

TOWNSEND

Center.
The committee on conservation of food of the public safety committee announces that the Middlesex County Farm Bureau will give a busy demonstration in Memorial hall on Thursday, July 26. The program is as follows: 9.30, demonstration of fruit and vegetable canning; 1.30 p. m., meal planning in time of high prices; 2.15, the evaporation of fruits and vegetables; 3.00, talk on the practical way of reducing the cost of food; 4.00, consultation hour.
Rev. and Mrs. Sylvester P. Robertson and little adopted daughter, from Malden, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Dow this week.

Charles H. Hildreth, of the Boot and Shoe Recorder Company, Boston, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Angie Lang, the first of the week.
George A. French has severed his connections with the E. & A. D. Fessenden Company, where he has been employed as saw-filer for the past five years, and left town on Thursday for Westfield, where he has accepted the position of president and general manager of the Lamprey Co., manufacturers of the Lamprey Improved Arch Plate for boilers.
Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hyde and daughter, Miss Maude Hyde, of Somersworth, N. H., are the guests of Mrs. A. L. Fessenden.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spear are receiving congratulations on the birth

of a son, named Richard, born on Saturday morning, July 14.
Mr. and Mrs. James Woods, of Nashua, have been guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Woods.
Cards have been received by friends in town announcing the birth of a son, Theodor Keyes, to Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Gordon, of Lyme, N. H. Mrs. Gordon is pleasantly remembered as Ruth Rowley, the daughter of a former Townsend Congregational pastor, Rev. C. H. Rowley.
The public library trustees, Charles P. Worcester, Alfred L. Struthers and Evelyn L. Warren, are spreading the state-wide appeal for reading matter for Massachusetts soldiers and sailors. All who wish to contribute to this good cause are asked to send their books to the library or leave them with the trustees.
Berton Bruce and son, Nelson, of Forest Hills, are enjoying a visit with Mrs. Abbie Bruce.

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White Vests, very prettily embroidered and picot edge, sells at \$2.50	\$1.75	White and Pink Bodice, ribbon strap and trimmed with pretty val lace. Usually sells for \$4.	\$2 and \$3
Pink and White Vests, yoke of pretty lace insertion. Formerly priced at \$3.00, only	\$2.38	Pink and White Knickers, elastic around top and bottom. Regular price \$2 and \$3, at	\$1.50 and \$2.00
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brothers and two sisters of the deceased, and other relatives and several of his old neighbors and friends attended the committal service. The bearers were George Wyman, a brother, and Charles and Clarence Wyman, nephews of the deceased, and Frank Weston, from the Center, and the grave was covered with beautiful roses and blossoms of the summer. Mr. Wyman was aged 67 years, 3 months and 28 days, and was a native of this town, but had lived alone in Lunenburg where he was employed as a teamster, for about twelve years. He was unmarried, and is survived by three brothers, Allen, Emory and George Wyman, and two sisters, Clara and Sarah. His wife, age, and several nephews and nieces.

BOXBOROUGH
News Items.
The meeting of the Grange on last week Friday evening took the form of a box supper. The proceeds going to help paying the expenses of the annual field day. The attendance was rather smaller than usual, owing probably to the strawberry festival the night before. The following program was given: Piano solo, Miss Hazel Wainwright; reading, Luther B. Furbush; vocal duet, Maria Steele and Helen Burroughs; recitation, Helen Burroughs. The boxes of luncheon the ladies brought were auctioned off by C. T. White, who always makes a success in that capacity. As there were several more men than boxes the bidding was good. A flag guessing contest closed the entertainment. The reward being won by Rev. G. W. Miskin.

Mrs. Randall Livermore was obliged to shorten her stay at Long Island, on account of the illness of her little son. She came home the last of the week.
Mrs. Albert Hartwell spent the first of the week visiting friends in Charlestown.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Houghton and little daughter Doris, of Worcester, spent the week-end at Walnut farm.
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee attended the funeral of a cousin, Mrs. Abby Rowell, in Bolton, last week. Mrs. Rowell was a sister of Clement G. Wetherbee. For some time she had lived with a relative in Medford, where her sudden death took place.

While attending the conference of librarians at Simmons college last week Mr. Littlefield and Mrs. Robbins had an opportunity to see the exhibits of several libraries and attending a dinner at the Woman's City club Friday evening, all of which added much to the week's pleasure.
The Grange held its annual lawn party at the town hall on Tuesday evening. A good crowd gathered to enjoy the various things provided, especially the music by the Colonial orchestra, who played outside the first of the evening and later for the dancing.

Miss Marion Burroughs has her brother's family with her at her cottage for the summer.
Miss Mary Hager has her nephew's two children, Stella and Barbara, of Somerville, at Marigold cottage for several weeks.
Clifton Steele left here several weeks ago with cattle from Littleton guaranteed for Chicago. He was later heard from in El Paso and is now located in Wichita, Kan., where he is working on a 1600-acre farm.

Miss Nellie Philbrick, professional nurse, is entertaining at her home here a friend, also a nurse, who has recently returned from France.

HARVARD
News Items.
Ethel Ryan has bought a house in Ayer and intends to move there later this season.

Mrs. David McKee Morris, of Pittsburg, Pa., with her two children, is spending a few weeks here with her father and household, George F. Fernald. Miss Marie Houghton is acting as companion to the children during the season.

The Harvard Temperance society will hold their quarterly meeting on Sunday evening at the Congregational church, with John F. Brant, secretary of the International Temperance Bureau as the speaker. He will lecture on "saloonless nation." This lecture will be illustrated. Everybody welcome.

On complaint of Constable William Hanna, Charles Altman, of Clinton, was in court charged with reckless driving. He was driving a truck load of workmen to the Ayer camp and near Mark Farnsworth's place struck a telephone pole, throwing out the occupants and badly damaging the truck. Fred Wetherbee is entertaining his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetherbee, Jr., from Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. B. J. Priest entertained thirty members of the King's Daughters from Harvard and Clinton at her home on last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thayer are entertaining their old friend, George Burdette, from Newtonville.
Harvard station was broken into on Monday evening, and quite a sum in tickets and mileage books was taken.
Leon Daldun is in Chicago this week, attending a convention of movie men.

Miss Beryl Bickelov anticipates entering Simmons college this week.
Sometime Monday night burglars entered the railroad station by forcing a catch on the waiting-room window, then smashed the cash box to the telephone, probably getting several dollars. They then broke a glass in the

ticket window and entered the office, where they stole nine 500-mile and four 1000-mile mileage book tickets. They broke open the gum machine and got only six cents.

Warren Harrod has been staying in Boston and vicinity the past week.
Stanley Hardy and daughter, of Worcester, were in Still River on Tuesday. Mr. Hardy as a boy lived in this village, but for many years he has lived in Worcester, working for over forty years in the railroad shop there.

Rogers Morse son of Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse, who enlisted in the medical corps of the U. S. army in June was at home on a three-days' leave of absence this week. His company is now mobilized in Augusta, Me.
William Heeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Heeley, a private in the 8th Regiment, Framingham, was at home a couple of days this week.

Mr. Kromer, a former resident of Still River, living in a house that was burned, at 1 where John Bigelow's barn now stands, was looking over the old place a few days ago.

Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse have entertained three of Mrs. Morse's sisters from Worcester this week.
Red Maple Inn is well filled with guests. Among them are five school teachers from Boston.

Luther Willard and grandson Luther are visiting his daughters in Winchester.
Wendell B. Willard while haying on Thursday, stuck a pitchfork into his knee. He kept at his work, but at night the wound became very painful and the doctor, who was called, did what he could but it will be several days before it will be known whether there will be any serious results.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

Miss Dorothy Lee of Everett is spending her school vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Ford.

The employees of the Samson Cordage Works received their second quarterly bonus last week Friday.

Mrs. Arthur G. Dunn is confined to her home by sickness.

Capt. Sweeney of Camp Devens, who is assistant to Capt. Canfield, is rooming at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch, Lancaster road.

Mrs. Lloyd Wear and three children, of Winchester, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wear, 389-08; and in all these places he left behind him many cherished friends and an enviable record of faithful service.

Since 1902 he had been resident in Burlington, where his sister and his niece are still living. He retained to the last a lively interest in the affairs of his native city, the church, the university, and the Sigma Phi fraternity, of which he was a member.

Work on Center and Parker roads is going ahead rapidly. The greater part of the hill has been graded and the coating of oil is to be applied in a few days. This work is being done under the direction of the state.

Arthur Frary, who has been employed at the portable saw mill in Littleton, was badly injured at a mill last week Friday. While working around the engine he became entangled in a belt, and before he could get away sustained a broken arm and several dislocated fingers.

George Conant, who has sold his home at the North side of the town, goods at auction last Saturday afternoon, and expects to move the remainder to West Acton soon, where he is to make his home.

Lewis H. Bradford and Arthur R. Edman, who have exchanged their forestry regiments, left Monday from Fitchburg for Fort Slocum, N. Y.

Howard Fuller, who has sold his farm on Whitney road to Howard M. Longley, expects to move to Providence, R. I., next week. Mr. Fuller has held a responsible position of office since he came here in 1911, and his loss will be sincerely felt by the town. In 1912 and 1914 he held the office of town clerk, and this year was elected assessor and accepted a position as instructor in the Rhode Island School of Design and will begin his new duties about September 1.

Raymond Bradford, of Watertown, was a visitor Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

A baseball game under special rules between the girls and boys on the common furnished a little excitement on Monday afternoon. The score was in favor of the boys, 2-14. Mrs. Charles K. Boston and Robert H. J. Holden acted as umpires.

Alliance.

An interesting and well attended meeting of the Alliance was held on last week Thursday afternoon in the First Parish church. Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman presided. Owing to the character of the program very little business was done. Miss Agnes M. Holden announced that she and those who were to have charge of the various tables at the lawn party to be held next month.

The speaker of the afternoon was Rev. William L. Walsh, of Billerica, whose subject was "The church and her critics." He prefaced his remarks by referring to the busy summer he spent in Shirley twenty-six years ago, when as a student he preached at the First Parish church. He then went to Boston six days of the week as supervisor of summer vacation schools in Roxbury. He recalled the names of Bancroft, Farnsworth, Holden, Hazen, Brown, Farrar, and others as being attending the schools. He was interested in his welfare at that time. He spoke of seeing Percy Mackaye walking with his father, carrying a long staff and resting his hand on his father's shoulder.

Referring to the war and the critics of the church he stated that there were types of these—the first being what he called the "dilatory" critics; the second, the harsh, abusive, non-constructive critics; and the third, the good, helpful constructive critics like Dr. Samuel Eliot and Dr. Crothers.

After leaving Shirley he finished his college course and was sent to Ohio on a missionary work. He found the first Unitarian church at Youngstown, Ohio. He then came to Massachusetts and settled at Brookfield, where he remained for twenty-two years. Then he came to Littleton, where he is pastor of a church that has a history similar to that of the old First Parish church, being established at about the same time.

He spoke of the great change in the social hour following during which Rev. Mr. Walsh was greeted by old friends. Refreshments were served by the hospitality committee, assisted by Mrs. Grout. The meeting adjourned for one month; the program of the next meeting to be announced later.

LITTLETON

News Items.

There has been a light case of diphtheria on Harvard avenue, but the patient is practically well now. The house has been in quarantine and every precaution has been taken. There have been no other cases reported.

Norman Bonnell is giving excellent satisfaction as organist at the Congregational church. At the morning service last Sunday Mrs. Robert Kempton sang to the gratification of the audience the beautiful selection, "Just for today," and a chorus of young voices contributed much to the service by their singing.

Mrs. George Conant is in town with Mr. Conant.

The intermediate C. E. society has chosen Robert Wood and Miss Margaret Conant and Elizabeth Pickard a committee to collect books, magazines and musical instruments for the soldiers at Ayer camp.

There was a union meeting at the Baptist church last Thursday evening.

Miss Katharine Stewart and John Stewart, of Roxbury, are spending a part of the summer with their aunt, Mrs. A. F. Babcock, at the South End.

Patrick McGovern has accepted a position as blacksmith in Ayer.

Charles Scott has been assisting the Farquar representative in landscape gardening at John Allis' summer home on Fort pond shore.

Edward Fagan has been farming in Littleton during his bride's absence. He expects to go with his company, I, on July 25 to Charlotte, S. C.

Leo Downey and three friends, from Maynard, have had their usual outing of a week in one of the Kimball camps.

The Congregational parsonage roof has been repaired this week.

The N. B. Conant family went to Adams the first of this week for their annual visit with Mrs. Conant's mother and brother.

Prof. Charles E. Whiting went to Jaffrey on last Friday for a month before returning to his home in Cambridge.

At the Board of Health.

The board of health has appointed Howard M. Longley, inspector of slaughtering. The appointment has been approved by the State Department of Health.

Miss Marion Ballou, of Boston, is spending a two-week vacation at her home in town.

Mrs. Edward Marquis, of Somerville, is spending a vacation at the home of her brother, Joseph Gately.

