

PEPPERELL

News Items.
Fred S. Bancroft, who was the victim of a curious accident a short time ago at the Brighton stock yards, is improved sufficiently to return to his work there this week.
Dr. Nelson Wood took a short vacation over the Fourth and the remainder of the week with his parents in Springfield.
Miss Whipple, of Ipswich, was the guest of Mrs. E. F. Harmon recently.
Several auto-truck loads of furniture belonging to Harry K. White came from Boston and was placed in his new purchase, the Col. Prescott place, last week. Mrs. White and the family were in town over Sunday.

We note in a recent Boston daily that Nathaniel Fowler, the well-known writer and lecturer, is spending the summer at Lake Sunapee, N. H., and between fishing trips is finishing up his book No. 34. Mr. Fowler spent last summer in town at the home of Mrs. H. A. Phelps, with a secretary and trained nurse.
Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sederquist and two sons came from Waltham by auto, visiting over the Fourth with Rev. and Mrs. George M. Newhall, Townsend street. The younger son, Herrick Sederquist, expects to remain here for the season on the L. T. Wilson farm as a "boy farmer."
Mrs. E. M. Comery with her granddaughter, Hazel Caldwell, of Concord Junction, are at the Comery farm, Elm street, coming Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn entertained an auto party of friends from Winthrop over the week-end.
The services on Sunday at the South street schoolhouse were again in charge of Rev. J. E. Lewis, his interest in keeping up the service through the summer being much appreciated by those who are benefited. There was a song service, Miss Maynard acting as organist, a short address by the pastor, followed by the Sunday school lesson.
Mrs. Walter Sherwood entertained her sister, Mrs. Ernest Barrett, and daughter, from Somerville, over the Fourth. They returned home on Friday.
Myron Murphy, who has recently been employed at the railroad station in Ayer as telegraph operator, was transferred here last week to a similar position at the station on the Worcester and Nashua division.



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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gillespie and two sons arrived from Philadelphia, Pa., Sunday. They are the guests of Mrs. Emily Gillespie on the South road. The family will spend the summer here. Mr. Gillespie having but one week of vacation at his home from one of the Peppers boys, Karl Newhall, now acting as regular nurse in Base hospital No. 5, in France, with the Harvard unit, gives us some unvarnished, uncensored facts concerning certain details. He speaks of being one of the force sent out on a convey the night before, from 11.30 to 2 in the morning, when 124 stretchers were brought to his hospital, and speaks of his ward holding fifty-two, "filling up." In speaking of the daily routine he speaks of the food as rather poor and scanty at that. Breakfasts of bread, oleomargarine and weak coffee, and dinners of tin cans, with rice instead of potatoes, and no available vegetables or green garden food, although they are hoping for some change soon. When actual facts are presented in this manner it seems to bring matters nearer home, and makes the result of our "garden fad" something more than a joke.
Mrs. Thomas Byrnes and son spent a part of last week at her old home in town. Mr. Byrnes came from Derry, N. H., for the Fourth.
Mrs. Angus Cuthbertson and son Clyde with friends, Mrs. Schroeder and son and daughter, all from Fitchburg, were guests of Mrs. Robert Sherwood over Sunday, coming here from Groton with Mrs. Maude Lackey, whom they had been visiting.
Raymond Paul has gone to Newport, R. I., where he goes on duty as a yeoman.
David Sharpe has assumed his duties as superintendent at the Nashua River Paper Mills, filling the position left vacant by the resignation of Mr. McManus.
Mrs. Frank Kennedy has been entertaining Miss Ruth Hagstrom, of New York and the Misses Walton and Chinn, of Brighton, at Pinehurst, for the past ten days.

Miss Blanche Supernault started for Bay City, Mich., Monday to visit her brother, having changed her plans from spending the summer at New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Perry of Somerville spent last week in town with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sanborn of Boston, former residents on Oak Hill, are spending the summer at the home of Mrs. Allen McElhenney, as usual.

Mrs. Anne Egan is entertaining her father, Mr. Lacrosse, of Lebanon, N. H., this week.

At the auction sale of the Frank H. Behrens property on Monday afternoon the late residence of Mr. Behrens on Mill street was bid off by C. F. Worcester, Esq., for \$1350. The double tenement house on Chapel place was bid off by Rainsford Deware for \$1850. No bids were made on the house on Cottage street.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ashton, with friends, motored here from Fitchburg for a short call on relatives and friends last Sunday.

Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson went to Sunapee, N. H., Tuesday, to take back home her two nephews, Nathaniel and Richard Parker, who have been visiting relatives here. Mrs. M. A. Cuthbertson came from Fitchburg to keep house for her son during her absence.

The death of Julius Thayer occurred on Thursday evening at his home on Pleasant street after many weeks of illness, aged about sixty-six years. He leaves a wife, four sons and two daughters, who have the sympathy of the entire community. Services will be held at St. Joseph's church on Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

ABOUT DUE
Mrs. Cassidy, thinking her husband was rather late in coming home on Saturday with his pay, went to the police station to inquire if he was there.

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WESTFORD

Center. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Knight are enjoying a two-weeks' vacation with relatives in White River Junction, Vt. Mrs. Knight's absence Henry Colburn is taking care of the Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Preston H. Skidmore and daughter Elaine and Mrs. William E. Carver and children, Elizabeth and William, go this week and for a stay at Chatham Beach. The party drive down to the cape in the Skidmore auto. The meeting for the canning demonstration was unavoidably postponed from July 11 to Wednesday, July 25. All the housewives and young people are heartily invited to be present. Miss Alma G. Halbower is the home demonstration agent for the Middlesex County Farm Bureau and is a very capable and practical teacher and is highly recommended by all who have seen and heard her. The time and place is Wednesday, July 25, at two o'clock in the town hall.

