes, were so earnestly discussing that they apparently forgot about everything else. Whether they finished sharpening the scythe is not certain, but there is little doubt that their musical problem was finally solved. Gilbert later played baritone and also became quite proficient on the violin, being an enthusiastic musician to the end of his life. Gilman later played cornet and was leader for many years, but at this time played alto and, what was most peculiar, played left handed. He was father of U. H. Barrows, who was later leader of the band, and was grandfather of the present director.

Bowman Gale was father of Fred and William Gale, who are still members of the band. He played tenor horn or valve trombone, and it is narrated that the instructor, Mr. Marble, whom the band hired a little later, used to take Bowman out in the woods on Sunday and give him special instruction.

Rodney Cragin and Moses Palmer played Bb basses and George May and William Childs played Eb basses. Assuming these four men to have been fairly proficient on their instruments, there was enough bass for a band of fifty men. George May, at this time, was a baker and came to Groton from the cracker bakeries of Westminster. William Childs assisted his father, who ran a blacksmith shop where Bywater's shop now is. At that time farmers paid for blacksmithing in wood, meat, etc. Childs, consequently, had five or six cords of wood constantly on hand. For this reason it probably is that we read in the record of Friday evening, November 21, 1856, "Voted to choose a committee to procure wood. Committee chosen, W. T. Childs."

Charles Baldwin tells of an amusing incident in connection with this Childs. It seems that Childs wanted to "start something" one Fourth of July, so he got an old cannon and securing the cooperation of Mr. Baldwin, who played a little on a cheap flageolet, went down on Hollis street, near the cemetery. There Mr. Baldwin sat on a tombstone and played Yankee Doodle and other rural classics while Mr. Childs fired off the cannon. This happened, of course, before the band was organized "to enliven our national celebrations with martial musick."

Another incident happening about this time, which is interesting for the light it throws upon the status of musical appreciation in that day, is told by Mr. Baldwin. At a muster held in Pepperell celebrating the surrender of Cornwallis, the music was furnished by two men playing Bb six-keyed cornets. This would seem a ludicrously tame band to one today, but what increased the ludicrousness of the situation was the fact that these musicians knew but one tune, which was, "Oh, dear, what can the matter be." This they played assiduously all day long.

To return to the band. Moses Palmer, who, as stated above played bass, is too well known to need a word here. He was for years an interested and enthusiastic member of the band, and has been of great assistance in the writing of this history.

Joe D. Cragin played alto, but evidently gave it up, for he was dropped from the band at his own request on January 9, 1857.

G. S. Clark we have been unable to identify. He probably played snare drums or cymbals. He was dropped from the band on March 9, 1857.

James Woolley played bass drum for two years and then moved to Boston, where he has since lived.

"Jim" Bennett was brother of Judge Bennett of the district court. He played alto for a short time. George Gleason played drum a little while, but gave it up.

This completes the list of the first members. There were sixteen of them —2 Eb cornets, 2 Bb cornets, 2 tenor horns, 4 basses, 3 altos and 3 on drums and cymbals.

On January 26, 1857, Moseley Gilson and G. R. Shattuck were taken into the band. Mr. Gilson was the father of Howard Gilson and Mrs. Fannie Sampson of Groton. He was really very musical and used to play violin at all the kitchen dance parties the country round. Mr. Palmer says that he was "a tip-top fiddler and the best fifer in the world." He played entirely by ear and enlivened many an occasion with "Money musk," or "Napoleon crossing the Alps." He probably played fife for a while with the band, but shifted to cymbals, and finally, when Mr. Woolley went to Boston, he took his place on bass drum. Mr. Palmer says that Gilson's favorite expression was "By Gosh." He used to get quite enthusiastic over his new instrument, and after some particularly pleasing quick step, he would say, "By Gosh, you can't get along without the bass drum; it gives the expression."

(To be continued.)

West Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sedley and daughters, of Dorchester, arrived at their summer home on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Strand, who have occupied the house, will visit and board for a time, later taking their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Strand, Jr., with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bixby and daughter, motored to York Beach on Sunday, arriving in time for dinner and returning on Monday evening.

Winthrop Lamb, brother and frequent guest of A. W. Lamb, has left town for the Plattsburg military training camp.

Miss Bertha Bixby is entertaining a friend, Miss Emily Sweet, of Waverley. They were joined over Sunday by Miss Evelyn Rice, of Newton.

Miss Mabel Downes spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends in Cambridge, enjoying a trip to Nantasket.

Mrs. G. L. Dodge accompanied her mother, Mrs. Beverly, of Leominster, who is convalescing from a severe illness, to Nantasket on Saturday. Mrs. Dodge returned on Monday evening, leaving Mrs. Beverly to recuperate at the beach.

Despite lateness in planting the boys of the Scout garden gathered peas from their vines, about four quarts each, not far from the usual time.

The West Groton Boy Scouts have received and accepted an invitation to the Baptist picnic at Groton, where they will compete in various sports with the Groton Scouts. They are also invited to camp with the Groton Scouts and other boys over whom Mr. Tucker has charge, about forty in all. Most of the West Groton boys are at work, but if any are able to go they will certainly enjoy the camp life and its location, Rust Island, near Gloucester.

An unusually large crowd gathered to enjoy the band concert given here on last Saturday evening. The weather and music both were enjoyable as were the dainties offered by the ice cream and popcorn vendors.

Mrs. M. E. Williams is caring for a newly arrived little grandson at her daughter's home in Gardner.

The baseball score on Saturday was 4 to 3 in favor of West Groton A. A. The return game will be played in Lunenburg on Saturday afternoon.

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge writes West Groton friends that he has greatly enjoyed visiting among former parishioners; also, friends in his old home town, Pomfret, Conn. After a week at the seashore he will rejoin Mrs. Trowbridge in Pittsfield at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Catlin.

At the Improvement society meeting on Tuesday evening numerous readings were given by Miss Marian Mellish, C. E. Bixby and Mrs. Spaulding. Several matters of importance were acted upon. The meeting was adjourned until September.

Plans are progressing for a lawn party to be held in the near future under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb have kindly offered the use of their grounds for the occasion. There will be many and varied enjoyments.

The following item is in correction of a typographical error and omission last week. The names of the quartet of singers mentioned were Miss Sylvia Lawrence, Mrs. L. G. Strand, Jr., Richard Lawrence and Rev. L. W. Richardson.

HARVARD

News Items.

The attractive cook books compiled by the members of the Woman's club are selling fast at the exchange. Buy yours now.

Misses Dorothy and Ruth Peters are enjoying these warm July days, the former in New York State with her cousin, camping, and the latter at Falmouth.

Miss Ellen Hildreth is enjoying a week's visit from her friend, Miss Telling, of Chicago, Ill.

Miss Mary L. Merriam, with her friend, Miss Dewhurst, of Cambridge, are at the Merriam cottage at Bare hill pond for a few weeks.

Master Raymond Haggerty, of Hudson, is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mongovin.

On last week Friday evening the Camp-fire entertainment was enjoyed by an audience that filled the house. The playlet, "Seven's seven," under the direction of Mrs. H. H. Putnam, was well given. The parts were well assigned and each one did her best in this, their first entertainment. The receipts were very pleasing, the girls realizing nearly $100 to expend on a trip to Drake's Island, Me. They left on Tuesday morning in high spirits. Owing to illness Miss Hubachek, their guardian, was unable to accompany them, Miss Ethelyn Russell substituting for her. On Monday Miss Bernice Sears came up from Providence and joined them in the outing, the girls expecting to be away two weeks. Their address is Wells, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dill are planning a trip to Nova Scotia, starting next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gale, of Pawtucket, R. I., are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. George Gale at the farm.

W. F. Dickson and family have opened their camp at Sheep Island for the summer.

At the Congregational church the sessions of the Sunday school will be continued through the summer. The meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. will be held at 7.30 o'clock nd will be in charge of Rev. A. C. Fuller. A generous response has been given to the appeal made last Sunday by the pastor for contributions to help a young college lad of Louisville, Ky., in his fight for life against the dread tuberculosis scourge. Forty members of the congregation are represented in the voluntary gifts that have been brought in person or sent by mail. A few more days will be allowed those who wish to have a part in this work.

Will each member of the Harvard Woman's club who has not already done so please send in writing her full name correctly spelled as she wishes it to appear in the new year book to the corresponding secretary, Eliza A. Bateman, Still River. If married add the husband's name.

Still River.

Last Saturday Capt. Drury invited the Still Riverites to a bonfire on top of the hill that he recently bought of Mr. Murchie, and after the fire they were treated to ice cream at the Murchie house. Mr. Drury has erected a flagpole and flag on the hill, which is a fine thing.

Last week Friday morning W. B. Haskell was taken to the Clinton hospital, where Dr. Homer Gage, of Worcester, performed an operation upon him. It was quite a serious operation, but he rallied nicely and is doing as well as could possibly be expected. He will probably have to remain at the hospital for several weeks. He has a special nurse and everything possible is done for his comfort.

Mrs. Mary Buffom, of Perth Amboy, N. J., was a recent guest of Miss Katherine L. Lawrence.

As Fred W. Bateman and his sister Eliza were returning from their trip to the western part of the state last week they had started from North Adams, intending to come over the Hoosac Mountain by way of the Indian trail, but had hardly got out of the city of North Adams when one of the axles of his automobile broke and they were obliged to leave the car there for repairs and return home by train.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgs entertained their son and daughter from Boston over Sunday.

A couple of campers from the pond, Miss Ruth Willard and R. E. Portley, went to Lake Winnipesaukee on the excursion Wednesday.

Miss Laura Brown, of West Acton, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell B. Willard for about a week, returning to her home on Thursday.

Mrs. Josephine Whitney entertained a party of six from Worcester Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haskell have been entertaining her father, of Manchester for the past week.

Miss Alice Day of Ward Hill is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes.

Mrs. Bradshaw, nurse for Mrs. Hannah Harrod, entertained her son and daughter, of Ayer, Sunday.

On account of difficulty in securing good household help, Mrs. Seaver and Mrs. Catham, sisters of Capt. Drury, have returned to their home in Arlington.

TOWNSEND

Center.

Lyman F. Priest has sold his sixty-five acre farm on Cross street to W. C. Swinnington of Ashland, who buys for a home. Tools and crops were included in the trade. Fred A. Smith, of Ayer, was the broker who made the sale.

"The Big Three" will hold a social dance in Memorial hall on Friday evening, July 21, directly after the band concert; dancing until twelve o'clock. Music, Thayer's orchestra.

The Nashaway Camp-fire Girls of the Methodist church, Leominster, who have been enjoying a two-weeks' outing at A. M. Smith's grounds, returned home on Monday. Before their return the camp with its guardian, Miss Katharyn Wells, held a ceremonial meeting at the home of Mrs. Clara Clement, the guardian of the Nissequassick Camp-fire Girls, where they were pleasantly entertained.

Mrs. Roy Cowdrey and two daughters, Ruth and Pauline, returned on Wednesday from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Henry Haynes, at her summer camp at Fort pond, West Acton.

Mrs. Angie Lang is spending the week with Mrs. Arthur Barber, Townsend hill.

Miss Bullard, of Clinton, is making an extended visit with Miss Alice Davis, Brookline street.

Arthur Lund, of Fitchburg, was the guest of Mrs. Arthur Barber several days this week.

