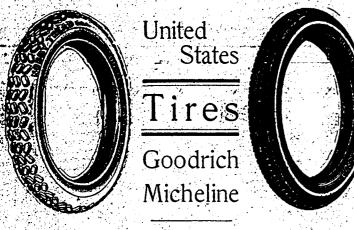
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News Items,

A competition is to be held between the schools of the town in soliciting subscriptions to the third liberty loan. A prize of ten dollars has been offered to the school, securing the largest total, and also a prize of five dollars is to be given to the scholar who secures the most. The work is to be carried out under the direction of the teachers. It is expected that there will be a similar contest between the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, but the plans for that have not yet been perfected.

G. Stanley Wells, who has been at

G. Stanley Wells, who has been at a southern training camp during the winter, is home for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gale are re-ceiving congratulations over the birth of a son born April 16.

of a son born April 10.

Mary A. Livermore lodge will hold
their regular meeting Friday evening.
There will be an entertainment and
every member is requested to bring a
gnest.

Mrs. Arthur Ayles is entertaining her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Morris of Leeds, Me.

Miss Doris Knowles is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Ernest W. Walker of North Leominster.

Mrs. George Greenleaf spent Wed-esday in Boston.

The Ladies' Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Nellie Holbrook on Wednesday afternoon, April 24, at three o'clock. Walter Knowles attended a meeting a the interest of the A. O. U. held vednesday at the Quincy house, Bos-

Mrs. Earl Lennard left Tuesday for n indefinite visit with her parents t Governor, N. Y.

at Governor, N. Y.

"Cinderella" with Mary Pickford in the leading role will be given under the auspices of the Shirley Service club for the benefit of the junior Red Cross on next Wednesday evening. There will also be special features by the school children. Home-made candy will be on sale. Tickets will be in the hands of the school children and it is hoped everyone will buy one.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Conant. Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Conant, Mrs. Nellie Holbrook and Miss Altie Howe were among those who attended the Congregational conference at Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. James and little son, of Cohasset, arrived this week at the summer home of Mrs. Dakin, which they are to occupy for a few weeks. Miss Dorothy Q. Adams, of Rox-bury, is spending the week with her grandfather, Albert Adams,

Percy Mackage has been spending few days in town this week.

The Center grammar and primary schools will close on Friday, April 26, for a week's vacation. The vacation in the village schools, however, will be held next week, or one week earlier than at the Center. Black Leaf-40

The knitting bee was held on Mon-ay evening at the home of Mrs. C. E.

The body of M. W. Carey was brought from Fitchburg to the Center cemetery on Tuesday and placed in the receiving tomb to await burial in the family lot, which is now being prepared

Mrs. H. F. Grout, of Fitchburg, has been in town this week getting her house on Farker road ready to let. It is inderstood that the house is to be taken by Capt. Chamberlain and fam-

Rev. Roscoe Thomas, of Groton School, will conduct the service at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon at

At the meeting of the Grange on

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value at 12½¢ yard

25c. value at...... 19¢ each

terns; \$2.00 value at \$1.29 each

Sheeting, good heavy quality; 60e. value at 45¢ yard

Tuesday evening it was voted to have liberty bond. The following program was given during the lecturer's hour:
Readings, Mrs. Margaret Harris: original poem, "The abandoned village," Elmer E. Wilkins; reading, Christine Farrar; readings, Mrs. Mable Graves; "America." During the evening the service fing of Shirley Grange, with eight stars on it, was hung.

All in the Center or North who are interested in the third uberty loan should get in touch with Bobert H. J. Holden this week, and he will be glad to take subscriptions or give any intermation in regard to the loan.

The Center school is to take part in the competition between the schools of Shirley in getting subscribers to the third liberty loan.

LITTLETON

News Items.

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St. Anne's mission will hold a supper, concert and dance in the town hall on Friday, April 26. Music will be furnished by the 301st Ammunition Train band of Camp Devens; concert by soldiers from Camp Devens, and reading by Mrs. John Remick. Supper will be served from 6.30 to 7.45; concert from 7.45. to 8.30; dancing from 8.30 to 12.

At the morning service at the Congregational church on Sunday Rev. F. W. Lambertson will address the young people on "A trip to Nlagara, or the one purpose man."

The C. E. meeting at the Congregational church will be held at seven o'clock. All cordially welcome.

A Boy Scouts organization was ex-pected to be formed on Friday even-ing of this week at the Congregational church vestry.

Seventeen of the Littleton people at-tended the conference in West Groton on Wednesday and heard, some excel-lent speaking. They also enjoyed the hospitality of the entertaining church

Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb and her father, Mr. Marshall: of Stow, visited the Herbert Whitcomb family in Wa-terbury, Conn., last week

Miss Gladys Wilde is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Sloane, in New York.

Mrs. Floretta Kelley has not thought of changing her residence in spite of reports to the contrary.

Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb, on her birthday, April 10, enjoyed many pleasant surprises. Her daughter, Mrs. Robbins, and granddaughter, Mrs. Edgerton, visited her and brought a beautiful birthday cake, grandsons and grandsons-in-law all wrote letters, friends sent postcards and other manifestations of friendship and good will made the day one to be delightfully remembered.

Clifton Ewing and Herbert Prouty have come to a northern camp, but at time of writing the location is unknown to the home people. .

Mr. and Mrs. Ayer expect guests from Greater Boston over the week-end. Their son from Cambridge is also to be with the home people a few days

The road at the common is nearing completion and if the weather condi-tions are favorable it should be done by the first of next week.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tillotson are leaving town and will make their home in Westford. Helen Kimbali has so sec vecevere

Mrs. N. B. Conant returned hom rom Adams the last of last week eaving her mother more comfortable

The Camp Fire Girls held their res The Camp rife Giris held their reg-ular meeting at the home of Ruth Hardy on Boxborough road last Sat-urday and Miss Marion Flagg of the council addressed them. Hope Fletch-er and Elizabeth Hill, the new mem-bers, have received their wood-gather-ers' rings.

ers' rings.

The liberty loan campaign in Littleton is reported to be making satisfactory progress, and the quota for this town is expected to be reached. The Camp Fire Girls have faithfully distributed liberty loan literature.

In winters of long ago trees were split by the action of frost in especial-

ly severe seasons, and we hear of some that met the same fate this last seasor in this vicinity. Joseph Swan, of Concord, is substi-

tuting in the ticket office during C. Mr. Eldridge, of Brockton, with his wife and baby, have moved into the Flagg tenement, recently vacated by B. F. Jacobs. Mr. Eldridge has accepted a position with J. M. Hartwell at the garage.

Miss Annie Stevenson of Taunton was the weekend guest of the H. F. Proctors. Mrs. A. W. Turner, of Milford, N. H., visited the family on Thursday, and Marjorle Proctor returned with her for a few days,

A good number of the Littleton Alli-ance women planned to attend the meeting in Ayer on Thursday. meeting in Ayer on Thursday.

Littleton friends learned with much regret of Mrs. Sarah E. Beddoe's death suddenly on Wednesday morning at her home in East Orange, N. J., where she had spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Chamberlain, The funeral will be held in Charlestown on Saturday, and the burial will be made in West Acton.

Mrs. John Oshorne has returned from the hospital and is getting along remarkably well.

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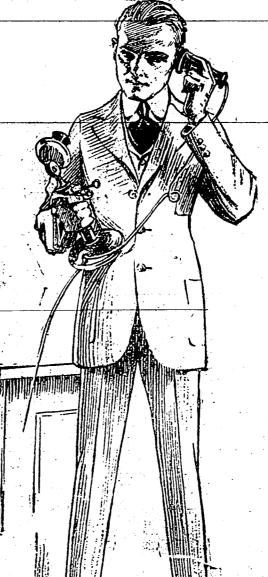
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Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Wright, of Quincy, are in town for over the holi-

Alfred W. Tuttle has been confined Affred W. Tuttle has been connect to his home with the gripe, and later George Sullivan has been at home with a hard cold, and the branch line electrics have had to have help substituted from the main line employees.

ton.

Figures are not all tabulated at this time, but Westford is leading with one other town (Bedford) as one of the honor towns in the raising of its quota for the third liberty loan. Its quota is \$75,000 and it already stands at \$103,150 with 144 subscribers. Westford has already received its honor flag for already securing more than fifty percent of its required amount. Splendid work by the committee, John C. Abbot, chairman, and earnest response by the townspeople, have characterinzed the work, more detailed account of which will be given next week.

week.

A patriotic mass meeting was held at the First Parish church on Sunday eyening with Rev. L. H. Buckshorn as its enthusiastic leader. Because of the fact that next winter New England will face a serious food supply shortage, Mr. Buckshorn arranged the following speakers and subjects: Rev. Howard A. Lincoln spoke on liberty bonds, for the children: Robert R. Thomas, grand knight, of Lowell, spoke most interestingly on war work of the Knights of Columbus; Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn, on "A southern mammy's corn kitchen," and oscar R. Spalding on "Home-grown meats."

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Company L. M. S. G., held its weekly drill with a good attendance on
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department of food conservation, Mrs.
John P. Wright; department of foodcontrol and distribution, Frederic A.
Hanscembi department of retail merchants. Howard E. Wright; depart-

eon at the Unitarian church on These day afternaet. April 19, at 1100 chook. Mrs. F. A. Meyer is the chairman of the commattee, with Mrs. W. E. Wright and Mrs. A. W. Hartes do Gold. The latter ke dly takes Mrs. Clarence Hildreth's place in his concentration town. Members will please notify Mrs. Meyers of school in they wish takes that she may 1 difference aftern, who will be the same and with the category who will be the same and with the same tate as last year.
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Musical numbers were a violin solo. Mildred Precious; vocal solo. Elimer Colburn, and a selection by the girls chorus. The other contestants were follown. The first production and stock in monator to the extreme high means to the extreme high mea

The judges rendered their decisions on the following basis: Enunciation 40 percent, and poise and gesture 10 percent, and memory and preparation 10 percent. The stage was handsomely framed with hemitock. Preceding the program Principal Roadenbush read a most interesting letter he had received that day from Edward T. Bledgett, now in the front line trenches in France.

electrics have had to have help substituted from the main line employees.

A second group of Camp Fire Girls, these being academy students, has been formed. Mrs. Fred Meyer is the guardian and Miss Marjorie Seavey the assistant guardian. This is known as the Mattawaukee Camp Fire circle and the members are Alice Wright. Edna Sargent, Gladys Ingalls, Marjorie Marjorie Sargent, Gladys Ingalls, Marjorie Marj

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spraying the orchards of Rev. L. H. Buckshorn on Great Tadmuck hill. Buckshorn on Great Tadmuck hill. From everywhere comes the lamentation, "Owing to the high cost of grain we shall not raise grain on this lamentation seems justifiable, but to the average farmer, with plenty of land to raise grain, this wall seems to be tremendously tinctured with semishiftlessness of the "can't get no help" brand. An acre of buckwheat is easy and cheaply raised, eyen after a crop of hay is removed, and will feed a flock of poultry for several months. But then, I wouldn't raise any because the west has always raised our grain and cheapler than I could do it. That sentiment, "Cheaper than I could do it," as applied to present prices of grain, is the road to taking your "financial count" unless you are built of exceptional qualities.

Frederick A. Snow has been appointed administrator of the estate of George Spaulding, and Fred L. Fletcher, William R. Taylor and Samuel L. Taylor appraisers of the estate.

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Mr. Buckshorn, "Car service and maintenance"; Grant Knight and Robert R. Thomas, of Lowell, told of the war work of the Knights of Columbus.

Hon. Edward Fisher, who served in the constitutional convention with ExgGov. John Q. A. Brackett, was an usher at his funeral-which took place from the Unitarian church in Arlington last week Tuesday afternoon.

The recent snowstorm seems to indicate that spring still lingers in the lap of winter, and is unable to spring out and stay sprung.

The government has asked us to interested to contribute some apples to make them feel more at nome in this north land. She asked all those interested to contribute some apples which could be taken up and given to them. There was a ready response, W. R. Taylor and Rev. Charles Anderson-collected the apples and Arthur Walker took them up in Alec Fisher's truck on last week Friday morning. Mrs. J. C. Abbot, Mrs. Julian Cameron, Mrs. W. R. Taylor and Miss Freda Johnson went up and personally looked after the distribution of the fruit. Needless to say the colored troops thoroughly appreciated the kindness. It was only an apple and not the proverbial "cup of cold water." but it carried its blessing and cheer to those who received it and surely those who gave are happy in the thought that they could help.

Westford Wins Honor Flag.

Westford Whis Honor Flag.