Mrs. Anna M. Grant, of Lowell, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss May, to Elmer Clark Matthews, L. T. S. 17. Miss Grant is pleasantly remembered as the skillful and popular dancing school teacher two seasons ago and has many friends in Westford. The John P. Wrights start Saturday for a week's stay in Stony Brook, N. H. They drive over the road in their auto and stop one night en route at Swanzy, N. H. Miss Alice MacDougal, who has been for about eight years with the John C. Abbotts, is at the Coram hospital in Lowell, where she is awaiting a serious operation for gallstones on Wednesday. She is reported as standing the operation well and rallying from the anesthetic and a good recovery is expected. Her husband, Mr. C. Abbott and son Robert are spending a vacation in New Hampshire. Mrs. Lewis J. Marden, of Campton, N. H., has been a recent visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. H. Sutherland.

Miss Lillian Sutherland has gone with friends for a week's auto trip in New Hampshire. The Sunday school picnic was postponed from this week Thursday until next week Thursday. Percy E. Wright carries the children to Lake Umbagog with his auto truck, and the children and young people are assured of careful transportation thereby. The electric lights were out of commission on Wednesday evening and people were obliged to use lamps and candles. Workmen worked hard and had the service resumed before many hours. The street lights were not affected by the trouble. The oil for the streets did not arrive this week and the heavy rain that fell on Wednesday afternoon and evening was most welcome to lay the dust and for the growing crops, although it upset the plans of the hay-makers. J. W. Rafter is reported as doing nicely at the Lowell General hospital and is expected home soon. The Oakland play the Littleton team Saturday at Whitney playground. This will be an interesting game and friends should not miss it. Westford gives the team of Westford boys all the friendly encouragement they can. In last week's game with the Emeralds of Lowell the Westford boys won by the score of 12 to 4. The home guards, recently organized, who have been doing such good work in their drilling, was inspected on Tuesday evening by Col. Barrill, of Boston. The men made a good impression with the inspector, who stated they should report favorably for acceptance by Gov. McCall, and the prospect is good for being mustered in within a short time. If accepted, the company will be subject to duty anywhere in Massachusetts. All land owners are warned against the appearance of the plant known as the orange hawk weed, or "devil's paint brush." This brilliant flower, with its showy yellow and brown colors, if it once gets a hold in gardens and fields, is a real pest. It spreads rapidly and the only way to get rid of it is to pull it up. Albert Heywood, who is in the navy, has been spending a week's furlough in town. Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth and son Roger go this week-end for a vacation at Oronoque Beach, Me.

Word comes to Westford friends of the serious illness of Dimock Sutherland of Newton, and of the John Hancock Insurance Co. of Boston. Mr. Sutherland is afflicted with a tumor on the brain and goes to Philadelphia this week to undergo a very critical and delicate operation in the hope that his life may be spared. Mrs. Sutherland and his daughter Thelma accompany him. A. H. Sutherland, of this town, is his brother, and while the senior Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland had a home here the Dimock Sutherlands were frequent visitors in this village.

Red Cross Subscribers. Westford's subscription to the special fund for Red Cross work, amounting to nearly \$52,000, was a generous one. Those contributing five dollars and more are given in this list and grateful acknowledgments are made to those who gave lesser amounts, which would gladly be published did space permit. Thanks is also due to the committees who worked so hard and so faithfully. Abel J. Abbott \$100.00 Abel Worsted Co. \$50.00 Julian A. Cameron \$50.00 Mrs. Abel J. Abbott \$25.00 Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher \$25.00 Ellen C. Wetmore \$20.00 V. C. B. Wetmore \$15.00 Oscar J. Spaulding \$10.00 Rev. J. C. Abbott \$10.00 Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hoyt \$10.00 Mrs. G. Sargent \$10.00 Mrs. A. A. Sargent \$10.00 Mrs. A. A. Sargent \$10.00

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kirk of Leominster spent the week as guests of Miss Emily Catchpole. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins of Southbridge on Saturday and Sunday. Misses Emily and Ethel Collins spent the week-end with relatives in Haverhill. Th Martin Service Baseball team was to play the Forge Village A. C. here Saturday afternoon, but failed to appear. A game was arranged with a picked-up team with the Spinner brothers for the battery. This is the first time the Spinner boys have played together for several years and they nearly carried home the bacon. The meeting of the Red Cross sewing circle will be held in the Sewing Room of St. Andrew's mission on Tuesday afternoon, July 17. The sewing will be in charge of Miss Marion L. Blodgett, instead of Miss Eva F. Pyne, who is unable to continue the work. Corporal Edward Blodgett of Co. E, 5th Regiment, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver, and his many other relatives here for a week. Joseph Murphy, who left here a short time ago to enlist in the navy as a wireless operator, spent yesterday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards. Mr. Murphy wore the uniform of the U. S. navy.

PEPPERELL

About Town. The War Relief committee of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., has sent a third consignment to the Red Cross at Lowell, consisting of 138 bandages and 456 dressings, making for the three weeks since the workman 1452 dressings and 386 bandages. Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will hold an all-day meeting on Wednesday, July 18, at the chapter house. Box luncheon. Each one may bring a guest. In charge of the Pilgrimage committee, Mrs. Bessie Allen, chairman. S. A. S. A. P. The Special Aid society held its regular weekly meeting on Monday, July 9, at its rooms. Over fifty workers were present. At three o'clock the chairman, Mrs. Appleton, called the committee of thirty appointed in April together and reports were called for. Mrs. Lewis secretary read reports of recent Special Aid regular meetings and Miss Mary Sullivan, treasurer, reported bills paid and \$68.00 in treasury. Mrs. Guttersen, chairman of the finance committee, reported all bills rendered and the names of two resigners. Mrs. Leon P. Richardson, chairman of the enrollment committee, gave a full and most satisfactory report of the interest shown by our town's women in pledging their services to the grand work before us. No report was given by the publicity committee as none was called for, the notices and reports of the meetings have been kindly furnished by a member of the society.

