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WESTFORD

Center. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Hildreth and baby son, who have been spending the summer in the Hamlin house, have returned to their home in Munsen. The Frank E. Millers, who recently sold their farm, are moving this week to Lowell. Miss Harriet M. Hodgman, who has been spending a number of months with Mrs. Augusta Prescott, goes to Waltham to be with friends. During an interim of a few days she has been visiting with her long-time friend, Miss Emily F. Fletcher, going together to Springfield for a short trip. Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright and daughters, Francis and Alice, move next week to Cambridge for the winter, where they have taken an apartment. They will be much missed in the community, but the change makes it much more convenient for Mr. Wright's business. There have been one or two cases resembling the epidemic of Spanish influenza reported in town, but nothing so serious as Miss Marjorie Seavey reports. Her cousin, Howard Mitchell, of Newton, has just died from an attack of this influenza, promising a young man of twenty-one years, holding a good position with the Needham Trust Company in Needham. The floors at the J. V. Fletcher library are being done over under the careful supervision of Mr. Pickering, and other cleaning done. The opening meeting of the Tadmuck club will be held on Tuesday afternoon, October 8. The annual church fair of the Congregational church, with its various sales tables, supper and entertainment, will take place on Friday afternoon and evening of next week. Robert Prescott has recently purchased a new Buick automobile. Company L. M. S. G., held their usual drill on Tuesday evening with Capt. Charles W. Robinson in charge. Many interested townspeople watch the progress of the work on Graniteville road in charge of Contractor Greenough. It is an interesting piece of work, and will be much appreciated when it is done. One report has it that it will be open to traffic in about three weeks; another, that it may not be finished this season. Probably a result between the two will be more nearly right. There were 331 men registered in town last week Thursday. This latest development brings the war more nearly home to many than it has ever done before. There was a good attendance of Red Cross workers present at Library hall on Wednesday afternoon. Present with Miss Elizabeth Kittredge was Miss Lillian Draper, who is making a short visit in town. Miss Draper has recently returned from France, where she has been doing secretarial work for about a year. With the aid of posters, picture postcards and snapshots Miss Draper had much of interest to tell. Percy E. Wright and his men are doing a road-trucking business this season. One man, recently four hours' loaded trucks were over the road and even then were not wholly adequate for the amount of business. Apples and other produce are bringing good prices in the markets. Miss Lillian Sutherland returned at the beginning of the fall term of the schools to her teaching in Braintree. Miss Jennie Ferguson to Springfield and Miss Ruth Tuttle to Waltham. Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Blodgett returned to Westford from their wedding trip on Wednesday. Mr. Blodgett and Miss Lottie L. Dunn, who was the teaching staff at the Frost school for two years, were married in West Pembroke, Mass. Wednesday, September 11, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Olive Dunn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Walter Cass, of the Methodist church in West Pembroke. It was a quiet, pretty home wedding, with pretty decorations, refreshments and pretty gifts. The bride wore a gown of old rose velvet. Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett will go to home-keeping in the so-called Morrison place, near Mr. Blodgett's home farm, and they have the sincerest wishes of their many friends for happiness and prosperity. At the Congregational church on Sunday morning William H. Roberts of Lowell came to attend the service. He brought with him Mr. Roberts, who added to the music part of the service with a solo on "I met a Stranger" and "The Old Church Bells." Mr. L. L. Houghton is in town with "The Song of the Plains." Next Sunday singing "Hymns and hymn writers" will be the subject. Mrs. William H. Carver made her eighth birthday anniversary of her daughter Elizabeth a happy day for her. Wednesday afternoon, by visiting a group of her little friends at the "Peach" Games and dainty refreshments, she concluded the afternoon's enjoyment. About Town. After much prodding by government and war-time 87th defense necessity New England is coming to have her old-time own. In coming winter and spring the self-sustaining use of raising her own bread. Here are some of the symptoms. The United States department of Agriculture reports that the wheat crop this year in New England is estimated at 1,628,825 bushels. Maine credited by states as follows: Maine 449,925 bushels; New Hampshire 96,400; Vermont 258,000; Massachusetts 37,400; Connecticut 63,767; Rhode Island 2160. This begins to look like a year when flour mills were numerous all over New England, and wheat fields were noticeable everywhere. Some of us are already heading toward the dog show and other shows in Groton on next week Friday and Sat-

