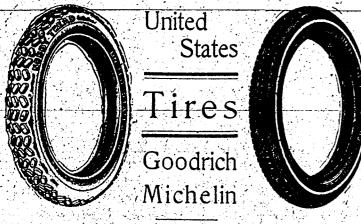
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PEPPERELL

Martin Twitchell, who works in Hutchinson's store, appeared before the exemption board in Ayer last Saturday, and they found that he had no woman's job; in handling barrels of sugar and heavy cases, and told him to go home.

Arthur F. Wright has been appointed by the government on the work or fight committee, but had not received his papers when the information was asked. to go home. George S. Parker, the youngest son of Charles Parker. Townsend street, have moved into the house on Main Riverside Cai: His residence is near the mill.

Smith are Misses Bos, of Waban, and have added to the pleasantness of the

Alfonso Duracio an Italian workman, had his hand badly hurt in the mill last Saturday morning.

The two little guests who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Walter

Mrs. William Haigh, of Brance or Vt., came to spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hayes, High street

A delightful cousin party was on hand at Brookside farm when Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kennedy, of Winchester, came up to see Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shattuck, recently.

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The family of Frank T. Marston moved into the Kemp tenement on River street, Thursday.

There was a lot of bustle in various homes in town darly Thursday morning, because it was the day of the fulfillment of the anticipation when the clock struck seven, and a few seconds later the bell rang for the picnic, there was not even a fleety cloud in autos, in singlet and and the barge to pass a pleasant day, and the barge to pass a pleasant day, and the barge with her daukite, Mrs. Clorere, High street. On Thursday she aftend which her relatives and then returned from Whalom to her home.

Mrs. Melora. Scales, of Park street, has been confined to her bed for a couple of weeks, and is not gaining very fast toward-recovery.

The farmers are making the most of haying and many report it a lighter-crop than usual, giving as a reason the cold May.

Mrs. Frank Ames had her daughters, Marion, Florence and Hazel and Hard and S. Joseph's hospital, is expected to return the Saturday.

Mrs. Florence and Hazel and Hard and Mrs. Mrs. Myron Alurphy, who has been at S. Mars. Myron Alurphy, who has been at S. Mars. Myron Alurphy, who has been from the Burbank hospital in Flechber to be operated on for appendicities last Sunday, but her temperature went so high and because of other reasons the operated on for appendicities last Sunday, but her temperature went so high and because of other reasons the operated on for appendicities last Sturday and is accompanied by Miss Brown, of Providence, R. I.

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The East Village Social club held an all-day sewing meeting at Blakesmere on Wednesday. It was a pleasure for the club to have its president with them again. They tied and finished another beautiful comforter for the Federation House in Ayer. Some small quilts and three large ones have been finished.

"Do the people know that there are a lot of recipes tested by government experts and suitable for family use now for public distribution?" was asked over the phone. If this has not before been noted the fact is that there are such receips in the reading-room of the public library for free distribution.

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The Mount Lebanan Community association held its last meeting with Miss Ann Jewell instead of with Miss Hamilton, as planned. There were twenty-two present and a satisfactory amount accomplished.

Mr. Gaskill, Oak hill, has returned from a six-weeks' contract in Ayer.

July 4 was a quiet day. The chillers in the complex of the contract of the contract of the complex of the contract of the con Mrs. Tina Holden, of Stockbridge, and son Willard, of Barre, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Fisk. en over to house parties more than

usuai. Hall fell in some parts of the town on July 4.

Fisk.

The Fourth seemed a propitious day for little groups to find their way into the woods and from usual surroundings and in fellowship. At Lake Baboosic, Amherst, N. H., this group was recognized: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Frbert Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lester R. Qua and Frank Bennett's family.

Clement Noyes, who has been a A. G. Pollard Co.

Clement Noyes, who has been a character in the west part of the town and Townsend, often referred to as "Skip Noyes," left his haunts on June 29 and hit a new trail for a couple of works of the left his haunts of the couple of works of the left his haunts on June 29 and hit a new trail for a couple of works of the left. months, if all goes as exp-cted. El-mer Shattuck, superintendent in Rut-land, while on a visit with his sister, Ida Shattuck, Oak hill, was in dire need of a man and he persuaded Noyes, whom he has known for years, to go to Rutland for him, and a latersays

Miss Clara M. Shattuck spent her Fourth with her brother-in-law's family, Clarence Tucker, Oak hill. Ernest Baker, Oak hill, who has been at the Groton hospital for ar operation, has been doing well, but is to have another slight operation, and then will be expected home the last of this week, if all goes as expected

of this week, if all soes as expected There has been some talk about what Pepperell was doing to feed the country, and in some parts, on one or two farms, they are raising much more stuff than usual, but the facts are that Pepperell produces a surplus of milk, eggs, poultry veal, apples and hay; but for the last twenty-five years other than these articles she has brought in more than has been carried out. Years as, long past, Pepperell was one of the best agricultural towns in the state.

Charles Picharian Hards who

Charles Richardson Hardy, who graduated from our schools and habeen in Milford until recently, now of Dix Notch, visited his aunt, Miss Rose Alden, and other friends last Sunday. He is expected to report at Camp Devens July 45.

Miss Guerrier, won Townsend street years with the iter rside Press, has been spending a with the Tucker of the Atlanti-A)-weeks' vacation Miss Keav Monthly, has also mestead. been at the sam-

There was a prilogram on the for an outing at following guests Mrs. Charles Lawr of Boston; Mrs. C. of ten at Villa orth from Boston orth from Boston on Saturday the rived: Mr. and ce and daughter, ster Lewis, New-Boston: Warren Miss Schumaker. While a few have most of them ad Miss Bertha perville, a chum of Boston; Mrs. ton; Miss Higgi Chase, Worcester Forest Hills, 1. till remaining. Faulkinstine, of of one of the girl nerville, a chum rrived, and Henry derstood that the are about twenty

There were about 150 who went to Whalom on Thursday and all report a grand time. The sports and games planned for did not materialize as there were many other things to draw attention, but all reached Pepperell without accident. 150 who went to

without accident

Children's night on Wednesday at the Grange was celebrated by a very fine program, which was listened to by many over one hundred persons. The program began with a folk dance, Catherine Fennelly. Sybli Stuart. Evelyn Maultman. Glennis Green: recitations, Marzers Nash and Doris Monney, Sybli Stuart: song, Esther Martin; recitations. Gladys Messer, Inez Stuart; readers and encore, Miss Eleanor Grenache. Swiss May dance, Gladys Greenwool: Edith Stuart, Sybil Stuart, Maud Stuart, Helen Parker, Gentrude Whitcomb. Gertrude Greenwood, Evelyn Maultman, Glennis

There was a family of ten at the home of Chester A Mais, Jewett street on the holiday.

Mrs. Clara Stanton, of Somersworth N. Ha is solourning with her sisted Mrs. George F. Durgin.

There was a delightful picnic at the Richardson homestead on Jewet to the day and "America" concluded the program. Ice cream, cake and cookies were served.

There was a delightful pienic at a Richardson homestead on Jewie street. and cookies were served. It cannot help interesting the townsjumple to learn that a rotice has appeared in one of the Cambridge papers stating that Rev. R. W. Drawjurdge had resigned his pastorate in
Belinont and had taken a position as
secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and was
soing to France right away. Mr.
Drawbridge was much liked in Pepperell. perell.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Water-ville, Me., have horight the Holden place on West street, and although only here a little while have a lot of produce up.

Mrs. Elizabeth Heald, who has been up to her buggalow on Townsend street for various lengths of time, has returned to her home in the village.

Great credit should be given to Miss Florence Flynn, who coached the girls for the two folk dances rendered at the Grange on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster and daughters, of Somerville, are at their farm at the corner of Elm and Shirley streets, known as the late Alfred Boynton place.

Annual Cradle Roll.

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Tuesday was the annual cradle roll at the Congregational church and was the largest attended of any ever held. The program began with a recitation of welcome by Glibert Moore, followed by another recitation by Ellen Parker; song, Gertrude and Gladys Greenwood; piano solo, Dorothy Cook; recitation, Althus Leroy Shattuck; reading, Gwenn Parker; song, Catherine Parker, er; recitation by four girls, "That is baby," Ellen Parker, Geraldine Parker, er, Rachel Chapman, Margie Maxwell; piano duet. Constance and Geraldine Parker. Then to please the children Misses Olive Lewis and Anna Peabody sang, and this was followed by the march for the graduation class in dainty white caps and gowns. Miss Peabody presided at the piano while the children got in place. Diplomas were granted to Dorothy Bennett, Herbert O. Blood, Herbert A. Ebberson, Edward Greenwood, Robert L. Hackett, Sidney F. Mason, Lester E. Smith, Stark, Ellen E. Toomey, Ruth E. Wheeler. One of the little graduates was sick, one his mother was sick, and all were sorry for the absent ones. Cake, ice cream and cookles were served. While there was some little noise there was less crying than usual with so many small children present.

CONSERVATION Voluntary Honor Ration for House holders

with her friend, Mrs. Susie Farnsworth, in Ayer,
Mrs. T. A. Greenigaf, Park street, went Monday to meet a party going to visit her brother, Maron Hinds, on Townsend hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Perry and daughter, of Arlington, are in North Pepperell with their grandmother. Mrs. Herman Williams, and spent Sunday with their aint, Mrs. William Hobart, Elm street.

Mrs. Frank Kaulbeck, daughter of Meat (including chickens and poul-try)—Two pounds per person per week (including bones and trim-mings). Use beef very sparingly or not at a!!.

not at all.

Wheat flour and wheat products—
None, if possible; otherwise, six pounds per f. son per month.

Sugar (Include & granulated, lump, brown and powder 1)—Three pounds per person per month.

Brief Statement Use less sugar.

No. 45. Price Four Cents

Use beef very sparingly or not at Use less meat. Restrict consumption, including chickens and positry to two pounts per person per week. This includes hones and trimmings.

Use fresh vegetables and fruits. Use more milk Make cottage cheese Butter may be used freely. Use more fish.

Use barley and corn in pastry.

Use more corn

Use eggs. Keep nens in your back sugar in syraps a yard, and feed them on table scraps. Use supplies produced in your own locality.

locality.

Flour—Keep what flour you have (using the least possible quantity), and hold it subject to the orders of the food administration. The free use of flour is wrong; but at present the possession of it in reasonable quantity is not discreditable. The maximum allowance is six pounds per person a month. Nearly all can do with less, if possible, use no flour at all, and nothing made from flour or wheat.

Do your full share in helping to make the flour now in Massachusetts last until the next harvest comes.

Waste, especially a be rigidly repressed.

Hoarding-Any no. ...

buys more groceries, etc. man me constromarily keeps at home in perceetimes is guilty of hoarding, and is working to defeat the food administration's efforts to secure a just distribution of food and reason the prices.

All persons other than householders and canning clubs requiring any sugar during the year 1918 must make application for such sugar directly to the State House, room 161, on or before July 15.



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Perhaps you were one of those who bought a Straw Hat real early in the season; you have worn it a great deal; if it was a Brigham Hopkins' Straw Hat it's probably still in good shape.

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75c to \$2.00 per suit

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Saturday, July 13, 1918

WESTFORD

Center.

The Donald Camerons have opened the Cameron homestead for the summer, although later are going to the seashore for a time.

John G. Fletcher, who so capably assists his father at the store and post-office, goes next week for a vacation at a boy's camp in the Lake Winnepesaukée country in New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright spent the Fourth with a group of friends, the same group that have spent this holiday together for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodge and daughter Viola of Lowell have been enjoying camp life at their cottage at Forge pond.

Miss Annie L. Cherry of Somerville spent the, week-end with relatives in Brighton.

the others, report much rainy weather.

A group of young ladies are managing a summer dancing party to be given at the town hall on Friday evening, July 19. The Colonial orchestra, four pieces, of Maynard, will furnish music. Those in charge are Misses Marjorie Seavey, Hazel Hartford, Lillian Sutherland and Maude Robinson. Children's Sunday at the Congrega-tional church has been postponed one week, taking place on Sunday, July 21.

The school committee of the town is calling for bids for the transportation of the school children from the different sections of the town, to be in the hands of the committee before

August first.

A pleasant group of neighbors and friends, about twenty in all, gathered together last Saturday evening and gave Mrs. Phonsie Isles a surprise visit, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. The gathering was an impromptu affair, only arranged for that day, but was a very sincere and spontaneous expression of the love and good will that Mrs. Isles enjoys among her friends. There were greetings and tokens of appreciation and much pleasant sociability. Ice cream and cake was served.

and treatment.

Mrs. George Minot Baker, of Concord, will give a talk on drying fruits and vegetables at the meeting of the Red Cross workers next Wednesday afternoon at Library hall. There will be no work on the sewing machines that afternoon, but the other work will go on. Mrs. Baker is a speaker and worker of intelligence and ability and her talk on this vital phase of food preservation is sure to be valuation. Make an effort for a large attendance.

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Mrs. Frestor, H. Skidmere entertamed a group of eight Rod Cross workers very pleasantly at her home last week Friday afternoon. These eight ladies are to each invite a trough of six who in turn will each enteriant four. The eight ladies, with their groups of six plan to combine forces and have the combined groups together in one large party next Thursday afternoon, at the grove at Whinney playeround. In case of stormy weather the gathering will be in the Untarian vestry. Each guest brings her the gathering will be in the Untarian vestry. Each guest brings her the gathering will be in the Untarian vestry. Each guest brings her the gathering will be in the Untarian vestry. Each guest brings her erfeeshments, chairs, etc., for her six guests. The plan is on a summer-time schedule of simplicity as concerns simple refreshments, and the medical assessment but in the end the triple result will be saimed of pleasant secinbility, a good bit of Red Cross work accomplished and a sum for its treasury.

Company L. M. S. G. held its regular drill on Tuesday evening, doing the drilling at Whitney playground.

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Waiter Precious, a resident here for many years, has joined the Canadian forces and is now at Camp Niagara. Lake Ontario, Canada. In a recent letter to relatives here he said: "I just got back from a twenty mile hike. There were \$000 of us in it Our company, 1000 strong, won the Cross wagons were filled with men from other companies. I am very anxious to get across. The Huns got a few of my pals and if they don't get me first I'll get a few of them. We had the last examination yesterday for overseas and was in No. I class I have been practising swimming in 1 have been practising swimming in \$800,000 tons.

case our boat is torpedoed." Private Preclous enlisted at Thornton, R. L. and his wife and baby son reside

Brighton.

Mrs. C. A. Blaney and little son are enjoying a vacation at the home of her, sister in Needham.

George H. Cadman, at the Old Homestead farm, has recently received the sad news of the death of a brother, an officer in the service, in his native England.

Evicade recently calling on Mrs. Miss Minnie White spent the holi-

August Meyer.

Death.

The funeral services of Samuel Luther Blodgett was held at his home, the Ridges, at Groton, Wednesday afternoon of last week at two o'clock and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. Rev. George M. Howe of the Congregational church officiated. The bearers were Frank A. Torrey, George H. McKee and William H. Whitehill, members of board of selectmen of Groton, and Nesbit L. Woods. Burial took place in the family lot at Fairview cemetery, Westford, The floral tributes were very beautiful.

Samuel Luther Blodgett was the son of Sarah and Luther Blodgett and was born in New Ipswich, N. H., and had he lived until July 31, he would have been fifty-nine years of age. He was a resident of Groton thirty-three years, where he was a successful farmer and for the past fifteen years has been superintendent of roads, Nearly thirty-nine years ago he married Miss Margaret Welch of Chelmsford, who survives him; also, five sons, William A., Chester L. and Chârles R. Blodgett of the Ridges; Walter G. and Samuel Elmer of Ayer; four daughters, Mrs. Thomas McGovern of Ayer, Mrs. Aaron. Tutte of Lowell, Miss Emma at home, and Mrs. Forrest Andrews of Nashua, N. H.: 13 grandchildren; two brothers, William of Lowell, George of Townsend, and a sister, Mrs. William Brown of Gardner.

Mr. Blodgett was an industrious citizen and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Graniteville.