The chairman of the Social Service committee, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, resigned as chairman of the Red Cross committee of the Special Aid, as her duties as chairman of the Pepperell Red Cross society will permit of her holding the two offices. The fine report of the generous collection sent recently to Boston headquarters was given as published in last week's papers by Mrs. Woodward. Two ladies were chosen to fill the vacancies of two resigning members of the Red Cross committee. An account of a delightful meeting at Dr. Peabody's home in Groton on Saturday, July 7, was given by Mrs. Appleton, who with Mrs. Johnson and others were called at very short notice to meet representatives of other societies and listen to Mr. Hubbard, who represents Mr. Lee, who is assistant secretary of war, on "Social welfare." Mrs. Lewis read about the Social Service of the ten towns and in response to the suggestion that two ladies from each church be chosen to act as Social Service workers, the following were chosen: Roman Catholic—Mrs. Kevin and Miss O'Brien; Congregational—Mrs. L. R. Qua and Mrs. A. G. Pike; Methodist—Mrs. Beers and Mrs. George Pierce; Unitarian—Mrs. Addison Woodward and Mrs. William Woodward. Mrs. L. P. Shattuck read a paper on patriotic line work sent out by Agricultural colleges. The following articles from the Special Preparedness society have been sent to Donald Jacobs, who is patrolling the Maine coast: two pairs stockings, hemlet, scarf, pair thumbless wristers, wash cloth, six handkerchiefs and a sailor's kit. The same amount of articles have been sent to Paul Kimball, both are our town's boys.

Prescott Estate and Family. (Second Installment.) Col. Prescott's son, William, born on his father's estate in 1762, was placed under instruction of the best teachers at the early age of fourteen. He was graduated from Harvard college in 1783, and taking the study of law as his profession, began practice in Beverly in 1787. He removed to Salem in 1790. His success in the law was marked and honorable. He was appointed judge of the court of common pleas of Boston, and continued at the bar until 1828. At the time of his retirement from the bar, it is related that Daniel Webster said: "Mr. Prescott stood at the head for legal learning and attainments." The last sixteen years of his life were passed here at a Pepperell estate, and at his summer place at Nahant. He died in 1844. While he was a young lawyer he married in 1783, Miss Catherine Nickling, of Boston. She survived him with three children of the seven born to them. The eldest of these three was William Hicking Prescott, the historian. He was born in Salem in May 1796. The family removed to Boston in 1808, and the young lad became one of the top or two students who were received by Rev. Dr. William Greenleaf, rector of Trinity church, Boston, for instruction in Greek and Latin classics. In 1811 he was admitted to the sophomore class in Harvard college. It was there that he contracted the ailment which received the injury to his eye, the carelessness of another student, which caused paralysis of the retina, and blindness in that eye for life. In spite of this affliction and subsequent ill health, he persevered and accomplished a wonderful career. In the summer of 1819 he returned after a four-year's absence in Europe and England. The following year he was married to Miss Susan Amory, of Boston. A friendship connected with his marriage should be noted. The grandfather of Mr. Prescott and Miss Amory had fought on opposite sides at the battle of Bunker Hill. The grandfather of the latter, Capt. John Linzee, of the royal navy, commanded the ship "Falcon" which was moored in Charles River, and cannonaded the hill. The swords worn by the soldier and sailor on that memorable day were handed down as heirlooms in the respective

families, until, by this marriage they became united and were quietly crossed in the library of this man of letters. After his death they were transferred, by his request, to the rooms of the Massachusetts Historical Society at Boston, where they are still preserved. In 1827 Mr. Prescott began his "History of Ferdinand and Isabella," finishing the same about the middle of 1836. Reckoning the time given to its preparation, he had given about ten of the best years of his life to the work. This was followed in 1841, by his "Conquest of Mexico," which was published in 1843. During all this time he was associated with the North American Review and a constant contributor, the articles being collected about 1850 under the title, "Biographical and critical miscellanies."

About this time he was also engaged in the preparation of the Second edition of his much of his time during the summer months at the Pepperell estate. After the completion of the first volume, he went abroad for his health, spending some time in England, and in the latter part of that year, and at the ancient farmhouse of his forefathers until the late fall, until, to quote the historian himself, "Monadnock begins to look coldly upon me." He and a companion, Sir Charles and Lady Lyell, whom he had become acquainted with in England, paid him a visit at his ancestral home, and were delighted with its charms. In speaking of the quiet life of the historian and his family at this time, his legal advisor, William Gardner, who was called upon to draw up successive wills in referring to them says: "The historian and his family at this time the Pepperell farm as any baron of England of his feudal castle. In his will he entailed the Pepperell estate in the strictest manner, although he well knew that any such entail, by the provision of our statutes, could be annulled and convert the estate into an ordinary inheritance, as unfettered by conditions as if he had purchased it. He trusted and hoped that nothing but a fatal accident would induce the heir of his blood to part with this possession. In 1858 he was attacked with a first illness from slight apoplexy, which yielded to treatment at a medical resort, but left him with diminished strength and mental powers. In January, 1859, he suffered a second attack of the same disease, from which he never rallied. His death occurred on his birthday, the 10th of July, 1859, in the family tomb, under St. Paul church. He was survived by his wife and three children. William Gardner Prescott, born in 1829; Elizabeth, born 1828, and Amory, born 1830. (To be continued.)

