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News Items.
Mrs. Chester A. Parker and children returned on Tuesday from an extended visit to her old home in Sumnerside, N. S.
Miss Irene Bixby, of Boston, is the guest of Miss Lillian Clark, Nashua street.
On Thursday of last week Mrs. J. Edward Clement received a message from her husband by wireless from the U. S. S. Patricia, stating that he expected to land in New York on Saturday. The boat was delayed, and did not arrive until Monday in the harbor. On Tuesday of this week Mrs. Clement had further intelligence of his whereabouts by a letter from Camp Merritt, N. J. It is expected his company may be sent to Camp Devens to be discharged, and is thought probable they may reach there the latter part of this week.
The Misses Eldridge, of Somerville, are the guests of the uncle, Joseph Tirney, Nashua street.
Miss Elsie Shattuck and lady friend, from Groton, called on her great-aunt, Mrs. Sarah Patch, Sunday.
Louis Tarbell returned from his trip on Tuesday. He was taken ill upon reaching Bangor, Me., and did not go into New Brunswick, as he had planned.
Mrs. Frank T. Marston and children have been staying at the Stewart farm with her mother, Mrs. Leander Stewart, in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart.
Fred A. Nokes came here on Thursday from a visit to his old home in Vermont, and after a short stay with relatives in town, and at the home of his wife's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cummings, of Hudson, N. H., he left for his home in New York, Saturday.
Miss Hazel Soule and friend, Miss Florence Holmes, came from Worcester for a stay over the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Soule, returning to their duties in the city on Monday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Williams are occupying their new home at the Bancroft farm on Hollis street.
Mrs. Hadsell and children, who have been staying at the McCord cottage on Oak Hill, returned to their home in Dorchester the first of the week.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gay and Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard have been spending the week at Marblehead.
Miss Gladys Williams was at her home in town, from Fitchburg, over the week-end. On her return on Sunday afternoon she was conveyed by auto, in company with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erbert Williams, by Charles Miller, accompanied by his wife. The party also visited a relative in Leominster.
Mr. and Mrs. Symonds and daughter, Miss Alice, motored up from Winterville to spend Sunday with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. George W. S. Adams.
Dorothy Soule returned home on Friday of last week from Marblehead, where she had been staying through August with her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Wright. Her relatives saw her safely on the train in Boston and she then made the trip practically alone, with all the assurance of her fourteen years.



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although this was her first experience away from home alone.
Mrs. A. P. Wright, who has been at the Memorial hospital for several weeks, has gained sufficiently to return home on last Saturday, accompanied by her nurse, Mrs. Reed, who has been with her during all her illness. They were brought back by Mr. Wright by auto.
Miss Katherine Hobart has been visiting relatives in Wilton, N. H., a part of this week.

Fletcher Family Reunion.
Once more the giant pines at the Pepperell Springs witnessed the gathering of the Fletcher blood reunion, as sixty or more of the descendants with their families and friends, met there on Saturday for the annual event. "Cathedral pines" these have rightly been called, and no one who appreciates nature in all its grandeur can drive among these monarchs without a feeling of awe.
The picnic grounds were in holiday array and the brown carpet spread for the guests. The weather of the day was auspicious, and those who decided which of the two days to hold the picnic, Saturday or Monday, as the regular date of the 17th of August, are congratulating themselves. This date, which has been recognized for thirty years or more, is that of the birthday anniversaries of one of the members, and has been kept by mutual consent year after year.
As old friends met who had not seen each other for the year, there were many pleasant reminiscences and tender thoughts for the absent ones, and some touches of sadness occurred when it was recalled that some would never meet with them again.
Of those bearing the original name of Fletcher, there was but one, Mrs. Fletcher of Milford, N. H., the widow of the late Andrew Fletcher, eldest brother to the late Dr. Fletcher of this town.
One descendant of this branch of the family was also present, J. Fletcher Smith, the grandson of the late Dr. Fletcher. Of the same branch of the family there were also present, his sisters of this town, Mrs. Newton Blood, and Mrs. John Boynton.
Other members of the family from out of town were Herbert Taylor and family, from Groton; William Wright and family from Somerville; George Hills and family, and Edward Hills, family and Mrs. Hill's father, Mr. Hardy, of Hollis.
The picnic dinner at noon with a plentiful supply of the tonics made at the Pepperell Springs, was enjoyed by all the company.
The afternoon was agreeably passed in various ways, and in the evening many accepted the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. John Boynton, as in former years, to gather at their bungalow, off Elliott street, and partake of a corn roast, with the accompaniment of two bottles, and much jollity. The bonfires were seen from considerable distance, as Sweet-Briar lodge stands on a height which overlooks all the valley of Pepperell, and gives fine views of Groton and Ayer.
The gathering here was largely of the younger ones, with neighbors and friends, to the number of about thirty.
At a late hour the company dispersed to their homes, with expressions of pleasure to host and hostess.

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Victim of Auto Accident.
The following clipping from the Boston Globe of Wednesday morning concerns one of our Pepperell boys, as the William O'Neil referred to as of Groton, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neil, of this town. He has been employed at the Hollingsworth & Vose paper mills at West Groton for more than a year, driving an auto truck, and was probably the chauffeur at the time of the accident, instead of Haskins, who had been acting as his helper.
"Charles E. Haskins of Shirley, a chauffeur, with William O'Neil of Groton, who was riding with him, were brought to the New England Deaconess' hospital here, (Concord) this afternoon, (Aug. 19) with serious injuries sustained when the auto truck in which they were riding crashed through the railing of the Reformatory bridge and hurled them into the Assabet river. Haskins has a broken collar bone, lacerations and perhaps internal injuries. O'Neil was badly bruised.
"According to witnesses the truck, loaded with brick, and driven by Haskins, started to cross the bridge, when two army trucks filled with soldiers going to Ayer, came along. The truck containing the brick swerved aside, smashed through the rail of the bridge, tossed Haskins and O'Neil into the river, turned completely over, and sank in fifteen feet of water.
"The army men rushed to the assistance of Haskins and O'Neil and

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notification of the condition of his truck and employees. O'Neil's injuries were not deemed so serious as to prevent his being moved, and he was placed in the auto of the superintendent and brought back to West Groton, Tuesday night. Mr. O'Neil remained with his son, the rest of the family coming back to Pepperell. Up to Thursday noon, neither Mr. O'Neil or his son had come home from West Groton, where the injured boy was first carried, to the home of his sister, Mrs. O'Brien, where he had been boarding. Mrs. O'Neil also was with her son during Wednesday night, as the latest reports seem to indicate that there may be internal injuries, which have developed since Wednesday from the accident. An examination by X-ray at some hospital is advised by the attending physician, it is understood.

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WESTFORD

Center. Miss Edith A. Wright has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends, she having undergone last week at a private hospital in Boston a serious operation. She is now reported as resting more comfortably and getting on as well as possibly could be expected.

Mrs. Alice M. Wells has been detained at home, suffering the discomforts of an attack of mumps. Weather conditions were so unkind to the plans of the annual Cavalry reunion and outing last week Thursday that it was postponed to this week Thursday.

Foundations are in and work under way for the new home of Alexander Cameron, opposite the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian A. Cameron.

Charles O. Prescott has recently returned from a vacation at Mammoth, where he has been with Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Marshall. Mr. Marshall has recently returned from France after most interesting experiences in Y. M. C. A. work.

The teaching staff for the schools is not complete, but will be given next week. At the academy, Principal Roudenbush will be assisted by Miss Cohen and Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth will assist a part of each day. The name of the new assistant will be given later, as well as the Frost-school staff.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Watson are enjoying a trip of a few weeks away from home, going south to visit Mr. Watson's kinspeople, and other points of interest. Mrs. Emma Day is staying with Mrs. Maria Day during their absence.

The Parker family have moved this week from Mr. Seavey's tenement to Mr. Watson's vacant tenement.

We are told that Everett Miller is to transfer the school children in an auto bus at the beginning of the school term.

At the single service of the vacation flock at the Congregational church last Sunday evening at 7.30, J. W. Rafter conducted an interesting service with a good attendance. On Sunday evening Miss Sarah W. Loket will lead the meeting and her subject will be "Some illustrations from the parable of the sower." Everybody welcome.

At a lively baseball game between Chelmsford A. A. and Littleton A. A. at Whitney playground last Saturday afternoon, Chelmsford defeated Littleton by the score of 8 to 3.

We quote the following from a recent daily paper: "New York, August 18.—Sergt. Léroy Bicknell, of Westford, Mass., a member of company D, 6th Machine Gun Battalion, who arrived on the Agamemnon, wore the Distinguished Service Cross, Croix de Guerre and Military Medal, awarded in recognition of his achievement when, without aid, he captured a captured machine gun crew. In making this rescue he killed several Germans and took nine prisoners." Sergt. Bicknell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Bicknell, and his subterranean home to his family and home friends is very welcome.

Wagoner Edward Clement has also arrived at New York from overseas after a year of service in France.

We hoped to be able to announce the day after the 1919 last week, but the necessary work was not ready until a day later with the usual result. The rate this year is \$1.50 per annum, against \$1.50 last year. The increase in state and county taxes is one reason for this advance. The looks will be committed to the collector for another week, it is expected.

Death.

The death of Mrs. Mary Louise Merin took place early Tuesday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Isles. Mrs. Merin, who was aged 69 years, 9 months, 1 day, had been ill during the summer. She was a quiet and unassuming woman, but a way pleasant, sympathetic and kindly to meet, and devoted to the interests of her home and family, and to her children and grandchildren, and in the latter part of her life to her two little great grandchildren.

The deceased was survived by her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Isles; her daughter, Miss Mary Merin, who came from California earlier in the summer to be with her mother, and a son, Eric Merin, in California. Mrs. Merin made a trip across the continent to visit these two children during the last year of her life, and was greatly pleased to see them and her grandchildren. Mrs. Merin was born in Westford, and two great-grandchildren as well as two grandchildren in California.

Interesting Excursion.

The excursion of the large week, arranged by the Middlesex and Merrimack Rivers on Wednesday, proved a most interesting and profitable day, and was successful in every way, reflecting the greatest credit upon those who had the affair in charge. It was estimated that approximately 1,000 people were on the two boats, five, seven, or more passengers.

Even to those who are not acquainted with modern and progressive methods of agriculture, the trip to some of the most successful orchards in the county was a revelation. The meeting place was at the extensive Frost farm in Littleton, owned and operated by N. E. Frost of the Frost Insecticide Co. of Ayer.

Mr. Wilbur, farm manager, was going to John Hardy's famous Blue Win orchards. Mr. Hardy thoroughly understands "grafting" in the right sense of the term. Next were E. H. Priest's fine orchards of Apples and peaches, then to Walter Kimball's "Lunch" farm, which, with its beautiful views made doubly attractive with the perfect weather conditions, was most enjoyable; also, the after-dinner speeches.

The other stops which we would like to give more space to nice after-dinnering through Boxborough, a fine Baldwin section, to C. D. Wetherbee's farm in Stow, then to the Homestead farm, owned and operated by the Wetherbees (five of them), then to the five Lyman Priest farms in Glasendon, next to the Dexter Dodd farm in Hudson. Here was demonstrated some expert packing methods and was displayed the top notch in a box of Asstrakan apples, the same bringing \$2.50 per box in the market.

The other stops were at F. Howard Brown's, Marlboro, Highland Fruit Growers' Exchange, Roadside Stand, Marlboro, and at the Ames Brothers' East Salisbury, after which came the departure for home after a day of pleasure and profit unmarred by any accident or other unfortunate happening.

Those going from Westford were O. R. Spalding, H. M. Seavey, Marden Seavey, E. J. Whitney, Ralph Bridgford, Arthur Walker, Arthur E. Day, H. G. Osmond, George Spalding, William Brook, Norman Day, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Leon F. Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nesmith, Alfred Tuttle, Miss Ruth Tuttle, Robert H. Elliott, Thomas H. Elliott, Rev. and Mrs. William Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. McCoy, S. L. Taylor, Mrs. Fred A. Snow, Perry and Stanley Snow, C. M. Griffin, Artemas Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. David Oihlsen, Miss A. Mabel Drew and party, William E. Wright, Kenneth Wright, Judson Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Flagg and party.

About Town.

George O. Jackson, having disposed of his real estate in Forge Village to the Abbot Worsted Co., has bought the Lyman Priest farm in Glasendon, and cottage house, barn and about 1 1/2 acres of land and several henhouses. Mr. Jackson will engage in the poultry business. The neighborhood is delighted at the prospect of having so good a neighbor. The Knowles sisters, who have been making the place their home for many years, will move to Chicago and make their home with their brother. The Knowles family lived for many years in Graniteville, where they are still well and favorably known by the older residents.

Miss Eleanor Read, of Barre, is visiting in town with headquarters at the Deatur household.

The Read-Drew farm on Main street and Stone Brook road are up to the advanced class in methods in orchardizing. Of late they have been thinning the Baldwin apples and sending them to Boston, where they have sold for \$1.50 per bushel. They have bought three carloads of boxes, delivered at Westford station. They have harvested 175 crates of currants which averaged better than twenty cents per quart box. This modern fruit farm is kept at thrift point by chemicals mostly. Nearly all the rocky pastures of the once famous Zack Read farm are covered with fruit trees. The intention is to plant a few more on the dynamite. There is a very abundant scarcity of help which sets the brakes against the pace they are equipped for.

Mrs. George Howard and two sons, George and Lawrence, from Bound Brook, N. J., are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Taylor.

Miss Luanna Deatur, who is a very successful teacher in New Rochelle, N. Y., arrived home last Saturday to stay until after Labor day at the Deatur household. It was a coincidence that Mrs. Howard and Miss Deatur took the same express train from New York city, didn't see each other until they alighted at Brookside station.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Snow and two sons, and John A. Taylor motored here this week from a two-weeks' stay at Hotel Iduna, York Beach, Me. Mr. and Mrs. William Woods came home the same day in their car from the same hotel.

Paul N. Gladu died at his home in Chelmsford Center, Thursday, August 12, aged fifty-two years. He was ill only about two weeks from a paralytic shock. He moved from Westford to Chelmsford about a year ago. While a resident of Westford he owned a small farm in Parkville on the Concord road, where he lived for about twenty years. He was a member of Westford Grange and was a remarkably genial man to meet. Besides his wife he leaves four sons and a daughter and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Gladu, of Sherbrooke, Canada, where the subject of this sketch was born, but most of his life was spent in Massachusetts. The funeral was held from St. John's church, North Chelmsford, Saturday, August 9. The bearers were Daniel and Patrick Healy and John Wrilly, of Chelmsford; Gordon and Ferdinand Lodge, of Graniteville; and Hercules Gardner, of Lowell. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Lowell.

Only a small gathering was in attendance at the open air lawn institute at the Bryant farm, Draut, last week Wednesday. Hibbard's orchestra furnished the music of the day.

At seven o'clock W. B. Hemway gave a much needed address on "Identifying the home and community" and at two o'clock W. R. King, secretary of the Worcester-North County strike on "An eighth-grade high school graduate." Besides those addresses, representatives of the farm struck a present to give demonstrations and made discussion on classification of apples and vegetables.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Trull, of Detroit, Mich., have been visiting at the home of Mrs. George H. M. Grogan, Westford corner, Mr. Trull being one of the west as suffering from long continued drought and the expected bumper crops will be a surprise as her prophesied expectation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Greig motored to York Beach recently and returned over Sunday. While there they met Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Snow.

Miss Luanna Deatur, who has been teaching in New Rochelle, N. Y., is home for the summer vacation.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Day back to town. Mr. Day is engineer at the Sargent machine shop.

For the number of trees, David Sherman on frosty Cold Spring road has the best display of peaches. All the trees are loaded to the prop up.

and branches, but Mr. Tuttle is too good and reliable to be built that way.

Graniteville. The Abbot Worsted Co. baseball team visited Forge Village on last Saturday afternoon and at the big outing held by the M. U. Oddfellows defeated the Forge Village A. C. by the score of 19 to 4. Munroe, the young twirler who has done such excellent work for the P. Y. team this season, started on the slab for Forge Village, but retired in the third in favor of Downing of the Camp Devens team, who was batted hard, 15 runs being scored on him. Batteries, Munroe and Liston for the Abbot Worsted Co.; Munroe, Downing, Spinner and Greenleaf for Forge Village; "Empires," Reed and McTeague.