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Owing to the bad weather of last Saturday the ball game between the Graniteville A. C. and the Giants of Lowell was declared off, but in some manner the message was not delivered and the Lowell team showed up after the local planers had laft.

manner the message was not delivered and tokens of appreciation and much pleasant sociability. Ice cream and cake was served.

The Fourth was quietly observed in town with the exception of the vociferous ringing of the church bells during the night. The ball game during the day at Whitney playground attracted lovers of that sport. There were guests in various homes and others went to the Lowell or Littleton celebrations. A group of young people went to Littleton to the dance in the evening.

Miss Catherine Allen, of Malden, was recently married to Forrest Neison, a soldier at Camp Devens, and ready for overseas duty. The bride is a niece of H. V. Hildreth and has been a frequent visitor in town.

Mrs. Edmund Baker has been committed to We cester for special care and treatment.

Mrs. George Minot Baker, of Concord, will give a talk on drying fruits

William Perkins, of Cold Spring road, who is now a member of the Canadian forces, has been spending a few days in this vicinity this week while on a brief furlough, preparatory to going overseas.

The Regulars and the Has Been.

the intention to post from each department from and in that way a friendly rivally created that will no do his beneficial all around. Mrs. Harriet Wall with her er, Miss Nellie M. Wall, nave

ter, Miss Nellie M. recent visitors here, The blueberry season is too

TOWNSEND

Henry A. Hill has recently been experiencing "fisherman's luck," having caught several large brook trout the last trout weighing 2 pounds and 5

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Townsend friends will be interested to learn that Lewis W. Howard, of Walalua, Hawali, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howard, of this town, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant and has been assigned to Company E. Hawali Infantry, N. G., U. S., stationed at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu Hawali.

Among the summer visitors on ownsend hill are Miss Laura John on with her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Hindstess Gertrude Wells, of Malden, with ss Abbie Barber; Miss Marion Hol-ab, of Brookline, N. H., and Rus-Walker and family, of Lynn, with Walker and family, of Lynn, with thur Barber,

net proceeds from the sales of ted Cross booth. Chartman booth, Chautauqua Reacsbore, was \$36.91.

ant son, David, Jr., have left spirs hospital in Nashua and Lieut. Howard at their new Somerville.

Annie Greenleaf Marguerite Struthers Howard sfant son, David, Jr., have left seph's hospital in Nashua and in Somerville.

Annie Greenleaf, of Old City, speeding their returned from a week's visit with wranklin, Me. and Mr. a

W. Boutelle, of Winchendon, Stling her sister, Mrs. G. Brackett, City. Clarence V. Reton, of New City, is also a guest in the home.

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Mss Ethel Hinds, of Everett, is the wife of Sherwin spent with teatures in Quincy. With a two-weeks' vacation at the of her father, A. J. Hinds. Mr. Gerge A. Seaver, who is in the sister, Mrs. Adelbert Greenleaf the sister, Mrs. Adelbert Greenleaf to the sister. sister, Mrs. Adelbert Greenleaf apperell, has also been a guest home.

the Kimball moved Wednesday the tenement recently vacated by Wison on Maple street. Mr. W. -is moved into his new house or Main street.

letter from France.

ate E. H. Wesling, Co. I. 101st Man afantry, A. E. F., France, writes thaster John Dobson as fel-

we a few minutes to spare, the

ave a few minutes to spare, the have not fired over a shell minutes. I was just thinking little postoffice near Memoria of your working by the window was it with you and the rest of war? We are having and enjoyed weather; rained last night for its time since a month ago. The cheivillans are doing their work farm and at present they are I How would you like to go and the fields among the big guns in the fields among the big guns in the fields among the big sund have shells fring one way or anter most any time during the day?

to put up with. I have reen that happen every day in the week—women and old men going to plow or plant, doing their peaceful occupation and facing danger that lurks at any minute. That is called sacrifice by the civilians and what is more they think nothing of it. At might they stay, in their homes and the only seek them on accidental consons. The town looks deserted, has Townsend used to look about a year and that's the last time I saw it. I have been wondering if it has changed and but just the same it is the waternest place on God's green earth when I can place my foot on its soil assum.

Freedom enlisted at Thornton, R. L. and his wife and baby son resident there.

Rev. Argus I un preached a force ful sermon Sunday of the meaning of the Pechanican Carlot of Indeepndent Carlot of Car

E. Hawaii infantry, N. G., U. S., stationed at Schofield Barracks, Honolationed Barrac

Readshero. Mrs. Jose; hine Swift and two chil-

Mrs. Jose; hine Swift and two children, of Springfield, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKean.

Myron Whitney and children have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donlay been the suest Charles Donley. larence Webster has I cen spending

few days out of town. Mrs. John Powers has been ill fo the past few days. Mrs. Augustu Stevens is caring for her. Mrs. Augustus

Mrs. William Webster accompanied relative from New Hampshire to a espital in Boston on Wednesday. ital in Boston on Wednesday, will remain near her for a few

sy morning.

Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Willmott, of days.

Coxbury, are spending the summer nonths at their bungalow home on fownsend hill.

The summer visitors on the summer summer visitors on the summer sum Ringrose, pastor of the Highland aptist church.

Mrs. Amos Bishop, of Readsboro Mrs. Amos Bishop, of Readshord, Vt., who has been in town to attend the Lurial of her husband. Amos lishep, was entertained at the home of Miss Clara Warren. The son, Perry Essap, and Mr. and Mrs. Carter, of Readshord, were also entertained there.

Letty, is also a guest in the house of Lowell, and here. Spending a week with her house of Lowell, and here. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boutelle.

Let Sanders, of Boston, are enjoyed vacation visit with their mother.

Let S. Ely and wife and Mr. and Mrs. William Sherwin spent Wedness-

Word has been received from the A Staver, who is in the Dearess hospital. Brookline, that his helden is very favorable. Mrs. and Miss Alice Seaver, who we been with friends in Walthan as to be near him, return this week. specied that Mr. Seaver will be noved home in a week of

The topic at the Baptist church or morning will be "Mary and "Subject of the C. E. service, from favorite parables"; Mrs. Warren Elilott. Mrs Samuel Wares spent Wednes

with friends in Ashby. The meeting of the war relief work-Wednesday. The preeting of the Ladics' Mission

circle will be held next Wednes-afternoon in the vestry at three Miss Ilva Sawler, who has been for some weeks in Boston, has returned to her home here.

Hayward, of Fitchburg spent the hollday last week mother, Mrs. Lila Hayward.

Miss Annie Morphy, of Springfield s visiting friends in town.



Why the Scotch Highlanders Wear Kilts DECAUSE the Highland Scot, wading through the Dwet weather of the mountains, tound Kiltskept drier. Before the Roman soldier, himself a Kiltie, came, Lowland and Highland folk wore Kilts. When modern life turned the Lowlands to trousers, the wet mountain heather held the Highlands to Kilts. But his wet weather, had GOODRICH been founded. wouldn't have worried the Highlander. GEODRICH SERVICTUESTIR Goodrich would have met his needs with Hipress boots and waterproof garments, just as Goodrich met the need of the automobile for the right rubber tire. Twenty-two years Goodrich has sheped the destiny of automobile tires, bringing them from crude, clumsy affairs, to the graceful GOODRICH SERVICE VALUE TIRES.

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Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Reed and baby, of Springfield, spent a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed.

Arthur and George Joslin and Edward Praulx were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patch, last week Thursday. Eddle and Madison Tumber, of Boston, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Terrell, Fitchburg road for the holiday.

Mrs, Charles Morgan has closed he house for a few weeks and is visiting in Stoneham and vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard came for her and she made the trip by automobile. Mrs. Tibbetts, who has been visiting there, has returned to her home in Melrose. Miss Chloe Brown, who is heusekeeper for Mrs. Morgan, is with her sister, Mrs. Frank Farrar, who is also entertaining another sister from Manchester, N. H.

Stephen Shepherd, of Hubbardston, who recently purchased the Charles Stickney place, Ashby road, has arrived and will begin haying at once.

George Streeter and family motored to Nashua, N. H., last week Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. John Powers spent a ew days in Hudson last week.

Miss Stella Tucker, who is employed a Leominster, spent the week-end at ter home here. Faith Tucker, who r home here. Faith Tucker, who home of her grandmother, Mrs Mary Tucker.

Mrs. John Manchester and son, of Franklin, N. H., have been spending a few days at the home of A. J. Man-chester. John Manchester spent the reck-end with his family.

Inn and James Rusk, who have been training in Plattsburg for the past month, have returned to their

Mrs. Mary Craig and Miss Ora Craig of East Providence, R. I., are spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Louise McElligott. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ramsey, of Erockline, called upon friends in town

on Sunday

on Sunday.

Ernest Kaddy and family accompanied Mr. and Mrs. William Websterhome from Revere, Sunday. Mrs. Kaddy and the children will remain for a few days at William Webster's The Fourth passed with but little disturabnee. Fifteen or twenty of the young people, dressed in various unique costumse, including the Goddess of Liberty, paraded the streets about ten o'clock in the morning.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

Mrs. Ellen Swett attended the fu-neral of an uncle last week at Now-tonville, Mass.

Alvin H., Wheeler went to Manches-ter last week to get his little daugh-ter Lucy, who has been at Elliott hos-pital for over two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown wer visitors in Fitchburg Thursday.

Charles Metro, the wrestler, is one of the features of the athletic show which is one of the attractions of Bistany Bros. Shows which play on the lot on West Main street, Ayer, near the railroad tracks all next week.

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Miss Mary Brown of Waltham, Mass., is at the home of her parents for the summer vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall and little son Sherman were holiday visitors in

Arthur Kelly of Spencer, Mass., has been a guest of his brother, Rev. E P. Kelly.

pital for over two months.

Anzie Alden is a visitor at the home of Joseph Swett.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stiles and two children, Clifford and Bernice, were mid-week visitors of Mrs. Hattic Stiles and Miss Jose Seaver.

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Mr. And Mrs. Cella Powers and her daughter. Miss Gertrude About taking a course at Durham, N. H., is now stationed at Camp Devens, Ayer, in the 302d Field Artillery.

interesting talk about his life when in active service at the front Monday evening at Daniels academy hall. Miss Beggs also talked on Food Organization. It was well attended.

Miss E. Kelly, a former school teacher here, is a visitor at the home of George Nye. Miss Grace Farnum of Worcester, Mass., is a visitor at the home of Wal-ter Fessenden.

Sergeant Holms, who was in the has been a visitor at the home of her First Canadian Battalion, gave a very son, Silas Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Proctor and vegetables: Margaret G. Livermore. we children, Joan and Claud Miss Sadie Gligers of the head side Seaver and Miss re-Saturday.

The G. T. C. met Saturda. July 6. ii with Mrg. Annie M. Bathy. Michael in the factor were present; also are factor were present; also are factor with Mrs. Edward Farnsworth. Mrs. Ella Porkard Mrs. King of this town one Mrs. Frank Hammond of Groten Two Colleges and and and Colleges and College aturday. or Crui J. Rardall L., et agent ar i gra-

Hammond and Mrs. Kitz. good time was enjoyed,

Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Kirzi and Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Kirzi and time was enjoyed.

The executive committee of the branch of the Red Cross held a meeting Tuesday evening, July 2, at the home of the chairman. Miss Juliette Glison, Revised by-laws for the branch were unanimously adopted These by-laws will be brought before a public meeting of the branch in the near future that they may be ratified. The present officers are Miss Juliette Glison, chairman; Marion A. Stiles see; Charles S. Dunbar, treas. The chairman announced the following committees for the year: Charles S. Dunbar, Orville D. Fessenden, Mabie Popple, Blanche Hall, inance; Mrs. Charles C. Dunbar, general work; Alice B. Jenness, Marion A. Stiles, publicity; Blanche Hail, Mable Popple, house; Herbert S. Corey, auditing.

LITTLETON

News Items. Rev. Nehemiah Boynton, pastor of the Clinton Avenue Congregational church, Brooklyn, is out of the army, having received an honorable dis-

church, Brooklyn, is out of the army, having received an honorable discharge as chaplain of the 13th Coast Artiflery by President Wilson. Dr. Boynton was notified some time ago that he was too old, according to army regulations, to go overseas, which he desired to do, and he does not care longer to give his time otherwise away from his church. His relations with the officers and men of his regiment are most happy, and all regret to have him leave.

him leave.

Rev. Harrison L. Packard, another of our former Congregational ministers, went to New York, where he was recently examined for Y. M. C. A. service, and failed to meet the physical test. Later, he was examined by a Boston specialist by whose advice he went to the Massachusetts General hospital this week Friday for observation and probable operation. Mr. Packard hopes to be able yet to fill some place in active service for his country and the allied nations.

Rev. F. W. Lambertson's frame.

Rev. F. W. Lambertson's theme of his Sunday morning sermon will be Underwalking youth or life."

The Junior Scouts will start from the common next Tuesday at \$50 for Spectacle pond. Each scout is expected to carry food for four meaks. On the last Friday in camp the Bor Scouts will hold a field meeting. The parents are cordially invited to bring their lunch and spend the day with the scouts. There will be an exhibition of what the boys have made, collections of leaves gathered, athletic events, etc. events, etc.

In accordance with a provision made for the present year by Conant, Houghton & Co., Inc., the first quarterly bonus on earnings has recently been paid to the operatives at the webbing factory.

Supt. F. H. Hill and daughters have joined the rest of the family in their South Portland home.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlon has spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. John Ames in

Somerville.

The E. F. Chamberlains have left East Orange, N. J., and gone to Syracuse, N. Y., where Mr. Chamberlain has had an office for some time. Miss Persis Jacobs, who has made her home with them for twenty years, is with relatives in Littleton, and it is expected that she will make her future home in this vicinity, where she is most heartily welcomed by very many friends.

Miss Henrietta Ewings gave an af ternoon tea last Saturday, introducing Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Charles E. Fay. Misses Fannio Sanderson and Mar-garet Thacher were guests of the Fred Tuttles at their Cottage City home last weak

The 200 aut ; loads of sallers who The 200 aut; loads of sailors who attended the barbecie in Ayer last Saturday, passed through town and the accompanying band played familiar airs on the way.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson spend the week-end with their daughter. Mrs. Perry, and her hisband, in their new home in Allston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hartwell recently visited with relatives in Hillsboro, N. H.

Miss Ruth Perry, of Hillsboro, N. H., spent a part of last week with her aunt, Mrs. F. C. Hartwell,

Just a reminder—the third install-ment on the third liberty Dan bond is due July 18.

is due July 18.

Miss Mary V. Gardner is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb.

BOXBOROUGH

The Red Cross branch took seven layettes, ten pairs of socks and five sweaters to Concord chapter as the last of the June allotment. The allotment for the present mouth has not yet come, and the meeting on Monday was levoted to knifting and devoted to knitting and patchwork. Mrs. Sherman Hoar, chairman of Con-cord chapter, wis a caller at the Red Cross room on Monday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Wetherhee went to Hy-annis on Monday to attend the sumannis on Monday to attend the sum-mer school there. She will be gone five weeks.

The Percy Morton family, of Water-town, and Miss Dortha Livermore came to Herbert Livermore's for the holiday and remained until Monday. Sergt. Livermore of comp Devens had a day's furlough, in king the family sathering complete. gathering complet

The Dicksons of lowell and Rev. and Mrs. Horace House, of Biddeford, Me., were holiday goests of Mrs. Page. The Kelley fami from Roxbury, who spent several s years ago, called on their friends ore last Sunday. Their son graduated on Harvard and is now a lieuter s in the army in France.

David Walker has one to work for the government in I. well at the cartridge works.

Daniel Wetherhee and Miss Grace Daniel Weinerbus ind siss Grace Newdeck, of Worcesser, were Sunday, guests at Walnut fair. Daniel Weth-erbee has been called to the army and went to Springfield on Monday to at-tend the training school there.