Miss Cora James has accepted a position in the boxing department of the President's Suspenders Company.

Adelphi Lomme attended the Central Massachusetts conference and banquet of agents of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, held at Hotel Warren, Worcester, last Saturday.

Lester James, clerk at the store of Conant Bros., is enjoying his annual vacation this week.

The Pombriand family, of Nashua, are occupying one of Mr. Lucie's tenements on a vacant lot, opposite the leatherboard mill.

Mrs. Otto London, of Cambridge, with daughter, Miss Bernice, arrived Wednesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. James L. Holland.

Mrs. George Pomfret and three children, of Waverly, are expected to arrive this week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret.

Mrs. George Pomfret, for a vacation.

At the Board of Selectmen.

The following resolutions expressing sympathy and sincere appreciation of the loyal services of the late Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., were read and by a unanimous vote adopted at the regular service last Sunday morning:

Whereas, God has called to the higher life our former beloved pastor, Joseph Torrey, D. D., we, the members of the church of the Shilley Congregational church, wish to express our sympathy to his sons in the loss they have sustained, also to publicly express our appreciation of his life and example while living in our midst.

We realize that the measure of our love and respect cannot be expressed in words.

In our hearts is a living monument to the loving service, the inspiring words, the noble example, and the constant prayers which he gave us, abundantly and freely, while he was our pastor. He truly led us toward the goal of an abundant entrance into the Heavenly Kingdom, the gates of which he must have entered with joy and where a great welcome and well earned reward awaited him.

In the hearts of his sons and of us, once his people, his memory will ever be a precious inheritance.

He fought a good fight; he has finished his course; the crown surely is his.

Death.

Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., the beloved pastor of the Shilley Congregational church for a period of thirteen years, passed away at his native place in Burlington, Vt., last week. The following is taken from the local paper in Burlington:

Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., whose death has been announced, was born in Burlington, Vt., on December 25, 1832, the son of Prof. Joseph Torrey of the University of Vermont, and the sixth of that name in direct line of descent.

He was graduated from the university in the class of 1852, having been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and at the time of his death was one of the oldest living alumni. He studied for the Congregational ministry at Andover Theological seminary, graduating in 1858. The University of Vermont conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in the year 1879. In 1860 he married Maria Noble of Burlington, and their life together was one of singularly close companionship and co-

Miss Ruth Stickney, of Auburndale, is visiting her cousin, Miss Beulah Kimball.

The New-town branch of the surgical dressing workers will meet with Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb next Wednesday.

Mrs. Varnum H. Flax is here with her son for a few weeks.

Miss Velma Clements, of Waltham, has been a guest of Miss Alice M. Howard. Other recent guests were Mrs. Harriet Davidson, and Mrs. Nellie Davidson, a cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eaton, of Melrose, are camping in one of E. A. Goss' cabins.

John McKinlay is spending the summer with relatives in Woburn.

Miss Marjorie Goddard is helping at the ice cream parlor at the common.

An auto-load of campers and an auto load of workmen from the Ayer camp collided at the intersection of King street and Mill road last week Thursday night and narrowly escaped serious injuries. The windshield of one car was smashed and a front wheel of the other car was wrecked. It was almost a marvel that no one was killed. This is a very dangerous place as the embankment is so high that it is difficult to get down from Mill road to King street and an automobile coming from the station, the greatest precaution for one driving on King street at this point and one driving to King street from Mill road is needed.

Miss Laurice Flagg is playing in Miss Maude Sears' chess club at the Peace Haven hotel, Brant Rock.

The Bradgott family have moved their personal effects to their house on Warren street, which they will make their permanent home.

Harry Clark, of Pepperell, succeeds to the position of instructor in the Callahan house on Harvard avenue.

The C. E. societies have directed the food conservation campaign in Littleton.

Miss Florence Whitcomb has had German classes.

King street has been oiled and also the streets over which there is constant travel, for which many people are very grateful.

Had it not been for the present war the section of Great road, from Littleton Common to the Groton line would have been made, for to correspond with the state road, Boston to the state legislature had voted favorably, but when the United States was drawn into the war all bills for new sections of roads were immediately voted down because of the taxation and other expenses. Whatever can be done to improve this section of road until such time as the state thinks wise to build anew will be very much appreciated by a grateful public.

Mrs. Hartwell, of Lynn, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, of Littleton, and Mrs. John Hartwell and baby, from Somerville, were Sunday guests at the J. M. Hartwells.

George Perry, of Boston, is spending a week at Andrew Johnson's.

Chester Newcombe is visiting his Grandma Newcombe in West Fitchburg.

Mrs. George Gardner, of Nashua, and Mrs. Paul Brown have spent part of the week with the J. H. Whitcomb.

The Littleton children who frequent Long pond bathing pool are having some trouble from broken glass. This is a very dangerous place and those who are picnicking do not throw down glass bottles or jars or leave them where others can get them.

The high school boys from neighborhood are spending the summer in town having organized a H. F. S. club. They have arranged for a social dance in the town hall Tuesday evening, July 24, and have engaged Eddy's orchestra of Hudson to provide music for the evening.

Fewer books than usual are taken from the public library, the summer, Canning, gardening, knitting and sewing may account in part for this fact.

E. L. Sheed of Bellows Falls spent Sunday at L. A. Hager's.

Mrs. Dinsmore and daughter Harriet of Medford have recently visited at P. L. Hager's.

The Odd Fellows will hold an invitation meeting next Monday night when five new members will be initiated.

The food conservation campaign has received the hearty endorsement and co-operation of Littleton people. The canning of vegetables and fruits as at present. A pastime with some of the less fortunate ones is the cleaning of oil from dainty gowns and white shoes. But they are glad to see the oil on the streets.

E. A. Flagg has a boy from Roxbury assisting in the hayfield.

The foundation wall for the new service station at the Center is completed.

Many of the Littleton boys are helping out this summer on the roads, some working on King street and some on the road to the Ayer road now under construction.

Miss Emma Tenney and sister, Mrs. Arthur Peck, with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tenn, motored on Thursday to Concord, N. H., and are now enjoying life in the Fickett-Mason bungalow on the Ayer road. Mrs. Peck is a member of the Mabel Mason Fickett and her mother.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Craig Kelley, the well-known musician, on Thursday, July 12. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, with their three children and maid, will occupy the Hartwell camp at Littleton Common from August first until school opens. Mr. Kelley has lately accepted a position as editor with the Oliver Ditson Music Company.

Attractive Gardens.

The unusually good looking gardens in town furnish a theme for much favorable comment. Every farmer has an attractive garden as might be expected, but the food production and conservation campaign has brought out much latent ability in the science of gardening among other classes. Doubtless everybody in town who has a garden this year deserves at least honorable mention, for the man with the hoe has taken more pride in his efforts and achievements, and it is whispered that in some localities competition is sharp. Our attention has been called to the gardens cultivated on the Adams land, so called, at the Common, the garden at Charles L. Smith's in the West End, and Lyman W. Chase's garden on the Great road. Unquestionably many whose names are not mentioned here have equally attractive plots where they are raising a table of delicacies. We here mention certain women who habitually raise a variety of vegetables and this year there are well kept gardens in the care of children also. It would seem as though the judging and awarding of prizes would be no easy task in view of all that this worthy movement has developed in horticulture.



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Residence, 72 Grove St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Application received July 16, 1917.

JOHN D. CARNEY,
Chairman Board of Selectmen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ayer, Mass., July 16, 1917.

ORDERED that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the sixth day of August 1917, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least fourteen days prior thereto.

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

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

LYMAN K. CLARK, Clerk.

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NOTICE.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Harvard, Mass.

There will be a Special Town Meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday Evening, July 26th, 1917, at 8 o'clock P. M. A large attendance is desired.

CHARLES H. HASKELL,
PERLY BEARD,
SPURGEON M. FARNSWORTH,
Selectmen of Harvard.
Harvard, Mass., July 18, 1917.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

July 18, 1917.

To the Board of Selectmen:

The undersigned respectfully asks for a License to

Keep Store Sell

Gasoline from an underground tank to contain 500 gallons at Ayer on Shirley Road.

Name, E. C. Ford, doing business as Ford & Lyon.

Residence, 72 Grove St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Application received July 16, 1917.

JOHN D. CARNEY,
Chairman Board of Selectmen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

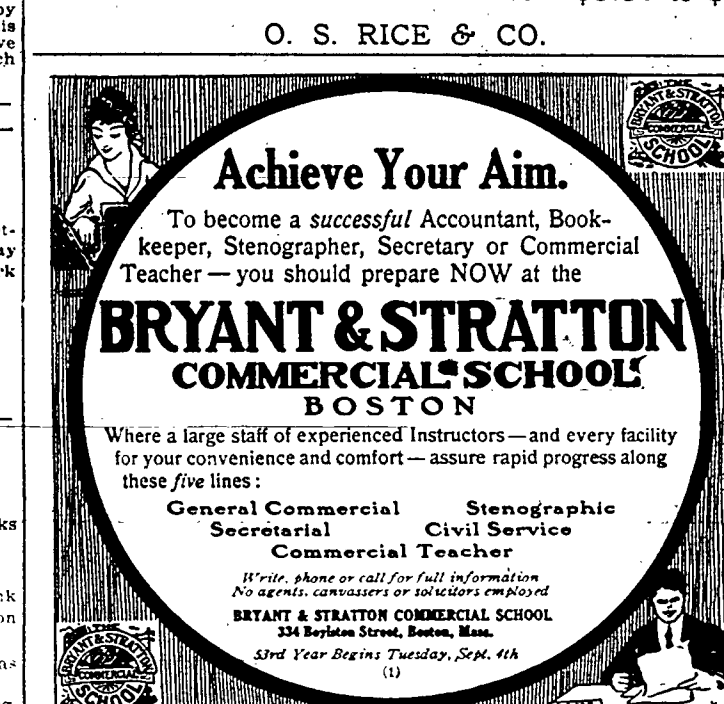
Ayer, Mass., July 16, 1917.

ORDERED that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the sixth day of August 1917, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least fourteen days prior thereto.

JOHN D. CARNEY,
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Saturday, July 21, 1917.

GROTON

News Items. Mrs. William J. Jacoby visited an outing last week when she enjoyed her daughter, Constantine, in Brookline, where she is attending a training school. Mrs. Jacoby seized the opportunity while in Boston to witness "Caliban," which is being enacted at the Harvard Stadium.

Rev. J. M. Margason preached at the Baptist church last Sunday morning. The members of the Groton band gave a good concert last Saturday evening which was well attended.

Miss Annie Gilson and Mrs. Moseley Gibson went to New Castle, N. H., last week, where they have been engaged in the summer vacation. They made Wentworth hotel their headquarters and attended the summer-entertainment meetings which were held there instead of the Isles of Shoals, the usual meeting place.

Mrs. James Bennett and daughter, Ruth, returned from the West from Newport, N. H., where they have been having a delightful time, camping put with relatives of that town.

Miss Constance Jacoby has returned to Groton from Brookline, where she has been taking a course of lessons in the work she will soon begin her duties as scout leader of the Camp Fire Girls.

Mrs. J. R. Kimball, of Hudson, N. H., has been entertaining Mrs. William J. Putnam the past week.

Mrs. Lella Nutting spent last week at Amesbury, where she took a course in canning.

Miss Margaret Crowley has been entertaining Mrs. P. H. Crowley and daughter, Mary, of New York city.

Miss Bertha Swallow is having a vacation from her duties at the postoffice. Miss Louise Boynton is taking her place during her absence.

At the commencement Sunday evening at the Congregational church in Peppercorn, Rev. Endicott Peabody, of Groton, gave the address.

Fred H. Chapman and family, of Winchester, spent the day last Sunday with his sister, Mrs. A. B. Farwell.

The band concert this week will be given in West Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Eber Keirstead are boarding in Ayer for a few weeks, while Mr. Keirstead is working at the camp.

Carroll Gillett, of Roseville, N. J., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Brown.

The next meeting of the Grange will take place on Tuesday evening, July 24, which will be a "snip party." Members are requested to bring packages valued not over ten cents.

The names on this committee are Jennie R. Hemenway, Florence L. Follet and Bertie C. Conner. The meeting will be held under the direction of Addie M. Woods.

At a meeting of the Boy Scouts, held at Dr. Branigan's on Thursday evening, nine members were present.

At the same time started considering an outing to take place at Bennett's camp. Spectacle pond, Littleton, Saturday, July 28. A special meeting will be held next Thursday evening to complete the arrangements and a large attendance is desired.

Rev. J. E. Lewis of Peppercorn will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church next Sunday morning.

Rev. John P. Trowbridge, a former pastor in West Groton, arrived Monday in Groton on the afternoon train from Fitchburg, where he is pleasantly located at the Berkshire Hotel.

While in Groton he made several calls on old friends. His mission here was to be present to officiate at the wedding of Miss Sylvia Lawrence, an account of which will be found under West Groton news.