Next Saturday the Abbot Worsted Co. will play the strong T. R. and T. club of North Billerica on the local grounds in Graniteville. The Billerica boys always have a fast team and the game promises to be a good one. Game called at three p. m.

Rev. Francis Curry, O. M. I. of Washington, D. C., who has been stopping at his home in North Chelmsford for the past few days, celebrated both masses in St. Catherine's church here last Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Couture and Miss Laura Couture have recently returned from a very enjoyable vacation spent with relatives at Tiverton Beach, R. I.

Mrs. Bernard Moran of Nashua, N. H., is spending a few days at the home of Miss Hattie O'Brien in West Graniteville.

Miss Inez Crawford of Boston has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Defoe in this village.

Miss Mary Dalley of Manchester, N. H., has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Healy.

Sergt. William F. Buckingham, a Graniteville boy with the famous 2d Division, has recently returned from overseas duty and has received his discharge at Camp Devens. He is now at his home here.

Mrs. Catherine Eple of Fitchburg has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wall.

Miss Catherine Conley has recently returned from a visit spent with relatives in Lynn.

A Successful Outing.

The Social club held a very successful outing at Lake Nahassett last Sunday afternoon. George Gower had general charge of arrangements and aided by an able corps of assistants, ran off a fine list of sports during the afternoon. The first was the ball game between the Old Timers and the Young Fellows, the latter winning by the score of 8 to 6. The game created great interest. The other events and the winners were as follows: 100-yd. dash, P. Healy 1st, F. Gagnon 2d; three-legged race, Gagnon and Reeves 1st, Healy and Prinn 2d; girls' race, E. Prinn 1st, G. Healy 2d; sack race, P. Healy 1st, J. Boyd 2d; for boys, F. M. L. Reeves 1st, E. Harrington 2d; half-mile run, P. Healy 1st, F. Gagnon 2d; wheelbarrow race, Wood and Boyd 1st, Richard and Reeves 2d; ladies' race, E. Woods 1st, M. Dube 2d; swimming race, 1/4 mile, J. Shackleton 1st, Reeves 2d; potato race, Bousquet 1st, O. Reeves 2d; novelty race, F. Woods 1st, Reeves 2d. The closing feature was the three inning ball game between the Young Climbers and the Girls' club. The girls plainly showed that they follow the game closely and the Climbers were defeated by the score of 9 to 2. Refreshments were served during the afternoon and the first outing of the club was voted a great success. All had a thoroughly good time.

Forge Village.

A fourth-class postmaster's examination will be held by the civil service commission in Ayer, on September 12. It is expected that the successful candidate will make certification to fill a corresponding vacancy in Forge Village. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$57 for the last fiscal year. All information may be obtained from the local postoffice. Mrs. Eimer E. Nutting, the efficient and courteous postmistress, has sent in her resignation to take effect in September. Mrs. Nutting succeeded her brother, the late Daniel Splaine, who took the office over twenty years ago.

The Odd Fellows field day at the athletic grounds last Saturday drew a large crowd. The attraction was a ball game between the Forge Village A. C. and the Abbot Worsted Company team. The latter won by the score of 19 to 4. Other attractions were sports of different kinds. Refreshments were on sale. The training school band of North Chelmsford rendered music during the afternoon.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flanagan on Sunday evening.

Rev. Arthur I. Bumpus, a former vicar of St. Andrew's church, called on former friends here the last of the week. Mr. Bumpus is spending his vacation in Shirley with Mrs. Bumpus and their little daughter.

The Misses Alice Walsh and niece, also named Alice Walsh, and Mary Delaney are spending their vacation at Salisbury Beach.

Miss Annie Hunt is visiting relatives in Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cockcroft, of Ware, returned home Monday after an enjoyable vacation spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wriely and three children, of Newark, N. J., are enjoying their vacation as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thompson.

HARVARD

News Items.

The Grange observed honor roll night on Tuesday evening and all extra men were invited. Other attractions, besides the attendance, but there was a very social party of members and invited guests out. Eric Turner gave a very interesting talk on his work as an engineer with the service around Puget Sound, interspersed with humorous anecdotes of camp life. He was followed by Allan Hathaway of Littleton, who was also with the aero squadron, and was with the first American contingent to go overseas. Rev. H. C. Merrill spoke of his visit to the battlefields of France, and especially of his stop at Verdun. He gave some new and interesting facts relative to this famous battle ground. Mr. Thayer gave two vocal solos. Following the meeting ice cream and cake was served to all.

Miss Mabelle Sawyer, of Lunenburg, formerly a town girl, is camping at Bare hill pond. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sargent will be pleased to know of the

arrival of a baby boy last week. He has been named David William for his grandfather.

Cuthbert Wrantham is visiting this week with friends in Boston and Billerica.

The cottage house of our oldest citizen, Alfred Willard, has been wired for electricity. The work was a gift to Mr. Willard by his friends in town.

W. Lawrence Parsons has the frame up for his new house on his land near the depot.

The Harvard Canning club are busy this week with peaches. They are using the new Liberty jar for all their exhibition work this year.

Miss Genevieve Meade, with her mother, Mrs. L. H. Meade, returned Thursday after a visit with friends in Arlington Heights.

Quite a number from town attended the Baptist church picnic on Macaulay's shore at Bare hill pond last Wednesday and report a good time.

Mrs. Raymond Wright spent Wednesday with friends in Clinton.

The sum of \$170 was netted at the last lawn party given by the Catholic mission.

This Saturday evening Roy Stewart will be the leading star in "Cactus Cradle," a western story that is full of pep. He will lead to teach Mendoza good manners; he bears the Mexican leader in his hand; he appears with a new and beautiful heroine, Marion Marvin, in this whiz bang western play. On August 25, Baby Marie Osborne, 10, winning grandma's will be given for the benefit of the King's Daughters.

Church Notes. The idea of union services proved very popular with the members of the different parishes of the town. Last Sunday the call was made on the Baptist church in Still River, and a very good number from both the Congregational and Unitarian parishes attended. Rev. H. C. Merrill preached and Mrs. Toombs gave a vocal solo. Rev. F. C. Kattner assisted with Mr. Merrill. On Sunday the members of the Baptist society, by vote of the members, will worship with the town churches. The meeting will be held at the Congregational church. Mr. Kattner will preach the morning lesson. Mr. Thayer will give a vocal solo and a chorus choir will sing.

This week Saturday the ladies of the Benevolent society will hold a sale of food, vegetables and aprons in front of the church from 2.30 to 5 o'clock. Mrs. West has charge of this sale.

Special Prizes Offered. Miss Clara Endicott Sears has offered eight prizes to be competed for by eight canning clubs in various towns in Worcester county, the clubs to be chosen by the Worcester County Farm Bureau. The bureau has chosen the clubs from the following towns: Harvard, Athol, Auburn, Mendon, North Dana, Northboro, North Brookfield and Templeton. The exhibition of canned products of the competing clubs will be at the New England fair to be held at Worcester from September 1 to 4.

The following is an extract from a letter written by Miss Sears to the leaders of the various canning clubs, competing for these special prizes: I believe very much in the importance of preventing the girls from slipping back into inefficiency just because they have Auburn, Mendon, North Dana, Northboro, North Brookfield and Templeton. The exhibition of canned products of the competing clubs will be at the New England fair to be held at Worcester from September 1 to 4. The following is an extract from a letter written by Miss Sears to the leaders of the various canning clubs, competing for these special prizes: I believe very much in the importance of preventing the girls from slipping back into inefficiency just because they have Auburn, Mendon, North Dana, Northboro, North Brookfield and Templeton. The exhibition of canned products of the competing clubs will be at the New England fair to be held at Worcester from September 1 to 4.

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The premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes or assessments. TERMS: \$200 in cash at the time and place of sale; and balance on delivery of deed in ten days. HELEN M. HAMEL, Mortgagee. 2149 Ayer, Mass., August 8, 1919.

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GROTON

New Items.

Mrs. Hermion Frazee, of Elm street, was ill for a few days last week, requiring the doctor's services, but is now improving.

Miss Charlet Vickery is away on a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hartshorn, of Springfield, with their two sons, are in Groton for a week.

Miss Carrie Davis has returned from Springfield, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Moyle.

David Donahue is in town on a vacation.

Miss Helen Forbes has been spending several days with friends in Clinton.

Mrs. Herbert W. Taylor and her children and Mrs. Herbert J. Folkins went to the Fletcher picnic at Pepperell Springs last Saturday. After leaving the springs they went to Mr. Boynton's cabin, where the party enjoyed a bonfire and a corn roast, and while there and at the picnic had a very pleasant social outing.

On Wednesday the Pacific mills in Lawrence, according to their usual custom, closed for the last ten days in August to make necessary repairs. Warren H. Whitehill, who is employed as a chemist at these mills, will therefore have the time for a vacation, coming home this week Saturday to spend it with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitehill.

Mrs. Elias Northrup has been at home for a few days, but will return on Saturday to Fride's Crossing in Beverly, accompanied by Mrs. Herbert J. Folkins.

The house on Main street, formerly owned by the late Dr. S. A. Green, is being put in order for occupancy. It is to be shingled and painted. Horace H. Rockwood is doing the carpentry, and Edward Roache the painting. Several persons have looked over the house with the idea of leasing it.

All the public schools in Groton will open on Monday, September 8.

The X-ray machine has been installed at the Groton private hospital and has been used.

Mrs. Charamonte was operated upon Wednesday, and is gaining as fast as can be expected so soon.

The Middlesex County Bureau announced that a fruit excursion would take place on Wednesday. William P. Wharton of this town took in his car S. W. Sabine, H. H. Gay, Frank D. Lewis, C. S. Knapp and Lewis M. Hines.

The excursion was advertised to leave Littleton at ten in the morning. In Littleton they visited the orchards of Mr. Frost, E. H. Priest, John H. Hardy and Walter Kimball. In Stow they inspected C. E. Wetherbee's orchard, in Gloucester the Priest's farm, in Hudson, T. D. Dods, in Marlboro they stopped at the Fruit Growers' Exchange. On leaving Marlboro they returned home through Hudson, Bolton, Harvard and Ayer. It was a fine day and the party had a long ride, a good time, and a return to some grapes. It has been roughly estimated that 500 or 600 people went on this excursion in about 200 autos.

Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, assisted by several other doctors, operated upon Mrs. H. R. Robblee on Wednesday, at the Groton hospital. The patient bore the operation very well, and there is every prospect of a good recovery.

There will be a band concert from the bandstand on this week Saturday evening.

George T. Stevens and Richard M. Shaw have taken out nomination papers for the office of selectman.

The Misses Wiseman motored to Hampton Beach last Sunday, where they are spending their vacation.

Miss Virginia A. Woods, who taught in the Quincy schools last year and was reappointed, has an increase of \$100 in salary, to teach in the private school for the children in the families of the instructors at the Groton School.

Mrs. Daniel Coughlin has been so ill that she is under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Susie Wilson, of Attleboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Leonard Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton H. Esher, with Mrs. F. C. Bishop and her daughter Marion, started on the return trip to Fitch's Bay by automobile Tuesday.

Mrs. Bishop hopes that the change may be a benefit to Marion, who has not recovered her usual health since her illness.

Rev. J. E. Perry, of Weston, will be the preacher at the union service at the Baptist church on Sunday.

Miss Eleanor Denahy, the daughter of J. F. Denahy, North Main street, is visiting her aunt in Granville.

Miss Irene Tyrrell returned from her vacation in Hartford, Conn., on Tuesday night.

The Chicopee row schoolhouse was opened for a banquet and welcome home to Lewis M. Knapp, Tuesday evening. All the Chicopee row people came and others who had been at some time pupils at the Chicopee row school. The tables were decorated with flowers and fruit, and all enjoyed a delightful social evening.

Mrs. Ruth Floyd (Converse) and her two children, Barbara and Earl, from Chepucket, R. I., came to Groton on Tuesday and are visiting Mrs. Converse's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Floyd. Mrs. Swain and her daughter, from New Jersey, are guests of her cousin, Mrs. John L. Gilson.

Miss John Condon attended the funeral on Tuesday in Dorchester of his relative, Miss Agnes Burdell. Miss Burdell was for many years a well-known milliner in Shepard & Norwell's store, Boston. She has frequently visited in Groton.

Miss Belle Patterson is spending a two-weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Patterson, Champlany street.

Ismond D. Ellingwood, of Gloucester, N. H., spent the past week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Patterson, Champlany street.

George Floyd and his wife have returned to town and are now occupying the house vacated by N. B. Perrin and family. The house has been newly painted and thoroughly put in order.

Mrs. Dora T. Putnam went this week Friday to attend the reunion of the New Ipswich Appleton academy alumni and reception to the soldiers of New Ipswich. Mrs. Putnam entered the New Ipswich Appleton academy fifty years ago, and a class reunion is held every five years. These exercises take place during the Old House Week in New Hampshire, August 17-24.

Miss Mildred Kemp and her sister spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. Grant W. Corwin, of Fitchburg, and took in the play at Whalom, Fair and warmer. Sunday, Miss Mildred sang at the Calvinistic Congregational church in Fitchburg, where she has substituted for the past three years for Miss Florence Herndon of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence made their first appearance during the racing season at Saratoga last week Thursday when they were guests in the Joseph E. Widener box. There was great rejoicing that day in the Richard T. Wilson box, where there was a full complement of guests, when Humbal won the third race, and for it was the second time the Wilson colors had flashed at the front this season.

Groton Lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold a social dance in the town hall on Labor day night. Good music; dancing from eight until one o'clock.

An interesting report of the union meeting held last Sunday, with an address by Mr. Knapp on his experiences overseas, will be printed in our next issue, owing to lack of space this week.

Jack Pickford in the great play, "Bill Apperson's boy," from the story of "That woman," a romance of Kentucky hills. At Proctor's Strand, Ayer, September 2 and 3.

Changes Being Made.

There are some changes being made in the neighborhood of the Groton school. The school reported that Charles D. Norton has bought the Sherman Monroe house and will move onto the golf links, in the vicinity of the Moors schoolhouse, and that the Durant house is to be moved to the present location of the Monroe house. The Cutting Memorial building is to be erected on the Groton side of the lot next to that occupied by the Durant house, and the ground has been already broken for it. Next to this, on the Groton side, a memorial gateway is to be built and a road cut through to connect it with the main entrance to the school grounds. The Cutting Memorial building is to be used as a house for one of the masters at the school, as is the Scanlon house, which has been bought by the school and is being remodeled. The memorial building is being built by the brothers and sisters of R. Bayard Cutting, who is a graduate of the Groton School, and gave his life to his country in the late war.

To the Editor: An article in the warrant for the town meeting on August 25 is to see if the town will appropriate a loan to the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics, and raise and appropriate a sum of money as a contribution towards the support of the said bureau, or take any action in relation to the same.

This article gives Groton an opportunity to follow the examples of most of her neighbors by giving official recognition and aid to an organization encouraged and co-operated with by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the Massachusetts Agricultural college, and supported to the extent of one-half its income by the county commissioners. Durable, Westford, Littleton, Shirley, Ashby and a number of others have already contributed amounts varying from \$25 to \$100, and appointed local directors.

The work of the County Bureau is primarily to encourage and assist agriculture and home-making. It maintains a county agricultural agent, now John B. Abbott; a horticultural agent, now Albert R. Jenks; a leader of boys' and girls' club work, Mr. Frask, and a head of the home economics department, Mrs. E. Griffin. These persons are constantly traveling about the county in answer to requests for farm visits, or to give demonstrations, or to address meetings. Being in constant touch with farmers and their wives, as well as with the teachers in agricultural affairs in other parts of the county, they are in a position to give the most practical assistance in the case of a Groton farmer who wished to sell some pigs quickly in order to obtain needed cash. Not being in a position to sell to advantage, he called upon Mr. Abbott, who quickly found him a buyer on satisfactory terms. In another instance, a Durable farmer, in conversation with Mr. Abbott on other matters, remarked that he would give \$10 to know what was the matter with his field of potatoes. Mr. Abbott, having had a wide experience with potatoes, asked to see the field and, after a very quick visit, was able to diagnose the trouble and to tell the treatment of the seed which would have prevented it, if applied before planting. This treatment was soaking in corrosive sublimate solution, instead of in formalin.