Mrs. Addie Loring, from New Hampshire; also, her daughter and husband, were guests of the Philbricks

Miss Mary Hager is visiting relatives

The final word about the nine skele-tons recently unearthed here, as given out by Dr. Henry J. Walcott, medical examiner, of Concord, is that they were the remains of an Indian family. Flint Furbush, lately returned from Ardgay, Scotland, goes to Springfield his week on government work,

At a special meeting of Grange of-ficers, the following list of chairmen were appointed in charge of the sev-eral committees for the annual Grange fair to be held on October 11: J. Rogene Priest, exhibit of fruits and

COST Almost Notes.

Surday services: Murrian worship of eleven o'clock. Promuse. Rev. G. M. Missirian, the names: Subject. Technological and happiness: Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at sever o'clock.

The Woman's Misseaner mention

The Woman's Missistery meeting held at the house of Mrs. John Whiteontb. The Neighborhood meeting next Tuesday evening will be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Poland at No. 3 district at eight o'clock. All the towns-

district at eight o'clock. All the townspeople are very cord-ally invited.

In spite of the repeated applications
for chaplaincy and Y. M. C. A. work
and favorable recommendations, the
pastor has been unable so far to get
permission for oversea's service on
account of his incomplete naturalization. He has his first papers and expects to be fully naturalized sometime
next January. At the present Mr.
Missirian is offered either to do certain Y. M. C. A. work in the cantonments here in this country, or serve
for military intelligence department.
He expects to be notified as soon as
there is an opening for service.

Menace of Croup.

Croup is a spasm of the larynx which comes on very suddenly. Often in the middle of the night the baby will awaken with a harsh cough, and rough and difficult breathing. Some times the face may become blue. The child should be made to vomit in order to relax the spasm. This is best brought about by giving a teaspoonful of sirup of ipecac. The inhalation of steam will help to shorten the attack. A croup-kettle is the best means of producing the steam. A tent made of sheet will aid in concentrating the moist steam. It is better to use a tenspoonful of compound tincture of benzoin to each pint of water used in the croup-kettle than Steam alone Mustard plasters, one part mustard and five parts flour, as well as warm compresses over the chest, are of value. For a child who has persistent attacks of croup it is best to ascertain whether enlarged tonsils and adenoids are not a factor. If they are present have them removed. From the Delineator.

How to Help. You can help your fellowmen, you must help your fellowmen; but the only way you can help them is by being the noblest and best man that it is possible for you to be. I watch the workman upon the building which by and by is to soar into the skies, to toss its pinnacles up to the heaven, and I see him looking up and wondering where those pinnacles are to be, measuring the feet, wondering how they are to be built; and all the time he is cramming a rotten brick into the building just where he has been set to work. Let him forget the pinnacles, if he will, or hold only the floating image of them for his inspiration; but the thing he must do is to put a brave, strong, honest and substantial life into the building just where he is now at work .- Phillips

To Correct Selfishness

If habits of selfishness and lack of self-control are already well established in a child, how shall we correct these habits? Adherence to a strict rules will help to a certain extent. It can be explained to the child who is accustomed to showing temper whenever he feels like it that this will no longer be permitted. The child who has been in the habit of usurping all conversation at meals can be told that because he is getting older he must be gin to learn to behave himself more as older people do, and he must therefore no longer break into the conversation George Hartwell was in Hillsboro last week, and on his return was accompanied by his sister Edna, who had been visiting for a few days with friends in that town.

no longer break into the conversation of his elders. Most children, if the matter is kindly and tactfully explained to them, will accept some such rulings as to manners, but such means rulings as to manners, but such means are merely expediencies.--Mother's Magazine.

Severe Winters in Europe.

In 860 the Adriatic was entirely frozen over. In 891 and 893 the vines were killed by the cold and cattle died in their stalls. In 1067 the cold was so intense that most of the travelers in Germany were frozen to death on the road. Wine casks burst and trees split by frost with an immense noise. In 1281 the houses in Austria were completely buried in snow. In 1344 all the rivers in Italy were frozen. In 1468 the winter was so severe in Flanders that the wine was cut with hatchets to be distributed to the soldiers. In 1684 many forest trees and oaks in A GOOD ASSORTMENT England were split with the frost. In 1691 the cold was so intense that starved wolves entered Vienna,

Environment.

We are very much what others think us. The reception our observations meet with gives us contage to proceed or damps our efforts. A man is a wit and a philosopher in one place who dares not open his • ath and is considered a blockheid in mother. In some companies nother will go down but coarse, practical bests, while the finest remark or sarcesm yould be disregarded.-Hazlett.

Japanese "Fish Sausage." The "kamobeko" or "fish sausage"

of the Japanese is des attent by a consular report as made by chopping the white meat of any fish, passing through a colander, and making into a paste, with a flavoring of sugar, salt, and rice-brewed alcoholic beverage called "Mirin." The paste is made into loaves, steamed on boards an hour and a half to three hours, and at once packed in cans.

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rival of Mr. Durant, Misses Edna Leon-trick and Forence Roache, who motored there hast Sunday.

Misse Mathle McMann, of Ayer, has soon after the day of occurrence and do not wait unnecessarily.

Amos Ames, who has been very rick

Saturday, July 13, 1918

GROTON

Rev. Robbins Wolcott Barstow, pas-pr of the First Congregational church, foodstock, Vt., formerly assistant astor of the South Congregational woodstock, Vi... of the South Congregational church, Hartford, Conn., has been appointed chaplain in the National Army, with rank of first lieutenant, and assigned to duty with the coast defence in the New Bedford district. His church refused to accept his resignation and voted him a leave of absence for a year. -Mr. Barstow is the son of a former Congregational minister in Groton. ster in Groton.

ister in Groton.

Upon his return after a conference with Anson Phelps Stokes of New York, who outlined the plans, Super-intendent of Schools Frank E. Spaulding of Cleveland has announced that he accepts the chairmanship of a commission of American educators who will go to France to organize a school and university system for American soldiers. Dr. Spaulding was graduated from Lawrence academy in 1895 and lived in town several years.

Saret John J. Connole, cousin of

Sergt. John J. Connole, cousin of Mrs. Daniel Crowley, was one of the large number who started for Italy Miss Elizabeth Crowley, cashier for

the Ayer Electric Light Company, is enjoying a two-weeks' vacation.

Harvey Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. llen Woods, writes that he has safe-Allen Woods, writes ly arrived overseas.

Allen Woods, writes that he has safely arrived overseas.

The annual gathering of the members of the Chapman family on the Fourth of July took place this year at Massapoag Lake, to which the four families from Winchester motored by the way of Groton, where they assembled at the home of Mr. Farwell, from where they finished the last few miles of their trip together. The party consisted of Mrs. Charles H. Chapman and Miss Alice Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Chapman and children, Leland and Hazel, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Farwell and son Ray. There were two guests, Earle and Gordon Chapman cousins of the family. At noon a bountiful dinner was served. The day was spent in a pleasant social way. The younger members of the family took delight in boating, fishing and in various other ways, while others entered into the sport of target shooting; card playing and knitting were also enjoyed. After a hearty supper the party made preparations for their automobile ride home, leaving Groton about eight o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Donahue of Bos-

drawn of nair-ciad children following the ice wagons. But this year how different. Many people were wearing their winter clothes on the anniversary of the hottest spell Boston ever saw—July 1-6, 1911.

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W. Furkhurst.

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George Mason Elm street, left Fra-dies for examples, where he will be environmentally W. M. C. A. work. Mrs. E. C. Lee, of Brookline, has

Mrs. Icrking his noon the guest of Mrs. Frances Forces and daughter this week, returning to her home in Leon rister on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Gertrade entertained a friend from Worcester the Fourth and over the week-end.

Mrs. and Mrs. S.

Mr and Mrs N. F. Stewart, of Children, are repoining over the birth of a son. Mrs Stewart was Minne Huch et. of Groton, before her mar-

Mrs. Eugene Collier and Mrs. W2-am Souther are vactors of colds at d h s system that all medical

Miss Mildred Brown has been exposed in the Miss Margaret William a short vacation with friends in springvale. Me. She also took a despringvale. Me. She also took a designification with the Miss Margaret William for t home last week Monday.

year and the second

Married at Northfield on Friday, July 5, by Rev. William Voorhees, D. B. Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward I. Aldrich of Brookline. to Arthur Swazey Jones, also of Brookline. Wiskery read an interesting essay on Wilson Mary Joy, was a resident of Groton previous to her marriage and the daughter is known by many, Groton people.

Rev. Robbins Wolcott Barstow, pastor of the First Congregational church, Woodstock, Vt., formerly assistant world?" The musical numbers of the synthesis of the South Congregational evening consisted of war and patriotic songs by the Grange, and violin solos by Henry Adams. There was the usual attendance.

Mrs. Fred C. Bishop and daughter Marion enjoyed a visit with friends in Springfield, Vt., last week.

Mrs. William Claffin, School street has been entertaining her mother, Mrs Atkins, of Belmont, the past week. Miss Marguerite Leonard and Miss Ruth Blood have returned to Groton after finishing their school duties in Chicopee and Arlington for the sum-

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tyrrell's two daughters, Irene and Dorothy, are at home for the summer.

home for the summer.

The Grange is making arrangements for its annual fair to be held sometime this fail.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. McCarty, Main street, was made particularly attractive and gay on the Fourth of July, as over thirty children had received invitations to spend the afternoon at their home, the occasion being doubly interesting, as it was a national holising the birth of their daughter Albena, who was delighted to have with her her many young friends. The jolly, good time this happy company were having and the animated expressions they were attracted the attention of many passers-by who can vouch for the success of this social event. After spending the afternoon in the playing of games and in other pleasant festivities ic cream, cake and other goodies were served, when an uncle of Miss Albena, from Nashua, took all the children in his motor truck for a ride, visiting Camp Devens on their way home. The children and the guests of the afternoon numbered thirty-eight.

Deaths.

noon on the lawn and plazza, with hot coffee prepared by the executive committee.

The business meeting was called by Harry S. Swallow, of Cardner, vice president. Other matters in the absence of George A. Swallow, of Gardner, vice president, of the absence of George A. Swallow, of Larry S. Swallow, Dunstaole, treas; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Swallow, Nashua, vice pres; Marshall Swallow, Sec.; Archur G. Swallow, Nashua, vice president. Other matters disposed of, the following officers it was a national holismost tree disposed of, the following officers it were elected: Harry S. Swallow, of Larry S. Swa

Deaths.

The telegrams from the officials in Dayton, Ohio, to John Bradley on the evening of July 3, brought with them the sad tidings of the accident which befell their son, Lieut, John W. Bradley, while teaching a cadet to operate a machine. The first telegram read, "Lieut. Bradley seriously wounded; receiving best of medical attendance." Shortly a second telegram was received which read, "Lieut. Bradley is not progressing as well as expected. Condition critical."

also enjoyed. After a hearty supper the party made preparations for their nationoble ride home, leaving Groton attemption of the leaving Groton about eight o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donahue and Mrs. Donahue and Mrs. John Donahue, of Boston, spent the day last Sunday at the home of Thomas Donahue.

During the first weeks in July we are usually reading of people sleeping on fire escapes or on the commons in our cities, and vivid pictures are drawn of half-clad children following the lee wagons. But this year how different. Many people were wearing their winter clothes on the anniversity of the hottest spell Boston eversity—July 1-6, 1911.

George Smith, of Lakewood, N. J., and Mrs. Milliam Eruce.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Bixby, of West Groton, have mamed their little daughter Barbain.

The next meeting of the W. R. C. Will be held on Tuesday, August 26, Miss Selina Biadley graduated the last of June from the Fitchburg Normal school, having taken the advanced course.

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the gypsy moth laborate vise Highlands. rose Highlands.
He is survived by his parect and Mrs. John Bradley; two and two sisters, Ada, William

The clickers of the mowing machines about town reminds as that summer is really here for a time at least.

Miss Mildred Brown has been expected Miss Mildred Brown has been expected.

M. S. G.

C. H. Chapman, of Winchester, with a party of relatives, enjoyed a trip over the Mohayk Trail this week.

Mrs. George A. Durant, who went to South Hero, Vt., several weeks ago for the summer, was delighted at the arm. Miss Margaret Hart, who graduated from Cinton hospital this year, is enjoying a two weeks vacation with her issuers of Mr. Durant, Misses Edna Leonard and Florence Roache, who motored there last Sunday.

Miss Mable McMann, of Ayer, has been the kinds McMann of Lowell, Mrs. Forrest Andrews of Lowell, Mrs. Forrest Andrews of Lowell, Mrs. Mable McMann, of Sons, William, Chester and Charles of Lowell, Mrs. Forrest Andrews of Lowell, Mrs. Forrest Andrews of Lowell, Mrs. Hand Miss Emma Blodgett the kielest of Mrs. Hand Miss Emma Blodgett the succession of the Ridges; Walter and Elmer of Ayer and four daughters, Mrs. Thomas McGovern of Ayer, Mrs. Acron Tuttle of Lowell, Mrs. Forrest Andrews of Lowell, Mrs. William of Lewell and George of Townsend.

The funeral services were held at the granite quarry at North Littleton. He granite quar

been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred V. Boisseau the past week.

Amos Ames, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is still in a weak condition, convalescing at Dr. Ayres private hospital.

Mrs. Norman Shattuck and Mrs. Paul Ladoo, of Leominster, spent the day Wednesday with their mother. Mrs. Wilham Souther.

At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening a miscellaneous program was carried out. Miss Claribel Vickery read an interesting essay on "Heroes of the world." A second essay, written by Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, was read by Mrs. Fred Bishop, the subject being, "What is a hero?" Mrs. Odber Polkins, Mrs. James Hill, Lyman Cook and Mrs. Bishop took parts in the discussion "Are the mea who

to leave camp for overseas, and the third son home to be married and then back to camp.

Sherman J. Swallow mentioned a daughter, Grace Anna, born to his son Roger early this year. Seven of the nine boys now living, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Swallow, were pres-ent.

and Mrs. Alpheus Swallow, were present.

Letters were received from Mr, and Mrs. F: P. Buswell, Manchester; George A. Swallow, Brownsville, Vt.; George A. Swallow and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Knowlton, of Gardner; Mrs. F. A. Sawyer, Sterling; Mrs. Anna L. Sherman, Springfield, Vt.; Josiah A. Kendall, Atlantic; Mrs. J. L. Swallow, Clayton, Ohio; Mrs. Eola Swallow, Clayton, Ohio; Mrs. Eola Swallow, Holmes, Buckfield, Me.; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Swallow, Wilton, N. H.; Mr, and Mrs. W. E. Betterley, Reed's Ferry; Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley, Brookline; Charles Swallow, Oregon, City, Ore.; Mrs. Marth. A. Manley, Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Noyes and Mrs. Lucy Fish and son, of Nashua, N. H., and Mrs. W. H. Swallow and son, of Natick.

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The guests of the day were Miss Tim Annabel M. Young, Miss Rose C. are a Felch, Mrs. C. A. Austin and Arthur week.

Austin.

The attendance was very much reduced by the war. Although there were occasional light showers the day was not unfavorable for an out-of-doors affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Ames have had guests from Sharon this week, coming by auto, and on Wednesday took a trip to Monadnoes.

Food Committee Notices.

The grain binder rented by the ate is now here and can be obtained a application to W. P. Wharton, to approximate cost will be four flars per acre, plus cost of twine.

S. W. Storgis, Chairman Food Committee

The following article is taken from Boston Herald of July 8: correspondent recently asked for correspondent recently asked for escription of the region where p Devens now stands, the region was known to the Indians. We ndebted to Miss Mabel Littus-tion of Groton for the following

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on land which was part of Nonacolcus Farm. Camp Devens is on land in-cluded."

M. S. G.

The regular work drill of Co. K.

15th infantry, M. S. G. was held on
Monday evening. A. S. at 7.30. The
company formed as one platoon and
after practice in the work on the
Main street, nanched to the Lawrence playground where both close
and open order work and skirmish
rushes were planted. The men
were then marched back to the town
hall and were desmissed at 9.15.

On Tuesday, July 9, the company

who died in infancy are buried. The bearers were the three selectmen of Groton, William H. Whitchill. George McKee and Frank A. Torrey, and Nesbit Woods. There was a great wealth of beautiful flowers, testifying to the regard and esteem of relatives, neighbors and friends.

