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News Items.

Miss Harriet Ames, from Saganaw, Mich., arrived at the Ames homestead off Jewett street, Tuesday to join her sister, Mrs. Nellie Ames Conant, who has been staying there in company with her niece, Miss Florence Maynard. Miss Maynard's brother, Wallace Maynard, who formerly spent his summers at the Ames homestead, died last June. Miss Ames, who now joins her sister from her home in the west, has retained a position in the Saganaw library, up to the time of her recent illness, a period of twenty years, although she is now past eighty years of age. She was accompanied by a nurse as far as Worcester, and met there by Miss Maynard on Tuesday. She will remain with her sister indefinitely. It is understood, having resigned her position by reason of poor health.

Mrs. Thomas Ruffals and son, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Jennie Cahill, went to the home of the former in Brooklyn, N. Y., on last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson and son, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mason, motored over from their homes in Brighton over Labor day as the guests of the sister of the two ladies, Mrs. Louise Lunt. The party returned Monday evening. Mrs. Mason remaining for a longer visit with her relatives, Mrs. Lunt and Mrs. Shattuck.

Mrs. J. E. Andrews is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Deal, from Roslindale, who came on Monday with her daughter, Miss Jennie, who will remain with her aunt while attending school.

Principal D. L. Whitmarsh returned on Friday of last week from a short visit with his daughter in Newburyport.

Roscoe Woodward and family, from Nashua, N. H., and Harold Woodward and family, from Tilton, N. H., were the guests over the week-end at their old home in town. On Labor day, in company with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward, they attended the Kendall family reunion in Dunstable.

Guy Rouse spent Sunday and the holiday at his home in town, being now located in one of the larger stores in Fitchburg.

Mrs. L. N. Maxwell motored to Worcester on Tuesday with one of the ladies who has boarded with her during the summer.

Miss Ethel Hall spent Sunday and Labor day here as the guest of Mrs. Roy Nutting. The Hall family, who were former residents here, now live in Lawrence, and Miss Ethel, who was a high school girl, is now a nurse at the Barr Sanatorium.

Frederic E. Wilson spent a few days last week at his old home in town, returning to Dover on Wednesday.

The Misses Esther and Ruth Bond, from Dover, are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Jessie Wilson, Brookline street, coming on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell and little daughter are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tucker for a short time. Mr. Maxwell is having his vacation and Mrs. Maxwell is in need of recuperation, having been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Attridge and little daughter Arlene had a pleasant

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outing by auto over Sunday and Labor day. The first day they went as far as Plymouth, taking in the fine ocean views along the South Shore summer resorts. They motored home on Monday by a different route, finding some good state roads nearby the entire trip. They were particularly pleased with the fine orchards in that region, nearly every thrifty farmhouse having its little "sales booth," displaying peaches, plums and apples for sale, and sometimes potatoes and other vegetables, the prices being uniform with those in this section.

Miss Ada Whitney returned home on Tuesday from a visit of several weeks in Poland, Me., where she has been the guest of Mrs. Fayette Bicknell.

Howard Shattuck is taking a four-weeks' course in the summer school of the Norwich Military university, near Montpelier, Vt., prior to the opening of the regular fall session, about September 12. The university has many of the features of the regular army camp and his papers denote that he entered the service of the government when he entered the S. A. T. C. of the university. He was promoted to the rank of corporal last June at the close of school, being butler the first year.

In this connection we would note that the name of Howard Shattuck should appear among those of others of the S. A. T. C. in our new honor roll.

Mrs. Charles Goff has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Chadwick, and family, in Hillsboro Bridge, N. H.

A son, the eighth child, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Toomey on August 29.

Misses Florence Flynn, Katherine Bloss and Beth McNayr went to Brookline to the celebration last week Friday, by invitation issued to the Girl Scouts in general, to ride in the parade.

Roger Tane entered Burdett's college, Boston, Tuesday, for a course of commercial study.

Mrs. Jennie Winch is recovering from an ill turn which she suffered on Wednesday evening of last week, at the home of Miss H. E. Parker, with whom she makes her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alta A. Sliker have been disappointed in the matter of obtaining a satisfactory tenement in Ayer and have decided not to rent their own here on Franklin street. Mrs. Sliker has consented to give meals to four of the new teachers of the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Johnson went to Boston on Saturday to spend Sunday and the holiday with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Kaulbeck, and husband.

Mrs. J. N. Andrews returned this week from Ayer, where she went the latter part of last week to join a party consisting of Forrest O. Andrews and family, Mrs. East Farnsworth and daughter, on a trip to Plymouth, over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Raymond and child were week-end guests of his father, A. H. Raymond, remaining over the holiday, and returning to their home in Breckton on Tuesday morning.