The serious accident which befell William Woods last Sunday was a shock to the community in which he lives. Mr. Woods made the trip to Dorchester on his motorcycle to see his daughter and shortly after leaving left her home by an automobile, which resulted in a broken arm, leg and shoulder. His ear was badly lacerated, besides having serious internal injuries. He was taken immediately to the Massachusetts General hospital, when he was too weak to undergo an operation. Mrs. Woods was notified of the dreadful happening and was taken to Boston that night by automobile. She found him conscious but in a very weak condition. He was operated on Monday. Mrs. Woods returned home Tuesday night.

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Darling of Cambridge announce the engagement of their daughter Katherine to Donald Holbrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Holbrook of Boston.

Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck went to see "Caliban" at the Harvard stadium last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson have received much pleasure from an extended visit from their little granddaughter Helen. She has returned to her home in Dorchester and will be greatly missed.

The Special Aid society met in the lower town hall on Monday afternoon. There was a good attendance. Mrs. James A. Bailey presided. The ladies are deeply interested in this department and the subject of canton canvass was discussed that the town may be prepared for any emergency that may present itself in the fall. The soldiers do not have many delicacies and they feel that any jams, jellies, cakes, etc. furnished by the society would be greatly relished by them.

Mrs. Mary B. Flanders announces the engagement of her daughter, Ruth Hazel, to Albert Prescott Warren of this town.

many friends regret that she is leaving Lynn.

Mr. Folkins returned home from Sussex, New Brunswick, last week Friday, where he went to attend the funeral of his brother, Major Harry W. Folkins.

An uninvited guest entered the pantry of Mrs. Eugene Collier on the Boston road in the few hours of last week Friday morning and relieved the ice chest of its contents of edibles. The intruder passed the open windows of Mr. and Mrs. Collier and removing the screen of the pantry window, entered. After satisfying his craving for food by devouring five cup custards, a quart of milk, cake, etc., silently stole away. For fear of being caught the electric lights were not used, but fifteen burnt matches were found on the floor.

The fifteen boys who make their headquarters at the Groton Teapop have organized a camp and have elected their captain. Two of the number have joined the home guards of Groton. This week they expect to have a fire-raising party which will hold the American flag and their school flag.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Track of North Cambridge, who have been visiting the Breckenridge family on Chicopee row, returned to their home on Friday, taking with them the week-end Miss Melior Breckenridge. They enjoy their automobile trip and two-day outings, returning home on Saturday evening.

The Congregational and Baptist churches will hold union services during the month of August.

The three women who are busily engaged on the Dodge cottage, on Chipmunk street, are making good progress.

Rev. George M. Howe was taken suddenly ill on Monday night with acute indigestion and is under the doctor's care. His son Woodbury has been with him since he fell ill.

Frank Waters, who has been sick with pneumonia, is slowly convalescing, but is yet unable to go down stairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nichols, of Everett, announce the engagement of their daughter Mildred to Harry L. Curtis, of New Haven, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Floyd are entertaining Mr. Floyd's cousin, Charles Floyd, Mrs. Floyd and their son Charles, who motored to Groton from New Haven, Conn., in their Overland automobile.

Mrs. Leonard Williams, with her two children, Mary and Bartel, returned from their visit to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Williams Tuesday night, reporting a most delightful time.

Many people in town are having serious trouble with rose bugs. The peach orchard and the grape vines, besides the trees, are being ruined. The peach orchards have been greatly damaged by them this year, many of the peaches being eaten to the stone, and the grape clusters ruined.

The townspeople will be sorry to learn that the four-year-old son of Mr. Bythrow, living at the Albert Ames place, has been stricken with infantile paralysis in a mild form, a disease of which there is no known cause and no cure remedy. Mr. Bythrow and his wife are located at the Berkshire Hotel.

Dr. Hopkins, of Ayer, is the attending physician and has ordered the house quarantined.

A portable sawmill has been installed on Moseley Hale's woodlot. Mr. Dixon, of Chelmsford, has purchased the saw and has a gang of men and a number of horses there at work.

The Scott family on Chicopee row are entertaining as their guest Kenneth Colegrove, of Syracuse, N. Y., who assists in the Harvard library in Cambridge.

Rev. C. L. Davis, of Putney, Vt., will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday morning.

The regular drill of Company 20, Massachusetts state guard, was held on Wednesday evening. Special attention was given to close order work by the company and by platoons separately under the command of Lieut. Torrey and Thayer. The recruit squad under command of Sergt. Sabine took up the school of the soldier and school of the squad. After the drill an election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Capt. Walter Powers, who has been called into federal service. Officers were elected as follows: Edward B. Branigan, capt.; Fred H. Torrey, 1st Lieut.; Phineas A. Parker, 2d Lieut. Shooting at a target range will take place as usual Saturday afternoon in charge of Sergt. Carlton A. Shaw.

West Groton. A number of West Groton people have attended the Chautauqua entertainments and lectures in Townsend and have found them exceedingly interesting.

A concert by the Groton cornet band is scheduled for next Saturday evening at the hall.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold an ice cream sale on Saturday afternoon and evening at Squannacook hall, Mrs. E. K. Harrington, chairman.

John Lianos received a letter recently from his younger brother, familiarly known as Billy Lianos, who is in camp at Newburgh. He wrote a number of articles sent by the ladies of Groton and desired that the sincere thanks of himself and comrades be extended to the generous donors.

At the meeting of the Improvement society on Tuesday evening it was voted to have a picnic at the University. Mrs. Ernest Williams, of Maine, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence.

Mrs. Hunt, of Attleboro, with her sister, Miss Lizzie Jarvis, and her little daughter Cynthia, motored to the home to her parents on Sunday after visiting her sister at her Boy Scout camp. Mrs. Andrew Jarvis returned to Attleboro with her daughters.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday afternoon when their second daughter, Sylvia, was married to Arthur John Partridge Robinson. The rooms were tastefully decorated, mainly with wild roses, meadow rue and ferns. The ceremony was performed at three o'clock by the late pastor, Rev. John P. Trowbridge, of Fitchburg, who used a double ring service. The bridesmaid was Miss Doretha Gleason, of Groton, and Albert Robinson, brother of the groom, was best man. The bride was gowned in white crepe meteor with white and carried white ribbon and a maiden-hair. The wedding was very simple and quiet, only a very few friends being present besides the families of the bride and groom. Soon after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left on a bridal trip, followed by the best wishes of a host of friends. On their return they will reside in West Groton.

Mrs. F. E. Harrington entertained several over Sunday guests.

Leaving on Thursday morning Miss Mildred Wood is spending the remainder of the week with Miss Furbush at her home in Lynn.

Miss Florence Furbush, of Lynn, was a guest of Mrs. C. E. Blood during the early part of the week.

Coming on Monday and remaining until Wednesday Rev. J. P. Trowbridge of Pittsfield was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb. Mr. Trowbridge called on a number of friends, during his short stay. He reported both Mrs. Trowbridge and himself in better health than when they left town some months ago.

Mrs. F. E. Smith is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. Patricia Smith is visiting with relatives in Walpole.

Miss Amy Bailey of Bennington, N. H., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Lianos.

LITTLETON

News Items. An accident occurred Sunday near Lake Nagog Inn, when a large touring car and a motorcycle collided. Both machines were damaged, but the occupants escaped uninjured.

Mrs. Albert E. Hopkins has returned from a visit of a few days with friends in Wakefield. She is now entertaining her cousin, Mrs. Bowman, of Wakefield.

Miss Mary Marshall accompanied her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Leeds, of Sharon, on a trip to the White Mts. for three days recently.

C. J. McEnnis, who has been laid up with a troublesome limb is now convalescent.

Miss Esther McEnnis is entertaining a friend from Springfield.

Mrs. Amella Wakefield and her sister, Mrs. Ballard, have gone to Portland, Me., for a few weeks.

Carroll H. Wright and Miss Clyde McNeill, both of Allston, were quietly married on June 18. Mr. Wright left shortly afterward for Camp Rockingham, Salem, N. H., where there are 1300 men in training eight hours each day. He belongs to the 7th Engineer Corps, National army.

On Wednesday, Arthur Wright, of Allston, who was visiting his daughter in town, with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dobbis and children, motored to Sandy, N. H., and sister Carroll Wright, in the beautiful government camp. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. McNeill are staying at the Fairmont House, nearby, for a few days.

Mrs. Fairbanks, of Fitchburg, visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. V. Flagg, on Thursday, returned to her home in Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Conant are at Mrs. Hendley's and Miss Marshall's.

A modified train schedule for the summer months on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine went into effect this week Friday. The Board of Trade petitioned the company for the accommodations for Littleton people.

Since the establishment of the Ayer camp the dispensers of Chelmsford tonics are carrying tremendous quantities of refreshing drinks every morning through Littleton.

Comptroller Harry Clason, of Leominster, is the officer of the Friday Evening Noshobah Odd Ladies on Wednesday evening.

The Grange had but few present at the meeting on Wednesday night. There was a brief business session in which the resignation of Roger B. Frost, master, was announced, as he has decided to go into service with Uncle Sam's men. He has joined the reserve signal corps, which will be mobilized the first of September.

Ten or more Grange members went to Roxborough Grange, in Brookline, on their truck Tuesday night and enjoyed the lawn party and all its attractions.

Mrs. H. F. Proctor entertained some of the Littleton ladies at her home on Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Jones, who is occupying H. J. Smith's house, Mill road, for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Holt recently motored to Northern Vermont, where they are visiting his relatives. Mrs. Emma K. Lemley accompanied them as far as Woodstock, and is staying at the hotel for a week or two.

Miss Etta Knowlton, of Brookline, Alga Carlson and Helen Dowling, of Allston, are week-end guests of Supt. and Mrs. H. F. Hume, Harwood avenue.

Misses Kathleen and Marion Drew were recent week-end guests of Miss E. H. Hazen in Brookline, returning by automobile with their father.

A one-day conservation school, similar to that which Littleton women will have next week, will be held in the West Coast Baptist church, July 27 from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., free to all. Miss Hallowell will be the leading speaker. Littleton women will be welcome.

Mr. Harding, of Wisconsin, expects 189 show sheep from England at the U. S. quarantine very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and three children, from Wisconsin, are in H. F. Hume's camp, near the quarantine.

The little city children did not come to A. H. Gregory's last week as a reported.

BOXBOROUGH

Church Notes. Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Prof. George LaPlante, of Harvard university. Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

The Sunday school, together with that of the West Coast Baptist church, held its picnic last Wednesday at Fort Pond. The weather was ideal and many enjoyed the swimming, especially the children. Besides lemonade and ice cream a bountiful spread of sandwiches and fancy cakes were heartily welcomed by a happy and hungry gathering. The transportation committee, with Mrs. Carl Swanson, Charles Richardson and Arthur Nelson, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawrence, of Kendall Green, were cheered and thanked for their generous service and kind hospitality.

The prayer meeting next Tuesday evening will be held with Mrs. C. B. Robbins at eight o'clock.

HOLLIS, N. H.

Wedding. A quiet home wedding took place on Thursday, July 12, at the residence of Wilbur Marshall, when his daughter, Hazel Olive, was united in marriage to Nelson Noyes Parkhurst, son of Frederick A. Parkhurst, of this town. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert M. French. The room was beautifully decorated with ferns and laurel, and the bridal pair stood in a bow of laurel blossoms. The bride was tastefully attired in white, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The ring ceremony was used. Refreshments were served and

the bride and groom started away in a shower of rose petals.

The bride was born in Hollis and many beautiful and useful wedding presents testified to the affection of her many friends here. The groom has resided here several years and has made many friends. The young couple are to make their home in Hollis, and they have the best wishes of the community for their future happiness.

AYER

News Items. Miss Bertha Walsh is at home for a vacation from St. Elizabeth's hospital, Boston, where she is training for a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Williams took a short vacation this week, returning Thursday evening. They went to York Beach and other points of interest on the North Shore.

George S. Boutwell Relief Corps will unite with Fitchburg corps in a banquet at Whalom on Monday evening, July 26. Members will leave on the nine o'clock car. Coffee will be sold by the Fitchburg corps. All are asked to provide drinking cups. Theatre tickets may be reserved before July 23.

G. A. R. veterans and the husbands of corps members are invited.

Married in Ayer at the Baptist parsonage, July 14, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Clarence D. Young and Alvina Wheeler, both of Ayer.

At St. Andrew's church Sunday morning the sermon at eleven o'clock. The preacher will be the Rev. John S. Moses of St. Paul's cathedral, Boston.

An additional window is being put in at the ticket office at the railroad station to accommodate the greatly increased traffic.

William J. Harrod, special agent of the Boston and Maine railroad, is now comfortably installed in his new office next to the quarters used by the telegraph company at the railroad station.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crocker and son Bruce returned Monday to their home in Cliffdale after a visit to Capt. and Mrs. Charles H. Crocker.

Charles Gomery and Louis Nelson, employed at the camp, left Tuesday for Newport, R. I., to enter the naval service.

