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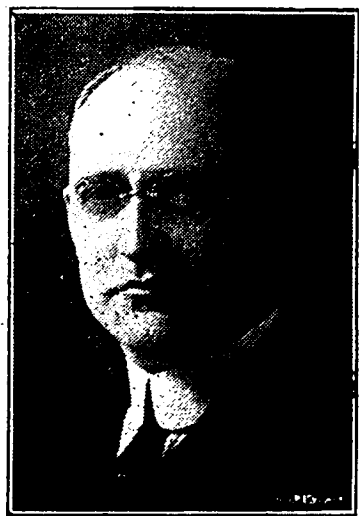
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### AYER

News Items.  
Miss Eunice M. Smith, of Franklin, N. H., is spending her vacation with her father, Fred A. Smith.

A most helpful and instructive afternoon was spent by the members of the Special Aid Society for American Preparedness at the lower town hall on Tuesday. Miss Fletcher, a nurse from the Peter Bent Brigham hospital, taught the making and use of muspads, for dressing wounds and fractures, and compresses and wicks for surgical operations. Everyone present felt the afternoon had been most profitably spent. Miss Fletcher will meet the members again August 22, to give further instruction in Red Cross surgical dressings. On Thursday of last week three children, Hilda and Margaret Osgood, and Theodore Barry, aided by Mrs. O'Keefe and Elizabeth Bennett, held a candy sale at the home of Mrs. George L. Osgood. The proceeds of \$12.50 is to be used to buy socks for our soldiers on the Mexican border.

George H. Hill gave a birthday party to several friends at his home on Pleasant street last week Friday night. The evening was spent in playing games and in having a general good time. W. E. Murphy presided at the piano during the evening. Light refreshments and cigars added to the pleasure of the occasion. The party broke up in the small hours of the morning with best wishes for the host.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bassett Dickerman and their two children, Barbara and Elise, returned on Monday evening from a two-weeks' visit to Shelburne Falls, Ashfield and Holyoke. Their

son Donald, who went with them, will return later. While in Ashfield Mr. Dickerman acted as one of the bearers at the funeral services of Rev. Horace Hallett, who had been connected with the church there for several years. Mr. Hallett was a former pastor of the Congregational church in Ayer.

The members of Hartwell hose company enjoyed their annual outing on Wednesday. They left on the 6:55 morning train for Boston, going from there to Bass Point, Nahant, remaining there for a shore dinner. In the afternoon they went to Boston to witness a ball game between the Boston and St. Louis Nationals. In the evening the theatre was the attraction. They returned home on the late train. Those in the party were Holden C. Harlow, Howard P. Fletcher, Henry G. Turner, Chester P. Perrin, Edward O. Proctor, Ira G. Dwinell, Samuel J. Andrew, Philip Andrew, Avery Smith, Ralph O. Jenkins, Howard M. Beverly, Herbert H. Proctor and Warren L. Preble.

The county commissioners adopted the new lines for representative districts in Middlesex county Tuesday. The district which includes Ayer, under the new order, will be known as the twelfth Middlesex district instead of the eleventh, as formerly. The new twelfth district includes Ayer, Ashby, Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, Shirley and Townsend. The new district includes seven towns, instead of six in the former eleventh district. The town of Chelmsford, Carlisle, Westford and Littleton are in the new eleventh district in the new line-up. They were formerly associated with Ayer. The twelfth district has 3265 legal voters and is entitled to one representative. Middlesex county has the same number of representatives to the general court under the new plan, but its districts are reduced from 31 to 29. The total number of voters in Middlesex county, as given by the bureau of statistics, is 157,032. The population of the county is 733,624.

John G. Allison, a well-known engineer on the Fitchburg division, met with an unfortunate accident in the North station train shed in Boston on last Saturday night. He had just stepped from the locomotive that he was running, when a powerer locomotive came unexpectedly behind him, struck him and threw him forcibly on his chest at the station platform. One rib was broken, the floating ribs were separated, and he was bruised about the body. He was taken to his home here and has since been confined to the bed, although he is resting comfortably.

August 19, at five o'clock in the afternoon, is the last day and hour for filing nomination papers for the coming primaries, including the names of candidates for town committees for 1917, and for candidates who will go before the electorate for a choice in November.

Miss Helen Elizabeth Peck, of Peace Isle, R. I., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Beverly at the George H. Hill cottage, Sandy point.

Miss Kathryn Gallagher, of Leominster, is visiting at Peter Tarbol's.

Burglars broke into three dwelling houses on Washington street sometime between two and four o'clock on Thursday morning. The places entered were those of E. Lawrence, Miss Etta Green, Mrs. Gutterson, who occupies a tenement in the house with Miss Green, and Thomas F. Mullin. Nothing was taken at Mrs. Gutterson's or at the Lawrence house. A gold-filled watch was stolen at Miss Green's and a valuable gold watch, the property of Mrs. Mullin, and forty-five dollars in money belonging to Mr. Mullin was taken at their place. A strange thing about the breaks is that no one in any of the places visited heard or saw the robbers. Chief Beatty got to work promptly on the case, notifying all the cities and towns within thirty-six miles of Ayer to be on the watch for them. A thorough every effort was made there is no clue to the identity of the robbers. The work was done evidently by professionals. Entrance was obtained through open windows.

Mrs. Christine Ross and son Robert are visiting Mrs. John Deans, of Lynn.

Miss Ruth Steele, of North Brookfield, is the guest of Miss Hazel Murphy this week.

Miss Madeline Doyle, of Nashua, is visiting Mrs. Cragg Johnson for a week.