The lawn party given on the grounds of the "brick college," Townsend hill, Tuesday evening, proved to be a great treat and a grand success from start to finish. Over 100 were present, coming from all parts of the town; also, from Brookline and Hollis, N. H. The grounds were prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns, and ice cream, cake and lemonade was on sale after the program and a tidy sum was realized from the sale. The following program was given and greatly enjoyed by all: Vocal solo, "Yellow roses," Mrs. Mabel Brackett; cornet solo, Mr. Gleason, of Boston; reading, Miss Elnora Bradley; vocal solo, "When you're away," Mrs. Brackett; cornet solo, Mr. Gleason; reading, Miss Elnora Bradley; vocal solo, "Land of dreams, red, white and blue," Mrs. Brackett, assisted by a flag exercise by the young people, Miss Forestine Hinds, pianist.

Rev. A. L. Struthers will preach at the Congregational church Sunday morning on the subject, "Advertising." In the evening, at seven o'clock, Rev. Harry Adams Hersey, of Caribou, Me., will speak on "Garments in the road." C. E. meeting at six o'clock; leader, Harold Swicker; subject, "Enthusiasm, its use and cultivation." Junior C. E. meeting at five o'clock; leader, Florence Higgins; subject, "By the river calling disciples." Please bear in mind change in time.

Mrs. George Brackett, of "Old City," gave an "at home" Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5.30 o'clock in honor of Mrs. Fred Hall and Mrs. Adams, of Minnesota and North Dakota, who are the guests of Mrs. Irving Seaver for the month of July. An entertainment of musical selections was given, both vocal and instrumental, and cooling refreshments were served by the hostess.

Miss Elsie Powell returned Wednesday from a three-weeks' visit in Nashua, N. H., with her brother.

Miss Adelaide Weil returned home from Hyannis on Monday and will leave for a trip through the Berkshires on Saturday of this week.

New Advertisements

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors who were so kind to us in our recent bereavement, also to those who sent flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Donahue
And Family.
Groton, Mass., July 20, 1916.

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Awake my soul to industry;
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Saturday, July 22, 1916.

AYER

News Items.

"Truth" is the subject for the Christian Science service Sunday morning, July 23, at 10.30, in G. A. R. hall. All are invited. The Monitor, Journal and Sentinel, dating from March, are on file in the reading-room maintained by this society.

Judge Sanderson, who is recovering from the effects of his recent operation at his summer home in Littleton, received a call from Judge Sisk of Lynn and Judge McLaughlin of Roxbury, who motored from Boston.

Thomas Fisher, son of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher, formerly of this town, is with the Massachusetts Artillery stationed on the Mexican border between El Paso, Texas, and Fort Bliss.

The First New Hampshire Infantry, Col. Michael J. Healy, commander, passed through Ayer last Saturday evening bound for Laredo, Texas, for service on the Mexican border. The regiment traveled in three trains, together with baggage and necessary camp equipment. The trains were diverted from the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division, over which they came from Concord, N. H., to the Fitchburg division and proceeded to their destination, going by way of Chicago, Kansas City and San Antonio. A large crowd greeted the soldiers during their brief stop here. The regiment, in round numbers, was composed of 1000 men.

Signs reminding drivers of motor vehicles to obey the law and to be careful in running by or near school buildings have been placed at the intersection of Main and the side streets.

Miss Lydia G. Farnsworth and William McQuarrie, both of Ayer, were united in marriage by Rev. J. W. Thomas, pastor of the Baptist church, on Saturday, July 15.

Frank J. Lehan, of Cambridge, a former president of the common council of that city, and a former resident of Ayer, was in town this week.

A special train bearing a shipment of gold from England to this country passed through Ayer last Sunday on its way to New York. The train, which was made up of three steel cars carrying the valuables, together with coaches for a score or more of armed guards, left Halifax, N. S., Saturday, proceeding to its destination over the Boston and Maine railroad by way of Lowell and Worcester.

Albert Raymond, a native of this town and a former employee in this newspaper office, is at present located in Orange, where he has a printing office and where he prints the sales books for stores by a new process.

There was an unusual interest manifested in the services at the Baptist church last Sunday and much larger audience was present than usual and the pastor received many compliments on his sermon which was based on the text Ps. 121:1-2. Next Sunday the subject at 10.45 will be "The pearl of great price." Sunday school at twelve. Service of song at seven followed by a sermon on "The higher purpose of modern inventions."

Mrs. Howard B. White and granddaughter, Bertha White, motored to town from Ashby on Sunday and were guests of Mrs. George H. B. Turner, Washington street, until Monday afternoon.

Misses Louisa and Alice Murphy, of Haverhill, and Fred Swales, of Greenfield, were guests over Sunday of Miss K. E. Lynch.

Mrs. Mary A. Taft and Miss Josephine Keating, of Fitchburg, were guests on Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Taft.

Rev. James Gookin, of Delaware, Md., and Daniel Walker, of Lowell, were guests on Monday of Mrs. T. W. Ward. Mr. Gookin is a brother of Mrs. Ward.

Miss Priscilla Marsden, of Pascoag, R. I., is spending two weeks with her uncle, F. B. Taft.

Norman Fletcher underwent an operation Monday at the Clinton hospital for a growth in the nose.

George L. Osgood, Howard B. White, Theodore W. Barry and Eugene Barry returned on Wednesday night from their two-weeks' fishing trip at Sourdnahunk Lake, Me.

Dr. Ralph Wylie left on Thursday for a sea trip to Maine for over the week-end at his home in Camden.

Miss Natilie Bickford, of Newark, N. J., is visiting her uncle, Charles E. Perrin, and family, High street.

Miss Maud Whitaker has been spending her vacation with relatives in South Dennis.

Pepperell Grange will be the guest of Ayer Grange on Wednesday evening, July 26, the occasion being neighbors' night. Each Grange will furnish half the entertainment which will be given.

Morris Schwartz, of Ayer, and a partner of New York city, are contemplating erecting a first-class building on Merchants' rowk on the vacant lot between the American house and the Hill building, provided that they can get a satisfactory lease from the Boston and Maine railroad, the owners of the land.

Miss Priscilla C. Mullin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Mullin, has successfully passed the examination for entrance to Radcliffe college, which she will enter in the fall term. She graduated from the Ayer high school last month and had one of the honor parts at the graduation exercises.

Henry E. Farnum is having a vacation of two weeks from his duties as wire chief at the local telephone exchange.

S. Bassett Dickerman, clerk in Geo. H. Brown's store, is having a two-weeks' vacation.

Hyman Kozlov returned Monday from Lowell, where he spent two days visiting relatives and friends.

Paul Mason, of Ayer, passed through here with the first New Hampshire regiment bound for Laredo, Texas, last Saturday.

Another new automobile stand has been placed on Main street opposite Pleasant street. A third one will soon be put at the corner of West Main and Park streets. All vehicles are supposed to keep to the right in crossing between Main and side streets.

"The price of malice," in five acts of flawless photo drama, replete with thrilling incidents and exquisite romance, will be the headliner for Saturday night's motion picture show. In addition there will be a farce comedy and the Pathé News. On next Wednesday evening the management presents the accomplished actress, Valli Valli, with Edward Brennan and Marie Empress in "The woman pays," in five thrilling acts of realism, romance and vital human interest. A farce comedy and the Pathé Weekly will conclude the bill. See advertisement of above shows in another column of this paper. Wednesday night's show was pronounced the best of the season by all who had the pleasure of attending it.

Two adding machines have been placed in the town's official headquarters in the town hall building on trial. Those who have occasion to use them say that they are great time-savers in adding figures and are accurate. If a machine is purchased it may be used in all departments of the town business requiring addition of figures.

The picnic of the Federated church took place at Fort pond on Tuesday and it was a very enjoyable affair. The party was transported by automobile, requiring three trips. The sports were swimming, boating and playing quoits. A basket lunch was served.

Miss Susie E. Daffy is having a vacation from her duties as cashier at the local telephone office.

Henry H. Watson of the Shaker village left Wednesday to attend the three days' meeting of the Amherst Poultry association and returned this Friday evening. Prominent poultry men of the country gave interesting lectures.

Mrs. A. D. Winship, of Townsend, and son Adron, are visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Martin.

Miss Clarabel Scripture of the local telephone exchange, has been spending a vacation at Oak Bluffs.

Miss Mildred Bales, of Leominster, visited in town this week.

Miss Stella Taylor, of the Hillside boarding house, was given a pleasant surprise there last week Friday evening. The party was composed of thirteen friends and relatives. Miss Taylor received presents, including bracelets, and a handsome gold ring. There were singing, musical selections and a general good time.

Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley, medical examiner, and Thomas F. Mullin, probation officer, went to Pepperell on Thursday night, where the doctor viewed the remains of Harry J. Jelley, an electrical engineer for the Nashua River Paper Company, who was electrocuted while at work at that place.

Superintendent of streets D. C. Smith is concreting a strip on Main street near the railroad crossing on the Lowell and Fitchburg electric road, which makes a much better appearance on Ayer's busiest thoroughfare.

Rev. H. L. Hallett, pastor of the Congregational church at Derby Line, Vt., formerly pastor of the Congregational church of this town, died at his summer camp at Ashland Thursday evening from the effects of a shock he had about two months ago. The interment will be on the cape.

Arthur Mills of Worcester is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James I. Mills of Grove street.

George L. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Wilson, spent a few days this week at Hampton beach and expects to return this Saturday.

Misses Amy Healey of Manson, Ia., Gertrude Provost and Gladys Annis of Shirley and Walter A. Blodgett, Ellsworth Read, Ruel Scruton and Victor L. Fillebrown of this town are stopping at Shady cottage, Sandy Pond. Mrs. Provost is with the party as chaperon. Miss Haley, who has spent two weeks in the East, left this week Friday for her home in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Traquair have returned from a trip to The Weirs, N. H.

The dance hall at Mitchelville will be open Wednesday and Saturday evenings in the future, the Monday evening dance being omitted.

Levi W. Phelps, Ayer's oldest citizen, is confined to his home this week by illness.

The Nonacoicus Camp-fire Girls held their ceremonial meeting Monday night at the home of their guardian, Mrs. J. S. Strong, Highland avenue. Miss Gladys Porter, the secretary, read the report of the Camp-fire Girls' week at Hell pond, Harvard, where all had a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. Dolan and three children, from Roxbury, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nils Petersen.

Miss Jane Briggs is taking a vacation from her duties in the Ayer Variety store for a week.

Chief Beatty received word this week Friday afternoon from Concord that four boys had stolen an automobile there and asking the chief to be on the lookout for them. The boys were traced as far as Littleton, where the machine was wrecked and one of the boys hurt. After receiving medical treatment the quartet fled, leaving the damaged car behind them.

Henry Nutting, who has been laid up with sickness for a week, has resumed his duties in the south railroad yard.

Mrs. E. H. Longley is recovering from a week's illness.

Miss Mary Johnson is visiting in Lunenburg.

The social dance at the Sandy pond schoolhouse on Thursday evening was very largely attended. Perry's orchestra furnished music. The floor was in charge of William H. Landry. Refreshments were served.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending July 17: Mrs. W. J. Bleam, Louisa de Armane, John Kepple, Mrs. Mary Vienneau.