Hardy's hall was opened to the general public on Monday with the camp last Sunday afternoon and evening. Writing utensils and books were furnished.

The usual large number of automobiles were in town Sunday, the camp being principally the object of their visit. Everything went off well during the day in spite of the almost continuous stream of machines passing through the streets, not a single accident of any kind being reported.

Dr. Arthur W. Carley left last week for a tour of the farm in his assistant, Mr. Frank Wenner, in Washington, D. C., on his way to his destination.

Mrs. Robert Dickson, of Springfield, wife of Lieut. Dickson at the Ayer camp, was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Frank E. Crandall, this week at Sandy pond.

The executive board of the Woman's club will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. Dickerman, Friday evening, July 27, at 7.30.

Christian Science services in Turner's block, Main street, Sunday morning, will be held at 11 o'clock. A daily evening meeting at 7.30. Reading-room open to the public daily from two in the afternoon until nine in the evening. All the Christian Science literature, including the Morning Star newspaper, may be read or purchased there. There is also a free circulating library in connection with the reading-room. All are welcome.

Mr. Upton, a representative of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau, was in town on Monday inspecting garden plots. Although he found the work of caring for the gardens in the main very good, there was evidence that there were some slackers and their plots were given in charge of the boys.

The commissioner and adjutant were from New York, the commandant and captain from Boston. Mr. Barker attended during the whole session, and Mrs. W. M. Ford during the closing week.

The home nursing class which finished their course in the grounds of the Windsor school in the Ferway, Boston. It is the first school of the kind ever held in this country, and one purpose of the school was to standardize the training of nurses.

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low, a Paribus' market are situated.

The details are not quite completed yet. The owners of the buildings on the land have leases and the property will be sold subject to these leases.

Kilredge's restaurant, which was closed one week for making alterations, was re-opened on Wednesday morning.

Miss Matilda Turner, a sister of the late John H. Turner, died in Montreal, Canada, July 18, aged seventy-seven years.

The large lot of land at the corner of W. Main and Mechanic streets, belonging to the Bray family, could not be sold to Frank C. Dunn, of Gardner. The building to be erected later will be used for civic and religious purposes.

A federation of Ayer residents will probably join in the movement. The initiative in the matter is taken by a committee of the M. E. church, Mr. Dunn making the purchase for the organization. The transfer of the property was made through the real estate office of Thomas F. Mullin, Ayer.

Half hour service between Fitchburg and Lowell will go into effect this Saturday morning. The electric lines Depot square, going in either direction to the police station, will have electric express car come into town from Fitchburg this week Friday morning loaded with freight.

Some out-of-town parties are negotiating for the purchase of the Methodist church. The identity of the proposed purchaser cannot be learned at time of going to press.

The Shirley road has been closed this week from the West Main street railroad crossing to Mitchellville.

As a result of criticisms from many patrons the Boston and Maine railroad issued a notice that plans are under way for adding half hour trains to the service. The main objection to the radical curtailment in train service put into effect on June 25 is that the running of trains was so arranged that passengers could not make proper connections at junction points, thereby causing serious disappointment and annoyance.

The Lowell and Fitchburg street railway company have added several conductors to its force general from Fitchburg, which has been recently taken up this most important work. Organized buying is the thing that will bring about this result. Mr. Perham urges all housekeepers to buy produce from the farm in their own way when the quality is high and the price low.

Mr. Perham cited as an instance the buying of strawberries. A few days ago the strawberry season reached its height. They were bought by the farmers had a good quality at low prices. To take the surplus off the hands of the farmers is a prime necessity. It has been the custom to buy strawberries for the market in poor quality and the prices high. The result is a surplus which means waste to the producer.

To bring about closer co-operation between the producer and consumer for their mutual advantage is the need of the hour. Mr. Perham strongly urges advertising by both dealers and farmers to reach this most desirable result.

It is true of the strawberry market is also true of all farm products. In some cases strawberries are allowed to rot in the ground as a market was not found for them. Mr. Perham is making convincing talks on the efficiency in his present line of work can be realized. When it is stated that he was chosen by the state board from many applicants for his position.

W. C. T. U. Conference. The vestry of the Congregational church was filled to its limit Thursday afternoon at the grand conference of Massachusetts W. C. T. U. temperance workers. Out-of-town people came in numbers to the conference. Able Holt, from Concord, with her son Fred as chauffeur, these two former residents of Ayer. Mrs. Katharine Lent Stevenson, the state president, presided. The guest of honor was Mrs. M. G. T. U. superintendent of the department among soldiers and sailors. When she arose to speak she received an ovation; all stood and gave the cry "White Ribbon Thacher," which she repeated several times.

Most interesting story of the excellent work done by this department. The chief object of the meeting was to do something for the social welfare of the soldiers and sailors. It was voted to establish a room for this work in which some eight other towns are to unite. The president suggested that it be called the Mary A. Livermore Temperance Welfare Room. The party were served a lunch and the Boston contingent went from here to Clinton, where they were to enjoy a banquet at six o'clock with the Worcester-North W. C. T. U.

District Court. John Bukerewicz of Shirley, pleaded not guilty last Saturday morning to a complaint for larceny of fifty dollars, said offense being alleged to have been committed July 11. He was found not guilty and discharged.

Frank J. Maloney handled the defense in a case. John D. Carney represented the government.

The parties interested in the case are Poles and the evidence was painfully extracted through the aid of an interpreter. It appeared that the defendant was to be married last Sunday and that after the money was missed the defendant left for parts unknown. He was later arrested by Chief Riley on suspicion that he was responsible for the disappearance of the cash.

The evidence disclosed that the defendant had access to his sweetheart's quarters and had in fact spent several evenings there. The counsel for the defense brought out the information that the defendant had been in the office of getting in the room during the absence of the complainant.

Judge Atwood, after summing up the evidence, said that he was not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant was guilty, and ordered his discharge.

Henry Donlon and William Sheehan, of Watertown, appeared to answer complaints for vagrancy. The defendants were boys who came here to get jobs at the camp. They were taken into custody by Officer Mills. A third member of the party skipped out. The court considered that there was no good reason for holding the boys, and turned them over to Chief Beatty, who saw that they returned to their homes.

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Monday morning John Donovan and Daniel Lynch were arraigned on complaints for drunkenness and disturbance of the peace. Both were found guilty of the two complaints. Each was ordered to pay ten dollars on the complaint for drunkenness and the peace was restored.

The case of John Kero, of Boston, who was charged with breaking and entering in the night time, the home of George O. Filibrown, was called for trial Thursday morning. It was alleged that the defendant committed the crime on July 15, Wednesday, by gaining access to Mr. Filibrown's quarters through a cellar window. The defendant, who is believed to be a Turk, could speak but little English, and the police station could get little information from him.

Chief Beatty, the first witness, said that he received a telephone message in regard to the break from Mr. Filibrown. He and Officer James J. Mills went to the house and made an investigation about 1.45 a. m. The chief saw finger prints on the window where entrance to the house was evidently made. He also saw Mr. Filibrown's name on the window. The defendant, who is believed to be a Turk, could speak but little English, and the police station could get little information from him.

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Saturday, July 21, 1917.

AYER

News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore and daughter Fern took a short auto trip to York Beach, Me., Tuesday, returning the following day.

A train of twenty cars bearing men for the service passed through town last Saturday. Their destination was not announced.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters have requested Chief Ayer of the Worcester fire department to supply men for an Ayer military camp when the complete outfit, apparatus and a large quantity of hose will be required.

The advertised hearing on the petition of the telephone company for permission to lay and maintain underground conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables to be placed therein on Main and intersecting streets, which was set for Monday evening in the selectmen's room, failed to materialize.

One of our merchants who is quietly doing his bit is George E. Poulou. Mr. Poulou has cheerfully granted the use of his store, together with writing material for the benefit of the camp workers, who cannot find room in the crowded postoffice.

Following closely upon the publication of an item in this paper last week regarding the need of an extra granger at the West Main street crossing as a safety measure, there was a conference between Selectman Lyman K. Clark and Superintendent of Police Boston and Maine railroad, Monday, in regard to the matter.

Rev. Fr. Hammerslee, of Lowell, assisted the priests of St. Mary's parish at Ayer in the celebration of the last mass. Rev. Fr. McGinn and Houston were engaged at St. Mary's church and at the camp grounds, Fr. Houston celebrating mass at the latter place at 5:30 in the morning.

A meeting of the committee chosen at the recent special town meeting, to act in conjunction with the water board and selectmen relative to the matter of the town spending \$25,000 for additional water supply for the purpose of procuring a permit to sell from the selectmen for the storage and sale of gasoline on the firm's land recently purchased on the Shirley road for a garage.

The catholic young men in Major Dolan's battalion, which is stationed at the camp, attended mass at St. Mary's church last Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Rev. Fr. Thomas, stated hereafter the last mass would begin at 10:45 instead of at eleven o'clock as heretofore.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward D. Gibbs, of Somerville, were in town, Tuesday, calling on old acquaintances at what was their last week in the Park house, Park street, in 1850. His father, William Gibbs, was the first baggage-master at the station here. He came to town in 1848, when the railroad was first opened, and remained until 1881.

Rev. W. J. Ford is spending the month of July at Boothbay Harbor, Me.
The Special Aid society and Red Cross have opened a reading and writing room in the Unitarian vestry for the use of soldiers and all camp men. Open every evening from seven to nine o'clock. Writing material and good reading furnished without charge.

Charles E. Sherwin has purchased the Sherwin house on Pleasant street belonging to his father, William U. Sherwin, and intends making it into the Pleasant street chambers, and will have twenty rooms with all the modern improvements. William U. Sherwin and family will spend the summer at Mr. Sherwin's cottage at Sandy pond.

A play without a name will be given by the Lando Block Company at what was their last week and the person selecting the best title, the judges of which will be three newspaper men, the management will present ten dollars in gold, provided the one making the best selection is in the audience of the play. Last year several thousand names were submitted and it took the committee the good part of a day to make the choice.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hook, of Milford, Monday. Mrs. Hook was formerly Miss Alice Lundington of this town.

A representative of the United Tobacco Company, who has stores all over the country, was in town during the week looking for a place for one of the company's stores.

JAMES BUIKER is laid up with a severe sprain on his right hand. Mrs. Mary J. Harlow is making an extended visit with her son, Fred C. Harlow, in Buffalo, N. Y.

At about 7:45 Monday evening, while a crowd was boarding a Lowell bound train in front of the Harry block, Main street, an automobile came by, where the car was standing and knocked down one of the soldiers who is attached to the military camp.

Camp Notes.
The remainder of the Sixth regiment now encamped at Framingham is scheduled to leave for Ayer this Saturday morning to join Major William May's battalion a part of the sixth, which is already here. The men will march from Framingham to Ayer, a distance of 27 miles with all their equipment.

A meeting was held Thursday regarding the prospect of providing recreation grounds for the soldiers at the Shirley reservoir. Those present included W. Sargent, president of the Fitchburg and Leominster street railway company, and R. S. Hubbard and Ralph Cate, who are engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at the Groton School.

The shower baths for the workmen were discontinued last Saturday. The principal reason for this is the principal reason for cutting the showers is that the water does not drain off and forms stagnant pools, which are not considered sanitary.

All parts of the earth are represented in the 3000 men employed. All the many races there work in perfect harmony. Some of the races are: a very remarkable thing is the total absence of any disorder when the men come to town.

Two Y. M. C. A. camps have been established where the men can find recreation. The first is at Framingham, games, singing and other pastimes adhere to the place.

Mrs. Katherine L. Stevenson, president of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U., stated this week that the war welfare work of the organization does not include having a picnic at the camp to furnish this sort of food.

The soldiers encamped along the Shirley road have organized baseball teams. The schedule of games has been arranged between the teams for the summer.

The war department announced this week that the local military camp would be known as Camp Devens, in honor of the late Brigadier-General Charles Devens, a native of Massachusetts. Devens in addition to his noted military record, held positions of great trust in the civil life of the country.

He entered the union army in the beginning of the year 1861 and served until the end of the great conflict in 1865, retiring with the rank of brigadier-general. Devens was a noted lawyer prior to entering his military career. After the war he became a judge on the supreme court of Massachusetts.

After his term as United States marshal he went to Worcester, where he took up the practice of law. After his service as attorney-general he was again appointed to a position on the supreme court bench of Massachusetts by President Rutherford B. Hayes, holding this position until his death in Boston on June 7, 1891. Devens was also a United States senator for one year, from 1848 to 1849.

The war department in naming the thirty-two camps throughout the country, chose the names of men who had distinguished themselves in the sections where the camps are located. M. F. Sheehan, general foreman for Wilson & English, of New York, who has charge of laying the tracks at the camp, expects to end his labors there soon, the work of building the permanent tracks being nearly completed.