Miss Anna Margaret Gunshannon and Michael Edward Marham were married at Lakeville, Conn., the bride's native place, Monday morning at nine o'clock. Rev. Fr. Donahue, the pastor of the catholic church in that place, performed the ceremony, and said the nuptial mass. Edward Wilson, of Ayer, was the groomsmen, and Miss Catherine Gunshannon, a sister of the bride, was the best woman. The bride was attired in a blue traveling suit. After the wedding journey Mr. and Mrs. Marham will make their home in Ayer. Miss Elizabeth Markham, of Ayer, who is attending the groom, attended the ceremony. The groom is a well-known and very popular young man of Ayer, and is employed as a railroad clerk at the local station. The bride is well and very favorably known among her friends. She lived in Ayer for over a year and some time ago returned to her native place.

A parcel post package containing five English walnuts was sent recently from Pasadena, Cal., to Mrs. M. A. Flagg of Bank Village, N. H., grown on a tree planted by Frank H. Torrey, her father's husband, who previous to going West conducted a hardware store in Ayer, where is now located the store of L. B. Tuttle and company. He left town after the destructive fire in 1872, when he was burned out.

Eleven members of the George J. Burns hook and ladder company enjoyed their annual outing Thursday. The party left for the shore dining two automobiles for Nantasket Beach with Leo O'Neil and Edward McNiff as expert chauffeurs. Dinner was had at the Nantasket Hotel, supper at the Quincey House, Boston, on the return trip. Those who went were Robert Irwin, Joseph Kyle, E. B. Lewis, Harvey Winslow, O. Hartwell Kidder, Roland Scarborough, Alfred O'Keefe, Alton Washburn, James King and A. Paul Pillsbury.

R. R. Patch, of Stoneham, is stopping at the Donlon cottage, Sandy point.

Mrs. W. G. Lyon moved this week from the Woods house on Williams street to the tenement on Central avenue recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lord.

A nomination paper has been filed with the town clerk this week by Frank A. Torrey, of Groton, who is a candidate for representative in the new twelfth Middlesex district.

Alfred Smith, who is employed at the Putnam Machine company plant in Fitchburg, dropped a casting on his foot recently, injuring it severely. He has been receiving treatment at the Burnside hospital, Fitchburg.

Miss Mildred Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music last June, with two other graduates, have formed a concert company and are leaving at the summer hotels along the Maine coast.

Fred J. Livingston, while driving up East Main street Thursday on top of a load of hay, part of the load slipped off, carrying him with it. He struck on his head, but escaped unhurt, except for a shaking up. The accident happened near Dr. C. A. Fox's house.

Charles Donahue, of Boston, who is the attorney for the contestants of the will of the late William C. Ashman, a well-known former Ayer citizen, was in town on Thursday looking up evidence to be presented in court when the case comes to trial.

### To the Editor:

We have had a rather novel experience in Spokane today, where there has been a public drawing for the land of the south half of the Colville Indian reservation, over 90,000 registered at the six different towns, two-thirds of them at Spokane. Some 1500 numbers will be drawn, including the 1500 drawn today. The crowds who have come to register, many of them from great distances, have been most welcomed by the hotels, lodging houses and restaurants which have not been overburdened with business since the real estate boom collapsed. "Distance lends enchantment" is certainly applicable to the prizes as depicted by the transcontinental railroads which have reaped a big harvest.

One woman from Lowell, Mass., who was routed through Spokane, stopped off and registered, while swarms of autoists have entered the city for that purpose during the three weeks the registration has been on. The drawing took place at the American theatre which was crowded, thousands being turned away. The drawing was conducted by the capacity of a barrel had their contents dumped upon the stage after an hour's program. The sealed envelopes were mixed with a scoundrel and shovel and the same was done. Little girls in turn selecting an envelope which was handed to the mayor, who read aloud the names of the winners. After the drawing had been drawn the interest of the audience began to wane, many leaving the building.

After 1500 were drawn today general interest collapsed and the remaining 3000 numbers to draw, which will require two more days, will be drawn in the federal court room. "Of course you took a chance," you will say, "the fee being but a mere quarter of a dol-

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WESTFORD

Center. Mrs. Helen K. Frost has returned to her Westford home after several weeks' visit in Providence.

Rev. Frank M. Baker and family, of Buffalo, N. Y., are visiting relatives in town, the J. W. Brights and John P. Wrights.

Charles O. Prescott and Dr. C. A. Blaney went down to Manomet the first of the week, where the Rev. Charles P. Marshalls are at their summer camp. Dr. Blaney has returned home, but Mr. Prescott remains for a longer stay. Albert E. Prescott is at home with his mother while his brother is away.

Miss Pauline Wallace visited in Providence over Sunday.

Harwood L. Wright returned the first of the week with the Henry M. Wrights to Marshfield, where he has been enjoying the remainder of the week.

Dr. O. V. Wells has returned from an enjoyable vacation with his home people at Bakersfield, Vt. He was accompanied by his little daughter Elizabeth.

A. H. Sutherland is out with a Maxwell runabout which will be of great assistance in getting to and from the pumping station and his various other duties connected with the work. Under his supervision the standpipes have recently been re-installed.

Scoutmaster Roudenbush, accompanied by Otis Day, Morton Seavey, Fred Robinson and Harold Berry, visited the Middlesex State Camp at Lake Massapog in Dunstable, going Saturday noon and returning Monday night. The return hike in Monday's heat was not an easy task. The local scouts, with Mr. Roudenbush, expect to camp next week, probably at Long-Sought-for pond, but arrangements will have final decision at their meeting this Friday night.