HARVARD

News Items. Word was received Tuesday that the lumbermen's war unit, in which Leonard Whitney and Robert Sheehan are enrolled, had reached England. Mrs. Bert Haskell, with Mrs. Emma Whitney and Mrs. M. J. Houghton, left on Wednesday to see Andrew Haskell, who is now on his eighth week under treatment for mastoids. He has a very stubborn case and has undergone four operations, but the doctor feels that the best is improving at present. Master Andrew is up and around and feels fine, and suffers scarcely any inconvenience from his treatment. Edwin Houghton was taken last week to the Peter Brigham hospital, Boston, where he is recovering from his foot trouble, the result of stepping on a nail several weeks ago. The report on Wednesday is very favorable and Mr. Houghton is getting along very nicely. Judge Terry, with his wife and daughter of Somerville, are guests at the Kerley house. They are regular summer visitors here and have many friends among the townspeople. Chapman, of Oakdale, drilling a well for George T. Gale's new house, found a supply of galena water at forty-three feet this week. The supply is estimated at ten gallons per minute. A final clean-out and test is to be made again this week. Miss Dorothy West goes next week for an eight-day camping trip as a guest of the naturalists club at Amherst. This is as a prize for excellence in work made last season. Irving Taylor is out with a new runabout car. Walter Dickson is boarding at home, going back and forth to his work in Ayer daily. Children's day was observed at the Congregational church last Sunday, and as usual the children shone in their best and surely deserve lots of praise for their good work. Exceptionally good numbers were given by Marjorie Crandell, Dorothy West, and Marie Barbara Freitche, deserving special praise. The following program was given: Organ prelude; Lord's prayer; quartet, "Carrie," Houghton; Mable Crandell; Dorothy West; Marie Barbara Freitche; cornet solo, Raymond Kingsman; exercises, primary department; violin solo, Kenneth West; vocal duet, Mr. West and Miss Dorothy West. There was a chorus singing by the Sunday school and concert organ. After the exercises Supr. A. C. Fuller presented good wreaths to Kenneth West and Raymond Kingsman for perfect attendance for two years, and bibles to the three present. Mr. Hildreth Hurlburt and Miss Mildred Cobb for memorizing portions of the Scriptures.

The next meeting of the Grange, July 17, will be short story night. Each member must tell a short story or pay a fine of ten cents to the lecturer, who will contribute the amount thus collected to the State Grange educational fund. The total amount collected from the box lunch was \$4.75, and it is hoped that members will contribute more in this way and come even if they do not tell a short story. Those of those desiring to join the order this fall must be handed in at this meeting. The school committee invites sealed bids for the carrying of the pupils of the Grange and grammar schools during the winter months of 1917-18. Bids will be received on or before August 1, 1917. Any desired information will be given by the chairman, Mrs. Alma T. Royal. The bids will be made for whatever additional funds may be deemed necessary. At the last meeting of the school committee it was voted that the superintendent of schools be requested to present to the school committee at the September meeting a program of work for the coming year, to cover the work now being done in grades seven and eight, with one year additional, the work to be organized on the departmental plan; that the plan be submitted to the town at the next annual town meeting for ratification, and that a request be made for whatever additional funds may be deemed necessary. The plan, if ratified, and if provisions be made for it, will be put into operation in September, 1918.

Mrs. Jacob C. Beach, of Somerville, is spending the week with her children-in-law, Mrs. Fred A. Whitney and family. Miss Grace P. Nogier is visiting with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Smith, in Southboro. "Nance O'Neil in 'Soul-in-bondage.'" In this play, an original play by Daniel Carroll, the author will be the feature of the motion picture show this Saturday evening. Also, Hughie Mack and Frank Daniels. Red Cross. The financial results of the Fourth of July celebration for the benefit of the Red Cross are very gratifying. The total receipts amounted to \$328.48 and after all expenses were paid \$283.04 was left for the war fund. Altogether, Harvard has contributed \$1500 toward this fund, a sum which well exceeded the hopes of the most optimistic. Expressions of appreciation from the officers of Clinton chapter prove that the splendid work Harvard has been doing for the Red Cross is recognized at headquarters. Will residents of Harvard who have joined the Red Cross through other branches than the HARVARD Auxiliary kindly send their names to the Red Cross tea-room or to the secretary, Miss E. M. Hubachek, that the list of Harvard members may be complete.

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Saturday, July 14, 1917.

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Mrs. Mildred Sanders, of this town, appears with the Mordella Novelty Musical's troupe of soloists in the town square at Chautauque next Wednesday.

Practically all the stores in town will close on Wednesday afternoons for the summer.

Oscar White, formerly of Ayer, visited in town this week. Mr. White served fifteen months in the 26th Cavalry during the European war.

The Massachusetts Woman's Temperance Union will hold a conference in the vestry of the Congregational church on Thursday afternoon, July 13.

The local Exemption Board for Division 15, State of Massachusetts, has organized with George H. Creighton, of this town, as chairman.

On Sunday, in response to a general demand, the church will re-open for regular services. The minister has cut short his vacation and is ready for any professional or personal service either in town or at the camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Winlow, of Columbia street, entertained Mrs. Winlow's brother, K. T. Armstrong, and wife, of Washington, D. C., last Sunday.

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DRUG STORE AYER. We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the following is a list of the names of the persons who were elected to the office of selectmen for the year 1917.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

The members of the Altruistic club have been sending flowers through the summer, as their usual custom to the Parker Memorial, Boston. Although the weather has been unfavorable the children have brought in many pretty wild flowers and ferns which are highly appreciated. The committee would consider it a favor if the contributors would bring in their flowers at an early hour Thursday afternoon, leaving them at the home of Mrs. Martha J. Conant.

Kenneth Horton, Harry O. Baugher and Arthur Deane, three Shirley boys, volunteers in Uncle Sam's army, have arrived at the Ayer camp.

The Clement family have rented the tenement in the Harriman Longley house on Maple street, recently vacated by the Hart family. Mr. Clement is instructing in manual work at the Industrial school.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Quinoy, of Fredonia street, entertained relatives last Sunday from Montreal, Canada. Worcester, Gardner, Fitchburg and Leominster.

Mrs. H. H. McCoy has returned from a several weeks' visit to her old home in St. Stephen, N. B.

Miss Sadie Harkins, principal of the grammar school in Malden, has arrived at the home of her sister, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Lilly, to remain during the school vacation.

An automobile party, consisting of the Misses Gertrude Provost, Mamie Conners, Esther Amesen, Mary Gleason, Mary Badstuber and Mrs. Joseph C. Provost made a trip to Boston on Tuesday evening to witness the play "Cain" at the Metropolitan stadium. The closing night is Saturday, July 14. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Red Cross and reserve officers' fund.