The Y. M. C. A. hut is now established at the training camp at Ayer and at a meeting held there Sunday night the speakers included Chief Justice Rugg and Percy Mackaye, the author of "Calliban." Among the visitors were Henry W. Devens, who is in charge of the camp, and Rev. H. A. Bridgman, D. D., editor of the Congregationalist. Already the soldiers are using the Christian association tent and are enjoying the facilities it offers for writing letters and for wholesale diversion.

Gen. Edwards made a trip to the camp Tuesday. He carefully inspected the quarters to be assigned to the cavalry horses, for this is a point on which Gen. Edwards is unusually touchy about. He maintains that nothing is too good for the army's horses and he intends that they shall have the finest possible stables that can be devised.

The Russell & Erwin division of the American Hardware Company, of Britain, Conn., has received a government contract for 50,000 locks to be used in the Federal cantonment at Ayer.

Lieut. Charles J. Glidden, of Boston, has been appointed an adjutant and officer of the Northeastern Department with headquarters in that city. Lieut. Glidden's duties will cover the camps in the New England states, including Ayer. He is a well known balloon and pilot. In the early days of the airplane he transferred his labors to the improved method of air locomotion, in which he has become very efficient. Lieut. Glidden is also known as a pioneer in the automobile and a mobile business. He is a native of Lowell.

A fire department has been formed at the camp which is rapidly increasing its efficiency. Former Chief of the fire department at Framingham is in charge. They were extinguished Monday which were quickly extinguished. A system has been arranged whereby fires can be easily detected and all the department, soldiers and civilians employed by the camp as part of the huge camp in case of emergency. An observation tower has been erected on a hill where men work in eight hour shifts covering a period of twenty-four hours.

Occasionally a fire station is seen with fire apparatus, and trained men in charge. Mail boxes, lunch counters, offices for the camp foreman, Y. M. C. A. buildings, the telephone exchange and other necessaries are provided. The rapidity with which the work is going on is perhaps the most remarkable thing about the place. There are sixty telephones on the grounds to attend to the business requirements of the camp.

On the camp grounds on the Shirley road may be seen the members of Major Dolan's battalion undergoing their drill. The roads at the camp have been widened and laid out like those of an ordinary city. They are sprinkled at intervals throughout the day by watering carts in order to keep the thick, dry, black dust settled.

Men on horseback are continually riding back and forth over the vast enclosure carrying messages or giving orders to the foremen in their parades. The signs are placed all over the camp forbidding smoking. There is one of the many safeguards in preventing fire. The F. T. Ley Company is responsible for the safety of the buildings until they are formally turned over to the government. The firm and the camp firemen are on the ground principle that it is much better to prevent fire than to put it out after it starts.

There is a constant supply of lumber arriving continually, the cars being loaded to the points where it is needed. The lumber is piled in tracks. Huge piles of the lumber, posts, and other building material may be seen. On the eastern and southern parts of the camp there still remain a number of young pines and bushes which suggest the appearance of a rural before operations were commenced.

There has been such a change in the landscape of the territory where the camp is located that it is quite difficult to find the roads leading out of the grounds even by persons who have always been familiar with the place. Mail for the camp workers is carried by the express and distributed as well as it can be. Many letters cannot be delivered because of the inability to read the addresses and because letters come from people who are not there, many of whom have left the camp.

The conclusion reached at the meeting on last Sunday evening was that an attempt should be made to have the different denominations represented in Ayer join in a mission to the soldiers of the United States, on one of the further carrying out this purpose the state leaders of the churches have been invited to meet on Monday evening, together with pastor and delegate from each church, officers and civilian employees, to carry this purpose into effect.

The Boy Scouts will meet on Saturday afternoon for practice. Two more have been received into the troop recently, James Traquair and Willard Carman.

Clipping.
The following interesting article concerning the military camp here is taken from the Boston Post of last Sunday:
Building a new city which will house 40,000 people is something of a job, but they're doing it in jig time out at Ayer, where the new army of the Northeastern Department will be placed in training.

There's something of an army there right now—2500 men working hard to accomplish one of the biggest construction stunts ever attempted in these United States. Besides this horde of workmen, there are more than a thousand army men—engineers, quartermasters, physicians and surgeons, truck drivers and privates.

The job is to build the structure for this city, that is to house as many people as the city of Newton, in about ten months. Do you realize what this means? Nearly 300 barracks, each capable of housing a whole company of embryo soldiers, must be erected. Besides these, there are quarters for the instructors, officers, and civilian employees. It's a big proposition, and it's being done in a big way.

Three weeks ago the camp was a wilderness of rolling hills with intervening level stretches, covered with a dense growth of brush and here and there clumps of pine and spruce. Now—well, you should have stood with me on the top of an observation tower which has been erected on the roof of the contractor's office. The office is approximately 400 yards in diameter and while more or less filled with brush and other obstructions is supplied by springs and, with comparatively little outlay, might be made a splendid manufactory for the soldiers.

The general advocates that it might not only be made a swimming pool for summer but a skating rink in winter and for its shores would be built a dancing pavilion and other amusement features which would supply wholesome entertainment for the soldiers and keep them from seeking a miserable diversion elsewhere. One feature would be the lighting of the pond and its environs by electricity.

Col. Ferguson of the Department of the Northeast has been detailed to investigate the practicality of Gen. Edwards' plan and upon his report will depend the recommendation made by the department head.

self stands on the highest point of land in the camp. The tower is at least seventy-five feet higher than this. There was a drizzling rain falling as we climbed the tower, but there was no abatement in the labor. From all sides came a dull rumble—an intermingling of sounds; the thuds of a thousand hammers, the buzz of saws, the calls of workmen, the sharp exhaust of auto trucks laboring over the slippery roads, the honks of auto horns.

The small of fresh-cut lumber was borne on the air. Here, there and everywhere bright, new structures were rearing the clean, shining, jostling up through the mist, like the sails of countless fleets. Some were nearly complete; others were but in the frame. These latter seemed to grow as if by magic, the carpenter's board being placed on board at an amazing speed. It's a wondrous construction stunt.

One cannot alight from a train at Ayer without immediately becoming aware that something out of the ordinary is happening in the town. A myriad of freight rustlers hustle about the station. Great gray army trucks are backed up to the platform, taking on prodigious loads and then rumbling over the road to camp.

The road to the camp is thronged. Remember Henry Sheahan's description in the Sunday Post, of the advance of Verdun? At Ayer the advance is being duplicated on a smaller scale, minus only long lines of marching troops to make it a real war scene. Head to tail-light, the big army trucks move along in a single file, not moving toward the camp and the other back to the railway station for more supplies.

Smaller automobiles are interspersed among the trucks and there are numbers of pedestrians all working toward the grounds. As one enters the army reservation, he immediately strikes a military note. For here are pitched the tents of the engineers and the militia quartermaster in charge, and armed soldiers in khaki guard the entrances to the grounds. Before one may enter he must show a pass or give an acceptable account of his business, otherwise he is turned back to go over a run by eight-seers as to hampers and workmen. The visitor who satisfies the guard that he has business in the grounds, must then present himself at the office of Capt. E. Canfield, the construction quartermaster in charge, and there obtain a pass which allows him to accomplish his errand.

As I entered the captain's office, I noticed that there were no screens on the office, but a little later I commented on the fact. "We don't have 'em," said the captain. "This is a flyless camp."

"Wish I could get a flyless house, even with screens," returned. "How do you keep rid of flies?" "Of course," answered the captain. "We have an advantage here in that the whole camp is under military supervision. We are able to enforce rules that would be regarded as an example to say that Capt. Glen J. Jones, of the medical corps, who is in charge of keeping the camp healthful, is doing the most wonderful job that I have ever seen."

"I wish you to pay special attention to this phase. Go into the cook house, into the workmen's quarters, go any place and see if you find any flies. I'll wager that you won't. And we didn't. This camp at Ayer is an example of what our towns and cities could be if strict sanitary measures were observed. All refuse and garbage is burned as it is deposited. Waste from the cook house is deposited in the right receptacles for conveyance to the incinerator; all excreta is covered with lime and dirt three times daily. The result is that the fly hasn't a chance in the camp. Strictest sanitation is enforced among the workmen. Each takes a shower bath every morning and must keep himself clean or he can't stay."

When the work was started the men were quartered in tents, but now they have been moved to snug frame quarters on the site of what is to be the camp parade ground. Everything possible for their comfort is being done. The camp is regarded as one of the necessities of thorough sanitation.

Doubtless the boys who will take up residence at this camp, and their mothers and fathers, will want to know something about how they will be housed in the first place. It should be understood that no more healthful spot could have been selected. The camp is at a good elevation, and there is no low, swampy land. The air is pure and free of fogs; just the stuff in which to raise a healthy generation.

In the building of the barracks, full appreciation of the value of fresh air is being shown. There are great numbers of windows, which can be thrown open at any time. The whole floor is made of concrete, and the barracks are large enough so that men will have ample floor space for his cot and his belongings. In fact, 250 carpenters have slept on the single cots in one-quarter of these barracks without discomfort.

The interior of the buildings is left rough, while the outside is covered with tarred paper to keep them tight in all weathers. The roofs slope to a ridgepole and are covered with a waterproofing of asphalt. Altogether, the barracks are very comfortable and should prove very healthful places of abode.

Just as interesting as the construction of the camp, is the method by which the several thousand workmen are fed. These men, working in the open air, get away with a prodigious amount of food; they demand plenty of wholesome, filling eatables. And the army cooks are doing a grand thing. In 4500 meals per day served. Besides these meals, the workmen get away with 300 pounds of beef daily made into sandwiches as little snacks between times.

Another expert is the chef upon whom devolves the job of feeding these men. And it's a big job. Breakfast starts off with a full barrel of rolled oats, followed by 700 pounds of sausage or the same amount of pork chops. 30 barrels of potatoes, 300 loaves of bread and 100 pounds of coffee. This vast amount of food must be prepared by Mr. Ogler and his staff.

Dinner consists of soup, meat, potatoes, another vegetable, all the bread and butter one can eat, pie and tea, coffee or milk. Supper consists of hash is to be the most course, the preparation requires 800 pounds of corn beef and 12 barrels of potatoes. It is to be corn beef and cabbage, a favorite dish, 14 crates of cabbage are substituted for the spuds.

Liver and bacon for supper requires 500 pounds of liver and 200 pounds of

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After each meal 10,000 pieces of china and 3000 pieces of silverware must be washed. The whole feeding operation takes but thirty-five minutes. The men form in lines at several entrances to the dining tent; a little more than half an hour later the last man has left the tent.
The above details give some idea of what it means to feed and care for some 4000 men. In a few months there will be at least ten times this population in the camp and the operations must be expanded by that amount. But the officials in charge say that it will be handled just as easily as at present.

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TOWNSHEND

Center. Miss Grace Barker of Fitchburg spent the week-end as guest of Miss...

Red Cross. Those having written goods for the Red Cross are kindly asked to place...

The Red Cross booth on the common was well patronized during the band concert...

On August 8 a lawn party will be held under the auspices of the Red Cross...

The Chautauqua. The Townsend Chautauqua exercises opened Saturday afternoon at two o'clock...

West. Mrs. Susan R. Morgan observed her eighty-second birthday at the home of her granddaughter...

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She said the time was not far distant when all nations will be forced to recognize the great theme of democracy...

The Berkeley sextet rendered a splendid program of instrumental and vocal music during the afternoon...

The first evening's performance of the Chautauqua at Townsend opened very auspiciously with a large and enthusiastic audience in attendance...

The Chautauqua tent was well filled at seven o'clock, the other church services being omitted to combine with the Chautauqua...

Death. The many friends of Mrs. Alice (Wright) Bowley, wife of Herbert S. Bowley, were saddened to learn of her death...

The funeral was held from the Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Rollo Tuttle, officiating...

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way, Warren Elliott, Charles Hodgman, Ian Rusk, social; Fred A. Patch, George Adams, Duncan Rusk, Justin Tracy...

Perry W. Sawtelle is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, but is reported as comfortable at this writing...

Seven automobiles from this village took part in the Chautauqua parade at the Center on Saturday afternoon...

Mrs. George M. Frye returned last week Friday to her home on the cross road quite a little improved in health...