Mrs. Gertrude C. Skidmore and a party of guests motored to Marblehead and other points of interest on the North Shore on Wednesday of this week.

The Westford A. A. baseball team scored a sweeping victory in their game with the Milford A. A. in Milford, N. H., last Saturday by the score of 14 to 0. The game scheduled for this Saturday between Fitchburg and Westford A. A. has been cancelled, so the Westford team will not play this week. The association plans to give a band concert at Whitney playground during the month, the date not yet being fully decided upon. Last season's event of this kind was a real success and repetition of the same is hoped for.

The final services before the vacation took place Sunday at the Congregational church with a good sermon and music by the girls' vested choir. At the evening service Rev. Frank M. Baker assisted pleasantly with singing and a short address. Mrs. Edna Ferguson Woods also gave pleasure with special singing. The Sunday evening service will be held during the vacation. Miss Laker and Mr. Osmond will each have charge of one meeting and other leaders will be announced.

The new teacher at the academy to take Miss Young's place at the opening of the fall term is Miss Helen P. Denfeld of Westford. Miss Denfeld is a graduate of Wellesley college, class of 1911, and the Evans and Stratton business college of Boston. Miss Osborn is expected to return as Mr. Roudenbush's other assistant.

The recent inspection of the branch line electric road by Railroad Inspectors for order and safety, and the time of starting. The cars will leave the Center at twenty minutes of the hour. Special note of this should be made concerning the first trip of the morning, which makes a difference of ten minutes, while on the other trips but five minutes' change is made. This change is owing to poor conditions in some parts of the road between the Center and Brookside.

Mrs. Edna F. Woods, of Somers, Pa., has been spending several days this week with her home people.

It is hoped that the Westford friends will take a good rest in the vacation. Mr. Walter Stepper, Edward Blodgett and Charles Ruby at the Mexican border. Word has not been received from the last named of the trio, but he is supposed to be in the States. He does not take long to send a short letter, a postal or a paper, and it is very sure to be much appreciated by the recipients.

The committee in charge of the Cavalry association returned for next week Thursday have arranged for an attractive event. Ladies are invited this year to attend the outing. There will be a clay pigeon shoot at the Whitney playground at 2:30 in the afternoon. The baseball diamond on the playground will be in readiness for any members who may wish to engage in a ball game. The annual business meeting will be held at the association building at 4:30 o'clock, and at six o'clock the dinner will be served in the upper hall. The entertainment will take place in the upper hall at 7:45 and will include the University quartet of Boston and other entertainers. Interspersed with the scheduled program will be the friendly sociability which makes the real success of any reunion.

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friends, the letter being dated El Paso, July 24:

I presume you have heard of my enlistment in the national guard. Several reasons prompted me to make the move. First of all, I considered it a duty. The firm I work for also advised all young men in their employ to enlist. We receive full pay while we are away. At El Paso, where we are quartered, Stone and Webster controls the street railways and around the city. My own company of the 5th is also guarding a smelter and two large bridges owned by the same firm, so you see it is doubly interesting to me to know that besides giving my time to Uncle Sam I am also looking after private interests in which I share.

El Paso is a city of 90,000, situated in a valley on the Rio Grande river. The city is divided into two distinct sections, the lower or river section, and the higher or mountain section. In the lower section are the Spicks (Mexicans) and colored people. In the other are the whites and wealthy Mexicans. The business part of the city remains on the mountain. The public buildings are very beautiful. Adobe shacks are the common dwellings of the Spicks. They are easily constructed, cool in summer and warm in winter. As a rule the natives of people are very peaceful, but sometimes lose themselves and throw bottles or stones at us as we come back to camp from the city. We have had very little trouble since arriving here, although last night we were under fire for over an hour. The weather here is not as bad as we expected. The temperature is very high, but we do not mind it, as it is a dry heat.

The only thing the boys really dislike are the sand storms which occur frequently on the desert. When the wind is blowing, sometimes next month we expect to hike to Galveston, Texas; then to Washington, D. C., and home. I would like very much to have you write as mail is the only thing we have to look forward to.

Co. E, 5th Mass. Inf., Camp Croton, El Paso, Texas.

It is sincerely hoped that many of Edward's Westford schoolmates and friends will comply with this wish and send letters, postals, papers or any pleasant reminder of the home friends.

About Town.

Lizzie Heywood Skinner, who died at the Newton hospital on July 29, was a native of Westford, being the eldest of four daughters of Edwin E. and Mary K. Fletcher. Lizzie was born at the Chamberlain farm, now owned by Joseph Sargent. She will be remembered by her older relatives and her school associates as a scholar at the Old Stony Brook school of comparative recent years, and afterwards as scholar at Westford academy. She was a bright scholar and pleasing personality. She was fifty-five years old and leaves, besides her husband, her mother and a sister, Mrs. Lottie White of Arlington.

The death of Mrs. Rosina Q. Child, reported under the Ayer items last week, revives many dear old memories. She was one of four children of Daniel and Mary (Beatty) Child. Her father, for many years, was station agent in Westford. With her brothers and sisters they were among the best scholars at the Stony Brook school when the writer attended it, and the days of jolly times and unhampered individualism, except for an occasional hogging served as a sort of discipline. She was a bright and useful in study and knew the law of the effect on August 1.

The household of W. R. Taylor are entertaining as relatives Mr. and Mrs. Warren Chushing and Warren, Jr., of Florida.

