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**HARVARD**

Harvard Public Safety Committee.

Further reports received at the meeting Wednesday evening on the military training camp were to the effect that the National Defense Committee at Washington had selected Joseph Lee of Boston to supervise social conditions outside the camp in the adjoining towns. The Public Safety committees of the several towns probably will soon confer with Mr. Lee and offer their cooperation in his work. It is also hoped that arrangements can be made to afford the citizens of the towns an opportunity to meet Brig-Gen. Edwards. Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer of Boston

will have charge of the women's auxiliary committee and the committee on coordination of aid societies has been asked to cooperate in this part of the work. It was announced that Mrs. Howard D. Stone of Still River and Miss Elizabeth Pollard of Harvard have been added to the coordination committee. Miss Sears, chairman of the committee, reported on the various activities, including Camp Fire Girls, Canning club and Red Cross work. As to the latter, it was announced that in July a special campaign would be inaugurated to raise funds under the Clinton chapter, but this would not prevent all who desired to do so from contributing to the national campaign this week to the extent of their ability.

The board of selectmen reported that a number of conferences had been held with the selectmen of other towns and also state officials regarding building laws and that these would be presented at a town meeting as soon as drafted.

W. E. Nims, representing the Worcester County Farm Bureau, described the work of the bureau in its various departments, especially in the conservation of food supply and assistance to farmers financially and in the supply of help. He spoke especially of the canning clubs and complimented Harvard on the interest taken in the subject. A substantial number of new members for the Farm Bureau were secured at the meeting. All the residents of Harvard who wish advice or cooperation from the bureau can address the same at Worcester or through Gustave B. Schultz, who is the agent of the Farm Bureau in Harvard.

The Fourth of July committee reported that after considering the matter of a celebration, interviews generally the residents of the town it was decided last night to arrange for a special celebration this year. The report was unanimously accepted.

Fourth of July this year will be given over to entertainments and other features to raise money for the Red Cross fund.

The matter of getting a road with people in the town in order that available property for rent and wages and was acted upon by the town at the next meeting. It was announced that Miss Dorothy Deane had been appointed secretary of the town's executive committee. Miss E. H. Whaley having given notice of resignation on account of illness.

An interesting report was made by Chairman T. J. of the Public Safety Committee to the effect that the committee had been reported as having suggested to the town that the public safety committee be organized in Harvard. It was reported that the committee has been reported as having suggested to the town that the public safety committee be organized in Harvard. It was reported that the committee has been reported as having suggested to the town that the public safety committee be organized in Harvard.

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Still River. Miss Mabel... Miss Ethel... Chester Willard... On Thursday evening A. A. H. Benson, E. D. Stone, C. H. Benson, S. B. Haynes, J. F. Sprague and W. L. Haskell attended the anti-lynching work of the Clinton to witness a degree work.

There was an anti-lynching work of the Clinton to witness a degree work. Mrs. Abbe Moore of Philadelphia was the guest of the persons Mrs. and Miss S. B. Haynes.

Luther H. Bismarck, of Andover, has been the guest of his brother and sister, Fred and Eliza A. Bismarck.

Chester Willard is having his barn and barn painted.

Mrs. Luther Willard is visiting her daughters in Worcester and Ayer. She is staying with her son, W. L. B. Willard, who she is away.

There will be an anti-lynching meeting of the Baptist church parish on the vestry on Thursday evening. Commencing Monday, June 27, trains will stop at Still River only as follows: For Ayer, Nashua and Boston, 7:31 a. m., 8:28, 5:58 p. m.; For Worcester, 7:14 a. m., 1:09, 6:29 p. m. On Sundays, no charges, viz: For Nashua, 7:49 a. m., 5:42 p. m.; For Worcester, 8:14 a. m., 3:47 p. m.

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Saturday, June 23, 1917

AYER

News-Items: A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, June 25, at 7:30 o'clock. Work—Fellow Craft degree.

Mr. Walsh was the son of the late David Walsh, and was born in Ayer on February 18, 1848. He attended the public schools of Ayer. After leaving school he worked for the Sigsbee Mfg. Co., the Ayer Tanning Co., and Fletcher Bros., for whom he was employed as a salesman for three years.

Mr. Walsh was the deputy grand knight of Ayer Council, K. C. and financial secretary of Division 7. A. O. H., and a member of Bishop Delaney Assembly, fourth degree, K. P. of Lowell. He was also a member of Page hose company.

