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Center.
Pupils from the Center and Harbor schools met in the high school room last week Friday and organized a boys' and girls' canning club with Mrs. Helen Proctor and Miss Hester Burdett as club leaders. The following officers were elected: Rachel Knight, pres.; Wilma Marshall, vice pres. at the Center and Lois Wilder, sec.; Lew Crouch, vice pres. at the Harbor and Urban Palmer sec. Present membership 24. This week Friday Alma Hallower of the Middlesex Farm Bureau gave a canning demonstration in Memorial hall. Discussion from ten to twelve: topic, "Elimination of waste." From

two to five canning demonstration under the auspices of the above named club.
A joint meeting of the boards of selectmen and the boards of health of the towns of Harvard, Lancaster, Groton, Pepperell, Ayer, Shirley and Townsend was held this Friday afternoon at Ayer to consider police, sanitary and moral problems and the best methods to solve them when the military camp will be opened at Ayer. Chairman F. B. Higgins represented the Public Safety committee at this meeting.
The regular weekly meeting of the Red Cross Auxiliary met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. G. Fessenden. A representative from the Fitchburg chapter was present and gave instruction in surgical dressing.
Sunday, June 9, will be observed as Children's day at the Methodist church. The morning service will include a program by the children and music in charge of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Tuttle. Rev. George Newhall will preach at the evening service. It is now expected that the new pastor will arrive from California and occupy the pulpit Sunday, June 17.
At the Congregational church Rev. A. L. Struthers Sunday morning sermon subject will be "Our flag and our country." Sermon subject to the children "Camelion and Peacopine characters."
The Townsend Brass band will give their first band concert of the season on the common Friday evening, June 9, weather permitting.

Harbor.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Doherty and little Elizabeth of Back Bay, Boston, spent Tuesday in this village, calling on old friends.
Mr. and Mrs. James Christie of Wollaston and Mrs. Annie Leadbetter of Somerville, called on Mrs. Christie, called recently on friends at the Center. Mrs. Christie will be remembered as the daughter of the late Mark Leadbetter.

On and after June 25 the noon train will be discontinued on the Greenfield branch. Already the mail car on the morning train has been taken off.
Thomas Hollahan, the station agent in this village, beginning with next week, expects to be away from the Harbor on railroad duties elsewhere for the greater part of the summer although he still keeps his post office and will be here occasionally. W. W. Macomber will be in charge of the station during the interim.

Dr. Peters' stock has been sold. Several changes at Hickory farms. The poultry has been sold. Mr. Blake has resigned his position and with Mr. Blake left the farms last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Adams have assumed the duty of caretakers and at an early date will move into the apartments formerly occupied by R. H. Blake and family.

Junior Duke of Melrose is at the farm on South Hill, where he expects to conduct farming operations on a larger scale than usual.

Mrs. Helen Smith of Ayer was a recent guest of her sister Mrs. H. H. Reay.

Mrs. C. L. N. was with a party at last Sunday. Her home was visited under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. at that time. Shortly after her departure the Y. W. C. A. officers called and had a quick conference call and the treatment of the Y. W. C. A. officers several stitches in her hand.

The Ayer Y. W. C. A. club has a date with Mrs. H. H. Reay. A very real time was enjoyed. A party was held by Mrs. Smith describing the camp life of the Y. W. C. A. was most interesting. The next evening lunch was served by the Y. W. C. A. villa, Mrs. Foss, pres.

SHIRLEY

Center.
Mrs. R. H. of Shirley is spending a few days at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves. J. Edward Adams has given up his position in Boston and expects to stay in town for the present.

The meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening was Grange 127 and was in the charge of the three granges, Ceres, Miss Madeline L. Kemp, Peabody, Miss Helen Wood, F. D. Miss Virginia Freeman. The program consisted of a recitation by the Grange and singing of the anthem by the Grange paper on "Flowers." Miss Grace Reed, paper on "Grain." N. R. Graves, vocal solo, Mrs. Bessie Buxton, songs by the young men, debate, "Resolved that the horse is more useful than the automobile." Affirmative—Elmer Walker and Horace C. Harris, negative—C. E. Bradford and George F. Buxton. After excellent arguments on both sides the judges decided for the affirmative.

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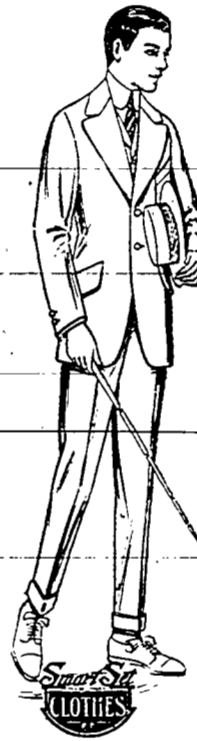
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WESTFORD

Center. Miss M. A. Cloyd, of Pelham, N. H., is visiting at the Congregational parsonage for a few days. Children's Sunday at the Congregational church will be observed on June 17, and not on June 10, as at first planned. The children are to remain at the church this Saturday afternoon.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company held its regular monthly meeting and try-out Tuesday evening in charge of S. E. Watson, first lieutenant. Friends of Harry S. Reid, whose residence in North Westford, will be pleased to learn that he has successfully completed his period of training at the naval training station, Newport, R. I., and has won his first promotion. Young Reid is very enthusiastic over the navy and is making good in every respect.

Two pleasant out-of-door gatherings are being planned for this month by the ladies of the Congregational church. On Thursday, June 14, the Ladies Aid society will hold an all-day picnic at the home of Mrs. A. E. Lovell. A speaker will be present to read John Galsworthy's three-act drama, "Strife."

The reading circle under the auspices of the Tadmark club met with Mrs. L. W. Wheeler on Wednesday afternoon. There were ten members present to read John Galsworthy's three-act drama, "Strife."

The coating of good gravel placed on the village street is a great improvement and when the oiling is done will put it in good shape for the summer. John M. John, H. and John G. Fletcher enjoyed a week-end trip to Farmington, N. H., and other points of interest this last week. The three Johns visited kinspeople and altogether considered the trip most successful.

Friends who remember Miss Eva Young, of London, England, who spent some time in Westford a few seasons ago, will be interested to hear of her message to former friends here, sent in a recent letter to a friend. Hearing Miss Red Chase and French relief activities and being in the same way herself, she writes as the typical, loyal Englishwoman, that she is with us heart and soul in all that we try to accomplish in any way to help a great and just cause.

Bert Walker, of Marblehead, spent Sunday with his home people. Misses Elinor and Marjory Cameron are at home for the summer vacation from Miss Wheeler's school for girls in Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney is at the Whitney homestead for the summer. The Boy Scouts, in charge of Principal Roubenoush, and the Camp Fire Girls of Brookborough, in charge of their guardian, Miss Burroughs, gave a concert, entertainment and exemplification of what their organizations stand for to a large and interested audience of parents and friends at the town hall last week Friday evening. The plan and purpose of the organization, handicraft, smiling, first aid and what to do in emergencies, were well illustrated by the boys in their exercises. The awarding of honor beads by their guardian for work accomplished by the Camp Fire Girls was most interesting. Many were also heard in solos and first and banding work was most skillfully illustrated, owing to a lack of time it was to be regretted that the Boy Scouts who have been given each good training by Dr. Wolfe did not exhibit their proficiency in the art and technique of banding. Mrs. A. E. Lovell, in charge of the organization, was most successful in her presentation of the work.