Another feature of the work of the bureau is the field days which it has held. On these occasions successful farmers of various types, demonstrating efficient management, production of high quality, etc., are visited, and the methods employed on them studied and discussed. Many farmers feel that these are one of the most important activities of the bureau.

Over forty residents of Groton are now members of this organization. It is to be hoped that as many more will join soon, and that the town meeting will vote to support a movement so promising for the future welfare of Groton. William P. Wharton.

Special Town Meeting.

The warrant has been posted for a town meeting to be held on Monday, August 25, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of choosing one selectman, one overseer of the poor and one assessor, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George H. McKee. There are also seven articles to be voted on, the first to choose a moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to name the common on Hollis street "Memorial common," or act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to run a commercial line (electric) past the house of Lillian Clapp.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the erection of a suitable tablet in honor of, and to have inscribed thereon, the name of each and every Groton man who served in the army, navy, merchant marine and marines in the late war.

Art. 5. To see if the town will choose a local director of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics, and raise and appropriate a sum of money as a contribution towards the support of said bureau.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 for the use of the tree warden for the purpose of taking care of our shade trees along our highways, to include taking down dead trees and other trees that are objectionable, and the cutting of brush.

Art. 7. To see if the town will hear at this meeting a report from the selectmen of the amount of money spent on the public highways for the present year to this date; and what it was spent for, and what agreement has been made with the state, county, Ayer, Littleton or the federal authorities in regard to the Groton-Ayer road and the Groton-Littleton road.

The polls will be open at eight in the morning and may be closed at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Appointed Superintendent.

For some time past the choice of a new superintendent of schools in the town has been under consideration, and especially as to whether it would be wise to place a woman in that office. At the last committee meeting, August 14, the school committee elected Miss Fannie E. Woods, of Groton, by a vote of five to one. Miss Woods has been for a number of years one of the teachers in the Groton high school. She received the degree of B. A. from Wellesley college, and afterwards was given the degree of M. A. from Brown university. Later on she studied art and foreign languages abroad under university extension. She has had extensive educational advantages obtained by travel in this country and in Europe. She has been associated as a teacher with well-known educators in high, normal and private schools. For some years she taught in the normal school at Providence, R. I., where she assisted in the training of pupils, whom she are now ranked among the best teachers in their grade.

Miss Woods was for seven years the principal of a large private school with an enrollment of from 150 to 200 pupils, where the courses taught included all grades from kindergarten to the college preparatory course. She has recently been making preparation for the work of superintendent of schools by special studies and courses required by the state.

To the Editor: At the coming town meeting on Monday I shall be a candidate for the office of selectman, and I now wish to state, through the columns of your paper, the policy, or platform, upon which my candidacy is based.

For some time there has been a growing sentiment that our town affairs are being managed in a very careless, insufficient and extravagant manner; the same political body, ring or clique, has controlled our civic business for a number of years, and while mindful of the faithful service they have rendered to the town in the past, a large number of Groton's citizens are beginning to feel that the town's welfare has been made subservient to private political desires.

It is in response to this public feeling that I am now offering myself as a candidate for selectman. I am entirely independent of any political party, ring, organization or clique. I believe in greater efficiency in all town departments; more wages for town employees, and more work and service in return therefor; ability and fitness for the job, as the chief qualification to encourage and assist agriculture and home-making; no jobs for political purposes.

The same care in the expenditure of the town's money, that any one of us would use in our own private business; for every dollar spent, one hundred cents' value returned. By the above method I hope to gain one political principle, the abolition of secret deals and political trickery, more town improvements, less taxes, and a greater civic pride in our community.

Richard M. Shaw.

LITTLETON

News Items. Ethel and Vera Newcomb are visiting relatives in Fitchburg this week. The large shipment of sheep from London, 400 in number, arrived at the U. S. quarantine this week.

Littleton's tax rate this year is to be \$24.25 on \$1000.

John Tarbox took the older of his two little girls to the children's hospital in Boston, Wednesday, for an operation, which will necessitate her staying there for two weeks, probably.

Archie Shafter and his sister, Miss Hattie Shafter, and Mrs. Laura Wyman are in the Shafter camp at Forge pond for a few days.

Miss Ruth Robinson has resigned as bookkeeper at Conant & Co.'s store at the Common and Mrs. J. W. Dods is taking her place.

Mrs. N. B. Conant and daughter Caroline came home from Adams on Tuesday. Mrs. Conant has since visited Mr. Wallace Conant in Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey of Pennsylvania, are guests of his parents, the Kennells of Harwood avenue.

The Merry Go Round club enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon Tuesday with Mrs. Stacy C. Bates at her home in Newtown. It was decided not to meet during September, but to begin the second year the second Tuesday in October. Miss Katherine Kimball resigned as president. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mrs. Bertha Prouty, pres.; Miss Evelyn Kimball, vice pres.; Catherine Brown, sec. and treas.

The announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Esther Kimball of Worcester, daughter of George H. Kimball, and Miss Helen H. Wadsworth of the same city, recently returned from overseas duty.

Miss Lillian Robinson is visiting in Fairhaven. She will teach in Medford the coming year.

Miss Emily Robinson has returned from the Columbia university summer school and will resume her school duties at Roselle, N. J., the eighth of September.

Miss Vera Libby is at home, for awhile before returning to her school.

Miss Katherine Kimball has accepted a position as librarian of the George H. Keith Company, and will assume her duties at the head of a force of six assistants of this large shoe firm in Brockton the first of September.

The fruit excursion was carried out Wednesday according to schedule. Between three and four hundred persons availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the fruit farms and, ob-

serve the different methods of obtaining success in gardening in Littleton, Gloucester, Marlboro, Hudson and Sudbury, and hear from owners and other professional men valuable information on various phases of the general subject. The noon hour was spent at lunch in Walter Kimball's summer house, which commands a fine view. The day proved pleasant and profitable, and it is expected that an excursion of similar nature will be conducted frequently in this vicinity.

Jack Pickford in the great play, "Bill Apperson's boy," from the story of "That woman," a romance of Kentucky hills. At Proctor's Strand, Ayer, September 2 and 3.

Seriously Injured. Last Saturday afternoon Warren, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Fisher, was seriously injured in an accident that happened near his home at the corner of King street and Hartwell avenue. The little Clifford boy had been playing at the latter's home and jumped upon a team for a ride. When near the Fisher home they left the team and an auto, coming along probably unobserved by Warren, struck him, and it was said, fractured his skull. The parents were both away, but were soon at home and within a short time went with their boy to Groton hospital. Little hope of recovery was given by the doctors, but the young lad received the closest attention and by morning had partly regained consciousness. The doctors remained skeptical, but from that time the present Warren has continued to gain and his chances now seem very promising. He was badly bruised and will doubtless bear some scars as long as he lives, but his parents and their friends are very thankful to have his life spared.

Obituary. Mrs. Sarah Warren, widow of John Dix Warren, entered into rest Wednesday morning at one o'clock at the age of ninety-six years and nearly two months. Mrs. Warren had been in failing health for several weeks and the transition came very peacefully, so that time spent in her home on Russell street and a longer and very beautiful service was held in West-lawn at the family lot at 2:30 p. m. Thursday. Rev. H. L. Caulkins officiating. The remains were laid to rest beside those of Mr. Warren, whose death occurred about forty years ago.

Miss Sarah P. Hoar was born in Littleton June 25, 1823, and was the second daughter of that name born to Harry and Anna Hoar. Her early life was spent here and on March 15, 1846, Sarah Prentice Hoar became the wife of John Dix Warren of Littleton. One daughter was born to them, the late Mrs. Mary A. Felch.

Mrs. Warren has lived in Littleton most of her life and although she went with her daughter to North Brookfield and later to Lowell, and for a while lived in Westford in Essexborough, she longed for her old home, and was very happy to come back and enjoy the evening of life in Littleton.

She is survived by two granddaughters, Mrs. Effie Jewett and Mrs. Ida Dickson, the latter of Dracut, and eight great grandchildren, and a niece, Mrs. C. T. Webster of Exeter, N. H. Mrs. Warren lived to a good old age and in her day rendered a creditable service in the home and the neighborhood. She enjoyed the companionship of her friends many of whom were pleased to help make her declining years pleasant through their kind offices. She has lived a worthy life, and we believe has entered into a bountiful reward.

AYER

News Items. Extensive repairs and alterations are being made at the fire station in preparation for the arrival of the new truck. The doors are being rearranged so that they will swing outward, and the inside of the station is being completely renovated. The new truck is expected to arrive in about a week.

At the district court on last Saturday morning six men, Frank Spencer, J. G. O'Hara, William King, James Rowan, Mike Lokadich, charged with vagrancy in Ayer, and Harvey Mercer, charged with vagrancy in Groton, were before the court. Frank Spencer was committed by the court to the house of correction, and the other five cases were placed on file.

The tax rate for this year has been fixed by the assessors at \$18.70 per \$1000, as compared with \$17.50 last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith leave town September 3 for Nutley, N. J., where Mr. Smith has accepted the position of principal of the grammar school in that town. Mrs. Smith (Amy Louer) has been connected with the First National bank for some few years, and Mr. Smith, since his discharge from the service, has been employed at the camp in a clerical position.

Sergt. Joseph Titus of the 301st Ambulance Corps, who recently returned from overseas and been discharged, has been visiting Miss Helen Savage for a few days, and found an opportunity while here to also visit Miss Charlotte Sanderson at her summer home in Littleton. Sergt. Titus left Wednesday morning for his home in Pittsfield.

Fred A. Smith, local real estate dealer, has sold for J. E. Beach his place in Acton to S. L. McKnight, a chemist and service man at Camp Devens, who buys for home use.

Capt. and Mrs. W. P. Warner, who have been at Mrs. Charles L. Farnsworth's for the past year, left Wednesday night for Fort Pike, Okla., where the captain will be discharged from the service. He is part owner of a garage at Fort Smith, Ark.

Nils Peterson, of Dodge, formerly of this town, who left here about two years ago, was here in Boston Monday at the home of Mrs. Peterson.

Louis J. Pickard of Jackson street and two sons, Henry and Albert, have gone to Canada for two weeks.

New Advertisements

BEST QUALITY WOOD ready for immediate delivery. Bone dry Maine \$11.50, sawed \$10 in four-foot lengths; Hard and White Pine \$8.50 and \$9; Chestnut at same prices as Pine. Also, Chestnut and Pine posts, each length. Order from George Floyd, Groton, Mass., Telephone 17-6. W. P. WHARTON, 215.

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serve the different methods of obtaining success in gardening in Littleton, Gloucester, Marlboro, Hudson and Sudbury, and hear from owners and other professional men valuable information on various phases of the general subject. The noon hour was spent at lunch in Walter Kimball's summer house, which commands a fine view. The day proved pleasant and profitable, and it is expected that an excursion of similar nature will be conducted frequently in this vicinity.

Jack Pickford in the great play, "Bill Apperson's boy," from the story of "That woman," a romance of Kentucky hills. At Proctor's Strand, Ayer, September 2 and 3.

Seriously Injured. Last Saturday afternoon Warren, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Fisher, was seriously injured in an accident that happened near his home at the corner of King street and Hartwell avenue. The little Clifford boy had been playing at the latter's home and jumped upon a team for a ride. When near the Fisher home they left the team and an auto, coming along probably unobserved by Warren, struck him, and it was said, fractured his skull. The parents were both away, but were soon at home and within a short time went with their boy to Groton hospital. Little hope of recovery was given by the doctors, but the young lad received the closest attention and by morning had partly regained consciousness. The doctors remained skeptical, but from that time the present Warren has continued to gain and his chances now seem very promising. He was badly bruised and will doubtless bear some scars as long as he lives, but his parents and their friends are very thankful to have his life spared.

Obituary. Mrs. Sarah Warren, widow of John Dix Warren, entered into rest Wednesday morning at one o'clock at the age of ninety-six years and nearly two months. Mrs. Warren had been in failing health for several weeks and the transition came very peacefully, so that time spent in her home on Russell street and a longer and very beautiful service was held in West-lawn at the family lot at 2:30 p. m. Thursday. Rev. H. L. Caulkins officiating. The remains were laid to rest beside those of Mr. Warren, whose death occurred about forty years ago.

Miss Sarah P. Hoar was born in Littleton June 25, 1823, and was the second daughter of that name born to Harry and Anna Hoar. Her early life was spent here and on March 15, 1846, Sarah Prentice Hoar became the wife of John Dix Warren of Littleton. One daughter was born to them, the late Mrs. Mary A. Felch.

Mrs. Warren has lived in Littleton most of her life and although she went with her daughter to North Brookfield and later to Lowell, and for a while lived in Westford in Essexborough, she longed for her old home, and was very happy to come back and enjoy the evening of life in Littleton.

She is survived by two granddaughters, Mrs. Effie Jewett and Mrs. Ida Dickson, the latter of Dracut, and eight great grandchildren, and a niece, Mrs. C. T. Webster of Exeter, N. H. Mrs. Warren lived to a good old age and in her day rendered a creditable service in the home and the neighborhood. She enjoyed the companionship of her friends many of whom were pleased to help make her declining years pleasant through their kind offices. She has lived a worthy life, and we believe has entered into a bountiful reward.

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News Items. Extensive repairs and alterations are being made at the fire station in preparation for the arrival of the new truck. The doors are being rearranged so that they will swing outward, and the inside of the station is being completely renovated. The new truck is expected to arrive in about a week.

At the district court on last Saturday morning six men, Frank Spencer, J. G. O'Hara, William King, James Rowan, Mike Lokadich, charged with vagrancy in Ayer, and Harvey Mercer, charged with vagrancy in Groton, were before the court. Frank Spencer was committed by the court to the house of correction, and the other five cases were placed on file.

The tax rate for this year has been fixed by the assessors at \$18.70 per \$1000, as compared with \$17.50 last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith leave town September 3 for Nutley, N. J., where Mr. Smith has accepted the position of principal of the grammar school in that town. Mrs. Smith (Amy Louer) has been connected with the First National bank for some few years, and Mr. Smith, since his discharge from the service, has been employed at the camp in a clerical position.

Sergt. Joseph Titus of the 301st Ambulance Corps, who recently returned from overseas and been discharged, has been visiting Miss Helen Savage for a few days, and found an opportunity while here to also visit Miss Charlotte Sanderson at her summer home in Littleton. Sergt. Titus left Wednesday morning for his home in Pittsfield.

Fred A. Smith, local real estate dealer, has sold for J. E. Beach his place in Acton to S. L. McKnight, a chemist and service man at Camp Devens, who buys for home use.

Capt. and Mrs. W. P. Warner, who have been at Mrs. Charles L. Farnsworth's for the past year, left Wednesday night for Fort Pike, Okla., where the captain will be discharged from the service. He is part owner of a garage at Fort Smith, Ark.

Nils Peterson, of Dodge, formerly of this town, who left here about two years ago, was here in Boston Monday at the home of Mrs. Peterson.

Louis J. Pickard of Jackson street and two sons, Henry and Albert, have gone to Canada for two weeks.

New Advertisements

BEST QUALITY WOOD ready for immediate delivery. Bone dry Maine \$11.50, sawed \$10 in four-foot lengths; Hard and White Pine \$8.50 and \$9; Chestnut at same prices as Pine. Also, Chestnut and Pine posts, each length. Order from George Floyd, Groton, Mass., Telephone 17-6. W. P. WHARTON, 215.

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News Items

Charles A. Norris, who has been stationed in Washington, D. C., in the hospital corps, has re-enlisted, his original term having expired. He has been home on a furlough. Daniel H. Dickinson and his daughter, Mrs. Lois E. Porter, are planning to attend the annual Grand Army encampment in Columbus, Ohio, next month. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lovejoy leave this week for the Wells, N. H., to attend the forty-third annual encampment of the New Hampshire Veterans' association at Camp M. L. Morrison, which will be held on August 26, 27, 28 and 29. Tuesday will be Spanish war veterans' and Sons of Veterans' day. Wednesday, Grand Army and Sons of Veterans' day, Thursday, governor's and American Legion day. The first convention of the American Legion of New Hampshire will be held in conjunction with the encampment. Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy have attended this gathering for over thirty years. Mrs. Lovejoy has received his commission of second lieutenant with the 7th New Hampshire regiment in the civil war. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Preston, of Harvard, also members of the local post and corps, will attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Washburn have returned from a visit to New York city and New Britain, Conn. Miss Esther O. Washburn, who has been visiting Mrs. Washburn's sister, Mrs. A. E. Hawks, in New Britain, returned with them. William N. Scruton and family, of Fitchburg, stopped here last week on their way to Maine, where they will spend at vacation in several towns, making the trip by automobile. Amie E. Caron and family have returned from a visit with relatives in Somersworth, N. H., their old home. William H. Annis, of Cliffondale, is employed at the White Ribbon Home. Mr. Annis is a nephew of William H. Dudley. Charles A. Scruton has had a heating plant installed at his residence on Groves street.