Mr. Walsh was a model young man in every way and expressions of deep sympathy were heard on all sides when his untimely demise became known. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Margaret A. Daley and Miss Bertha C. Walsh, the latter being a nurse in the hospital where her brother died, and Thomas H. Walsh, of Ayer.

Mr. Walsh was a member of the late Brownsville, Texas, when the order came. He brought the entire equipment of the 31st regiment to Ayer. The men in the 31st were transferred from the 51st truck company. Capt. Edward Canfield, Jr., construction camp quartermaster, welcomed the men to Ayer. The trucks were unloaded and the men pitched their tents. Tuesday night Capt. Nelson was reported to Major Dwyer, department quartermaster, his immediate needs in equipment and men.

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Chief Smith said that he was of duty the night of the assault. He was notified of the trouble the following day. The defendant denied the charges. The defendant's conduct before the court was commensurate with the charges. The court sentenced the defendant to a month in jail.

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Red Cross Week

Last Saturday evening Hon. Edward Fisher of Westford, captain of one of the Lowell teams, was invited to raise \$100,000.00 for the war fund of the Red Cross, met the executive committee of the local branch of the Red Cross at John Traquair's house.

Wedding

Miss Mildred Atkinson Nobruga, of Belmont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Nobruga, and Miss George B. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Turner, of Ayer, were united in marriage in the Plymouth Congregational church, Belmont, by Rev. Warren Chandler, of Troy, N. Y.

Found Not Guilty

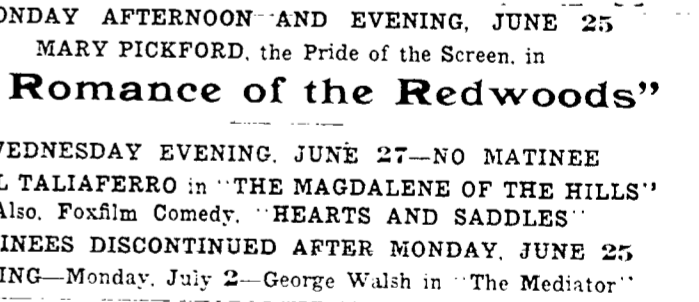
In the cases against Morris Schwartz which was tried at East Cambridge, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week before Judge Keating and a jury, the defendant was found not guilty.

Army Trucks Arrive

The 38th truck company, quartermaster corp., U. S. A., unfurled the first United States flag over the Ayer camp Tuesday upon its arrival after a record-breaking run from Nogales, Ariz. The company camped there Tuesday night, the first regular army soldiers under canvas upon the ground to be used by whole army divisions.

High School Graduation

The graduating exercises of the class of 1917 of the high school were held in the town hall on Thursday evening, beginning at eight o'clock, before one of the largest audiences that has ever been assembled on a similar occasion.



MABEL TALIAFERRO in 'THE MAGDALENE OF THE HILLS' Also, Foxfilm Comedy, 'HEARTS AND SADDLES' MATINEES DISCONTINUED AFTER MONDAY, JUNE 25 COMING—Monday, July 2—George Walsh in 'The Mediator'







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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN HENRY TURNER, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by HUNTLEY S. TURNER and GEORGE H. B. TURNER, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at said Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, 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 granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Ayer Herald," a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least 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.

**MILK IS ECONOMICAL.**

Sometimes proper diet is a question of actually increasing the use of foods which furnish nutritive material at relatively low cost. Milk is such a food. The average person uses only a little more than a half-pint of milk daily.

Milk contains the body-building materials (protein and mineral substances) and also supplies energy. Seven ounces of skirion or 8.5 ounces of round steak, 4.3 eggs, or 8.5 ounces of fowl. One quart of milk equals in energy, 11 ounces of skirion steak, 12 ounces of round steak, 8 1/2 eggs, or 10 1/2 ounces of fowl.

To supply protein, milk at 7 cents is as cheap as skirion steak at 16.3 cents or eggs at 17.6 cents; at 9 cents it is as cheap as skirion steak at 21 cents or eggs at 22.5 cents; at 12 cents it is as cheap as skirion steak at 27.9 or eggs at 30.3 cents.