Westford has certainly gone "over the top" in raising its quota for the third liberty loan. Already the honor flag has come because we have oversubscribed. Our quota was \$75,000, and on Monday \$103,150 had been subscribed by 144 persons, and there is more to follow. Two subscriptions running into five figures have come from two partiotic citizens, and

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The Tadmuck club held one of its last meetings for the season on Tuesday afternoon at the congregational vestry. It was the annual children's afternoon, Mrs. Buckshorn, Mrs. Loveless and Miss Snow being the committee.

Charles K. Putney, superintendent of schools of chelmstord, was the speaker of the afternoon for the children and game 14 K on "Birds." He was a close student of ins subject, fiving many acceptance of bird life. At the class of the program comes.

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any such thing as personal gain. The speakers were Messrs, Abbot, Merrill and Ryan Miss Elvira Scorgie furnished music, Visitors were present from Camp Devens, Plans are being made by some of the members to visit Bolton Gronge on Monday evening next.

ist week+ ad, but received a telegram report a lonce at Hoboken. He ex-cts to be sent abroad at once. Last Saturday Mrs. Sarah Whitney Last Saturday Mrs. Sarah Whitney passed the eighty-eighth milestone of her life at the home of her son, Fred A Whitney on Oak hill. Though and and do of for the past twenty-five cars Mrs. Whitney is still keenly wake to the events of the day and bears her lafirmities with a patient storik.

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have begun basketball are looking for outside hall and expect to begin their schedule



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FRUIT TREES OF NORTHERN FRANCE VESTROYED DY RETREATED GERM

HEN the Germans re treated from long held positions in Northern France they girdled ev ery fruit tree that time permitted. Here is such a tree, hacked beyoud chance of the tree's surviving unless first ald measures were quickly adopted. In many cases the

advancing French troops brought the first aid material and sometimes succeeded in saving the trees. Where the tree was absolutely cut down-as hundreds were—there was, of course, no relief measure to employ. Members of the U.S. Food Administration brought this picture to America. Early in the war the German govern ment introduced a policy of strict food conservation at home and has endeavored to curtail in every possi-ble manner the French and English supply. U boat warfare and destruc-



GIRDLED TRUCT TREE

America is today the great larder of the allied nations. Out of our food tion of farming property are parts of stocks we must save enough to feed our European associates in this war.

EVERYONE MUST HELP.

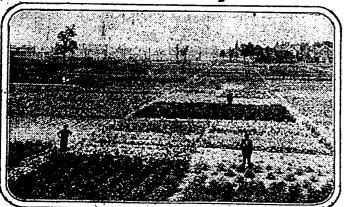
Wars cannot be fought without money, and upon the Treasury centers every financial demand upon the Nation.

The rich of this country cannot alone meet the needs of the Nation; the men of the country cannot alone meet the meets of the realist, the men of the country cannot do it alone; the women of the country cannot do it alone; but all of us, the people of the United States, disregarding partizanship, forgetting solfish interests, thinking only of the supremacy of right and determining to vindicate the majesty of American Ideals and secure the safety of America and civilization, can do the great and splendid work which God has called upon us to do.

W. G. McADOO. Secretary of the Treasury,



Plant aWar Garden; HefpWintheWar.



THIS IS THE WAR GARDEN PLANTED BY WORKERS IN A BIG PLOW COMPANY

ELPING to increase our export food stocks, war gardens will be planted this year in greater numbers than ever before. Each American family that has a garden plot is being urged to become more nearly self-sustaining by making use of it. This will render a national service by lessening the burdens on our railroads. Fewer carloads of food hauled about the country means more cars of munitions and food sent to seaboard for

The United States Department of Agriculture and State Agricultural Colleges have printed leaslets of instructions for gardeners which will be sent upon request without charge.

It was only during the last winter that government experts were able to know definitely how great was the aid of 1917 war gardens. In many sections the potatoes and other vegetables raised enabled the people to escape a threatened famine in certain commodities that were held up on account of the railroad transportation crisis. Approximately 2,000,000 war gardens were planted in 1917-many were failures; but the gardener now knows more about raising vegetables and will do better in 1918.

Rose That Changes Color.

White in the shade, red in the sunsuch is the twofold character that has given a name to the "chameleon rose." At night, or when it is carried into a dark room, it assumes a waxlike white ness. This does not occur abruptly, but the petals first pass through a bluish tint, which rapidly changes into ecoming the purest white. Then, if it is taken into bright sunlight, with the ager of any group of people must not greatest rapidity it resumes the scarlet only be a man of big mentality but it tint of the most brilliant peony. This Dhenomenon comes from Japan.

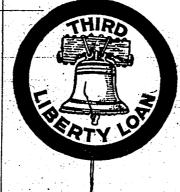
Job Too Big for Average Man. It takes lots of brains, patience and attractiveness to keep everybody straight. The trouble is it's not so much a matter of benefit to others as it is a satisfaction to yourself to be the general manager of things. The world could lose several in every community and its efficiency and peace would not suffer in the least. The chap that would be general manhas to be recognized to bring harmonious results.

OVER 1,500,000 LIBERTY BELLS ON BUTTONS News Items.

New England will common more pictures of the Liberty Bellow May let than ever before in its instory.

This is because the button of the fliberty Loan bears a pacture of the famous Philadelphia relie which was rung to mark the signing receipts would doubtless have been

of the Declaration of Independence It has a border of brilliant red, a field bell, and the Liberty bell and words "Third Liberty Loan" in white Already 1,600,000 of these buttons have been ordered. This is 300,000 than were distributed in the Second Loan, and from all indications further orders may have to be placed.



Each subscriber to the Loan is to eceive a button when he makes his subscription, and the banks and trust companies, which will receive the subscriptions, are amply prepared to make the distribution promptly.

Almost every institution which has made its call for buttons up to April 1st had increased the number requested over the number used in the Second Loan. The button demand measures the number of individual subscribers to the Loan in each case Thus far, they have risen in thic order:

First Loan Second Loan 1,300,000 Third Loan (called for) 1,600,000 At this rate one in every 11/2 of the ,000,000 persons in New England will take a Liberty Bond, of some kind, in the Third Loan.

THE HONOR CARDS.



white and blue bull's eye figures, as adopted by the Liberty Loan Committee of New England as its distinctive emblem for the Third Loan, are 'Honor Cards." One of these is for rooms in schools

or entire school itself, for office in a city building, or a home, or a room in a factory or any single building or section of a building, in which all the persons using the room, or living in it, own Liberty Bonds of the Third

At the top it hears the words "Honor Card". Below the buil's eye are the words "Our Score 100 per cent, All here have bought Third Liberty The "Individual Honor Card" has that title at the top, and beneath "I have scored by buying Third Li-

THE "LIBERTY" DOOR BELL



A unique feature of the campaign for the Third Liberty Loan in New England i- a paper reproduction in red, white and blue of the Liberty Bell handing from a circular strip of paper which may be slipped over a

"Ring Me Again" are the words on the strip that goes over the knob. On the bell itself is "Third Liberty

Loan, Buy U.S. Government Bonds. These are going far and wide among the cities and towns through the local committee, and the police-men will be asked to assist the committee by distributing them for use at the different houses.

Dr. Crawford W. Long, a Georgia country doctor, who received his medi-

cal education at the University of

was rung to mark the signing receipts would doubtless have been greater. However, ments three delars was netted and will be placed in the fund for a new plano. A commu-tee meeting will be held shortly to ar-range for another entertainment with-in a few weeks for the same worthy object.

A. Heywood Knowlton has been spending his vacation of one week at home. His room-mate Robert E. Bacon, is a week-end kiest, and college friends from Camp bevens are also expected for a short visit.

of broken neatth, afterment was made at Westlawn' cemetery on Monday, April 15, with a brief service conducted by Rev. H. L. Caulkins of Littleton. Mr. Sampson is survived by one broth-producted Sampson in the long resier, Bradford Sampson, a life-long resident of this town.

A number of members of the C. E. society expect to attend the annual C. E. county convention in Newton on Patriot's day.

The topic of Mr. Caulkins' address at the Ayer district Sunday school convention should have read, "The mechanism and man power of organized classes," not "brain power" as incorrectly printed in this paper last week. Miss Emma E. Tenney was elected secretary and treasure of the district secretary and treasurer of the district association. F. B. Priest has been in Washington

recently.

The G. M. Lovejoys, of Hariford. Conn., were at Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb's over Sunday.

At a benefit affair to be held in Pepperell next week Thursday, Mrs. F. H. Dole will give readings and Miss Florence Hunt will sing.

There was a large congregation present at the Congregational church last Sunday morning. The new pastor, Rev. F. W. Lambertson, preached, bringing a very helpful message, and the quartet, supplemented by Miss Florence Hunt, rendered a valuable musical service. The quartet will sing again on Sunday morning and is expected each Sabbath for the present.

A large delegation from the Little.

A large delegation from the Little-ton church planned to attend the spring conference of the Union Asso-ciation of Congregational churches in West Groton this week Wednesday. John E. Gardner contemplated spending the holiday season with his son and wife in Jamaica Plain this week

Peter McNiff did not return from Peter McNiff did not return from the hospital last week as expected. At last reports his eye was improving, but he has had a long, unpleasant siege. During his stay in Boston he has enjoyed the attention of his Littleton friends. Calls, flowers, letters, etc., have helped relieve the monotony of hospital life.

Mrs. John Osborne was operated on at Dr. Codman's private hospital on Pinkney street, Boston, and very happilly hers was discovered to be not a serious case. She has been reported as doing well and is expected home soon if she has not already arrived.

Charlotte Woodbury is improving, but remains at the Groton hospital still. When the abscess in her neck begins to heal she will probably be allowed to leave the hospital. Members of the family visit her often and school friends and neighbors have been thoughtful of her during her sickness Sherman Hardy is taking his turn at Liberty measles.

Richard G. Harwood has bought ractor to be used for ploughing an drawing heavy loads on the farm. High school juniors announce a dance in the town hall on May 3. Dancing from eight to one. Poole's orchestra, of Boston, five pieces, will play. Tickets are said to be limited.

Edwin Esten is home from Chicopee Falls for Frid, y and Saturday. Eu-gene Esten come home on Wednesday for the rest of the week.

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previous. Funeral s were held at his Medford and com-Georgian Doctor Human Benefactor.

Perhaps the greatest triumph of American medical science was the discovery of anaesthesia, which made modern surgery possible. A number of physicians claimed the priority in this great development, but in latter years the credit has usually been given to adapter, there sons, grandchildren to a specific process.

the credit has usually been given to a daughter, three a daughter, three sons, grandchildren and a sister. We Maria Going.

Mr. Taylor was located at one time in West Acton, where he and his brother, the late Charles Taylor, were engaged in business. For many years he has been in the sausage business in

Boston, with a home in Somerville, and later in West Medford. For some time he had a wine err, meat and provision store in fewer's which was condincted by A. T. is result. In business few a netal ans

Letter from France

by his Littleton triends, which is date Somewhere in Prance, March 8, 1918 Dear Gross at Home-Well, I have a new and interesting home in France By consulting the map of France Education of the American Country of the and patients with the Education of the Country of the Education of the Edu at Home-Well, I have

spending his vacation of one week at home. His room-mate Robert E. Balcon, is a week-end knost, and college friends from Camp beyons are also expected for a short visit.

'The directors of the Woman's club met on Tuesday afternoon and heard reports, and discussed matters of interest to the club favoring the outlook for the closing of 1917-15 season and approach of 1918-19.

"The strength of the courageous heart? will be the subject of Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon at the Unitarian church Supday morning.

Charles F. Sampson died recently in Westboro at the age of eighty-three years. The last thirty years of his life were spent in retirement was made at Westlawn cemetery on Monday, April 15, with a brief service conducted by Rev. H. L. Caulking of I terror much in cologian myself.

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We try to "pariez" with the peasants and have great times making one another understood. The town is centuries old, and needless to relate, is just as quaint and interesting as it is old. Nearly all the inhabitants are peasants and they live very close to Nature. The proverbial piles of fertilizer generally comes up to the window sill and stop. The streets are very narrow, no sidewalks at all, and all the buildings are of stone or cement. There is a ditch along each side of the street where the refuse water runs. There are no modern contynences at all. Everyone goes to the veniences at all. Everyone goes to the town pump by the old stone chapel

for water.

The chapel has a fine old bell, and

It is a town of about 345 inhabitants, so you see we don't have much excitement, but the people are very cordial. We get them to make omelets for as, and it is so interesting to watch them being made. All the rboms (for nearly all live in one room) have big irre-places in them, and the people cook right in the freplace. Some interesting omelet when you get it cooled under these conditions.

Sugar is very scarce here, and the peasants can get only a pound a.

Sugar is very source here, and the pensants can get only a pound a month a person. They have sugar cards here so you see you people are not alone it, the sugar shortage.

The women (for there are no men except the aged and cripples) make their living by sewing, and they get about note cents for making one shirt (man's outside shirt). They surely have to work to get a day's pay.