Ray Boutwell left Monday for Camp Ripperwick, Mt. View, N. Y., where he will join the Boutwell family. Mr. Boutwell made the trip by automobile. Those desiring accommodations on board the G. A. R. train for the national encampment, which opens in Columbus, Ohio, September 8, should apply at once to Wilfred A. Weatherbee, post department commander, as the special train is being filled rapidly. The Massachusetts department of the W. R. C. has taken three cars. Special communications of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Friday evening, August 22, Monday evening, August 25, and Friday evening, August 29. On the first and last named dates the Master Mason degree will be worked, with lunch; on the other date, the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees will be worked.

Notices have been sent out by Chief Beatty in an endeavor to recover a fox fur necklace of medium length, light red, with little red on one side, white edged around bottom, lined with brown silk, which was stolen on the night of August 9 from a dance at the home of Mrs. John C. Guthrie. Miss Eleanor Clark is having a very pleasant vacation. She went to Schenectady, N. Y., and visited her brother Rev. John A. Clark, then a trip to Lake George and other points of interest followed, after which she went to New London, N. H., for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Smith, and other friends. James Donahue has a badly injured arm as the result of an accident last week while working for the New England Telephone Co. A pole fell on his arm, pulling it from the socket, and straining and fracturing the ligaments in a very painful manner. Yates' garage had a new Studebaker light six delivered to them on Monday, and Mr. Yates has been exhibiting it to the townspeople this week. E. D. Stone is to have it and no doubt will appreciate this beautiful car. Mrs. L. M. Knowlton, of Somerville, is at her home on William street and will remain until after September first. Miss Angie Kendall, of Spelman seminary, Atlanta, Ga., with her sister, Mrs. Althea Kendall Wright, of Clinton, and her three daughters, spent Wednesday in town with friends. They are former former residents of Ayer. Miss Angie Kendall will take home with her the oldest daughter of Mrs. Wright to teach at Spelman with her. Misses Frances and Sadie Ross left Monday for a visit to Beverly and Lynn with relatives. Robert Ross is visiting with his sister, Mrs. John Dean, in Lynn, for two weeks. Miss Sylvan Lynch and her aunt, K. E. Lynch, returned from a visit to Bradford and Salisbury Beach, as guests of Mrs. Marion Murphy, Saturday. Miss Nellie McNiff is having a vacation with friends in Saugus. Miss Helen Malony, of Haverhill, has accepted a position at the Soldiers' club. Miss Muriel Miner, of Shirley, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Maud McMahan. Miss Florence McPherson is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wesley Gilmore, in Boston. K. E. Lynch was a guest over Sunday of her brother, T. Worcester Lynch, in Nashua, N. H. An opportunity will be given the parents of children entering school in September to have them vaccinated at the office of the board of health in the town hall between the hours of 2.30 and 3.30 on the afternoon of August 26. Please bring the children at that time. Frank Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Griffin, who has been in France over a year, has arrived at Camp Mills. He has been at Camp Upton nearly three weeks. Miss Gertrude Sampson is visiting the Boutwell family at Mt. View, N. Y. Miss Marguerite Glynn is employed at Proctor's Strand. The Misses Elizabeth and Marjorie McWilliams, who have been visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, have returned to their home in Newburyport. After two weeks in Groton hospital Charles W. E. Force has returned home. On August 1 Mr. Force met with a serious accident while employed at R. Murphy's Sons Co. shop, crushing the thumb and two first fingers of his left hand. By the prompt aid and skill of Dr. B. H. Hopkins

and Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, no amputation was necessary and Mr. Force is now well along on the road to recovery. Miss Frances Keyes, of Concord, is a guest this week of Miss Helen Savage. Miss Edith Thurston, granddaughter of Rev. George H. Allen, formerly pastor of the Baptist church, well-known in town, died Wednesday in Fall River from the effects of an appendicitis operation. Her mother was formerly Ruth Allen, who will be remembered by many in town. Miss Thurston was twenty years of age and had a position as teacher in the Waltham public schools. Frederick W. Boynton, of Winthrop, was drowned this week Friday morning at Winthrop Beach as the result of a shark attack of heart disease while in bathing. Mr. Boynton's widow was formerly Miss Laura Pillman, daughter of John T. Pillman, formerly of this town, and very well-known here. Patrick H. Rynn has installed electric lights in his residence on East Main street. The annual picnic of the Baptist Sunday school was held Wednesday at Haddock pond. Graton, the members being conveyed in automobiles. Miss Madeline Carlson of St. Elizabeth's hospital, Brighton, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Carlson. Harry Draper and John H. Sanderson are employed at the box factory in Harvard. Harold W. Cushing is visiting friends in Taunton. Miss Phyllis V. Poor of Arlington has been visiting old acquaintances here. Miss Poor is doing special nurse duty at the present time. Miss Dorothy Peters of Lane End, Harvard, has returned from France, where she has been doing canteen work. Mrs. James A. McDonald has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. George B. Hodgman, Jr., in New York city. Mrs. Starr N. McWilliams of Newburyport is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ella F. Hovey. Mrs. Annie Russell of Canton has been visiting Mrs. Arthur E. Dykes. Mrs. Leander F. Freeman and two children, Granville and Patricia, accompanied by Miss Ethel M. Nixon, are visiting in Boston and vicinity. Miss Edith Charlton of Chelmsford has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Charlton. Mrs. John H. Craig is visiting friends in Belfast, Me. James E. Griffin is able to be out again. He has been ill with lumbago. Henry L. Brown, Frank Brown, Alfred F. Richardson and Ralph Richardson returned last week from an automobile trip through the White mountains in the Richardson car. Bruce Fillebrown, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Fillebrown, is ill with diphtheria. Thomas McGovern, Jr., is employed as clerk in the postoffice. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Sargent, August 14, at their home on Pleasant street. Miss Natalie B. Bigelow is visiting her brother, Leonard S. Bigelow, in Greenfield. A son was born last Monday evening to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Guthrie. Miss Edessa J. E. Crawford is employed in the bakery salesroom of J. Howard Pillman. Samuel H. Proctor celebrated his seventieth birthday anniversary Sunday by a family gathering at the summer home of his son, Herbert H. Proctor, at Sandy Pond. Mr. Proctor is a member of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R. of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Milan P. Cole have been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Leary and niece, Miss Edwina Nelson, from New Jersey. Miss Ada Lawton of Newton has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Almida Lawton. Mrs. Charles A. Normand returned Wednesday from a vacation spent at Sandy pond, the last week being a guest of Mrs. Ralph H. Wiley at her summer cottage there. Mrs. C. V. Briggs, Misses Maud, Gertrude and Jane Briggs, Sergt. E. Sherman, of Chicago, Miss Pearl Hovey and Donald Norton motored to York Beach, Sunday. Another good bill is promised at the Page hall theatre next week. Monday, Robert Warwick in "Secret Service." Tuesday, Wallace Reid in "You're Fired." Wednesday, Viola Dana in "Some Bride." Thursday, Charles Ray in "Hay Foot, Straw Foot." Friday, Clara Kimball Young in "The Better Wife." Saturday, Peggy Hyland in "Miss Adventure."

Union service—First Unitarian Parish, the Federated and St. Andrew's churches at the Unitarian church—10.45, morning service. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall. Subject, "The historic Jesus and the eternal Christ." It is understood that the proprietors of the Greek fruit store located near Homer's jewelry store on West Main street, endeavored to load their stock of goods on a truck Monday and move to Nashua, N. H., during the supposed absence of Mr. Friedman, the owner of the building. Mr. Friedman, who it is said has an account against them for rental of the store, appeared on the scene and put a stop to their departure and with the assistance of a deputy sheriff put an attachment on their goods. Robert Sanderson, son of Judge and Mrs. George A. Sanderson, left Monday for a week's visit with General Edward's son at Martha's Vineyard. The aeroplane at Camp Devens ran out of gasoline while flying near Concord last week Friday and landed in a potato field of the Concord Reformatory, turned turtle and was badly damaged, but the occupants were not hurt. Saturday army trucks brought it to the camp for repairs. Miss Charlotte Sanderson and Miss Olive Thacher of Littleton attended the Longwood tennis tournament last week Wednesday, by auto from Camp Devens, and witnessed the game of McLaughlin and Bundy vs. Johnson and Griffin, and also the Australian players, Patterson and Brookes vs. Alexander and Voskell. The following ladies in the W. R. C. have been announced by the department president: Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell, special aide for patriotic work; Mrs. Charlotte H. Knox, special aide to cooperate with Sons of Veterans; Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell, Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, Mrs. Lois E. Porter, Mrs. Ellen G. Sawyer, Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, Mrs. Clara C. Wentworth, Mrs. Charlotte H. Knox, aides for Middlesex county relief and emergency committee.

Miss Minnie H. Evans left Monday for a two-weeks' visit with Mrs. E. Z. Nutting, of Huntington, L. I., and will attend the millinery openings in New York city while away. Mrs. Howard Sawyer and three children, of West Somerville, are staying for a few weeks at the home of her parents at the Willows, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robbins. Mr. Sawyer, who is a traveling salesman, now in Pennsylvania, hopes to join his family later. A false alarm was sounded from box 9, located in Washington street square, Wednesday evening, about 8.30. Miss Susie Neelan returned Monday night from her week's vacation at York Beach, Me. John H. Hooley returned Wednesday from his vacation at York Beach, Me., and is at work again at the post-office. The house, known as the Timothy O'Brien place, and located in the rear of the Federation House, on the corner of Shirley and Mechanic streets, has been sold to Charles H. Cole of Pearl street, who intends to occupy it. The sale was made through the real estate agency of T. F. Musolin. The Salvation Army hut on West Main street has been sold to William S. Foley, on whose land it is situated. Adjutant Arthur E. Armstrong, who has been in charge of the Salvation Army work at Camp Devens, left town on Wednesday after the sale had been completed and the Salvation Army's property had been removed. He goes to Canada for a few months, but expects to return to Ayer for a short visit during the fall. In the Boston papers on Monday appeared a story to the effect that six peddlers had been driven from town after a trial attempting to bring State Officers Lawrence J. Schofield and James Devereaux, who had charge of them. The men were charged by army officers with swindling soldiers by charging excessive prices for the goods they were selling. The peddlers were all from Boston. After being driven from Ayer, they were taken to the men offered large bribes to the two state officers if they were allowed to sell their goods in Ayer and agreed to stand an occasional "pinch" if necessary. Their offers were to no effect and they were placed aboard the train for Boston. The Boston papers state that one or more of them will probably be prosecuted shortly for attempting bribery. The Strand this Saturday offers Besie Barricade in "The woman Michael married." This popular magazine story dramatized especially for Miss Barricade. A swagger dinner party in a swiney pool, one of the most unique and attractive scenes. The pool was built especially for this picture and is one of the most expensive sets ever filmed. The production throughout is studded with sumptuous settings, noteworthy among them being the grand ball in Rome. Another striking set is a luxurious lodge in the Adirondacks. An exact replica of those used by the Vanderbilts and Goulds. Paramount, Fatty Arbuckle comedy; latest news. Sunday—Bryant Washburn in "Kidder & Keefe." A comedy in three acts. The Strand and Christie comedies. The Misses Rebecca and Carol Pierce, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pierce, went to York Beach, Me., Wednesday for a stay of two weeks. William Cyr, employed at the store of I. G. Dwinell, will complete his duties there the first of next month and expects to take a traveling salesman position with J. E. Varrick & Co., wholesale hardware dealers, Manchester, N. H. Miss Margaret A. Welch, D. H. of Southboro, who has held the position of dental hygienist at Dr. Wylie's office for the past few weeks, leaves about September 1 to take up her former position as dental hygienist in the public schools of Framingham. Moyle James, who was recently discharged from the service, and who secured a position with the Aherthau Construction Company in Nashua, is now on the night police force in that city. He was in town on Wednesday. Miss Gertrude Briggs returned last Saturday from a visit in Vergennes, Vt., and Lake Champlain. Theodore W. Barry and family left last Saturday for a two-weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. George L. Osgood at their summer home in Sullivan, Me. Other Ayer news on opposite page.

Sandy Pond Reunion. The eleventh annual reunion of the Sandy Pond School association will be observed Saturday afternoon, August 30, at 2.30 o'clock, at the old schoolhouse at the Willows. At the close of the opening exercises and the business meeting a short entertainment of vocal and instrumental music with readings will be given, after which a basket lunch will follow. Hot coffee, cake and ice cream will be on sale. The annual social dance will take place in the evening. Miss L. Etta Green will preside at the piano, accompanied by a noted soloist in the afternoon and violinist in the evening. All are welcome to both of these entertainments. Deaths. William M. Sargent died at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, Monday morning. Five weeks ago he went to the hospital, where he has had two surgical operations. He had been ill for some time before this and had not strength to recover. Mr. Sargent was born in Plainfield, N. H., on August 3, 1848. When quite young he went to Hillsboro, N. H., where he opened a printing office and started a paper, "The Hillsboro Messenger," which is still in existence. He came to Ayer in 1875, where he has since lived with the exception of a brief stay in Fitchburg, where he went in 1881 and established the first daily paper in the town, "The Fitchburg Tribune." The following year he returned to Ayer on the death of Walter B. Lewis, a relative of his wife, and took over his blank book business, which he has carried on since, and has also had a printing office. He published the Ayer Sentinel when he first came to Ayer. He introduced the first electric lights used in Ayer, received franchises from Ayer and the surrounding towns and created the present electric light plant on Lawton street, which he operated for some years and then sold it. He married in 1869, Almira Martin of Hillsboro. They have had five sons and two daughters. Mr. Sargent is survived by his wife; four sons, Martin W., in Reading; Harry M., in Springfield; Walter C., in Ayer; Lewis A., in Handley, Texas, and two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Johnson, of

Winthrop, and Mabel P., in Ayer. One son, George, a very bright and promising lad, died in early manhood. Mr. Sargent was a member of the Odd Fellows, being a past grand of Robert Burns lodge, and one of the substantial members of the Congregational church. He was on the building committee that remodeled the Congregational church building. He edited and published the "Sovereign" for some years, a popular and valuable book containing accounts of the prominent people and buildings of Ayer. He has been one of Ayer's prominent and substantial citizens and he will be greatly missed. The funeral was held at the Congregational church on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. E. Crandall officiating. Prayers were held at the house preceding the church service, which was followed by the service of the Odd Fellows. A quartet, Misses Helen Hardy and Marion Winslow, Bessie Dickerman and Frank Harlow, sang "Serenade" and "Abide with me." The choice funeral tokens testified to the regard of friends. The bearers were William E. Wheeler, Burton Williams, George B. Turner and Joseph Kyle, all members of the Odd Fellows. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery. The parents of Mr. Sargent were Ellipter M. and Almira (Parsons) Sargent. He leaves one brother, Frank Sargent, of Canaan, N. H. Mrs. Maria Osgood (Hall) Prime died at the home of Miss Augusta Hapgood in the house of Mrs. Fred E. Fitch on Pleasant street Tuesday morning, August 19. She was seventy-eight years old in April. She has been feeble since January, but still was able to be of service until July 20. A stroke of paralysis followed, which she died just one month afterwards. Mrs. Prime was born in Harvard, in the old mill district. Two sisters are still living, Miss Lucretia Hall in Westboro and Mrs. Mary Goodwin in Gardner, Me. Her husband was Emory Prime and they lived in West Townsend, where he died and also their oldest daughter. After the death of these members of her family Mrs. Prime came to Ayer, where she engaged in nursing in which her natural sweetness of disposition and her hearty helpfulness made her very acceptable. She has been with Miss Augusta Hapgood since April 1917, and for the last six months it has been a question which was caring for the other as Miss Hapgood has been very feeble for a long time. The funeral took place Thursday morning, August 21, at nine o'clock; prayers were had at the house of Mrs. Fitch and later in the cemetery at West Townsend, where the burial was in the family lot. Rev. Frank B. Crandall officiated at both places. Mrs. Fitch leaves one daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Hornig, and two grandchildren in Ayer. Fred Clifton Morrison died at his home on Pleasant street Thursday evening. He was first ill with influenza in September, 1918. He did not make a rapid recovery and went to Florida, where he spent the winter, and where he received some improvement, but tuberculosis followed in the wake of the disease and he grew worse. He was taken to a sanatorium in Middleboro, but the life and surroundings there affected him unpleasantly and he came back to Ayer, where at his pleasant home he has lived out of doors, and has been surrounded with many friends, whose attentions have been unremitting through all the weeks of his illness. He has been complaining through the whole and shown a great interest in all affairs. Only an hour before his death he was conversing pleasantly with his sister and her husband and inquiring about business matters. Mr. Morrison was born in Waltham, the seventh child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Morrison. He lived with his parents in Ayer and later in Dover, N. H., where he graduated from the high school, and afterward with his father in the textile school. He was born thirty-nine years old in September of this year. On November 17, 1909, he married Miss Katherine Moulton, of Dover, N. H. He came to Ayer fifteen years ago and entered the employment of Levi W. Phelps as bookkeeper. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at his late home on Pleasant street, and all friends will be welcome. Mr. Morrison is survived by his wife; his mother, Mrs. Charles E. Morrison; a brother, Charles S. Morrison, in Laconia, N. H., and a sister, Mrs. Albert M. Phelps, of Ayer.