The Universalist church will hold their annual picnic on July 21, at Whalom Park.

Mrs. Charlotte Knox has rented the Gay tenement recently vacated by the Dunham family.

Miss Gertrude Provost, operator at the local telephone exchange, left on Thursday for a vacation of two weeks to be spent in company with her uncle and aunt and others on an auto trip to Lake Umbagog, through the Moxhawk Trail and Connecticut valley.

Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris, for the summer.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Owen Keegan, of Ayer, Sunday. Mrs. Keegan was formerly Miss Hazel Brill, of this town.

A marriage license has been issued to Miss Alvina Wheeler and Clarence D. Young, of Ayer. The latter is a brakeman, and the former is a native and well-known resident of Shirley.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "Ritualism." In the evening, at seven o'clock, the subject will be "The appeal to ambition," with music by the Junior choir.

A large number of the members of the Altruistic club and others attended the mass meeting at Ayer on Tuesday to listen to Dr. Evangeline Young, who spoke on the subject, "Preservation of the morals and health of our young women." A large audience greeted Dr. Young and all were interested in the subject.

Miss Doris White is substituting at the telephone exchange during the absence of Miss Gertrude Provost, who is taking her annual two-weeks' vacation.

Miss Dolly Knowles left on Thursday for a visit of two weeks at the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson, of Boston.

Miss Nora Flannery, of Harvard, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Gately.

H. O. Peasley is out with a new five-passenger Empire automobile.

The Ayer high school class 1916-17 held their reunion at the residence of their former teacher, Mrs. Charles A. McCarthy, Benjamin road, Thursday evening. Dancing and music with the serving of refreshments were some of the features of the entertainment. The evening was most enjoyably spent.

Center.

The band concert next Tuesday will be given at the Center.

Miss Sehr, of Chicago, who is studying with Wesley Wyman, is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Steckeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pinkham, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, of Wallston, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed.

George Conant has sold his farm on the state road at the North to a Mr. Gallager, who is a brother to the Gallagher employed at the home of Mr. Marshall. Mr. Conant is to sell part of his personal property at auction on Saturday afternoon, July 14.

Parties from West Groton have moved into the cottage on the state road at the North, formerly owned by Oscar Harriman.

Lewis H. Bradford and Arthur R. Holden, who have joined the forestry regiment, leave next week from Fitchburg for Fort Slocum, N. Y., on their way to Washington, D. C., or Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for training.

Mrs. Carrie Milne, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Carey, has gone to Vermont to visit her son.

It is understood that Forrest B. Wing has enrolled in the transport service and sails for France July 21. He is spending a few days this week at the home of his grandfather, Albert Adams.

Rev. Grover Harrison, who has had charge of the services at the chapel during the past year, and who left recently for California to become an army chaplain, has presented the chapel with a large framed photograph of himself, which has been hung in the small room as a reminder of Mr. Harrison and his excellent work at the chapel.

Miss Fay is visiting at the home of Miss Florence Adams.

Mrs. Steele Mackaye is at her cottage on Parker road.

John Caldwell, of the world in general, has taken a job at Longley home, steed during the hay-making season and is staying in the old wheelwright shop.

In the absence of Rev. Manley B. Townsend at the First Parish church last Sunday, on account of the death of his brother-in-law, Rev. William C. Adams supplied the pulpit, preaching an admirable sermon on "The old and the new." Miss Parker assisted Mr. Lawson, the regular organist, at the church organ. Mr. Newell also assisted in the church music. Mr. Townsend, who is to supply the pulpit the remainder of the month, will take for his subject on Sunday, "Elevation." His hour of service, eleven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Going, of Nash-

ua, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Charles Longley.

Henry McHenry, who has been staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard, left Saturday for Stockbridge, where he is to stay at the Red Lion Inn.

Mrs. Ruth Graves is visiting in Lunenburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman, of Brookline, are at their summer home on Center road for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford visited their daughter, Miss Helen Bradford, in Athol last Sunday.

Another social dance was held in the town hall last Saturday evening under the management of Harry N. Brown, with a good number present. The music, piano and drums, was furnished by several different ones.

Mrs. Anna F. Dakin has returned home after spending a week in Cambridge.

A demonstration of canning by the cold pack method was given in the town hall last Tuesday afternoon to a number of the ladies of the Center. The demonstration and talk was given by Mrs. Althea Lindenberg, under the auspices of the public safety committee.

The Misses O'Donnell have opened a lecture called "Mullus Tenuis room," at their home on the state road at Woodsville.

Miss Sara A. Dunn, of New York, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wyman.

Rev. Angus Dunn, of Cambridge, preached an excellent sermon at the chapel last Tuesday and will have charge of the service at the chapel again on Sunday afternoon at 3.15.

Forrest B. Wing returned on Sunday to his home in Brookline after spending a week with his grandfather, Albert Adams.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel held its regular meeting last Saturday afternoon on the common.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman and Frank J. Lawton attended and assisted at the short service and social gathering held by Rev. F. B. Crandall last Sunday evening at the training camp. More of these meetings and other methods of getting in touch with the soldiers are being planned.

Mrs. Ruth Clark, of Springfield, arrived this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Graves, for a short visit.

Work has been started on Center and Parker roads which the state is repairing. These two roads are to be scraped, oiled and sanded, and the portion of Parker road between the Church farm and the state road is to be rebuilt.

Among those from the Center who have attended "Caliban" are Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Groat, Miss Helen M. Winslow, Miss Harriet Winslow, Mrs. E. A. Wyman and Mrs. Anna F. Dakin.

At the next meeting of the Grange, Tuesday evening, July 17, there will be a competitive entertainment for the married and unmarried members, the losing side to furnish a supper for neighbors' night in August.

Howard M. Longley, who has been managing G. L. Snow's farm, has given up his position and has purchased Howard Fuller's house and farm. Mr. Longley expects to take possession in about two weeks, when Mr. Fuller moves to Providence, R. I.