As I have to go on guard I guess I had better stop and get ready. I hope you are all as well as I am, for I am enjoying my stay here very much now, so don't worry about me.

30 don't werry about me. Your leving son and brother, Sergi, Roland H. Fletcher, 465 Aero Squadron, American Expeditionary Forces, France.

Mistaken Contempt.

was justly said by Emperor Charles V that to learn a new language was to acquire a new soul. He who is acquainted only with the writers of his native tongue is in perpetual danger of confounding what is occidental with what is essential, and of supposing that tastes and habits of thought, which belong only to his own age and country, are inseparable from the nature of man.—Macaulay.

Don't Lick Stamps

letters and to moisten the stamps vises the Popular Science Monthly. Mrs. Kee'er is staying with her son The glue used on stamps and envelope flaps is made of bones and hoofs of Kelley visited in Bos- cattle, and all sorts of rags are used in the paper. Besides, although they in the paper. Besides, although they may have been sterilized, the articles pass through any dirty hands while on their road to you.

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Avoiding the Rush Hours

EVERYONE knows that there are "rush hours" on the trolley and steam roads.

Very few persons know that there are also "rush hours" in telephone traffic and that calls are likely to be delayed at certain hours of the day owing to an unusual amount of traffic. The busiest period usually is from 9 to 11 A. M.

Traffic congestion on railroads can be remedied to some extent by placing additional trains or cars on the line. Not so with telephone traffic; each message must have its own exclusive "track."

If these messages could have a more even distribution throughout the day, it would assist in eliminating to a great extent the delays which sometimes occur at rush hours.

Urgent business calls cannot be deferred, but there certainly are many business and social calls that can be made outside the congested period.

By avoiding the high spots, 9 to 11 A. M., our patrons will assist us in our effort to meet the constantly increasing demands on our service caused by war conditions. This applies to toll calls as well as to purely local calls.



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GROTON

Children's day will be observed at he next meeting of the Woman's club, aturday, April 27, in charge of Miss usan P. Hill. Arrangements have been made to have Edward H. For-bush present, who will entertain with one of his best lectures on birds. All

Aubrey Nash, of New York, a student at the Shaw school, was taken suddenly ill last week, and is at the Groton hospital, where he is recovaring.

Charles H. Berry, commander the E. S. Clark post, attended the de-partment convention in Boston on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Fletcher, of Ayer, at the Groton hospital on Saturday,

Mrs. Mary Palmer Warren, of Man-chester, formerly of Groton, started on last Saturday morning on a trip to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Chapman and her daughter, Affice Eudora, are expected today to spend the week-end with Mrs. A. B. Farwell and family.

The regular meeting of the Wom-an's club was held on last week Fri-day. At one o'clock a luncheon was served in the banquet hall in honor of served in the banquet hall in honor of the speaker of the afternoon. Mrs. Mary Palmer Warren, of Manchester, N. H. The table was laid for twenty, including the members of the department of arts and crafts, and a few invited guests. After a social hour, the ladies ascended to the hall above, where the regular meeting was opened in due form, with the president, After Marion Torrey, in the chair. After moon was turned over to the arts and crafts department with Mrs. Fannie L. Harrington as chairman. After listening to a group of songs by Mrs. Latine Bishop, Mrs. Warren was introduced, who gave a very interesting duced, who gave a very interesting foundary was beautifully rendered by the speaker of the after duced, who gave a very interesting interesting poems. The aged stranger. A vocal solo, "Tenting to duced, who gave a very interesting inight," was beautifully rendered by d, who gave a very interesting on her trip to Alaska. It always the Groton people much pleas-have Mrs. Warren visit them, old home town, where is her old hom s many friends.

Lewis Woods, of Buxton, Me., was home over Sunday with his parents, r., and Mrs. Allen Woods,

The entertainment, "A modern Cin-derella," given by the Girl Scouts on last Saturday evening, was well at-tended, considering the poor walking. Mrs. Janette R. Beach, of Shirley, has accepted a position as night nurse at the Groton hospital and entered upon her duties there last Monday.

Miss Mary Hermen, of Arlington, accompanied Miss Ruth Blood to Groton, where they spent the weekend with Miss. Blood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Blood.

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Dr. Kilbourn was called to attend Edward Carter, son of Capt. Carter. of Camp Devens, when thrown from a horse he was riding last Saturday on East Main street in Ayer, receiving a fracture of both bones of the left leg. He was taken to the base hospital and later to the home of his parents in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown recently enter-ained Charles C. Gillett, of Cleveland,

George Floyd, having been engaged hauling logs this winter, enjoyed he week-end at his home near Bad-

It is understood that Lawrence Harrington has accepted a position in Ayer, and will drive back and forth in his Ford touring car.

Miss Doris Peabody, of Cambridge, enjoyed the week-end with her par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peabody. ents, air, and airs, Joseph Peabody.

A minuted show with be siven by Company C, 301st Field Signal Battalion, under the auspices of Sacred Heart parish in the town hall on Thursday evening. April 25. The The 301st are noted for their good shows. They are regular button-busters.

Porter, of School street.

Winthrop L. Sheedy, John Wiseman and Thomas Downs have been drafted into the national army and are to report April 28. Mrs. Alice Peabody, who is ill at the Groton hospital, is more comfortable

Charles McKean, who has been

Charles McKean, who has been so dangerously ill in a trioning camp in Norfolk, Va., passed away Monday night. The loody will be brought to Groton for burnal, when a military service will be held. Much sympathy is felt for his brother Clayton, who was with him during the last part of his sickness and for the anxious ones at home awaiting his return.

Warren Whitchill is at home visit-

Warren Whitehill is at home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Wilson are To the Editor rejoicing over the birth of a sen. There see which occurred on Tuesday. Lyman Cook has recently purchased in Franklin touring car, having sold few is Overland to Paul Wilson.

Miss Helen Forbes, who has been teaching in North Lancaster since last september, has recently been promoted with honor to a splendid position in the lovely building at Lancaster Center, receiving a much higher salary. She has also been reflected for the coming year with an additional raise in salary.

Rey George M. Howe officiated at

Elizabeth Glisson visited n Cambridge last week and the W. R. C. convention on attended the W. R.

Mrs. Cynthia Butler, aged 97 years, 6 months, 21 days, passed quietly away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Warner Souther, last Saturday afternoon. She was born in Needham on September 23, 1820, the daughter of Henry and Hannah Bartlett, being the youngest of five children. She spent her young womanhood in Shirley, where she married Granville Butler. One child was born to them—

ley, where she married Granville Butler. One child was born to them—Mary Haskell. For the past thirty-nine years she had made her home with her daughter, who has given her every attention possible. The care has been great, as the deceased had been an invalid for the past ten years. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Souther, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The funeral was held from her late home on Monday afternoon at one o'clock. Rev. George M. Howe officiating. The bearers were her four grandsons, Albert, Fred, Howard and Morton Souther. The remains were taken to Shirley and laid beside her husband.

as follows: Singing, The debate meeting were read by the secretary, previous to a few hearty words of welcome by the president. After listening to the singing of "The battle cry of freedom," Robert Sanford recited the interesting poem., "The aged stranger." A vocal solo, "Tenting tonicht," was beautifully rendered by Miss Hazel Gibson, who never falls to please her audience. The debate, the principal event of the evening, then followed, Resolved, "That the protective tariff should be abandoned." The affirmative was supported by Alfred T. Whitaker, of Lowell, and James M. Griffin, of Smithville, Ga.; negative by Wilfrid M. Kimball, of New York, and Bernard E. Hutchins, of Bruns-

affirmative was supported by Aifred T. Whitaker, of lowell, and James M. Griffin, of Smithville, Ga.: negative by Wilfrid M. Kimball, of New York, and Bernard E. Hutchins, of Brunswick, Me.

The affirmative attempted to show that the protective tariff had been a detriment to the nation: to both the producer and the consumer. They claimed that the higher wages were not at all commensurate with the higher cost of all commodities, stating that protection protected the capitalist rather than the people; that there was an unending cry for protection, which led to corrupt politics, and tended to keep every industry forever infantile, then citing England as an example, claimed that the country would be greatly benefitted by developing only those industries that climate and Nature favored, and allowing other articles to be brought to us and sold in a free market, imposing only tax enough to pay for the actual needs of the government.

The negative claimed that our country owes its present position of power and influence to the protective tariff. By it infant industries had been able to get a start and by continued protection kept on their feet; that these industries fostered by the government had given employment to labor, built up thriring towns and cities, and made our country what it is to-day, among the first in the value of its imports and exports. They claimed that labor was, also better paid, better clothed and better cared for and that protection was the only safeguard against child labor, sweat shops and impurity of materials.

The judges, Rev. George M. Howe, C. Z. Southard and Supt. Edward Fitts, rendered their decision in favor of the negative. After singing "Columbia, the gem of the ocean," a vocal solo by Miss Palmer was greatly enjoyed.

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Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell on Saturday morning, April 20, at 9.30 o'clock, the wood, timber and personal property of Lawrence Brooks, postponety of Lawrence Brooks, postponet from April 13.

A large service flag was recently unfurled at the tolafellows hall, I. O. O. F. in the presence of the military company in helograf the eight members of the ladde in the service.

All memours of the eight members of the ladde in the service of the room two letters written to Mr. Clough by academy boys, Harold Gray and Frank Koughan, who are now in France in the service of their country. This society was wrganized in 1908 for the purpose of stimulating interest in literary exercises and especially in debating, agd a public meeting has been held every year.

The next meeting of the Groto.

The next meeting of the Groto Grange will be competitive light which promises to be very intertain light Several applications have recently been received.

In nas been neld every year.

The academy will give a dance in the town hall on Saturday evening. April 27. Wheeler's orchestra, of Leominster, will furnish the music, I have received.

Following is the baseball schedule

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for the coming year with an additional raise in salary.

Rev. George M. Howe officiated at the fineral of a redding m Worcesster on Monday.

Capt. William Holister and family moved into the Boarwell house on Hollis street on Monday.

Miss Marian Breckerrise, who attends Becker's business college in Worcester, spent the latter part of the week at her home of cancopee frow.

George L. Boynton of libeasant street has leased his have to Lieut, street has leased his have to Lieut. Porter and family of Boffalo who will take possession the first of May, Mr. Boynton has engaged a suite of rooms in the Frazec house on Elm street.

Mrs. Charles Lucy, president of the Mrs. Charles

In the Frazee house on Eim street.

Mrs. Charles Lucy, president of the E. S. Clark W. R. C., spent last week with relatives in Boston and attended the department convention Tuesday and Wednesday.

At the meeting of the Current Events department of the Woman's club at the home of Mrs. H. H. Gay. Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Wilbur Tyrrell was chosen chairman for the comping year.

Rirds have done much and with the war ing year.

At the home of Mrs. Peterson on Wednesday afternoon the members of the Community club were busily entry ent

plished. Delicious refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed. The next meeting will be held on April 24, when Mrs. James F. Culver will be the hostess of the afternoon.

Lieut. English, who is stationed at Camp Devens, will occupy the Dodge cottage on Champney street, recently vacated by Private Munson.

Miss Elizabeth Glison visited friends in Cambridge last week and attended the W. R. C. convention on attended the W. R. C. convention on the reggs that produce the young that the eggs that produce the young

The governor is authorized to pro-claim that Friday, preceding Aber day, be observed by the children in the rural and suburban schools of the commonwealth by appropriate exer-

Teachers and superintendents are Teachers and superintendents are urged by the State Department of Education to arrange with forest or tree wardens, for all school children to be supplied with trees and tools, and after proper instruction they are to permit each child to plant a tree in a community forest? They believe by this active participation Arbor day will become one of the pleasantest events of the school year, to which teacher and pupils will look forward.

Sends Expression of Thanks. The following letter, dated on Active Service with the American Expeditionary Forse, in France, March 14, 1918, has been received by Miss Jose Gainey, president of the Willing Workers' club of this town:

ers' club of this town:

The Willing Workers' Club

My Dear Friends—Your kind gift
arrived this morning and words cannot describe to you ladies how I appreciate your kindness to me: everything in that box hits ind just right
and I will surely not be cold tonight.
I have met several of the Groton boys
over here. Among the first I met in
England were Bill Denahy, Bill Folkins and Roy Johnson and I have also

Seriand were Bill Denahy, Bill Folkins and Roy Johnson and I have also met them here in France. The other day I met Cedric Hodgman and Harry Bruce and all the boys are enjoying good health.

Sunny France (they ought to call it Muddy France) with all its beauties and Paris with all its marvelous buildings and art gallerles, isn't in it with little old Groton and I had rather go to a movie show in our town hall tonight than own the city of Paris.

Before I close let me thank every member of your club again and hope to see them all in Groton and thank them again in 1919.