The monthly social of the village church, West Chesham, on last week Thursday evening was a village green gathering, Westford being well represented. The Middlesex Training School band of North Chesham furnished special delights of the evening. Much was for sale and much was sold, and into the treasury it went happily.

The Cavalry reunion will take place on next Thursday afternoon and evening at Westford Center. The University quartet of Boston and other entertainers will be present. The program of the evening will be most interesting, talking and shooting dead doves.

William Graves has bought the standing grass on the John H. DeCuir farm.

As planned at present the Middlesex Training School band will deliver music on August 21 to all who have the opportunity to receive it. Whitney playground at 2:30 in the afternoon. The baseball diamond on the playground will be in readiness for any members who may wish to engage in a ball game. The annual business meeting will be held at the association building at 4:30 o'clock, and at six o'clock the dinner will be served in the upper hall. The entertainment will take place in the upper hall at 7:45 and will include the University quartet of Boston and other entertainers. Interspersed with the scheduled program will be the friendly sociability which makes the real success of any reunion.

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An auto truck with a large party from here and Graniteville motored to Revere Beach last Sunday. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, of Boston, returned Sunday after a pleasant week's visit at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Spauld.

Lt. Florence Edgerton of the Rhode Is. at her home with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Avah Bicknell, of Somerville, spent the week-end as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael.

Arthur Blodgett, of Medford, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards.

A large bull dog was found floating in Forge pond last Sunday by the board of health. The dog was in a state of death. A large stone had been thrown around the animal's neck and thrown into the water. There is a fine of \$100 for any one throwing anything into the pond. If anyone has animals to dispose of they should notify the board of health. It is hoped that the guilty party will be found.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Centre have recently returned from a very delightful vacation spent in Canada.

J. Omer LeDuc was taken to the Lowell General hospital by Dr. W. H. Sherman on Friday, July 28, suffering from an attack of appendicitis. An operation was performed on Saturday morning that was entirely successful and the patient is now getting along as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Emma Pitt and son Wilbur, of Philadelphia, Pa., have been recent guests of Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Pitt at the parsonage. Mrs. Pitt, who is the mother of Rev. A. F. Pitt, minister of the M. E. church, will remain here for a brief time, but Wilbur Pitt has already left here for his home in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson, of New York city, are visiting relatives here.

The blueberry season is in full swing and the many people who pick them daily return home with well filled baskets.

Miss Nettie Hanning and Miss Della Gagnon are spending their vacation at Revere Beach.

The parishioners of St. Catherine's church met at the church on last Monday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual picnic in Forge Village on Saturday, August 12. The following were appointed on the general committee: picnic in charge of Rev. A. F. Pitt, secretary, A. J. F. Pitt, treasurer, Edward Riney, assistant, Francis G. J. McCarthy, chairman of committee on sports. The picnic will be held at the North Chesham Training School, base ball game and sports of all kinds during the afternoon, to be followed by a dance in the evening.

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"Mr. Wilson Will," a three-reel feature: "Jim Rekan's last raid," two reels: "A human hound's triumph" and "The fighting doctor," a great comedy. It is the program for the motion picture show on Saturday evening. Special arrangements have been made to present the All-Star feature play, "The Fighting Doctor," which has just finished a week's successful run at the Park Theatre, Boston. Watch for the date. Special announcement next Saturday.

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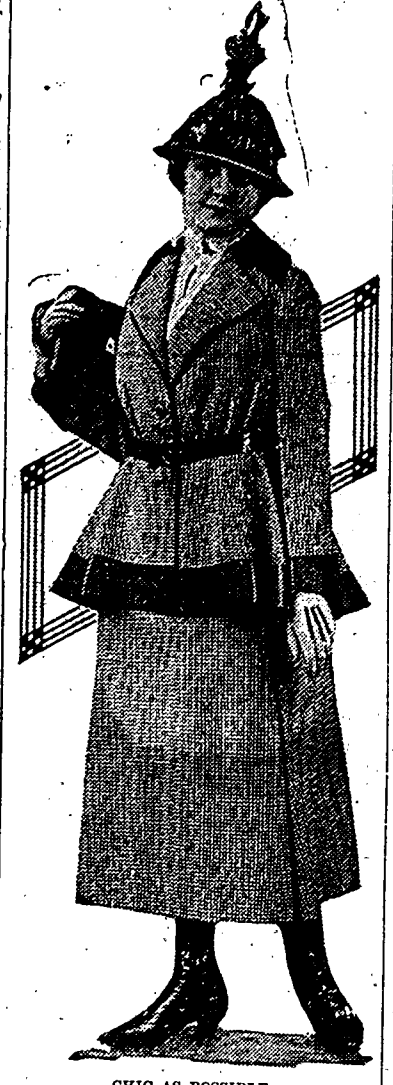
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Scientific Farming

SPRING SOWING OF OATS. Use a Grain Drill—How to Prepare the Seed Bed. (Prepared by United States department of agriculture.) The best way to sow oats is with the grain drill. Drilling gives a more even stand than broadcast seeding...

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The Household Remedy for the ailments from which almost everyone sometimes suffers—sick headache, constipation, disturbed sleep, muddled complexions, lassitude, backache, depression and other results of a disordered digestive system—is BEECHAM'S PILLS. Safe for Children. Directions of Special Value to Women with Every Box.

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lected in order to sow early. Better yields will be produced from seed sown in a good seed bed than from that sown a few days earlier in ground that is cold and wet for the seed to germinate.

ON MOVING. Common Sense Hints to Make a Move Somewhat Easier. Few people move right, and it is a good plan to know how to pack things for moving, even though you are not threatened this year.