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Miss Helen Kendall, of South Boston, is spending a vacation visit with her grandmother, Mrs. C. W. Hildreth. George Sherrin, of Boston, recently visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Sherrin. Mrs. Eva Sawyer, of Sterling, is the guest of Mrs. W. Heston.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Savage and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Benson, with Mrs. Etta L. Preston, of Framingham; also, Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall, with Mrs. Belle Sawyer, of Sterling, attended the funeral of Mrs. Eva P. Wheeler in Ashby, Sunday afternoon.

The last band concert of the season was held at the Red Cross lawn, held at Wyndecrest.

The following force of teachers have been engaged for the Center school and will begin their duties on Monday, September 8. All are new teachers with the exception of Principal J. Bachelier, Miss Copp and Mrs. Frank High school, J. Bachelier, principal; assistants, Miss Hazel Copp, of Nashua, N. H., B. U. graduate, and Miss Miriam E. Adams, of Brunswick, Me. Colby academy graduate; grammar school, Miss Gladys Murray, of Medfield, Framingham Normal graduate, four-years' teaching experience in Rhode Island and six in Massachusetts. Mrs. Clara Craig, third and fourth grades, Miss Mabel Teachout, of South Lancaster, graduate of Fitchburg Normal; first and second grades, Miss Luna Hall, of Alabama, graduate of Alabama Normal school, with four-years' experience teaching in that state.

The summer picnic of the Congregational Sunday school is to be held at Silver Lake, Hollis, N. H., Tuesday, August 26, and anyone interested in the church and Sunday school is cordially invited to attend. Those desiring conveyance can secure same at a very reasonable price by contacting G. L. Whitcomb or Albert S. Howard not later than August 24. The trip is to be taken by way of Peppercell, and a delightful auto ride is anticipated; also, an attractive grove in which to enjoy the picnic dinner and other pleasures of the day. All are requested to meet at the church at nine o'clock in the morning, the time scheduled for starting. If stormy the picnic will be held the next fair day. Bring basket lunch. A small admission fee is charged at the lake grounds.

Rev. John O. Long is expected to occupy the Methodist pulpit as usual on Sunday morning, preaching the second of his August series subjects, "Blessing the children—Jesus' love." Evening topic, "Ruth—selfless love."

Rev. William Hodge occupied his pulpit last Sunday at the West Quincy Methodist church, returning the first of the week to town, where he will spend the remainder of his vacation.

Rev. A. L. Struthers, who was in town the first of the week, has returned to his summer home in Nelson, N. H., for the remainder of the month.

Postmaster John Dobson has returned from his vacation visit with his brother, George Dobson, in Chicago, Ill. He was accompanied by Mrs. Robert Dobson, who has been spending several weeks visiting relatives in that city.

Mrs. Daisy Warman and son Walter, of Portland, Me., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Brown.

Mrs. George Mickleman and three children, of Dorchester, are boarding with Mrs. Martha Hildreth. Mr. Mickleman spent the week-end with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Kinney, of Plainfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Dodge and little daughter, of Malden, are visiting at the home farm with Mr. and Mrs. G. Upham.

Miss Louise Collins, of Lunenburg, has been spending a few days at Arthur Barber's, Townsend hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Seales, of Greenville, N. H., have been spending a vacation in town at G. Eastman's and Albert Seales'.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce have returned from their vacation visit in Rockport, where they have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sears.

About sixty attended the Methodist Sunday school picnic held at Vinton pond last week Friday. A large number were conveyed in the West Townsend auto barge, others going in private cars. The usual picnic dinner and out-of-door sports were enjoyed, and the presence of their pastor, Rev. John O. Long, Rev. Mr. Waterhouse, and family, of Lynn, and Rev. William Hodge and family, of Quincy, added to the pleasure of the occasion. An auction of household effects was held last Friday and Saturday afternoons from the residence of the late Dr. L. G. Chandler.

William Dudley and his niece, Miss Ida Dudley, are spending several weeks at Mr. Dudley's home in Warwick, R. I.

Mrs. Arthur Barber, Townsend hill, has been spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Kate Kilburn, in Lunenburg.

Charles H. Hildreth, of Boston, visited with his sister, Mrs. Annie Lang, last Saturday.

Mrs. J. R. Smith left this week for Plainfield, N. J., where she will visit several weeks at the home of her brother, Will O. Taylor. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Edna Smith, of Providence, R. I.

Inter-Immunity Address.

Impressario services were held at the Methodist church last Sunday, with sessions in the morning by the pastor, Rev. John O. Long, on "The mission of the church to Jesus," and in the afternoon by Rev. Mr. Waterhouse on "Importance of the life of Jesus." Rev. Cambiano Rodriguez, of South America, a student friend and recent graduate with Mr. Long from Boston university, was present and spoke briefly on the work in that country. Rev. Mr. Waterhouse of Lynn, was also present and administered the holy communion, assisted by Rev. G. Newhall, of Peppercell. Special music was rendered by the choir, who were assisted by Miss Edith Upham Kinney and Miss Violet McKenzie.

At the evening service the congregation were again privileged to hear Rev. Cambiano Rodriguez, who preached on "Religious conditions in South America," prefacing his sermon talk by briefly alluding to the great natural resources and commercial opportunities of that country. He then gave his hearers a vision of the great opportunities for religious work among the many who were still unlightened and superstitious, knowing

nothing of the bible and the gospel of Jesus. Mr. Rodriguez is a gifted singer and after prayer by Mr. Long he sang as a response "The ninety and nine," singing the first verse in Spanish and the second in English, to the congregation singing in unison with him the last two verses.

At the close of the service a collection was taken to aid him in the purchase of a lantern and slide for use in his work, for as he stated, impressions could be more quickly made upon the unlighted minds of the natives by the use of pictures than in any other way.

He is a native of Spain, going to South America when a young child. He graduated with Mr. Long from the Boston divinity school in June, and although he said he loved this country and would like to remain and work in this field he felt the call to return to South America, where he is to be pastor of the Methodist church in Argentina.

Buried Here. The body of Charles Alfred Parker, Jr., aged ten months, was brought from Malden on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock for burial in the family lot in the Hillside cemetery beside his twin sister and mother. In the absence of Rev. A. L. Struthers, pastor of the Congregational church, prayer was offered and the committal service given by Rev. J. O. Long of the Methodist church.

The baby was the son of C. Alfred Parker, of this town, and his late wife, Violeta Amelia Parker, and was born on October 15, 1918, the twin sister dying at birth, and the mother about a month later with influenza, after which baby Charles was tenderly cared for by a neighbor, Mrs. W. J. Stewart. Last spring he was taken to Malden, where he has since been cared for and where he died very suddenly from cholera infantum. He was a member of the Townsend Congregational church cradle roll, and Mrs. W. A. Russell attended the funeral in the absence of the pastor's wife, Mrs. A. L. Struthers, who is the cradle roll shepherdess.

Red Cross Fete.

The Red Cross lawn fete, held at Wyndecrest, the home of R. G. Fessenden, Wednesday afternoon and evening, was a success socially and financially, and it was estimated that about 1000 people were present. The day was perfect and the place ideal for an out-door gathering. Attractive booths were arranged on the lawn, from which candy, cooling drinks and iced cream and popcorn were sold. At six o'clock there were many who partook of the self-serving supper which proved a pleasing novelty as the people gathered in social groups about the lawn, enjoying the evening repast in picnic fashion.

In the evening the grounds were beautifully lighted with electric lights and decorated with Japanese lanterns. A large platform bandstand, decorated with red, white and blue bunting and crepe paper shields and electrically lighted overhead, had been erected at the lower end of the grounds, from which the music of the orchestra of the evening the Townsend band rendered a concert program of excellent music. Following the concert dancing was enjoyed until one o'clock on the large tennis court, with music furnished by Coleman's orchestra of Fitchburg.

Through the kindness and generosity of Mrs. A. D. Fessenden the home grounds have been opened every year for the Red Cross fete, which has proved a summer day occasion of wholesome enjoyment for the townspeople and those from the surrounding towns as well as a financial benefit to the cause.

Generously Contributed. It was through the generosity of Robert G. Fessenden that the concert given by the Townsend band on the common last week Friday evening was made possible, the appropriated funds for the summer concerts having been expended the week before. Two other citizens have also given generous expression of appreciation. On that same evening, Cleopatra (more familiarly known as Skip) Noyes treated all the members of the band to ice cream and on that, as on previous Friday evenings throughout the season, the band members have received a clear from the Park hotel landlady, James L. Farrar, for all of which the band give grateful acknowledgment.

The Townsend members of the band give freely of their services at these summer concerts as in previous years the money appropriated being used only for music and the hire of out-of-town players. The townspeople have always been proud of its band and the concert programs this season have been of the usual high order, reflecting credit to the members and director, T. E. Flarity.

West.

The Baptist pulpit will be supplied on Sunday in the absence of the pastor by some pastor resident or visiting in town. The Y. P. S. C. E. service in the evening will take up the topic, "The folly of pride."

The regular monthly missionary service will be omitted this month.

Dr. and Mrs. Myron Adams, of Atlanta, Ga., who are visiting Mrs. Adams' sister, Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Stevens' hill, are spending a few weeks in Swansey, N. H. Their daughter, Miss Margaret Adams, was a week-end guest at the Hamilton home.

Funeral services of Mrs. E. A. Prime at the family lot in the West Townsend cemetery were attended by a party of her friends here, Thursday, where she is sincerely mourned, having been a resident of this village for many years.

The quarry of the Granite Company in the north part of the town is closed for the present and the force of men employed by Dunham Rusk are removed to Peppercell, N. H., where he has a contract to build a church.

A Producers' and Consumers' Co-operative association has recently been organized in town with the following members: Kalle Niemi, Herman Woolf, John Karjalien, Matti Aro, Nestor Koivu, Emil J. Rajala and John Ormavist, for the purpose of buying and selling all kinds of farm products, farming tools, utensils and implements, manure and chemicals for farm purposes and other farm necessities. This organization was formed in 1918 and at present is handling only milk.

Mr. Debeck, from Fitchburg, has been spending a few days with his wife and children at the home of Mrs. M. and Mrs. Young, of Winchester.

Miss Isabelle Hayward, of Winchester, and George Hayward, of Ruther-

ford, N. J., spent the week-end at their home on Bayberry hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman and Miss Glencie Delano recently enjoyed an auto trip to Lynn, where they joined friends and attended an outing of a Woman's club, enjoying a clam-bake at Middleton Grove and visited several of the beaches on their way home, spending a day in Boston before their return.

Mrs. Mary Wilson is spending a few days at her former home in New Ipswich, attending the old home day exercises and the annual gathering of Appleton academy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Upton are enjoying a two-weeks' vacation visiting relatives in Hancock, N. H.

Miss Alice Winchester, who has been visiting at the Squannicook and at the home of her nephew, George Winchester, has returned to her home in New Bedford.

The annual community picnic under the auspices of the Baptist Sunday school, will be held next Wednesday in the grove in the rear of the parsonage, and the residents of the village are cordially invited to attend. Basket lunch will be eaten at noon and ice cream will be on sale at the grove. Games and sports will take place in the afternoon.

The Misses Perels and Phyllis Ormsby, Miss Glencie Delano, of House's Point, who is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, and Miss Helen Martz, enjoyed an auto trip to Concord, Tuesday, where they visited various points of interest in the historic town.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. R. S. Ely. The committee in charge reported that about fifty dollars was cleared as a result of the lawn party and band concert.

Henry Butler, from Marlboro, is visiting at the home of Edward Walker on the Fitchburg road.

Miss Bertha Almsworth, of Cambridge, is a guest of Mrs. Carrie Kaddy at her home.

Mrs. Covell, of Greenfield, is visiting at the Proctor home in the south part of the town.

Howard Freeman, from Boston, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ormsby.

James L. Flynn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is a his summer cottage for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mills, of Leominster, former residents here, are visiting Mrs. Mills' sister, Mrs. Mary Tucker.

Proofs of the pictures taken on the soldiers' welcome home day by Harold Jackson, of Fitchburg, are on exhibition at the Squannicook Inn office. The views include the children's floats and some of the different organizations in the parade and views of the wrecked aeroplane.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean left Monday morning for a ten-days' vacation, going to Springfield, where Mrs. McKean will remain during the entire time, but Mr. McKean will spend the latter part of the week with friends in Rhode Island and the southern part of the state.

Mr. Young has been enjoying a few days' vacation from his duties at Damon & Richardson's, visiting in Worcester.

Last Sunday evening the audience at the Y. P. S. C. E. service had the pleasure of listening to a talk by Rev. Sumner Bangs, of Groton, who was visiting Rev. Joseph McKean, who gave a brief address on the topic of the evening, "How men sell their heritage."

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and their daughter Janet, accompanied by Miss Harriet Shepherd and Miss Lucie Reynolds, enjoyed a day's outing at Whalom Lake last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herrick, who have been enjoying their vacation at the Squannicook Inn, have returned to their home in Charlestown.

Miss Beatrice Conway, who has been stopping with her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Manchester, has returned to her home in Salem, and Miss Marion Dodds, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dodds, of Springfield, former residents here, is at present with Mrs. Manchester.

Oscar Lovering, who has been improving from an attack of influenza, had a relapse last week and was quite ill again, but is now reported as on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin and son Roger, who have been spending several weeks on an auto trip through Maine, have returned to their home.

Miss Sawlor has recently purchased an Overland which she is learning to drive.

Mrs. Fred Terry, of Dorchester, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Everett Pierce, at Twin Maples.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart and chauffeur, from Brookline, have been stopping at Squannicook Inn the past week.

Mrs. Tilton, who has been a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook, has returned to her home in Framingham.

Mrs. Hayward and children, Bayberry hill, and Mrs. Ethel Welch and children, attending the children's picnic given by the Birthday club at the Center last week.

Mrs. Alexander Reed took charge at the reading-room last Saturday, the custodian, Miss Alice Seaver, being detained at her home.

Annual Lawn Party. The annual lawn party and band concert given under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. took place on last week Friday evening and was a complete success every way. The evening was all that could be desired and the square was filled with automobiles and other vehicles to the number of about 250, and owing to the good work of Mr. Hathaway, traffic officer, there was no congestion and little confusion.

Although the financial results of the evening is not yet known it is certain that a goodly sum will be netted for the treasury of the Y. P. S. C. E., and much of the credit of the success of the party is due to the efficient management of the host of the committee, Mrs. R. S. Ely and Henry B. Hathaway, and thanks are extended to the faithful helpers who volunteered and whose assistance was so kindly given.