Corp. Frank J. Toomey. Co. B, 102d V. S. Inf.

About Town. Mrs. Thomas Bywater, who has been at the Groton hospital for awhile, has been taken home and has a nurse in

attendance The Middlesex-Worcester Pomons The Middlesex-worcester Foundation of Crange will hold an all-day session in Grange hall, Thursday, April 25. The fifth degree will be conferred in full form in the evening. It is hoped there will be a large class to take the degree. It is expected the deputy will be present to inspect the work of the large.

Miss Annie P. Riley, a former district nurse here, has been caring for Mrs. Mary Shattuck, as her nurse was called away to a sick relative.

Mrs. Dayls, who boarded for some time with Mrs. Georgie Dodge on Hol-lis street, has been taken to the Gro-ton hospital in a feeble condition.

Mrs. Chaplin Cook at the academy is ill and at the Groton hospital. Rev. Charles B. Ames has been suf-fering from a hard cold the past week and kept his bed for a few days.

The house on Court street occupied y Mrs. Fannie E. Sampson came near eing on dre Sunday morning. She The house on Court street occupied by Mrs. Fannie E; Samipson came near being on dre' Sunday morning. She went to a closet and discovered it to be full of smoke and called the fire chief, who quickly responded and the fire was found to be between the chimney and the partition. The wood was badly charred and it seemed as if it must have been smoldering for some time. How it could have occurred is a mystery. It is quite remarkable that it was discovered in time for had Mrs. Sampson been at church, which she usually is, it would probably have burst out as the flame was just creeping to view when she opened the second closet. She used pails of water before calling help.

Mr, and Mrs. F. L. Maynard of Somerville came by auto to Groton Sanday to call on Mrs. Alice Moors, Court street.

Charles H. Dodge bassed his seven-

street.

Charles H. Dodge-passed his seven-ty-sixth birthday Sunday. He took dinner with his son and family and was given a fine birthday cake with the usual candles. He also received flowers and other gifts to make the day a pleasant one and ion, to be remembered.

George Fay Sampson, who has been off the express team for some time, having made satisfactory terms with the American Express Co. His friends will be glad to see him in his old place, where he served so acceptably for each years.

Dr. S. G. Underhill, who for a long the was a resident of Groton but for the was a resident of Groton but for the was a resident of Groton but for the past few years has been superinfendent of the Lynn hospital, has been served upon to go to France and see while upon to go to France and the business His fewis in Lynn regret his decision with the past few years has been superinfendent of the Lynn hospital. His fewis in Lynn regret his decision with the past few years has been superinfendent of the Lynn hospital. His fewis in Lynn regret his decision with the past few years has been superinfendent of the base hospitals. His fewis in Lynn regret his decision with the past of the base hospitals. His fewis in Lynn regret his decision with the past of the base hospitals. His fewis in Lynn regret his decision with the past of the base hospitals are significant the position at the case to give up her position at the position at the less to give up her and Mrs. Marcellus Hosp and Mrs. Marcellus Hodgeman of Greenville, N. H., has taken her place for a few days.

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and Cadwall Allies loft lost.

Miss K. L. Spaulding, of Townsend Miss K. L. Spaulding, of Townsend, is visiting at the home of her brother.

L. J. Tatman received a letter recently, dated March 3, from his son Elmer, at that time in the trenches in France. He reported himself well and all right, but regretting that he had received but one of the three boxes sent him at Christmas timetwo from home and one from the Groton military company, ite received one from his family cantaining to bacco, cigarettes, etc., but the others

one from his family statishing to-bacco, cigarettes, etc., but the others are still on the way. Elmer made a very characteristic but optimistic statement, "We haven't got Bill yet, but we see his finish." At the annual meeting of the In

At the annual meeting of the provement society on Tuesday evening the following officers were elected: A. H. Thompson, pres.; A. F. Cottrell, Jr., v. p.;; Provost Thompson, trass. F. L. Blood, sec.; Rev. William Ganley, ex. com., 3 years.

A. H. Thompson announces that un A. H. Thompson announces that dere the auspices of the improvement society, he will give a free stereopticon entertainment at the hall on Thursday evening, to which everybody is cordially invited. If possible, he will obtain a set of war views. The expense is borne by an unnamed friend of the society.

of the society.

Conference.

Wednesday was an ideal day for a convention and as a result the twenty-five churches interested in the North Middlesex conference were well gepresented when the exercises opened at ten o'clock. Word had been received to prepare for 100 guest, but fully 170 people, mostly out of town, were furnished dinner, 107 being seated at the first laid tables. The committee were Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Mrs. A. F. Cottrell, Jr., Mrs. John Robinson, assisted by Mrs. G. H. Eixby, Mrs. E. K. Harrington, Mrs. M. E. Williams and Mrs. A. J. Blood; assistant waiters were Mrs. A. W. Adams and the Misses Rose Jarvis- and Hazel Bates. The conference speakers were without exceptions most interesting and instructive, and all were greatly enjoyed. Though the subjects were diverse, they had a common center—the stress of the times and the great need of a more perfect understanding, and of service by the churches, the community and the individual along all lines. Mr. Barlow, from Camp Devens, gave a very interesting talk on the Y. M. C. A. work among the boys.

TOWNSEND

A work among the boys.

enter. In all probability the body of the late Private James King will arrive here from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, by Saturday and a military funeral will be held, from the Congregational church on Sunday afternoon at 2.30, in charge of Rev. A. L. Struthers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett from Worcester spent the week-end at the cottage of the late Mrs. Angela Wal-

H. B. Hathaway has recently purchased a new black work horse to take the place of the one of the team which injured its lex so badly a few months ago that it had to be killed: Oscar Mudgett is serying on jury and going back and forth to Lowell by train each day.

Mrs. Foster Hamilton, as Mr. Hamilton and family have moved from the Stevens-Hill cottage to the little cottage on Main street owned by Mervin Hodgman and vacated recently by Mrs. Sawlor and family. Miss Gertrude Hamilton, who has been quite ill for the past few weeks, is reported as rapidly improving.

Miss Helen F. Childe, of Dorchester and Medford, is the guest of Miss Gertrude Hamilton, who has been quite ill for the past few weeks, is reported as rapidly improving.

Miss Beatrice Newell, from Green-ville, N. H., spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. H. B. Hatha-

The last meeting of the Ladies' Study club for the season will be held Monday evening at the reading-room and the regular business and election of officers and committees will take whose and a full attendance is desired.

George Roebuck of New York is in took place at St. Catherine's cemetery.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson, who has been in Concord at the home where her parents fived for severed street of the case of the case

ing. Several applications have recently been received.

Robert Porter, of Leominster, who
was so seriously injured in an automobile accident in Athol some time ago,
is now able to walk about with the aid
of a cane, and is enjoying a few days
at the home of his brother, Fred
Porter, of School street.

Leominster, will furnish the music, with her daughter. Mrs. Roy culver, in Ayer last week and while there celer in Ayer last week and while

Miss Katherine L. Lawthe m "The women of BelMiss Charlotte Kellogs. At
the program Mrs. Herbert
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rive committee for Harman appeal to the club memmental of the loan. Tea was
the Still River members.

h Mr. and Mrs. Gorham. Mess Edma Robinson is the latest ty measles. M and Mrs. Jonas Banks and son homes, of lowell, were guests of her strents. Mt. and Mrs. Heeley, over

The Edser family have moved from A. L. Hunter's house into the house formerly owned by A. A. Hunter's house into the house formerly with the factory. Their route will Mrs. Thomas in the factory.

Mrs. J. R. Bigelow is visiting relatives in Hudson. Mrs. Emma Atherives in Hudson. Mrs. Emma Ather on is keeping house during her ab

We again call attention to the men's supper and social in the Baptist vestry on Friday evening, April 26. Alfred H. Wardie, of the Federation House, Ayer, will entertain with Cape Cod stories and it is hoped that there will be a large number out to hear him.

Fred W. Bateman, who is at the Clinton hospitat, is doing well and hopes to get home the last of next week.

WESTFORD

Forge Village.

Forge Village.

The last meeting of the Girl Scouts was held on Tuceday evening with Mrs. Jonathan Harwood, Miss Margaret Eaglesfield in charge, and Mrs. Crane and daughter, of New Bedford, as visitors. The first of the evening was spent in practising the Scout songs, which they will sing at the rally in Boston April 27. The main part of the evening, however, was spent on the rehearsal of the cantata which they have planned to be given on May 10. Miss Eaglesfield accompanied in the songs with her violin. Mrs. Harwood brought with her the ranks of the girls in the tenderfoot examination taken a few weeks ago. An excellent standard was made by the scouts, several of the marks being nearly perfect.

nearly periect.

The Forge Village Red Sox have accepted the challenge of the Middlesex A. C., formerly the Glendales of Lowell. The game is to be played on the Red Sox grounds, April 19. All Red Sox players are requested to report for practice on Friday, April 19.

The house an Placeant street in

The house on Pleasant street, until recently occupied by Mrs. Margaret Wilson and family, is being remodelled by the Abbot Worsted Co. Other improvements are also noted. Miss Edith M. Foster, of Medford Miss Edita M. Poster, of medical visited in town on Wednesday. Her many friends will be pleased to know that she has been appointed supervisor of all the war gardens in Medford besides her school duties.

besides her school duties.

The third liberty loan is progressing favorably here. The employees of the Abbot Worsted Company have subscribed over \$8000 and the canvass is not yet completed. Nearly every Russian resident here has taken a bond. Miss Mary H. Cherry, of Somerville, is spending this week with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary A. Lowther.

The lunior Scouts here will be the

The Junior Scouts here will be the guests of Mrs. Bruce Elwell on Friday afternoon, when they will journey to Camp Devens in an automobile and witness retreat at sunset. witness retreat at sunser.

The liberty loan committee for Forge Village is composed of Miles Collins, Joseph Leclair, William Kelley, Samuel Dugdale, Mike Sudac, Edward T. Hanley. In the \$8000 mentioned previously is included a \$2000 subscription from the Odd Fellows.

subscription from the Odd Fellows.

There will be a concert and dance in Abbot hall on Thursday evening. April 18, under the auspices of the 301st Ammunition Train of Camp Devens. The affair is given for the benefit of the local branch of the Westford Red Cross society. Miss Eva F. Pyne is general manager. Refreshments will be served, those on the committee being Mrs. John Edwards, Mrs. William Baker, Mrs. James Kelley and a number of assistants.

number, of assistants. and going back and forth to Lower of assistants.

It was each day.

Mrs. Rebecca Kaddy of the Center has been spending a few days in town has been spending a few days in town assisting at the home of her daughter, the Girl Mrs. Foster Hamliton as Mr. Hamil-Scouts would meet Tuesday evening:

The members of the Jolly club held a social dence in Abbot hall on last week Friday evening. Owing to the disagreeable weather the crowd was disagreeane, weather the Crow man not as large as it would otherwise have been, but all present had an en-joyable time. The club has run sev-eral successful dances before and al their money returns have been turned into the Red Cross, making a total of seventy-five dollars.

Monday evening at the reading-room and the regular business and election of officers and committees will take place and a full attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Lancey, from New Haven, Conn., are spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Lancey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, while preparing to move to Medford Hillside, as Mr. Lancey's business headquarters have been transferred to Boston.

George Roebuck of New York is in Mrs. W. H. P. Horty and place Mrs.

ily have moved into one of the new houses on Union street. Mr. and Mr. houses on Union street. Mr. James Whigham are moving house formerly occupied by Mr. and

Mrs, Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hargreaves and baby, of Somerville, are to spend the week-end and holiday with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary A. Lowther. Albert Collins, who went to Camp Devens from here with the last draft quota, has been rejected as physically untit and is at his home here.

Miss Violet Collins, of Providence, R. I., is spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins.

The schools took up their work at the town hall again last week Friday under the direction of Mr. Dean. Donald Brown is the latest one to be sick with measles.

Mrs. Addie Loring is in Keene, N. H., where she has a position as house-The four McAllister children, from Lexington, are spending their vacation with their grandmother, Mrs.





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Carpenter, of Lynn, has been engaged as reader, and Mrs. Julia Jones, so-prano soloist, of Waverley, will give several selections. Dancing will fol-low the entertainment.

Mead's Block

And the hadron were seen the following candidates received the following the following from the following candidates received the following fr

Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock, Preacher, Rev. Al-fred W. Stone. Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock; leader, Margaret

Downes. Mrs. Addie Loring is in Keene, N.

H. where she has a position as housekeeper.

Mrs. Norman Wetherbee, who had about recovered from her recent illness, had the misfortune to fall and the doctor is again in attendance.