Frank Johnson, of Groton, arrived in Westford on Friday evening. He is a new arrival at the Groton Hotel. Mrs. E. H. Moore, R. F. D. carried a letter to Mrs. W. C. T. U. on Friday.

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being on duty from seven in the morning until one o'clock the next morning, making nineteen hours from leaving homes to returning to them.

Library Conservator Work. The libraries of the state have been asked to make available at this time all possible material on the preparation and conservation of food, and also on the latest methods of increasing production.

The Fletcher library has in an accessible place a good collection of books on all phases of agriculture. Suggestions are welcome and more will be added as needed. Farmers' bulletins are also being collected and many of them are of value. An attempt is being made to also supply as many books as possible that will be suggestive to the housekeeper in her attempts to lower the cost of living. Several good books based on the demand for low cost recipes have already been obtained and the federal government and the state are both willing to send pamphlets and bulletins that are both very helpful. A collection of these useful will be on exhibition at the library. These may be borrowed or individuals may copy the numbers and obtain them for themselves.

A bulletin board with suggestions from newspapers and from individuals is to be kept through the summer. Suggestions in the way of reducing the cost of living or saving of food materials will be welcomed from any of the housekeepers.

About Town. The Middlesex-Northwest conference of Unitarian and other christian churches will hold its spring session with the Unitarian church in Ashby on Thursday, June 14.

Norman Whitten, the recent purchaser of the farm on the Cold Spring road, is still struggling with the overhead system of sprinkling that acts as a universal antidote everywhere this season and acts often.

Foies for electric lighting have got into a tight position on the Westway Brook road to the residence of W. E. Taylor. This will connect with the line on the Lowell road. An agent of the Lowell Electric Light Company has arrived and the residents on said road are being served. He is willing to make an assignment of their intentions in favor of the Lowell Electric Light Company to make it look lighter.

John E. Abbot is planning to visit the large dairy farms in town to encourage the raising of leguminous crops, such as alfalfa and soy beans. As agent of the farm bureau he has some important advice and later he will test soils for acidity.

Mrs. Etta Clement Douglas and Harry Abrahamson were united in marriage last Sunday afternoon by Rev. L. H. Buckhorn at the residence of the officiating clergyman. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Snow. Mr. Abrahamson holds an important position at the Brookside mills. Mrs. Abrahamson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. T. U. of Brookside. They will reside at Westford Corner.

The Fletcher Cold Spring farm have received several bushels of spring wheat for sowing from Joseph Breck and Sons of Boston. Such was the pressure for seeds this spring that the seed was in the hands of the dealer for the first time in ninety-five years they closed down their seed department from May 28 to protect orders already in. Short crops, late harvest and planting on account of the war have caused a shortage in the seed trade beyond precedent.

At present it appears like a 110 percent of early apple blossoms and 70 percent of winter apples. At the Old Orchard farm several young trees' badly injured by winter winds have refused to die. Rank the undried tree up after it is girdled and the sap will ascend just as well without bark. New cross bars are being bolted onto the telegraph poles on the Stony Brook road. This will make seven cross bars on the poles and heavy loads with wires.

Some farmers on Purdon hill, Stony Brook road, are planting corn who have not planted any for forty years. Such is the power of persuasion in \$2.40 corn, the lowest price of \$2.75 per hundred from lowest prices prior to the civil war period.

W. R. Taylor, of the Tadmark farm, is planting an acre of white beans. Beans rather vary and much else not so varied as to a large number of crops. This following the excess of last year is very liable to overdo the demand. The only farm crop raised last year that was still a drug on the market, the best choice selling at twenty dollars a ton. A good crop is selling around sixty dollars per ton, potatoes better than \$190 per ton, beans around \$400 per ton. These prices and the fact that the automobile has displaced the hay-making horse, would seem to justify and justify a rearrangement of cropping to market conditions. There is ample time yet to plant soil and sow buckwheat, beans raised, good for the horse and good for the human stomach. The farm bureau, in charge of the planting of the state, is in charge of the planting of the state. The farm bureau, in charge of the planting of the state, is in charge of the planting of the state.

be held in the Methodist church on Thursday evening, June 14, at 7.45. This promises to be a big affair and the very best of local talent, with the famous Mandolin club as the special attraction, will have numbers on the program. Refreshments served.

Mrs. Julia B. Wall, Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington and Mrs. W. J. Robinson, delegates from Groton circle, of F. of A., attended the annual convention of the grand circle that was held in Boston this week.

Miss Stella Shattuck is visiting with relatives in Portland, Me., for a few weeks. Leo Provost, a student at St. Anselm college, Manchester, N. H., is at his home here for the summer vacation.

A large number between the ages of 21 and 31 registered for the draft here on Tuesday, H. J. McCarthy, of the Westford board of registrars, had in charge of the registration, assisted by Alford Prinn, clerk of Precinct 2.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Fite at the Coram hospital in Lowell on Tuesday, June 5. Mr. Fite is the pastor of the M. E. church here.

The Westford Boy Scouts baseball club defeated a picked club from Granville on the Abbot playground here last Saturday by the score of 5 to 2. Lower and Hall did the battery work for Granville while Day and Griffin were on the firing line for Westford. William Buckingham was the umpire and did a good job of it.

The recent warm spell has started the local gardens in great shape. Wedding. George Boyd, a former resident of this village, and Miss Annie Mullaney, of Fitchburg, were united in marriage at St. Bernard's church, Fitchburg, Monday morning, June 4, at nine o'clock. Miss Katherine Mullaney, a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and the best man was William Prinn, of Fitchburg.

The bride was gowned in a costume of blue taffeta silk, and wore a white picture hat. She carried a shower bouquet of Killarney YOGES. The bridesmaid was becomingly attired in a costume of blue taffeta silk, and wore a white hat of the prevailing mode, and carried a large bouquet of sweet peas.

Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mrs. George H. Sanborn, sister of the groom, that was given by the bride and her friends of the immediate families. The newly-wedded pair boarded a train in the early afternoon for Malone, N. Y., where they will spend a brief honeymoon, and on their return will take up their residence at their newly-furnished home in Fitchburg. The best wishes of a wide circle of friends, both here and in Fitchburg, is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd in their new life.

Forge Village. A motorcycle with sidecar attached, traveling at a high speed, was seen with headlights, coming from the direction of Ayer, narrowly escaped being wrecked last Sunday evening, just before eight o'clock. As it was, the driver and occupant of the sidecar, both young men, were severely shaken up when the machine overturned while crossing the tracks of the Boston and Maine railroad.

Rev. J. H. Thomas, of Groton School, gave a very interesting lecture with slides on the mission of St. Andrew's mission last week Thursday evening. A large audience was present and greatly enjoyed the affair. Mr. Thomas gave his personal experience as he traveled to Bavaria to witness the performing of the miracle of the blind in 1910. The views were particularly good.