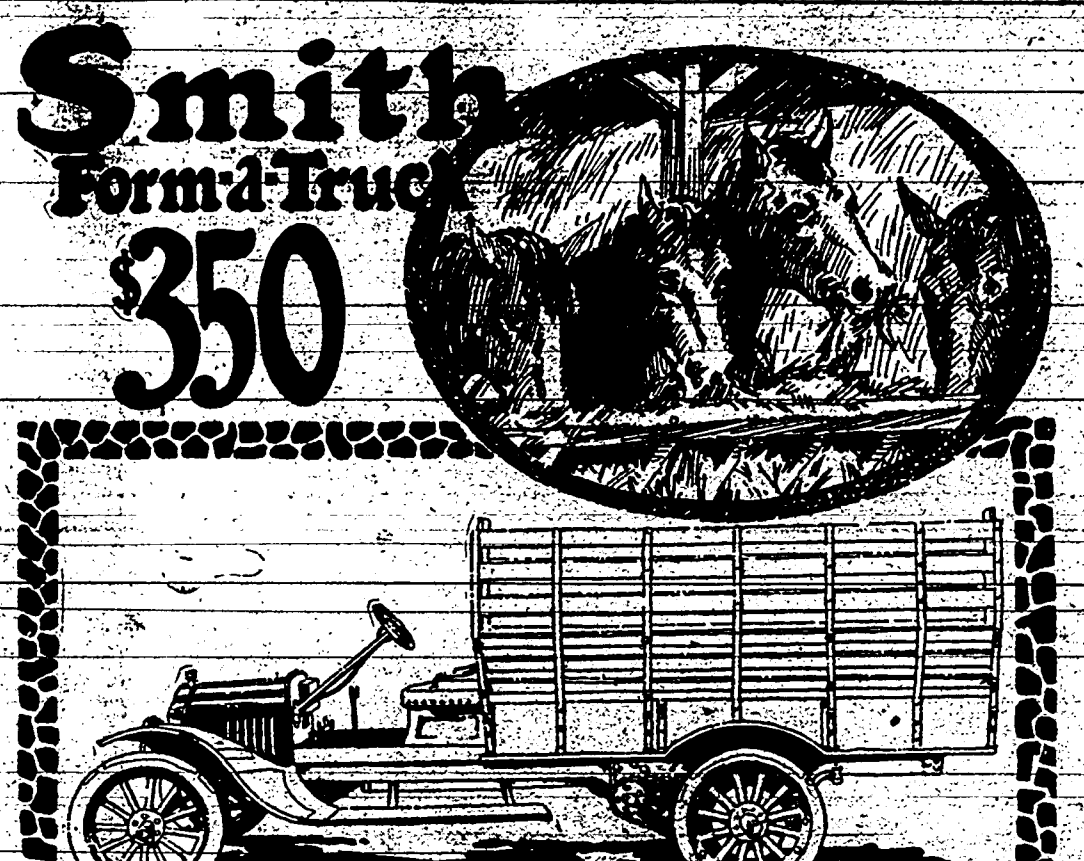
Mrs. Harry Hobart had a narrow escape from death on Saturday evening about 7:30 o'clock in the public square in front of I. P. Sherwin's store...

LITTLETON. No. 8 of the first corps of cadets, Massachusetts regiment of engineers of the Ayer camp, marched through town...

Delinquent dog taxpayers may be interested to know that the selectmen have appointed an officer to collect the taxes or kill the dogs...

Miss Marion Smith has been to Shelburne Falls this week and visited Miss Marjorie Spear...

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phelps of Boston have visited Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Sauter of King street, Mr. Phelps has not been called into training yet...



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has been associated with the Italian Red Cross on the battlefield in two wars and in the terrible Messina earthquake. The military medal goes to her not only for her bravery in caring for wounded soldiers under fire...

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

A private wedding occurred at the home of Mrs. Adelle Whitcomb at two o'clock on the afternoon of July 12, when her daughter, Alice Baldwin Whitcomb, became the bride of Daniel Wallace Jenness...

Rev. Charles Dockrill occupied the pulpit at both the morning and evening services last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark and family, of New York, Mass., have rented the Jameson cottage for about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dunphy and sister, of Leominster, motored here last Sunday and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Powers.

Mrs. Hurdley, the aged mother of E. L. Hadley, and with whom she is stopping at their summer residence here, suffered a bad spell, the latter part of last week, but is more comfortable at this report.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rockwood and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burton of Temple, with Mrs. Ervin Rockwood, of Northampton, of Belmont, Mass., were recent visitors at the home of Dr. Holcombe.

Miss Eva Winn, a former teacher at the North primary, was a week-end visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Nye.

Harold Higgins, of Dorchester, Mass., was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell last week.

Mrs. L. R. Eddy is with her daughter, Mrs. George Rockwood. Since coming here Mrs. Eddy has slightly improved in health.

For a woman of eighty-four years, Mrs. Nancy Soren possesses remarkable courage, for on last week Tuesday she started, unaccompanied, on a long journey to Tampa, Fla., where she expects to remain until next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ordway, of Boston, are spending a few days at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Holcombe.

In a ball game with Mason last Saturday the home team lost to the visitors by the score of 6 to 5.

A meeting of the Red Cross society on last week Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joseph Wilson, was well attended and much work accomplished with the aid of a sewing machine loaned by Mrs. C. E. Dunbar. At the next meeting additional machines are to be loaned, which will help greatly in the work.

A large and pleasant gathering of Loyalty Workers was held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Wilson on last Wednesday, Mr. Wilson's company was one of the guests to and from the gathering in his car. Music added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Mrs. Caroline Wilson, who is a war correspondent and lecturer in France, which were very interesting. Mrs. Wilson served her guests with ice cream and cake. She was assisted by Miss Martha Haxton, of Boston, who is her guest for the present month.

Ralph Perkins last week Thursday entertained his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perkins, and brother Herbert, of Concord.

Mrs. Mary Cox has had the piazza of her home in the work being done by Addison Gilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greeley last week Wednesday entertained at the home of Mrs. Clifford Greeley, of Milford. Mr. Greeley has suffered greatly the past two weeks with a bad abscess in his left hand.

Mrs. William Mathews, entertained her mother, Mrs. Gilson, of Groton, last week.

An error was made last week in the item concerning Thomas Bennett as succeeding the late Nathaniel Horgan as holder of the Boston Post gold badge at the late Charles Goodwin whom Mr. Bennett succeeded as the oldest man in town.

Mrs. P. A. Ross, of Jamaica Plain, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Charlott Shattuck.

Mrs. Ellen Sweet spent Monday in Fitchburg and Whalom.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Comley and children, the Misses Frances and Stella, and Lester of Lexington, Mass., motored here last Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pierce.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wheaton, of Minneapolis, Minn., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Powell started on their homeward journey on Sunday morning, expecting to arrive at their home in Minneapolis on Wednesday evening.

Old Home Week plans are being carried forward under the management of a capable committee who are doing all in their power to make the celebration a success. On Wednesday, August 1, athletic sports, baseball, etc., in the forenoon, the banquet in the town hall at one o'clock, and at two o'clock address in the Congregational church by Clinton Gould, formerly a member of the elite council of Springfield, upon the "Democracy—its ideals and obligations" in connection with which he will make reference to the significance of Old Home Week.

The Goodrich Social club met at the home of Mrs. A. J. Callum July 17 and about twenty members spent a most enjoyable afternoon outdoors under the big maple tree. Minnie Martin had prepared an interesting program of readings, music and guessing games. Mrs. Gardner Gibson and children, also Mrs. Starkey and Brackett were guests of the afternoon. Mrs. Gibson was taken into the club as a member. Mrs. Nellie Page invited the club to hold their picnic on her lawn next month. In the absence of the president on account of illness Mrs. Callum

Serious Automobile Accident.

Lunenburg has contributed one number to the long list of terrible accidents involving automobiles. It has long been predicted that something terrible would happen in or near the Center, as the majority of autoists in coming up the hill from either direction put on extra speed and go through the Center "a. etc." have been posted but they are not always heeded on week days.

On last week Wednesday afternoon Miss Marian Warren and Miss Alice Suggs started out to attend a demonstration of surgical dressings at the town hall. Just after passing Mrs. Abercrombie's home an automobile, driven by Mrs. Albert E. Heustis, came along the corner, going towards Whalom, swerved so far to the right that it hit Miss Warren, knocking her down and dragging her several feet over the wet ground, as it was raining at the time. Her clothing was torn to shreds and it was at first thought she was killed.

As quickly as possible a doctor was summoned, Dr. C. E. Woods of Lunenburg and Dr. E. L. Fiske of Fitchburg promptly answering the call. She was tenderly borne to her home and nearby, where she was cared for and nearby, the extent of her injuries ascertained. Fortunately Miss Warren's sister, Mrs. Carl Goodrich, a graduate nurse and member of the faculty from Waltham hospital, was at home and amply qualified to take care of her sister. Miss Suggs, also a nurse, and a younger sister, Miss Elizabeth, also at home and at lunenburg, attended to the injured, all glad to do all in their power to relieve her suffering.

Upon examination it was decided that no bones were broken, but there were several cuts and bruises, some of them requiring several stitches to close, and a nervous shock to her whole system. At last reports she was as comfortable as could be expected after passing through such a trying ordeal.

Fine Appearing Gardens.

Our worthy contemporary, the reporter for the Fitchburg Sentinel, has been booming the fine gardens of Lunenburg, and justly, too. He has not said one word too many. Anyone visiting any of the gardens mentioned would say as did the good questioner of old—"The half has not been told."

But there are others. All these, save one, Mrs. Nannie Litchfield's, are men's gardens, and all deserve the praise he has given them. Another woman's garden is that of Mrs. Lucy A. Jones, and like Miss Litchfield's, deserves special commendation. Every stroke of work except the plowing has been done by the lady herself. The system is well laid out and most faithfully tended. One part is devoted to flowers, where is grown almost everything fragrant and beautiful. In the other part are vegetables of all kinds, beautiful to look upon and suggesting a full cellar and bountiful dinners later.

Truly, Mrs. Jones is "doing her bit" towards providing for the future, enough for her own family, and some to spare. Her motto is "Early to bed and early to rise," especially the latter, and her garden shows the result of her labors.

Two of her neighbors on Massachusetts, whose names have not before been mentioned, A. W. Adams and W. M. Harley, each have extra good gardens, which give promise of enough and to spare. Taken as a whole it is doubtful if there were ever so many very fine gardens in Lunenburg as are seen here this summer.

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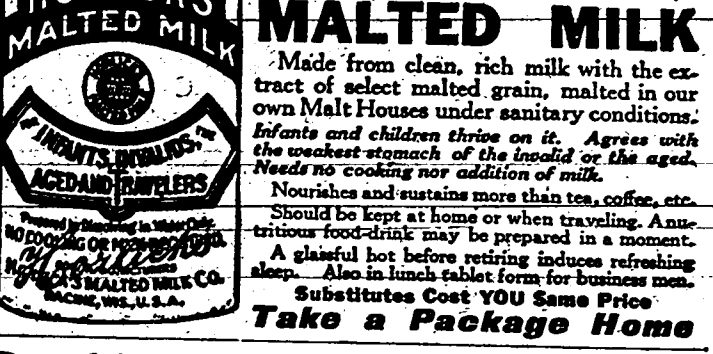
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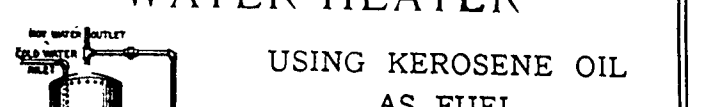
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PETITION OF AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS.

To the Board of Selectmen of Ayer, Massachusetts:

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

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked Sketch No. 40, dated 6/25/17.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wires owned by the city, and used for municipal purposes.

The following are the streets and highways above referred to: Bligh Street, as per sketch No. 40 14 poles Third Street, as per sketch No. 40 12 poles Harvard Road, as per sketch No. 40 1 pole Town Park, as per sketch No. 40 6 poles Total 33 poles

AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY. By L. WHITCOMB, Bus. Mgr. Dated this 25th day of June, 1917.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ayer, Mass., July 5th, 1917.

ORDERED that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the sixth day of August, 1917, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and the Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least fourteen days prior thereto; and that the clerk of the board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days prior thereto to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

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

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

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Saturday, July 21, 1917.

PEPPERELL

News Items

Two boys from the city are working out the problem of "farm-labor" at the farm of P. McDonald. They are his nephews, John McDonald, from Somerville, and Oakley Jay, from Malden.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hannigan, who were summoned here by the death of Julius I. Thayer, returned to their home in New York on Tuesday noon. Recent guests, with Mr. and Mrs. Allan McElhenney were Mr. and Mrs. Sherrington Vance and daughter, from Stow.

Mrs. Julia Holmes and daughter, Miss Lillian, came from Hollis, N. H., last week to spend a few weeks at their home in North Pepperell during their vacation time.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tierney and little daughter came from Fitchburg on Sunday for a short visit with relatives.

Charles H. Parker has joined the many young men working at Camp Deyens, Ayer, checking lumber and incoming supplies.

Mrs. Ledy and Miss Anna Ledy and James Ledy, of Epping, N. H., and Rev. F. Ledy, of Manchester, N. H., were in town last Saturday to attend the services for the late J. L. Thayer.

J. A. Frossard returned on Tuesday from Holyoke where he was called on Saturday. He has a large contract for his machines at the paper mills there.

Richard Savage was in town for a short time last Saturday, coming from Dunsable, where he had been visiting. He is now working at the paper mills, near White River Junction, Vt.

The Acme Paper & Box Company have been shut down since Friday of last week on account of non-arrival of a shipment of stock.

Miss Jennie Deal spent Sunday with Mrs. Earl Barnum in Ayer. The little Miss Ariene Tanner, who made such a hit with her fancy dance at the Grange on children's night, is a grandniece of Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dwyer, of Nashua, were in town last Saturday to attend the services of Mr. Thayer.