K. P.

Harbinger lodge, K. P., held an open meeting after its regular business session last Monday night. The lodge was honored by the presence of Harlan P. Knight, grand chancellor; Clifford E. Jones, vice grand chancellor; Frank Paine, of Cambridge, deputy of Harbinger lodge, and Albert E. Shaw, past chancellor, of the same city. Walter C. Winslow, chancellor commander of Harbinger lodge, called the gathering to order and after extending a welcome to the local and visiting brethren in behalf of the lodge, introduced as the toastmaster, Mr. Knight, grand chancellor. Remarks were made by the visiting officers, Walter Winslow, Lyman J. Taylor, the founder of Harbinger lodge and a Pythian of twenty-nine years' standing, I. B. Nelson, Charles Harris and Charles W. E. Force.

The object of the meeting was to arouse interest in the work of procuring new members for Harbinger lodge. To this end all the talk of the evening was devoted. The grand officers and others who spoke aroused a good deal of interest in this work of adding members to the lodge's roll and every speaker was enthusiastically applauded.

After the meeting ice cream and cigars were passed around and a general social time followed.

At the business session I. B. Nelson was chosen chancellor commander of the lodge to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Walter C. Winslow, who has filled the position very satisfactorily during the past eighteen months, and retires with the best wishes of all. The new chancellor commander will be installed at the next regular meeting, when the grand officers will again be present.

Unitarian Summer Meetings.

The second week of the Isles of Shoals Unitarian summer meetings has been held this week. The attendance is very large, people are coming and going all the time. Many people are unable to stay as long as they wish because there is no room for them. Every place is filled all the time and some people are taking friends or others into their own apartments to share their limited accommodations.

Last Saturday was a special day when the twentieth anniversary of the occupancy of the island by the Unitarians was celebrated. Among the speakers this week have been Rev. L. C. Cornish, secretary of the A. U. A., Rev. Palfrey Perkins, Rev. A. R. Hussey, Rev. Samuel B. Nobbs, the New England field secretary, and several others.

Last Saturday there was a field carnival, a very interesting ball game between the men and women, and a banquet in the big dining hall, at which there was speeches and music. A tennis tournament planned is calling out much interesting practice in this game. Boat rides around the islands are had every day and best of all the weather has been delightful, warm enough, no rain, very little fog.

Next week will be the Sunday school week and there will be a very unusual program of lectures and classes. Wednesday morning there was dedicated the new home for the girls employed in the summer work there. The building is very well fitted for the comfort and convenience of these girls. It is called the Adams house in honor of Miss Adams, who has been for years the loved caretaker of this island (Star Island), which has lately been purchased by the Unitarians and will be dedicated to religious purposes hereafter.

Unitarian Church Notes.

Sunday service—Office: Confession, evening prayer and divine worship at six p. m. Music: Prelude, "Sweet spirit, hear my prayer," Wallace; interlude, "Silent night," German; offertory duet, "Softly now the light of day," Speaks, Mr. Harlow and Mrs. Beckford; postlude, "Jerusalem," Parker. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The fall."

On Sunday next the preacher will discuss the ancient doctrine of the fall of man. While frankly discarding any pretense of regarding this Old Testament legend as "sacred history," the preacher will show that this story has in it an element of fundamental and eternal truth.

To the Editor:

Will you kindly insert an article in your next edition which will tend to assist me in a scheme which I have planned for the purpose of raising the spirits of a soldier, now at the Mexican border, by sending him a shower of postcards?

The soldier in question is Leonard A. Bowler, a former Ayer boy, and a young man of good social standing throughout the surrounding towns.

My plan is to obtain as many cards as possible from the people of this and of surrounding towns, and send them all in the same mail. I have written many letters appealing for co-operation in this plan and the cards are coming fast, but I feel that the press can assist me by urging all our townspeople to be among the card senders.

It does not make any difference as to whether a card sender has ever met the young man in question, he being a U. S. soldier, a card from a stranger may be considered a form of congratulation. I have already received many cards from people who admit that they have never met Bowler, but that they are sending him a card to show their sympathy for the suffering which he must endure, as well as to signify their approval of the government's move which has caused the soldiers to go to Texas.

Each individual addresses a card to Bowler, expresses good wishes, encloses it in an envelope and send it to me.

Frank L. Davis.

Leonard A. Bowler,
Co. F, 5th Reg. Inft., M. V. M.,
El Paso, Texas.

Ayer Military Band.

The following is a list of the members of the Ayer Military band for the year 1916:

Director F. E. Harmon
Clarinets—Fred Barrows, John H. Adams, C. L. Hardy, Gregory Larkin
Flute and piccolo Huntley S. Turner
Cornets—Joseph Kyle, Warren Kittredge, Waldo Farnsworth, F. C. Hartwell
Altos—David S. Boyden, Ralph Jenkins, Leo Savin, George Jones
Trombones—Ray B. Cook, Harry Collyer, Fred Sproule
Baritone Leo Larkin
Tubas—George C. Peterson, Charles Gould
Snare drum Andrew Ledger
Bass drum and cymbals George Barrows

Strong Arm Squad at Work.

Chief Beatty and his strong arm squad were out last Sunday ensnaring violators of the automobile law. The scenes of their activities were on Main street, between West and Columbia, and East Main street, between Pond street and the old Groton road, where traps were set for the unsuspecting tourists. The particular infraction of the law which the automobile drivers are guilty of is the failure to sound their horns or other devices at the corner of intersecting streets. Sixty-one were held up and their names and the numbers of their automobiles taken. They were then allowed to go on their way for the reason that they were strangers to Ayer and did not see the intersecting streets. This record, however, will be used against them if they again break the law in which event they will be haled into court. Quite a number of Ayer drivers who know the law well are violators of it and Chief Beatty says that everyone who violates this law will be prosecuted without fear or favor. The officers taking part in the traps were Chief Beatty and Officers James I. Mills, Frederick T. Auld, John M. Wallace and Lyman J. Taylor.

Grange Field Day.

The annual field day of the Middlesex-North Pomona Grange will be held at the town park on Friday, July 28. The occasion will be featured by notable addresses by men and women prominent in the order on timely and interesting subjects. Among the speakers are E. E. Chapman, state master; Hon. Wilfrid Wheeler, of the State Board of Agriculture; E. J. Grant, of the Hampshire County Fruit Improvement league, and Mrs. G. S. Ladd, the state lecturer of the Grange. It is expected that others will be present and give address. The second in the series of baseball games between teams composed of Shirley and Groton Grangers will start at 10.30 in the morning. The game is one of the series for the silver cup. The team to whom it will be awarded must win two of the three games in succession in order to permanently hold it. The trophy is now in the hands of the Groton team and their opponents will strive hard to get this game. Dinner will be served at 12.30 consisting of basket lunches, Ayer furnishing the coffee as is the annual custom. There will be good music. Everybody is invited. In case of rain the exercises will be held in the headquarters of Ayer Grange in Hardy's hall.

Sandy Pond Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred P. Richardson are occupying the log cabin of his father, Edward A. Richardson, coming Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Beverly are at the cottage of George H. Hill.

George L. Wilson, a well-known lawyer of Belmont, and J. Everett Stone of the same town, and their families, are occupying the Donlon cottage at Sandy pond.

Special Aid Society.

A meeting of the Special Aid society for American Preparedness was held at the home of Mrs. L. D. Sullivan on Thursday afternoon, July 20. Arrangements are to be made at once for a nurse to be sent from the Peter Bent Brigham hospital to instruct the Ayer Branch in the making of Red Cross surgical dressings. Members are asked to meet at the home of Mrs. Theodore Barry Tuesday afternoon, July 25, at two o'clock to receive instructions from Mrs. O'Keefe, who has kindly offered to aid the Ayer Branch in the making of surgical dressings of old materials for our soldiers on the Mexican border. Anyone, whether a member of the branch or not, who have old sheets or pieces of soft linen they would be willing to give for this purpose, will they kindly send the same to Mrs. Barry's home before Tuesday, July 25. It was voted to give ten dollars for the purchase of amber glasses for the American soldiers at El Paso.

District Court.

The inquest on the death of Frank J. Hurley, who was killed at North Littleton on the night of July 4, was held this week Friday morning. Associate Judge John M. Maloney presiding. The witnesses included the trainmen of the freight reaching the scene of the accident at 5.10 a. m., and Thomas F. Mullin, probation officer. The court withheld its decision.

Joseph Ducpus of Pepperell was arraigned on complaints for drunkenness, disturbing the peace and nonsupport. The complaints were filed on condition that the defendant pay the expenses on the complaint for disturbing the peace and that he walk in the paths of rectitude in the future.

At the civil session, before Judge Atwood, the case of Sylvan Thomas, of Shirley, against Louis Lapointe, of Ayer, for damages, and a counter suit against Thomas by Lapointe for the recovery of the amount due him on an alleged contract, were heard. It appeared from the testimony of the plaintiff in the first case that Lapointe had contracted to raise Thomas' house in Shirley, and that in doing so the house and a part of the furniture were damaged. The defendant denied the charge and sued to recover the amount due him on the contract. John D. Carney appeared as counsel for Thomas, and Lyman K. Clark for Lapointe. The court reserved its decision.

Death.

Alonzo E. Willis, formerly of Ayer, died at his home in Groton Wednesday of heart disease. Mr. Willis was for many years engaged in the livery business in Ayer, his last place of business here being in the building now occupied by Thomas F. Ward on West street. This building was formerly used as a skating rink and faced on Pleasant street. Later it was removed to its present location. Several years ago Mr. Willis sold out his business and moved to Groton in which town he has since made his home. Later the present occupant, Mr. Ward, moved there from his former location at the Union house. Mr. Willis was born in Exeter, N. H., May 31, 1836. He leaves four sons, Alphonsus L., George, Frank and Edward Willis and one daughter, Mrs. W. C. Emmett of New York. The interment was in St. Mary's cemetery this week Friday morning.

Four Boys Caught.

There was an exciting time on Main street, near the town hall, this week Friday afternoon at about one o'clock when Chief Beatty succeeded in rounded up four youthful wanderers who it was reported had broken into the Sigsbee shop a short time before. At the approach of the officer the bunch scattered but they were evidently scared by the firing off of the chief's revolver after they had run a short distance. A fifth member of the party is still at large with Chief Beatty in pursuit, and has not been captured before our going to press. The four captives gave their names as John J. Hill of Somerville, Augustus Lenzy, Thomas Sokoloski and Daniel Driscoll of Cambridge.

Largest Taxpayers.