Mr. Blodgett was a man of sterling worth and will be greatly missed. He was a kind father, an obliging neighbor and a good citizen.

Swallow Reunion.

"Mountain View" on Champney street, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Swallow, was the scene of the twenty-seventh annual reunion of the Family association, July 4. The members arrived by train, automobiles and horse-drawn vehicles to the number of fifty-five, four guests celebrating the day with the family. The course with the usual basket lunch a and Harvey Woods, Groton, and two sons of W. O. Taylor, Plainfield, N. J. The day was spent in social intercourse with the usual basket lunch a noon on the lawn and piazza, with hot coffee prepared by the executive committee.

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The men fell in in front of the tow hall. About a dozen men, under the tailed to go the to dot he hall. About a dozen men, under the tailed to go the the sele

The Fourth passed off very quietly. At midnight the high school bell was rung for a while and the small crackers were heard and some little Fourth of July pranks indulged in. There was a concert at the bandstand which was cut short by showers.

On the night of the Fourth two horses were stolen from the premises of Lawrence Park, one belonging to him and one to the captain who is occupying his house on Powder House road. As yet no trace of them has been found.

Mrs. Prescott Leonard gave a lawn

Mrs. Prescott Leonard gave a lawn party to some of her friends on the Fourth. A shower rather dampened the lawn part of it and the party was held inside.

held inside.

Yssabella Waters, of New York city, has been a guest of Miss Georgiana Boutwell the past week.

Mrs. Whitney, who occupies the Potter cottage on Hollis street, has returned after being away for some time.

The Moores, who roomed with the Cunninghams last fall, have sent cards announcing the arrival of a son.

Miss Dorothy Stevens has gone to Sudbury to make a visit with relatives. Mrs. James T. Bennett and daughter Ruth returned Friday from a week's visit in Newport, N. H., spent with Mrs. A. W. Hartt.

Mrs. Howard Sawyer and little son and daughter, have been visiting with Millard Sawyer, returning to their home in Marbiehead this week. Mrs. Hittle G. Harrington is quite comfortable since having another

shock. Miss Mildred Brown left town last Saturday to teach in a summer school in New Jersey for six weeks.

Mrs. Jerome Shattuck is very poor Miss Minerva Warren has so far re-overed as to be able to take short des, although, the get very tired.

Martin, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, had his tonsils and adenoids removed at the hospital on Monday and is doing well. Mrs. Lewis Woods, of Buxton, Me., came to town Monday to visit with Allen Woods.

Fred Words is on a trip to Maine to visit his brother Lewis before going to camp some time this month. Mrs. George Blood is entertaining er sister from Pennsylvania. Miss Phyllis Marriott has gone to

Holderness for two months. Mrs. Oscar Northrup came from Semerville to visit he: mother last

the approximate cost will be four lars per acre, plus cost of twine. The attention of Groton households is directed to the appeal on the page for the "Voluntary hour Groton. Since then Mr. Strand has been engaged on the lines Susan Hill, supervisor of home ens, will be at the library Tuesday moons from five to six o'clock to ver questions or give any help constants. The supervisor of home constants and industrial engineers, where he has been engaged in professional accounting and industrial engineers.

Soral accounting and industrial ex-liciting therefore his position was not considered non-productive by the heal board. Mrs. A. H. Thompson is so far re-covered as to be able to be about the house and to take an occasional auto

Mrs. Frank Worster of Fitchburg. with her two daughters, Lois and Chaire, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M Williams

Mrs. McCormack of Main street a entertaining Miss Ruth Forester of Fitchburg. Mrs. C. Sullivan of Ayer, with her haughter Madeline spent Monday of ast week with her sister. Mrs. Frank

Announcement has been received of the marriage on Saturday of Missidarian Nickerson. of Boston and thate George Lee Bixby now stated at Camp Devens, eldest son of V. V. Bixby of this town. Mr. and the Bixby are spending their honeymon with friends in Maine.

werd Melish, of this place. Mrs. Melish, who has been ill for some time, failed rapidly and passed away on last Tuesday morning. Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon. Interment was in-Shirley. A more detailed notice will appear in this column next week.

Oliver Hallett is making an addi-

Miss: Ruth Bixby and Miss Ruth Mellish went on Monday for a week's vacation in East Jaffrey, N. H., at the home of Mrs. Frank Humiston. Miss Mellish was recalled on Thursday by the death of her grandmother.

the death of her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Keyes of Ethel,
West Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. H.
T. Spaulding of Cleveland, Ohio, left
early Thursday morning on their return journey, after a ten days' stay
with Mr. Spaulding's parents. This
was a first trip for Mr. and Mrs. Keyes
to New England and they greatly enjoyed its scenory and their various
auto trips to its historical places in
Lexington, Concord, Boston and Salem; also, to several beach resorts. They expect to reach Cleveland on Saturday.

AYER

News Items.

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Married, in Ayer, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, July 3, Mack Lipkin, a soldier, and Bertha Friedman, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Frank L. Goodrich, a soldier, and Helen B. Allen, of Springfield; Perley J. Bentley, a soldier, of Richland, N. Y., and Mary A. Dolack, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Stephen Della Rocca, a soldier, and Florence G. Johnson, of Schenectady, N. Y.; July 4, Breese F. Barbour, of Norwood, and Delia V. Hallenbeck, of Gloversville, N. Y.; July 5, James A. Fatt, a soldier, N. Y.; July 6, Ralph A. Van Meter, a soldier, and Eudora F. Tuttle, of Eastport, N. Y.; July 8, Douglas G. Baird, a soldier, and Florence P. Densmore, both of New Haven, Conn.; John F. Peterson, of Camden, N. Y., and Gladys C. Edwards, of Williamstown; Emerson A. DeRoehn, a soldier, of Forge, Village, and Elizabeth Ashley, of Boston; July 9, Edward T. DeBruyn, a soldier, of Boston, and Josephine Washburn, of Dorchester, Mr. Thomas, since July 14, 1917, has married 100 couples.

Miss M. Sylvia Donaldson, of Brockton, has been entgreed to do war camp

Miss M. Sylvia Donaldson, of Brock Miss M. Sylvia Donaldson, of Brockton, has been engaged to do war camp
community service work and will be
stationed at the Girs clubhouse on
Washington street. Miss Bonaldson
was a former principal of the Goddard school, Brockton.

A son was born to Mr. and M.
Levi P. Moore at the Groton hospital
on July 3. The little fellow has been
named George Victor Moore.

The headquarters of the United

named George Victor Moore.

The headquarters of the United States Internal Revenue for Massachusetts is now located in the Little building, Boston. On July I Collector John F. Malley and his force began the new government fiscal year in offices especially equipped to care for the vast amount of war tax business. Those who call at the collector's offices on business or in search of information will find there ample accommodations for quick and accurate service to the public.

Rev. and Mrs. Angus Dun and lit-tle son left this week on a month's vacation. Rev. Raymond Cunning-ham, of Connecticut, will occupy the pulpit at St. Andrew's church during the month of July.

the month of July.

"The comfort of religion" will be the subject of the morning service at 10.30, Sunday, at the Federated church. Sunday school at noon. Young people's service at 6.30 in the evening: subject, "Favorite parables." C. H. Church, of Camp Devens, will speak. Evening service at 7.45 at the Federation House. Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7.45, led by the pastor, Itev. John R. Chaffee.

The qualifying examinations for

pastor, Rev. John R. Chaffee.

The qualifying examinations for Rhodes scholars will be held in Massachusetts on October 1 and 2. Word has been received from the trustees that the final awards of all Rhodes scholarships will be postponed. The trustees have decided, however, that candidates who are eligible this year will be held to be qualified whenever the awards of the scholarships are made. Further information may be obtained from Pres. A. L. Lowell, Harvard university, Cambridge, chairman of the committee on Rhodes scholarships in Massachusetts.

Miss Elizabeth Crowley, of Groton.

Miss Elizabeth Crowley, of Groton. cashier at the Ayer Electric Light Company's office, is away for a twoweeks' vacation.

Thomas F. Mullin has bought the house of Mrs. W. S. Perley on the corner of Pine and Fletcher streets. corner of Pine and Fietcher streets.

The local jitney drivers held a big indignation meeting in Littleton last week Friday night to protest against the action of the town of Ayer in not permitting them privileges which they claim are theirs under the new automobile regulations. It is said that they have retained counsel to fight the case in the courts to the limit. The meeting referred to was not held in a hall here for obvious reasons.

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case in the courts to the limit. The meeting referred to was not held in a hall here for obvious reasons.

The Red Cross chapter met as usual in the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening with a small attendance.

The Whitneys, who have occupied the Potter place, have left town, Mr. Whitney having gone overseas.

Main street is being treated to a coat of tarvia.

E. Pexter Howe is on a trip to Vermont for a short vacation.

Timothy Crowley and Eddie Duffy are among those going overseas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles ib. Ames have lightning struck the light in a local restaurant. She was looked.

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During the thunder storm Thursday night the lightning struck the house of Mrs. J. W. Bulkeley on Washington street, damaging the chimney and cupola. No one was injured.

west Groton.

Carl W. Strand was called before the local draft board on July 5 for the purpose of presenting such evidence as he cared to submit heating upon the reasons for his non-engagement in a reasons for his non-engagement in a reasons to his non-engagement in a reason to his non-engagement

The jitney drivers who had received red tags, giving them right to run their cars, were given green tags during the past week, beginning Saturday morning. Of the original number, who received tags there eighty-five, who received tags, the

Ernest Clark, of Boston, is the new anager of Homer's branch jewelry ore in the quarters formerly occu-ied by Herbert J. Webb. The Hartwell hose company has cented a cottage at Hampton Beach or the week beginning July 13.

All the registrants of the class of the for military service from Divi-on 15 must be ready for training by largest 1, although they will not neces-tally be called on that date Fifty more draftees are called for hysical examination next Tuesday by the local exemption board.

Jasper, our faithful office dog, by a passing automobile in of the Union Cash Market Tues-afternoon. Chief Beatty took lay afternoon, C narge of the case.

Mrs. Julia Annie (Holden) Craig, wife of Charles E. Craig, died at her home on Fletcher street. Thursday merning after several weeks' illness. r W V. Bixby of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Hixby are spending their honey hoon with friends in Maine.

Miss Kate Tarbell is entertaining a file of Mrs. Mary Pequignot, of the Elliott hospital, Keene, N. H. also a nicee, Miss Edna Tarbell*of Milton N. H.

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The funcral will be held this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, with services at the house by Rev. John E. Chaffee, of the Federated church. The W. R. C. will also conduct the service of the order. The interment will take place in Woodlawn cemetery. LITTLETON

News Items.

The 14th of July, French Independence day, will be observed in Littleton by a mass meeting on Sunday evening at seven o'clock at the Baptist church. Several short addresses will be made and patriotic songs sung. The French nation celebrated our Fourth of July; let us cheer them this year by keeping their day that commemorates the fall of the Bastile and the overthrow of autocracy.

utocracy. Herbert Whitcomb, of Waterbury, Conn., visited his parents a few days last week. The rest of his vacation he spent with his family in Canton. Mrs. Martha Jones and son Conrac

Edwin' Robinson and Garlton Need

The active officers of Pride of Nashobah lodge of Odd Ladies were installed by Mary Classon, p.g.l.; Grace Stancombe, deputy, and Eva Stan-Stancombe, deputy, and Eva —Enima Lund, n.g.; Fannie Wain-wright, v.g.; Ella Barteaux, per, sec.; Grace Smith, treas.; Olive Lund, electors. Salome Crosby, i.g.; Hazel Barker, warden. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eisner are en-tertaining their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Eisner, of Keene.

L. C. Gillett has gone to Clifton Springs, N. Y., with his mother to visit his sister.

Earl M. Weare, son of Charles H. Weare, jr., left Wednesday for the boys farming camp at Hadley to remain until October 1. icws Items.

New Advertisements

out a few days. Froton, Mass.

UNION SUIT



JOHN F. RYAN

Headquarters for MAZDA LAMPS

News Items.

are in town and the latter is carrying one arm in a sling as the result of a double fracture.

Next Saturday night the Boy Scouts will entertain the Girl Scouts at Long pond by giving a (hot) dog roast. The party will leave the common at 6.45 Mrs. Frank Butters, mother of Mrs. Locke, has spent the week with Miss Henrietta Ewings.

Allan Fay is taking a vacation of a few weeks at the Wilderness, where his people are spending the summer. At the union meeting to be held on Sunday evening, in honor of the national French holiday, Mrs. John Craig Kelley will sing the "Marsellaise" and "The flag of liberty." There will also be congregational singing.

Mrs. Olive Hall fell and sprained her ankle badly Thursday morning. The doctor strapped it and Mrs. Hall is remaining very quiet. Mrs. Mary Hall s with her.

SHIRLEY

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, com-mencing Monday, are to enjoy a vaca-tion of two weeks visiting relatives in New York and other places.

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CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, wish to extend our sincere thanks to our many friends, relatives and neighbors, who by their words of condolence assisted us in our hour of bereavement at the death of our dear husband and father, Samuel L. Blodgett. We also wish to extend our thanks to all those who sent floral offerings, and can assure them their kindness will never be forgotten.



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The tenth anniversary of Harbinger lodge, K. P., will be held at Hardy's hall on Monday evening. The banquet hall will be opened prompily at eight o'clock, where's repast will be served, followed by a smoker and general social time. Members from the grand lodge and from sister lodges, as well as representatives from the local fraternal orders in town will be present and informal speeches will be made. It is planned to have this anniversary create a broader fraternalism among the orders and eliminate to a great the orders and eliminate to a great extent the feeling of strangeness exist-ing between different bodies of organized societies and make a united brotherhood during the war at least.

The Federated church and Sunday school will hold their annual picnic on the grounds of Guy B. Remick at Sanday pond next Wednesday. Basket lunch—go on regular cars.

George J. Burns hook and ladder company have hired a cottage at Hampton Beach this week, many of the members availing themselves of the opportunity to spend a few days there.

The engineer corps is in need of skilled men in mechanical or other occupations. These men must be qualified for general military service. Volunteers may also be accepted from the 1918 class. Enrollment for this work onds July 17. Further information may be obtained at the office of the local exemption board at the town hall. An entertainment for the soldiers will be given at the Federation House by the Swedish Congregational church of Lowell, Friday night, July 12.

The address for the Sunday evening service at the Federation House will be given by Rev. Robert Pierce, camp pastor. Mrs. W. C. Sargent and Miss Primrose Tapley will sing. Service at 7.45 o'clock. There will be a social hour for the soldiers at the close of the evening service.

Sunday service at the Unitarian church at 10.45 a.m. Freacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The return." On Sunday services will be resumed, after the lapse of six months, in the church building.
Until the church proper is ready for use the services will be held in the main room below.

main room below.

Happy Jack wishes to thank those members of his club who are faithful in, their contributions. He reports ninety-two thrift stamps and seven war stamps so far this week. Don't forget the thrift days: Washington street building from nine. To eleven a. m., East Main from 1.30 to 2.30 p. m. and Shirley street from three to four p. m., all on Mondays and of Mrs. Barker any time.

Reginald MacDonnell a former resi-

Reginald MacDonnell, a former resident of Ayer, who is at the officers' training school at Plattsburg, N. Y., is spending a furlough at his home in

Lawrence E. Schofield, formerly a member of the state police squad, with headquarters in Ayer, was in town this week.

The C. A. Cross Company, of Fitch-burg, wholesale grocers, is to add an-other story to its large cement build-ing recently finished on Shirley street. John R. Ryan moved into the building on West street this week formerly occupied by Charles E. Perrin, where he will conduct an up-to-date store, dealing in electrical supplies.

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A force of carpenters are busy building new baseball stands on the Camp Devens field, near the Flichburg division tracks. The field used for the national game is a part of what is commonly known as the Day farm, which is leased to the government.

Rev. John R. Chaffee, pastor of the Federated church, moved last week to new home in the Davis place on Washington street.

Mrs. L. W. Freeman has returned from the Groton hospital, where she

junction of West Main and Mechanic streets was blown down in the violent thunder storm last Sunday afternoon. Officer Benjamin E. Wilson took charge of the situation and notified Supt. Whitcomb of the Electric Light Company, who had the dangerous wire removed, which was heavily charged with electricity.