Miss Lizzie Jordan returned last week from Boston, where she has been at work, to her old home on Crescent street for a short time. Her niece, Mrs. Julia Jones, and child, accompanied her, and Mrs. Sybil Moise is expected this week.

Miss Georgianna Maynard will not return to teach in Bradford, N. H., as she has secured a position nearer home, and enters upon her duties as teacher in Townsend next week.

Labor Day Observed.

A crowd of about 800 people gathered on Labor day at the open-air field held under the auspices of the members of St. Joseph's parish, and the point order, the Knights' of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians with their Ladies' Auxiliary. The weather was not auspicious for an outdoor gathering, being cloudy throughout, and at times threatening rain. This seemed to have little effect either on the spirits or the size of the crowd, as during all the forenoon autos poured in from all the surrounding towns, guests being present from Townsend, Worcester, Boston, Lowell and from Nashua and Manchester, N. H. All arrangements of the day were under the direction of J. W. Barry, with a corps of able assistants and committees.

On account of the weather some of the sports planned did not materialize, but there was plenty to make things interesting for the people. A game of baseball was started at two o'clock between the River A. C. of Fitchburg and a picked nine from among the Pepperell service men. The score resulted in favor of the Pepperell team by the score of 6 to 2. Other sports

of the day included a potato race by boys in which Hugh O'Brien was first and Fred Stratton second; potato race for girls, May Donahue 1st, Genevieve Thompson, 2d, 100-yd. dash for boys, Arthur Gagnon 1st, Francis Dwyer 2d, 200-yd. dash for girls, May Donahue 1st, Frances Drumm 2d, running high jump, Francis Dwyer 1st, Arthur Gagnon 2d, daughter race, Leo Connelly 1st, Theodore Drumm 2d; three-legged race, Arthur Gagnon and Leo Connelly 1st, Theodore Drumm and Betty Hutchinson 2d.

The dance was expected from Camp Drury to make the night one of the most enjoyable occasions, which was a disappointment to many. The chief feature of the afternoon was the banquet and while some of the returning boys in uniform and members of their families were laid for about half past five a fine chicken dinner was served under the direction of a committee composed of Patrick Slincey, chairman, and Mrs. P. W. Flynn, Mrs. Annie Kelley, Mrs. John Attridge and Mrs. Mary Roagan, with many assistants and able waitresses.

Every one gave the address of welcome which was felt by all to be sincere and heartfelt. The gathering assumed the character of one big family reunion after the hardships and privations which were enjoyed by all present.

The program of the day's festivities was held in the evening at the town hall, the large hall being filled. The music was furnished by Coleman's jazz orchestra of Fitchburg and was well liked by the throng of merry

dancers as well as the ones looking on.

Largely Attended Dance. The term "Kippy-Kahara" proved catchy and attractive, evidently promising early and that most successful event, something different. On the occasion of the last day of a series held by the Community Service club, announced under this name, the name "Prospect" hall was filled to its capacity and the assembly was a most successful one.

The program of the evening was a most successful one, the program being as follows: vocal solo, "Ain't no other like the one I'm on," by Miss Mary Roagan; piano solo, "The Love Song," by Miss Mary Roagan; piano solo, "The Love Song," by Miss Mary Roagan; piano solo, "The Love Song," by Miss Mary Roagan; piano solo, "The Love Song," by Miss Mary Roagan.

duced by bright flowers of the season, and by orange colored streamers from the lights, which were also ornamented with orange and black.

The small tables lining three sides of the hall were well filled and were very attractive, each having a bright bouquet of peculiar vases ornamented in black and white, being hand-painted for this occasion. They found ready purchasers at the close of the evening. Several young misses acted as waitresses and added to the scene in their white, tulle caps and aprons tied with black bows. The "flower girls," Misses Mary Butler and Margaret Nowell, with their beautiful bouquets of red and white flowers, were a great success and added to the fund of the evening to a small amount, as well as being a most beautiful feature of the occasion. Among the other tables in charge of Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Heald and Miss Avonah Blood, was arranged.

Many auto parties were present from surrounding towns and it was generally understood that the affair was the greatest of any ever held in Ayer, as well as the largest attended. From the number of tickets sold it is estimated that the financial part of the entertainment will also prove very gratifying, both to the chairman of this particular event, Miss Margaret Roagan, to whom such praise belongs, and to the entire club, who have worked so harmoniously and well for the good of the community during their vacation time. The proceeds of this, as well as former dances were for the benefit of the District Nursing Association, which the committee hopes to be able to announce this week.