Welcome Longley, of Roxbury, is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Sara Longley.

LITTLETON

News Items.

A pleasant social affair of last week was an afternoon tea given in honor of Mrs. George N. Barker by Mrs. Richard G. Harwood, who invited a few friends to her summer home at Bonnie Brae of Tahattawan road on Friday afternoon.

Miss Katherine Pierce of Worcester entertained friends at an afternoon tea last Saturday, introducing Mrs. Howard R. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb are spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stewart in Worcester.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Alford visited friends in Lowell Wednesday, making the trip to and from Chelmsford on foot.

John H. Kimball, Jr., a lad of eleven years, is one of the enthusiastic young hunters and trappers of the West End. He has been out at least eight wild-chuck during the vacation and the height of his ambition was attained Wednesday when he trapped a fox.

"Bre'r Fox, he lay low fur de senator's poultry yard, he reach under de fence, he get his trap set, he clip and echin." "Bre'r Fox, he look mighty sorrowful nex' mornin', but he ain't say'n nothin', cause he's dead."

Mr. Ames of Melrose was an over Sunday guest of his son, J. W. Ames, at a family of Tahattawan road.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Conant have come to New York to leave their children for a visit with their Littleton grandparents.

Misses Helen and Hester Haney have been camping in the Brown cottage at Spectacle pond this week.

Dr. Jones, who has charge of the sanitary department of the cantonment at Ayer, has been at the H. J. Smith house in Mill road and with his wife and two little children settled there this last week.

Earl Spears little girl was taken to the hospital lately to have a needle removed from her knee.

Mr. Wainwright has three high school boys and Michael McNamara has one high school boy from Chelmsford doing farm work.

The Camp Fire Girls held their ceremonial in the grove at the home of their guardian, Mrs. H. E. Proctor, last week Friday, when they received their ranking having made their dress and head band, worn certain honors, attended a certain number of meetings, etc. It is worthy of mention that they have done no small amount of Red Cross work at their meetings.

Miss Emmeline at Gloucester was a week-end guest of Miss Florence Whitcomb in Newbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hibbard of Dorchester were week-end guests of the G. F. Hibbards.

Miss Margaret Harwood is again spending the summer vacation at Nantucket, where she is making astronomical observations.

Barbara Priest is entertaining German measles.

Miss Anna Braydon and other members of the family have come to their summer home in Warren street.

The W. C. trio, Messames Hazer, Houghton and Hartwell, sang at the meeting in Ayer town hall, Tuesday afternoon, when Dr. Evangeline Young of Boston gave an address before a large audience of women. Ladies of the church and their friends returned with glowing accounts of the meeting.

A conference of the Public Safety committee was held at J. M. Hartwell's home on Sunday evening to discuss the advisability of contributing to a possible recreation fund for soldiers at Ayer camp. It was decided to look into the matter more thoroughly before making definite plans.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennison of Brookline were over Sunday guests at Joseph Wainwright's.

The W. H. Davis and the W. T. Speils families spent Sunday with friends in Milton.

Miss Hazel Wainwright was a recent guest at the home of H. E. Demis in Charlestown.

Mrs. Albert Shedd has charge of the decorations in the Unitarian church this month.

Miss Margaret Thacher was present at the Massachusetts Library Commission in Boston Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Kempton from Washington, D. C., arrived in town this week and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Griffiths, and other relatives in the East for a month. Miss Lucy Griffiths of New York is expected at this time. Mrs. Marv Brower and two children from Waltham have visited at William Griffiths' this last week and Miss Gertrude Griffiths has spent her vacation of two weeks with the home people.

Mrs. Chester M. Hartwell of Detroit, Mich., and two children are visiting at J. M. Hartwell's.

Robert Hartwell has spent a week in Boston visiting many places of interest.

The rain of Wednesday was heartily welcomed by many families whose homes have been enveloped in dust. The gardens, too, although not suffering, have been benefitted by the rain fall.

A delegation from the Baptist church gave Mrs. Dwight Meads of Parkerville a very pleasant surprise at their home on Monday evening, the occasion being the removal of the Meads' family to Chelmsford in the near future. The guests shared with host and hostess in making the evening socially successful and after wishing them Godspeed, returned to their several homes.

Rev. Everett S. Treworgy, minister of the First Parish church in Ashby, will be the preacher at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. O. J. Fairfield. Mr. Treworgy is a graduate of the Meadville Theological school, and before going to Ashby had a pastorate in Stoughton. He is an effective speaker.

Mr. Mrs. Mrs. Arthur Blanchard received a cable message Monday evening from their son Webster announcing his safe arrival at Liverpool. There were 365 men and 120 horses in the steamer. The machinery was shipped in a freight vessel. The ship in the sawmill unit were twenty-four days crossing the Atlantic.

Mrs. C. J. Libby recently visited her daughters, Vera and Alice, as they did not come home after closing school. Miss Alice Libby has gone to East Orleans for the season and Miss Vera Libby will spend the summer at Kennebunkport, Me.

A large company of men putting up telephone wires reminds one of increased business in the towns suburban to Ayer.

Norman Bonnell is playing the Congregational church organ for awhile, giving the regular organist a vacation.

The recital given by Miss Tenney's pupils was a creditable exhibition of progress on the part of the older pupils and a splendid knowledge of music subjects on that of the beginners.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beard and daughter from Hillsboro, N. H., have moved to the "Bandbox" tenement at the Center and McNeill Bros. moved their goods. Mr. Beard has accepted the position of foreman of the farm for Charles E. Fay.

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NOT SCARED BY "OVERPRODUCTION."