If milk is 10 cents a quart, skirion steak must sell as low as 23.3 cents a pound, and eggs at 25.1 cents a dozen to supply protein at equal cost. To supply energy, when milk is 7 cents, skirion steak must not be more than 9.5 cents, and eggs not more than 9.3 cents. Milk at 9 cents is as cheap as skirion at 12.8 and eggs at 11.9 cents; at 12 cents, it is as cheap as skirion at 17 cents and eggs at 15.9 cents. Milk even at 15 cents a quart is a cheap source of energy compared with skirion steak and eggs.

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**DRAFT HORSES NEEDED.**

There is a revival of the demand for draft horses. This is shown by the keenness with which western farmers are buying for spring use. With this new opportunity, a comeback in horse breeding in Massachusetts is worth considering.

During the coming breeding season, horse raisers should not overlook that stud horses capable of being good sires are scarcer and more costly since war broke out.

Unflinching patronage of the high class sire will automatically drive the nondescript breeding horse from the community.

**FLY THE FLAG AND THE CORN-TASSEL.**

**GROWING CARROTS.**

The critical period in growing carrots is the first few weeks. Carrot seed does not usually germinate as well as other garden seeds, and the young seedling is so fine and delicate that it is easily choked by weeds.

Therefore early cultivation is extremely important. After the plants are once started, if soil conditions are right there is little fear of losing the crop. Thinning is the same as with beets, except that fewer of the very young plants can be used for human food.

**FARMERS MAKE LARGE LOANS.**

Nearly fourteen thousand dollars in loans have been applied for in twenty towns in Franklin County for agricultural purposes reports the county committee on food production. The high price of seed, fertilizer and labor is responsible.

Requests for loans received by the committee are referred to the banks of the various towns, with the understanding that the banks will take up the application directly with the farmer.

**HINTS ON CRUCIFERS.**

Crops like cabbage, cauliflower, turnip and rape, thrive in a variety of soils, but will not do well if water be near the surface or the soil is wetish. Well tilled loams, in good fertility should be preferred. The lighter for English turnips, Swedes and early cabbage and medium loams for late cabbage and cauliflower.

Under irrigation, success is possible on very light soils if highly manured or overwet soil produce clubroot. The crop should not be grown two successive years on the same land.

These crops fail or do poorly in any soil which is sour in marked degree. If blue litmus paper when left in contact with the moist soil an hour or two, turns red, lime is needed. The rate of application must, of course, vary to suit different conditions, but in general for the lighter, sour soils about one ton per acre of air-slaked lime or marl, or one and one-half tons of fine ground limestone is desirable. For the heavier soils about fifteen hundred pounds of water-slaked lime is likely to be beneficial. For uses of lime, ask for Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station Circular No. 20.

**KEEP THE HEN COOPED UP.**

The old hen unless she is cooped up will lead her brood to suffering and death in her wild seeking of a place in the sun. The chilling and exhaustion of the chicks when led through the heavy, wet grass and over long distances by the foolish ambition of the kaiser-headed hen results in great and totally unnecessary losses. As with automats, the remedy for the hen is simple; enther up in a beautiful but secure coop, and leave the chicks to which she proves so poor a guardian plenty of freedom to go and come as they please. Hens and kaisers exist for the brood, not the brood for them.

**SHIRLEY**

News Items.

Miss Blanche Sawyer, of Boston, has arrived at her home in town to assist in caring for her mother, who is critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Chesbrough are entertaining a brother of Mrs. Chesbrough, J. E. Midland, of Northfield, Vt. Mrs. Chesbrough has not seen her brother before for sixteen years.

Miss Inez McMurray, of Boston, is visiting at the home of Mrs. W. Love.

Miss Gladys Ames, who has been teaching school in Putney, Vt., has returned to her home, to remain during the school vacation.

The first open-air concert of the season was given Tuesday evening in Depot square, a large number attending, including many who motored from nearby towns.

Alvah E. Watton is now working in Ayer at the wool factory.

Mrs. Alfred Walker, of Amesbury, has been spending this week with her niece, Mrs. Roy Birchard.

Ernest Harris has leased his farm land in Lancaster to the government and will be a part of the military camp which will be used as a rifle range.

St. Anthony's parochial school held graduation exercises on Friday of this week. The graduates are Helen Pielote, Arthur Bulger and Albert Michaud.