MILLINERY and NOVELTIES Remember all Work Guaranteed. MILLINERY Make this your headquarters while in town to rest and leave your bundles. MILLINERY MRS. J. E. KITREDGE Main St. AYER

LITTLETON

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BITS OF FARM WISDOM.

A clean corn field honors and profits its owner. More fowls die from bad air than from cold weather. As a usual thing chickens do not lay until they are ten or twelve months old.

More Power Half the Cost Fairbanks-Morse KEROSENE AND GASOLINE ENGINES. Call and Look Them Over—Get Prices. One 5 H. P. Second-hand Novo Gasolene Engine A Bargain, \$95—in first-class condition.

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TOWNSEND

Center. The open-air concert given by the Townsend band on last week Friday evening was listened to by the usual large audience, nearly 100 automobiles encircling the common, showing that the fame of the local band must have spread to the surrounding towns. The townspeople have every reason to be proud of their "band boys" who devote at least two evenings a week of their time in order that they may enjoy these "band boys" in their own commission have installed a high-powered electric light on top of the bandstand and placed shades on the lights inside the stand, the first to try and attract the brown-tail moths away from the inside of the stand, as they are such a nuisance at this time of the year, and the shades make a great addition to the reading light. The concert this week Friday evening was in West Townsend on the lawn of the Baptist church.

Townsend A. A. played their fifth game of the season on the home ground last Saturday with the South Ends of Fitchburg. The score was 10 to 1 in Townsend's favor. The Fitchburg boys hit Farrar freely in the first three innings, getting six safe ones. He grew more effective as the game progressed and allowed but one hit in the last six innings. The Green and Swicker brothers earned in some effective work, getting nine hits for a total of eleven bases between them. Merrick shone brilliantly in the field, all of his chances being dealt. The Almond Mfg. Co. of Ashburnham will play the local nine at Athletic park this Saturday. It is hoped a large crowd will turn out to see the game and the contest will be recommended and it is bound to be a good game.

Miss Helen Dobson has returned from a week's vacation at Old Orchard Beach.

Rev. E. A. Willmott, a former pastor, occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church last Sunday morning. He was given a cordial welcome, there being an exceptionally large audience present. Rev. Willmott, of Somerville, who has also been spending several weeks there, has returned to Somerville.

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Miss Alice Shaver is enjoying a vacation with friends in Waltham and Boston.

Seaver has returned from his vacation and resumed his duties as a clerk in the mill store.

William W. Webster has taken a vacation in West Georgia, going back on Monday of the same week day as he left on his vacation. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter, who are Miss Ethel and Miss Clara Webster.

Miss and Mrs. R. H. Willard and daughter, of Fitchburg, returned to town after a few weeks in Brookline, Mass. They were accompanied by their mother, Mrs. M. W. Willard.

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Wallace Maynard, a former resident of this town, was in town on Tuesday, calling with friends in an auto.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke and daughter Arline and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffs and two children motored to Somerville on Sunday and spent the day with Mr. Carl Miller.

Mrs. May Christian is visiting her son, Mrs. Lucy Lawrence.

West. Ralph Willard has returned to his home in Dorchester and Mrs. Willard and Martha are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Seaver, Mrs. Willard's parents.

Archibald McCallan, of Brookline, and his chauffeur, Edward Hutch, enjoyed a day's fishing last Saturday. They secured a fine string of trout.

Miss Combs, of Dorchester, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Ormsby, Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Waltham, and visited there last week.

Large crops of hay are being harvested this week. A large shipment of blueberries are sent from the station here every morning.

Genevieve McNay is recovering from an attack of influenza.

Herbert McNay, of Nashua, N. H., spent a few days with his brother Gilbert last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cushing and son, of Brattleboro, Vt., and Mrs. Robert Cushman, of Newbury, were guests at the parsonage last Sunday.

Mrs. Erol Dwinell, of North Easton, who has been spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed, has returned to her home. Mrs. Reed accompanied her, but has since returned to her home here.

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Miss Alice Shaver is enjoying a vacation with friends in Waltham and Boston.

The doctor sat, one of the girls feigned a headache, and asked for some headache tablets, which the doctor gave her, and as she claimed she had no money he generously waived the question of payment, whereupon she insisted upon telling his fortune as an expression of gratitude, and while attempting to take his hand to look into his palm one of the girls very deviously extracted twelve dollars from his pocket.

The doctor and Mrs. Ely had by this time tired of their demand to tell fortunes and ordered them off, but as they were leaving the doctor locked the door and with Mrs. Ely's assistance managed to get the money from her tightly clenched fist.

Meanwhile, the little girl who had accompanied her had escaped to the veranda, where she summoned the tribe by a shrill call for help, and in a few seconds the street was full of a shrieking, chattering mob who surrounded the nurse, some of the women attempting to get in the office window, but were held back by the sight of a revolver in the doctor's hand, with which he threatened to back until the arrival of the police who followed close on their heels. Mrs. Ely having telephoned for the constable at the beginning of the fracas, and having stolen their money Dr. and Mrs. Ely permitted the girl to return to the tribe, and the constable ordered them to their rooms and to go out in quick order, but the girl did amid a hail of curses and ravings which aroused the village. Constable Hathaway and a posse of men in U. S. Webber's auto drove to the village, the outskirts of the village. They were closely watched in their visit at the store and got away without taking anything of special value.

As we moved westward from this place we noticed a change in conditions, and the flat prairie seemed to be more like home, and by the time we reached Calgary, Alberta, we saw in the distance the Canadian Rockies.