GROTON

News Items. Mrs. Merron Frazier is now able to sit up occasionally and is recovering slowly. Louisa Gates, though not yet entirely out of danger, is making good progress toward recovery. On account of the mud the horse-laying contest has been postponed until October. Among those who went to Worcester on the opening day of the New England fair, Monday, were Mr. and Mrs. J. Crowley, Miss Mary McParlan, Frank McParlan, Joseph Bateman, Henry Johnson and Clifford Folkins. Mrs. Rose Davis has rented the rooms in A. H. Torrey's house formerly by Dr. Goble for his office. Major O'Connor has moved into the Brazier house. It is reported that the two houses on Powder House road, formerly used by the Louthorse school, are to be opened for the same purpose this fall. On next Tuesday Miss Beatrice Murphy begins her last year at Salem Normal school. Miss Lena Tuttle is to teach this year at Monroe Bridge in the Berkshire. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sargent, of Windsor, Vt., called on Miss Fannie E. Woods on Labor day on their return from a flying trip to Boston. Mr. Sargent is well known in Groton, having been associated in business for some years with the late Mr. Hodgman. His daughter, Miss Nellie Sargent, is superintendent of an institution in Detroit. Miss Alma Sargent is head nurse in the same institution. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sargent and child also live in Detroit, where he is inspector in an automobile factory. At a regular meeting of the school board on Tuesday evening it was voted to close the Monday school and transport the children of that neighborhood to the Boutwell school. Prescott Leonard is soon to return from the junior Plattsburg camp. Capt. and Mrs. Timmins and their little daughter have been guests of his mother, Mrs. Prescott Leonard, lately. Mr. and Mrs. John Sargent, who have been camping out for a week at Camp Baddacook, Baddacook pond, broke camp on Friday, August 29, and stayed until Tuesday. Mason Shattuck, having been called to the Charlestown navy yard on business, came home on Friday, August 29, and stayed until Tuesday. Miss Cogswell, of the Moors school, has resigned. She is to take a position where she is to have quite an increase in salary. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ames and their son, A. J. Ames, motored to Groton from Atlantic on Saturday, August 31, and spent the week-end with Mr. Ames' mother, Mrs. Elvira Ames. Miss Fannie E. Woods and Miss Cornelia Earle motored to Manchester, N. H., Sunday, to take home Miss Woods' cousin, Arthur W. Chase, who has been spending his vacation visiting in various places, including Ayer and Groton. The Brennick family have moved to their new home in Waltham. Rev. G. M. Howe returned to town after his vacation on Saturday night. Miss Lillian A. Crocker and William F. Patterson were married Wednesday, September 3, at the home of the bride's brother, George I. Crocker, in North Leominster, by Rev. William Goble in the presence of the immediate families of the couple. The single ring service was used and they were unattended. The bride wore a white crepe. A reception was held after the ceremony and refreshments were served. Mr. Patterson is from Sussex, N. B., and formerly lived in Groton, where he is well and favorably known. Miss Crocker is a daughter of the late Mrs. M. A. Shattuck. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson received many gifts of silver, cut glass, china and money. The dance given by the Groton Lodge of Odd Fellows on the evening of Labor day, though not as largely attended as some previous entertainments, was much enjoyed by those present, who were favored with an especially fine orchestra from Clinton. Mrs. Harriet B. Robinson gave a dinner on Thursday to Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Thurston of the War Camp Community Service at Ayer. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robinson and their son spent a few days this week in Wilton, N. H., at the old Robinson homestead, the home of Mr. Robinson's cousin, William Burton. Mrs. Nesbit Williams is visiting Mrs. Lucy Howard, of West Newbury, who will soon celebrate her ninety-first birthday. Mrs. Howard is the mother of Mrs. Millard Sawyer of this town. Miss Fannie Taylor, of Clinton, visited Mrs. Arthur A. Woods on last Tuesday. William H. Boynton is in town this week at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary M. Boynton. Claude and Ray Farwell have returned from Brent Rock after an extended automobile tour through the northeast. Thomas Aitken has resigned his position at Louthorse school. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Hill, with their two boys, from Manchester, N. H., came to town last Sunday and stayed a few days with Mrs. Pillsbury at the home of Mrs. Pillsbury. The Middlesex Education board held their meeting on Tuesday evening with a little entertainment. On September 12, after the Grand jury, Benborough jury, they will present the facts of the case to the grand jury. On the afternoon of September 1, Miss Lillian E. Knapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Knapp, and Stanley Easton, son of Prof and Mrs. George A. Easton, were united in matrimony in the presence of their immediate relatives. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. M. Howe, and the single ring service was used. The party stood before an arch of flowers and garlands, which were arranged for the occasion, and the bride was escorted to the altar by the groom. The bride wore a white crepe and the groom wore a dark suit. The ceremony was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Knapp, in North Leominster. The second annual dog show will be held at the Groton fair at Home Grove trotting park on September 7, under the supervision of John H. Trayne. Miss Dorothy Dana, of North Woodstock, Vt., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Patrick Maynes. Capt. and Mrs. Penber, who have been living in Mrs. Bruce's house on Main street, returned to their home in Texas this week.