The Social club of St. Andrew's mission are rehearsing for a comedy in one act, "Rubber boots," to be given on June 14 for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission at the Groton school. There will be several tableaux, given under the personal direction of Mrs. S. Warren Sturgis, of Groton, who is also coaching the members of the cast.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Daly, of Clinton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daly.

Miss Evelyn Mearns, recovering from an illness of three weeks, is now at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, of Lowell, has built a cozy bungalow on the shore of Forge pond, which he expects to occupy this summer with Mrs. Fisher and their little daughter.

Albert A. Hildreth is able to be out again after having been quarantined at his home on the Boston road with an attack of diphtheria.

The Misses Grace Litchfield, of Chelsea, and Mary B. Raynes, of Lowell, are getting their cottage at Forge pond ready for occupancy.

A number of girls who attend Westford school attended the field day of the Lowell High school at Spaulding park last week Thursday.

LITTLETON

News Items. A new porch with open sleeping-room above is fast materializing at H. S. Brown's residence.

N. B. Conant informs us that the first contribution he received for the Red Cross did not come from the Women's club, but probably the first received outside of private subscriptions.

Hayward Houghton has been sick with German measles and is now convalescent. The June committee of the Congregational club will prepare for the annual strawberry festival which is booked at the Congregational vestry, Wednesday evening, June 14. The cake and ice cream will be leading attractions on the menu. The committee that was to have arranged for a musical two months ago will have the assurance in charge. A good time is assured.

There were twelve Littleton people that went to the Westford whist party for the benefit of the Red Cross fund. The Charles A. Cummings traveling scholarship, which is given to the student having the highest average each year and for the four year course in the department of the Littleton school, was awarded to Walter G. Phelps, of Fitchburg, of the graduating class of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. This scholarship affords a trip to Europe of about \$1000, thus giving the student a chance of furthering his studies in design. Mr. Phelps' averages for the four years were, first year 80%; second, 82%; third, 95%; fourth, 90%.

During his freshman, sophomore and junior years he won the Thayer prizes. The prize offered by Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer of \$150 was won by Miss Christine Raymond of Plymouth. Littleton friends and acquaintances of Mr. Phelps are interested in his scholarly attainments, and very gladly add their congratulations to those of Fitchburg and Boston friends.

The rifle club will give a concert and ball in the town hall on Thursday evening, June 14. Music by Waltham Waterbury. Proceeds are to be used to equip the Littleton training company. Dancing until one o'clock.

Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Lawton are completing the improvements on their home, and home-made food rooms, and expect now to be open for business on Monday.

The elementary schools closed yesterday. Misses Hodges, Rose, Ames, Chequer and Misses Ethel and Vera Smith go to Hyannis for the summer. Mrs. Willard and her party the Misses Bradlee, who formerly taught in Littleton.

Mrs. Emily Snow Woodbury is visiting Mrs. Franklin Pingry. The Congregational Sunday school last Sunday voted to instruct Miss Miriam Conant, secretary, to send letters to the Congregational members from our state concerning the prohibition of liquor during the summer. At the evening meeting Miss Elizabeth Thatcher was authorized to send similar letters from the church.

Children's Sunday will be observed at the Congregational church on June 17. The program for the program consists of Miss Elizabeth Houghton, Mrs. George H. Kimball, Mrs. J. B. Blodgett and H. W. Conant, Sunday school superintendent.

Miss Alice Skilton, formerly of Northampton, was a guest of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Thayer on Thursday. Rev. J. C. Alvord went to Woonsocket, R. I., Wednesday, to officiate at the funeral of Charles Stebbins, one of his former parishioners, and a prominent citizen of that city.

Martin Sherwin spent Sunday at Mt. Hermon school. Mr. and Mrs. Stocking, who have a summer home in Harvard, and visitors from Malden and Norwood attended the Congregational church last Sunday. The final meeting of the Kink's Daughters was well attended Tuesday. All present became First Aiders, and the sum of twenty-five dollars was voted to the Special Aid fund.

used effectively in the subways, and flags and crepe paper streamers on the pillars. The different committees worked hard to make the occasion memorable and everyone who were well rewarded, for everybody had a good time, and the happy function that marked this dedication made an impression not soon to be forgotten.

The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Frank Gray, J. W. Dodds, C. Daley, E. Barreau, H. E. Whitney, Miss Kate Neagle, Mrs. Susie Smith, Miss Nina Dennison, Miss Josephine Foley and Miss Gladys Elmer. Mrs. Lawton and Mrs. Foley gave splendid satisfaction as caterers. They decorated their tables prettily with apple blossoms and flags.

Townpeople and other guests were invited to inspect the new building and expressed much surprise to find it such a model, sanitary, commodious, up-to-the-minute edifice.

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Bowman, of Foster street, enjoyed a complete and very happy surprise on Monday, June 4, their golden wedding anniversary, when their neighbors from N. A. Taylor's, to the end of Foster street, called formally during afternoon and evening to extend congratulations and leave some visible token of friendship and esteem. They presented Mr. and Mrs. Bowman with a bouquet of fifty handsome carnations. Notes of congratulations and postcards received from friends in the more distant localities. Their pastor and neighbor, Rev. O. J. Fairfield, wrote and presented Mr. and Mrs. Bowman with a very pretty poem. All of these attentions were entirely unexpected as the family had said nothing of the anniversary, but they were all the more appreciated and gratefully accepted for being so spontaneous and free on the part of friends who had so cleverly discovered this occasion for a special manifestation of neighborliness.

Monday was one of those beautiful June days, a perfect duplicate of June 4, 1867, when Rev. Charles Skinner, of the First Congregational church, performed the wedding ceremony. To the congratulations already expressed are added the best wishes and hope that "The best of life is yet to be."

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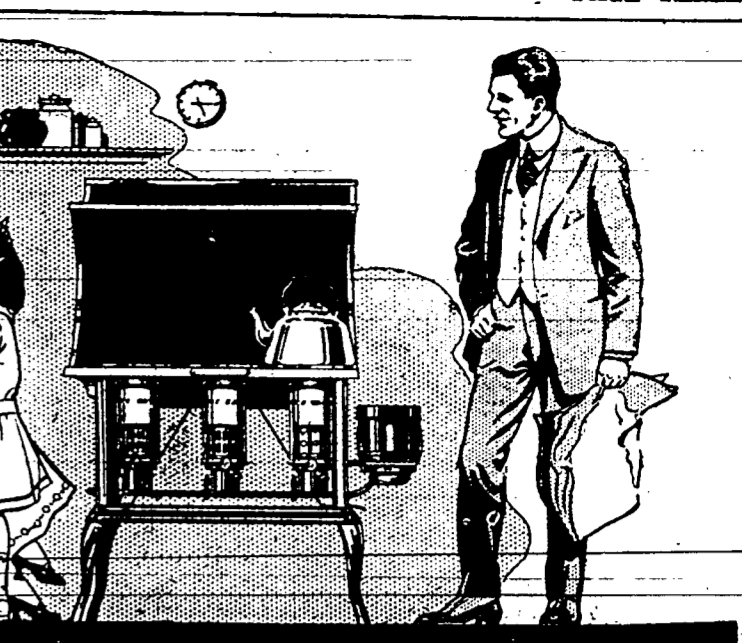
Edward Mason and son Bascom, and daughter, Mrs. M. and Mrs. Charles Davis, all of Brighton, motored here last Sunday for a short visit with relatives. Mrs. Mason, who has been spending the week with her sisters, Mrs. Lunt and Mrs. Shattuck, returned home with them.

terlated at the home of Miss Carrie Sylvester, as a kind of farewell meeting. Miss Sylvester, who has been guardian of the Bababasset Camp Fire, was present with them with a casserole and silver butter knife.

there took the train for Boston. After a trip of about two weeks, which will include a visit at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Buck, Bangor, Me., they will return to the house which has been newly furnished and renovated, Mrs. D. A. Weston residing with them.