We met at Calgary Rev. McDougal, D. D., the pioneer missionary among the Indians of western Canada, residing in the city for many years, but as active as a young man, which goes to prove that hardships do not kill men as often as they are supposed to.

He told us that he walked over the fields where Calgary is located, and advised the first settlers as to what to do in the early days. He has seen the place grow to a city of 50,000 inhabitants and a beautiful city it is.

We took a 5:45 a. m. train from the Hudson Bay station, and in the morning we followed the Bow river, one of the most picturesque streams to be seen in the world. Soon after leaving here we passed over the "Divide," which separates the Pacific from the waters of one side flowing towards the Pacific—those of the other side towards Hudson Bay. The railroad crosses the mountain side, on the left while on the right the land drops five or six hundred feet, where the river resembles a silver thread because of the great depth. From the divide we descended through a fine scenery, over fruitful washouts, which we had waited to have repaired that our train might pass over, but we were saddened to learn later that one of the bridges which had been constructed had been entirely wiped out by the floods.

We reached Vancouver, B. C., in about two days, and on the morning of July 1st after having observed Dominion day, July 1, at Steamour, but we had to celebrate the Fourth much by ourselves. We waved our flags in the morning at the railway station, and all the lines of "America" with an earnestness which possibly we had never before felt as while in a war country.

Our first call in Alaska was Ketchikan, then on to Wrangell, Petersburg, Treadwell and Skagway. We have visited miles, Indian villages and all the other places of interest. At Skagway we took the train for the famous White Horse Pass, made famous by the Klondike days of 1898, the pass where so many lives were lost. It is the most wonderful pass we have ever traveled over.

The rate on this railroad is only twenty cents per mile, so the cost of building this road can be imagined. We have ridden all day over this road, and it will always be remembered as a hazardous trip. We have reached Caribou with its scenic wonders which make it one of the beauty spots of the world. Our trip to Caribou was a continuation of our travels and experiences at present.

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When the average grower takes his cabbage, tomatoes and cauliflower to market he finds his neighbors are all there with their produce too. The market is overstocked, and prices in consequence of competition are low. The man making big money today with vegetables is the one who can get his produce upon the market before his neighbors. This is so comparatively easy that any one with the average garden outfit can do it.

Buy your seeds early. Prepare your hotbed and get them started. Maybe you have no hotbed and perhaps do not know how to prepare one. Let me tell you. The best time to prepare a hotbed is about the beginning of March.

Get a few loads of fresh stable manure, sufficient to cover the space you intend to build your frame upon to a depth of not less than thirty inches; pack down firmly, then place your frame on the manure. The manure should extend at least a foot beyond the sides of the frame. Cover the manure inside the frame with six inches of sifted soil. The frame will then be ready for the seeding. Hotbed sashes for covering can be bought for about 75 cents each and will last for years.

Now we come to the real secret of early vegetables. Everything depends upon the system of transplanting. When the young plants are ready for transplanting, prick them off into pots or cans sufficiently large to allow of good growth; have the tomato pots not less than four inches across and the cabbage and cauliflower and similar plants not less than three inches across. This will give them a chance to develop into fine, big, healthy plants by planting out time. Before planting out water well so that the soil and plant can be turned out of the pots without disturbing the soil around the roots. The best time to plant out is after sunset, as that time the plants get no setback and continue to grow as though never disturbed. If this plan is adopted vegetables fit for market can be produced at least two or three weeks earlier than when grown in the old way.

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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Justice of the Peace, on the tenth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN. Ordered that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the twenty-first day of August, 1916, 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.

JOHN D. CARNEY, DOUGLAS C. SMITH, LYMAN K. CLARK, Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy of petition and order thereon. Attest: LYMAN K. CLARK, Clerk.

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**HOLLIS, N. H.**

**News Items.**  
Miss Mildred Moore, of Nashua, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hardy.

At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday night the program was in charge of Nelson Parkhurst. Miss Hazel Marshall, Miss Edna Scudder and Doris Lovejoy were featured. Reading, Miss Doris Lovejoy; fairs, "A pair of burglers," Nelson Parkhurst; Miss Hazel Marshall; Miss Edna Scudder and Ralph Muzzey; reading, Arthur Bull; piano solo, Miss Edna Scudder.

Perley Foster of Concord spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hardy.

Rev. Robert M. French and family returned home last week from a three weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Sarah E. Gilman, of Nashua, spent a few days taking care of Mrs. Warren Colburn, who has been very ill. She has not been as well this week as she was last week. Mrs. Francis Lovejoy is with her for the present.

On Wednesday afternoon the Woman's club held its annual picnic in Miss Arvilla Hardy's grove. There were about thirty present.

Charles Cummings Heywood passed away in St. Louis last week. The remains were brought here and funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Davis, of Portland, Me., officiated by Rev. Robert M. French. Mr. Heywood is survived by his sister, Mrs. Henry Russell, and Dr. Daniel Emerson and wife, cousin, of Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wiloughby, formerly of this town, passed away at her home in Dracont on Monday. The burial was in the East yard on Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday evening a number of the young people in town enjoyed a house party at the Fred Worcester home in North Pepperell and on Friday a party of twenty enjoyed themselves in the same way at E. G. Moody's home.

Mrs. Henry Hayes entertained a party of ladies on Friday in honor of her guest, Mrs. M. Sudder.

On the same day Miss Bertha and Annie Johnson gave a card party in honor of Miss Madeline Taylor of Newark, N. J., who is visiting Miss Adelaide Colburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Goodwin gave a lawn party on Monday evening to a few friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilkinson Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. John Sawyer are at Fred Muzzey's for the rest of the summer.