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Repairs are being made in the in-terior of the Baptist church.

First-class Private John Lewis Francis, of the 301st Ambulance Com-Francis, of the 301st Ambulance Company, Sanitary Train, whose home is in North Adams, was instantly killed last Sunday afternoon at two o'clock when lightning struck a steel flagpole about twenty feet from a tent in which were 'Private Francis and soveral other soldiers. The dead man was twenty-four years of age. The others knocked down and stunned were First-class Private Edward A. Sitzer and Wagoner William Clark of Lectorist-class Private F. J. Tracy, of Stockbridge, and Privates Wilson and Burns, new recruits. Francis was a Burns, new recruits. Francis was a fine football player, coming here as one of thirteen men from Briggsville, a part of, North Adams, to volunteer with this ambulance company last June. The body was removed to his home on Monday afternoon. A military escort, with band, accompanied the remains, which rested in a flag-draped casket from the camp to the depot, where the body was placed on the 5.10 train for North Adams.

The pastor will speak in the Bantist Burns, new recruits. Francis was a

the 5.10 train for North Adams.

The pastor will speak in the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10.45 on "Changes." Sunday school at twelve; service of song at 6.45 in the evening; preaching at seven o'clock by Rev. A. V. Dimock, camp pastor. B. Y. P. U. on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Mid-week prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30.

Headquarters of the War Camp Community Service has wired H. E. Robbins, the local representative, authority to build a lodging house on the property adjoining the Soldiers' club on West street, formerly Ward's stable. The plan is to convert the old livery barn into an attractive tooming house for soldiers and their women folk. This work marks the passing of one of the best known stables in the state, which has been conducted by Mr. Ward successfully for years. for years.

Word has been received from Dr. B. H. Hopkins that he has arrived safely in France and is on duty. He landed in England from this country and was there a day before sailing for France.

for France.

Alfred Felch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch, Washington street, who has been at work at Camp Devens for several months as an accountant, left town Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Ruby Felch Smith, and husband, by auto, for Seneca Falls, N. Y., where he will make them a visit and will report on July 15 at Mobile, Ala., to commence work for F. T. Ley & Co., as chief payroli clerk on a large contract that this firm has there.

The Edward J. Breen property on

The Edward J. Breen property on West Main street, which was partially burned last fall, has been sold to Moris Miller. The sale was made through the real estate agency of T. F. Mullin.

Miss Gladys Briggs, daughter of Mrs. Charles W. Briggs, and Lieut. William George Williams were mar-ried at the home of the bride's moth-er on Pleasant street at eight o'clock er on Pleasant street at eight o'clock Monday evening in the presence of the family and a few friends of the married couple. Rev. Mr. Twitchell of Camp Devens performed the ceremony, which was a double ring service. Miss Louise Jane Briggs, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Malcolm A. Wood, of Groton, was groomsman. The bride is a well-known and popular young lady of Ayer and is employed as a book-keeper for Fletcher Bros. The groom is a dentist by profession, and his home is in Stanford, Conn, being now at Camp Devens. They will make their home in Ayer.

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The following is the program for the "movies" for next week: Monday, Pauline Frederick in "Mrs. Dane's defense"; Tuesday, Zena Kiff in "Shame," seven reels: Wednesday, Edith Storey in "Treasures of the sea"; Thursday, Pauline Stark in "The shoes that danced"; Friday, Clara Kimball Young in "Marionette"; Saturday, Virginia Pearson in "A daughter of France."

Other Ayer matter will be found

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Third Liberty Loan Subscribers, The third liberty loan subscribers through the First National Bank of through the First National Bank of Ayer are notified there will be an in-stallment on their liberty loan bond due July 18, amounting to 35% of their subscription. Please make pay-ment to that bank on or before July 17 so that they may have it in the hands of the Federal Reserve Bank on the due date.

Barbecue.

from the Groton hospital, where she recently underwent an operation.

Mrs. Mary Chandler, of Temple, Me., was a guest at the home of Mrs. Addie C. Woods last week.

Mrs. August Arrick, of Athol, visited Mr. and Mrs. John W. Clark last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Mills, of Aubourn, visited at the home of his father, James I. Mills, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Going, of Townsend, were guests at the home of Mrs. Going's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. James, last week.

The electric light wire near the junction of West Main and Mechanic streets was blown down in the violent thunder storm last Sunday afternoon. Officer Benjamin E. Wilson took charge of the situation and notified Supt. Whitcomb of the Electric Light Company, who had the dangerous wire removed, which was heavily charged with electricity.

The state public safety committee

Barbecue.

Approximately 1000 sailors of the first naval district came here on last Saturday to enjoy the hospitality of the Soldiers' club which had prepared a fine time for the guests. The sallors are five the Soldiers' club which were kindly volunteered by leading citizens of that city. After touring Camp Devens the party came to the Soldiers' club on the party came to the Soldiers' club on

where removed, which was hearth charged with electricity.

The state public safety committee now occupy new quarters near the Soldiers' clubhouse on West street.

Nicholas Murray, the new janitor of the town hall, is the right man in the right place if one can judge by the fine appearance of the hall and grounds since he has taken his position.

The judge then introduced Andrew J. Peters, mayor of Boston, who made a stirring, patriotic address, in which highly praised the work of the navy in keeping the channels of the ocean opien for the safe transportation of troops. Judge Sanderson next presented H. E. Robbins, who is in charge of the Soldiers' club, who made brief remarks, extending the hospital-

on hand getting views of the big gathering, and 200 automobiles were required to transport the party.

quired to transport the party.

'The, yolunteer waiters who sorved food to the sailors were Misses Elsie Hubachek, Winnifred Bryan, Beatrice Quinn, Edith Davis, Margaret Thomas, Josephine Baker, Frances O'Brion, Georgie Bryant, Bony, Bigelow, Gertrudo Farwell, Grace Willard, Marion, Dickson, Carrie Hoghton, Viola Parker, Anna Scorpe Eleanor Haskell and Mrs. Benjamin Kryes, all of Harvard. of Harvard.

District Court.

District Court.

The case of Jennie Ricchie, of New Haven, Conn., for assault and battery on Dominick DoFelice, of the same city, which was continued until last Saturday, was heard on that date. The husband of the woman, who is a soldier at Camp Devens, appeared and spoke for the woman. In view of the fact that the defendant has three small children to care for in New Haven, Judge Atwood concluded that she ought to be allowed to go and care for them. She returned to her home later in the day.

Max Spiller pleaded guilty Monday

Max Spiller pleaded guilty Monday morning to a complaint for operating an automobile without a license and not guilty on a charge of soliciting business for carrying passengers for hire in Ayer, which the government alleged was a violation of the new bylaws governing the movement of motor vehicles. On the first named complaint he was fined ten dollars, and on the latter charge he was ordered to be discharged from custody.

Charler F: Wheeler of Shirley was

to be discharged from custody.

Charler F. Wheeler of Shirley, was found guilty of assault and battery on his wife and was fined lifteen dollars. He was represented by John D. Carney. The evidence submitted disclosed a condition of affairs in the household that was far from desirable, such conditions, according to Mrs. Wheeler's story, covering a period of two years. The climax came last Saturday, when it was alleged that Wheelyears. The climax came last Saturday, when it was alleged that Wheel-

day, when it was alleged that Wheeler again assaulted his wife. The witnesses for the government, besides the plaintiff, included Dr. Charles J. Feirce and Chief Riley of Shirley. Wheeler, testifying in his own behalf, admitted having pushed his wife last Saturday in a fit of impatience, but denied committing any other assaults upon her.

William Galloway, of Charlestown, a William Galloway, of Charlestown, a youth of immature years, was found guilty on Wednesday of larceny in Littleton and was sentenced to the Shirley Industrial school. The young man stole a bleycle in Littleton, which resulted in his falling into the hands of Chief Hibbard. There are said to be two other similar complaints against the culprit in Boston.

Thursday marring there were fifty.

against the culprit in Boston.

Thursday morning there were fifty cases on the docket, all of which were brought under the provisions of the new by-laws regulating litneys in town. Twenty-five cases were continued until next Friday. Of the remainder eight were convicted and paid fines of ten and five dollars each, and seventeen were discharged. The complaints were for not having proper licenses to operate their automobiles. licenses to operate their automobiles

Called for Examination.

The following list of registrants were called for physical examination on this week Friday for war service: Ashby-Gustave Erickson, George L. Searles Leon H. Ballou.

Ayer-Elliott, M. Preble, Walter J. Sullivan, Joseph Miller, William Friederich. Berlin-Kenneth W. Crossman. Bolton-Carl A. Campbell.

Boxborough-Frank C. Furbush. East Pepperell—James W. Breen, Micheleangelo Russo, Arthur F. Ham-mond, Michael J. McGrath, Walter W. O'Neal.

Forge Village-Jacob Halko. Gleasondale-Edward T. Brown. Groton-Edward C. Aitken, William C. B. Gilson.

Lunenburg — Edward J. Gonyea Jr., Edwin C. Smith. r., Edwin C. Smith. Maynard—William J. Newhouse, harles H. Matthewman, Ernest G. Charles H. Matthewman, Ernest G. Johnson, Frederick L. Kelley, Leroy F. Lambert, George Stuart.

North Chelmsford-William L. Mas

Pepperell-James F. Smith, James F. Dunn. Shirley-William E. McGinnis.

Stow-William H. Trumpolt, George H. Patterson. Westford-Ernest T. Wright. West Acton-Ernest Allsopp.

Girl Scout News.

The Narcissus troop of South Lancaster gave a most successful lawn party Tuesday, July 2, clearing \$37.00. This will go toward buying uniforms. On the Fourth of July fifteen tents were put up at the Girl Scout Farm Camp on Fiske Warren's estate in Harvard under the direction of Scoutmaster Sergt, Brindley of Shirley and

Monday afternoon sixteen girls met at the Girls' clubhouse and were carried over to the camp in automobiles through the kindness of H. E. Robbins, executive secretary of the War Camp Community Service. Miss Cora Nelson, the Girl Scout National Field Captain, was at camp to meet the girls and introduce them to the other councillors. They are Miss Helen Bangs and Miss Marguerite Ware of Shirley and Vassar college, are in permanent residence. Mrs. Crocker of Ayer has charge of the kitchen and being a nurse can take charge of any cases that may arise. Her grand-daughter, Miss Phylis Fort, is an assistant councillor.

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The girls ate the supper on the hill and played games and sang songs until hed time.

There is a division of work and play for everybody at camp. After breakfast and text inspection the girls are divided into squads. One squad helps in the kitchen, one picks herries another works in the garden for a short time. The girls go swimining at eleven and have lanch at 12,30. A rest of an hour follows and then games and a jolly good time for everybody. Instruction in nature study, invalid hed making, first aid and signalling is provided. Short hikes will be taken twice a week and after supper time there will be a camp fire on the hill.

On Saturday, July 14, thirty study

kerchiofs, 28 frelimets, 89 sweaters, 98
pairs knitted socks, 20 scarfs, 41 pairs
wristlets, 250 comfort pillows, 92 proporty bags, 1 afghan, 114 pairs bed
socks, 2 convalescent jackets, 242
aprons, old linen cloths, clothins,
Sweaters have been given to six local
sobys, and at Christimas a Red Cross
bug, filled with appropriate necessities, was given to every Ayer boy in
the service.

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the service.

The following officers were elected:
George A. Sanderson, chairman; Mrs.
John Traquair, vice chair. John M.
Maloney, treas.; Mrs. Theodore W.
Barry, asst. treas.; Mrs. Avis Fisher,
sec.; Howard B. White, finance com.;
Mrs. John Traquair, chairman of work

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of a layette were completed for the afternoon's work. A very social and pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all present. Light refreshments were served, consisting of fruit punch, sand-Barry, asst. treas.; Mrs. Avis Fisher, sec.; Howard B. White, finance com., Mrs. John Traquair, chairman of work committee.

Order List Class of 1918.

The following is a list of the registrants of the class of June, 1818, in the order of their liability for military service as determined by the local board:

Order No: Registration No. 1 Chester E. Blaisdell, Westford 101

Billie Burkes

The work committee is greatly assisted by the sewing that has been accomplished at these teas and as all the participants are so entusiastic the whole scheme is working finely. Hostesses are reminded to apply to Mrs. Atwood for a date and keen strict account of attendance and cash.

1A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will self the household furniture of Mrs. U. S. Perley at the relidence of Miss K. E. Lynch, Grove street, Ayer, Saturday af-ternoon, July 13, at one o'clock, New Advertisements

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In re WHEELER vs. WEBSTER

Ayer, July 8th A. D. 1918. Middlesex, ss.

Taken on execution, the same having been attached on mesne process, and will be sold by Public Auction on

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In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth the names of those holding the following offices are hereby published

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Board of Investment
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PETITION OF THE AYER ELEC-TRIC LIGHT COMPANY FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS. the Board of Selectmen of Ayer. Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents Ayer Elecric Light Company that it desires to construct a line of poles, wires and fixtures, including the necessary sus taining and protecting fixtures upon along and across the public way ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed berewith marked Sketch No. 48, dated 7/9 18.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable fire and police signal wires owned i the town and sed for municipal pus

The following are the streets and highways above referred to: Pond Street row location 1 pole

Grove Street them additional 4 pole

AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT CO., By L. Whitcomb. Business Manager Dated this ath day of July, 1918.

Office of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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An Army Without a Gun By MEREDITH NICHOLSON

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The Red Cross is, we may say, the arms of the mothers of the world reached out to their sons to bind up their wounds and comfort them. The Red Cross is an army without a gun that wages war only upon suffering and heartache. Where the flag of the stars goes there the banner of the Red Cross must fly beside it. We watch our boys go forth to war with a spirit of hopefulness because we know that this great agency of humanity presses close behind them; that its work is not incidental, but the intelligent directed effort of one of the most marvelous organizations ever contrived by American genius.

We have all contributed to the Red Cross; we shall be called upon again to contribute to its funds,-again and perhaps again. And we will respond again and yet again! For this is a war for the defense of civilization, and we of great, free, splendid, glorious America, have every intention that it shall be fought with the army of the Red Cross solidly supporting our soldiers.

STRETCHING PARIS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FRANCE

THE RED CROSS HAS HELPED WHERE GOV-ERNMENTS WERE HELPLESS.

The avalanche of refugees that building, all of which in a fortnight swept into Paris from the north of France had been the despair of the apartments, rooms and sleeping wards. authorities. These homeless, stunned people were a new responsi- great Red Cross movement with bandbility to be added to the thousands of wounded men that came steadily from lose this old illusion in the light of a the shambles of the west front.

Paris is an old city. It was not ready to take in its neighbors' children. Its population was already a authorities of Paris as to their ability fit. So it made the best of its poor hospitality by offering up its garrets. New building construction seeming building plans, hiring labor gath ed impossible. Men were scarce. The mechanic was either manning the diery and the older man, all the while trenches or fighting the fight in the working under every imaginable handwar factories. Paris was distracted.

It is wonderful indeed how nobly done, get it done." Paris tried to meet this condition. So out of the garrets came these de And it is remarkable how Paris met it spairing people to find new hope it with the aid of our own Red Cross. clean homes, to get new cheer out of Unhampered by red tape or precedent, sheer bodily our Red Cross put on overalls and age to again take up the great trust jumper, carried the hod, became architect, engineer and contractor and went ry on." It is not strange that our into the building of homes. Here was French brothers believe in your own unfinished hospital; there a worn out do. But should this be?

thousand other works for humanity.

In this case we see the Red Cross architects remodeling buildings, change ered by themselves from the ex-sol icap, while Father Time cried, "Get it

a church lot that lay vacant; here an Red Cross just a little more than you

THE RED CROSS MAN

By AMELIA JOSEPHINE BURR. Of the Vigilantes.

Broken with pain and weariness And sapped with vile disease, Back to the land of ruined towns, Of murdered men and trees, Through Switzerland from Germany The trains of wreckage ran,-And on the French frontier they found A Red Cross Man.