The following is a list of the largest taxpayers of the town:

Allen, Burton H	$91.23
Allison, John G	66.44
Andrew, Adler M	69.81
Andrew, Philip B	57.04
Andrew, Samuel J	66.71
Anno, Joseph C	151.47
Atwood, Warren H.	83.45
Atwood, Warren H., trustee	62.20
Atwood, Warren H., and John M. Maloney trustees	62.39
Ayer Farmers' Co-operative Exchange	58.19
Ayer Electric Light Co.	575.93
Ayer Ice Company	157.52
Ayer Machine Tool Company	179.00
Barker, Susan M.	58.18
Barrows, Ellen S.	53.70
Barry, Eugene	138.92
Barry, Rachnel	97.11
Barry, Eugene & Sons	270.29
Barry, John J. & Co.	69.81
Barry, Elizabeth M.	63.35
Bennett, Frank S.	84.79
Bennett, Sarah J. S., estate	127.09
Blood, S. Adelaide	97.56
Brown, Burton M.	61.07
Brown, George H.	370.29
Brown, William	258.87
Brown, Sarah F.	57.28
Bulkeley, Joseph E.	82.10
Bulkeley, Syrena B.	66.23
Burns, George J. and Clara	94.87
Burns, Clara, and Avis Fisher	136.04
Burns, Thomas	52.57
Butterfield, Alice S.	78.32
Carrigan, Kate E.	51.02
Central Real Estate Association	246.57
Chandler Machine Company	100.69
Clark, A. W., and Mary, trustees	52.36
Cleary, Catherine	54.15
Cornellier, J. Narcisse	95.98
Cornellier, Ida	75.18
Cushing, Louis H.	73.60
Davis, Sarah M., heirs	80.55
Dickinson, Daniel H.	179.45
Donlon, Patrick, & Company	74.73
Donlon, Patrick	125.51
Downing, Albert B.	97.41
Dudley, William H.	70.92
Farnsworth, Charles L.	64.65
Farr, Mary J.	119.93
Feich, Fred B.	82.55
Felch, George E.	169.36
Fenner, Arthur, heirs	68.47
Fleet, Alice B., trustee	51.91
Fletcher, Daniel W.	503.38
Fletcher Bros.	116.35
Fletcher, Mary F.	61.62
Graves, Joseph	98.67
Gray, Howard K.	103.14
Hamel, J. Paul and Helen	58.18
Hartwell, Helen	342.34
Harlow, Holden C.	142.96
Harlow, Mary L.	94.87
Harlow, Lillian A.	66.23
Harlow & Parsons	251.50
Harrington, Lizzie A.	50.12
Hardy, Charles H.	187.27
Hassam, Charles G.	54.81
Hassam, Gilbert M., estate	58.62
Hill, George H.	668.71
Hill, Marion O., estate	68.02
Holden, Edward and Nancy	62.20
Hopkins, Bertrand H.	51.23
Hopkins, Bessie B.	269.40
Huntington, Ellen L.	74.29
Jackson, Mabel J.	59.07
Johnson, Frank C.	55.70
Johnson, Mary B.	105.16
Kidder, Oren N.	158.18
Keegan, John E.	72.26
Kimball, Jennie F.	50.12
Kittredge, Ellen F.	135.15
Lapointe, Louis	150.57
Lawrence, Austin E.	108.51
Lawrence, A. E. & Son	129.78
Lawton, Roy E.	59.28
Livingston, Fred J.	186.38
Longley, Elwin H.	75.39
Lovejoy, Augustus	61.76
Lynds, Carrie L.	60.86
Lowell & Fitchburg St. Ry. Co.	250.33
Malcom, Edith	45.18
Martell, E. D.	70.91
Mason, Charles W.	108.06
Mills, Mary J.	85.47
Moore, Levi P.	66.44
Mullin, John H.	124.17
Mullin, Thomas F.	168.47
Murphy, John R.	54.81
Murphy, William E.	59.28
Murphy's, Robert, Sons Co.	123.06
McCarthy, Thomas	57.49
McDonald, Thomas F.	61.52
McGuane, Martin F. and Catherine	53.70
McGuane, Thomas	57.49
Norman, Charles A.	68.23
North Middlesex Savings Bank	533.42
O'Neil, James	50.33
Osgood, G. L., Emma J. and Rachael Barry	67.13
Osgood, G. L., Emma J. and Rachael Barry, trustees	62.65
Osgood, George L.	141.53
Parsons, Lucy	71.60
Perkins, A. C.	133.57
Phelps, L. W.	3,332.67
Phelps, Albert McC.	237.48
Pierce, F. S.	78.08
Pierce, O. K.	257.97
Pullman, Verne	62.86
Pray, W. B.	53.91
Proctor, E. O.	195.32
Proctor, E. O. Co.	75.97
Puffer, G. G., estate	104.72
Remick, Guy B.	62.86
Richardson, E. A.	383.36
Richardson E. A. and Clara	857.65
St. Andrew's Parish	72.05
Sanderson, Annie B.	168.48
Sanderson, Geo. A.	250.99
Sanderson, Eliza, estate	52.81
Sargent, Almira M.	89.50
Shaw, Mrs. J. A.	159.76
Sherwin, Charles	107.61
Sherwin, Mary, estate	65.34
Sherwin, L. & Co.	166.47
Sherwin, Wm. C.	250.38
Smith, Mrs. Ellen	119.94
Stone, E. D.	161.76
Stone, S. N.	70.02
Sullivan, John, estate	77.87
Sullivan, Margaret E.	75.18
Taft, Benjamin	55.70
Taft, Benjamin, exec.	59.07
Taft, Cora M.	172.74
Thayer, Charles A.	59.73
Tarbell, Peter	123.27
Turner, George B.	250.81
Turner, George B. & Son	379.48
Turner, Huntley S.	155.94
Turner, John H.	143.58
Turner, Mabel E.	56.83
Turner, Huntley S., exec.	69.81
Tuttle, L. B.	111.63
Wood, W. L.	63.31
Wright, J. W., estate	58.18
Wright, Walter & Son	77.87
Wright, J. A.	96.96
Wright, Lowrey A.	76.29
Wright, W. A.	81.21
Yates, Alfred	66.89
First National Bank	2,215.22
Walsh, Mrs. John	57.73
Walsh, Jennie L.	66.23
Ward, T. F.	96.87
Wheeler, Wm. E.	91.95
Whitcher, Frank	55.25
Whitcomb, Lester	55.70
Whitcomb, John H.	167.58
White, Howard B.	68.59
Whitney, E. A. and Eldora	181.18
Draper estate	67.13
Whitney, Frederick	187.25
Winslow, Nellie K.	65.34
Wood, Charles C.	96.87

Non-Residents

Ayer Tanning Co.	$595.68
Blanchard, Florence L., Worcester	50.12
Boston and Maine, Fitchburg division	1,000.07
Boston and Maine, Stony Brook division	111.07
Boston and Maine, W. N. & P. division	2,824.62
Boston Ice Co., Boston	654.25
Brownell Machine Co., Providence, R. I.	818.93
Bowles, Elizabeth D., Springfield	68.02
Blood, Charles, trustee, Boston	122.62
Clough, W. A., Groton	60.41
Dickinson, Hattie A., Harvard	66.23
Dodge, Mrs. C. E., Shirley	164.86
Ellison, W. E.	64.44
Fairbanks, Mrs. Martha, Shirley	64.44
Fitchburg and Leominster St. Ry. Co.	617.55
Gallant, Elizabeth, Dorchester	63.55
Hazen, Mrs. Kate, Shirley	68.02
Haynes-Piper Company	581.30
Hamblet, Nellie F., Fitchburg	50.12
Mead, O. W., estate, Acton	228.67
Morrison, C. E., Laconia, N. H.	54.15
N. E. T. & T. Co.	463.79
Newton, G. H., Beverly	55.94
Nickerson, Thomas, Pittsfield	173.63
O'Connell, Wm. H., Cardinal, Boston	84.13
Palmer, M. P., Groton	558.21
Reed, Prentice Co., Worcester	259.55
Standard Oil Co., N. Y.	186.61
Stone, Howard, Still River	75.18
Stone, Lydia, estate	151.70
United Society of Believers, Harvard	180.79
Woods, George H., Groton	189.74
Woods, E. L.	116.35
Woods, H. A.	83.68
Western Union Telegraph Co.	90.84

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH JANE SCALES late of Townsend in said County, deceased, testate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said deceased not already administered, to GEORGE A. WILDER of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without requiring sureties on his bond, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of September A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all devisees and legatees named in said will, seven days at least before said Court.

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

3t46 F. M. ESTY, Register.

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TOWNSEND

Center.

Fred N. Davis is spending two weeks' vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. George French enjoyed an auto trip Saturday to Springfield, Westfield and other places of interest in that section, returning on Sunday.

Mrs. Marion (Fessenden) Miller returned last Saturday evening to Alfred N. Fessenden's, where she is making her home for the summer. She left here by rail, going to Albany, N. Y., meeting there her husband, Victor E. Miller, and accompanying him on a business trip by auto from there up through Vermont and New Hampshire, making a two-weeks' trip in all.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hildreth, went by auto to Lake Winnipesaukee, N. H., last Saturday. They left here at five in the morning and arrived at their destination at about eleven o'clock, returning home on Sunday. While there they were the guests of Gardner Homer at his camp on the lake.

Among the guests in town over Sunday were Miss Bessie McGuire at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGuire; Mr. and Mrs. Parker G. Higgins at their grandparents', Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Higgins.

The Dorcas society of the M. E. church will hold a sale of doughnuts and bread on Friday afternoon, July 21, at five o'clock at Mrs. Clark's annex.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Z. Watkins and daughter Ora left early Tuesday morning by automobile for a two-weeks' vacation trip, their destination being Scranton, Pa. They plan on making their first stopping place in Albany, N. Y.

Townsend Center surely seemed like the "deserted village" on last week Friday evening, so many of the people had journied to Townsend Harbor to enjoy the open-air concert given there by the Townsend brass band, it being their custom to give one concert there every season. Scores of autos conveyed neighbors and friends, while many less fortunate walked the distance to and from. A beautiful evening, with nearly a full moon, added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. Some report seeing the nearly total eclipse of the moon about twelve o'clock of that same evening.

Baseball.

Townsend A. A. met their second defeat of the season in Milford last Saturday by the score of 6 to 4. It is always customary to lay defeat to the umpire, as everyone knows, but the umps in Milford were simply disgusting. Enough said. Farrar out-pitched Ladd, but poor fielding behind him and the eleven men were too great a handicap to overcome.

Muzzey, for the home team, was there with both feet with the club, getting a double and a triple out of four times up. Leary, for Townsend, got three sharp singles. Smith contributed the star catch of the game, spearing Farrar's Texas leaguer over second in the ninth. W. Green had an off day, going 0-50 with his fielding chances and fanning in a pinch.

Townsend visits Westford this Saturday and a large crowd are planning to make the trip with the team. Following is the summary of last week's game:

MILFORD A. A.

	ab	r	bh	tb	po	a	e
[illegible]	4	0	1	1	5	0	0
[illegible]	4	1	1	1	2	2	0
[illegible]	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Muzzey	4	2	2	5	2	3	0
Smith	4	0	1	1	7	0	1
Goddard	4	1	0	0	10	2	0
[illegible]	4	0	1	1	1	0	0
[illegible]	4	0	0	0	2	1	0
[illegible]	4	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	32	6	6	11	27	11	1

TOWNSEND A. A.

	ab	r	bh	tb	po	a	e
[illegible]	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
[illegible]	4	2	3	3	14	1	1
W. Green, ss	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
E. Swicker, [illegible]	4	0	1	2	1	0	0
[illegible]	4	1	2	2	8	1	1
[illegible]	4	1	0	0	2	2	1
[illegible]	4	0	1	1	1	1	1
V. Swicker, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
[illegible]	4	0	1	1	0	2	0
H. Green	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	4	9	10	24	10	6

*Batted for V. Swicker in ninth

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Milford	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	*—6
Townsend	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0—4

Two-base hits—Muzzey, E. Swicker. Three-base hits—Smith, Muzzey. Stolen bases—Leary, Parker, Muzzey, Baker. Bases on balls—By Farrar 3, Ladd 2. Struck out—By Farrar 12, Ladd 9. Sacrifice hits—Hartford, W. Green. Hit by pitched ball—Johnson. Wild pitches—Farrar 2. Umpire—Warthern and McGuire.

West.

James L. Flynn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is with his family at their summer cottage on lower Main street.

Miss Mabel Thompson, of Boston, is enjoying a vacation with her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch.

Mr. Dean, of Maynard, spent the week-end with his wife and daughter, who are stopping at the Squannicook Inn.

Charles Reynolds, of lower Main street, is on the sick list, a victim of the prevailing epidemic of measles.