The four McAllister children, from

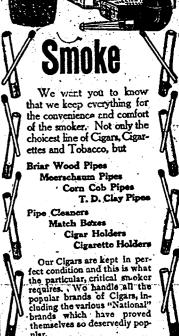
The four McAllister children, from A. L. Hunter's house into the house formerly owned by A. A. Hutcherson. In Miss Marion Higgs, of Boston, has Porter.

Miss Thomas Higgs, for a few days recently.

Mrs. Charlotte Dadmun is visiting in Worcester.

The four McAllister children, from privilege of hearing him.

The C. E. and Missionary union service on last Sunday ovening was led by Mrs. B. C. Steele. In spite of the small number in attendance the topic and readings, were interesting and town hall next Tuesday evening. Miss harlotte Dadmun is visiting in Worcester.



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Camp Devens, who found him suffering from nervous breakdown.

A collection of German bullets, canteen, helmet and other military articles found upon the battlefield in Europe are to be seen in the window of the C. R. P. Company and attract much attention.

The rank of knight was conferred on several candidates by Alpine lodge of Fitchburg at a meeting of Har-

cles found upon the rope are to be seen in the winthe C. R. P. Company and attract much attention.

The rank of knight was conferred on several candidates by Alpine lodge of Fitchburg at a meeting of Hardinger lodge, K. P., Monday evening. The rank was worked in full form. After the work a buffet lunch was served.

Lewis A. Davis moved this week from his former home on Shirley street to the Downing house which he recently bought on Pleasant street.

A soldier at Camp Devens, evidently of French extraction, feels a little hy the tone of his letter sent he to the tone of his letter sent he to the tone of his letter sent he to the church standing committee for years, as well as in other positions in the church.

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day afternoon at the house, where house, where house is doing a line work. More men posed of field stones gathered by the soldiers at Camp Devens, is to be erected in Ayer to commemorate the establishment of the cantonment and in honor of the war service of the men who receive their training here, by the Massachusetts Art Commission. Designs will be submitted to the camp authorities and their selection submitted to the commission. This was decided upon at a conference at the State House recently between Capt. Thomas P. Lindsey, national army, representing the camp, and Chairman Charles D. Maginnis, Secretary Charles R. Greco and Cyrus E. Dallin of the art commission.

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Saturday, April 20, 1918.

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movement and the matter was placed in the hands of a committee—Mrs. Dickerman, Miss Esther Stone and Mrs. Clara Hill. The Civics committee was given permission to proceed with arrangements for "clean-up week."

After a brief intermission, the meeting was placed in charge of Mrs. Avis Burns, chairman of the Music committee. All, were asked to join in singing "The Star Spangled Banher," led by the club chorus, Mrs. Fisher then said that in accordance with the usual custom at the meetings of the Music department, current news would be read and Miss Coté read an article on several candidates by Alpine lodge of Fitchburg at a meeting of Harbinger lodge, K. P., Monday evening. The rank was worked in full form. The rank was was born in Brewster on the full form. The rank was was born in Brewster on the full form. department, current news would be read and Miss Coté read an article

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as or any sect and the doctor emphasiszed the opinion that when the war is over these men will come back to their churches insistent that the church people must do christian work faithfully or the men will flock to the Y. M. C. A.

Charles D. Maginnis, Secretary Charles R. Greco and Cyrus E. Dallin of the art commission.

Special communications of Caleb Special communications of Caleb G. Masons will be held of Monday evenings, April 22 and 23, at six o'clock when the Entered Apprentice and Feliaw Craft degrees will be conferred; also, on Thursday evening, April 25, at six o'clock when the Entered Apprentice and Feliaw Craft degrees will be conferred; also, on Thursday evening, April 25, at six o'clock when the Entered Apprentice and Feliaw Craft degrees will be conferred; also, on Thursday evening, April 25, at six o'clock—work. Master Mason degree. Lunch.

Pleasantly Surprised.

The aper of Boston in the town hall on Monday, April 22, at 7.30 p. m. Thousday morning on a complaint of larges, Miscon and to provide a practicable and dignified medium for the expression of community feeling regarding the war.

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The aper of Boston in the town hall on Monday, April 22, at 7.30 p. m. Thousday morning on a complaint of large and was sentenced by Judge charge and was sentenced by Judge charge and was sentenced by Judge of Correction. In accordance with the law country as a wery delightful time at Masonic hall on last Saturday evening when a party of 120 friends of Dr. B. H. Hopkins assembled to give him time to appeal his case to a high-limit time at Country as a member of the Medical Reserve Corps, in which the hald of an interprete that the herical Reserve Corps, in which the hald of an interprete that the herical and show why it was necessary to the dector, who was asked to the occasion was a complete surprise to the doctor, who was asked to the last over the herical party of the doctor, who was asked to the last over the defendant was given shelfer for the decease of America saluting her the dream of the surface and the present conflict. The entrance of America saluting her of \$,000 over the last year.

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MONDAY, APRIL 22

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WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, APRIL 22

MONDAY-JULIAN ELTIGNE in "THE WIDOW'S MITE" TUESDAY-HENRY WALTHALL in "HIS ROBE OF HONOR" WEDNESDAY-EFFIE SHANNON in "HER BOY" THURSDAY—BELLE BENNETT in "BECAUSE OF THE WOMAN" FRIDAY—IRENE HUNT in "THE MATERNAL SPARK" SATURDAY—GLADYS BROCKWELL in "FOR LIBERTY"

COMING-Monday, April 29-MARGUERITE CLARK in "BAB'S BURGLAR"

MATINEES AT 2 O'CLOCK

EVENINGS-6.30 and 8.15 O'CLOCK

ton and Washington sts.: Miss Edna Brown, Brown's drug store; Mrs. Theodore Barry, Washington to Williams; Mrs. Grace Dickerman, Central ave.: Columbia and Williams; Mrs. Edith Johnson, Nashua and Highland ave.: Mrs. Christine Traquafr, Holmes and High sts.: Mrs. Eldridge, White Ribbon Home: Mrs. Sullivan, West Main st.; Mrs. Avis Fisher, Park, Peurl and Groton road; Mrs. Sara Bennett, Plensant st.: Mrs. Eva Harlow, Cambridge and West sts. Mrs. B. Gilchrist, who spent the win-ter in Buffalo, N. Y., has returned, and the first of the week opened her cot-tage here. Mrs. Gilchrist was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Charlie

Rev. Mr. Dobbos, of Malden, been spending a week on his newly acquired estate, Harbor farm. Fred Ross has resigned his position with the motor firm in Ayer and is now filling his termer position at the paper mill in Vese.

Jesse Knowlton, of Chelsea, is spending several days at the Knowlton farm. William Robinett spent several days

in Boston last week A letter received from Charles Lid-dell, formerly of Camp Devers, states that he is detailed a multirry police duties at a camp in New Jersey. Horace Searle made a business trip. Fitchburg . Tuesday.

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Business in 1918 is to be war. It will primarily be war against a well

prepared enemy without our borders. We must not permit it to be war

within our borders, as it will be if the

bickerings, misunderstandings and so-

cial unconsciousness are not effective-

ly and constructively dealt with by

those who are directly concerned with

The National Industrial Conserva

commerce, boards of trade, religious,

spread the gospel of industrial co-oper-

Certain agencies abroad in this land

are constantly seeking, creating and

excuse and opportunity to sow the

unrest in our industrial world. These

agencies thrive on misrepresentation,

exaggeration and agitation of destruc

Must Combat "Isms."

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To defeat them is not only an imper

ative work for our national sufety, but

a patriotic duty incumbent upon every

thoughtful 'American. It cannot be

public interest by a carefully worked

out campaign to present the impartial

truth on the industrial, social and eco-

Wage earners must be made to more

fully appreciate that their interest in

American industry is mutual with that

of our wage payers so far as our in

Wage payers who do not realize the

value of cultivating the human ele-

ment in their plants must likewise be

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ally interpret and practically apply the

It must also be recognized by our

public officials and communities in

general that a healthy industrial at

mosphere is only possible when friendly relations rather than class antago-

nisms are fostered by law and public

It shall continue to be the purpose

of our work on a national scale to dip-

lomatically and truthfully correct the

misinformation and spirit of thought

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The patriotic importance of this

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of public thought and the public's

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bility. We believe there is no more room in this country for profiteering

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Our work will also involve a further

extension of the campaign to protect

eral health of wage earners, the reab-

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went to Chicago and lived with her two sons, Robert and George. Last August she returned to her old home here, where she has been tenderly August she returned to her old home here, where she has been tenderly cared for by her son Robert and wife and two daughters. Florence and Helen. She is survived by three sons. Robert and John, of this town, and George, of Chicago: also, three grand-daughters.

First Lieut, David G. Howard, U. S. was home Monday on a short fur-

Cassius E. Van Etten is the recent owner of a new five-passenger Dodge

Townsend is doing well her part in the third liberty loan drive, \$16,000 having been raised. The quota having been assigned to this town is \$25,500. Frank B. Higgins, chairman of the public safety committee, accompanied by Rev. A. L. Struthers and A. D. Bagley attended a meeting of the food administration committee of this county, held in Ayer on Monday-evening.

meeting of the food to a captaincy and is in command of a battery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Hart, of Brookline, are enjoying a visit this week as guests of Mrs. Abble Bruce. Friends are glad to know Mr. Hart has gained in health.

William T. McMaster has been appared.

William T. McMaster has recently been appointed scoutmaster of the Squannicook patrol.

There will be the usual preaching gational churches on Sunday. At the Methodist church it is expected that

home of Mr. and Mrs. William Creighton last Saturday morning.

Miss Annie Griggs, teacher of the grammar school, who was unable on account of iliness to resume her teaching, following the vacation, returned to her school this week, which was a source of great joy to her pupils who gave expression by tendering her a surprise party on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Heselton, where she had been invited to tea by Miss Marjory Heselton. During the evening, while Miss Griggs was being entertained by the family in another room, the pupils quietly entered the house and gathered in the parlor and under ruse of someone calling to see her she was ushered into their presence, completely surprised. The evening was delightfully spent with games and music and the serving of refreshments. During the evening Miss Griggs was presented with a beautiful bouquet of thowers.

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Mrs. Abbie A. Barber, of Townsend hill, received the sad news by tele-gram on last Sunday afternoon that Private James Keene had proceed private James Keene had passed away Sunday morning at Fort Sill hospital, Oklahoma, where he has been very ill since last December, having undergone three serious operations. Private Keene enlisted last fall and was in the 137 Aero Squadron stationed at Fort Sill, having been stationed at Fort Sill, having been stationed at Fort Sill, having been stransferred there from Texas. He was twenty-one years old on February 12 and had lived with Mrs. Barber since his boyhood. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Wright and baby daughter, of Watard William of the sister of the late Private Keene. The sincerest sympathy of the community is expressed for the bereaved family.

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sent from the Congregational Sunday school.

Townsend friends were shocked to learn of the accidental both of More fice Smith, somety of this town man of Leominster. Young Smith was killed while learning to five at Holds. Aviation field, Texas. Francis Seath will be remembered as a former Townsend storekeeper and was fecaled to a thore feel a guest of Mrs. Leier is at what is now S. A. Woods' store.

To know that a Townsend gar, at clerk at the capitol at Washington brings just pride to the home friends of Miss Margnerite Buckley, who as matter of this town and now is a government clerk in the war risk sortines office at Washington Society, began her school feet at Washington Society, began her school feet in the grant school feet at the Miss Buckley the high at all of the Miss Buckley in the grant file of the capiton where she can file and on risk week Wednesday may be further edicated and was been affected by the capiton for the company on the second school feet at the file of the capiton for the company on the second school for the capiton and was been selected as the file of the capiton for the company on the missing and

his interesting lecture this coming week, and, it is arged that there be a large attendance to hear his talk which will not only treat of the experiences of an ambulance driver, but of the terriffic devastations effected by high explosives, the conditions and morale of the French army, etc. The French government has loaned him 150 authentic slides taken as late as September of devastations of hiving conditions of the French soldiers. These pictures, the subjects of which were selected with great care, are of unusual interest and add the official character to his talk.

Mrs. Margaret Dobson died at her old home Monday morning, aged 22 yoars and 15 days. Funeral services were held on Thursday morning at eleven o'clock at St. John's church. She was born in Ireland. In 1848 she married Robert Dobson, of England. They came to Townsend in 1852 and lived here until the death of Mr. Dobson went to Chicago and lived with her two sons. Robert and George. Last

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Lieut. William Parker Taylor entired with their called until August, when he then entered aviation service and has since been making steady progress. He secured his ground work in Toronto. Canada, and last November was sent to Fort Worth, Texas. He has been flying for the past four months and has had remarkable success. He is now flight commander in the aviation of the forms. corps, having charge of a squadron of aviators, and has recently gone to

France.
Carroll Taylor, his brother, who enlisted last April in the Coast Artillery, has been in France for several months and has been assigned to one of the heavy artillery batteries, handling the jog guns; has had to teach a company of men the French language, and also the mechanism and handling of big guns. He has recently been promoted

field, N. J., that their sons met the issue as true Americans.