And when to what had once been home Those haggard exiles came, Young wheat was green above the scars Of steel and blood and flame Round new built houses where once more The work of life began. And still they found to welcome them A Red Cross Man.

There the husband clasped again The wife he mourned as dead-

The child was on its mother's breast, The old were comforted. What wonder if they hope to find The Angel of God's Plan Who meets them at the heavenly gate A Red Cross Man!

Quick Action.

Quick action has become the byword Fortunes have been made and lost and remade in the time the undecided person wavers in his or her decision. But quick decision must not to be confounded with jumping impulsively to conclusions. This ex-treme, which admits of little or no thought at all, is always as bad as the other.

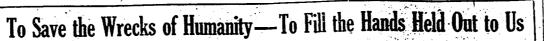
Train your mind to act quickly. Plunge forward or draw backward but don't stand falteringly in the mid- his braying, but who will do the tydie, for you stand in danger of being | mg? laid low by indecision.

Needs Trained Muscles.

The capacity to exert will power, to make firm resolutions, to decide and to judge propositions accurately on their merits calls for well-cultivated and trained muscles. A flabby-muscled man is apt to be a weak-willed one .-Dr. Lonard Hirschberg.

The Important Question. It is all right to say that a bag of and tied to a mule's tail will stop







A MOTHER'S PROMISE TO HER SON

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

very small and on the thinnest of pa- and I said to myself: "When the time the new things that you must have present war." there—the passports and identificaand numbers and names and ciphers, and give all the others shall fill my every ten seconds for a period of two the address book and the thin manual life. I promise you that I shall deconsecutive hours. you have been studying so hard and the slim little Bible, for this letter is work of making what you do easier munication canteens often serve 80,000

said to yourself, haven't you, that done, but all the money, all the time, ice? A letter from a young American there were possibilities that I, thank all the energy I have! there were possibilities that I, thank God, hadn't seemed to think of. You've marvelled gratefully, haven't you, that I could say goodby with gratefully about what we was and talk about what was a was should do when the war is over. My while the war lasts. So shall I know dear, there is nothing—nothing—that them. Even if black news comes, even of taking a few hours may take days, can happen to you that I haven't fore- if the blackest comes, I shall remem- When we stop at a Red Cross canteen seen in every detail, since May, since ber that against your brave heart this the very beginning of it all. I know promise is resting, and I shall go on, like a million dollars." that some of our men are not going to And while there is one man among our come back. I know—as I write this million and among the millions of our ment to provide sufficient food and hot come back. I know—as I write this million and among the million to the room you love—that your fin—allies who needs clothing and nursing coffee on these long journeys, where in the room you love—that your fin—allies who needs clothing and nursing coffee on these long journeys, where the room you love—that your fine allies who needs clothing and nursing coffee on these long journeys, where the room you love—that your fine allies who needs clothing and nursing coffee on these long journeys, where the room you love—that your fine allies who needs clothing and nursing coffee on these long journeys, where the room you love—that your fine allies who needs clothing and nursing coffee on these long journeys, where the room you love—that your fine allies who needs clothing and nursing coffee on these long journeys, where the room you love—that your fine allies who needs clothing and nursing coffee on these long journeys, where the room you love—that your fine allies who needs clothing and nursing coffee on these long journeys, where the room you love—that your fine allies who needs clothing and nursing confee on these long journeys, where the room you love—that your fine allies who needs clothing and nursing confee on these long journeys. gers may fumble for this little piece and comforts and solace for your sake of paper in some dreadful hour, a I shall not fall him. month or two months or six months from now, just to read it over once more for the last time, just to feel in your fingers out there in a shell over it together. But, remember, until good sandwiches bring to our boys aft-

ready to go I've been getting ready to there. God bless you!

My Dear One-I'm writing this very, stay. Just as you planned I planned, very small and on the thinless of part I shall make him line of communication canteens in per, so that tightly folded it may slip into one of the olive drab pockets of a promise." Dear one, this is my France the American Red Cross is settled to the communication canteens in promise, and I make him france the American Red Cross is settled to the communication canteens in promise, and I make him line of communication canteens in promise, and I make him line of communication canteens in promise. for the tiniest part of an inch upon all of your own-"for the duration of the coa and sandwiches to the troops. One

a part of your equipment, too, or at and stronger and safer for you. I least I like to think that it is.

I'm going to tell you in it just one give and give—for the Cause! Not

eyes and talk about what we know self denial, privation and fatigue

year while you've been getting the colors over here as you are over out this renewed courage by the piping

WHEN A CUP OF COFFEE TASTES LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS

He Got His Cup and Then Went on-to Death.

Through the establishment of the line of communication canteens in of these refreshment units made an-I promise you that while you are other new record recently, serving there—the passports and identified away, whether it is months or years, more than 50,000 meals in one week, and pen and writing pad, the lists nothing except what I can give you at another a cup of coffee was served

American and French soldiers.

Soldiers In Box Cars.

or two of the things we've been trying not to say in these last days. You've I have left when everything else is ly want this form of Red Cross serving not to say in these last days. Do our soldiers and their aliles realdown a German Taube. "A 50 mile train ride over here," he said, "instead you can bet that a cup of coffee tastes

It is not always possible for a regiing into unheated box cars ordinarily Perhaps in God's goodness this note used for carrying horses. So imagine will come safely back to me in the for yourself the warmth, the cheer, the olive drab pocket, and we will smile comfort that piping hot coffee and ed battlefield something that I that hour comes I shall be always busy er a night on such a journey! You filling my own small place in the great can just bet that it stiffens a man's And thinking of all this for almost machine of mercy and as truly under courage. Your Red Cross is handing hot cupful.



Peanuts as Consumption Cure.

A doctor has suggested that a diet of peanuts is a cure for consumption. He records the case of two young women who had grown sick of cod liver oil and tonics and who were treated by him with saited peanutsall they could eat-combined with inhalations of vinegar. Both patients became plump, and after one year's inhalation ceased coughing, and were pronounced cured. Peanuts are recommended also for sleeplessness.

Danger in "Pushing" Pupils. At one of the institutes held in Toronto, Chief Inspector Cowley ex- refuse me," said the poor and passionpressed the opinion that there was as

statistics to show that out of 61,000 pupils due for promotion last summer only 12,000 passed. The rea-son for this included irregularity, illhealth, lack of ability poor home con-ditions and slow mental development.

Something Else to Observe.

"I might have known that you would ate young man who had failed to make much danger in pushing a pupil on an impression on the maiden's heart, as in keeping him back. "Hurry "I noticed a metallic ring in your voice Slowly," is a good motto, he said. He when I entered the drawing room to-

night that boded me no good." "And had you been a little more ob servant," she replied, "you would also have observed a metallit ring on my third finger that Billy Bagstul placed there last night."



DOLLARS DO

One Hundred Cents' Worth of Mercy and Relief for

Every War Fund Dollar.

Your Red Cross dollars, every cer

of every Red Cross dollar-actually,

relieves suffering actually goes as you give it, for war relief. Not one cent of any contribution goes into

Red Cross administration expenses-

the overhead of War Fund adminis-

tration is more than covered by the interest accruing from the banking of

the funds. All relief work not per-

taining to the war is amply covered by the normal revenues of the Red

Your answer to humanity's cry-

not only the care and restoration of the wounded. It is a mission of mercy

to the famished, the homeless and helpless, the lame, the halt, and the

blind-all the victims of war that ap-

ing of crippled soldiers for useful pur-

suits—relief service for the care and revival of soldiers on furlough from the front—relief of children through-

out devastated territory—relief of de-pendent families of soldiers—relief to prisoners in Germany—relief among

repatriated people returning to France

-children's refuges and hospitals-

these are among the divisions of or-ganized work that carries practical aid

to its every object in a wide field of

activity. Its scope embraces Russia

Roumania, Serbia, Italy and Armenia hesides the great field of France.

Your donation makes this great mis

The Red Cross carries 100 cents'

worth of aid for every dollar donated

THIS IS THE TRUE

RED CROSS SPIRIT

A Little Story With a Big

Thought in It.

two little girls, sisters, about ten and twelve years of age, each eager to lend

a hand and do something for the boys

who were going to the front. All day long the fingers of the women and the little girls were fairly flying. Bag

after bag received the last stitch un-

til scores were piled up ready for shipment. Closing time came, and the

the bags counted those completed and

announced that if every one of the

workers could come early the next

morning and work all day the bags

would surely be finished in time for

ing for her at the door as she de-

Red Cross Dunnage Bags.

ishing the sentence, she looked back

"It is too bad you can't come back."

have been a wonderful help, and

The next morning when the super-

ished to see the two little girls stand-

"Oh, we knew those Red Cross bags

just had to be finished for the sol-diers," exclaimed the little one, with

glistening eyes, "and we got up at three o'clock this morning and got the

SUPPLYING FRENCH HOSPITALS.

The Red Cross hospital supply serv

ice in France has 16 warehouses filled with drugs, medicines, surgical instru-ments and dressings. It serves 3,423

Prevent Caterpiliar Plague.

spends nearly all its waking moments

eating. A young robin in captivity requires fifty earthworms per day and

asks for more. The progeny (a nestful) of a pair of European jays were ob-

million caterpillars in a season!

served by a naturalist to eat half a

washing done early!"

French military hospitals.

said the superintendent, "but I want to thank you, and we all thank you, for the work you've done today. You

wistfully at the pile of bags.

parted.

come?"

the making of

sion of mercy your own:

peal to the heart of mankind. The relief of invalided soldiers, re-lief of the mutilated and blind, train-

Cross through membership dues.

WHAT YOUR

When in need of a purgative, do not resort to vic-

lent cathartics, but take the gentle, natural laxative-



Save Your Old Furniture

Perhaps it's only the finish that has become scarred and worn. You can fix that in a "jiffy"

Lowe Brothers VERNICOL Floor and Varnish Stain

Easy to use, economical and long-lasting. Ask for color card.

. I. G. DWINELL Groceries Hardware AYER MASS.

Something for the Newly-weds -it's a difficult problem to select gift that will not be duplicated by someone else. We have helped many puzzled people make judieious selections. Let us help you to make yours. Step in and get suggestions before/you go any further.

JOHN H. SANDERSON Watchmaker and Jeweler Pleasant St. AYER, MASS. Rear of Fletcher Bros. Store

Rear of Fletcher Bros, Store

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ALICE M. SPAULDING late of Townsend in said County, deceased.
Whereas, certain instruments purporting to be the last will and testament—and one codicil—of said deceased have been presented to said Court, for Probate by T. JAMES HARVEY who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without glving a surety on his official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of July A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for universely three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate of the service of the servi A month ago the Red Cross chapter in Bay City, Mich., received a hurryup call for 150 dunnage bags. Troops were about to move, and through an oversight their equipment was not complete. The bags had to be made and sent within 48 hours. A request for help was sent over the town, and the stores were searched successfully for the right materials. Among those who quickly responded and came to the chapter workrooms to help were

lvering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the es-ate, fourteen days at least before said

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

3144 F. M. ESTY, Register.

shipping by evening. Two crestfallen little girls, the little sisters, were wait-"We are awfully sorry, ma'am," said the older of the two, "but we can't come back tomorrow. You see tomorrow we have to—" And, without fin-

sixth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen. 2144 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN E. HOSMER late of Ayer in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by JOHN F. HOSMER and LORETTA HOSMER GRAVES who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of July A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

3114 F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of PATRICK DONLON late of Ayer in the Cordnty of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the extate of said deceased are required to exhib.t the same; and all persons injudebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to that pile of bags wouldn't be nearly so big if you hadn't been here. Good intendent came down to unlock the workrooms for the day she was astoning in the cold by the locked door.
"Oh, I'm so glad to see you!" she "I thought you said you couldn't

Ake payment to MADELINE E. DONLON, Adm'x. Ayer, Mass., June 21st, 1918..... 3143...

Ayer, Mass., June 21st, 1918. 3143.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscribers have been duly appointed administratrices of the estate of MARY MANN. sometimes called MARY McMURRAY inte of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are recuired to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

EMMA E. McMURRAY and ANNA B. McMURRAY,
3142 Ayer, Mass., June 10, 1918.

You get results by advertising in our The greediest thing on earth is a nestling bird. It consumes its own weight of food each day, with a daily gain of 20 to 50 per cent in growth. Little else than mouth and stomach, it

You get results by advertising in our ten papers. The circulation of the ten papers we publish are from eight to ten times more than that of any other weekly paper, circulated through the postomees in Northern Middlesex. Bear this in mind when you are in the field for advertising.



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ALWAYS ON HAND WITH FRESH SUPPLY OF

PORK

LAMB

EMOKED, PICKLED and CANNED MEATS At Your Door to Ayer Every To

and Saturday Every Day in Shirley FRESH FISH FRIDAYS

VEGETABLES IN THEIR SEASON CHARLES A. McCARTHY, Prop. CUTTLOWERS, PLANTS, FLORAL DESIGNS. ETC. WARDY

ORNAMENTAL TREES, SHRUBS AND VINES

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Greenhouses near Groton School



Oil Stoves Save War=Coal

COAL is a weapon in your hands. Every Bushel Saved means food for OUR BOYS.

Kerosene is the Fuel for the FLORENCE AUTOMATIC COOK

Use one of these and SAVE COAL KEEP COOL

SOLD AT THE

Ayer Variety Store



TEACH THE CHILDREN the importance of caring carefully for their teeth. But you cannot ex-pect them to do it perfectly all by themselves.

BRING THEM TO THIS DENTAL OFFICE

Two or three times a year, that we may examine their teeth and take any steps necessary to preserve them. Care in childhood will insure them good teeth in later life.

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ANYTHING BETTER

in Ice Cream made by the Boston Ice Cream Co., will be hard to find, and that is why we are selling their goods this season. If you have not tried this ice cream come and see how good it is. We also have a large variety of nice, fresh groceries always or hand. We are agents for the National Biscuit Company's products, who need no introduction for their fine variety and quality of goods.

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SUGAR RATIONING News Items SYSTEM IS NOW IN FULL EFFECT

Sugar is the first commodity to be placed under complete control by the United States and the State Food Ad-

The regulations are being promul-gated in every community, and will be binding upon every firm and individgated in every community, and will be binding upon every firm and individual. The system means an equitable and fair distribution, for everybody, and that it will enable not only enough sugar for the home people, but the sending of a sufficient supply to the sending of a sufficient supply to the soldiers and allies in Europe and the building up of a reserve stock which building up of a reserve stock which will be an insurance policy against accident or disaster. Because it is a square deal people are expected to carry it out to the letter. He does

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Burrage arrived home from their homeymon on last week Friday, evening. A number of the members of Mary A. Liverself the more Rebekah lodge, of which the newly-weds are members, were waiting for them when they returned and showered them with confetti. Mr. and Mrs. Burrage were also pleasant, and Mrs. Burrage installed in their home, the sift of friends. ual. The system means an equitable and fair distribution, for everybody, and that it will enable not only enough sugar for the home people, but the sending of a sufficient supply to the soldiers and allies in Europe and the building up of a reserve stock which will be an insurance policy against accident or disaster. Because it is a accident of disaster. Because it is a square deal people are expected to carry it out to the letter. He does not propose to show any mercy to dealers or consumers who will try to hoard or profit more than their share.

Mr. Hoover's Message. In connection with the new system the following message and explanation from Herbert Hoover will be read with

"A number of causes have cumudifficult than we could have anticipated at the beginning of the year. The increased shipping needed by our growing army in France has necessitated the curtailment of sugar transportation, particularly from the longer younge and has thus reduced supvoyage, and has thus reduced sup-plies both to the Allies and ourselves from remote markets. Some of the accessible sugar producing areas have proved a less yield than was anticl-sated, such as certain West Indian Islands. The domestic beet and Lou-islands. The domestic beet and Louisians crops have fallen below antici-pation. There has been some destruc-

pation. There has been some destruc-tion of beet sugar factories in the bat-tle area of France and Italy. We have lost considerable sugar by submarines. "As close an estimate as we can make indicates a reasonable expecta-tion from all sources of about 1,600,-000 tons of sugar for United States tons on sugar for United States consumption during the last half of the present year. This based upon the maintenance of the present meagre Allied ration. An improvement in shipping conditions would of course relieve this situation as quantities of sugar are in unavailable markets. We must however, here the distribution must, however, base the distribution of sugar during the next six months, upon the above footing. After that period the new West Indian crop will be available.