George Sibley was arraigned in the district court at Ayer on Monday for assault upon his wife. He was found guilty and committed to the house of correction for thirty days.

Children's day will be observed on Sunday at the congregational church. The interesting features will be special singing by the children and choir, and an appropriate address by the pastor. Potted plants will be given to the children. The Sunday evening service will commence at seven o'clock.

Rev. and Mrs. Douglas H. Corley and daughter Marion arrived on Friday of this week to remain during the summer. They are occupying the parsonage, and Mr. Corley's parishioners and friends are pleased at the prospect of their presence in town during the vacation period. Mr. Corley will return to Harvard divinity school in the fall, and next June will be graduated with the degree of Doctor, which is the highest degree given. Mr. Corley has been preaching in Cambridge, which are all tinged with modernism.

Chief Riley received a message last Saturday from the chief of police in Pittsfield, stating that a man about twenty-six years of age, unknown in that town, had been killed by a train. In his pocket was a registration card from the town of Shirley, and the name written on the card, which was blurred, was either Longley or Landry. All efforts by Chief Riley has thus far failed to locate the man as being identified in this community in any way.

William J. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Wood, formerly of this town, now of Lowell, has joined the navy and is now in training on Commonwealth pier, Boston.

Mrs. Frank Dunham and daughter Gladys spent Friday and Saturday of this week with relatives in Littleton, N.H.

Mrs. Herbert O. Peasley, who has been ill for several weeks, is improving slowly. Miss Delia Gilmartin has succeeded Mrs. George Brusco, who has been caring for her.

Herbert Moore and family, of Boston, are at the Ayer cottage, Fort Pond, for the summer.

Walter Colburn, of Somerville, spent the first of the week with his sister, Mrs. Viola Hodgman.

Mrs. Mary Connors and Williams Connors, of Medford, were guests the first of the week at the Shirley Inn.

Leonard Hooper graduated on Monday from the Fitchburg Normal school.

James West will move his family and household goods this Saturday to North Cambridge, where he has secured a position with the Beacon Auto & Machine Co., Roxbury.

The plea of Mrs. John Ellis to regain the custody of her ten-year-old daughter Olga, for whom a world-wide search was made, has been refused by the supreme court of Japan, where the child was taken by her father, Rev. John Ellis, according to advices received. The case has been pending in the Japanese courts for three years and had previously been involved in extensive litigation in this state. Mr. Ellis was well-known here, having been a former pastor of the First Universalist church in this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French, with two young daughters, Ruth and Marion, arrived Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, to spend over the week-end, accompanied by Mrs. Wilbur French, of Lowell, accompanied them, remaining during Thursday. Mr. French, teller at the office of the Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., returns to his duties next Monday after his annual two weeks vacation.

Pupils from this town attending the Fitchburg high school, conclude their school duties next Wednesday.

A number of ladies met last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. E. H. Conant and it was voted to organize a branch of the Red Cross Society and to work in conjunction with the Fitchburg chapter. Names were chosen to solicit funds and they will make a house to house canvass.

Services at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Rev. William H. Adams, of Cambridge, will preach on "Moral Courage." Miss Josephine C. Longley is expected to sing a solo.

Miss Agnes M. Holden, Mrs. Lawrence J. Edgerton and Mrs. Kate E. Hazen attended the 102nd session of the North Middlesex conference at the Unitarian church in Ashby, Thursday, June 14. They report an enjoyable day and a well-attended, enthusiastic conference.

Thomas Allen Farmer, born March 8, is said to be the youngest child in Shirley owning a Liberty bond.

The Ladies' Aid of the Universalist church will hold their annual meeting next Wednesday afternoon in the vestry. All those having names and addresses please leave them at Frank H. Wheeler's residence and they will be cared for.

D. A. R.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, that great national organization of patriotic women, whose ancestors fought for the military and naval freedom of the American nation, have again, as in the Spanish-American war, offered their services to the government as an auxiliary in time of war and are now listing their talents and resources.

Mrs. George T. Guernsey, president-general, has appointed a national committee in charge of publicity of war relief. The object of the committee is to give every D. A. R. the opportunity to pledge her services to her country. The national society is divided into six districts, corresponding in their territorial limits to those established by the war department in the geographical organization of its own department. Each district has a district chairman. Registration blanks have been sent every member of the national society, listing her for active service in different occupations.