The following announcement will be of further interest to their home-friends, who extend their heartiest congratulations: Announcement is made of the engagement of Lleut. William Parker Taylor, sop of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Taylor, of North Plainfield. N. J., to Miss Anna Louise Woodruff, daughter of Mrs. John T. Woodruff, 201 West 79th street, New York, Miss Woodruff is a graduate of Walnut Lane university student.

A baby boy was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Creighton last Saturday morning.

Also Advantage of Mr. and Mrs. William Creighton last Saturday morning.

Mrs. Sawlor and daughters are moving this week from the cottage belonging to Mervin Hodgman on the road to Josselynville into the north tenement of the "Beehive," formerly occupied by Clarence Sherwin and family

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tion Movement will continue to exert every possible and legitimate energy at the command of its writers, public speakers, printed-literature, moving picture films, co-operating chambers of

Mrs. Carrie L. Lathe, mother of William P. Lathe, who has spent the winter on the Walter Taylor place, died on last Sunday morning of pleuro-pneumonia.

Edward O'Hearn, of The Weirs, spent Sunday with Oscar Elliott and

Elbert L. Baldwin, of Spokane. Wash, has had the family lot at the South cemetery regraded. Edwin H. Taylor dld the work. Mayflowers have been shipped from

own to Boston. There will be an entertainment in Daniels academy hall on this week Friday for the benefit of the Red Cross. The drama, "Deacon Dubbs," will be presented by the S. L. C. club of Nashua. Curtain rises promptly at 222 Property will follow the drama 8.30. Dancing will follow the drama and ice cream will be on sale.

Mrs. David Hobart is failing. Her brother, Frank June, came last Saturday night to see her.

On Monday morning, April 29, at 9.30 o'clock, Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell 75 head of cattle and several lots of farming tools belonging to Joshua Crane, proprietor of the well-known Fox Hill farm, Westwood.

A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will sell a lot of household furniture for W. J. O'Clair at the house on the road from Shirley to Ayer, opposite the President Suspender sign, on Saturday morning. April 27, at ten o'clock.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES B. BALDWIN late of Groton in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ETTA A. ARMSTRONG of Maiden in the County of Middlesex, without giring a surety on her bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of May A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. MeIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said court, this thirteenth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

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EVIL OF NEGATIVE ECONOMY.

Preparation for After War Competition Necessary - Give Munitions Shops and Military Supplies Preference, but Don't Cause involuntary idleness, Which Will Demoralize Prosperity.

No factory should be closed and no person should be deprived of work as long as the products can find a market unless other work can be found for the civic, social and patriotic bodies, to plant and the tollers, which is of more importance to the nation. There are no suc hthings as nonessentials in our industries. Some are needed more than others, but all serve some purseizing upon every possible form of pose, if no more than to please the eye seeds of dissatisfaction, discontent and If work can be found for all in producing foods, clothing, munitions of war, ships and other things of prime necessity which help win the war let them have precedence, but avoid causing involuntary idleness.

To hold and increase our foreign trade the industries that supply goods forexport must not be disorganized of we shall be at the mercy of our comdone by the occasional denouncing of petitors when peace is restored. Engsuch national enemies, thus affording land, wisest of nations in trade affairs, them the notoriety by which they is doing all that is possible to maintain thrive, but must be combated in the her foreign trade and supplant her enemies in international markets and while doing so is looking after her own interests without taking others into account. This policy is not conflicting with her efforts to win the war.

When a workman is idle the community loses his value as a producer and the cost of supporting him. It makes no difference whether he is fed by relatives or friends or in a public institution or by unorganized charity or by his spending part or all of his savings, the double loss is the same. Idleness is the worst waste. We must practice economy, but, as President McGarrah of the Mechanics and Metals Bank of New York says: "Ill advised and impetuous economy, meaning unemployment and closed factories, would be demoralizing. It is evident to every thinking man that business must be sustained and the conversion of indus try carefully brought about whereby the public into acts of reprisal that the nation's energies are transferred from the satisfaction of the needs of the army and navy." Some of our important industries have already been hurt by the negative economy which he criticises. We must not weaken our bodies and our finances by abstinence born of panic.

If a man hoards a dollar or a bag of sugar it benefits no oné while he holds If he lends a dollar or gives or sells the sugar to the government for the prosecution of the war he helps the nation. The hoarder is worse than the spendthrift. We must economize, but we must neither hoard nor remain idle. Money wisely spent is not wasted money spent for nonessentials is put to poor use, but remains in circulation Money hoarded is valueless while in that condition. Let us keep money in circulation and labor at work. Let us give preference to the requirements of the nation, but keep labor employed in some way until the government can and conserve the lives, limbs and gen- find work for all. It is unlikely that the government can do that, so we shall have surplus labor, including an

many and unimaginable hardships for all, and their maximum pay is \$35 a izing every possible traffic facility for war material, the railroads are going free and co-operation should be our fice and co-operation should be our watchword. Every man who does not help hinders the victory of democracy -Industrial Conservation, New York.

DIVIDENDS FROM PLEASURE.

Sorrehow or other it is hard to some of us to realize that work is not a curse; that the man who would find real lappiness can find no better place to seek it than in his work. Work is play when approached in that manner, But we have been making ourselves believe that work is unpleasant merely because it is work. We can never reach that bright place in the sunlight of success which we call the "top of the lad der" as long as we persist in adopting that attitude. Nobody ever has, and nobody ever will,-Industrial Conservation, New York.

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When you sit down to a meal do you ever think who provided it? Do you even know, in most cases, where the different components of that meal came from? Dld the salt and the pepper drop as manna from heaven? Did the flax or the cotton which forms the tablecloth grow upon the home place? Were the fibers spun into yarn by your housekeeper, and was the cloth woven on the household loom? Did you rear the animal which supplied the meat for the repast? Did the fruit come from your orchard? Are the milk and the butter the products of your cow? Who delved into the earth for the silver, the steel, the lead, the clay which have been used to make up the utensils necessary for your most simple meal? And who changed those raw products into the knives and forks and dishes

you use? No thoughtful man can consider such questions without being tremendously impressed with the utter dependence of even the most independent man in our present civilization upon the co-operation of hundreds of thousands of his fellow men whom he has never met and probably never heard of, largely engaged in some occupation different from his own and scat-tered about, not only all over his own country, but many of them located in far distant parts of the earth!

It makes no difference what vocation a man follows. He may be a farmer and cause two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before. He may be a manufacturer, a retail merchant, a mechanic or a banker-no matter what he is, he depends for his very existence, not only upon those who till the soil and deal in its products, but also and to the same extent upon the great organizations of manufacture. ransportation, communication and finance which are scattered about all over the earth.

It has taken the combined efforts, the co-operation of thousands of people and organizations concerning which the average individual may know nothing, to bring about the development of what we call our modern civilization. The economic value of your efforts and those of your employee or of your employer, as the case may be, both depend upon the value of the efforts of millions of other men, and the economic value of one cannot be damaged without impairing the economic

Let us not become so thoroughly specialists that we forget the other fellow. If our work narrows down at least let our knowledge and sympathies broadthe problems of each other and have sympathetic interests in those problems we cannot hope to attain, elther individually or collectively, the very great benefits which are known to be the direct results of helpful co-operation.—Industrial Conservation, N. Y.

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Industrial efficiency and economy will play as important a part as military organization and genius in determining the outcome of the war, according to Frank A. Scott, chairman of the War Industries Board, which has charge of government buying and supervision over the general industrial activity incidental to the prosecution of the war. The preparatory stage of the war has passed for this country, says Mr. Scott, and the time has ar-Dr. C. A. Fox, Dentist rived when every resource, human and material, must be placed at the dis-

rosa! of the government. "If it can be said there has been a oreliminary stage of our share in the war it is over now," says the govern-ment's industrial director. "Our troops are already in France, and we have begun the actual raising of a huge army here at home to be sent abroad when the time is ripe. We

have passed the period of expectation. "Efficiency and economy in producing and distributing the government's requirements are as necessary to success as courage and intelligence in battle. The slacker at home is as contemptible a figure as the coward in the presence of the enemy. The luxuries of pence must give way to the necessities of war."-Industrial Conservation,

As She Understood It. Mary's mother was buying some changeable silk. After the purchase was made Mary said, "Mamma, do

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can take it back tomorrow if you want

Bless the Child! Bessie went with her mother to the neat market the other day, and, seeing sawdust on the floor, she whis-"Mamma, does he butcher dolls?"-Boston Transcript.

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but not in practice.

Even after the Southern came into existence—a little less'than twenty-five years ago-the battle was not won nor the problem solved, Edward Hungerford writes in Leslies. The new road was a single system, but only in name; the old jealousies still existed. For a time it seemed as if the road could not stand. Men came and men went. It was hard work for the single unit idea to take hold. Gradually it did. Progress began. And then came the day-in the fall of 1913-when a new president was announced for the property. And the wise men of the South, knowing him said.

"At last, the Southern has come into its own."

New President Was Harrison. The new president was Fairfax Harrison and his very name was half the battle fought. Tradition, good blood and old blood-how it all does count south of the Potomac! Harrison's father had been private secretary to President Jefferson Davis-think of what that meant to a land which even today lives in the memories of "the

four years." And his mother, Mrs. Burton Harrison, is one of the few really distinguished women in the short Burton Harrison, is one of the few really distinguished women in the short annals of our American literature. No worder then that the son writes easily and fluently—that the annual reports of the Southern rallway are documents which for exquisite literary extricated and to be back to Leonis the same of the sum of the southern rallway are documents. The same difficulty was a true plank bridge at 6 M Ballou's mixture plank or difficulty was a twenty members of the same of the same difficulty was a twenty members of the same of the same difficulty was a twenty members of the same of the sam

ol annals of the land. Nor does the pen of Fairfax Harrison stop at English faellity. If the man were not a railroader, and a very great railroader at that, he might have become an American Macaulty or Bagehot. He is, unquestionably the finest Greek and Latin scholar among the big business men of this country. Record: Speaks for itself.

For Harrison's record had begun to speak for itself. It has continued to speak for itself ever since he took the rudder of the Southern. The great work of double tracking and realigning the main line of the road begun by a distinguished earlier president of the road-Samuel Spencer-he has carried forward to completion. The troops that slipped down into the camps and cantonments of the southeast during the past few weeks rode over a main line that stretches from Washington to Atlanta and today is completely double tracked-save for a few inconsequen tial links which will be finished within the next few months.

"It would seem to follow almost as a matter of course that any man with such a practical notion of preparedness should be made chairman of the war board of the railroads. The war board is one of the most interesting of all the emergency organizations that have sprung up in Washington within the last six months-important because it holds in the hollow of its hand the destinies and the operating control of almost every mile of the 275,000 miles of railroad in the United States of Amer-

Technically the war board is the war defense committee of the American Railway association. . . . Its operation divides, both geographically and functionally, into subcommittees, also composed of railroad executives and located in the various corners of the land, and into other subcommittees having in their care such important functions as car service, military oper ation, government, accounting, military tariffs, express service and the like Its powers are sweeping.

DESOLATION SEEN IN "NO MAN'S LAND"



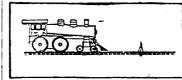
The desolation of No Man's Land in Flanders is well portrayed by this British official photograph of the wrecked railway station with a wrecked locomotive in the once beautiful resort of Nieuport-les-Bains. It is in this oftdisputed stretch of territory so well named "No Man's Land" that much of the fiercest fighting of the war has occurred, and the war has left its mark throughout the sector with scenes of desolation such as this,

RAILWAY SWITCH AND SIGNAL August 1, 24,605 on September 1,

Automobile Device Invented by Two Michigan Men-Adapted to Be Actuated by Train Trip.

In illustrating and describing a rail-D. Butt, Riverdale, Mich., the Scientific

American says: This invention relates particularly to a switch and signal of the type adapted to be actuated by a train trip. and is so connected and arranged that the switch bar, connected with the switch points, will be rocked by a train trip and a sliding axial movment will be given to the switch bar the rocking movement serving to a



Railway Switch.

movement serves to throw the switch points, the operation being automat ically effected by a train coming from either direction at any rate of speed.

10,000 LESS CARS ARE IDLE Locomotives and Cars Now in Service Only Slightly in Excess of

Number Last Year. Railroads report that on October 1 the excess of unfilled orders from shippers for freight cars over and above the idle cars at different points numbered 70,380. Compared with last year this is a slight increase. This is rated by or the figure commonly but inaccurately trick in onreferred to as "car shortage." It compares with 77,682 on July 1, 83,376 on

Average Values.