"This supply of 1,600,000 tons necesminis supply of 1,600,000 tons necessitates a considerable reduction in our consumption. To provide three pounds of sugar per month per person for household use, to take care of our army and navy and to provide for the necessary preservation of fruit, milk, et cetera, will require about 1,500,000 tons of sugar for the six months. tons of sugar for the six months. A household consumption of three pounds per month per person, togeth-er with the special allowance for home canning means a reduction of some 25 percent in these branches of consumption from normal but it is still nearly double the ration in the Allied countries and is ample for ev-

ery economical use.
"In the plan of distribution which will now go into force, the less essential users of sugar, that is, confec-tioners, soft drink manufacturers, tobacco manufacturers, et cetera, will be hit the hardest. The Administration regrets intensely any action that will cause hardship to any individual, but the situation is due to the Germans, not to this government. There are a number of substitutes available to the confectioners upon which no restrictions are placed. "In order to secure justice in distribution and to make the restrictive plans as effective as possible no manufacturer or wholesaler of sugar will be allowed after July 1st to sell any bacco manufacturers, et cetera, will be

ufacturer or wholesaler or sugar win be allowed after July 1st to sell any sugar except to buyers who secure a certificate from the local Food Ad-ministrators, indicating the quantity

they may buy.

A. Candy makers, soft drinks, soda fountains, chewing gum, chocolate and cocoa manufacturers, tobacco manufacturers, flavoring extracts, invert sugar, syrups, sweet pickles, wines,

USE FRESH VEGETABLES AND CAN JUDICIOUSLY.

with a most remarkable planting and growing spring and every section is going to have an abundance of early garden truck, which fact seems almost providential, as this extra large supply will liberate the more concentrated and staple foods for our soldiers and our allies. The usual wastage of a large volume of these products should be overcome in a critical time like the

"If every bouseholder will can a few quarts of this immediate supply of resh vegetables the supply can conserved and the prospects conserved and the prospects waste almost entirely eliminated.

"It is not patriotic at this time to use canned goods which must be held as a food reserve, and this wonder-ful spring has given every home the opportunity to help create this reserve stock by using fresh products instead of the canned goods.

"Free consumption of these perish-

ables will have the following beneficial effect on the food situation. Their liberal use will (1) help to save wheat without reducing the nutritive value of the diet, and (2) save transportation because such foods are in large measpres produced locally."

FOOD FACTS FROM FOREIGN FIGHTING FRIENDS.

Moderate shipments of wheat lour are being made from Australia to the Pacific coast of the United States

In spite of scarcity of implements and shortage of farm labor, England, Scotland and Wales have all in-creased their acreage of wheat.

Horse fiesh is included among the leats now rationed in England under the card resters.

Wanted Two Lide.

Carl was fond of biscuits, especially the upper crusts of them. One morning when his mother picked up a biscuit to prepare a sandwich for him Carl caught his mother's hand affectionately and said: "Please, mamma, give me two lids."

World's Languages.

It has been estimated that the one billion people of the world speak 8,064 languages. The number of men and women in the world is said to be about

Charles W. Wolff arrived home the first of the week from an auto trip through Vermont. Harding M. James has bought the Griffin place on the Ayer road, which consists of house, barn and sufficient acres of land. Edward L. rankins has rented the tenement he wal variate on Center road.

Reginald MacDonnell of the officers' training school, Plattsburg, N. Y. is enjoying a turiough at home with his mother, Mrs. Authier, at the Brookside.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen arrived home the first of the week from an auto trip to Hampton Beach, Kennebunk and Damariscotta. Me. While in Kennebunk they visited Mr. and Mrs. Victor O'Brien, who run a large farm at that place, former well-known residents of this town.

Miss Sadie Harkins, school teacher in Medford, has arrived at the home of her sister, Mrs. Thomas E. Lilly, to remain during a part of her school

vacation. · George Harris has accepted the po-sition as janitor of the Girls' club-

Howard M. Knowles is spending this week in Boston at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson.

Rev. W. P. Farnsworth, pastor of the Universalist church, has resigned, to take effect the last of this month. Mrs. Louise Butler, who has been a resident of Shirley for the past-thirty years, has moved to Medford, where she will make her home with her cousin, Miss Ruth Burrage.

Mrs. Edith Washburn returned on Tuesday to her home in Pamona, Tenn. Mrs. I. N. Damon, with little daughter Elizabeth, of Gardner, went with her for a visit. Mrs. Washburn and Mrs. Damon are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Conant.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Burrage wish to thank their many friends, through the columns of this paper for the gift of a beautiful range which they found installed in their home when they re-turned from their honeymoon.

Mrs. Alice L. Wright spent a part of this week with relatives and friends in Orange. The Universalist church will hold their annual picnic at Whalom Park on this Saturday. The tickets for transportation are in the hands of Miss Ethel Peabody.

Ernest White will conclude his du-ties this week at Brockelman Bros., and will commence work on Monday at the President Suspender Company. Rev. David C. Torrey, who occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sunday, will again preach this Sunday.

on Parker road this summer with his

ter, Mrs. Roy C. Cool, at Elmhurst.

A number of friends assembled on last week Friday evening and tendered a surprise party to Mr. and Mrs. Dean E. Hewes, who were recently married. They were presented with a wedding present of silver by their fellow Grange members. A pleasant evening was spent with games, and refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served.

The meeting of the Grange for July 16 is to be omitted. The next meeting occurs on Tuesday evening, August 6, the program for which is not yet set-

Rev. Francis E. Webster, of Waltham, preached an excellent sermon at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Webster will have charge of the services during July and August, and wishes to speak to the army men especially. Regular service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. An officer and his family are occupy- Wooldredge.

Miss Esther Latham has returned to her home in Saugus after spending a week at the home of Mrs. J. W. Evans. Her sister Alice remains for

ward B. Saunders of Fitchburg will preach. Subject, "Optimism in war time." Special music. A coordial in-vitation extended to the public.

HARVARD

News Items. Mrs. J. A. Barry has been spending a few days in Braintree with her nices, Mrs. Goldsmith, and while there took a delightful auto trip over Cape Cod. The Canning and Evaporating clu

urday, Only about half the members were present, but these worked with the two new off-burning stoves loaned to them by the Florence Oil Stove chand as a result of their work canned fifty-six, jars of currants, cherries, asparagus and beet greens.

Clarence Davis and Harry Jones have Joined the Groton home guards and on Monday night they reported for guard duty at the Groton paper mills.

It is very much desired that every officer be present through the business session of the Grange on next Tuesday evening.

Word has been received through ; that Corp. Paul Jones, who was reported as injured, had one ley shat tered while on the firing line on the French battlefield.

Francis Hirsch is spending this week with friends in Boston. Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Rhon-stock, of Somerville, visited their son and family at the Dadmun summer home on Lover's Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Emerson, of Lunenburg spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dadmun at their home

here.

One of the very popular summer boarding houses of the town is "The Mongoose," conducted by Miss Nellie Mongovin, a lovely old farm-house, located on Bare hill, overlooking the pond. Guests there this week are Carl Seyler, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Hayes, Benjamin Horter and Miss Bessie McPherson, of Waltham, and Mrs. Constantine McBride and Miss Beatrice Conley, of Cambridge.

Beginning on Sthday, at the Con-

Beginning on Shinday, at the Congregational church, the session of the Sunday school will be held from 9.30 to 10.30, instead of from twelve to one o'clock. The regular church service will be held as usual at 10.45.

The heavy rain and hall storm on last Sunday did considerable damage to corn and beans in different sections of the town. Some of the hill roads are also very badly washed out, making them extremely dangerous to travel, especially by night.

The feature at the motion picture show this Saturday evening will be Viola Dana in "Weaver of dreams," by the author of "Lavender" and "Old lace." The Screen Telegram is always Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell a vote of thanks to the Boy Scouts on Saturday morbing, July 27, at 9.30 for their very kind offer to assist in o'clock, upwards of 40 head of cattle belonging to Fiske Warren, Tahanto farm, Harvard.

LUNENBURG

a vote of thanks to the Boy Scouts for their very kind offer to assist in making the celebration a success. The business being arranged, a lunch of hot coffee, doughnuts and cheese was served and the meeting adjourned.

the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sunday, will again preach this Sunday.

News Items.

Lunerburg Grange has invited Ashits Sunday.

News Items.

Lunerburg Granges to a neighborly visit by and Ashburtham Granges to a neighborly visit by and and and and acalling clecteds. Middle and the neighborly visit by and and the consequent shortage. Of the and and and acalling comi, Ruth G. Glebrest, Mrs. S. V. McIntyre, Mrs. John David Storm for more and the consequent shortage. Of the new of Mrs. R. D. Field, Warren Barter, Vesta Alexander, Dorothy Bigelow, reception of the town.

The Bird and Carlt

connection with the Y. M. C. A. work.

Miss Ruth Clark, of North Leominster, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pray spent several days last week at their home on Parker road.

At a meeting of the republican town committee held on last Saturday everting, Howard M. Longley was elected for the remainder of the year to gill people of Cunningham avenue, Leomingham avenue, Leom Boston, July—"Use all the fresh for the remainder of the year to fill perishable food products," is the appeal of the Massachusetts Food Administration.

"Massachusetts Food Administration.

"Massachusetts has been blessed with a most remarkable planting and with a most remarkable planting and with a most remarkable planting and line and fanciful costumes.

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Alfred L. Shearer. take Mr. Brown's place.

Fourth of July and the "night before" passed very quietly at the Center. Aside from the ringing of the church bell and the popping of an occasional firecracker there was nothing to indicate that it was a holiday.

Dean E. Hewes left last Saturday for training at Fort Slocum, N. Y.

Robert Lincoln O'Brien, editor of the Boston Herald, expects to occupy the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grout on Parker road this summer with his family.

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Major Sullivan's family are staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ayers for a few days.

Mrs. Perkins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roy C. Coch at Elmhurst.

A number of friends assembled on last week Friday evening and tendered a surprise party to Mr. and Mrs. Dean E. Hewes, who were recently married. They were presented with a wedding present of silver by their fellow Grange members. A pleasant evening was spent with games, and refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served.

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The Old Here Week association met in the lew hall on last Saturday evening to the annual meeting and election of officers, and was attended by about thirty-five people. The officers of ast year declined rejection and the following were elece Week association hall on last Saturthe annual meeting officers, and was attituty-five people, ast year declined refollowing were electrollowing were electrollowers. election, and ted: Flint H tus A. Cooke d Augustus Taylor, Lionel A. Whiston, vice pres.; Res

An officer and his family are occupying Mrs. Steele Mackaye's house on Parker road.

The work of oiling Center road and other principal roads about town-is being done this week.

Mrs. John D. Moulton of Lunenburg has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams, Mrs. A. Q. Emerson, Mrs. Mrs. Walter Mellish, a former resident of Woodsville, passed away on Tuesday at West Groton.

Mrs. E. J. Stevens has sold her farm at the North to a Polish family from the village.

Robert L. O'Brien and family arrived on Tuesday at H. F. Grout's house on Parker road for the summer.

Miss Esther Latham has returned to her home in Saugus after spending after president. The president is a program for the evening, and the point a committee of three to arrange to the president. The president is a program for the evening, and the passed of mrs.

the president. . . presidents and secretary.
The secretary read a letter from The secretary read a letter from Stanley Brown, wibe for Troop 1, Boy Scouts, offering to do all in their powers of several weeks.

At the First Parish church on Sunday, July 14, at eleven a. m., Rev. Ed.

U. S. bonds pledged to se-cure postal sav-ings deposits... \$7,000,00

ing and co-operation.

ST. REGIS RASPBERRIES \$2.00 per dozen pints and MORELLO CHERRIES 15c, qts. at my place: nice, plump fruits Arrange by phone, 73-4, L. H. MEAD, Yonontah Orchards, Bare Hill Road. Harvard, Mass CARD OF THANKS We take this method of expressing

Shirley, Mass. stiy 11, 1918. REPORT OF CONDITION of the Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business in June 29, 1918.

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ert G. Fessenden, ter F. Rockwood, Directors,

REPORT OF CONDITION of the First National Bank of Pepperell at East Pepperell in the State of Massa-chusetts, at the close of business on June 29, 1918.

The Collection of "Slow"

Telephone Accounts

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT is to show that it is desirable, particularly at this time, to save the

time and labor that is expended in collecting bills that remain

 $B_{\rm ILLS}$ ARE DUE when rendered on the first day of each

month, and while most telephone accounts are paid promptly,

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time and expense that might be better devoted to other work

that is more directly in the interest of the public's telephone

W E BELIEVE that this method of bringing the matter to

the attention of the public, this frank and open discussion of

our aims, is all that is necessary to secure proper understand-

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AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

George E. Merrill, Manager

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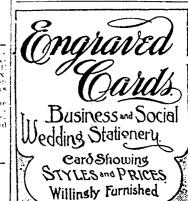
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Saturday, July 13, 1918

PEPPERELL

Nows Items.

Tuesday, July 9, was a pleasant day to Mrs. William Geltweld, even though the skies were gloomy and rain was threatened, for it brought a long-lookthreatened, for it brought a long-to-ed for letter from her husband, saying that he was well and had received her letters; also, the agreeable word that-he had been promoted to sergeant of of the aviation corps and was studying

Miss Catherine Rouse was in Leom inster for the Fourth.

Miss Lizzie McNayr visited her sis-ter, Mrs. Charles Marshall, in Fitch-burg last week Thursday.

Mrs. Jonas Andrews attended the funeral of Samuel Blodgett in Groton on last week Wednesday.

The Girl Scouts held a social dance through the last wash manually better the control of the

The Girl Scouts held a social dance in Prescott hall last week Thursday, with music under the direction of Miss Helen Robbins. The object was to pay towards the liberty bond subscribed for by the Girl Scouts. A big party in Hollis drew away some of the people, but there was some money also cleaned up and all had a good time.

Miss Zilpha Woodworth, who grad-uated with the 1918 class, is spending, her summer at Lake Sunapee with her parents, who own several, cottages

Miss Lucy Hutchinson and Mrs. Mary Clarke, of Springfield, were the guests of their cousin, Mrs. Lizzie Griffin McNayr, Park street, recently. Miss Hutchinson is in one of the banks of Springfield. Mrs. P. G. Littlefield and daughter.

of Melrose, are rusticating in the Guer-rier cottage on Townsend street. They are relatives of Mrs. Warren Fuller. There was a real social group of eighbors with Miss Hamilton on the

irth at her bungalow off Townsend At the training class on July 9, held At the training class on July 3, held in the vestry of the Congregational church, there was the largest number present that has ever attended a session. Prof. Dudley Whitmarsh read a paper summing up some of the best things brought forward in the course, and it is hoped that it will be repeated.

Welcome news has been received by ir. and Mrs. Lincoln Johnson, whose on-in-law, Mr. Kaulbeck, was on the son-in-law, Mr. Kaulbeck, was on the torpedoed Covington, saying, through the Washington, D. C., authorities, that out of 963 on the boat only six lost their lives and only six were injured, and that Mr. Kaulbeck was safe. This boat was torpedoed at 9.15 on Monday, and did not go down until Tuesday. Many minds turns to the other person that belongs on the boat, that of John Bell, son of Dr. Frank Bell, of Hollis, N. H. He occupied the position of chief electrician on the Covington.

Covington.

Albert Pillsbury, who used to live here, and then went to Middleboro, visited in town last Saturday. He said that his brother Carl was across the seas and well. Albert was rejected from the service because of his feet.

chosen to raise funds for the liberty loan.

Sunday will be observed as aringular to the church of the Piknimage. Sunday at the Congregational church of the Church of the Piknimage. Twenty non-from Chaip Devens have been marked including Sec. Goodwill the choir basies. Sec. Stesson, with his saver church in the secretaries with the choir basies. The secretaries with the properties socially as the filled. The men and count was a There is some trained and the secretaries with the church of a first hard. The men an extensive of the church of his parts of the secretaries with the church and all the church and all the church and all the social training course will be held at early sing.