Everett Pierce and friends, from Brookline, Mass., spent the week-end with his family at Twin Maples on Elm street.

E. R. Brayton, of Providence, R. I., spent the week-end with his family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

Mrs. Clarence Webster, who has been visiting in Hamilton and Fitchburg, returned to her home here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Rusk are entertaining Mr. McCracken and family, from Albany, N. Y.

Franklin Adams, of Boston, entertained friends from the city at his home on Bayberry hill last week.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Jarvis, from Boston, are guests at the Vacation Camp at Vinton pond.

Mrs. Winchester, wife of the proprietor of Squannicook Inn, is on the sick list, suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. Sarah Winship is quite ill with a nervous collapse and her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Martin, of Ayer, is with her at present.

Mrs. Frank Wheeler, of Fitchburg, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Powers, Elm street.

Mrs. Johnson, of Cambridge, a prominent speaker for equal suffrage, called upon the president of the Townsend society, Mrs. E. J. Lees, last week Friday, on her way to Wilton.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richards, as well as their children, Gilbert and Waldo, are seriously sick with the measles at their Main street home. Miss Ruth Smith, of Josselynville, their niece, is assisting them at present.

Mr. Neimi, whose home is near the vacation camp on the shores of Vinton pond, lost his horse on Wednesday, the animal dying from the effects of an attack of colic.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Young and family moved from the ledge near the stone quarry to the Ashby road, above the old mill site.

Andrew J. Hatch, a former resident here, who recently moved to Maine, and who is now visiting friends at the Center, called upon his old friends and neighbors in the village last week Friday.

Homer and Margaret Flynn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were guests at the Canoe club dance in Whalom Park this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs and children and Mrs. Campbell, of Boston, who are spending the summer in Ashby, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson on last week Friday. Mrs. Thompson accompanied them on a motor trip to Fitchburg and Whalom, and Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Brown, took an auto trip to Boston and return the same day with them last week.

The West Townsend Brotherhood and Ladies' Auxiliary are planning for their annual lawn party and band concert on Friday evening, August 4. Music will be furnished by the Townsend band.

Miss Mildred Sanders, of Ayer, spent last week Friday with her grandmother, Mrs. Elbridge Sanders.

Mrs. Effie Billings, who has been visiting Mrs. M. L. Willard, has returned to Ashburnham after a few days' visit.

A family by the name of Burnham have moved into the Keyes house, near the town farm, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen and child, from Boylston, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sherwin.

Dr. Henry B. Boynton left Tuesday morning for Maine for a fortnight's vacation.

Mrs. Lizzie Glazier is enjoying a visit from her son Ralph of Johnston, Pa., with his wife and child, and Mrs. Glazier's mother, Mrs. Morse, of Gardner, is also a guest of the family.

Leslie Hurley, who is employed at the Belgrade rug factory in Josselynville, lost a valuable horse last week from appendicitis. The animal was a family pet and is much mourned by all the family as well as the young owner, who has the sympathy of his many friends in his loss.

The Misses Annie and Bessie Davison and Mrs. Albert Davison, their mother, from South Boston, are enjoying a vacation at the home of their sister, Mrs. William Sheldon.

An eight-pound daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Beckwith, of Josselynville, Tuesday morning, July 18.

Miss Marion Dana, of New York, who has been a guest of Dr. Clara A. Warren, left the first of the week for Waterbury, Vt., where she will spend the remainder of her vacation with relatives.

Charles T. MacDormond, who was injured last week by falling from a load of hay, is recovering and resumed his work at the blacksmith shop this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Brown, of Somerville, and Dr. Brown and wife, from Cambridge, have been recent guests of Miss Mabelle Simonds.

Mrs. Jellison, of Old Orchard, Me., who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, is at present with relatives in Antrim, N. H.

The services at the Baptist church on Sunday will be as usual—preaching service in the morning, Rev. Joseph MacKean's topic being "The builder's masterpiece", Sunday school, Brotherhood and Auxiliary meetings at noon; Y. P. S. C. E. service at 6.45 in the evening, the topic being "Enthusiasm," the meeting being led by the Look Out committee; a sermonette on the topic by the pastor will close the service.

Irving McNayr, of Josselynville, is recovering from an attack of the measles.

Daniel Harrington, of Athol, a former resident here, enjoyed a motorcycle visit to town for the week-end.

Rev. Ellis H. Wyeth, of Clinton, has been a recent guest of Mrs. D. O. Evans, of Josselynville.

George Roebuck has returned from New York, where he was called the first of the week by the illness of his wife.

Earl Mosine, of Everett, is boarding for the summer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson, of Bayberry hill.

Clayton Tumber is a victim of the measles at the home of his parents on the Fitchburg road.

Mrs. Nellie Newell, who has been caring for Mrs. W. A. Boutwell, has returned to her home on Main street.

The following item, taken from a Nashua, N. H., paper is of interest to the friends of Mrs. Miles Wilson, formerly Amelia Hellur, of this village: "Mrs. Miles Wilson, who has been in the St. Joseph hospital, has returned to the home of her daughter, Miss Isabelle Hellur, 49 Temple street, for a few weeks, until she is able to return to her home, 50 Lowell street."

Mrs. Harriet Stickney has returned from a few weeks' visit with friends and relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. A. D. Winship, who is quite ill, suffering from a nervous break-down, and her son Adron, are with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Martin, of Ayer, at present.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb and Miss Marion Whitcomb are spending a week in Chatham with a party of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney B. Jordan spent Sunday with the Dea. W. H. Tenney family, and Mr. Jordan contributed much to the morning service at the Baptist church by singing a tenor solo.

Miss Emma E. Tenney motored to Brookline last Saturday and Mrs. Arthur Peck returned with her to the old homestead, where she will spend the rest of the summer.

The cradle roll at the Congregational vestry last Saturday afternoon proved a very popular attraction. Mothers were present with eighteen babies, and under the direction of the superintendent, Mrs. J. W. Dodds, and her assistants, a very pleasant entertainment was furnished, and the guests seemed to appreciate the efforts of the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Bingham, formerly of New York State, now of Hartford, Conn., were the guests of the Misses Sanderson several days last week on their way to their summer home in Monhegan, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Hartwell went to Gloucester last Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith three days.

Mrs. Alexander Gregory is making a group of city children happy by boarding and entertaining them for two weeks.

Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. M. Lovejoy, in Hartford, Conn., four days last week. The family returned with her to Littleton Saturday.

Carpenters are engaged in reshingling the roof of the Union school building.

Miss Locke, of Dorchester, has been spending a few weeks with her cousin, Miss E. W. Thacher.

Mrs. J. H. Hardy's Shaker cape, which was lost on King street and advertised in this paper two weeks ago, was found by an automobile party who evidently liked the looks of it. The garment has not been returned, but it was carried in the direction of Ayer.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley is spending the summer in Alaska.

Four young ladies, Leslie Roe, Barbara Priest, Margaret Hartwell and Beulah Kimball, with their chaperon, Miss Spaulding, of Lexington, have spent the week in the Charles Hartwell camp at Spectacle pond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tenney and daughter, Miss Emma Tenney, motored to Concord, N. H., last week Wednesday, and until Friday were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Weston Fickett in their pleasant bungalow on the Contoocook river. They dined on one day with Rev. Whitman S. Bassett, chaplain of the Concord prison, who lived in the Tenney family several years ago.

In a local publication E. H. Priest has written briefly of the success of the Littleton Dairy Improvement association and its distinct value to him. From a good tester much information is gained concerning rations that give the best results at the lowest cost, the cows that are profitable, keeping the milk up to standard, etc.

A temporary injunction has been granted the town of Tewksbury, the terms of which provide that the Avery Chemical Co., operating at Wamesit, in Tewksbury, must make certain specific plant changes before July 31, or cease manufacturing sulphuric acid. The Chemical Company, by way of defense, declared by its representatives in court, that much of what was demanded was already in process of installation, and that the company would do everything in its power to make safe the manufacture of the acid. Mr. Rogers, counsel for the town, asked that the company install various appliances and equipment that will remedy the trouble that has caused the grievance, and furthermore expressly stated that the town desired to reserve its rights to demand further relief if these appliances do not stop the damage. The company pays one of the heaviest taxes received into the town treasury and the authorities were sorry indeed to enter any complaint, but conditions demanded that legal steps be taken to protect the property in the vicinity of the plant.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday, the last regular session before the union "Littleton Sunday" session on the last Sunday in July and the summer vacation, Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon subject will be "Our faith in human nature in the light of what the war has shown." The Sunday school voted almost unanimously to hold its annual picnic at Whalom park in preference to going to new attractions at Canobie lake. At the Sunday school session on Sunday it is expected that definite plans for the picnic can be announced, and as this is to be the last regular session of the school before the summer vacation a good attendance of the scholars is desired.

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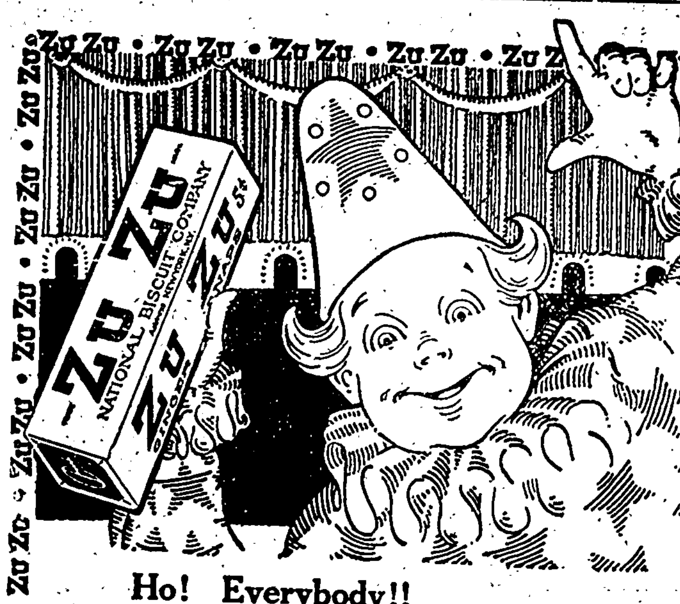

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INFANTILE PARALYSIS

(A Little Message Telling You What You Should Know About This Disease. By the Commissioner of Health of Massachusetts.)

Infantile paralysis is not epidemic in Massachusetts at the present time. Only 20 cases have been reported to the State Department of Health during July. However, in view of the serious situation in New York City, it is well for every individual and health official to be on guard.

The best protection against any disease is to know its habits and methods of spread. Infantile paralysis belongs in the same class with scarlet fever, diphtheria and pneumonia; that is, comes on suddenly, is often dangerous to life and frequently leaves serious after effects. Further, it is a communicable disease,—in more common language, it is "catching."

The actual cause is still undiscovered. It is undoubtedly due to a germ, probably a very small one because it will pass through a porcelain filter.

We do not know all of the ways in which infantile paralysis is passed from person to person. It is known that you can get the disease by coming in close contact with persons ill with it. It has been shown that the discharges from the nose, throat and bowels of the sick persons contain the cause of the illness. These facts are valuable in the prevention of the disease. In all diseases prevention is better than cure. This is particularly true of infantile paralysis.