Burton Robinson has sold five bushels of early pears off his farm this year, which is a large crop of pears still to harvest. The Unitarian church will be opened for the regular services on Sunday. It has been decided not to open the Sunday school until the following Sunday. On account of the rain the band concert planned for last Saturday evening through the kindness of James Woolley, was postponed until this Saturday at the bandstand. Miss Irene Tyrrell has returned to her school in Springfield. William B. Robinson is enjoying a two-weeks' vacation from his work at the Soldiers' club in Ayer, where he has been since last October. On and Mrs. McFarlan, who have been occupying Mrs. E. M. Needham's house on Main street, have gone to St. Louis, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shaw and family have returned from their vacation. At a combined meeting of the school board and the selectmen on Thursday evening Arthur W. Lamb of West Groton was elected one of the school committee to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs. Cora C. Farwell, resigned. Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bennett and family have returned from their camp at Spectacle pond. Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Ames are at home again after their vacation at their camp at Lake Quantabcook, near Belfast, Me. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Danielson and family are again at their home here, having returned on Thursday from Mattawamissett. Auction sale in Groton—Continuation of the Frank F. Woods sale to be held Monday, September 8, at 1 p. m. in the school building. The goods are all in good condition. Sale under cover if stormy; the goods have not to be sold. Mr. Woods leaves at once for California. The auctioneer is Wm. Forbush, of Concord Junction, who for forty-four years has sold auction sales in seven states and 170 towns and cities in Massachusetts without missing a sale during that time. Raddin Family Reunion. According to their custom the Raddin family held their annual reunion at the old Raddin homestead in North Saugus on Labor day. There were from 75 to 80 persons present this year. Joseph H. Raddin, of this town, and his family, went from here in four automobiles. With Mr. Raddin were his six children, five of whom are married, and fifteen grandchildren, making a party of twenty-seven. A sister of Mr. Raddin is also present. The Raddin family originally settled in Marblehead before 1640. In 1699 or 1700 Joseph H. Raddin's great-grandfather, Thomas Raddin, took up 160 acres of land in what was then Lynn, but 100 years ago was set off as North Saugus. Here Benjamin Raddin was born, who was Mr. Raddin's grandfather. He died in 1775, when his son John, Mr. Raddin's grandfather, was six weeks old. Mr. Raddin's father, Samuel Raddin, was also born here. The farm has now passed out of the hands of the Raddin family, but the old homestead still stands as a pleasant social reunion every year. During their visit this year the guests went through the big, old-fashioned farmhouse and enjoyed the beauty of the grounds, where they saw a remarkable stone called the Indian rock, which rests upon two stones with so large a space beneath it as to allow a person to walk under it. The tradition is that the Indians used to hide under it. One of the features of the day was the big dinner served under the trees, and the whole affair was a great success. West Groton. Miss Swanstrom, of Lowell, was a recent guest of her friend, Miss Mildred Blood. Howard Sherman, of Leominster, has been visiting his relatives at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lawrence. A. W. Adams attended the fair in Worcester on Monday. Mrs. Adams and Miss McCormack spending the day in the shopping district. Mr. and Mrs. Kelleher and two children, who are visiting at the home of Mrs. Kelleher, will return to their home in Groton on Tuesday. Miss Sissie Hill is spending a week in the Catskills with her sister, Bessie Hill, who will return together. Mrs. M. M. Hill, of Boston, is home caring for the family during the absence of Mrs. M. J. Shepley, of Waltham, who has been spending a few days in town. Robert Bixby, of Lynn, was home for the holiday. Henry Lyndall, of Rosendale, has been in town, visiting at C. E. Bixby's. Miss Edith Wright is to teach this year in the junior high school in Maynard. She was for four years principal of the Tarbell school. A number of people went over to Groton on Monday to hear Rev. Byron Gustin preach at the union service at the congregational church. Mrs. Lawrence Strand is visiting her father, Carl Strand, in Winthrop. Mrs. Mattie O'Moody entertained a party of her children over the holidays. Mrs. B. B. O'Moody, of East Walpole, and Mrs. Kate O'Moody, of Leominster, were with her. Mrs. Martin O'Moody, of Lynn. Miss Hazel Bates spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. H. Bates, in South Groton. Mrs. P. H. Bates spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. H. Bates, in South Groton. Mrs. P. H. Bates spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. H. Bates, in South Groton.