Medfield, were in town on Monday, calling upon some of their old-time friends. They motored over in their new Buick. The many friends of our former beloved "congregational" pastor, Rev. Charles H. Rowley, will be interested to hear about one of his boys, Dr. Alfred Rowley, who has been a specialist in the Hartford hospital in Connecticut, is in the medical department overseas. He was accompanied by his wife, who was in a Hartford hospital before her marriage. She was among the first, it is said, to administer eather after arriving overseas. Dr. Rowley is the second son of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Rowley, who now reside in North Craftsbury, Vt. Miss Mary Cameron is returning to her preparatory school at Bradford academy. Donald F. Cameron, who proved himself such a fine scholar in his preparatory work, has entered Harvard university. He will have full military training there. Measurably Entertained. On last week Thursday afternoon Mrs. Donald Cameron delightfully entertained in honor of her mother, Mrs. Fiske, whose birthday anniversary was observed on that day. For a number of years Mrs. Cameron has made this date an occasion for having a reunion of the women who are young in spirit even if the birthdays pass. Come oftener than in childhood days, the guests brought their knitting and thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon of gracious hospitality. There was an impromptu entertainment. Mrs. John Burbeck, whose eighty years rest lightly on her, played from memory on the piano a charming little piece which she had composed before her marriage. Miss Emily Fletcher recited from memory, in her enthusiastic way, an interesting selection. Mrs. Fiske, who has always been a lover of good music, played for her guests several of her beloved selections. There was singing of good old songs, with "The Star Spangled Banner" for a conclusion. Ice cream and cake and tea were served by the hostess and her charming daughter, and there was a wonderful birthday cake, the kind that everybody likes, made by Mrs. Cameron herself. Grantville. Mrs. Murr, of Boston, has been a recent guest of Miss Stella Shattuck. George Hanson, who is employed in the ordnance department of the U. S. war department, has been spending the past few days at his home here. Mrs. William Peters has recently returned from a visit spent with friends in New Bedford. Mr. and Mrs. George Gibson, of this village, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice Mae, to Rev. P. A. Kilminster, of West Lebanon, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Decker, of Lowell, announce the engagement of their daughter Anna to Ralph W. Farrham, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Farrham, of North Westford. Mr. and Mrs. Edson G. Boynton have been recent visitors here. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Hawkes, of Melrose, and Henry Wood, of Westford, R. I., have been recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hawkes. Mr. Wood is a cousin of Mr. Hawkes. The war gardens have yielded bountiful crops here this season, the potato crop being unusually heavy. Baseball. The Graniteville baseball club finished the season in a blaze of glory on last Saturday afternoon when they defeated their old-time rivals, the Westford club, in the third and decisive game of the series by the score of 5 to 2. It was a clean and well-played game. Private John Carney, from Camp Devens, was on the slab for Graniteville and held Westford safe at all times, having sixteen strikeouts to his credit. The famous "reckless crew" failed to do any damage in this game, but fanned the breezes behind the bat by Wehber, who caught all chances on the bases. Both of Westford's two runs were scored in the third inning, and they never had a chance after that. Graniteville's runs were scored in the second and seventh on good solid base hits. A Graniteville batsman has defeated both Westford and Forge Village two out of three of the games in this last series arranged, the local club still retains the championship of the town. News Items. By a happy turn of events the Y. M. C. A. committee was able to secure "The man without a country" as the motion picture play for the evening of December 3. This film, by Metro, is one of the most in demand and most highly recommended by the American people. It is a patriotic attempt to get this film for production failed, so the Y. M. C. A. program as announced last week completely the course for this year, and those in charge consider the program as they believe the Littleton program will like to attend during the times of a great war. The proceeds for the sale of tickets will be used for the next week. Mrs. Mary Brower, of Waltham, was a Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Griffiths. Mr. J. Smith is having his annual vacation, which he is devoting to his own and the improvement of his home. Miss Edna Hartwell and Marjorie L. H. S. 1918, entered Sunday school this week. Miss Margaret returned to Mr. Holyoak's sophomore term. Miss K. Brown returned to Wellesley sophomore year. F. Moore returned to Peterborough hospital for continued treatment, but hopes to be home again. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have been busy lately with their midnight plundering. Mrs. H. F. Works-of-a-larger flocking says 100 birds. A. Cook was the soloist at morning service of the Congregational church last Sunday. Mr. Albert Shedd, of Nashua, N. H., recently visited her niece, Mrs. E. G. Boynton. Misses Lucy and Emily Adams were Sunday guests of their sister, Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb. Nathan Hartwell, of Norwell, visited his uncle, N. H. Whitcomb, a few days recently. Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence, who has spent the summer with friends at the