An invitation dance will be held at Oak Hill hall by the July committee of the O. H. I. S., Monday evening, July 23. Music by an orchestra.

Mrs. Flora Wheeler, of Nashua, visited her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Lawrence, at the home of Asa Burgess, Burkinshaw Village, Thursday and Friday of last week.

The death of Mrs. Delia Francis occurred at the town farm on last Sunday after an illness of more than two years of an incurable disease. She lived at North Pepperell for some time, up to December of last year, when she became helpless and was taken to the farm for care. She was a native of Melrose, N. H., and was seventy-four years old. Services were held at St. Joseph's church, Rev. F. Malley officiating, and burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Several auto parties have enjoyed the entertainments and lectures of the Chautauque, being a special feature of this week. On Monday evening Durant's big barge took up a party among whom were Rev. and Mrs. Beers, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buck, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, Miss McNayr, Miss Hall and Gertrude Cherry. They spent in highest praise of the music of the Italian band and the soloist, Miss Melrose.

Mrs. J. L. Thayer returned home with her son, Jerry Thayer, for a much needed recuperation and change at his summer home at Rye Beach, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard W. Shattuck who recently returned to their home at Melrose from their bridal trip, came to Pepperell Saturday to spend Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shattuck, Main street.

Mrs. C. A. Cook returned Tuesday from Essex Junction, Vt., where she spent a week ago, with her mother, Mrs. Warner, of Lancaster.

Mrs. Jane Marshall is expected home from Fitchburg on Saturday and goes to Hanover, N. H., on a case next week.

Mrs. Fred Jacobs came from Brookline Monday afternoon to see his wife, Mrs. Foster, and daughter at the home of their aunt, Fannie Shattuck, River street.

The East Village club postponed the all-day meeting to have been held on Wednesday, until next week, on account of the meeting for the organization of W. R. C.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shattuck went in their Metz roadster to Sunapee, N. H., this week, starting Wednesday.

The Pepperell Braiding Company have enough orders ahead so that a night force has been added, with a Holland being given to the women. Another consignment of machines is expected soon, when the number of girls working days will be increased.

Gertrude Raymond is assisting at the home of Mrs. Gaskill, Oak Hill, during the latter's convalescence.

A recent Nashua paper states that Dr. Ella Blaylock-Abernethy of that city went on Monday to Ocean Park, Me., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Paul of Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and three daughters of Cambridge are guests at Mapleshade, making with their host and hostess, Rev. and Mrs. Durkin, a pleasant house party of fourteen.

Frank Goff, from Concord Junction, has been at his cottage on High street this week, entertaining a young relative.

their farm. They were accompanied by Mrs. Elmár Mason and two sons. Madeline Murray has gone to the summer resort, near Providence, R. I., where her sister, Miss Katherine, is employed at a hotel.

A stereopticon lecture will be given at the South-street schoolhouse on Thursday evening, July 26, by Rev. Mr. Lewis. The subject will be "Landscape gardening" or community planning as it is now called, and the slides will be furnished by the Agricultural State College, at Amherst. Everybody is cordially invited.

The attendance of the older children at the playground has been small of late. A committee of the Community Service club, Misses Flynn and Hartwell, on Wednesday afternoon inaugurated the telling of stories and the games, the same as was held last year and had a good group of children present. The committee will plan to carry on this work through the summer each Wednesday afternoon from two to five.

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Herrig and daughter Rachel have been visiting here from Somerville this week.

Mrs. Nancy Dudley, who has been visiting Mrs. W. E. Kimball and other friends on High street, returned to her home in Natick, Wednesday.

The all-day meeting of the Ladies' Aid society was held with Mrs. Florence Whittoughby, Cross-street, Wednesday. A fine dinner was served for a while until they decide on the purchase of a place in that vicinity, to be nearer their daughter, Mrs. Byrnes. The purchaser of their farm on River street, Mr. Moran, will be expected here next Monday.

Mrs. Francis Lawrence has vacated the tenement of Frank Conant on Main street and with her children will make her home temporarily with her sister, Mrs. A. N. Prescott on Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cox of Bennington, Vt., with an auto party of friends, called on Mrs. M. M. Richards, Tuesday.

Miss Alice Marshall has gone to Bethlehem, N. H., for the remainder of the season, at the same hotel where she was last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kline, with Mrs. Margaret True and other friends, motored here on Monday from Brookline, N. H., where they are spending the summer.

Everett Boynton and wife, with friends, making two auto loads, came from Worcester last Sunday, and after the motorcade they encamped, came to Pepperell for a short stay at the home of C. E. Boynton, Head street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wright, former residents here, visited their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Boynton, at the bungalow, on Sunday evening, they were accompanied by Mrs. Rayetta Moseley and Miss Helen Pond. They remained over Monday to witness "Calliban" at the Harvard Stadium.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls Kittredge and Miss Edna enjoyed an auto trip to Westbury, N. H., Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Rayetta Moseley and Miss Helen Pond. They remained over Monday to witness "Calliban" at the Harvard Stadium.

Edgar W. Blake has recently purchased a Lenox auto which is operated by his son, Rodman Blake.

Mrs. Chester A. Parker has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Bert Stoddard, of Greenfield, who went from here to her old home in Prince Edward Island.

Mrs. Althea (Blake) Potter and her two little daughters, Celia and Beverly, from Brookline, are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blake for a few weeks.

Miss Mildred Lewis, teacher in Mornington, N. H., is at the home of her parents, High street, for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin R. Paul are at the camp-ground, Ocean Park, Me., where they have spent previous summers.

Among the many auto parties who enjoyed the motorcade on Friday evening, were Mrs. Abbie Woodward and Robert Coy, with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Denham as their guests.

Miss Anna Boynton is spending some weeks at Amherst Agricultural college, attending a special course in rural community service.

An auto truck from Nashua took a load of house furnishings last week from here to Old Orchard, Me., for the new home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Parker. A press of business duties has delayed the moving of the furniture to the town, and the weather has been so cool that the sea air was not so much needed.

Mrs. Melvin Gaskill, who has been with relatives in Nashua, following an operation at St. Joseph's hospital, returned to her home by auto last Sunday with her brother, Mr. Parker. She was very much fatigued by her trip and was confined to her room the first of the week, but is now gaining.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lane, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Robbins and little daughter, enjoyed last week Thursday's half-holiday by motoring to Whalom Park.

F. O. Dutton's logging camp, with the portable saw mill, has been moved from the Shattuck lot, near the home of Mrs. Foster, to a farm formerly owned by Capt. Palmer in Groton.

Mrs. F. A. Parker, Head street, has an exceptionally beautiful hydrangea in full bloom, which attracts much attention. It is a pronounced shade of blue, and although but three years old, there are nearly two dozen enormous clusters of bloom, and the plant is several feet in circumference.

Mrs. George Morrill, who has been stopping with Mrs. Harry Hohart for some time past, went to South Poland, Me., last week to visit her old friend, Mrs. Fayette Blinnell.

The farm belonging to the estate of the late F. H. Behrens, River street, has been purchased by W. J. Rouse, who has occupied the house for some time.

Mrs. Lillian Shattuck is at Oak Bluffs, where she will spend some weeks.

Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., conferred their degrees on one candidate and the third degree on two candidates, at the regular meeting on last week Thursday evening. A collation was served at the close.

Mrs. Harry Lea and granddaughter, from Worcester, were guests of Mrs. R. B. Winslip over the weekend.

The double tenement house of Capt. Palmer, Crescent street, has been renovated and will be used as a mill boarding house, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Moffatt, of Lincoln, Me.

Mrs. Lucy Deland came from Winchendon on Monday for a visit with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Armand Gellineau returned to Brockton on Saturday after a two-week visit with Mrs. Letendre. Russell Wright, formerly connected with the paper force at the Pepperell Card & Paper Co., has severed his connection with that firm and started on Wednesday for Canajoharie, N. Y., where he has accepted a promising position with the Knott-Sun Company.

Mrs. Fred J. Ringdahl is entertaining a friend, Miss Janet Ridgick, who came from Lynden, N. J., Friday, for a few weeks' stay.

Miss Nellie Brooks Hill, a former teacher in our high school, now teaching in Springfield, is the guest of Mrs. N. W. Appleton at Blakesmere.

The Misses Florence and Laura True, from Worcester, are the guests of Mrs. Rainsford Deware.

Leslie Reed came from Bridgewater to spend Sunday with his wife and mother. The former returned home on Monday after a visit of a week here.

Miss Alice Raymond will entertain the members of the E. V. S. club at her home on Wednesday, July 25, postponed from July 18. The same arrangements will be followed. It will be an all-day affair for work for the Special Aid society, and will be held out-of-doors. Box lunch will be served at noon.

Mrs. Sarah Patch, who was regaining quite a good degree of health, had a setback last week by an attack of sea-sickness.

Miss Marguerite Carter was summoned to return here, coming Tuesday, owing to the critical condition of Miss Abbie Carter.

Rev. D. R. Child arrived from his summer home at Ogunquit, Thursday, to attend to some matters in the Grange last night. A special feature of the evening's entertainment was a novelty introduced by the young guest, Arlene Tanner, who accompanied her relatives, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Tucker. This novelty, which brought forth much applause. Taken as a whole, the committee for the evening, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Stewart and Miss Lillian Stewart, may be regarded as having done well.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Friday evening, July 27. The program will include a stereopticon lecture by Rev. J. B. Lewis, from Natick, on the subject of "Landscape and home gardening."

At the telephone exchange the operators are to start on their successive vacation. Miss Dora LeBeau goes on Monday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Deware, who was detained in New Brunswick by illness from coming back with Mrs. Dunton to attend the wedding of her grandnephew, is expected to return to Pepperell to start from Moncton, N. B., with Mrs. Dunton this week and arrive here the latter part.

A real estate transaction which has been pending between the Nashua River-Paper Company and Capt. M. Palmer to devote his time to the sale of Crescent street, recently fitted up for a mill boarding house, and four other cottage houses on the same street, has been notified that these houses will be used by the mill company for their employees. The Palmer house, corner of Main and Crescent streets, is to be sold to Mrs. M. M. Hayward, the original property owner on the street, retains her house.

S. A. S. A. P. The Red Cross committee of the Special Aid society will hold a board meeting on Monday afternoon at 2.30. The object of the meeting is to elect a chairman of this committee, as Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, former chairman, has resigned to devote his time to the Middlesex Red Cross branch.

The attendance of every one of the board is requested, as the matter of sending away some of the finished work will be brought up as soon as possible. The committee are of the opinion that some important details will be acted upon. The committee are Mrs. Albert Parker, Mrs. Viola Hersey, Mrs. Frank A. Conant, Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. Wardell Parker, Mrs. L. J. Boynton, Mrs. M. B. Heald, Mrs. Louise Lawrence, Mrs. C. G. Heald, Mrs. R. H. Blood, Mrs. Besie Wright, Mrs. Fred A. Parker, Mrs. N. M. Gutterston, Mrs. Thomas Leary, Mrs. Dorchester, Mrs. John Flynn, Mrs. George H. Shattuck, Mrs. E. E. Howe, Mrs. E. S. Durant, Mrs. W. A. Sheperdon.

Canning Demonstration. The canning demonstration by Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, on Tuesday afternoon was a lesson of value and made more interesting by the lack of formality. All felt free to offer suggestions and ask questions, and the answers by the demonstrator brought out the scientific reasons of the various processes. In the course of the discussion as to what should be used in the bottom of the utensil used for the hot water bath, it was pointed out that some had used racks, wooden or wire, and a few had used hay in the bottom and between the jars, with good results. Mrs. Moseley illustrated the process with raspberries, peaches and with various other fruits, each detail in a very practical manner.

The time table for this cold pack method of canning, sent out by the Amherst college extension service, was used by Mrs. Tarbell. The number of minutes required for scalding and the second number of minutes or hours refer to the hot water bath, after the packing:

Asparagus, 5 to 10, 1 1/2 hrs.; beans, 2 to 3 hrs.; beets, enough to loosen the skin, 1 1/2 hrs.; carrots, 5 to 15, 3 hrs.; corn, 3 to 4 hrs.; peas, 2 to 5, 2 hrs.; pumpkin, cook 1 to 2 hrs.; tomatoes, 1 to 2, 20 min.; apples, 1 to 2, 20 min.; blackberries, 15 min.; blueberries, 15 min.; cranberries, 1 1/2 hrs.; cherries, 1 1/2 hrs.; currants, 1 1/2 hrs.; gooseberries, 1 1/2 hrs.; grapes, 1 to 2, 20 min.; plums, 1 1/2 hrs.; quinces, 1 to 2, 30 min.; raspberries, 15 min.; rhubarb, 1 to 2, 30 min.; strawberries, 8 min.

It will be noticed that in some of the berries, no scalding or blanching is required.

Church Notes. Rev. E. M. Slocombe will preach at the Unitarian church, next Sunday morning at the 10.45 service in the absence of the pastor.