Sails for France. Russell Davoy Greene, adopted son of the late Benjamin A. Greene, of 220 Marlborough street, Boston, and Brunswick Me. sails for France from New York on June 9, where he will enter upon his duties as volunteer driver for the American ambulance service in France.

Death. A telegram announcing the death of Miss Edna J. Bean, of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, was received by her brother, Harry Bean, of Boston, on last Saturday. The remains were to be sent to Pepperell, her former home, and were expected to reach here on Friday or Saturday of this week.



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GROTON

News Items. Mrs. William J. Putnam is away on a visit for several weeks with her son, George W. Putnam, of Montclair, N. J. Mrs. Thomas Gilson returned from a few days' visit with her sister in Woburn on Monday.

Members of the Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Baptist church met in the ladies' parlor last week Thursday afternoon with a good attendance.

J. F. Wetherbee, of Ayer, was taken to Dr. Ayres' private hospital last week Thursday, where he underwent an operation for carbuncle.

Miss Mildred Brown entertained her cousin, Miss Elsie Brown, of Winthrop, over Sunday, May 27.

The Book and Thimble club spent a very pleasant afternoon on Friday, May 25, at the home of Mrs. Lucy Belcher.

The members of the Girls' club of the Baptist church and Mrs. Tucker enjoyed a day's outing at Sandy pond last week Friday.

Miss Helen Woods has added West Acton and Brookline, N. H., to his list of motion picture theatres.

Russell Davoy Greene, a former student at Lawrence academy, a sophomore at Bowdoin college, spent the week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Clough, leaving on Monday morning for his home in Brunswick, Me., where he will prepare to sail for France on Saturday, June 9, to serve in the ambulance corps.

Lawrence Blood has been chosen to fill the vacancy on the school board caused by the resignation of Walter Powers.

See Ayer items for full account of mass meeting to be held in Ayer town hall, June 12, at 2.15 p. m. This meeting affects your town.

Friends of Miss Elsie Shattuck, who is teaching in Chester, N. H., are congratulating her upon her success in securing last month the second highest score in the State teacher's certificate.

This was issued to Miss Shattuck through her excellent work and success as a teacher without undergoing the usual examinations. This is a rare instance.

The members of Troop I, B. S. A., met at the home of their scoutmaster on Friday evening of last week and marched to their new headquarters at the home of Dr. Brankam.

Following the opening exercises the boys received their ranks for the month and were given their new uniforms. The remainder of the evening was devoted to asking questions in relation to the troop and the scout work which were answered by the scoutmaster.

The evening proved to be an interesting one and the boys now have a better understanding of the rules and regulations of the troop and of the scout work in general.

James F. Culver was taken to Dr. Kilbourn's hospital Tuesday morning for the third time and amputation of his left leg was found necessary.

Which had troubled him for nearly thirty years. He is doing as well as can be expected at the present time.

William Bartz, of California, will address the Odd Fellows immediately after the business meeting on Monday evening. The Robekhs are invited to attend this meeting.

At the meeting of the Grange on next Tuesday evening the third and fourth degrees will be conferred on a class of seven. The annual inspection will be made by Deputy Charles E. Damon, of Williamsburg.

The members of the Groton lodge of Odd Fellows and the Middlesex Rebekah lodge are requested to meet in Oddfellows' hall at ten o'clock Sunday morning to attend the services at the Baptist church.

The Boy Scouts will visit the homes of the people in Groton on June 11, 12, 13 or 14, in the interest of the liberty bond loan issue and will have with them blanks to be filled out, and literature in regard to the same.

Rev. and Mrs. Bertram Tucker and little daughter Elsie attended the meeting of the Methodist Episcopal church association of this district, which was held at Whidam Park, Monday. About forty pastors and their wives were present. The day was perfect and a delightful time was passed.

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carried will please make arrangements with Mrs. Ames before Saturday, June 16. If Monday should be stormy the meeting will be held on the next day. The subject is in charge of Miss Gertrude, "Wires and Winkles."

Charles Torrey, of Concord, was in town on Tuesday. Miss Gertrude Forbes spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. F. M. Forbes, of Hollis street.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Henry Whiting has been confined to her bed this week.

There are twelve boys from the Mechanics Art school, Boston, boarding with George Meyet, proprietor of the Groton Teapot. They are employed by Mr. Hale, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hinchman and others.

Miss Hattie Messenger and Raymond Handfield were united in marriage on Monday, Mr. Handfield was chief of the Groton Inn for some time. Dr. Steere was in town on a visit on Wednesday.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Winckle was badly scalded a few days ago by tipping a pail of hot water onto herself. The little girl is about four years old and is under the care of Dr. Kilbourn.

It is understood that an army officer, to be stationed in Ayer, has rented George Chase's house on Main street.

The improvement section of the Woburn club will meet with Mrs. Bruce on Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

Mrs. Samuel Frazier, of Louisville, Ky., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frederick May, "Underhill farm."

Miss Helen Rogers spent Wednesday and Thursday with Miss Virginia Wood at the Fitchburg Normal school.

Fifteen members of the Middlesex lodge visited Willow lodge of Concord on Monday evening. This was the occasion of the visit of the officers of the Rebekah Assembly to witness the conferring of the 25th degree. A most enjoyable and profitable evening is reported.

At the baseball game on Wednesday between the Groton high school and Ayer high school, Groton won by the score of 5 to 3.

Word has been received from Dr. Horr, president of Newton Theological seminary, that he will furnish a supply of Bibles for the Baptist church on Sunday, June 17.

On Shumway field on Wednesday afternoon Lawrence academy defeated Fitchburg high by the score of 4 to 3.

It is reported that Edward L. Duffly has taken the examination to enter the aviation corps.

The elementary schools will close on Friday, June 15, for the summer. The graduating exercises of the high school will take place on Thursday evening, June 14.

Lawrence Academy Notes. William Loomis, another Lawrence academy boy, is now in France to enter the ambulance service.

Vesper service will be held at the academy chapel on Sunday, June 10, at eight o'clock. Rev. J. B. Lewis, of Pepperell, will be the speaker. The public is cordially invited to this service.