The food sale in the afternoon was held on the grounds and was also well patronized and brought in a good financial result.

Reception. On last week Thursday evening a public reception was held at the Baptist vestries to Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle, an occasion of mingled pleasure and regret—pleasure in the opportunity to congratulate them upon their golden wedding and their return to the town so well to them after ten years of service and friendship in this community.

The vestry was prettily decorated with goldenrod, golden glows and evergreen, the work of the Misses Doris Finney, Nancy Richards and Lucie Reynolds, under the direction of Mrs. R. S. Ely. The receiving line, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Sawtelle, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean, Deacon and Mrs. Samuel Wares and Deacon and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, stood in a canopy of evergreen and golden flowers, while the reception committee, Mrs. Alden Sherwin, Mrs. Albert Wilson, Mrs. R. S. Ely and Miss Emma Adams, assisted by the ushers, Ian Rusk, Carl B. Willard and Alden A. Sherwin, introduced the guests, while Mrs. Justin Chicago, a violinist of some note, from Chicago, played softly several beautiful selections throughout the reception.

At the conclusion of this part of the program the following numbers were enjoyed by the audience: "Violin solo, Mrs. Rawson; vocal solo, 'Waiting,' Mrs. Alden Sherwin; vocal duet, 'The song of the night,' Mrs. Sherwin and Miss Gladys Rawson, with violin obligato; reading, 'The golden wedding,' Mrs. Fred A. Patch; violin solo, Mrs. Rawson; reading of an original poem, Mrs. Joseph McKean, written for the occasion by Mr. McKean, giving in rhyme in a witty and amusing manner an account of the courtship, marriage and life of the couple. At the close of the reading, which was heartily applauded, Mrs. Sherwin sang "When we went to Sunday school," and Mrs. Rawson rendered violin selection, after which Mr. McKean presented the happy couple with a purse of gold, eighty dollars being presented by their friends in the community and about thirty more from relatives and out of town friends, and Mrs. Sawtelle was presented with a bouquet of beautiful flowers, to which she responded in an appropriate and pleasing speech of thanks.

The remainder of the evening was passed in a social manner, and ice cream and cake were served by the reception committee. In spite of the hot weather the attendance was good and the evening was one which will be long remembered with pleasure by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawtelle are making their home for the present with Mrs. Sawtelle's niece, Mrs. Robert Coppeland, Townsend hill, but leave this all for their new home in Eastford. They are both natives of this town. Mr. Sawtelle being born at Cape Corner, and Mrs. Sawtelle on Townsend hill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smith, and both moved to this village in childhood, where they were married in 1885, and returned to Eastford in 1909, moving from here to Charlestown, where he was employed in a bakery, and after a year they moved to Chelsea, where he spent twenty-eight years in the soap business. From there they moved to a farm in Vermont, where they remained ten years, and returned to their home town about ten years ago, purchasing the little cottage on lower Main street, which they recently sold to Dr. R. S. Ely, and taken a membership in an aged couple's home in Roxbury.

They will be much missed from this community, where they have served faithfully and well for all these years in church and village work.

Harbor.

Dr. and Mrs. Nathan M. Sanborn announce the marriage of their daughter, Ruth Mary, to Ralph C. Blake on Thursday, August 14, at Gainesville, Fla. At home after September 1st at Island farm, Dade City, Fla.

Mrs. Charles Andrews is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Spaulding, Mrs. Fairbanks, who has been visiting Mrs. Spaulding, returned Thursday to her home in Montague City.

Miss Blanche Baldwin is visiting friends in New Hampshire.

The auto party—Miss Hester Burdett, Mrs. G. H. Jones, Miss Lillian Warner and N. G. Proctor—who have been touring through Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Canada, returned Tuesday night. They report a delightful time and a cyclometer registration of 1760 miles. Stops were made in Avon, N. Y., at Warren, Pa., at Titusville, Pa., the birthplace of Miss Burdett, at Lake Erie and Niagara Falls.

On Wednesday, G. A. Proctor, Jerry Donnan, Frank Conant, Lester Sperry and Jesse Kneeton joined the company of inspectors, who, under the supervision of the County Farm Bureau, made a tour of inspection of some of the best orchards in the surrounding towns to observe the results of different methods of cultivation and spraying.

New Advertisements

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of CAROLINE E. WOOD otherwise known as MISS E. WOOD late of Groton in said County deceased. Whereas FRANK LAWRENCE BLAIR executor of said Court do hereby present to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole or any part of the real estate, personal property and charges of administration and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County on the tenth day of September A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

Said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate, by the post, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks before the said Court, in a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on one day, at or before the date of the said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of August, 1919, at nine o'clock, and nine hundred and nineteen.

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Boston, July.—The train Service Department of the Y.M.C.A. in Paris served 749,581 members of the A.E.F. in the first four months.

On the Train Service Department of the Y.M.C.A. devolves the duty of not only welcoming all members of the A.E.F. upon their arrival in Paris but being sure that they are properly entrained and comfortably fixed at the time of their departure. This Department is being directed by James G. Connor, a newspaper man of Philadelphia. When taken over by him, the personnel consisted of six Y workers and a Ford camouflette, with a capacity of twelve persons. Since that time, the work has developed so rapidly that the personnel has been increased to thirty men, besides a Director and an Assistant, and twelve large army trucks are necessary for transportation purposes.

The cars covered by the Train Service Department, are St. Lazare, Montparnasse, Austerlitz, Lyon, Orsay, Nord and Est. These stations are covered by Y workers from 6 o'clock A. M. until 12 Midnight and it is the duty of these men to heartily receive members of the A.E.F., both casuals and those on leave, direct them to the Red Cross canteens at the stations for meals, if they so desire, and place them on the trucks for transportation to the various Y.M.C.A. and Red Cross hotels located in Paris, for their stay while here. In addition to this work, the men have been dispensing cigarettes, chocolate and gum, which they have carried in large quantities in musette bags, selling them to the boys at cost price, and in some instances distributing them gratuitously, when discretion permits them to do so.

These Y welfare workers are also equipped to answer all sorts of questions put to them by the members of the A.E.F. That an idea may be gathered of the fund of information that they must have at hand, a few of the questions asked might be mentioned here:

"Where can I buy Kodak films?" "Where is Wanamaker's?" "Where is an American dentist?" "Where is the Old Fellows Lodge?" "Where are the base hospitals?" "Where is Tiffany's?" "What is the rate of German exchange?" "Where can I change Swiss money?" "What hours are the Louvre open?"

In the past four months difficulty has been experienced in properly housing the three quarters of a million men. Along these lines, Col. L. H. McKinlay, Welfare Officer, U. S. Army, and Mr. Connor, have worked out a plan for the establishing of a Central Regulating Bureau the purpose of which will be to ascertain the number of beds available at the Y.M.C.A. and Red Cross Hotels in Paris, and through an intercommunicating telephone system between the Directing Office, Central Regulating Bureau, the R.T.O. Offices at the Gares and the Hotels keep a complete record of such accommodations which will be corrected every two hours of the time between 6 A. M. and Midnight. It is thought that this regulating system will do away with troubles heretofore faced by the "Doughboy" when upon arriving in Paris, he finds that he is unable to obtain sleeping quarters. Booths for the dissemination of information have been established at five of the seven Gares in Paris. These booths are adequately equipped with all sorts of literature bearing on the hotels canteens, theatres, places that the Y operates for the entertainment of the boys, Religious Services, Sight-seeing Trips, and all other data that is of interest to the soldier visiting Paris.

The Train Service Department has been congratulated by United States Army Officials on the work it has carried out. Its Directing Office is at 45, rue Boissy-d'Anglais.

ROMAN CATHOLIC WARMLY ENDORSES TRIANGLE WORK.

Percival A. McGuire, a manufacturer living in Queens, N. Y., is a Roman Catholic who warmly endorses the work of the Y. M. C. A. in Europe. Mr. McGuire went home recently, after serving as a "Y" secretary in Europe several months. Just before starting he wrote the following letter from Brest to E. C. Carter, the chief secretary of the A. E. F., Y. M. C. A., in Paris:

"On the eve of my departure for America, I wish to thank you and your associates for your generous and considerate treatment.

"I entered the service of the 'Y' as a Catholic, and I am glad to state that I found the association treated the enlisted men—regardless of color, race or creed—exactly alike.

"The mistakes of the 'Y' seem to me to be typically American and such as were made by every organization here, endeavoring to perform a great and important work under every difficulty created by war conditions."

So It Goes.

The Lowry City Independent has an idea that the old fellow who became rich by burning the midnight oil doubtless now has a son who is prodigal with the midnight gas.—Kansas City Times.

Strong Family Resemblance.

"Contentment," remarked Shindone, "is a mighty fine thing; to do nothing 'bout it is its kin' o' hand to 'struggle' from 'jes' plain laziness."—Boston Transcript.

HERE IS A GENTLEMAN

of fairly ample circumstances riding from Albany to New York on the train which reaches the Grand Central about 4.30. He is wearing Utlax One-piece Bifocal and finds no difficulty in enjoying both his book and the splendid scenery of the Hudson River.



The gentleman is not a malefactor of great-wealth or he would be riding in the drawing-room instead of a chair car. He is riding from Albany to New York on the east side of the river because the Palisades on the west side can be seen through the window. He will arrive at the Grand Central about 4.30 because the train is passing the Day Boat which docks at 5.30 o'clock. He is wearing Utlax One-piece Bifocals which he bought at the up-to-date optical store of GEORGE E. HOMER, opposite the Railroad Station.

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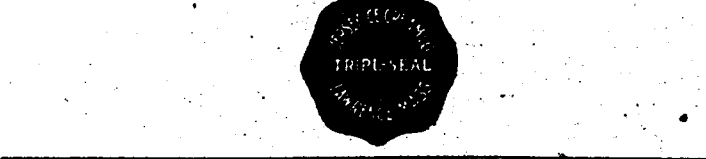
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of EVANGELINE POTTER ARMSTRONG late of Ayer in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to KENNETH P. ARMSTRONG of Somerville in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of September A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

3150 F. M. ESTY, Register.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
Mrs. Minnie E. Chapman, widow of George E. Chapman, died Saturday afternoon, after a brief illness, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Warren A. Colburn. She was a native of Hollis, born October 25, 1858, daughter of the late Mark J. and Emeline (French) Austin. Beside her sister, the only surviving relative is an aunt, Miss Julia French, of Swampscott, Mass. Funeral services were held at the home of her sister Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. R. M. French officiating. Mrs. Evelyn B. Parker and Miss Carrie Brown sang and the bearers were George Woodin, Everett Hurd, William Sanders and Norman Bennett. Burial was in the South cemetery.

The Anna Keyes Powers chapter of the D. A. R. are to give a continental tea Tuesday afternoon, August 26, in the ladies' parlor. There will also be an exhibit of old jewelry and other small antiques, fortune telling, an hour with the babies and other attractions.

Frank E. Hurd and daughter of Reading, Mass., are visiting Mr. Hurd's brother, Edson Hurd, and family. Miss Grace Murphy of Cambridge and Miss Lizzie Wheeler of Nashua are staying at Miss Abby Flagg's while she is away camping.

Miss C. M. Frost of Belmont, Mass., spent the week-end with Agn. B. Eaton and family.

Edwin D. Sage and his brother, Rodney, of Cambridge, Mass., have been visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Ellen H. Lovejoy.

No trace has yet been found of the valuable automobile stolen from W. W. Wilson last week. The thieves were very cunning cutting the telephone wires and putting the tires on a truck out of commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Timmins and son Edward from Boston spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Edson Hurd recently.

Misses Abby E. Flagg and Deborah E. Lovejoy left Saturday morning to join a party of friends at Randolph for two weeks of camp life. Miss Lovejoy's nephew, Edwin D. Sage of Cambridge, carried them as far as Fitchburg, his car and from there they took the train.

Fred and Henry Mayo have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Michael Grant, in Boston.

Miss Addie Eastman, who has been suffering from an attack of the shingles, has fully recovered.

Robert Ladd is at home for a two weeks' vacation.

The third in a series of dances was held at the town hall last week Friday and was well attended.

Harold Hardy made a trip to Boston Wednesday with a truck load of farm produce.

The scarcity of sugar has brought the price of early apples and peaches down, making it rather hard on the raisers.

Mrs. C. A. Colburn, Mrs. Nellie H. P. Hale, Mrs. Fred B. Wheeler and Miss Lena Ladd are at Hampton Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McKenzle of Meriden, Conn., with their two children have been visiting at M. J. Powers, returned home Sunday last.

Capt. Sidney Wentworth, U. S. Marines, is visiting Mrs. Josie Maxwell.

Mrs. Harry Gavon of Manchester is visiting Miss Emma L. Van Dyke. There will be a welcome home to our boys at the town hall, Saturday evening, Rev. R. M. French and Willis C. Hardy having the affair in charge. There is to be a reception, speaking, music and a general good time for "the boys." Refreshments will be served and dancing will wind up the evening.

A party was given at the Pine Hill school last week for James Hogan, who is home on a two weeks' furlough. Hogan was the second to enlist in town, Harvey M. Powers, being the first.

Henry Blood lost five valuable Holstein heifers last week. It is supposed from some poison. They were all reg istered, blooded stock and it means a big loss financially to Mr. Blood.

The Willoughby picnic was held at Charles E. Hardy's apple house last week Thursday, as it was too stormy to go to Morrill's grove. There were twenty-four sat down to a bountiful dinner.

There was a corn roast at Bert Brown's last Saturday night. Mr. Brown and family are entertaining his niece, Miss Charlotte Brown of Hanover.

Mrs. Nellie C. Hardy's class, the Willing Workers, held an indoor picnic at her house Tuesday afternoon. Those present were: Doris Lovejoy, Elizabeth and Helen Worcester, Mildred French, Hazel Lougee, Corrie Brown, Charlotte Brown, Clara Johnson, Rosalie Willoby, Ruth Hazard, Ellen Clark. Supper was served on the piazza, games played and all report a splendid time.

The Depot Sunday school held a picnic at Morrill's grove last Saturday. There was a ball game between Brookline and Hollis last Saturday afternoon on Eaton field. The game stood 17-2 in favor of Hollis.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
Miss Hazel Goss has been the guest of Judge Gilpatrick, of Wilton.

Mrs. Charles Bills, from Nashua, called on friends in town on Sunday.

Prof. Arthur M. Holcomb and family, of Cambridge, Mass., were guests of Dr. C. H. Holcomb and family on Sunday.

Ida and Willis Hughes, from Pepperell, were the guests of their mother, Mrs. Estella Hughes, the week-end.

Miss Mabel and Willard Strong, of Riverside, Me., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell.

Miss Mary Russell has returned to her home in Exeter, N. H., and next week will leave for Minneapolis, Minn., where she has accepted a position as librarian.

Kenneth Russell recently had a forty-eight-hour furlough and made a short visit with his parents, who are at their summer home.

Miss Agnes MacLaughlin, of Boston, is the guest of Mrs. Minnie Maxwell.

John McFall had a fall at the ice house and hurt his back recently, and has since been unable to work.

Mrs. Edward Hammond, from Pepperell, is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Austin.

Gustus Carlson is expecting to leave soon for his home in Sweden. Chester Barnaby has purchased a Maxwell car.

Dr. C. H. Holcomb and family spent the day at Canobie Lake recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill and two little daughters, with Mrs. Kings, have been recent visitors in Boston.

Mrs. Mary Higgins has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Emma Dunbar.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown are away on a vacation.

Mrs. Clayton Hamilton, from Wilton, has been the guest of Mrs. Harry Wilkins.

The Sunday school picnic has been postponed until Labor day.

Dr. G. L. Perlin has been a recent visitor in Boston.

Robert Wright caught a pickerel recently that weighed 1 pound and three ounces and was nineteen inches long.

Mrs. Emma Durbar, Mrs. Sarah Corey and Miss Blanche Hall have been recent guests in Nashua.

Mrs. Newton Colburn had the misfortune to fall and fracture her hip the past week.

Mrs. Anna Hall, from Nashua, is the guest of Mrs. Mary Gerrish.

Addolor Ouellette, Forace Hall, Willard Bouchard, Nellie Riordan and James Gilson were at Whalton Park recently.

The baseball game at Hollis against Brookline resulted in favor of Hollis by the score of 17 to 1.