In estimating quantities of bulk it is of considerable help to have unit figures handy for multiplication or di vision to get the required result. The following figures are recognized avernge values, giving weights in pounds for one cubic foot of the material named: Soft coal ashes, tightly packed, 43; cinders, 40 to 45; hard or anthracite coal, 56 to 60; soft or bituminous coal, 47 to 52; coke, 23 to 82; iron, 450; lead, 709; pitch, 75 pounds per cubic foot,

The actual number of unfilled car orders on October 1 was almost identical with the number on October 1 of last year, the figures being 97,572 for October 1, 1917, and 97,854 for September 30, 1916. On the latter date way switch, invented by F. Evans and 34,157 cars were idle, whereas on last October 1 only 24,192 were idle, thus indicating a more efficient use of the

available equipment. Returns to the railroads' war board show that the actual number of cars and locomotives now in service is only slightly in excess of the number at this time last year.

The war board on October 10 had been in existence exactly six months. During that period the railroads have situation is the degree to which the railroads are co-operating whole-heartedly with the another and with the railroads' war board.

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News Items.

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Miss Ruth Burrage of Medford, is having a vacation now this week at the home of Mr. Batler.

At the annual meeting of the Baptist church has been conferred with a make up a good round dozen towns to the document in the Methodist church has elected the following officers for the year: Mrs. Belia Balch, lerk; G. Roland Hocquard, col.; Freelenian K. D. Burrage Charles E. Bradford, prudential com, Miss Clara Penesseau, supt. Sunday school G. Roland Hocquard, asst. supt.; Miss Clara Penesseau, supt. Sunday school of Roland Hocquard, asst. supt.; Miss Carrie Hartwell, sec. and treas; advisory board, Mrs. Esbon A. Mills, deacons, clerk, supt. Sunday school and pastor. The reports of the various officers showed the church to be in splendid condition, the church being out of debt and a goodly sun of money in the treasury.

Mrs. Honey W. Penetalina had been the beauting the death of Eliss Lawring was now goodly sun of money in the treasury.

Interesting Addresses.

Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman, who is at the Rest Haven hospital in Dorschester, is on the danger list and the doctors have only faint hopes of her recovery. Mrs. Brockelman left here eight weeks ago to enter the hospital and was operated upon for internal troubles. She recovered from the operation and seemed to be internal troubles. She recovered from the operation and seemed to be internal troubles.

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the late Herman Mariah has led for Washington, D of and will make her home with her son Marray, who has a clerical position in the war department of that city.

Sergt, Stanley F. White, who of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. White, who of Mr. of war supplies in Philadelphia.

Owing to an epidemic of measures the fifth and sath grades have been closed this week and will also remain closed insix week and will also remain closed insix week which is the spring vacation, and will recopen April 29.

Miss Ella Tewkshary, of New Jersey, is a guest mix week of Miss Gertrude L. Comet.

Mr. And Mrs. Post have rented the rooms in the Wallingford house, vacated sometime ago by the Dr. Bry and family.

John Donovat, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mirphy on chapted street, has been stream who ashock with a shock and his condition is serious.

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Mrs. Edith Eggleston, of Findlay, Ohlo, was a visitor at the home of Mr, and Mrs. Walter Khowtes the lirst of the week. Mrs. Eggleston came east to visit her son who is at 'amp Devens, prior to his departure for France.

William Lynch, filterement, N, Hi, a former resident, was a visitor in town the first of the week.

A number of cases of measles have been reported this week to the board of health.

To the Editor:

On Saturday, April 12, a communication was received by me from first class private Harry O. Bangs of the 101st military police, sanitary detachment, 25th linfantry division, A. E. Finow somewhere in France, said communication being dated 14th March, 1918.

Last fall the citizens of this town contributed to making up Christmas boxes to be sent to the boys who were across the water, and who enlisted from this town, the above Private Bangs being one of them. In his communication he stated that he had tad, March 14, received his Christmas box, and he desired that I have the following inserted in the local papers in order that the editizens of the town might know of his appreciation of their work as a missionary, and will have following inserted in the local papers in order that the citizens of the town might know of his appreciation of their work as a missionary, and will have for sending no the Christmas box and he desired that I have the following inserted in the local papers in order that the citizens of the town might know of his appreciation of their kindness:

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In spite of the very inclement weather of last Friday and Saturday there was a fairly cool audience at the parities Herriago and after a very inclement weather of last Friday and Saturday there was a fairly cool audience at the parities rally at the cown hall on Friday evening, exactly fifty-seven countries of the first seven can becoming over the land, and the struggle began which confined for the firming club was observed that the land appeared each to even the fact of the firming club was observed. Thursday the had appeared each to even the fact of the land appeared each to even the fact of the land appeared each to even the fact of the land appeared each to even the fact of the land appeared each to even the fact of the land appeared each to even the fact of the land appeared each to even the fact of the land appeared each to even the even the land appeared each to even the land app

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The Box Scouts then took up a collision of war the lection for a new flag to replace the one on the flag pole in the Center one of 524 officers and that was reased on April 19, 1917, and finen to 123,801 of which has done would service, but is war account with the service of the control of the music during the evening was at 230,000 enlisted men.

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Change of Address

Subscribers wishing the postoffice address of the paper changed, must send us both the old and new address and also the name of the paper they receive.

Saturday, April 20, 1918.

PEPPERELL

News Items. Mrs. Jarley is going to bring her wax works to the Congregational vestry on Monday evening. April 22. Everyone wants to see them and to listen to the miscellaneous program. This is the entertainment that gave way for the Farm Bureau and should

Miss Annie Hamilton, district nurse, who was operated on recently for appendicitis, has been in town on two special cases for a few days, but left on Wednesday noon for a rest at her home in Concord, N. H. She returns to Pepperell on May first.

Miss Place Place Tenanton and the concord of the first time in months Miss.

Mrs. Dudley Whitmarsh has been confined to her room for several days with the grippe, but is now able to be down stairs.

down stairs.

Rev. Benjamin W. Rust, the new pastor of the Methodist church, preached his first sermon last. Sunday, being well liked by a larger attendance than usual. He was entertained over Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Wilson. Mrs. Rust and three children arrived at the parsonage on Tuesday.

Rev. D. R. Child will be the preacher of Sunday morning at the union

Sunday morning at the union of Unitarian and Congregaservice of Unitarian and Congrega-tional churches, in the latter church. His subject will be "God and your soul." The Sunday schools will meet as usual at noon. Forward club meeting at six o'clock. Another meet-ing of the series on Pilgrim deeds and duties will be held at seven o'clock. Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck will lead, and continue the subject of the last meeting, "The Puritans in America." Some of the old-fashioned songs will be sung.

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On Wednesday night of last week, after a brief illness, Mrs. Hepsibeth D. Pearson, of Reading, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Lewis. Pneumonia, followed by heart failure, was the cause of her death. Farewell services were held Saturday afternoon at the Reading Congregational church, the pastor, Rev D. A. Newton, officiating. The W. C. T. U. aftended in a body, as Mrs. Pearson had been an active worker years. After the services the body was taken to Mt. Auburn cemetery. Mrs. Pearson was the widow of Deacon S. G. B. Pearson, a Boston business man, prominent in church and town affairs. She is survived by three children, Miss M. A. Pearson, of North Adams; A. Howard Pearson, of North Adams; A. Howard Pearson, of Reading, and Mrs. Lewis, of Pepperell; also, a sister, Mrs. Luther Howard, of Reading, Her age was \$1 years, 4 months. She had been connected with the Reading church for forty-three years and had much to do with organizing the Reading Home for Aged Women.

Mrs. S. B. Simmons is expecting her page was Kenneth Burns, from Nor-

Mrs. S. B. Simmons is expecting her nephew, Kenneth Burns, from Norfolk, Va., who started early in the week by boat. He has several relatives in this section.

On next Tuesday evening, after a short devotional service, the teacher training course will be continued at the Congregational vestry. This course is developing considerable interest and is open to all who care to come.

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sults, only being sick two days

Mrs. Florence Mention has returned from a several-weeks' stay with her brother. Jessie Shattuck, in Melrose
Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, representing the school committee of Pepperell, and Miss Helen Pond, representing the Main street school, attended a meeting of the Junior Red Cross held in lowell on last Saturday afternoon in the Middlesex-North Chapter rooms on Market street. They listened to the addresses of Hugh J. Molloy, chairman of the Junior Red Cross school work, and Henry H. Harris, vice chairman, also, several officers of the Red Cross school work and Henry H. Harris, vice chairman, also, several officers of the Red Cross school work and Henry H. Barris, vice chairman, also, several officers of the Red Cross school work and Henry H. Barris, vice chairman, also, several officers of the Red Cross school work and Henry H. Barris, vice chairman, also, several officers of the Red Cross school work and Henry H. Barris, vice chairman, also, several officers of the Red Cross school work and Henry H. Barris, vice chairman, also, several officers of the Red Cross school work and the work that can be accomplished by the school children in every part of the country. They saw the amount of work that had been done by the school children in Lowell; there were about several boys or girl would the work in progress by the boys and during.

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The theme at the Methodist church on Sunday morning will be "The power of thought": In the evening, "The fourth watch." The message of the evening is especially calculated to be of value to those whose worries and are causing them sleepless

The latest reports from Henry Pow-The latest reports from richly covers and Roy Fisher was that they were no longer improving as fast as they had in their recovery from pneumonia. James Starr went to Thomaston, le., on business and returns this Fri-

chester Parker has concluded the purchase of the Kendall house on Townsend street which he has occupied for a couple of years.

Louis Nutting, from Los Angeles, Cal., with wife and child, came last week to see his sisters, Mrs. W. B. Beckett and Mrs. L. J. Dow of Hollis

W. B. Beckett and family moved on Monlay into the Tucker house on Tucker avenue. Mr. Beckett has a po-sition with I. J. Rowell.

home in Concord, N. H. She returns to Pepperell on May first.

Miss Flora Boynton returned to the Episcopal training school in New Haven on Tuesday noon after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Ida Boynton.

Mrs. Dudley Whitmarsh has been for a little while.

Mrs. Leadbetter, of Princeton, has been spending a few days with Mrs. L. J. Dow, Hollis street.

The residents of Oak hill were glad last week to welcome back Mrs. Julia Johnson, who had been staying part of the winter with her daughter in Rosson. Boston.

It is reported that the debris from the church fire is soon to be removed, whether they rebuild at once or not.

Rainsford Deware, chairman of the iberty loan committee of Pepperell, Rainstord Denact, liberty loan committee of Pepp has called a meeting of the comm has called at the town hall on Thursday evening, April 18, at eight o'clock. The committee will arrange for a canvass of the town and urge subscriptions to the liberty loan.

The report that Mr. Winship has accepted a position and is to leave town is incorrect.

Obituary.

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Mrs. Anna Catharine Shattuck was born in Pepperell on April 1, 1818, the daughter of Sumner and Catharine H. (Chapman) Carter. She spent her early life here, was educated, in the Pepperell schools and later margied David Herbert Shattuck, of this town, who passed on thirty-two years ago. She has one son, Herbert Shattuck, of Melrose, with whom she made her home, but she has spent most of her summers here at her husband's former-home at Hovey's corner, at the home of Henry Woodsworth. During her married life she lived in Groton, her husband being in partnership with Michael Sheedy in the grocery business. After a week's illness she died of lobar pneumonia on April 14. She leaves a son, before mentioned: two grandchildren, and a brother. George S. Carter, of this town: several cousins and many friends.

Funeral services were held in Melrose on Tuesday. The body arrived in town at four o'clock by automobile hearse. Many of her old associates and friends were gathered at the family lot in Walton cemetery. Rev. J. B. Lewis read the Episcopal service as she was a member of the Episcopal church in Groton. There were many flowers to attest the love and respect in which she was held.

Food Production.

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biggest business which we have in hand right now is to win the war into which we have been dragged by Germany and to win it as quickly as possible, because every month or week or day that its duration is cut short represents untold saving of lives and money, of suffering and sorrow. While we are waging war, however, those at home must live and they must hold fast to the institutions and the standards of living that have been uchieved and for whose protection and preparation we are really fighting, says Omaha Bee. The principal point where the distinction between essentials and nonessentials is necessary comes in the consideration of new enterprises. Is the proposed venture helpful to the winning of the war or merely calculated to dissipate money and effort that could be used to better advantage? Is it one that is immediately urgent or can it be deferred without serious loss? If what is planned is to answer a real demand that cannot well be met otherwise we should go on with it. If it is something that would not

wait. The Dutch have done a great deal for the relief of the Belgians, but that the people of Holland would be justified in selzing supplies of food sent by Americans for the relief of Belgium is a theory that is not likely to gain countenance in the United States. Were the thing to happen it would be looked upon as attesting not to a condition of starvation in Holland, but a determination to resort to desperate methods for the purpose of diverting this country from the maintenance of its embargo on the shipment of food products to neutral nations which have been supplying Germany.