Commencement exercises will begin with an open meeting of the Gamma Beta society on Saturday, June 16, at eight o'clock. Secular and religious addresses will be given by Rev. George M. Howe, Monday and Tuesday, June 18 and 19, final examinations, Wednesday morning, June 20, graduation exercises, Thursday afternoon, June 21, Alumni banquet in academy hall at one o'clock in the afternoon. At three o'clock, baseball game on Shumway field between Lawrence academy and Lynn English high. Reception to senior class in academy hall at eight o'clock in the evening. All exercises except the reception, Wednesday evening, are open to the public.

Easy Way to Save Vegetables, Etc. Federal expert describes new and simple process of canning.

Provide a false bottom of wooden lattice work, cross pieces of wood or coarse wire netting for your wash-bowl or other large, deep vessel to be used for sterilizing. Fill the vessel with clean water so that the boiling water will cover the tops of the jars or cans. Begin heating the water so that it will be boiling violently by the time the containers are packed. See that all cans or jars are in good condition and are thoroughly sterilized. Wash them thoroughly. Use new rubber rings and seal them just before putting them in the jars.

Start with clean hands, clean utensils and clean, fresh produce. The jars must be washed and sterilized, which are withered or unseasoned. Wash out all dirt and dirt. If possible use only fruits and vegetables picked the same day, and never can peas and beans unless they are fresh.

Prepare fruits and vegetables for canning. Remove all spots from apples. Prepare beans and greens as for cooking.

Blanch vegetables and all fruits except corn. Boiling water from the first water. Remove the blanched products from the boiling water and plunge them quickly into cold water. The cold water must be changed frequently.

Take them from the boiling water and pack them in the jars. The blanched vegetables and fruits, which are slightly warm, must be allowed to remain out of the steam for a few minutes.

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Scouts are doing the work. Henry Ford has donated one of his farm tractors for use by the boys. Many people who never dreamed of doing farm work are trying backward gardening and warblers.

The house committee in congress agreed to push a bill to prohibit the use of grain for liquor during the present year, but pressure was used and when the time came they failed to carry out the measure agreed upon.

Every reader of this paper should let his member of congress know the wisest thing to do to conserve the grain supply for use in the necessities of life and not in the luxuries, at least until we have a surplus supply of grain. Already one bakery is using starch in the manufacture of bread.

Washington, D. C., fortunately will be free from the saloons and barrooms after November 1 of the current year. Virginia is without saloons and almost all of the bordering territory of Maryland is clear. Most of the double-breasted uniforms of the public are protected by armed guards.

W. W. Stevens, Brookland, D. C.

West Groton. Mrs. E. K. Harrington is spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy in Waterbury.

Miss Ruth Snell of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Feldman of Fitchburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan and family of Pepperell have moved into the Shepley house on Main street recently vacated by Mrs. Doherty.

The Misses Irene and Mabel Downs have obtained employment out of town. Little Francis (Fethen) Harrington, recently adopted by his grandmother Mrs. A. L. Harrington, is ill with scarlet fever. He is in charge of a trained nurse and is doing well.

Harrington's brother of Shirley is very ill and the quarantine is especially trying in consequence.

Miss Ruth Bixby is taking examinations for Wellesley college.

Richard Lawrence is to be graduated on Wednesday from the Huntington school in Boston.

Miss K. A. Tarbell spent two days last week with relatives in Jaffrey.

Mrs. Frank Humiston of Jaffrey is making a few days' stay with her mother, Mrs. Harriet T. Hall.

Children's day exercises will be observed at the chapel next Sunday.

The mass meeting of women called for Tuesday afternoon called out about thirty. Mr. Sturges gave a talk on soldiers' relief work as performed in Groton. It was decided to form a relief committee.

Mrs. C. E. Bixby was chosen chairman. Mrs. C. W. Strand, sec. Mrs. C. T. Spaulding, treas. Further arrangements will be made at the next meeting on Thursday afternoon in the lower hall at three o'clock.

The military whist on Thursday evening last week was most thoroughly enjoyed. The prizes were as follows: prize winners were the Misses Willis and Robinson and Messrs. Smith and Wood, all of Groton, while consolation prizes were bestowed on the Misses Swanson and Zoller of West Groton and Messrs. Harrington and Moss.

Webster Harrington and Albert Robinson. Dancing was enjoyed after the game with Mrs. Robinson of Groton at the piano.

Mrs. Humphrey expects to spend the summer in Canada and has sub-leased the house to C. W. Strand until September.

Squannacook lodge will hold its memorial services on Sunday afternoon, June 17, at Squannacook hall.

William Baker, of Virginia, is spending his vacation at the home of his mother Mrs. P. E. Smith.

E. G. H. and C. E. Bixby, Mrs. E. G. H. and Mrs. C. E. Bixby, members of the Ladies' Aid society, with Mrs. W. F. Lane, spent a pleasant day on Thursday with Mrs. W. M. Kimball at Stony Brook. Mrs. C. L. Roy, of Waterbury, joined them for the afternoon.

Flag-raising. The postponed flag-raising at Squannacook hall on Friday afternoon was well attended and the program was carried out as planned.

Rev. William Gandy and C. S. Lyman, who would have spoken on the original date, were unable to be present. G. H. Bixby presented the flag to the village with an extract from the Bible. It is a very interesting work, touching briefly on the many inventions which, within his remembrance have added to our convenience and comfort. The banner was inscribed by Mr. Bixby's granddaughter.

A letter from Rev. Daniel Whelan of the Sacred Heart church was read by Mrs. Carl Strand. An extract from a patriotic address by Henry Ward Beecher was given by Mrs. Gertrude Bixby. Members of the Ladies' Aid society and pupils of the school performed their parts as did the men in khaki as usual.

School exercises by Miss Gertrude Bixby were given by Mrs. C. E. Bixby, which were very interesting. The exercises were presided over by A. H. Thompson, president of the B. O. E. U. of Groton.

BOXBOROUGH News Items. H. C. Steele is in town on Tuesday.

Work Friday evening at the B. O. E. U. of Groton and the camp for the boys was very successful.

The guests, thoroughly appreciated the refreshments served for them by the Scouts at the close of the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee are spending most of the week in West Acton, where they are attending to the annual meeting of the Holbrook Christian association and the auction of high grade cows to be held there. Mrs. Wetherbee is visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wetherbee and Miss Eleanor Harrington of Hastings were week-end guests at Walnut farm.

Mrs. Addie Loring and Miss Mary Hager were spent married cottage for the summer.

The Hager family returned to Groton last week, but will return later for the summer.

Chief Steele has gone to Hingham, C. E. of some cattle.

The number of young men from here who are in the army is increasing.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartwell are visiting their friends Mr. and Mrs. Anthon in Lynn.

Mrs. Earle Littlefield entertained the West Acton whist club last week Friday afternoon. There were five tables. Mrs. Herbert Sizer from Hartford, Ct., was the house guest.

The Lincolns, who recently bought the Shattuck farm, came out Saturday for the season.

Mrs. George Watt of Warren is the guest of Mrs. Charles Watt.