In order to keep your children free from this disease, you should:—

1. Keep their bodies built up by plain, simple food; frequent bathing, proper clothing, and plenty of fresh air.
2. Avoid all sick children, especially if they come from the vicinity of New York City.
3. If your children are taken sick, send for your family physician at once. While awaiting his coming, keep the sick child away from the rest of the household.
4. If your child should contract infantile paralysis, help to protect the rest of your family and the community by carrying out the orders of the attending physician and the board of health as to quarantine and disinfection.
5. Notify your local health authorities of any children coming into your neighborhood from New York City.
6. Finally, do not get excited. You will be warned if there is any real danger of an epidemic.

SMOKE IN NAVAL BATTLES.

Germans May Use Sulphurous Vapors When They Come Out to Attack British Fleet.

Two German torpedo boats ran a British merchantman into Swedish territorial water recently, and, in order to get it out again, went near and enveloped it in a sulphurous and fuliginous cloud of smoke. It will be remembered that, in the action of the Dogger bank, German torpedo boats in the same way cast out clouds of smoke in order to screen their battle cruisers from our squadron. It appears that the Germans have adopted the defensive device of the cuttlefish.

But it seems possible that there is a deeper design in this smoke plan. The Germans believe in their medium batteries, and, if they ever fight a fleet action, would prefer to fight it at moderate or short range, at which their inferiority of gun power would be less detrimental to them. May they not have devised this means of getting in to close quarters, and might it not also assist the approach of submarines? If this be the idea, then it would seem that the lee gage rather than the weather gage will have to be sought in the battles of the future.—London Observer.

THE HARVARD REGIMENT.

The tramp of a thousand men marching in the Harvard regiment answered many a challenge. Have college students, more and more favored by circumstance, become so lost in seeking personal comfort and private success that they have no time for unselfish service? The regiment's regular ranks and its well-ordered marching told of many hours devoted to drill in the midst of busy weeks in winter and spring. From the day of their enlistment to their final review the men have worked conscientiously to serve not themselves but their country. Has Harvard's tradition of restraint, which makes other colleges wonder sometimes at what they call a Harvard indifference, not only curbed but also broken the university spirit? The regiment silenced such questions. Its manly bearing met the test of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood's searching eye; the men's vigorous step and resolute faces gave weakness the lie and scouted indifference.—Boston Transcript.

MESA VERDE.

In southwestern Colorado the large tract of land now known as the Mesa Verde National park was set aside from the Ute reservation by an act of congress in 1906 on account of the numerous ruins of cliff dwellings which occur in its canons. This enlightened legislation was in response to the universal recognition that these remains had an educational importance.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Stanley Clarke has gone with his father on a yachting cruise on Cape Cod Bay.

Miss Lillian Keyes has finished her work at Wesley Ladd's and returned home.

Rev. T. C. H. Boulton, of Hudson, occupied the pulpit last Sunday.

William Woodin spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodin.

The engagement of Miss Edelweiss Roorbach, of Everett, Mass., to Charles R. Hardy, of Hollis, has been announced. Miss Roorbach is a well-known Everett girl, a graduate of the high school in that place. Mr. Hardy is a graduate of Durham, the class of 1913, a two-year course.

Last week C. F. Barge came very near having a serious fire. He lighted a bonfire near the barn and suddenly the wind changed and the flames started in the grass. The neighbors were called and soon put out the flames.

Mrs. Josie Maxwell has been quite ill. She is improving slowly, but is still confined to the bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Carbone and children and Miss Helen White, of Boston, are at the Campbell house for awhile.

The heat kept a good many away from the Grange on Tuesday evening, but a pleasant evening was enjoyed. The program included a roll call, when each member was requested to tell his or her favorite hen; reading, Miss Edith Stickney; piano solo, Miss Addie Eastman; question, Resolved, "That congress should enact legislation increasing restrictions on immigration," Charles Hardy opening the discussion, followed by several others. Nelson Parkhurst, Ralph Muzzey and Miss Hazel O. Marshall have charge of the next meeting.

On last week Thursday the Y. P. S. C. E. held its annual reception to the elderly people. In spite of very frequent showers a goodly number attended. The program was as follows: Welcome address, written by Arthur Boulton, the president, was read by Mrs. Leonard Lawrence; piano solo, Mrs. Leonard Lawrence; vocal solo, Mrs. Harry D. Verder; "In memoriam," Mrs. Leonard Lawrence; recitation, Mrs. F. Leo McEnnis; vocal solo, Miss Hazel Marshall; piano solo, Miss Hazel Lougee; vocal solo, Mrs. Harry D. Verder; old songs, chorus of girls. Supper followed this entertainment.

Mrs. Lizzie Burbee, who has been visiting Mrs. William J. Gates, has gone to Still River, Mass., for a short time.

On Monday afternoon a shower was given to Miss Louisa J. Hardy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frances Sweetser. Miss Hardy received many beautiful presents. After a social time refreshments were served.

George Hale is reported ill. He was unable to attend the Grange meeting Tuesday evening.

Miss Florence Blood, of Hudson, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clement.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

George Stanley, of Milford street, is entertaining his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley, of Swampscott, Mass.

Addison Gilson has been engaged to work as carpenter on A. A. Tarbell's new block in Pepperell, which he is having erected in place of the one which was burned down last winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Betterley, Miss Esther Profit and Sumner Thomas, of Worcester, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley.

Mrs. Sylvan and her daughter Miss Jennie Sylvan, of Dorchester, Mass., were holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Nye.

Fifteen members of the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church responded to an invitation to meet at the home of Mrs. Della Whitcomb on the afternoon of July 11. Miss Grace Whitcomb and Mrs. Bertha Brown entertained with vocal and instrumental solos, while cooling drinks were served by the hostess to the workers.

On last week Wednesday Mrs. Ellen Swett entertained Mrs. Addie Gragg, of Nashua, and Mrs. Abbie Gates, of Hollis.

Mrs. George Betterley recently enjoyed an auto trip to Barre, Vt., in company with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Al Richards, of Townsend.

Mrs. Josephine Seaver and her sister, Mrs. Hattie Stiles, left last week Thursday for a visit to the homes of Nathaniel and Clayton Proctor, of Nashua, and Mrs. Hannah Lowell, of Reed's Ferry.

On last week Thursday Mrs. William Hall entertained the "Sunbonnets" at her home on Milford street. The guests arrived in the morning and dinner was served at about one o'clock, after which they retired to the veranda where the ices were served. Owing to the threatening weather Mrs. George Dodge, of Groton, was the only out of town guest.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nye last week entertained Mrs. John Higgins, of Melrose, Mass., and Miss Irma T., of Dover.

Mrs. Ellen Swett went to Nashua last week Friday to spend a few days visiting friends, returning on Monday.

On account of the excessive heat of last week Wednesday only a few members of the Loyal Workers of the Methodist church responded to the invitation to meet at the home of Mrs. George Nye. Quite a lot of work was accomplished, however, and the hostess refreshed her guests with sherbets and cool drinks.

Wilfred Soucy, who has gone to the Mexican border with his company from Nashua, has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

Miss Hilda Billerbeck, of New York city, has been the guest of Miss Blanche Fessenden for the past two weeks.

On last week Friday Mr. Yarrick went to Newburyport to give a performance at the Mid-summer Market for the benefit of the wounded soldiers in France, and held under the auspices of the American Red Cross society.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Dodge, of Malden, Mass., have returned home after a visit of two weeks spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris W. Moore have arrived at their summer home, "Pinecroft," for the summer. Mr. Moore's father is their guest for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley Ray, with their children, are enjoying a two-weeks' auto trip through the White Mountains.

Charles Russell, with his family, have arrived at Muscatanipus Camp for the remainder of the summer.

Thomas Bennett spent last week visiting at the home of his son, Willard Bennett, in Greenville.

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Whereas GEORGE A. WILDER the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twelfth day of September A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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

3t46 F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of MARGARET A. V. HAYWARD late of Boxborough in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds, as the law directs.

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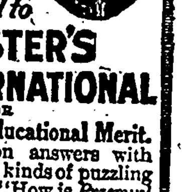

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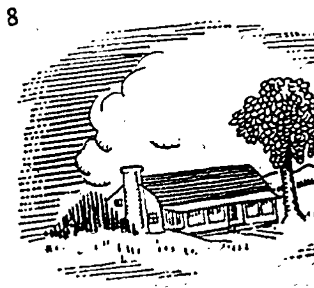

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Ray Willoughby took a vacation last week from his duties in the office of Rugg & Murdock, Boston, which he spent at his old home in town.

Mrs. Lucy Boynton has returned to her home on Elm street after a two-weeks' visit with Mrs. Henry Goodwin in Hollis, N. H.

Walter Sherwood, who with his wife has been staying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherwood, has been working on repairs with W. A. Shepardson in the garage.

Mrs. George Herrig and Rachel, from Somerville, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pierce this week.

Mrs. John Frazer is spending a few weeks at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Edward Duffey, Putnam, Conn.

Miss Edna Kittredge was a Lowell shopper on Monday, Miss Barbara Bancroft having charge of her office duties.

Principal D. L. Whitmarsh went to Barnstead, N. H., Monday, for a short stay at the home of his brother. Later, with Mrs. Whitmarsh, he will go to Lewiston, Me., for the remainder of the summer vacation.

Miss Effie Gillespie is quite ill with a complication of diseases. A physician was in attendance daily last week and Mrs. Marshall, the nurse. Her brother, Fred Gillespie, and wife, from Philadelphia, were with her last week. Mrs. Gillespie still remains, her husband being obliged to return to his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest O. Nash and daughter will reside at Ashmont farm with his parents during the summer, their goods arriving from their former home in Chelsea on last week Friday. Mr. Nash, who has been connected with the Forbes Lithograph Company of that place for several years, has accepted a new position as demonstrating salesman for the Casein Mfg. Co., of New York, a position which not only gives him a change, but which promises advancement.

Allan Cochran came from Winthrop to visit his old friends in town over the week-end and was the guest of Misses Annah and Margaret Blood. He now has a position in the establishment of S. S. Pierce, Boston.

The Paugus Camp-fire Circle met at their rooms on Friday evening last week. Their guardian, Miss Gertrude Carter, who had just returned from Amherst college, where she spoke at the summer school July 13, on the work of the Camp-fire, gave an interesting report of the meeting. The circle had refreshments of wafers and times.

The third community sing, which was held on the grounds of the Congregational church, Sunday evening, drew a much larger audience than on the former occasions, the night being perfect for an out-of-door gathering. The address, given by Rev. Edward M. Slocombe, of Worcester, who staying at his summer home on Oak hill, was most interesting, though brief, and was much appreciated by the audience. A solo was rendered by Miss Ethel Wells.

Mrs. Fred O. Parker entertained her sister, Miss Eleanor Mason, from Groton, last week. She brought back little Constance and Geraldine Parker, who had been visiting in Groton.

The manager of the Acme Paper & Box Company, Mr. Clute, has established his headquarters in the old office formerly occupied by H. A. Parker & Co., in the old grist mill building, and has a telephone installed

We noted in the Lunenburg items last week the name of Mrs. A. J. Callum, who with her two little daughters, Lillian and Isabelle, recently visited at the home of her brother, Frank Parker, in Roslindale.

Miss Mary Cheney, of Springfield, spent the week-end with the family of Rev. J. B. Lewis.

Kathleen Rouse has accepted a position as bookkeeper's substitute in Lowell.

Robert Marshall, who has been working in Lawrence, came back here last week to work in the paper mill in Groton.

Preparations are being made to oil and sand the graveled road toward Dunstable. The work is to be commenced near the junction of the Dunstable and East Groton roads and continued to the Dunstable line, where the road has already received the coating.