Miss Sallie Bell and Miss Clara E. Smith are spending a week in and near Portland, Me.

Miss Gertrude Dexter, Miss Marilla Tyler and Mrs. Etta Knowles of Hooksett, Mass., and Miss Clara James of Merrimack, and Rev. Benjamin A. Williams of Hooksett, Mass., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prater.

Mrs. William J. Gates is entertaining her sister, Mrs. C. A. Bills, of Nashua.

Miss Florence Dudley, of Reed's Ferry, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hardy.

Mrs. Mildred Goodale, of Sanford, Me., has returned home from her two weeks' visit with Mrs. Ralph C. Herrick.

Mrs. Sarah Baker, of Milford, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hildreth. Herbert Cameron, who is at Fort Ethan Allen, has been promoted to corporal.

Mrs. Frank B. Quincey has returned from a visit in Northampton and Springfield.

Misses Alice, Louise and Marion Crathern, of Worcester, spent the weekend with Mrs. Emma Goodwin. Miss Edith and Miss Gertrude are spending the week with the Cratherns in Mason, where they are spending the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bemis and children are spending a few weeks with Walter Bangs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown, of Somerville, Mass., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Spaulding.

Mrs. Roger Hoford and daughter are spending the remainder of the summer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Canavan.

Miss Jennie Stratton is visiting in Boston.

Edward Moody, while driving his car from Hollis to Boston on last week Thursday came very near being killed by a motor car. He was in the car and in control. The machine stopped on a telephone pole and Mr. Moody was injured and badly bruised.

An historic pageant of Hollis is to be given by the people of the town on Old Home Day, August 21. The principal events will take place at the afternoon. The episode of the pageant are as follows: Introduction, the Indians, Peter Powers and the first settlers, the discovery of the province, the founding of the town, the Indian war, the revolutionary period, prosperous Hollis, the civil war, Hollis farmers, the railroad, the town hall and shops, tools and costumes used in old Hollis will be exhibited. The pageant will be given at two o'clock sharp. A single penny will be asked from 11 to 1 o'clock. People who have relics to exhibit are asked to send them to Miss Arvilla Hardy. Those having old costumes are asked to send them immediately to Mrs. William Canavan.

**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

**News Items.**  
Brookline Grange held its only July meeting on the evening of July 26. This being in the busy haying season and the weather being very sultry, the attendance was small, but the meeting was nevertheless a pleasant and profitable one. In the absence of the master, Wallace Jenness, who has gone to the front, Clara Russell, past master, filled the chair after George Cady, who had called the meeting to order. The three Graces, Miss Grace Whitcomb, Miss Marion Holcombe and Mrs. Minnie Holcombe, were in charge of the program and presented the following: Vocal selection, quartet, Mrs. Minnie Holcombe, Miss Grace Whitcomb, Miss Helen Cregler and Harlan Whitcomb; reading, Mrs. Clara Russell; an drill, Thelma Perkins, Bertha and Winifred Hall; monologue, Helen Cregler; essay on agriculture, Harlan Whitcomb; recitation, Frances Farnsworth; vocal selection, quartet. Children's night will be observed on August 23, with Minnie Maxwell, lecturer, in charge.

Mrs. Harry Powers took a business trip to Fitchburg last week Tuesday.

**LUNENBURG**

**Old Home Week.**  
Sunday, July 30, was the day appointed for the beginning of the old home week in Lunenburg. The day was just comfortably warm and pleasant, and most favorable for the successful carrying out of the program arranged. The morning service was held in the town hall, which was completely filled. The first number on the program was the psalm very finely rendered by Allen, pianist, followed by the doxology led by a chorus of thirty-five voices, in which the large audience joined. The chorus then sang the anthem, "Praise ye the Father," with H. G. Bolles, organist, as director. Rev. James Chalmers offered prayer, closing with the Lord's prayer in unison. The scripture lesson was the whole chapter of Psalm 118, and was read by Rev. Alfred Noon. Mr. Bolles then sang a beautiful solo, "O may my walk be close with God," in a manner that won the hearts of all who heard. A hymn, "Faith of our fathers," by the chorus and congregation, immediately preceded the sermon by Rev. Benjamin W. Frost, a former pastor of the Methodist church, now of Newburyport. He chose for his text, "And behold he helped the sheep."

Following the sermon "The King of Love my shepherd" was sung by the chorus, Raymond DeCoff singing the solo. "Blest be the one that binds" was then sung, after which Mr. Chalmers pronounced the benediction. As the audience slowly filed out, Mr. Bolles played as a postlude the Festival March by Guilman.

In the evening a sacred concert was held in the town hall which was again filled to its capacity. The same chorus of thirty-five voices, assisted by Lancelotti's orchestra, again delighted the audience with their singing. Rev. James Chalmers presided and prayer was offered by Rev. B. W. Frost after the introductory two hymns were sung. Mr. Bolles gave a solo, "Beyond the hills and valleys," and was followed by the audience as the one in the morning. The chorus sang "Send out thy light." Then W. H. Hackett, of Fitchburg, gave a violin solo, "Last sleep of the virgin." A double quartet, consisting of Messrs. Bolles, Chester Paik, Lewis Harrington, John Gilchrist, Misses Gladys Sanderson, Ruth Harrington, Evelyn Lane, and Miss Viola Bickford, sang "Evening." A request came up from the audience that "The King of Love" be repeated, and the chorus very kindly did so. Frank E. Lancelotti then gave a cornet solo and the chorus sang "Ye that stand in the house." All then joined in singing "America," the closing hymn, and prayer. Alfred Noon pronounced the benediction. Mr. Carman played as a postlude "The war march of the priests."