Miss Loretta Gardner and brother, from Lowell, Mass., were recent guests in town.

Misses Velma and Ethel Taylor, Mrs. Maude Greeley and Mrs. Eva Elliott were visitors in Nashua on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eucyer and little son, from Fitchburg, have been the guests of Mrs. George Cady.

The parade route, starting on the plain, in front of the South primary school, will come up Main street, go up Mason street and come down Mason street, through Main street and dipband in front of O. D. Fessenden's store.

Best Nye and family are the guests of George Nye.

Harland Whitcomb has purchased a new Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall and son, from Nashua, and Mrs. Elmer Wallace and Miss Lizzie Whitcomb and Walter Rockwood, from Townsend, have been recent guests of Mrs. Belle Hall.

Harry Hall and family have returned to their home in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Belle Hall is still confined to her bed.

Mrs. Celia Powers has been ill the past week.

Henry Bailey is working for the Nashua River Paper Company in Pepperell.

Dr. Holcomb was a recent visitor in Milford.

The invitations for the celebration on August 29 have arrived and anyone wishing one sent will kindly see that Mrs. Clara Russell or Miss Blanche Hall has the address.

At the meeting of the Grange on last week Wednesday evening the fourth degree was conferred on a class of nine. At the close of the degree work a harvest supper was served in the banquet hall, under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood. The tables were decorated with sweet peas, goldenrod and ferns, and were loaded with good things to eat. After the banquet all returned to the hall where the following literary program was given in charge of Mrs. Edna Hall: Salute to flag and song; roll call and song; reading, Hattie Pierce; recitation, Miss F. Flynn; of Pepperell; song, Myrtle Rockwood; reading, Annie Bailey; song, Henry Bailey; recitation, Mrs. Flynn; exercise, "Joe Bing"; Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood, Mrs. Frank Austin; accordion solo, Arthur Goss; remarks by visiting patrons. There were about thirty-six from out of town, Milford, Mass., Nashua, Hollis and Pepperell.

Miss Mary, candidate for state treasurer, had 10. Candidate for the republican town committee, E. K. Proctor, Sherman Sanderson and J. L. Harrington, had 20 names on their paper.

A little boy came to the Congregational parsonage on last Saturday evening, and signified his willingness to remain with Mrs. L. A. Whiston, and be adopted by them as their son, and this they have decided to do. The little man will probably be known by the name of Charles Arthur, after his two grandfathers. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace, of Sterling, have announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, Pauline Stone, to Ernest L. Burland, of Malden. This is an item of particular interest to Lunenburg people, as Miss Pauline was born in the parsonage here when her father was pastor of the Congregational church. Now she is a graduate of Boston university, a member of Alpha Phi society and a teacher in the public schools, having taught in Townsend during this last year. Mr. Burland has recently returned from two-years' service in the field hospital of the regular army.

Rev. Alfred Noon, of Cambridge, occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church last Sunday morning and gave a very edifying sermon. Mr. Noon was a much beloved pastor in the Methodist church here only a few years ago, and his many friends in town were very glad to hear his voice again in prayer and sermon. Many had not seen him since his return from the Philippines.

William Harley has taken the contract for building the addition to the North schoolhouse and began work upon it last Tuesday.

Scoutmaster Whiston and Clayton E. Stone, assistant scoutmaster, took a trip out to North Dana to the Boy Scout camp there on Tuesday. Mr. Whiston is to give several talks to the boys on scout life, probably remaining through the week. Mr. Stone, who is president of the District in Lunenburg, will instruct the boys in bird lore and also show them the best ways to make and set up houses for the birds in such manner as to make them most attractive for the birds next season.

The tax rate this year will be at the rate of \$20 per \$1000; \$2 higher than last year.

Field Meeting.

The field meeting of the Worcester-North Poultry association, held at the poultry farm of Lewis L. Harrington, Goodrichville, last week Friday, was well attended despite the lowering clouds and threatening weather. Sixty-five people, representing many different towns, were in attendance.

The meeting opened with a discussion of crops considered best for poultrymen to raise as best suited to the welfare and general management of poultry. John E. Dearth, of the Worcester County Farm Bureau, was the principal speaker. He considered the raising of flint corn and oats of great importance, with plenty of green food, like rape, etc. He also recommended the use of acid phosphate, 450 pounds to the acre, in addition to and in connection with hen manure or stable manure, or both, for corn, oats, potatoes, and in fact almost any crop.

Opportunity was given for questions which were asked and freely answered. Other speakers were W. H. Sawyer, of Winchendon; C. L. Wilder, A. A. Chase and F. A. Hamford, of Lancaster; A. W. Brock, of Ashby; M. E. Hodgman, of Townsend, and others, who gave their opinions, and the results of their experience.

A basket lunch was served at noon, with coffee provided by the host and hostess.

Lunch being over, the guests visited the poultry plant, looked over the 1200 fowls and their free range, and the incubator, where 1200-eggs are in process of hatching to provide broilers for fall and winter.

The afternoon speaker not having arrived, Mr. Harrington made a practical demonstration of the method of killing fowls up-to-date.

At 2.30 Prof. Loyal F. Payne, head of the poultry department at the State Agricultural college, gave a talk on "Culling," illustrating it by three birds—a good layer, a medium layer and a poor one. Afterwards he went through one of Mr. Harrington's houses in which he keeps 120 hens and picked out nineteen "boarders."

Taken as a whole it was a very profitable and pleasant meeting, and the association gained many new members. The next meeting and the first for the winter will be held in Fitchburg in October.

Obituary.

This community was greatly grieved on last Saturday to learn that the death of Miss Hattie Wheeler was occasioned at her father's house after an illness of nearly four months. Although it was pretty generally known that she was seriously ill, everyone was hoping that she would get better, and eventually be well again, and thus the announcement of her death came like a shock to all who knew her.

Miss Watson was born in Fitchburg on December 7, 1855, attending school there and graduated from the Fitchburg high school in 1904, and from the Normal school in 1906. For three years she taught a grade school at Chicopee Falls. During her last year there, in 1911, she was elected a teacher in the State street school, Springfield, without solicitation on her part, and before the year was up received a call to Montclair, N. J., which she accepted, and taught in the seventh and eighth grades for the next five years. She was granted leave of absence for the school year 1917-18, and in the summer attended the school of language at Cornell university, studying Spanish and French.

In September she entered on a course of study at Columbia university, New York city. In 1918 she received her degree of A. B. from Columbia, and a diploma from the Teachers' college, and sailed for Cuba, spending the summer in perfecting her Spanish, and in the fall returned to her home in Montclair, N. J. While there she received notice of her election as teacher of Spanish in the Montclair high school. She accepted the position and held it until within three weeks of the close of the school year, last May, when illness compelled her retirement, and came to her father's home in Lunenburg, where she gradually faded until the end came on Saturday.

She was a very talented young woman, a most successful teacher, of gentle, amiable disposition, winning the love and respect of all who knew her.

The deceased is survived by her father, Aaron W. Watson; a brother, Rev. Edward W. Watson, missionary in Cuba, and her step-mother, who loved her as her own.

The funeral was held at her father's home on Monday afternoon. Rev. Frank Rector, of Pawtucket, assisted by Rev. L. A. Whiston, conducting the service. Mrs. John G. Faxon sang two numbers. The funeral was private, only the family and intimate friends and neighbors present, but many gifts of flowers, and beautiful tributes testified to the love and respect of those who knew her best. Interment was in the family lot in Forest Hill cemetery, Fitchburg.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE H. MCKEE late of Groton in said County, deceased.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARY A. MCKEE, who prays that let a testamentary will be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of September A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

3150 F. M. ESTY, Register.

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At 10.00 A. M. at the
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PEPPERELL

News Items.
 Frank Ford and family have returned here from Halifax, and taken the Kendall house on Leighton street. Mr. Ford is employed at the Pepperell Card & Paper Co. for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Wetherbee and son Roger left the first of the week for a trip of a week or more by automobile through the White Mountain section, and into Maine as far as Fryeburg, to visit the sister of Mr. Wetherbee. Their home on Shelley hill, "Hitchige," is left with a caretaker during their absence.

Miss Jessie Flynn, who returned on last week Thursday from a visit to Vermont with her mother, Mrs. Jerry Flynn, can truthfully relate a "large fish story." With a party of relatives, her uncle, Fred Nokes rowing the boat, she went on a fishing trip on Lake Champlain, the party starting on five o'clock. Miss Flynn's only claim to be an amateur, but she succeeded in capturing one of the biggest pickers of the season's catch. The fish weighed fifteen pounds when taken out of the water and measured three feet and eight inches. It was caught with an ordinary spoon hook and lured with the assistance of a gaff-hook. The big picker was seen by many as it was on exhibition at the Du Paw pharmacy for one day and made many a fisherman wish they were on Lake Champlain. A similar fish, only slightly smaller, was caught here the week before, although it is admitted that it is not an every day occurrence.

Mrs. Charles Hills, who has been visiting at the home of her husband's mother, Mrs. Catherine Hills, Brookline street, with her children, returned to Brooklyn, N. Y., last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose and their daughter, Mrs. Fisher, and husband, from Waltham, returned on Sunday to their cottage on Shattuck street, a part of the party remaining over this week.

Mrs. Frederic L. Burns returns the latter part of this week to her home in New Jersey, after a stay of several weeks with her mother, Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy, at their summer home at Chatham, N. H., and here in town, since their return.

Mrs. A. S. McNay and Miss Beth went to Springfield this week to visit Mrs. Herbert Hutchinson, a cousin of Mrs. McNay's, and a former resident here in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shattuck moved this week from the cottage they have been occupying on Tucker street in the Alvin Wright house on Brookline street, which they have rented jointly with George Stone, the brother of Mrs. Shattuck. He has carried on quite a poultry industry at the Welch place at North Pepperell, and now wishes to enlarge his stock and use the two acres of land at the Wright place for that purpose. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stone are still living in the cottage on the Prescott place.

Herbert L. Dow of Worcester came on Saturday to spend a short time with his family, who have been staying at the home of Mrs. Dow's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. Lovejoy. Their little son has greatly improved in health since coming here and is gaining in weight.

About thirty-five braved the inclement weather of last week Thursday, the second date set for the annual Sunday school picnic of the Methodist school, and met at the appointed place, Whalom park, in a large furniture auto truck of Mr. Morrill of Nashua. The ample space and covered top and slides gave good protection so that the trip was rather enjoyed than otherwise. The whole party were given the use of one of the pavilions, in which they had their games and a general good time, with a picnic lunch at noon. The return home was safely made, although the rain was falling, but no one suffered any ill effects. Although it could not exactly be called a day's outing, yet it was a pleasant day in spite of the weather.

Mrs. Jeanne Moore and children are at Ocean Park for a short stay, and in their absence her cottage on Townsend street is let to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nash, from Orange, N. J.

Mrs. M. M. Richards entertained her cousin, Charles Henry, from Pittsfield, Me., as an over Sunday guest.

Mrs. M. L. Bartlett, with her daughter, Miss Helen, have been the guests of her son, Arthur Bartlett, and family, this week, coming from Springfield, where they now reside.

Charles Fuller returned on Tuesday from a short stay of less than a week in Brooklyn, N. Y., with his brother, Chester Fuller, and family. He enjoyed certain parts of his trip, although it was difficult to get about owing to the condition of the car lines, the taxi and ferry being resorted to in order to reach Brooklyn. On the night he started for home he was obliged to walk several miles to get his train from the city.

Irene Whitcomb returned home last week from a visit with relatives in Lawrence. Her little sister Gertrude accompanied her, and on their return a cousin, Edith Whitcomb, came back here to visit for a short time, until her parents come after her.

Fred Milan and Joseph Sullivan were discharged from the service and returned here to their homes last week Friday and Saturday. A few of the Pepperell boys in the service still remain overseas, with the exception of Harold MacMurray, who it was understood was with the army of occupation on the German border when last heard from, and Lloyd Bancroft, who is operating a Cadillac car at the moment of his last letter. The latter is making a survey of the territories.

Mrs. E. S. Grenache and Mrs. Charles Newton spent Sunday and Monday in Lowell and Boston.

An announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Marion Dow and Lester W. Torrey, both of this town. Miss Dow is at present assisting in the household of Dr. H. H. Cleveland, and Mr. Torrey has until recently been employed at the Nashua River Paper mills.

Mrs. F. S. Bancroft and daughter returned home on Saturday from Boston, accompanied by her son Verne, who returned to Boston by auto on Sunday night.

Thatcher and George Blanchard, of Portland, Me., are spending a two-weeks' vacation with their uncle, Dr. H. H. Cleveland, at Hillcrest.

A camping party consisting of Miss Margaret and Miriam Deware, and brothers Robert and Carl, Miss Lillian Dunton, Miss Margaretie Donnelly, Amos Saunders, Donald Jacobs and Mr. Bromley, from New York, are occupying the Dr. Blaylock-At-

erton cottage at Silver Lake in Hollis. N. H. Mrs. Rainsford Deware is acting as chaperon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shattuck are taking an auto trip this week along the North Shore summer resorts.

H. W. Hutchinson, Chester A. Parker and Wanda Spaulding were callers at the camp of the Boy Scouts on Sunday.

The early morning train to Nashua at 8:20 and the afternoon train at 4:30 to Ayer, which were put back on the schedule this week, are surely appreciated.

Mr. Bates, the nephew of C. A. Cook, who has been a visitor at their home for a few weeks, returned to his home in Essex, Vt., last week Friday.

Mrs. Leon Whitcomb and daughter Helen went to Templeton, this state, Monday for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Newell, of Geneva, N. Y., were in town over Sunday coming up from Boston, where Mr. Newell came on a short business trip. They were the guests of Mrs. Newell's sister, Mrs. Addison Woodward, and of Mr. Newell's mother, Mrs. A. S. Woodward, at East Village.

Miss Sarah Pratt, of Boston, bookkeeper for the H. P. Hood Company, has been spending a few days with Mrs. George Adams, Townsend Harbor street.

Ray Soule returned on Wednesday of last week from his stay with relatives in Maine, and has taken a position in the Nashua River Paper Co., temporarily. A few days before leaving Maine he had a telephone conversation with his cousin, Mrs. Susie (Dort) Snipe, now living on Arrowsic Island. According to her account the property of Mr. Snipe was uninjured in the recent forest fires there, although there was much destruction of property all around them. At the time of the communication they were still cut off from the main land except by boat, by reason of the damage to one span of the Arrowsic and Woolwich bridge.

Mrs. Lindol French and son are at her old home in town, acting as housekeeper in the absence of her mother, Mrs. Deware.

Clifford Bailey arrived here from Hingham on Tuesday from which point he received a discharge from the army. He was very glad to greet his former friends and associates, and more than glad to get back into his "civilian" after months of loose sailor costume. He was the guest of Amos Saunders, staying with him in the cottage on the Welch place for one day of the week for a visit with his sisters, Mrs. Edith Fisher, in Camden, Me., and an older sister living near there. He has been able to receive his mail but in irregular fashion, so could not give any later news of his parents in Athens than had been received here by other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lawrence, with Mrs. Maude Lawrence and four children, went to Worcester in one of Grenache's autos on Sunday. They were the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, meeting there two nephews of Mrs. Lawrence, from Waltham and Whitinsville.

Miss Florence Kemp is taking her vacation from the office of the Pepperell Card & Paper Company this week. Miss Kemp, from the Boston office of the same company, is acting as her substitute.

It is understood that E. F. Brown, for some years foreman on the Keyes farm, is to resign his position there some time next month, and intends to leave town. Both Mr. Brown and family have made many friends here, who would be sorry to have them go.

Mrs. J. Walter Smith is expected home this week from Pennsylvania, as her son, Worcester, has recovered from his accident sufficiently to leave the hospital and return to the Dan Beard Camp, near Seranton, Pa.

Services at the Methodist church will be as usual on Sunday with morning worship at 9.45 and evening service at 7.30. Church school at noon. On Tuesday evening the regular weekly prayer meeting at 7.30.

Mrs. Frank Smith returned home on Monday from a trip by auto to South Portland, Me., to see her sister, Mrs. Earl Dunton. She went there on Sunday, the party including Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trenholm, of Fitchburg, the two little Dunton boys who have been visiting there, and her son, Lester. Mrs. Trenholm and son Gerald remained there for a two-weeks' visit, and Mr. Trenholm will return there with his auto next Sunday and join them for a week's vacation.