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found on first page.

A large and heterogeneous crowd as usual assembled without roli call at the auction at Charles W. Whitney's last week Friday and the purchaser.

and seller were each smiling with sat-isfaction at the auctioneer's last word, During the lightning and thunder shower Sunday afternoon James D. Wilson on the Boston road had a horse killed in the barn by lightning. The barn escaped with only a few contents

During the Fourth of July showers milistones as large as something com-paratively big fell in the casterly wing of the Stony Brook valley and extended over the westerly half of West Chelmsford. The writer living in both places that day received both serenades.

Charles W. Whitney has bought the standing grass on the W. R. Taylor Stony Brook farm. On farm No. 2 by the rocky, rocking waters of Tadmuck brook, where the trout leaps to catch his breakfast the grass is still unmolested by the purchase of man. Amos Polly has oats that stand five

with or without your stocking Hon. H. E. Fletcher and family wen

by auto to the Maine coast, where they have been spending a week. Miss Lottle L. Snow of West Chelms-ford and her friend, Miss Maud Jarvis, of Lowell have gone to York beach.

Maine, for ten days.

Recently Mrs. Sarah Drew and her daughter. Miss Mabel Drew, went in their car to Greenwich. Conn. to visit L. A. Drew, who has charge of the wonderful Conyers Manor estate. They made the trip in one day and after a very pleasant visit made the return trip in another day. As Mrs. Drew is an octogenarian we think this was something of a trip for her and shows how "smart" she really is. Her son has three fine boys, Benjamin, William and George A. jr.

Theodore Pollock, who enlisted in Maine, for ten days.

Relatives of Joseph Perkins, jr., and Paul E. Symmes have received word of their safe arrival in France.

The Banister family have just received a letter from Seth Banister and ceived a letter from Seth Banister and enclosed was a very interesting letter which the family will treasure. There are a few American soldiers in England and to each one of these King George of England sent a personal letter of welcome saying that the Allies would gain new courage from the coming of the Americans. He wished them Godspeed and wished he might shake hands with each one. This letter received by Seth Banister, who is connected with the American aero squadron in England, bore the seal of Windsor castle and the signature of the king. In the recent sporting contest king. In the recent sporting contest which the aero squadron had Seth Banister won several medals.

Quite in keeping with the times the Grange held a patriotic meeting on the night of July 4 at the town hall. There seas and well. Albert was rejected from the service because of his feet. but is anxious to enlist in the new merchant marine, and is told that he will be accepted.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Willoughby visited his sister, Mrs. Maybelle Robbins, over Sunday.

Mrs. Rose Andrews is gaining a little, but not as fast as her friends wish. There was a house party at Pinehurst over the Fourth consisting of Mrs. Albert Kapka, Roxbury; Miss Violet McKenzie, Townsend and Miss Doris Durant. The house party broke tup and went home the following Monday.

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James F. Lawrence, son of Kirk Lawrence, Lebanon street, who enlisted in the navy, has been transferred to the 5th Regiment, 8th Company, at the training station in Newport. He likes everything but the climate, and will soon get used to that.

The Paugus Camp Fire Girls, with their friends to the number of fourtieen, took a Fourth of July hike to Spaulding's camp, where they had dinner. In the afternoon there was a coremonial meeting at which the Wakan honor was conferred upon Wasula for dress decorations and table cover design. This is given by head quarters for articles or suggestions of excellent quality showing unusual ability or skill. Another will be presented at the next ceremonial meeting. There were games and a swim in Heald's pond. A committee was chosen to raise tends for the liberty loan.

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Other Pepperell matter will be sound on first page.

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About Town.

It looks now like a large crop of hay and a small crop of weather.
Chester Smith is soon to vacate as a tenant at the Charles W. Whitnes house on the Lowell road and try the role of "Up Vermont way."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crosby of Arlington were visitors at the F. W. Banister's on Sunday. Mr. Crosby is a large and successful market gardener. Mrs. Crosby is sister to Mrs. Banister.

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Milk Below Standard,

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The milk inspector of the city of Lowell complains that nearly all the milk that supplies the city is below the standard and is informed that this is the condition throughout the state. Under these conditions he does not feel justified in prosecuting. He believes the trouble is in a cheap grain ration, a sort of war economy. Well hardly, the state is the trouble in the sack has its standard. their car to Greenwich. Conf., to visit
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the navy, has been home on a brief
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'the Atlantic twice in this service for
Uncle Sam.

Mrs. Annie Dupee was a recent visitor at the S. L. Taylor home.

John Adams Taylor has gone to New
York city to report for oversea's duty
in the Y. M. C. A., as a part of the
American Expeditionary Force in
France. In common with others who
will sail at the same time he will receive a week of intensive training at
Columbia university in millitary drill.
Y. M. C. A. work, etc. Fifteen of his
relatives gathered at the Taylor homestead on Sunday afternoon to bid him
Godspeed.

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HARVARD

Mrs. F. E. Hirsch entertained a number of the ladles of the C. S. society at her home on Thursday. Work for the relief of war sufferers in Belgium is to be taken up and Mrs. Hirsch is to have charge of the work of this unit.

This week Saturday 1st Lieut. Josephine Baker entertains the Girl Scouts at her home. First aid treatment is to be demonstrated to the members of the troop.

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thes and paris are the principal moved at the American contact lierne, Switzerland, for the States. These exports during were as follows: Watches, parts and watch tools, \$5,387,981; h stones and other; \$505,171; the springs, \$92,890; watch cryssys.

TOWNSEND

Harbor Miss Hester Burdett has a new player piano.

on Ross on her tweltth birthday was plane from her parents. Lester Speare, who at one time lived at the Cape, is now in training at Camp Dix, N. J. Mrs. Lester Speare is risiting at Westview

Among the gifts received by Made-

William Dole of Melrose is a bungalow at South How on the site of his former home that was destroyed by fire last year. It is expected the house will be ready for occupancy in August. Miss Dorothy Smith of Boston was

Under the auspires of the As You Like It club an old time Fourth of Like It club an old time Fourth of July celebration was held at the Cape at the Old Homestead. Between forty and fifty were in attendance. At 12.30 dinner was served. In the afternoon there were games and sports. The showers interfered but little with the pleasures of the day as there was plenty of room inside. The diningroom, an unusually large apartment, was converted into a hall where square, contra, standard and modern dancing took place. Later in the afternoon, before leave taking, ice cream and cake were served. cake were served...

The barber shop opened by Harry Erysian at the Knowlton farm is greatly appreciated by the male in-habitants of this vicinity.

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B. C. Cummings, who several weeks ago entered the employ of the Whitney Chair Mfg. Co., in South Ashburnham, spent the Footh at home. On the day following a truck load of goods from the Harbor home was delivered at an apartment in South Ashburnham where Mr. and Mrs. Cummings will begin housekeeping this work. mings will begin nousercerus, week. Mr. Cummings is hoping that the depression in poultry farming is temporary and that by another year he can re-engage in the poultry industry. Charles Spaulding and his mother. Mrs. Keenan, are occupying Riverview cottage during the absence of its owners.

Mrs. Ida Keenan and Mrs. D. T. Spofford were mid-week guests of Mrs. Keenan's daughter, Mrs. Marion Charron, of Leominster.

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During last week Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones entertained a house party at Seven Pines. Mr. and Mrs. Nicolie and family and Mr. and Mrs. Nicolie and family and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grant and son, all of Manchester, and Miss Rose Mealy of Portland, Me. Among the newcomers at Seven Pines, who are employed at the camp, is Robert Merrell of Amesbury. Mrs. Hannah Foss of Sachem tilla was taken suddenly ill on Wednesday afternoon, but at time of writing is

much better. Mrs. George Jones spent the day re-cently on board the yacht in Boston harbor of which her son Walter is in

charge. Mrs. B. C. Cummings has resigned her position as supervisor of knitting for the Harbor district. The vacancy will be filled by Mrs. Ida Keenan.

sephine Baker entertains the Girl for the Harbor district. The Vacancy Scouts at her home. First aid treatment is to be demonstrated to the members of the troop.

Recent guests at the Elms were Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, the parents of Mrs. P. H. Babcock.

Mrs. Margaret Puffer, now stopping with her parents at Fruit Acres, is entertaining Miss Dorothy Puffer, of Newton.

Miss Kathryn Waters, who has been teaching school in Whitinsville since her graduation from Fitchburg, has been given the position of principal of the schools there.

Friends of Miss Susan Savage, now matron at the Lancaster Industrial school, formerly one of our townsladies, will be pleased to know of her improvement from her treatment at the Clinton hospital.

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Miss Isabel Shepherd, of New Bed-ord, an old friend and schoolmate

LITTLETON

News Items. Mrs. Frank Smith's parents and a sister, from New Ipswich, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, the mother remaining for the week.

S. Clara Brown has been spending of the week.

The receipts from the Fourth of July celebration were very good, but the sum netted cannot yet be announced as some bills have not been presented. The attendance at the dance in the genning was small the dance in the genning was small the dance. Blanche (Yeaston) Davis and diren, of Barre, Vt., are guests and Mrs. Charles H. Haskell.

Puffer and daughter, Mrs. I Leominster, were guests of Mrs. A. W. Robinson on Fri-histon players, the score being 20 to Littleton players, the score being out-numbered by the spectators. There was a good ball game in the attendance at the dancer being out-numbered by the spectators. There was a good ball game in the attendance at the dancer being out-numbered by the spectators. There was a good ball game in the attendance at the dancer being out-numbered by the spectators. There was a good ball game in the attendance at the dancer being out-numbered by the spectators. There was a good ball game in the attendance at the dancer being out-numbered by the spectators. There was a good ball game in the attendance at the dancer being out-numbered by the spectators. There was a good ball game in the attendance at the dancer being out-numbered by the dancers being out-numbered by the spectators. There was a good ball game in the attendance at the dancers being out-numbered by the spectators. There was a good ball game in the attendance at the dancers being out-numbered by the spectators. There was a good ball game in the attendance at the dan Katherine L. Lawrence has the save a faithful and efficient services and make the save a faithful and efficient services are a faithful and efficient services for the numbers in the program which had to be emitted on account of the control of the Camp Develop Whitney, who is located the control of the Camp Develop Whitney, who is located the control of the control

system, was at the home of his more. Much credit is use to sugard the staturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Herbert Robinson, of special columnation, were with his parents, Mr. Mrs. McLaughtin and Miss Dewey, A. W. Robinson, over the of the okline, are expected at Miss McLaughtin and Miss Dewey.

Messages next week.

Wilson, of Wellesley, was a Mrs. Wakefield a few days this V! harlotte Goddu and son, of the first are guests of her brother.

Week.

Mrs. 1. C. Hartwell entertained a few fromts on Thursday to tea, whose birthday comes, like her's, on July 11.

Mrs. Owens invited in a few friends to a dinner party at her home on Mill road Wednesday evening. Good Advice. ITEMS OF INTEREST

The debts of the central powers are estimated as follows: Germany, \$25.40x 000,000; Austria, \$13.314,000,000; and Hungary, \$5,704,000,000. In one army camp there are fifty-five barralon baseball teams, beside the bar a parters, staff, brigade and division teams.

The three new national forests re-cently stablished in the East include approximately 658,000 acres.

AGREGMENT WITH NORWAY.

the United States and Norway in the new trade agreement. The details have not been made public, but the principle is clear. By giving assurance that no imports from the United States or its allies, or any goods forwarded with the aid of American bunker coal, shall go either directly or indirectly to Germany, Norway will obtain all the supplies she needs for her own use, so far as the necessities of the war will permit. This is the kind of arrangement the allies have always been willing to make with the European neutrals. But these have apparently preferred the profits of trade with Germany to the welfare of the bulk of their own people. Fortunes have been made by the few, while the masses felt more and more the pinch of scarcity. Nor has this willinguess to help Germany in the least protected the neutrals from German frightfdiness. Norway in particular has suffered from submarine attacks the toll of ships and lives could hardly have been higher if she had been at war, says Philadelphia Ledger. There will doubtless be an effort at Berlin to bully Norway into repudiating her new obligations. But Norway would

Nothing is harder to get through the head of the practical man than that only history can teach practical politics. His notion of practical politics is to provide for present needs and deal with emergencies as they arrive. This is an animal instinct of adaptation to circumstances which may do for animal needs; but it sur renders evolution to accident and force as among brute species, writes Henry Jones Ford in Atlantic Monthly If ever political development is brought under the guidance of reflection and choice, it is by studious attention to the lessons of history. It was by effort of this character-of which the federalist is the literary monumentthat this country was lifted out of anarchy in 1787.

have everything to lose and nothing

to gain by yielding.

English army doctors, finding city boys keener of ear than country boys, adopt the theory that, the quietude of rural districts explains the difference. Urban noises, they argue, keep the aural nerves in a state constantly responsive. Looking across seas, these savants may discover that the keen est human ears ever known, those of Indians and the frontiersmen, have been developed in the sliences of Amer ican forests and prairies. It seems probable that hearing, like many another faculty, depends for its active strength upon the exercise due to ne cessity. It is need, rather than noise, which keeps a listener's nerves on the alert.

We must have "territorial quantities" is the new phrase of the German junker, cheered by costly victories to resume his demand for annexations in France and Belgium. Vorwaerts links this with the rejection of the Prussian ballot-reform commission: The "mil-'Itary sacrifices of the heroes in the west who went through almost impassable fields of mud and crater holes," for junker war aims are to be rewarded by cheating them of political reforms without which Germany cannot be a free country!

The kaiser, seeing the desolation in France, gave thanks that it was not his country which was so ruined. And seeing the slaughter wrought in the ranks of his army by the latest Hindenburg drive for the fatherland, he can still give thanks that it is not his family which will be put in mourning. In fact, no matter where he looks, he has always something to be thankful

A peculiar type of American citizen ship is that which patronizingly hints that the United States Constitution has largely outlived its usefulness, and then bravely asserts that the government founded on that Constitution is a model for the democracles of the world.

"The lack of tact," says a Boston preacher, "results in much irritation." Possibly it does, but what is called a lack of tact is in most cases but s form of brutal candor. That is much more easily endured than the irritations growing out of a lack of sense.

It is evident that the new Russian flag which bears the legend, "Rosisks Sotzialyiticheskaya Federativnaya Soviestskaya Respublica," will have to be manufactured in a job printing es tablishment.

A cable says the kaiser is believed to he weakening mentally and that he is the victim of hallucinations. There's nothing new about his being the v. of That trouble began in the summer of 1914.

The interior of the thinking apparatus of a fellow who has a son in the American army and the kaiser's picture in his room ought to be inter esting material for a neutral psychol-

Visitor-My poor friend, pause to consider when next you are tempted. Take time, my dear man, take time. Convict-That's wot I done. I did take time—I took a watch.

Complaints in Order. "Old Smith is complaining of the vertical writing in schools." old grouch. Next thing he'll be objecting to the horizontal bara,"

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I wish to thank the many friends and neighbors who showed their sympathy through kind and helpful deeds during the illness of my husband and in my recent bereavement, especially for the many beautiful flowers given as a last loving tribute to his memory.

MRS. IDA I. PLINOCES

Ayer, July 9th, 1918. To the Board of Selectmen: The undersigned respectfully asks for a license to keep-store-sell gasline in one 500 gal, tank at my prop-

Name, Edward A. Whitney. Residence, Ayer, Pond St. Application received July 10, 1918. JOHN D. CARNEY, . Chairman Board of Selectmen.

Office of

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Ayer, Mass, July 10, 1918. ORDERED, that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on the twenty-ninth day of July, A. D. 1918, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and the Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least fourteen days prior thereto, and that the Clerk of the Board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days prior thereto to all owners of real estate abutting along that part of the way upon, along, across or under which

said tank is to be, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding ssessment for taxation. JOHN D. CARNEY, DOUGLAS C. SMITH. ELWIN H. LONGLEY,

Selectmen of Ayer. A true copy of petition and order thereon.

DOUGLAS C. SMITH.