Mabel Tallafiero, a real actress in a real production, "God's half acre," in five parts, will be the feature of the motion picture show, Harvard town hall, this Saturday evening. There will also be a comedy, "Free speech," and a Travelogue, making one of the best shows of the season.

Church Notes. Sunday services: Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Prof. Geo. LaPlana of Harvard University. Subject, "The spiritual life." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

The pastor will attend a ministers' convention at West Acton, June 10. Hence in his absence Prof. LaPlana will occupy the pulpit in the morning and in the evening will talk on "Some war poems."

At the close of the Sunday morning service a meeting of the church members will be held, after a recommendation of the church council will be presented in regard to buying liberty bonds.

The Ladies' Missionary circle will hold its next meeting with Mrs. Emery Whitcomb at West Acton next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

AYER News Items. A meeting of the guarantors of the Chautauqua was held in the Board of Trade rooms last Saturday. Carl H. Turner, assistant general manager of the Chautauqua, was in charge.

The guarantors talked over the matter of Ayer Chautauqua week which dates from August 18 to 22, inclusive. A part of the program was announced and more details will be given later.

Edward A. Richardson began his duties as a delegate to the constitutional convention in Boston on Wednesday. Mr. Richardson represents the fifth Middlesex representative district.

Leon Briggs, who is in the federal service as quartermaster's sergeant, and located in Columbus, Ohio, is on a fifteen-day furlough and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Briggs.

Military Camp Notes. Col. Beaumont B. Buck, militia officer on General Edwards' staff at the Boston headquarters, was ordered Monday to report for special duty command of an infantry unit.

Col. Buck has become well-known in this vicinity owing to his frequent visits in regard to the location of the camp.

Forty trained telephone operators will, it is said, be added to the local office when the camp is in readiness for use. The new operators in the Ayer telephone building by using a part of the commercial department quarters on the lower floor, the remainder of the building will be used for the quarters.

The water problem still continues to engage the attention of the authorities. It has been suggested that the government might put in a separate pipe line for its own use, the town to furnish water to the camp. The town reservoir could be used for storage of water, forced there by the town pumps. Tests are to be made as to the amount of water the present drive will be able to furnish.

The budget of the town of Boston, as to have the contracts for building the camp roads throughout the country at a cost of about \$5,000,000. This is the largest of its kind in the country and has offices in all the big cities. It is expected that there will be "something doing" here within the next few days.

The work of procuring leases for land is taking up a good deal of time. The large number of land owners and the fact that the land is quite valuable naturally make slow work. Government officers were here again this week Friday in regard to the matter.

The telephone company has appropriated approximately \$2400 for a new switchboard for the local office to handle the increased business. Work will be started on it right away.

The government agents are now endeavoring to pace for an aviation field to be established in connection with the Ayer camp. The authorities are considering the leasing of over 100 acres of land for the purpose.

The plans were visited by the agents last Saturday. If the land in Bolton and Littleton is taken over it will mean a considerable loss to the town. The area included in the government's plan is surprising to all. The camp, as a whole, to present indications, will be the largest in the eastern part of the country. The elimination of six miles of general transportation camp leaves but sixteen in the entire country. One of the largest is to be located here.

That an overhead bridge will be constructed somewhere near the West Main street crossing is the latest story. The idea is to have a safe passage for the cars over the large amount of street traffic that will come this way, and also to abolish the three railroad grade crossings—the ones at the old Harvard road and at Shirley and West Main streets.

Clipping. The following editorial is taken from the Boston Journal:

With commendable initiative and courage the Massachusetts authorities have already made plans for a relief of the present conditions in the camps which immediately adjoin Ayer where camp will be pitched for

the training of 30,000 men of the national army. The federal authorities will control the military reservation, of course, and under the army act liquor selling to the soldiers can be prohibited.

But much of the responsibility for general health conditions must be assumed by the local authorities, both for the protection of these communities and to assist in guarding the camp.

In addition to the troops, the fifteen towns within a radius of ten miles of the reservation will have the combined population increased by thousands of civilians, and suitable accommodations must be found for the visitors. The towns are all small with populations ranging from 800 to 3000. For this unique task of preparedness, and the solution of the many problems connected with the joint community council and state and federal officials will cooperate.

The American people would not tolerate a repetition of the conditions of the Spanish war camps, a shameful memory of Massachusetts history depended upon to throw every safeguard about the young recruits who will be mobilized on her soil, and her example should be promptly followed wherever training camps are to be located.

Joint Meeting. On Thursday evening representatives of the public safety committee of Ayer, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, Shirley and Townsend met in Page hall for the purpose of discussing the problems that would arise within these towns in the event of the establishment of the military camp in Ayer.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Putnam, of Harvard, and temporarily organized with George H. Brown, chairman, and Eugene S. Barry, secretary. The work being done by the proposed department of health, outlined by Dr. Alan MacLaughlin, state commissioner of health, followed by Drs. Simpson and Finnegan, the health officers of the state to direct the state health unit.

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Saturday, June 9, 1917.

AYER

News Items.

The twenty-four new tracks which have been added to the south railroad yard were turned over to the Boston and Maine railroad for use last week by M. F. Sheehan, foreman for the firm of Wilson, English, of New York, the contractors.

O. L. Drake, of Townsend, resigned from his position at Brown's luncheon the first of the week.

The body of H. C. Ferguson, who died in New York city last Saturday, was brought here for interment in St. Mary's cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

The Ayer Auto Company, Park street, have closed a large contract with the United States Tire Co. for the exclusive sales of their automobile tires and accessories for this territory.

Mrs. Emma Scribner of Chicago and Miss Grace Howes of Boston were the guests of Mrs. W. E. Murphy on Tuesday.

Among the strong features listed for the Community Chautauque week, August-18-22, will be John Kendrick Banks, the Royal Blue Hussars band, James S. Knox, Dr. E. L. Williams, "Chicago's fighting parson," the Kaffir singing serenade, the Mendelssohn sextette, the Boston musical entertainers and the Tschakowsky quartet.

"The velvet paw," in five parts, featuring Helen Peters and Gail Kanner is the subject of a very interesting story of political intrigue, interspersed with love and romance, to be given this Saturday afternoon and evening at the motion picture shows.

Married in June 4, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Walter L. Patterson, of Ayer, and Alice M. Hayes, of Marlboro, N. H.

Two hundred and fifty-three men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one registered for the selective draft on Tuesday. The large number was a surprise and exceeded the estimate a good deal.

A meeting of the community health camp organized for the Ayer military camp will be held at Shirley, Wednesday.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church will have a lawn party at the home of Mrs. John Traquair, Wednesday evening, June 13.

On Tuesday, June 5, registration day for the young men occurred also an important meeting for the women of Ayer, at which the matter of the bonds was the subject of discussion.

The contractor of the work is P. B. Plankank of Hyde Park, J. B. Lord, of Somersworth, N. H., is the foreman of the work.

There will be a mass meeting of the towns of Ayer, Groton, Shirley, Lancaster, Clinton, Littleton, Pepperell, Townsend, Bolton and Harvard in the Ayer town hall, Tuesday, June 12, at 2:15 p. m.