herst, will give a talk at the town hall on Friday afternoon, September 12, at 3.30. Her subject will be "A healthy body and how to clothe it." Mrs. Reed is remembered as the organist of the Baptist church, which has proved such a wonderful success during the past year. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this lecture. Still River. Rev. William Gussman preached his farewell sermon at Brentwood, N. H., last Sunday and is now here as pastor of the Baptist church. His two sons, one a dentist in Medford, and the other in business in the south, were here Sunday and the holiday. Rev. Alfred Fuller, of Harvard, occupied the pulpit here last Sunday and gave a very interesting talk on his present work among the native-born colony in New Britain, Conn., and expressed his delight in the opportunity given him to see his old friends again. LITTLETON News Items. Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Fairfield have arrived at the scene of their new field of ministerial work and are to live at 903 Orange avenue, Long Beach, N. L. This is a most interesting and delightful trip by auto for the first 1800 miles of the journey to Kansas City, where they were reluctantly forced by lack of time to make the rest of the journey by train. Out on the desert at Barstow they were held up for four hours by the railroad strike, but were fortunate in reaching Los Angeles on the only train in over the Santa Fe for a number of days, while some later passengers were much inconvenienced by the delay and heat and shortage of food. Long Beach was reached by auto, and the first impression was of a prosperous and beautifully located, and in a climate that favors vegetation and people. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis and the W. T. Speirs family went to a family reunion at Whalom Park on Monday. Hon. F. A. Patch and his sister were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Errol Locke in Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turner, of Millford, N. H., were holiday guests of the H. F. Proctor family, Mill road. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon, of Newton, visited the Raddin family on the trip up country and returned for the holiday in Littleton. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Gardner, of Jamaica Plain, were Sunday and Monday guests of Mrs. A. P. Gardner and John E. Gardner. Mrs. Cunningham has recently visited her daughter, Mrs. F. B. Priest. Services will be resumed at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning. Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Lambertson and their children were week-end guests of the F. S. Kimball's. They left town for their home in the mid-ship track on Friday afternoon. A beautiful Sunday morning service completed Rev. F. W. Lambertson's pastorate in the Congregational society. A fine sermon by the pastor and beautiful singing, including a soprano solo by Mrs. Kelley, a tenor solo by Mr. Lambertson, and a tenor solo by the choir, completed the service. The corn roast held in the sand pit last week Thursday evening his parishioners presented Rev. F. W. Lambertson with a purse of \$100. On Sunday morning Rev. Cambridge Rodriguez, of Argentine, will occupy the pulpit and speak on "The new conditions of religion in South America." This minister is highly recommended and has commanded the closest attention where he has addressed audiences. Give him a full house. In these days of frequent resignations in the teaching forces of schools Supt. Hill is to be congratulated upon being able to start all our schools on Tuesday with every vacancy filled with teachers who give promise of a successful year's work. The rain of Sunday evening did not prevent a good attendance at the song service. The newly installed electric motor for the organ worked to perfection. Besides the hearty singing by the audience the special entertainments by Miss Katherine Kimball, duets by Misses Evelyn Kimball and Laurice Flag, and a bass solo by Whitney Caultkins. Through September a song service, with the church organ, will be held at 7.50, as during July and August. Sunday evenings are invited. The address of Sunday evening will be upon "The rough ways of life made smooth." Miss Louise Estey Caultkins returned from Northfield on Monday for a short vacation before taking up the year's work in Northfield seminary. Misses Olive Flagg and Mildred Eisner spent the week, from Monday, August 25, to September 1, at the C. E. conference at Sagamore Beach, as delegates of the local C. E. society, and have returned with the usual glowing accounts of the sessions, a report of which the society will hear later. Misses Esther Robinson and Edith Childred left Tuesday for Worcester, where they enter upon a course of training for the profession of nursing in the hospital. Littleton schools opened Tuesday with the following enrollment: High school 52, primary 16, west intermediate 19, central school 34, union 13, and 21 grades 39. Union 3rd and 4th grades 7, union 7th and 8th grades 11. Total 248. The enrollment last year was 284. Miss Ruth Steeky of Auburndale is the guest of the F. S. Kimball family. Misses Edna Dodge and Mrs. Fred Howard attended the funeral of their oldest sister in Beverly Monday. Miss Katherine Kimball went to Brockton Tuesday to take up her work as librarian. Miss Edna Dodge has installed electric lights in his house. Miss Charlotte Woodbury is reported to be making a rapid recovery from her operation as can be expected. "Paul Woodbury is making his home at the home of his mother, Mrs. T. Werber, in the Woodbury family. Thomas J. Mannion, Jr., is a student at Burdett's Business college. Miss Mattie Shafter has returned to her school teaching in New Bedford. Charles F. Sawyer, manufacturer of the South City, was a recent guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Amanda O'Wain, and her daughter, Mrs. Martha B. Wilder, and took with him a party of his family, including his mother and her daughter, Mrs. M. Wain, who is now in her ninetieth year. He will return soon to his home in South City, Iowa. Mrs. Jennie Sawyer is again at her desk in the post office, after a pleasant visit of two weeks with friends in Chicago. Mrs. A. M. Parker and her sister, Miss Julia S. Conant, will make their home with Mrs. D. G. Houghton, for the present. Ferdinand Wyman is spending the last week of his vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kimball and Mr. Brown is now occupying his own cottage, which Mr. Wyman used in August.