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And now it is announced that the knitting bag is regarded with suspicion by floorwalkers in department stores. It is carried not only by the best women in the community, but by those who are capable of shop-lifting, so the story rups, and makes the practice of that shady industry very easy. Of course the carrying of knitting bags cannot be stopped, but the surveillance of those who carry them can be made sharp and unrelaxing, This will tend to minimize the activity of the shoplifters.

War demands cut down the petroleum stock in the United States to the extent of nearly 10,000,000 barrels during the first nine months of the present year, and there has been an increase of seven per cent in consumption compared with the corresponding period of 1916. Under the circumstances the rise in price seems a phenomenon in accordance with the law

It is a safe rule that a rumor detrito the government or its allies

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stamps enable the modest dollar to do at least six bits' patriotic service.

The United States mint is a million

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PLAN STARTED IN NEW YORK.

idea Supplements U. S. Food Adminis tration's New Home Card New In 10,000,000 Homes.

The women of America, who are anxious to do their great part in the winning of the war, are now, as a whole, familiar with the most important aspects of food conservation. The Home Card, both in its original form and in the revised edition for 1918, which provides for two wheatless days, one meatless day a week, in addition to a wheatless meal every day, has been placed by the Food Administration after a vigorous campaign in 10,000,000 American homes. An intelligent and conscientious observance of the Home Card's requirements is all the Food Administration asks of the housewives of the country.

The Food Administration has had a great many requests, however, particu-larly from the homes of the well-to-do, that it should issue a worked out plan

for a voluntary system of rationing. This desire; for a voluntary ration springs from two causes-first, be cause it is far simpler for the house-wife to save food when she has a concrete working plan by which to pro-ceed, and, second, because the loyal vomen of America desire, unselfishly, to put themselves on the same basis as the women of the Allied countries. The ration proposed by the Food Administration is almost the same as that adopted in England for voluntary bservance. All over the United Kingdom, in hundreds of houses there nangs in the front window a card with the stirring pledge, "IN HONOR BOUND WE ADOPT THE NATION. AL SCALE OF VOLUNTARY RA-TIONS."

The ration recommended by the Food Administration, and adopted first in New York city, whence the idea has spread through the entire country, is the following:

Weekly Allowance Per Person

Meat-Beef (fresh, salted, tinned and hashed); mutton, lamb and veal (mutton by preference) 2½ lbs. Cooking Fats (margarine, lard,

lard substitutes, vegetable ing gravies, etc., where corn starch, cracker dust or bread crambs cannot be

substituted) Victory Bread' (containing at least 20 per cent. of a substitute for wheat flour) 1% lbs. Sugar (including all sugar used on the table and in cooking and all sweatmeats

used for canning and preserving) % lb. The items listed above are the only nes which are definitely limited. In the case of milk and cream, as much may be used as necessary, and children, of course, must have their full allowance of whole milk. Fish and poultry, any cereal other than wheat, vegetables and fruits and cheese may

and candles, but not that

be used as freely as is desired. The above ration is in no wise intended to supplant the Home Card, but rather to supplement it. It has been published with the idea that it will be a very real aid to the American woman in her splendid effort to carry out the great food conservation program.

USE MORE POTATOES.

ELP consume the 1917 record break. 15 ing potato crop. Government experts have estimated that over 700,000 extra acres of potatoes were planted last year. The United States Food Administration is endeavoring to push the nation's big potato stocks into channels of trade and has placed potatoes on the list of substitutes that may be bought along with wheat

flour. Potato soup has become a war dish. Here is a recipe that has been tested by United States Food Administration experts. Ingredients needed are three potatoes, one quart of milk, two slices onlon, three tablespoons butter substitute, two tablespoons flour, one and one-half tablespoons sait, one-quarter teaspoon celery salt, one-eighth teaspoon pepper, few grains cayethe and one teaspoon chopped parsley.

Cook potatoes in boiled saited water. When soft run through n strainer. Scald milk with onton, remove onfon and add milk slowly to potatoes. Melt the fat, add dry ingredients, stir until well mixed, then stir into boiling soup. Cook one minute, strain and sprinkle with barley.

Africa a Large Block of Land. Nearly one-fourth of the earth's surface is comprised within the continent of Africa, and it is as far around the coast of Africa as it is around the Every eighth person of the world. world's population lives in the dark The blacks double their number every 40 years and white every 80 years. There are 843 languages and dialects spoken among the blacks of Africa, but only a few of them written .- Vancouver Daily Sun.

USE ONE-HALF

Military Necessity Demands That Each American Eat Only 11/2 Pounds Wheat Products Weekly.

CORN AND OATS SUBSTITUTES.

Ailles Must Have Wheat Enough to Maintain Their War Bread Till Next Harvest.

If we are to furnish the ailies with the necessary proportion of wheat to maintain their war bread from now until the next barvest, and this is a military necessity, we must reduce monthly consumption to 21,000,000 bushels a month as against our no mal consumption of about 42,000,000 bushels, or 50 per cent. of our normal consumption. This is the situation as set forth by the U. S. Food Administration at Washington. Reserving a margin for distribution to the army and for special cases, leaves for gen eral consumption approximately 1% pounds of wheat products weekly pe erson, the Food Administration's statement continues: Many of our consumers are dependent upon bakers bread. Such bread must be durable and therefore requires a larger propor tion of wheat products than cerea breads baked in the household. Our army and navy require a full allowance. The well-to-do in our population can make greater sacrifices in the consumption of wheat products, than can poor. In addition, our population in the agricultural districts; where the other cereals are abundant, are more skilled in the preparation of breads cereals than the from these other crowded city and industrial popula-

With improved transportation conditions we now have available a surplus of potatoes. We also have in the spring months a surplus of milk, and we have ample corn and oats for human consumption. The drain on rye and barley as substitutes has already greatly exhausted the supply of these

To effect the needed saving of wheat we are wholly dependent upon the voluntary assistance of the American people and we ask that the following rules shall be observed:

1. Householders to use not to exceed a total of 11/2 pounds per week of wheat products per person. This means not more than 1% pounds of Victory bread containing the required percentage of substitutes and one-half pound of cooking flour, macaroni, crackers, pastry, ples, cakes, wheat breakfast cereals, all combined.

2. Public eating places and clubs to observe two wheatless days per week, Monday and Wednesday, as at present. In addition thereto, not to serve to any one guest at any one meal an aggregate of breadstuffs; macaroni, crackers, pastry, ples, cakes, wheat reakfast cereals, containing a total of more than two ounces of wheat our. No wheat products to be served unless specially ordered. Public eating establishments not to buy more than six pounds of wheat products for each ninety meals served, thus con forming with the limitations requested of the householders.

3. Retailers to sell not more than ne-eighth of a barrel of flour to any town customer at any one time and not more than one-quarter of a barrel to any country customer at any one time, and in no case to sell wheat products without the sale of an equal

ucts for non-food purposes should

cease such use entirely. 6. There is no limit upon the use of

doing so in perfect health and satisfac tion. There is no reason why all of the American people who are able to cook in their own households cannot subsist perfectly well with the use of less wheat products than one and onehalf pounds a week, and we specially ask the well-to-do households in the country to follow this additional programme in order that we may provide the necessary marginal supplies for those parts of the community less able to adapt themselves to so large a proportion of substitutes.

In order that we shall be able to make the wheat exports that are absolutely demanded of us to maintain the civil population and soldiers of the allies and our own army, we propose to supplement the voluntary co-operaof the public by a further limita tion of distribution, and we shall place at once restrictions on distribution which will be adjusted from time to time to secure as nearly equitable distribution as possible. With the arrival of harvest we should be able to relax such restrictions. Until then we ask for the necessary patience, sacrifice and co-operation of the distributing trades.

Unexplored Canada. It is believed that nearly 30 per cent of Canada is still undiscovered, and if Indian reports are to be believed there is in the basin of the Mackenzie river one of the largest areas of possible oilbearing country on the face of the earth. The Indians report the existence of lakes a hundred miles long in Yukon that no white man has ever seen, while even the Indians apparently know nothing of the as yet untrodden Mackenzie mountains.

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News Carab Blood Elliott, of Gardner, who came to visit her sister, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, and bring home little Geneve Bartlett, returned to Gardner on last Saturday.

A special business meeting of the Congregational church will be held in the vestry of this week Friday evening at 7.30 sharp.

The Unitarian society met in the vestry of the Congregational church to hear the report of the committee of five in regard to uniting the two parishes and to transact any other business that might come before such a meeting. The report from the committee was listened to and laccepted as a report of progress. After a short discussion the majority present favored a new church home, and an advisory finance committee was chosen. This action proved a great disappointment to the committee was chosen. This action proved a great disappointment to the committee and others, but let us hope that nothing but good will come from the decision.

Red Cross Branch.

All women interested in the work of this organization (and all women should be if they wish to win in this world war) must read these statements:

The U. S. A. Surgeon-General of the Workburston Red Cross sends orders to

ments:

The U. S. A. Surgeon-General of the Washington Red Cross sends orders to each division; each division issues to its chapters, and they in turn to branches—and auxiliaries the amount of work required for each month Our local branch receives its orders from Lowell, as has been before stated, and our quota for this month is 500 packet pads; already 175 have been

mpleted. All who have uncompleted knitting are asked to bring it finished to Mrs. Tarbell before the end of this month. The meetings of Wednesday and Saturday afternoons will continue at the Heald homestead until the first of may, when arrangements have been made to occupy the town hall for all Red Cross work,

Red Cross work.

The president and Mrs. Barnes went as delegates from this branch to the Hed Cross convention held in the dining-room of the Copley-Plaza on Tuesday, April 9. Most interesting and instructive matters were laid before the 1600 delegates who were present; by the Red Cross officials, Davison and Jackson, and they were told that they and their work for the cause was just as valuable to the government, and was so regarded by that body, as the work of the soldiers and officers at the front. And to Illustrate the urgent products without the sale of an equal weight of other cereals.

4. We ask the bakers and grocers to reduce the volume of Victory bread sold, by delivery of the three-quarter pound loaf where one pound was sold before, and corresponding proportions in other weights. We also ask bakers not to increase the amount of their wheat flour purchases beyond 70 per cent. of the average monthly amount purchased in the four months prior to March 1.

5. Manufacturers using wheat products for non-food purposes should was so. Fegarated by that officers at the front. And to filustrate the urgent front. And to filust

incentive to all workers to "do their bit to "gorously. 6. There is no limit upon the use of other cereals, flours, and meals, corn, barley, buckwheat, potato flour, et cetera.

Many thousand families throughout the land are now using no wheat products whatever, except a very small amount for cooking purposes, and are

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We wish to thank the many friends who showed their sympathy through kind and helpful deeds during the long illness of husband and father; and in our recent bereavement; especially for the many beautiful flowers, given as a last loving tribute to the memory of our dearly loved one.

Mrs. Humphrey Sullvan

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Mrs. Humphrey Sullivan.
Mrs. M. F. Morrissey.
Miss Agnes Sullivan,
John T. Sullivan,
Joseph Sullivan,
Daniel Sullivan, Hast Pepperell, Mass., April 16, 1918

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of CHARLES E. PERRIN formerly of Ayer in said County of Middlesex, an

Ayer in said County of Andalesca, whereas, THE A. M. BYERS COMPANY of Pittsburgh in the State of
Pennsylvania has presented to said
Court, its pertition representing that
said Charles E. Perrin is justly and
truly indebted to it in the sum of
\$104.54 and interest from August 1,
1917, and praying that its claim may
the proved as a debt against the prop-

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of CHARLES E. PERRIN formerly of Ayer in said County of Middlesex; an absentee.

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Phone 119-12 NOTICE OF HEARING.

Ayer, Mass., April 8, 1918. To the Board of Selectmen: The undersigned respectfully asks for a license to keep, store and sell gasolene in two 500 gallon tanks, at West Main Street, at property known

as the Peppineau place. ISRAEL A. RUSSCOL. West Main St., Ayer. Application received April 8, 1918. JOHN D. CARNEY,

Chairman Board of Selectmen. BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Ayer, Mass., April 8, 1918. Ordered, that a public hearing be held on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of April, 1918, at eight o'clock p. m., in the Selectmen's Room in the Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing 1917, and praving that its claim may be proved as a debt against the propiet proved as a description and of this order thereon in an order or decree may be entered by published in said Court and the Ayer. At least fourteen days prior thereto; and that the Clerk of the board mail notices of the time and layer at least fourteen days prior thereto; and that the Clerk of the board mail notices of the time and layer at least fourteen days prior thereto; and that the Clerk of the board mail notices of the time and layer at least fourteen days prior thereto; and that the Clerk of the board mail notices of said fourt.

And said petitioner is ordered