Rev. W. H. Beers conducted the gospel and song service at the South street schoolhouse on Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance and among those not generally able to be present was Mrs. W. M. Gillespie, who was present by special effort to attend the meeting with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gillespie, who are visiting here from Philadelphia. Mrs. Gillespie has taken a kindly interest in the meetings and her presence was appreciated. The organist was Miss Maynard and the Billy Sunday song books were used for the first time.

Rev. George M. Howe, of Groton, was to have preached Sunday morning in exchange with the pastor, but was prevented by illness, and the exhortation was given by Rev. George F. Durgin who preached instead. Sunday

school will meet at noon. The Community sing will be held on the church lawn at seven p. m. Rev. Mr. Lofgren, of Detroit, Mich., will give the address at the Congregational church.

The Community sing last Sunday evening drew not only the regular attendants at evening service, but many who were passing by to see an outdoor gathering and the singing led by the orchestra of organ, violin and cornet was enjoyed by many. Rev. E. M. Slocombe had the attention of his audience during an interesting half hour's address.

At the Tuesday evening meeting at this vestry, Dean Peabody, brother of Miss Anna Peabody, gave an interesting account of the part the Massachusetts Institute of Technology played in preparing men to serve their country.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the topic, "The Kingdom that is within." Sunday school at noon and song and gospel service at 7.30 in the evening.

One of the largest gatherings of the year was assembled at Grange hall on Friday evening last week on children's night. Of these were there and guests nearly half were children. It was an especially pleasing meeting, with games for the little ones and refreshments of ice-cream and cake served.

The program, commencing with a piano solo, Glenn Green; songs, Betty Hutchinson, Esther Martin, Anita Marston and Charlie Allen; recitations, Sybil-Stewart, Gladys Adams, Edna Tanner, Lorraine Tucker, Lorraine Gelger and Elzabe Blood, exceeding well rendered, and a piano solo, Alexander Jagtelovitch, who will be remembered as the winner of the first prize in the piano contest at the Grange last fall. A special feature of the evening's entertainment was a novelty introduced by the young guest, Arlene Tanner, who accompanied her relatives, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Tucker. This novelty, which brought forth much applause. Taken as a whole, the committee for the evening, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Stewart and Miss Lillian Stewart, may be regarded as having done well.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Friday evening, July 27. The program will include a stereopticon lecture by Rev. J. B. Lewis, from Natick, on the subject of "Landscape and home gardening."

At the telephone exchange the operators are to start on their successive vacation. Miss Dora LeBeau goes on Monday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Deware, who was detained in New Brunswick by illness from coming back with Mrs. Dunton to attend the wedding of her grandnephew, is expected to return to Pepperell to start from Moncton, N. B., with Mrs. Dunton this week and arrive here the latter part.

A real estate transaction which has been pending between the Nashua River-Paper Company and Capt. M. Palmer to devote his time to the sale of Crescent street, recently fitted up for a mill boarding house, and four other cottage houses on the same street, has been notified that these houses will be used by the mill company for their employees. The Palmer house, corner of Main and Crescent streets, is to be sold to Mrs. M. M. Hayward, the original property owner on the street, retains her house.

S. A. S. A. P. The Red Cross committee of the Special Aid society will hold a board meeting on Monday afternoon at 2.30. The object of the meeting is to elect a chairman of this committee, as Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, former chairman, has resigned to devote his time to the Middlesex Red Cross branch.

The attendance of every one of the board is requested, as the matter of sending away some of the finished work will be brought up as soon as possible. The committee are of the opinion that some important details will be acted upon. The committee are Mrs. Albert Parker, Mrs. Viola Hersey, Mrs. Frank A. Conant, Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. Wardell Parker, Mrs. L. J. Boynton, Mrs. M. B. Heald, Mrs. Louise Lawrence, Mrs. C. G. Heald, Mrs. R. H. Blood, Mrs. Besie Wright, Mrs. Fred A. Parker, Mrs. N. M. Gutterston, Mrs. Thomas Leary, Mrs. Dorchester, Mrs. John Flynn, Mrs. George H. Shattuck, Mrs. E. E. Howe, Mrs. E. S. Durant, Mrs. W. A. Sheperdon.

Canning Demonstration. The canning demonstration by Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, on Tuesday afternoon was a lesson of value and made more interesting by the lack of formality. All felt free to offer suggestions and ask questions, and the answers by the demonstrator brought out the scientific reasons of the various processes. In the course of the discussion as to what should be used in the bottom of the utensil used for the hot water bath, it was pointed out that some had used racks, wooden or wire, and a few had used hay in the bottom and between the jars, with good results. Mrs. Moseley illustrated the process with raspberries, peaches and with various other fruits, each detail in a very practical manner.

The time table for this cold pack method of canning, sent out by the Amherst college extension service, was used by Mrs. Tarbell. The number of minutes required for scalding and the second number of minutes or hours refer to the hot water bath, after the packing:

Asparagus, 5 to 10, 1 1/2 hrs.; beans, 2 to 3 hrs.; beets, enough to loosen the skin, 1 1/2 hrs.; carrots, 5 to 15, 3 hrs.; corn, 3 to 4 hrs.; peas, 2 to 5, 2 hrs.; pumpkin, cook 1 to 2 hrs.; tomatoes, 1 to 2, 20 min.; apples, 1 to 2, 20 min.; blackberries, 15 min.; blueberries, 15 min.; cranberries, 1 1/2 hrs.; cherries, 1 1/2 hrs.; currants, 1 1/2 hrs.; gooseberries, 1 1/2 hrs.; grapes, 1 to 2, 20 min.; plums, 1 1/2 hrs.; quinces, 1 to 2, 30 min.; raspberries, 15 min.; rhubarb, 1 to 2, 30 min.; strawberries, 8 min.

It will be noticed that in some of the berries, no scalding or blanching is required.

Church Notes. Rev. E. M. Slocombe will preach at the Unitarian church, next Sunday morning at the 10.45 service in the absence of the pastor.

Rev. W. H. Beers conducted the gospel and song service at the South street schoolhouse on Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance and among those not generally able to be present was Mrs. W. M. Gillespie, who was present by special effort to attend the meeting with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gillespie, who are visiting here from Philadelphia. Mrs. Gillespie has taken a kindly interest in the meetings and her presence was appreciated. The organist was Miss Maynard and the Billy Sunday song books were used for the first time.

Rev. George M. Howe, of Groton, was to have preached Sunday morning in exchange with the pastor, but was prevented by illness, and the exhortation was given by Rev. George F. Durgin who preached instead. Sunday

He Saw the Black Hole. The first thing I wanted to see in India was the "Black Hole" of Calcutta. I could hardly wait to see the famous prison in which, in 1756, 183 people were suffocated in a single night. One hundred and fifty-six British prisoners, captured by the natives, were cast into a room eighteen feet square, and the following morning only twenty-three of them were living.

Without waiting to unpack my trunk I hurried to the spot. But I was sadly disappointed, for all there was there was a monument with a chain around it. I felt cheated. In America we would have given the visitor something for his money. We would have preserved the prison, with its two small windows, and put a showcase in the corner with samples of the falls and a rusty hinge. The restored prison would have been filled with wax figures, their coats noticeably dusty and hunched at the collar, and outside would have been a lineal descendant of one of the survivors, selling post cards and a history of the "hole" for a quarter. Homer Croly in Leslie's.

Strep Hangers in Tokyo. After one has ridden for a few weeks on Tokyo trams he realizes that more than 2,000,000 people living within a radius of three miles of the Imperial palace, require many trains to carry them. Seats are always a premium. Even the New York subway is not as continually crowded. The trams are fast, well handled and plentiful, but a moving stairway or sidewalk covering all the train lines in the city would scarcely fill the bill!

There are five or six stations from which trains depart for different parts of the empire, but these stations are only joined by city trams, so that if one wants to go from Tokyo station, the terminus of the Stimonosaki line, to Europe, to Ueno station, whence trains depart for Nikko, Karuzawa, Sendai and Hokkaido, he must take a ricksha, a taxicab or a street car or else circle the city for more than twenty miles in more than an hour to reach a station that is only a mile-and-a-half away as the crow flies. Maynard Owen Williams in Christian Herald.

The Broken Bröker. The late Judge Pennypacker of Philadelphia was an advocate of the enfranchisement of woman, but he also advocated justice in the relationship between the sexes for man.

"Woman," he said whimsically one day at the Pennsylvania Historical society, "mustn't play it both ways. She mustn't get the vote and the equal wage through man's sense of equity and then get all kinds of unfair privileges through his sense of gallantry."

"There's a lot of truth in the story of the young broker who after his failure was thrown over by a pretty girl."

"Why was the engagement broken off?" a banker asked the ruined broker.

"Well," he answered, "after I'd given her a string of pearls, an opera box and a birthday gift of a twelve-cylinder limousine I went to smash, and her people accused me of amusing myself at her expense."—Baltimore Sun.

What You Can Do. You don't know what you can do. At any rate you don't know until you're up against it and have to try. Some day you're going to bump against a whopping bit of work. It will look impossible to you. You'll want to quit. You'll say to yourself that it simply can't be done. And then if you are really worth while you'll tighten your belt and jump into it. You'll say, "I've got to do it." Then the first thing you know it will be done. And the best part of it is you'll enjoy it, and the satisfaction that comes when it is done will be worth more than hearing your uncle has left you \$10,000.—American Boy.

Two Types. George Ade was talking about the intricacies of the English language.

"There's that word 'smart,' for instance," he said. "The word may mean fashionable, chic or elegant."

"A man wanting to present me to a lady the other day."

"She's very, very smart," he said.

"But I asked cautiously: 'Smart—lump. Highbrow or low neck type?'"—Exchange.

A Retaining Fee. Tommy—What is a retaining fee, pa? "A retaining fee, my son, is the money people pay to us lawyers before we can do any work."

"Oh, I see! It's like those slot chocolate machines. The people have to put in their pennies before they get any chocolate!"

A Firm of Preparedness. "I'm afraid I'm going to lose my temper when I make this speech," said Senator Sorghum.

"Deliberately?"

"Yes. Some of the remarks I want to make will never be excused unless it can be claimed they were said in the heat of debate."—Washington Star.

The Modern Child. "Father, does a lamb gambol?" "At times, my son."

"Then if you grabbed a lamb by the ear you would be pinching a gambolling joint, wouldn't you?" (Exeunt father, child and slipper)—Cornell Widow.

Base Ingratitude. Father (to his son, a doctor)—If this isn't the limit! I pay all that money for you to study medicine and the first thing you do is to cut me off my drink!—Flegende Blaetter.

It is always safe to learn even from our enemies, never safe to instruct even our friends.—Colton.

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PEPPERELL Doris Calse, of Leominster, is spending the summer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carlin. Mrs. John E. Burnett and little son Leonard, of Clinton, spent the week-end with relatives here, and at the Ridges. Alvin S. Bennett is still at his home here. His son, Frank Bennett, of Worcester, is caring for him. William Kelly has been confined to his home by illness for several days. The Ewars of Lowell defeated the home team last Saturday afternoon 3 to 2. In the ninth inning the score was tied. An extra inning was scored during which the Ewars scored a run. The game was witnessed by a large number of people. Miss Lizzett Simpson, of Boston, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Abbie Spaine. Mrs. Sheehan and little daughter Catherine, of Leominster, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Day over the week-end. Miss Annie Dare has returned from New York city, where she spent the last three weeks as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Hara. The Forge Village, A. C. will play the Weston Parkland's at Cameron park this Saturday afternoon. The Misses Edith P. and Caroline E. Precious spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinds, of Chelmsford Center. The endless chair prayer has again found its way here. The writer has a copy and must write nice copies if terrible disaster is to be avoided. This nuisance is signed Red Cross chain; it is needless to say it was immediately destroyed. Thieves are commencing their work on the gardens—James Kelly has had a number of things taken from his garden this week. If caught, the culprits will be severely dealt with. Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver observed the fifty-fourth anniversary of their wedding day on Wednesday, July 19. Congratulations and greetings were extended to them from their many friends. Miss Annie Boyie has returned from the guest of her sister, Mrs. Everett Scott, who spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Pepperell.

Special Aid Meeting. The Special Aid society met in their rooms Monday, July 16, and a large number of ladies were present. Two rooms presented a busy company of workers while a third was occupied for a time by the thirty who met for business. The report of the secretary, connected with the Special Aid society, also the enrollment committee were asked for their reports. All the reports were encouraging and showed the good work of the society and interest shown by the town's ladies. Notice of the meeting in Ayer for Tuesday was given and as this was along the lines of social service work the committee for social service work connected with the Special Aid society were requested to be present. Notice of a convention for all branches of the Special Aid society was read. This convention to be held in Lowell July 22 at the home of Mrs. W. A. White, 21 Mass. street, who is chairman of Lowell branch. These county conventions are being held throughout the state and are creating much interest and enthusiasm. Every woman should be present at the convention. Lowell branch