Richard L. Hartwell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gardner W. Prouty are enjoying the sea breezes at Hyannis. Miss Maud Murray of Fitchburg has been the guest of Miss Elizabeth Houghton and family recently. Miss Edie Stevens, of Boston, visited her aunt, Mrs. Carrie Gilman Edwards, over Sunday and Monday. Misses Margaret and Olive Thacher have been in Wrentham, Mass., for a brief outing. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Conant toured through the Mohawk trail and visited several cities in Western Massachusetts on a recent business trip. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crane enjoyed an auto trip to Western Massachusetts and parts of Connecticut in their vacation of last week. The house formerly owned by Mrs. Able Tuttle and now the property of Louis J. Stone is undergoing a few changes preparatory to its occupancy by Alton Hunt and family in the near future. Pleasantly Entertained. Through the courtesy of Prof. and Mrs. John Craig Kelley, lovers of good music had a genuine treat in the choice concert given by them at Camp Hartwell, off Shattuck street, Sunday afternoon. Following a pleasant reception given by host and hostess, Mrs. Kelley, in splendid voice, sang a number of solos to Mr. Kelley's piano accompaniments, two of special interest being his compositions, which received very delectable applause. The poet speaks of flowers as being most beautiful when found among their natural surroundings, and so it might be said of Mrs. Kelley's bird-like voice and sweet whistling solos heard among the fragrant pines by their summer home. Prof. Kelley beautifully rendered violin obligations when Mrs. Kelley played her own piano accompaniments. All the selections were received with much enthusiasm. An informal reception followed, during which confectionery and cigars were passed. The Kelley family broke camp this week Thursday and returned to their Brookline home. Historical Society Meeting. The Historical society held its Labor day meeting in the library reading-room on Monday afternoon. Sixteen were present and listened with deepest interest to the scholarly presentation by Albert E. Conant of a paper on the progress he has noted in his life from the tallow candle age of his childhood to the marvelous present day with all its modern conveniences and appliances. The paper, originally written for and by the request of Mr. Conant's children, contains many personal allusions that are of special interest. The speaker exhibited a map showing the Adams land at the Common, where formerly there was one house, and now thirty houses shelter thirty-six families. He also showed a leather bag in which the first earnings of the Conant Company were taken to Boston prior to the existence of the present checking system. Many stories and illustrations were especially pleasing as persons and places referred to were familiar to older members of the audience. Two deeds of former Baptist church pews were presented to the Historical society by Fred H. R. R. Foster, former Harvard student, and resolutions on the death of Miss Sarah Foster White, former secretary and treasurer of the society. A few matters of business were acted upon, completing the program of the afternoon. Wedding. A home wedding of much interest to the people of Littleton and Harvard took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin N. Robinson on last Saturday evening, when their daughter, Ruth A., was married to George W. Tooker, of Harvard. Festoons of Japanese lanterns decorated the exterior of the home; inside, flowers and other decorations were tastefully arranged. Music was enjoyed during the evening by Miss Emma E. Tenney, pianist, and Miss Katherine Kimball, violinist. Entering to the strains of the wedding march the bridal party stood before a dark background of greens, relieved by bright touches of hydrangea blossoms, Harold Tooker, brother of the groom, serving as best man, and Miss Emily M. Robinson, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid. The bride was gown in white Georgette and carried a bouquet which was afterward scattered gracefully from the stairway among the attendants. The bridesmaid's gown was a tasteful creation of pink taffeta. Little Edwin N. Robinson, nephew of the bride, held the two bridal rings which rested daintily in the heart of a pure white calla lily, and Harriet E. Robinson, the bride's niece, served as flower girl. Rev. Herbert L. Caultkins officiated. Besides the families of the contracting parties there were present occasionally the firms of Conant & Co., in whose employment the bride has been engaged since her graduation from the Littleton high school, their families, and a numerous company of friends in Littleton and nearby and distant places. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and fruit were served. The ceremony of the wedding was a most impressive one, and the joyous expressions of good will attended the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Tooker upon their bridal trip, the destination of which was enshrouded in the usual mist of secrecy. The participants in the ceremony received very dainty souvenirs from the firms of Conant & Co. and useful articles were delivered into the charge of the custodian of gifts, Mrs. Christie S. Daly. During the reception Mr. and Mrs. Robinson stood in the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Keyes, of Harvard. AYER News Items. At the annual meeting of the 7th N. H. Volunteer Regt. held at the Wagon, N. H., Thursday, August 28, Lieut. Francis Lovejoy of Co. H, was elected vice president and Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy was elected secretary. The Ayer Branch Alliance will hold a food sale in the vestry of the Unitarian church on Friday, September 12, at three p. m. The September meeting of the Ayer Branch Alliance will be held at the home of Mrs. Harriet W. Lapointe, East Main street, on Monday, September 8, at 2.30 o'clock. Hostesses, Mrs. Harriet W. Lapointe, Mrs. Frances Lapointe, Mrs. Ella G. Duncklee, Miss Eliza A. Buckman and Mrs. Ellen F. Kirtledge. Hon. Edward F. Fletcher of Shrewsbury, a former mayor of Worcester, formerly a resident of this town, was here last week Friday calling on relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. George L. Osgood and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Barry and family, who had been visit-