Miss Ida E. Shattuck is entertaining Miss Harriet J. Allyn, who was an associate nurse with her some years ago in the Massachusetts General hospital She is now superintendent of the Griffin hospital in Derby, Conn. Her sister, Miss Abbie Allyn, who is pastor's assistant at the First Congregational church in Waterbury, Conn., accompanied her.

At the Oak hill hall on Friday evening of last week the committee had planned a social affair with a program which consisted of vocal selections by Mrs. Ivan Parker and Raymond Gaskill, and numbers by O. B. Olsen's Victrola. The presence of quite a party from town turned the affair, later, into a dance, music for which was furnished by Mrs. Ivan Parker and Miss Mollie Frazer.

Rev. H. A. Hersey, pastor of the Universalist church in Caribou, Me., was in town recently, calling on friends and his relatives, the family of the late Charles Blake. He will be better remembered as Harry Hersey, who with his brother, Fred Hersey, now of Dorchester, and their father, used to visit every year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nutting, all of them being enthusiastic fishermen. He had made the trip from Maine on a bicycle.

Walter Chapman, of Roxbury, was a week-end guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman, Brookline street, returning on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall and Miss Leita motored here with friends from Fitchburg over Sunday, the guests of Mrs. A. N. Prescott and Mrs. Francis Lawrence.

Earl Parker came from Boston for the week-end with his parents on Brookline street.

Miss Jessie Flynn is entertaining a former classmate at the Fitchburg Normal school, Miss Hilda McIntyre, of Leominster.

The horse used by R. B. Winship in his laundry and grocery business took a lively trip away from the stable on Tucker avenue, where he was hauling in hay on Saturday. The bolt connecting the body of the cart with the front wheels gave way, causing the cart to hit the horse. One shaft became broken and in the course of his quick run over Cross street, or in turning the corner, the other shaft also gave way. Mr. Winship succeeded in keeping the animal enough under control so that it was stopped before it reached the railroad bridge with no damage to horse or driver. The cart was pushed into Mr. Williams' yard, rather in need of repairs, and the remainder of the hay he had purchased in a field was brought in by another party.

There will be an invitation dance at Oak hill hall on Tuesday evening, July 25, in charge of the members of the July committee of the society. Plans are made for a good crowd, if the evening is pleasant, and Thayer's orchestra will furnish music.

The pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. W. H. Beers, is expected home on Saturday, and on Sunday morning will preach on the subject, "God speaks to men." In the evening at 7.30 his subject will be "The comforter."

Miss Rose Alden has had Mrs. Harding, of Boston, with her for a visit, whose children, Mabel and Sherman Harding, are boarding here for the summer.

The Congregational church and Sunday school picnic was held at Silver Lake, Hollis, on Thursday of last week as planned. Many were conveyed in Durant's big barges, others by autos or carriages, about eighty being present in all. The number was much smaller than usual, owing no doubt to the threatening weather of the morning and the intense heat of the preceding day. The weather cleared about noon, after a shower, so that dinner was served at the tables in the grove as usual. Many who were intending to go up to spend the afternoon were prevented by the threatening weather. There was not enough rain at the grove to interfere with the pleasure of the young picnic folks, and swimming and boating were thoroughly enjoyed.

Thomas Tarbell, from New York, is spending his two-weeks' vacation in town.

Gerry Nutting has gone to Gardner to work during his summer vacation in the General Foundry, where Leland Gray, of this town, is employed.

J. A. Frossard returned on Tuesday afternoon from a business trip to New York and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Arthur Bartlett and daughter Mary went to Gardner on Monday. Mrs. Bartlett will visit her parents and sister, and bring back little Genieve the last of the week, who has been making a visit there.

Mrs. Hattie Everett, of Nashua, N. H., was a week-end guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. G. Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Quimby have returned from a two-weeks' outing on the coast of Maine.

Mrs. Fred Nokes was in town for a few days last week with her husband's relatives, going from here to Hudson, N. H., on Saturday, from which place she will return to her home in New York.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Edelweiss M. Roorbach to Charles R. Hardy, of Hollis, N. H. Miss Roorbach, a well-kifown Everett girl, graduated from Everett high school in the 1916 class. Mr. Hardy attended the New Hampshire college, from where he graduated in the class of 1913, two years.

Harris Tarbell is having a bathroom installed at his residence on Main street.

Mrs. Emma Hill, the nurse, returned recently from Brooklyn, N. Y., where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wentz. Her grandson returned with her for a visit.

Miss Beatrice Keith returned home this week from a visit with her aunt in Haverhill.

The many friends of Mrs. Genie Palmer are glad to welcome her back from the Nashua hospital, where she has been quite seriously ill for so many weeks. She arrived at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Wright, on Sunday morning. The trip from Nashua was made as comfortably as possible in the limousine of a friend there, and a nurse from the hospital accompanying her.

Mrs. John Martin gave a pleasant outing to her daughter Esther with two companions, Viola Harris and Ellen Bruzh, at Lake Muscatanipus, Brookline, N. H., on Friday of last week.

A. H. Harris went to Hampstead, N. H. last Saturday afternoon, returning home that evening with his brother, Leroy Harris, and wife, in their auto, who were guests here over Sunday.

Charles Messer has started a milk route about town, which his young sons, Wendell and Wesley, are attending to very creditably.

Miss Effie Winship returned home from Holden for a short stay Sunday morning.

Charles Goff was called to Lawrence on Friday of last week by news of the serious illness of his sister, which terminated in her death before his arrival.

The announcement of the marriage of William Ames, a former Pepperell boy, to Miss Ada Brewster, of Haverhill, has been received by friends in town. The ceremony was performed July 8 in Portland, Me., at the home of his sister, Mrs. Earl M. Dunton. Mr. Ames is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ames, formerly residents here.

Miss Emma Spaulding, of Hollis, N. H., has been taking charge of the millinery store of Miss L. D. Woods during her vacation.

Miss Lillian Dorr, of Manchester, N. H., and Frank Jordan, of Wakefield, were in town on Sunday to attend the services for their cousin, the late Hollis G. Jordan; also, his sister-in-law, Mrs. Perrin, of Providence, R. I., and Mr. and Mrs. George G. Willett, of Lynn.

James McCabe, of Brockton, was the guest of his cousins, Thomas and Ray Murray, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stinerford, of Auburn, Me., are visiting relatives in town.

As the purchasers of Twin Valley farm, have failed so far to make a sale of the property, they propose to sell off the stock from the place, it is understood, some time this month.

Don't forget the auction of household furniture of the late Frank H. Behrens on Tuesday afternoon, July 25, at one o'clock.

Hon. Henry W. Keyes, of Haverhill, N. H., brother of Messrs. Keyes of this town, visited here this week, being in Nashua on Tuesday conferring with Col. W. D. Swart of that city on matters concerning his candidacy for republican governor of New Hampshire. It is stated he would have commenced his campaign sooner but for the illness of his wife, who recently underwent a successful operation in a Boston hospital.

Death.

Hollis Gilman Jordan, a resident of this town for more than thirty years, died at his home on Cross street on Friday morning, July 14. His illness was of several months' duration, dating back to an attack of grippe cold in the winter, and terminating in a stomach and heart trouble. Mr. Jordan was a native of Goffstown, N. H., the date of his birth being March 30, 1852, making his age about sixty-four years.

In early life he was a resident of Milford, N. H., his marriage to Miss Mary Stanyan, of Lyndeboro, occurring there. He was left a widower after a few years, with a daughter, now Mrs. Wright, of this town. His marriage to Miss Mary Deware, of Point de Butte, N. B., took place in Milford on June 20, 1881. She survives him with a son, Hale F. Jordan, of this town.

Mr. Jordan was a cooper by trade, but at the time of his coming to Pepperell, in 1884, he started a fish business with his cousin, Frank Jordan. Later, he conducted a similar business in Athol, and being burned out, returned here and conducted the fish market at the corner of Cross and Main streets for some years with the late Walter Harriman. Afterwards he went into the concrete paving business with his brother-in-law, Albert Deware, taking many contracts in Mansfield and other parts of the state. For the past few years he has been employed at the Pepperell Card & Paper Company's shop.

He was never a very strong man, and his ambition and courage often carried him beyond his strength, as was the case in his last illness.

Mr. Jordan was a member of the Knights of Pythias, being past chancellor commander of Milford lodge. He was also a member of the Custus Morum lodge, I. O. O. F., of Milford, N. H. A delegation from this brotherhood attended the funeral services which were held at his late home on Sunday afternoon at one o'clock. The members of Beacon lodge conducted the service, the officiating clergyman being Rev. J. B. Lewis of the Congregational church, and Rev. W. H. Beers of the Methodist church. The two selections, "Saviour, comfort me" and "I cannot always trace the way," were rendered by a mixed quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash, Louis P. Shattuck and Walter H. Drury.

The bearers were his brothers-in-law, Rainsford, William and George Deware, and George G. Willett of Lynn.

Burial was in Milford, N. H., where the remains were conveyed by auto hearse from that city. A large delegation of Odd Fellows in automobiles, and relatives and friends accompanied the body to its final resting place.

The committal service in Milford was in charge of the Custus Morum lodge. There was a profusion of choice flowers, including large floral pieces from the Odd Fellows, as well as many from relatives and friends. Most of these were conveyed by special automobile to Milford.

The Little Red Schoolhouse.

Much has been said of late concerning rural schools and community work for the betterment of the rural people. It seems fitting that some use is to be made of those places where once the foundations of a practical education was laid, as today the foundation of all education is neglected.

Every parent is vitally concerned in the welfare of their children and their education. They have a right to discuss its problems, to make suggestions, and to protest against those tendencies in education which appear to them fundamentally wrong. The whole community takes a vital interest, also, in the coming generation.

Education has become a science. Men study for years in college and university, at home and abroad, in order to equip themselves to be our educators. They take courses at Harvard on "Educational psychology," and become very learned in educational theories.

But between the community and the super-educated educators there is little in common. Knowledge often disdains ignorance, and our schools reflect this condition. Many educators have not only become out of touch with the common demands of life, but they have also got out of touch with common, every-day learning.

Like the Pied Piper of Hamelin they have led the children away from the foundation stones of education by pleasant strains of cultural amusement. It does not take long to see that when a pupil from one of our grammar or even the high school cannot spell, cannot write legibily, cannot solve easy problems, or read with comprehension, there must be something wrong in its elementary schooling.

Music and drawing are prescribed studies, and yet we all know that the United States does not provide a living for more than one artist and one musician for every 100,000 persons.

The three R's should be thoroughly taught, and let the drawing, painting, cooking, botany, bird-talks, biology, anatomy and some of the other experiments for exhibition purposes be left out.

The present "system" which is being enforced, is causing parents to lose interest in the educational problem, as all the answer the lay critic can get is "We have the power." So they crowd the little ones together, a hundred or more in a building where they can be given little individual care or attention, and claim they can "make conditions more sanitary" than in the little Red schoolhouse.

The utter uselessness of the parents to obtain what they think is best for their children is shown in the contemplated closing of the Oak hill school. It is understood that last year a member of the State Board of Education, after looking over the ground, advised our school committee not to close the school. Even then, it was only after the demands of a few public-spirited women that the committee decided there was not much to do but give the people of Oak hill what they desired.

A decision has been made, however, this year to close it. It is hoped these women will not get discouraged. Get another visit from the State Board member and do what their sisters did for the State of Colorado, "put the flag over the little Red schoolhouse."