Farmers down Middleborough way are not worried any longer about overproduction, for they fear that there isn't any such animal—not this year. As a consequence, they are planning to more than double their acreage in several of the staple crops. It came about this way. The secretary of the local food committee, Mr. Oscar F. Stetson, carefully gathered the figures covering several years on home consumption of staple products, and the amount of these brought in from outside the town. Potatoes afford a good example of the kind of fact he discovered. Of the 16,668 bushels of potatoes used, 12,668 bushels, or all but 24 per cent came from outside. When these figures were put before the farmers, their only fear about planting as extensively as they could was removed, for it was perfectly clear that there would be home consumption for more than they could hope to produce. Doubtless the same condition exists nearly everywhere in the state, for only 8,000 persons in 100 are producers in Massachusetts; the other 92 are consumers. Overproduction is a bugaboo this year. Only something like a miracle can bring about large enough crops to run prices down near the losing point. Buckling Kultur and making good money will go hand in hand.

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MORE PIG ON LESS CORN.

That most pork has been raised on corn in the only food for hogs. In fact, it has distinct advantages. Hogs fed corn do not breed as prolifically as those fed a varied ration, and, for fattening an all-corn diet has become generally unprofitable. Hogs eat a great deal, and eat promiscuously. They thrive best with pasture, grain crops and nuts or roots for most of their bill of fare. On this account, hog raising can be widely extended outside the corn belt. "Every farm can support at least one pig," declared Prof. E. L. Quate, of the Agricultural College. "With extensive use of dairy by-products, root, pasture and forage crops and table refuse and with good care, our state can follow Denmark, Holland, and Scotland, countries that do not raise corn, but are noted for an immense amount of fine pork. Producing pork at home will help us to bring home the Kaiser's bacon."

FALL PIGS, SPRING PORK.

"Forget it," is the urging of the national department of agriculture to farmers who have scruples about breeding immature sows and about breeding for fall litters. "Every breedable sow should be made to produce," they assert. Under common-sense management fall litters are profitable. The earlier the litters come, the cheaper their growth before pastures cease, but litters dropped as late as the middle of October will still have good opportunity to get ready to take care of themselves before hard winter sets in. Breeding until near the close of June is therefore possible. "Even if the sow be only five or six months old, she will contribute more towards food production and profit this year if what she eats is directed to supporting the forthcoming litter than if she were merely fattened and sold, and her own development will be but moderately checked from suckling. Breed pigs to feed America and bump Kultur."

OUR BARREN HILLS.

The United States imports two-fifths to more than one-half of the wool it requires. Recent importations have reached more than 500,000,000 pounds—the average being over 300,000,000 pounds. The total consumption of lamb and mutton during the past 10 years has increased appreciably. In 1907 more than 9,500,000 sheep and lambs were slaughtered at plants subject to Federal inspection. The number now averages about 13,000,000. The chairman of the New York food supply committee has bought 10,000 sheep to be grazed in New York State, who will volunteer such an investment to utilize the fine grazing lands of our own state, enrich them with the manure of flocks, and provide an offset to the rapidly declining meat supply. The new Russia may foil Liberty, but old Massachusetts, as always, will stand true.

LUNENBURG

News Items. The gardens of the town are growing as though they knew and realized the need of extra effort and extra food of all kinds. Dr. Charles E. Woods and Deacon George C. Jewett have the banner potato patches. Not so large as some others, but in point of thrift, color and growth are really better looking and suggest something better to follow.

A little son was gladly welcomed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cross last Sunday. The little lad fills a long-felt want in this home and parents with this addition to the family. The little man will bear his father's name, Frederick Cushing Cross.

George J. Kelley, of the U. S. Marines, who enlisted two years ago, is at home on a ten-days furlough. He has been active since in Hayti and Mexico, where he acquitted himself so well that he has been promoted and will return a sergeant. At least two of Lunenburg boys are doing good service in assisting to build the military camp in Ayer—Carroll H. Fagon and John W. Carpenter, beginning work at seven in the morning and closing at six in the evening each day, and Arnold H. Woods, civil engineer, beginning at eight each morning and working eight hours per day. Several large auto trucks go through town every morning between five and six o'clock, enroute for Ayer, bearing heavy loads of workmen who board in Fitchburg. People here are given a faint idea of the busy scene in Ayer, even if they are not among the steady stream of sight-seers who every day present themselves at headquarters of the camp.

At the meeting of the Old Home Association on Tuesday evening it was voted to observe Old Home Week with appropriate ceremonies, usual, and committees were appointed to take charge of the various events.

Rev. David Wallace and family of Assonet are in town—and are located at the home of Miss Nellie and Fannie Jones for the summer. They expect to remain until the last of August. Misses Nellie, Fannie and Dora Jones are at their summer home at Lake Winnepesaukee, Alton Bay, N. H. F. and Miss Lizzie Howard, also are members of the colony and are antly installed in this beautiful home by the lakeside. Miss Pauline Wallace will have charge of the public library while Miss Jones is away.

William M. Carman and family of New York are in town and domiciled at their pleasant home for the summer. Mrs. Simon Nudd, who recently made a trip to Maine, visiting friends in Skowhegan and other places, returned to her home here last week.

Much sympathy is felt for the family of Frank Barter in the death of the infant son, which occurred July 3. His illness had continued more than a year and was of tubercular nature. At times he seemed to be gaining and was able to attend to his business for a little while, but disease had too strongly held upon him and the relief and apparent improvement was only temporary. He is survived by his widow and six children—three boys and three girls. His funeral was held at his home near Whalom on July 5 and interment was at Walpole.

Fatal Accident.