The war relief service committee has appointed a committee from the council of the national defense and many men in the federal government to learn how the daughters can give their services when most needed.

Center.

Mrs. Vera Bradford arrived home last Saturday from Bath, Me., for the summer vacation.

Ralph N. Graves, who has been attending Bryant & Stratton Business college, Boston, has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Graves, for the summer vacation.

Rev. Sherrard Billings, of Groton School, conducted the service at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. Following the service the last meeting of the Sunday school was held. On Sunday, June 24, the regular service at 3.15 will be conducted by Rev. Angus Dunn of the Episcopal Theological school in Cambridge.

Henry Crowe, of Woodville, is out with a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle with a side-car attachment.

Work was started last week on the new cement bridge across the Mulpus brook, at the corner of the road, near the home of W. A. L. Crockett.

Miss Clara Shaw and a party of friends are occupying C. Lane's summer home on Burrage street. Miss Shaw is out with a new Ford touring car.

Miss Helen Bradford, of Athol, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. Raymond Bradford, of Waltham, was also at home over Sunday.

Miss Florence Adams, of Mt. Holyoke college, is at the home of her father, Albert Adams, for the summer.

Rev. J. A. Muller, of the Episcopal church of Cambridge, who has preached several times at Trinity chapel, leaves soon for Hankow, China, where he expects to stay and teach for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snow of Brookline, are at the home of Mr. Snow's father, G. L. Snow, for a visit of several weeks.

Mr. Tuller, of Boston, has been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Anna F. Dakin.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 23, at the community hall.

The center primary school closed last week Friday for the summer vacation.

The Special Aid society met in the town hall last week Friday afternoon with a good number present, and started their work under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Pray. The society's extended meetings every Friday afternoon for the present.

A social dance was held in the town hall last Saturday evening under the management of Harry N. Brown. A good number were present and spent a very enjoyable evening. The music—piano and drums—was furnished by several local musicians.

The Matrons' Aid society held its regular meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Eva Marsh, Center road. The place of the next meeting, which occurs in two weeks, is as yet undecided.

Miss Marion L. Holden, who has been teaching school in Templeton, is home for her summer vacation.

Forrest B. Wing, of Brookline, a grandson of Albert Adams, and very well known in town, graduated this week from Harvard university. Mr. Adams and Misses Mary and Florence Adams, and Mrs. Anna F. Dakin were in Cambridge, Wednesday, for the commencement week festivities.

Charles K. Bolton has presented Trinity chapel with a handsome baptismal font in memory of his father, Charles E. Bolton, formerly mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, and his mother, Mrs. Sarah K. Bolton. The font is carved in the shape of a cross, and is considered to be the best wood carving in America. There are three panels from the life of Christ, representing the Nativity, the Wise Men and the Ascension of the spirit. The font is simple in style with Celtic decorations and will match the present furniture of the chapel. This week it is on exhibition at the Arts and Crafts society on Park street, Boston, and will later be brought to the chapel.

It is reported that the old hotel at North Cambridge, which was formerly the residence of the Dwyers of Fitchburg and will be used as an inn. They have in the past managed hotels in Clinton, Lancaster and Leominster, and own the Hotel Reginald in Fitchburg.

Robert H. J. Holden, of Harvard law school returns this week to the home of his mother, Mrs. Harrie P. Holden, for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Chisholm, of Boston, is occupying Mrs. Cynthia Leland's new bungalow on Center road.

The annual picnic of the Sunday school children of Trinity chapel was held last week Thursday afternoon at "Paradise." A number of children were present and spent a pleasant afternoon playing games. Refreshments were served. The Sunday school teachers from Groton School, with some friends, were also present and enjoyed the picnic.

Barnard Holden and his father, Herbert Holden, have entered suit in the superior court, Worcester, to recover damages for the injury and medical services, against the party through whose negligence it is alleged that Barnard was shot in the foot last July. The defendant was one of a party of hunters who had stopped at the home of Mr. Holden. The suit is said to have been pending against their mother, who died in the hospital, and discharged, the shot, which struck Barnard in the foot. Thomas Casey, of Fitchburg, is counsel for Mr. Holden, and Walsh & Walsh, of Fitchburg, represent the defendant.

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All persons having claims upon the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to take them out and present them to the undersigned, who will pay the same out of the assets of said estate as they are called upon to make payment of.

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