The whole program was very fine and the music of the morning seemed all too short. The chorus singers had put a great deal of work into the preparation for this old home Sunday, as had their husbands and pianist, and received a most successful return, thoroughly delighting their auditors and proving that there are fine singers in Lunenburg.

**LITTLETON**

**News Items.**  
Miss Helen Knell has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Frost, of Fitchburg, and Mrs. H. B. Frost, of Fitchburg, and Mrs. H. B. Frost, of Fitchburg.

Miss Isabel Pike of Grotonville is a guest of Miss Charlotte Safferson this week.

Miss Elizabeth Baughman went on Monday to Newburyport to visit among relatives. She expects to be absent from here a week. Mr. Houghton, her father, is gradually regaining his health.

Miss Maud Innis, of Waltham, was the Saturday and Sunday guest of Miss Eva Gilmore, Russell street.

The Unitarian society has this week installed an organ, which should prove of invaluable aid to the organist.

**Business First.**

The careful reader of the news of the day may find frequent confirmation of the statement that business first is the great American motto. We do not claim to keep up with the times in the sense of reading all the news, but within the past two weeks we have in our casual reading run across three items that so to show that our business men have an eye single to profits and that their patriotism, public spirit or religious convictions are all but forgotten when it comes to public notice to such an extent in connection with schemes of preparedness, raising troops, etc. does not cause them to forget the profit.

The first item is to do with the epidemic of infantile paralysis that has been raging with such fatal effect in the poorer sections of New York and which has terrorized the fathers and mothers of that city as well as those of other sections likely to be invaded by those hoping to save their kiddies by rushing them to supposedly healthier localities. The newspapers of the metropolis gave the first few days great prominence to the ravages of the scourge as a matter of

news and published lengthy instructions from the health authorities as to what action to take in case of sudden illness of children.

Almost immediately protests began to come in from real estate men, moving picture proprietors, five and ten cent stores and other financially interested in big crowds asking that the spot be put on the news in this line. The mayor and board of health were apparently to suppress the facts in regarding the matter by refusing to give out the figures that were a matter of public record because a full statement of the facts in the case would cause people to flee from New York and be bad for summer business.

In other words, from the point of view of these business men it were better for a few hundred of the children of the poorer classes to die or be crippled for life by infantile paralysis than that the profits of these gentlemen be sacrificed for a few weeks.

Next in the same line comes a protest signed by ten mayors of cities and towns on the Jersey coast protesting against the undue publicity given to the exploits of certain man-eating sharks that have of late been paying attention to Jersey's fashionable bathing beaches and manning or killing half a dozen unlucky bathers. The same reason for suppressing the news was given—it was bad for business. In fact it was so bad for business that a chance. Why make such a fuss about a few bathers' furnishing food for sharks as long as business is good for the landlords?

The third protest differs somewhat and recounts in the New York press the charges of the Commissioner of Accounts against certain Brownsville daughter houses which set forth that outrageous conditions exist and that cattle afflicted with tuberculosis and grave glanular diseases are killed daily for food and passed on for sale to markets that do business with the poorer classes. Of course, as these cattle were consumed by the poorer classes there should be no fuss made about it. To stop this trade would be bad for business. In this connection we would remark in passing we have often wondered where certain decrepit cows are frequently seen being carted or towed through the streets of Littleton finally bring up.

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Probate Court, Middlesex County.  
To all persons interested in the estate of LUTHER LAWRENCE, late of Hollis in the County of New Hampshire deceased, and to the Treasurer and Receiver General of said Commonwealth: Whereas LUTHER L. LAWRENCE of said Hollis, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court, his petition praying that he may be licensed to sell certain real estate of said deceased, situated in Pepperell in said County of Middlesex, and described in said petition.

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

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to the Treasurer and Receiver General of said Commonwealth four days, at least, before said Court, and by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "New Hampshire Patriot," a newspaper published in the State of New Hampshire, to be on the last publication to be on one day, at least, before said Court.

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

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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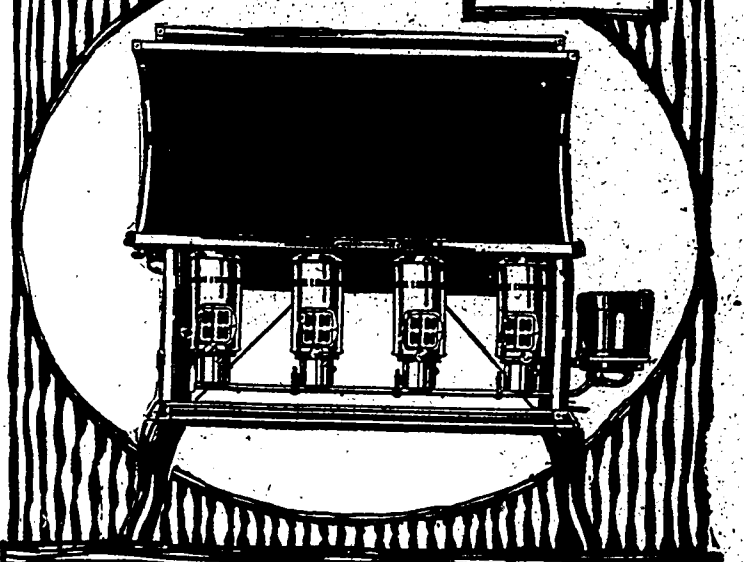


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