E. M. S.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

A band concert will be given on Tuesday evening at the village.

Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker, of New York city, has arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris. Mr. Ricker will join his wife the latter part of next week. They will remain at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris until the first of September with the exception of two weeks spent with Mr. Ricker's people in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Brown have announced their intention of giving up the management of the Brookside boarding house, which will be a source of regret to the patrons of this well-known place. Mr. Brown has rented the Binney house, so-called, on Mill street, and will occupy the same about August 1. Mrs. Binney will retain two rooms in the house to live in and the remainder of Mrs. Binney's furniture will be sold by public auction on Saturday afternoon, July 29, at 1.30 o'clock by A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer.

LITTLETON

News Items.

A lawn party, with musical entertainment, is planned by the executive committee of the Baptist C. E. society to be given at the church at the common on Wednesday evening, August 9.

Ralph McNiff's horse, standing near D. G. Houghton's residence Wednesday, became frightened at an automobile and ran with all speed down Goldsmith street hill, around the Baptist church corner, hitting a post and throwing the two front wheels out of commission. He then took a westward direction, bound for home, when he was intercepted by John Sibley, who very skillfully caught and managed the frightened steed. No one was injured and the damage to the buggy was not great.

Ralph Hill was in town Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, of Woburn, were recent guests of their sister, Mrs. Walter Kimball.

Twenty or more Littleton people attended the lawn party given by Acton Grange on Tuesday evening. The Maynard National band gave a splendid concert and the grounds were very attractive with their Japanese lanterns, and booths containing ice cream, cones, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barker attended the St. Petersburg, Fla., tourist association reunion at Nantasket Beach on Tuesday.

Miss Esther McEnnis and friend, Miss Flood, of Holyoke, are spending two weeks at Nantasket.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a food sale in the vestry this week Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

John T. Hanson, of Cambridge, and Miss Blanche H. White, of Dorchester, have been visiting their uncle, Osman Needham, the past week.

A letter from Arthur Barker reports excellent health and comfortable surroundings at Camp Wilson, San Antonio, Texas. Battery F is exclusively a University of Illinois institution. A camp is being erected by the Y. M. C. A., with electric lights and reading tables provided with magazines and papers for the use of the soldiers.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens has bought Mrs. Amelia Wakefield's house on King street and will make repairs necessary for occupancy.

Mrs. Homer Boardman has entertained as her guests this last week Miss Ethel Moore and Miss Thelma Walker, of Fredericton, N. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith, of Lynn, and Clifford Smith, of Ashcroft, were over Sunday guests of the C. L. Smiths, King street.

Marion Smith has returned from a very pleasant visit with her cousin in Brockton. During her stay she took several interesting short trips and excursions.

Hayward Houghton and his aunt, Miss Marion Flagg, have been in Kennebunkport, Me., for a week past, and Mrs. Charles Houghton expects to go to the same resort next week for her annual vacation.

Evelyn and Gladys Woodbury have gone to their summer home in Annisquam for the vacation months.

The Grange lawn party on Wednesday evening had a large attendance. McNully's orchestra played for the dancing and a good number went in to trip the light fantastic, while many auto loads remained outside and simply enjoyed the music.

Charles W. Houghton has been indisposed and since the middle of the week has required the services of a nurse.

Miss Inez Blanchard, of New Ipswich, N. H., has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Smith, and with the Smith family motored to New Ipswich, where they spent the day last Sunday. Other guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smith are Miss Ellen Hatfield and Miss Jennie Tibbets of Nova Scotia, who will soon make their home in Dorchester.

On Friday, July 14, Deputy Classen of Leominster was in Littleton and installed the officers of Loyal Pride of Nashobah lodge as follows: Nina Dennison, p.n.g.; Grace Smith, n.g.; Annie Turnbull, v.g.; Ellen McQuarrie, p. sec.; Lois Gregory, treas.; Margaret Humphriss, e. sec.; Theresa Stapleford, warden; Nellie Reed, guard; Mary J. Oddy, l.f.n.g. During the social hour refreshments of ice cream, strawberry short cake and fruitade were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Childs are boarding with the Frank Smiths on Great road.

Burton S. Flagg, of Andover, came to Littleton in his touring car recently and made a brief visit with his sister, Mrs. C. K. Houghton.

Edward Loring has a new Reo truck.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith returned home last week Friday from Lake Ossipee, N. H., where she spent two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown and baby Doris, from Springfield, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, at the common.

Misses Edith, Myrtle and Hope Fletcher went to Gardner the first of the week for a visit with their aunt, Mrs. Blanchard.

Mrs. Emma Greenwood, of Worcester, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. M. Parker, and the son, Wallace Greenwood, is spending his vacation of two weeks in his former home, New London, N. H.

Littleton haymakers have had a busy week since the weather became favorable and the scarcity of help caused by extra employment in the munition factories has made hard work and long days a necessity.

The Philathea class of the Congregational Sunday school will hold the regular monthly meeting with Miss Sanderson next week Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Miss Mary Marshall is visiting her sister, Mrs. Leeds, in Sharon.

HOW TO PROVIDE FOR THE FIREPLACE AND ITS ATTRACTIVENESS.

Suitable andirons are not always easy to find, and frequently one sees a beautiful fireplace spoiled in appearance because it has been supplied with andirons and accessories out of proportion and of an inappropriate style.

Sometimes to a luxurious big living room is given a pair of little old time andirons which would do exactly for a cozy colonial bedroom, while small fireplaces are often thoughtlessly furnished with huge, heavy, modern andirons.

For rooms done in a quaint old time style of furnishing some of the reproductions of the Hessian designs of andirons painted in gay colors are good.

A complete set of fireplace furnishings may include an old brass fender with claw feet, a pair of steeple topped andirons, shovel, tongs and heavy rings to hold them to the jamb of the fireplace. Such a set would fit well in a modern colonial house.

Interior decorators say that a fireplace is not complete without a brass roaster and corn popper. The latter are on the style of the old time bed warmers. Several extremely well appointed fireplaces, strictly suited to the quaint environment of the room, have the copper bed warmer and the copper trimmed bellows hanging on a carved copper hook at the side.

Brass kettles in odd design hanging on a crane, flat toasters of brass and the long adjustable handled marshmallow forks are shown this season.

A HYGIENE NOTE.

How to Clear the Complexion Without Dosing Your System.

A glass of hot lemonade taken night and morning is a good thing to clear the complexion. Squeeze half a lemon into a tumblerful of boiling water sweeten very slightly and drink as soon as it is cool enough.

Another thing a girl with a muddy complexion should do is to have a quick all over soap and water wash every morning with very hot water and then a sponge down with cold ending up with a good rub with a rough towel.

As to food, don't eat rich, highly seasoned things. Light homemade pastry doesn't hurt; neither do plain cakes, but don't go in for tinned salmon and lobster, curry or rich, heavy cakes, and don't drink much coffee or cocoa.

Now, as to the way to treat your face itself: If your skin is really very thick and muddy it is an excellent thing to wash it every night at bed time with very hot water and "green soap." Lather your face well and you will find the soap brings away black heads and is most cleansing, but it is only suitable for really thick skin. It is apt to irritate a fine or thin skin.

Let the soap remain on a few minutes, then rinse it off in very hot water.

In the morning sponge your face with cold water and then wipe it over with eau de cologne and water or a little camphor and water.

How to Avoid Nervousness In This Rackety Age.

No one can help feeling nervous at times in this age of rush and racket but every woman should remember that the more she controls this feeling the longer she will retain her beauty It is quite possible to put on the brake, as it were, and not let the nerves run away with us. If people fret you it is not necessary to be rude to them. Try instead to avoid them.

Don't read books that irritate you Books are plentiful. Therefore put away the offending volume and choose another. If a noise at night worries you don't let it continue to do so. Get up and see to the matter and put it right.

Don't let yourself get into the habit of being bored. It is not worth while When you feel it coming on plunge at once into some task that will take all your time and energy. It is better to run away from certain things than to let them irritate you.

How to Provide a Suitable Receptacle For Soiled Linen.

A wicker hamper is perhaps the ideal laundry container. But it must be kept clean. One enameled white looks so clean that it is hard to remember that it may harbor impurities, even germs. It must be washed in hot water occasionlly and dried in the sunshine, and then occasionally it can be further refreshed with a clean coat of enamel.

How to Remove White Spots on Your Pet Mahogany Furniture.

The white spots which hot dishes often leave on tables and other wooden surfaces can be removed by applying a mixture composed of equal parts of alcohol, olive oil and pure cider vinegar. Shake well before using. Rub well with a woolen cloth and polish with another soft woolen cloth.

How to Mend a Lace Curtain Without Large Expense.

A simple way to mend lace curtains after cleaning them is to take a small piece of old lace curtain or net the size of a hole, dip it in a little cold starch and place on the curtain to be mended; then press with a hot iron. It does not show it was mended.

Ayer Coming Up

Great interest is being shown in solving the problems published by the Fitchburg Business College from week to week, and while Ayer is coming to the front in the number of solutions received, yet no correct solutions have been received to date.

PROBLEM NO. 6

Harris is the proprietor of a concern; he admits James and Williams as equal partners upon each investing $20,000 cash in the business and upon paying to Harris the sum of $12,000. The Balance Sheet of Harris is as follows:

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	$8,000	Creditors	$8,000
Accts. Receivable	2,000	Capital, Harris	45,000
Buildings	10,000		
Merchandise	33,000		
	$53,000		$53,000

Show the Balance Sheet of the firm of Harris, James, and Williams newly formed. What sum did James and Williams pay in respect of good will?

NOTE

Owing to lack of space we will send correct solution only to the ones sending us an answer.

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About Town.

This is really a week of birthdays in Pepperell—Mrs. N. S. Appleton on the 17th, Mrs. E. B. Heald on the 18th, Mrs. C. W. Reed on the 19th, Mrs. J. O. Bennett on the 20th, and her eldest grandchild on the 21st. The world at large will be interested to hear that Mrs. E. B. Heald was most graciously honored by piazza tea at the home of Mrs. Perley Blake, and presented by her Book and Thimble club with a very useful and appropriate gift, one which will cast much light on all her future meanderings through this "vale of tears." It is highly probable that each of the other ladies celebrated in equally gratifying ways their respective dates, this reporter having received no word, however, from them, feels proud to be the first to announce (he hopes) this occasion to the public. The other reports will be anxiously looked for—"So far a little candle throws its beam," etc.

Miss Elva Sherwood and brother Elmer arrived home Monday night from a two-weeks' vacation in Danville, N. H.

Walter Corey, Jr., of Brookline, is staying with his grandmother, Mrs. Julia Lawrence, at the home of Calvin Lawrence.

Miss Harriette Clapp entertained Miss Evelyn Whittaker, of Allston, over the week-end.

The playground director, Lloyd L. Tower, will take the boys of the playground on a hike to Silver Lake on Tuesday, July 25. The start will be made from the playground at nine in the morning, and each boy must bring his own lunch. Every boy nine years of age or over is invited.

The Knights of King Arthur, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Beers, are camping at Florida Villa, Lake Massapoag. They report a most enjoyable time.

LITTLETON

It is reported that S. C. Bates has taken a five-year lease of the Halliday place in Newtown, where he and his sister will make their home for the present.

Miss Edna Hartwell has spent a week with her uncle, Frank Hartwell, in Somerville. The other members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hartwell, motored to Gloucester on Saturday and from there made several trips in their car to nearby points of interest, returning home on Tuesday.

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