William Wyman, aged fifty-six years, came to a sudden death on Monday afternoon. He was drawing logs for James M. Brown to a position in the northern part of the town which is being run by men in charge of Gardner A. Gibson. In driving over the road, which was very rough, the logs slipped, and to the binding of the binding chain. This frightened the horses and they sprang into a run suddenly, causing Mr. Wyman to fall off the load, his head striking on a rock. Mr. Gibson and Brown heard the noise and ran to see what was the matter, and found Mr. Wyman lying on the ground, just as he fell. He turned on his back and passed away. Medical Examiner Norton of Fitchburg was notified, who came at once and took possession of the body. The only injury they could see was on the head, just back of one ear. Mr. Wyman came here from Townsend and lived in Lunenburg about eighteen years. He has one brother, who lives alone with only his dogs for company, of which he had four unlicensed ones which were taken charge of by the dog constable. He had planted a large garden, thus planning for the future, and in answer to the call for food supplies.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. William J. Powers passed away quite suddenly in the early morning of July 6 at the home of his brother, James E. Powers. Mr. Powers came here from Milford less than a year ago, and although he had been in poor health for some time the end was rather unexpected. He was forty-one years of age and leaves a widow and Gertrude Powers. His funeral took place on last Sunday afternoon with prayers at the home by Rev. S. P. Haywood. He was laid to rest in the South cemetery.

A meeting of the Red Cross branch of Brookline was held in the town hall on the evening of July 2. The officers remain practically the same as when chosen on the evening of forming the branch—Mrs. Celia Powers, Mrs. Charles Dunbar, chairman, Charles Dunbar, treasurer, Mrs. Edna Hall, Mrs. Lewis Poppie, Mrs. Alpha Hall and Miss Juliet Gilson, ex. com. Quite a sum was pledged for the Red Cross war fund and strawberries contributed by Mrs. William Hall were sold at auction by O. D. Fessenden in order to give a big price, the money to go into the local treasury. Work is to commence at once and the first meeting for this purpose was held on this week Friday afternoon.

The public canning demonstration of the town hall last Monday morning by Miss White, of Milford, who is sent out by the public safety committee, was well attended by the women of the town. The demonstration was both practical and interesting and of much value. The next demonstration will be held on the afternoon of July 23, and it is hoped all the women of the town will make an effort to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bennett, who have lived here for quite a number of years, have moved to Shirley, Mass., where they are to reside with a daughter. As the oldest man in town Mr. Bennett has had the Boston Post gold-headed cane for some time, succeeding the late Nathaniel Hobart. With his moving Mr. Bennett forfeits the right to hold the cane. His successor has not yet been chosen.

Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley went to Worcester, Mass., last week Tuesday to visit at the home of their son Percy. On the Fourth, together with their son, his wife and some other friends, they motored from that city to New-

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PLEASANTON

News Items. The pastor will preach on Sunday at the Baptist church in West Acton in exchange with Rev. C. L. Pierce.

The first of a series of weekly prayer meetings was held last Tuesday evening with Mrs. G. W. Burroughs. A good number were out. The prayer meeting on next Tuesday evening will be held with Mrs. Albert Hartwell.

The umbrella—For many the umbrella has been in common use in China and Japan before it was introduced into European countries. About 200 years ago it was introduced into London by Jonas Hanway, a benevolent and eccentric old gentleman. When he first raised his umbrella, on a rainy day, he found it of unexpected use in keeping off a shower of sticks and stones, with which the street boys pelted him. For a long while it was considered effeminate and ridiculous to use an umbrella.

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Mrs. Walter G. Young, of Fall River, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown.

Alexander Page, of Groton, Vt., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Fred Campbell.

Mrs. Lilla Marshall of Nantasket, Mass., Mrs. K. Carroll of Dorchester, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newell of Mason were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Shick.

In honor of the presence of a visiting member of the club, Mrs. William Rockwood and her husband, of Waverley, Mass., who were spending the day with Mrs. Clara Russell last week Tuesday, several members of the club were motored to the home of Mrs. Russell and made the occasion a merry one. Among those who went were Mrs. Hattie Pierce, Mrs. E. E. Parker, Mrs. William Hall, Mrs. Della Hall, Mrs. Arthur Brown and Mrs. Hadley.

The evening of June 27 was observed as New Hampshire night by the Grange, the program being in charge of Dr. Holcombe and family, and was as follows: Song, "Old Glory"; Grange; recitation, "The State Flag"; Mrs. Holcombe playing the piano; and Alice Whitecomb, essay, "New Hampshire"; Dr. Holcombe, vocal solo, "Old New Hampshire home"; Mrs. Minnie Holcombe, poem, "Marian Holcombe"; piano solo, "Grange"; recitation, "New Hampshire"; recitation, "Miss New Hampshire"; and "Nieces of Uncle Sam"; Ethel Taylor and Frances Farnsworth. The essay by the doctor showed much thought and preparation and was much enjoyed by all present.

Charles Taylor and family, of Fitchburg, motored here last Sunday and visited at the home of Clarence Russell.

Mrs. Etta Rockwood and granddaughter, Alice Hazeltine, spent last week Tuesday visiting Mrs. John Martin, of Pepperell.

David Barnaby, of Springfield, Mass., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Barnaby.

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PEPPERELL

News Items. On Tuesday afternoon, July 17, at three o'clock at the Congregational vestry a canning demonstration will be given by Mrs. Burnett, Moseley, formerly Miss Rayetta Boynton of this town, under the auspices of the Home department of the Farm Bureau.

Joseph M. Graham has sold his place on the Groton road to P. H. Morant, of Salem, a retired carpet manufacturer. Mr. Morant buys for a residence and intends making some changes and improvements, especially to put in a bathroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Blood, in company with Mr. and Mrs. John Fredericks, took a pleasant carriage drive to Brookline, N. H., Sunday, to visit Mrs. Fredericks' mother at Willis Hill, which is the highest point of land in that town, and which is particularly beautiful now, being thickly covered with laurel, which was in full bloom.

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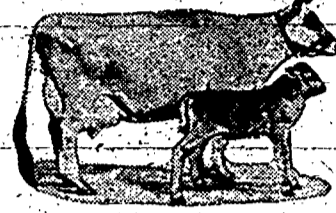
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That "Dead Man's Chest." The rendering of the first line of Stevenson's immortal song as "Fifteen men on a dead man's chest" spoils the significance of the phrase, writes a correspondent.

Winter Dairy Feeds. E. B. Henson, adviser for Dupage county, Ill., suggests the following grain mixtures for the dairyman's use this winter.

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