shore, returned several days ago to her home on King street. Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Robbins, of Newton, spent Sunday at Mrs. F. S. Whitcomb's. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Titcomb spent two days of the week in Boston. Mrs. J. M. Hartwell will have a work party for the women of Littleton and vicinity at her home on Thursday, September 26, from 10 o'clock to five o'clock. Any kind of work or repair work is welcome. A program of interest will feature a subscription of two dollars for the purchase of the "Y. M. C. A." for the benefit of the Girl Scouts. Every woman is most cordially invited to attend. On Saturday evening, September 28, at eight o'clock, there will be a mass meeting in Tremont Temple, Boston. This is under the auspices of the Liberty Loan committee. Unusually good speakers are expected to be present. Tickets may be had from the women's liberty loan committee, Boston, after September 22, and will be sent by mail to a seat if used by the 10 o'clock. After that the tickets will be available to the public without tickets. Mrs. E. B. Houghton has left town and is up her residence in Groton. Mrs. Mary Cutter went to the Ayer hospital, Monday, for treatment for a few weeks. The 25th of the Unitarian society will be on October 25 as the date for their annual fair. Mrs. Bowman returned to her teaching in Cambridge last week, and came home for Saturday and Sunday. Miss Sarah Priest has been Mrs. T. C. Plumb's companion during Mr. and Mrs. Titcomb's absence from home. Mrs. E. B. Houghton, of Medford, has been Mrs. L. E. Brown's guest this week, and Miss Herritt was a weekend and Sunday guest. A son, George Hugh, of nine lbs. weight, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson, Titon, N. H., August 27.

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Center, at the head of Horseshoe road. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Woodward, of Fitchburg, have been spending a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

The Hager family have returned to Clinton, much to the regret of their neighbors. Another urgent call has been made for clothing for the Belgians.

Brookline, N. H. Mrs. Mary Hobart is visiting her home in Leominster, Mass. Burns Marshall, of Newport, R. I., is on vacation.

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News Items.
The postoffice closes now at 7.30 in the evening.
Everett Warren, son of Mrs. Ardelle Warren, was at home last week to register. His home is in New Rochelle, N. Y.

Captain Herbert B. Priest, who has proved himself a successful physician in Groton and Ayer, has been transferred from the Philippines to Siberia.

WEST GROTON

Webster Harrington has been called to service and is now located at Vermont university, Burlington. His work will be in the automobile department.

N. E. M. P. A. still insists, and has included them in its schedule of prices in the August Dairyman. It is finding difficulty in enforcing them, however, except in the case of the producers who are strongly organized.

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Mr. and Mrs. Warren returned to Groton last Saturday evening. The members of the Wright family, who have all been sick with the prevailing epidemic, are improving, with the exception of Mr. Wright, who still remains quite ill.

Each day sees a rapidly increasing interest in the coming Groton fair. At the meeting of the Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club on Tuesday evening, Dr. Murray, of Littleton, superintendent of the dog show, reported sufficient entries to insure the success of this feature.

Word has been received from the naval training station where Walter Rives is in service, that he is critically ill with typhoid pneumonia, following Spanish influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Doran have the honor of displaying the first service flag in the Cape. Two years ago their son, Howard, then nineteen, left the old home to try his fortunes in Seattle, Wash., where he met with well deserved success.

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