ing the Osgoods at their summer residence in Sullivan, Me., for the past two weeks, returned Tuesday by auto. Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Norman and son Benjamin and Mr. and Mrs. George H. E. Turner and family left last Sunday morning for over the holiday at Beachwood, Me., returning Tuesday evening. Charles Newton Pollard, pianist and teacher, in Ayer Thursdays and Saturdays, at 10 Williams street. Most modern method of teaching technique, style and expression. Edward Rymes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Rymes, has entered Burdett's Business college, Boston, going last Tuesday. Raymond Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Miller, Pleasant street, entered Bryant & Stratton's Business college, Boston, last Tuesday, and is taking banking courses. On Saturday, September 27, the Canning club, led by Hazel E. Miller, will hold a final exhibit of canned fruit, vegetables and meats at the Soldiers' club, West street. This will be held under the auspices of the Amherst Agricultural college. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Fairchild and Mrs. C. Z. Southard, of Groton, went to the city on Saturday night, returning Monday night. They were the guests of Capt. E. H. Quigley, formerly at Camp Devens, who is aide-de-camp to Gen. Thomas Barry at Governor's house. Mrs. F. Vern Billman will spend next week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Simonds, in Alliston. "In stepping off an electric car last week Friday, Walter Brodgett slipped and hurt his head and neck. This week he discovered that he had broken a bone, which will cause him to be in bed for three weeks. Mrs. F. Verne Billman took a party of the bride, bridesmaid, nephew Wrentham for over the week-end and Labor day, going by auto. Miss Ruth and Fred Huntington returned Tuesday evening from their vacation spent in New Britain, N. H., and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Huntington, arrived home this Friday. Fred Huntington enters Boston Latin school on Monday. The school opened on Wednesday with a membership of 102 in the high school, eighth grade 24, seventh 38, sixth 43, fifth 40, fourth 49, third 44, Washington street primary 34, East Main street primary 32, a total of 486. The overflow school of a division from the fifth and seventh grades has 16 pupils, and is held in room in the Washington street building. All the schools expect more pupils next week. The new teacher in the high school is Miss Marguerite Pfeishaar, who will have a practical knowledge of the French, the French, the school and civics. Last year's enrollment in the schools was 504. At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning, at 10.45, regular offices and services, preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister, subject, "Church membership and religion." "Church school at twelve. The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. W. H. Pillman, East Main street, Tuesday afternoon at 2.30. Mrs. Edith Aulton, of Portland, Me., is spending a week with her cousin, Mrs. Friday A. Smith, in Wrentham. Four from here attended the session of the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., in Boston, Thursday—Herbert Phinney, David Young, Harry Howe and Edward C. Page. On Wednesday morning, when the electric service was lacking in town, the Ayer Electric Light Company's truck was sent out to look for the trouble. The truck skidded on the wet road in Harvard and brought up against a pole, breaking the top of the truck and otherwise damaging it. The report that the accident occurred through trying to drive the truck up a pole to look for a broken insulator has not been confirmed. A Ford automobile, owned by the Red Cross, crashed into a street railway pole on West Main street, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday. The machine was badly damaged. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Farnsworth visited Labor day with relatives at Putnam, Conn., and Mrs. Farnsworth is spending the rest of the week there. An inquest was held at the district court on this Friday morning before Judge Atwood on the death of Hes-

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Saturday, September 6, 1919.

AYER

About Town.

There will be a concert at the Soldiers' club, West street, on Sunday evening at 8.15 by the Benedict trio of Boston.

Mrs. Elizabeth Longeway left Monday for a visit with friends in Hardwick, Vt. Her daughter, Mrs. Edward Puffer, accompanied her on the journey as far as Nashua, N. H.

Morris Greenberg and family have returned from an automobile trip to New York city.

Harry W. Cary is to move his family to Whitefield, N. H., their former home, where he will assume the superintendency of the Whitefield tannery. Mr. Cary left last Saturday for Whitefield and the family go next week.

Mrs. Harry White, of Winsted, Conn., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo W. Sprague.

James M. Boutwell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gorman K. Brooks, also Miss Leah P. Larkin, returned from a month's sojourn in the Adirondacks at Mt. View, N. Y., Wednesday.