The parish fair closed last Saturday night. The entertainments given Friday and Saturday nights were given by Helen Hoffmann, the wonderful child singer and dancer of Boston and local talent.

Mrs. Frank Mason died at the Groton hospital, Thursday of cancer of the stomach, at the age of 67 years, 7 months and 17 days.

A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, June 11, at 7:30. Work—Master Mason degree. Lunch.

Mrs. John Allison, the delegate from the Woman's club, attended the annual meeting of the State Federation in Great Barrington on June 5, 6 and 7.

The civil suit of Stanley L. Cotton against Leon D. Sullivan for damages growing out of the assault May 11 was entered in the superior court at Cambridge last Monday for \$1200. John M. Maloney, attorney for plaintiff, and John D. Carney for defendant. The case will probably come up for trial in October.

The lower town hall witnessed a busy, interesting and profitable day on Thursday. In the morning, Miss Holbrook, of Waltham, representing the Farm Bureau, gave a very interesting talk on food and its conservation. She is a rapid speaker and knows her subject very well.

The members of the Unitarian Girls' club are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. George H. B. Turner, Washington street, on Thursday evening, June 14, to work for the Preparedness society.

Miss Charlotte Sanderson, daughter of Judge and Mrs. George A. Sanderson, received her diploma this Friday from the Walnut Hill school.

Grades one to six of the public schools close next Friday for the summer vacation.

Mrs. E. J. Silberberg, of Winthrop, visited here last night.

Calixte Girard, a former resident of Ayer, who has for several years past been living in Worcester, has returned to town and is working as a carpenter for Lewis Lufkin.

A meeting for the purpose of forming a Red Cross branch of the Lowell chapter was held in the lower town hall last week Friday afternoon.

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A building will be erected on the Boston and Maine land, just east of J. J. Barry's block on Main street. If the plans of a local syndicate are carried out, the main thing, of course, is getting the lease which looks good at present.

Friends of Donald B. McMillan, the Arctic explorer, are glad to know that his party, which was supposed to be lost, has been heard from in Greenland.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

Standard Oil Buildings.

The Standard Oil Company commenced work on Tuesday for the erection of buildings on Park street on the lot next to the place occupied by the Hartley building.

The buildings will be made of brick except the carriage house, with hard pine roofs, under which will be layers of tin. All buildings are to be of fire-proof construction.

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A road will be built from the town highway to the rear of the buildings for the use of the company.

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Next Wednesday night, at 9.15, after the mission service, the automobile, which was a feature of St. Mary's, will be awarded to the lucky subscriber to the fair fund in K. of C. hall. All interested are invited to come.

At the masses in Ayer and Littleton last Sunday Mrs. McGinn and Houson spoke on the matter of purchasing Liberty bonds which are issued by the government to defray the cost of the war.

St. Mary's church was opened for services after being closed since Easter Sunday. The interval between the two services was made up of a Lenten service completely renovated.

The forty-hours devotion opened on Tuesday morning and closed on Thursday morning of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barry have presented the parish with a fine set of stations of the cross in memory of Mrs. Barry's father, Judge Andrew C. Barry, Sr., and of Mr. Barry's deceased relatives.

Supposed Slackers. There was considerable excitement Monday evening when two men were escorted to the police station by Privates James E. Cody and Patrick E. McCarty.

A thorough examination of the two captives by Chief Beatty at the police station satisfied him that the strangers were innocent of any supposed illegal act. The men were taken to the jail.

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The sounding board was successfully hung over the pulpit last Monday. Mr. McAllester has finished the altar. Mr. Hosmer is engaged in setting up the sub-pulpit.

The annual Sunday school convention of the Massachusetts Conference will convene on June 12 with the church in Sterling.

Sunday morning service at 10.45. "The three main choirs in life" will be the subject of the sermon.

The Non-Comes Camp Fire will meet in the school on Monday evening at 7.30 for song practice and first aid instruction.

The Boy Scouts will meet Thursday afternoon at 3.45 for out-door scouting.

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Wednesday, June 13—Afternoon and Evening MME. PETROVA in "THE WAITING SOUL"—5 parts

Friday, June 15—Afternoon and Evening COMING—Monday, June 18—DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS in "IN AGAIN, OUT AGAIN"—6 parts

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TOWNSEND

Center. The regular meeting of the Red Cross Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. H. G. ...

At the meeting Monday evening of the Anson D. Fessenden camp, the three sacred songs were sung ...

At a meeting of the Chautauqua guarantors held in the selectmen's office Friday evening of last week ...

At the meeting of the Red Cross Auxiliary held at the home of Mrs. Mary Tucker at West Townsend ...

Miss Lizzie Whitecomb spent the mid-week at the home of her cousin, Geo. Richardson ...

mobiles are also kindly asked to furnish them to transport the members to the funeral ...

There will be a children's concert at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 10:15 in charge of Mrs. Tuttle ...

Mr. and Mrs. John Doherty, of Boston, visited friends here Tuesday ...

Mr. and Mrs. S. Leroy Shapleigh and children have returned to Somerville ...

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A unique fish story is vouched for on Main street. Tuesday morning, when Roger Sherwin and his playmate, William Robbins, while picking flowers on the banks of the stream near the state road drain, opposite Byington's, saw a big fish in the shallow water inside the drain and Clarence Streeter, who was working opposite, brought a rake and dragged out a big sucker fully ten inches in length which the boys took home in triumph ...

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The funeral of Mrs. Charles A. Ford took place last week Friday afternoon with services at the Universalist church at two o'clock, the pastor, Rev. E. L. Halfacre, officiating. Mrs. Ford died at her home in Fitchburg, N. H., on Sunday, June 3, at the age of 78 years ...

George Pomfret, of Waverley, and young son, spent over the week-end at their home in Ayer, Mass., and Mrs. Richard Pomfret ...

A quiet home wedding took place last week Friday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney S. Horton, Lancaster road, when their daughter, Alice Raymond, was married to Ernest Raymond, of Fitchburg ...

Miss Margaret St. John and Charles Frederick, a well-known young couple of this town, were united in marriage last Sunday morning at eight o'clock in Concord by Rev. George A. Tewksbury, pastor of the Trinitarian Congregational church in that town ...

At a meeting of the community health council organized for the purpose of conducting a health camp, the following officers and committees have been chosen to protect the camp and surrounding districts ...

The annual election of officers of the Baptist Sunday school was held at the church on Sunday afternoon of last week. The following officers were elected: Perry W. Sawyer, president; Mrs. Fred A. Patch, sec. and treas.; Chester Davis, librarian ...

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Misses Harriet Bridgman and Elizabeth Sutherland of Brookline have been spending a few days at Rev. H. A. Bridgman's summer home on Center road ...

John Farrar is confined to his home at Woodville with illness. Mrs. Clinton Lovell of Henniker, N. H., spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard ...

Miss Marion L. Holden of Templeton and Miss Edna Holden of Lancaster spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden ...

At Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon a class of nine were confirmed. Misses Ethel and Edna Holden, Christine, Margaret and Eleanor Longley, Florence Wilkins, John Cross, Aubrey Manktelow and Mr. Ellis of Waltham. The confirmation service was conducted by Bishop Babcock, assisted by Rev. Sherrard Billings of Groton School and Rev. Francis E. Webster of Ayer ...