Mrs. Margaret Armon and child came last week Thursday from Groveton, N. H., for a short visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoskins, Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Johnson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Woods on Sunday for an auto trip to Hampton and Salisbury beaches, returning by the way of the New Hampshire beaches to Newcastle, where they stopped for dinner at the Wentworth. Mr. Johnson was particularly pleased to revisit the scenes about Newcastle, where he formerly lived for a few years. The party came home by the Lafayette road.

Mrs. Georgianna Kimball is convalescing from a sickness which had some of the symptoms and effect of malaria.

Alfred Parker is carrying his right arm in a sling as the result of an accident he received while cranking the auto of a neighbor. He was accused to crank a car owned by his brother at one time and did not apprehend any danger. He received a blow on the wrist, nearly dislocating it, and breaking the large bone of the forearm.

The Community Church Workers will hold a meeting on Thursday afternoon, August 28, at 2.30, in the church parlors.

Miss Anne Churchill, of Sanbornville, N. H., a former teacher here, is the guest of Mrs. T. E. Butler, Main street.

Walter Bosworth is taking a ten-days' vacation from his work in a machine shop in Ayer. On Sunday he accompanied Rev. G. W. Buzzell, of Nashua, to Rindge, N. H., to assist in a service held by the latter, by singing. At present he is attending a series of evangelistic meetings at the Holding Camp Ground, also in company with Mr. Buzzell.

Mrs. W. O. Martin has been the guest of her relative, Mrs. Darling, Foster street, being on route from a visit to her former home in Hinsdale, N. H., to her present home on North Main street.

George P. Durbin is having a few days' rest at his summer home, Mrs. Durbin's farm, having just returned from a summer meeting held in Poland, Me., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton, of Philadelphia, Pa., are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wlanosky, with whom they were acquainted before coming to this town. Mr. Hamilton is employed in the paper mill.

Mrs. Thomas Bailey writes another of her letters to some of her Pepperell friends and relates an account of the method which exist there in Greece at a funeral. It was out of doors, and seemed to her more like an auction than a burial service. The people stood about in groups and chatted and smoked, and when a priest appeared he neither took off his hat nor gave up his umbrella, but uttered a few words, and the service was over. Mrs. Bailey speaks of an intense dryness and heat there at Athens, and for the first time refers to what she is understood to get home. It is understood that Mr. Bailey's contract may detain him in that place for a year, which would bring them back here some time next December.

Little Janet Smith, who has passed some time of her mother's absence in Pennsylvania with a friend, Miss Sawyer, of Nashua, is now with her parents, Mrs. John Boynton, at their bungalow.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Stark were in town from Fitchburg over Sunday. He has been released from the service, but was still wearing the uniform of the Guards, of which he is a member.

Street Commissioner Blood is commencing the work of making the state road on Silver street, toward the city, all from a point where it was left last year. This is in accordance with the vote taken at the last town meeting, when the sum of \$700 was appropriated, the same to be duplicated by the state.

Miss Bertha Farnsworth, with her little niece, Janet Farnsworth, of Ayer, were recent guests of Mrs. L. French, on a visit with her friends in Banton, Conn.

At the recent executive board meeting of the Pepperell branch of the American Red Cross, it was voted to give \$100 toward the District Nursing association fund. According to the latest rules the Red Cross funds may now be used for local matters pertaining to the public health.

Several auto parties from town attended the Red Cross fête in Townsend on Wednesday evening and listened to a fine concert by the band.

Mrs. Florence Willoughby returned from the hospital in Brookline on Wednesday and is reported very comfortable.

Clifford Shattuck and wife are expected here at his old home the latter part of this week, from Chelsea. He is making good cover from his recent accident, although still needing his crutches for a while longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Bonner have had as their guest, from Monday to Wednesday, Rev. J. M. Foster, pastor of the Second Reformed Presbyterian church of Boston; also, Mrs. Bonner's sister, Miss Rachel Foster, her two brothers, Dr. Harold Foster, of the Massachusetts General hospital, and Rev. Dr. Turner Foster, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The latter remained until Thursday, returning to Boston by auto, in company with Miss Rachel Foster, and Mrs. Bonner also entertained at lunch on Monday, Mrs. Betty Hill, of Brookline, who motored out from her home for the day, after spending the summer at Chatham.

G. H. Du Paw is in attendance this week at the druggists' convention in Boston.

Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh is entertaining her relatives, from Constantinople, Miss Florence Farrar, from Lewiston, Me., who are planning to make an extended visit.

Miss Hattie Kendall has been visiting old friends in town this week, from her present home in Fitchburg.

The following guests are spending the month of August at the "Homestead": Edward Stickey and Miss Vida Bonroyne, Chelsea; W. H. Bundy and Miss Mabel Bundy, Boston; Miss Marjorie Grey, Boston; Mrs. S. S. Bartlett, Ashton Bartlett, Roxbury; Miss Elizabeth Herthly and Miss Julia Cummings, Boston; Miss May, Boston; Charles E. Herthly and Master Charles E., Jr., and Miss Catherine Herthly, Foxbury; Herbert Killean, New Haven, Conn.; Stanley Gehmann, Boston.

It is understood that the committees of the K. of C. and A. O. H. are making elaborate arrangements for the field day of St. Joseph's parish, to be held on Labor day, which will also be in the nature of a "welcome home" to returning soldiers, and all from the service.

War work is still to be continued among us, we are informed, as C. B. Hamilton has made negotiations with the Public Health department of Parker Hill hospital, Boston, to turn over "The Homestead" for the convenience of disabled men as they may be discharged from the service, as a temporary home. The plans came about through the work of Mr. Hamilton at Camp Devens, where he has interested himself greatly in the welfare of the wounded men. The new arrangement will not only provide for men from Parker Hill hospital, but also men from Devens, Fort McH. Md., and the N. Y. and Fox Hill, N. Y. These public health hospitals work in conjunction with the Red Cross. Negotiations are completed at headquarters and men are expected to arrive next week.

Parents of children who will have reached their fifth birthday on September 2, but who will not be six until January 1, may secure the admission of such children to the first grade at the opening of school this fall provided they show a mental age of six years in tests which Supt. Bencher will give on application. No such pupil will be admitted, however, after the opening of schools, a week from next Tuesday. Parents who wish to secure the admission of children whose ages fall within this group should notify Supt. Bencher at once.

Other Pepperell matter on first and third pages.

Community Service Club.
 The regular evening for the meeting of the club being a stormy one, Wednesday evening was chosen. The club met at the home of Miss Doris Durant, the hostesses being the Misses Eleanor Geiger and Katherine Blood. There was a good attendance and a pleasant meeting.

Many of the details for the "Kippy-Kabaray" dance to be held at Prescott hall on Saturday evening, August 30, were arranged. The same orchestra from Fitchburg which played so many times at the last dance has been engaged. Some of the attractions which are settled at this date are a Spanish dance, to be given by Mrs.

Irene and Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge; exhibition dancing, Leslie Parker; a dance and reading by Eleanor Greenliche. There are to be other novelties introduced in the auditorium acts and exhibition dancing between the regular dances of the evening. Miss Gertrude Carter was appointed at this meeting as chairman of the refreshments of ice cream and tonics. Miss Margaret Boynton is chairman of the evening.

Discussion was held on the plans for the next regular meeting of the club on Monday evening, and it was decided to hold a corn roast. All the young ladies who are eligible for admission to this club are given a general invitation to be present at this meeting. Members are requested to bring either corn for roasting or butter. They are to meet at the home of Miss Doris Durant.

Tickets for the "Kippy-Kabaray" are now on sale, and may be obtained from members of the club.

High School Notes.
 Miss Lucy Morton is to return to Pepperell high school as teacher of French and Latin this fall. A recent revision of teachers' salaries undertaken by the school committee when news of the passage to the general school fund bill had been rendered made it possible for Supt. Bencher to secure the withdrawal of her request for release.

Candidates are in view for the commercial and science positions at the high school. Mr. Benner has as yet no candidate for the position of sub-master. Unless a candidate with the promise of sufficient executive ability to assist Mr. Whitmarsh in that capacity in fact as well as in name is found, a fourth assistant will be appointed in place of a sub-master.

It is essential that Supt. Benner of the school committee should learn before September 2, when school opens, of some family or families where the high school teachers and sub-master might be located, in that case they should be within easy reach of the school; but it would be esteemed a favor if any family which would assist in this way, whether near or far, would inform Mr. Benner.

SHIRLEY
 The tax rate for the town this year will in all probability be about \$18.00 per \$1000. The water tax will be \$1.33 per \$1000.

The service men will hold a meeting this Friday evening in Engine hall to make plans to form a Legion of Honor post. Major Wheelock will address the meeting. It is hoped that all the service men who are or have been, will attend.

Richard Lilly is spending the week with friends at North Adams.

Jack Pickford in the great play, "Bill Apperson's boy," from the story of "That woman." A romance of Kentucky hills. At Proctor's Strand, Ayer, September 2 and 3.

Center.
 Ralph Bailey and John Capen, of Wolfston, are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed.

Dewey Perkins has returned after spending a few days in Connecticut, and has entered the employ of Grave Bros., at the Center store.

The First Parish Branch Alliance held its annual fair and lawn party on Thursday afternoon on the lawn of the First Parish church. Ice cream, cake, food, postcards, fancy articles were on sale. A fine program of hard selections was given during the afternoon by the harpist from the Enlisted Men's club at Camp Devens.

Through the kindness of William Jubb a very enjoyable community corn roast was held on Wednesday evening at the grove at Mr. Jubb's home. Refreshments consisting of roast corn, roast apples, cookies, hot chocolate and ice cream were served. The evening was spent in singing, and Mr. Jubb told stories of his civil war experiences. About forty from the Center were present.

Prof. Dallas Sharp, who is to be the speaker at the Forum on Sunday evening, is professor of English at Boston university. For some years he has been waging a fight in Hingham to raise the standard of the public schools there. His talk on Sunday evening will be along this line, and will deal with the problems in the public school situation. Prof. Sharp is a well-known lecturer, a critic, and the Forum is very fortunate in being able to obtain his services.

A community picnic is to be held at Fort pond on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, August 27. All are welcome.

The Center baseball team, following big-league habits, played a double-header on Wednesday. In the afternoon they won the industrial game of the latter's grounds by the score of 11 to 4. In the evening they played Shirley Grange on Longley field and won 14 to 1. Wing pitched both games. Parsons catching for him in the first game and Chamberlain in the second. Holden and Buxton were the regular pitchers in the afternoon game. The Center team is to be commended for its courage in tackling two games the same day, as several of the regular players are away, and in the industrial game one of the outfielders was twelve years old and another was sixty-seven years old. Wing, who has pitched in any of the regular games this season, struck out thirteen men in the industrial school game in spite of the score they made.

The finals in the second tennis tournament will be played off on Friday afternoon, August 29, at three o'clock on the court at C. E. Goodspeed's. Following the match a community supper will be served on the hill near the Goodspeed home, to which all are welcome. The match and tea will be held only if the weather is favorable.

A concert and dance will be given for the benefit of the Forum fund in the town hall on Friday evening, August 29, beginning at 7.30 o'clock. The program for the concert will contain many variety, popular selection, and it will receive added interest through readings to be given by Mrs. Anna Felton Dakin and Miss Vera Bradford. A piano will be moved into the hall for the occasion. Those who will furnish the music are Mrs. Charles P. Purdy, contralto; Miss Helen Cummings, soprano; Miss Miriam Goodspeed, violinist; Miss Christine G. Longley, soprano; E. Ellsworth Snow, violinist, and several accompanists. All the performers are kindly giving their services and it is earnestly hoped that the public will show full interest in the cause of the entertainment.

Seventy-five percent of the trade of Egypt is with British possessions.

Harvard
 Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Royal are enjoying a two weeks' vacation in a very pleasant way. They started last Sunday with their auto for a trip which includes the Weirs, White Mts., Quebec and the Adirondacks. They will camp if the weather permits.

Mrs. Margaret Puffer has purchased a new runabout, which is to be delivered immediately.

George McMahon, who has been with the destroyer Parker through the war period and has seen some real service, is home here for a two weeks' furlough. He is now a gunner's mate.

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Wedding.
 A very pretty wedding took place Saturday afternoon at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Egerton on Bromfield street when their youngest daughter Beatrice was united in marriage to Dr. Jay Touchstone of Dallas, Texas. The bride was very charming in her bridal dress of white georgette crepe and picture hat of sheer material and carrying a shower bouquet. She was attended by Miss Mildred Van Unson of Somerville. Dr. Touchstone expected his brother from Dallas to act as best man, but he only reached Ayer, where he was hindered by a stalled auto, consequently Dr. Panterbury of Dallas, now at camp Devens, acted in his place. Rev. Egerton of Northampton, Colorado, uncle of the bride, officiated at the point of tying the nuptial knot, which he was unable to lawfully do, being from another state. Rev. Harvey Merrill assisted in this important part of the ceremony and then the happy pair received the warm congratulations of the fifty guests.

The Misses Flagg orchestra rendered music during the ceremony and reception. The house was decorated with hydrangeas and palms and the delightful surroundings outside made a festive occasion. A number of gifts of gold, silver and cut glass attested to their many friends. A delicious wedding supper was served by Whitmore, the caterer, including salads, etc. Mr. Egerton's gift to his daughter is the furnishing of the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Touchstone, which will continue his practice as a dental surgeon. Most of the guests were from a distance. Those attending from town were Mr. and Mrs. George C. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. William Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Reed and Miss Annie Reed.

Dr. Jay Touchstone carry with them to their distant home the sincere good wishes of all.

Still River.
 Last Sunday was an unusually pleasant day at the Baptist church, Rev. C. Merrill, pastor of the Unitarian church, Harvard, occupied the pulpit, and the Congregational church in Harvard closed for their morning service and visited us here, Rev. Mr. Kattner assisting in the opening exercises. Mrs. Tomb sang very sweetly "O sweeter, when I thought" and members from both the Unitarian and Congregational churches joined with the Baptist choir, and take it altogether it was a very friendly meeting together, and many were heard to say that they wished such meetings might be held oftener. Mr. Merrill gave a very interesting and helpful talk on the work of the Y. M. C. A. in France, and gave a good answer to much of the unfavorable criticism that was made as to the work of the "Y" over there.

There will be no service at the Baptist church on Sunday morning as the members are to visit with the Congregational church in Harvard. It will be the last chance to listen to Mr. Kattner, as he closes his work there on September 1, it is hoped that there will be as many as possible going here in return for their coming here in such good numbers last Sunday.

About 100 were present at the Sunday school and village picnic at Turkey Pond, on Wednesday, August 27, and the sun shone bright over several days, so that all had a very enjoyable time. Among the out-towners who came for the picnic, we noted Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Whitcomb and daughter, from Worcester; Abel Willard and daughter Blanche, of Lancaster; Miss Emma Butterfield, of Ayer; Miss Vera Willard and friend, from Fitchburg, and several from Clinton.

There came near being a serious accident Thursday forenoon. Dorothy Gorham, about five years old, was going home from the postoffice, when she met her father, who was driving a team loaded with coal, and she started to talk with him, and went around the team. Just then an automobile came along, knocking Dorothy down. They at once stopped and assisted her father to pick her up, but fortunately she was apparently uninjured, the doctor was called and found she was not hurt, but she was terribly frightened. Those who saw the accident say that no one was to blame.

Miss Marlon Burroughs, of Waltham, is the guest of Miss Alice Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Healey are entertaining their grandson, Thomas Banks, of Lowell, for a week or two.

The food sale by the ladies of the Baptist church in Harvard netted \$28 and there is talk of having another.

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Loins	36¢ lb.	Stew Veal	15¢, 20¢ lb.
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FRESH NATIVE VEGETABLES

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Sugar Crimp	25¢ lb.	Young America	42¢ lb.
Arrowroot Biscuit	35¢ lb.	Swiss Cheese	65¢ lb.
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BEST SIRLOIN STEAK	50c. lb.
FAT SALT PORK	33c. lb.
NATIVE ONIONS	5c. lb.
NATIVE CUCUMBERS	5c. each
BEST TUB BUTTER	58c. lb.
NATIVE BEANS	5c. qt.
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