Officers from the new training camp were in town last week looking over the vacant houses with a view to their future use. It has not yet been definitely settled whether the section from Woodville through Clark road will be taken by the camp. Those who have homes and land in this section are highly aroused over the proposal and have retained counsel and are prepared to oppose it as far as possible ...

The Matrons' Aid society and Girls' Singing Glee club had an entertainment in the town hall last Saturday evening for the benefit of the Special Aid society, which was very well attended and was highly successful, netting about nineteen dollars for the society. Admission was charged according to the program, everyone being weighed before entering. The following excellent program was given by local talent: Reading, "The Star Spangled Banner" by F. Dakin; Star Spangled Banner by the Glee club; duet, "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mrs. Gertrude Farnsworth and Miss Helen Wood; recitation, by Charles K. Bolton; readings, Mrs. E. J. Stevens; piano solo, Miss Hazel Cummings; recitation, by Mrs. Howard M. Longley. This was followed by an old-fashioned spelling match. George P. Buxton and Charles E. Bradford were the captains of the sides and the match was a close one. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Mrs. Farnsworth, Miss Wood and Miss Cummings taking turns at the piano ...

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The Red Cross tea-room is having a very successful season. Hot noon dinners are being served daily and special chafing dish suppers will be served every Sunday evening from five to seven o'clock. On Saturday, June 9, delicious hot waffles with maple syrup will be attraction from five until seven o'clock ...

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of SMITH, late of Ayer in said County, deceased, I, the undersigned, have presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to F. M. ESTY, and you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twentieth day of June A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing the same in the County of Middlesex, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on the day of the said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate of said deceased, at least five days before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 2139 F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of ELLA H. AMES, late of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the undersigned. EDWARD F. KIMBALL, Executor. 2138 Fitchburg, Mass., May 23, 1917.

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Saturday, June 9, 1917.

PEPPERELL

Miss Nellie Mayhew, who has passed several weeks this spring with her cousin, Mrs. D. R. Child, has returned to Cooperstown, N. Y., for the summer. John Smith, who recently came from Lincoln to work in the Nashua River mills, has taken the Palmer house on Tucker avenue and will occupy it with his family as soon as his goods arrive.

Miss Doris Hartwell is expected home from her school in Bridgewater next week. Mrs. Charles Merrill and daughter Audrey, from Somerville, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Raymond Tucker. Mrs. P. J. McDonald and sister, Mrs. Tucker, entertained two auto parties from Chittenden on Sunday, including their sister, Mrs. Helen Jay, her two sons, George and Oakley, and daughter, Miss Pauline; also, Miss Barber, Miss Nelson and Mr. Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. MacNelly, who have recently returned to the states from Panama, were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Harbell. Mr. MacNelly has six years' government service at the canal zone, but has accepted a fine position with the American Optical works in Southbridge. After visiting in several cities he now intends to establish himself there.

The Boys Scouts held a special meeting on Wednesday evening to consider the work of securing subscriptions for the liberty bond loan in which the Boy Scouts have been asked to assist by President Wilson and the treasury department. The campaign begins Monday.

Alice Marshall, came from Connecticut to Worcester to meet her and came to Pepperell on Thursday for a week-end visit. Mrs. Nellie F. Woodward, of Nashua, N. H. and Mrs. Ella E. Spaulding, of Townsend Harbor, were the guests of Mrs. N. W. Turbell, Lowell street, on Thursday and Friday of last week.

The Neighborhood Class who met with Mrs. C. A. Mills on Wednesday afternoon, discussed the different vocations for carrying and the method to be employed, holding a profitable, pleasant meeting. Mrs. Maurice Gilchrist, Miss Katherine Malkin and Miss Mary Parks, from Winchendon, were the guests of Mrs. E. S. Grenache over the week-end. Mr. Gilchrist came for them on Monday by auto.

Registration in town on Tuesday was marked by a quiet, orderly spirit of business, with no protests. At Precinct A the enrollment was 56, and at Precinct B 121, making a total of 177, slightly less than was estimated. The final tabulation throughout the state will probably show a substantial figure above the census estimate. Taking into account the exemptions which will be made this draft will affect less in Pepperell than was thought at first.

The marriage of Miss Annie Moffat to Stanley Stevenson, both of Lincoln, Me., occurred at the Methodist parsonage on Thursday evening, May 31. Rev. W. H. Beers performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson have taken the tenement in the Palmer block, corner of Main and Cross streets. Groton high played Pepperell high at the playground on Saturday afternoon at the penny hand-out lunch at Oak Hill hall on Tuesday evening there will be a good entertainment, followed by a social dance. George H. Stewart will be one of the entertainers with his humorous dialect readings, and by reciting, George and Oakley will give a paper on "Oak Hill schools," recently read before the D. A. R. meeting. Mrs. Ivan Parker will sing some of her character songs. All are invited.

The class day exercises of the high school occur on this week Friday evening at 7.50. Music will be rendered by the high school orchestra and singing by the school. The program is as follows: Oration, "World benefits all-roundly gained and in sight as the result of the great war," Lambert Wright; class history, George Arridge; statistics, Winifred Fitzgerald; prophecy, Kenneth Durant; will, Francis Drumm; presentation of gifts, Gerald Willett.

Mrs. William Rouse continues in excellent condition. Her son Guy, who recently came from his school in Maine, is still here. Last week Mrs. Sweeney, of Maynard, a sister of Mr. Rouse, spent the week here to assist in the care of the invalid. Mrs. Catherine Ruff, recently returned from nursing in New Bedford, and intends to remain at her home on Brookline street for the summer, where she expects summer guests.

fortunate error and cheerfully make this correction in justice to Mr. Sullivan, who is well and favorably known.

Other Pepperell matter on page 3.

HARVARD News Items. Some misunderstanding by the townspeople as to the date of the concert by the Ayer Male Glee club and its assistants, prevented a full house from giving it the greeting it richly deserved, and consequently a small number only were present to enjoy the attractive program of the evening last Thursday. Every number of the quartet was finely given and received hearty applause, which was responded to most generously by additional selections as pleasingly given, as if to a crowded house. It is to be regretted that with so quiet and pleasant a program, which was finely given and received hearty applause, which was responded to most generously by additional selections as pleasingly given, as if to a crowded house.

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Whereas, FRANCIS G. HAYES executor of the will of said deceased, has presented his petition for authority to mortgage certain real estate therein described, of the estate of said deceased, to raise the sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose of paying debts, funeral expenses and charges of administration. And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested fourteen days at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on one day before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court this sixth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN HENRY TURNER late of Pepperell in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testamentary disposition of said deceased, has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by HENTLEY S. TURNER and GEORGE H. R. TURNER, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of LEVI WALLACE late of Ayer in said County, deceased. Whereas, HOWARD B. WHITE the surviving trustee under the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the tenth account of said estate to be made by him, as trustee, under said will, in and for said County, on the tenth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-fifth day of June A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said trustee is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on one day before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

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