Mrs. Ellen Chandler of New Ipswich, N. H., has been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Waldo W. Sprague.

Mrs. Nina A. Rand of Danvers is visiting her son, Oscar C. Rand.

At a meeting of St. Andrew's Guild last Tuesday afternoon at the Guild room the following officers were elected: Mrs. Berton Williams, president; Mrs. Harvey Huntington, vice president; Mrs. George A. Sanderson, treasurer; Mrs. Arthur G. Downing, secretary.

Miss Cora Parker of Milford, N. H., has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Sprague.

Mrs. Martha P. Lyon observed her birthday last Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth M. Wilson. Another daughter of Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Joseph Carter of Nashua, N. H., with her daughter, Miss Thelma Milliken, was present.

Vesta Rebekah lodge held a social evening last Wednesday in connection with their regular meeting, the occasion being the much-regretted departure of their trustee and right supporter as well as filling the offices above-mentioned. The members spent a pleasant hour together, ice cream and cake being served. Mrs. Ella F. Hovey had charge of the refreshments.

Howard Leavitt of Swanton, Vt., is visiting his brother, George H. Leavitt.

Lyman C. Sprague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo W. Sprague, is to enter Boston university law school this fall.

Mrs. Morris Kozlov and daughter Ida have returned from Revere beach, where they have spent the season.

James Craig of Methuen is visiting his brother, Charles E. Craig.

Mrs. M. Dell Seaverns has been visiting relatives in Pepperell.

Alfred C. Maynard and family of Nashua, N. H., former residents, were in town recently.

Erastus E. Lewis spent Labor day in Grafton, N. H.

Wilbur A. Hart of Norwood spent the week-end and holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Scruton spent Sunday with Mr. Scruton's brother, William M. Scruton, in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Arthur G. Downing and her sister, Mrs. Frederick Nelson, spent Monday in Hubbardston, it being Old Home day and Welcome Home day to the soldiers of the world war.

Calvin A. Colpitts of Lowell has been visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. Byron E. Murphy.

Mrs. Stephen T. O'Meara is visiting relatives in Cherrisfield, N. Y.

George Murray has been spending a vacation in Fitchburg and other cities.

Mrs. Ella F. Hovey has returned from a visit to West Acton.

Fred J. Livingston and family, East Main street, have returned from a vacation of several weeks at Eastham.

Miss Elsie Harmon has returned from a visit with her friend, Miss Madeline Tyrrell, in Lowell.

The Strand presents this Saturday Margarita Fisher in "Trixie from Broadway." Pretty chorus girls in dashing costumes, with dainty Margarita Fisher as "Trixie," tipping the tickle-toe in the scenes of "Oh, chicken!" The desperate fight between Trixie and Gertie, the latter role dramatically played by Olga Gray. The fascinating spectacle of a big fire and a thrilling rescue. These are but a few of a hundred reasons why you are going to fall in love with "Trixie from Broadway." She'll be waiting for you, Paramount Arbuckle. "His wedding night." Latest news. Sunday-Charlotte Walker in "Just a woman." Strand and Christie comedies. On Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13, Charlie Chaplin will be seen in his third million-dollar production, "Sunnyside."

The blowing of the fire alarm on Wednesday afternoon was due to the crossing of the wires in the wet trees with the high tension wires of the electric company, causing a short circuit. The various local electric systems all suffered as a result of the rain storm and service was suspended for several hours in some parts of the town.

D. H. Dickerson, Mrs. Lous E. Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy leave on next Saturday evening to attend the four days' session of the National G. A. R. encampment at Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Lovejoy being delegate at large to the encampment. They expect to return on September 15. Sunday they will spend at Niagara Falls and the return trip will be made by way of Gettysburg, where they will make a stop-over.

William Foley has started the construction of two cottages on West Main street, near the site of the Salvation Army hut. He recently purchased the hut and is going to convert it into these two cottages.

James B. Hartford has sold his house on Fletcher street to Albert E. Little of the Falls.

Mrs. Elsie Farnsworth, who has occupied the tenement over Dwinell's store for several years, moved this week to Leominster.

The next installment of 20% on Victory Liberty loan note is due at the Federal Reserve bank, Boston, September 9. Subscribers through the First National bank of Ayer are re-

quested to forward their payments on or before September 8.

The Boston summer meeting of the ministers' union was held in King's chapel, on Monday at twelve o'clock. Rev. Chauncey C. Adams, pastor of the old church of Burlington, Vt., conducted a devotional service. It will interest many in the Ayer region to know that after the late Dr. Torrey finished his pastorate in Shirley and returned to his early home and his father's home in Burlington, Mr. Adams was his pastor. He spoke warmly in the informal social hour of Dr. Torrey. Mr. Adams conducted the funeral services after the death of this honored man over two years ago. The principal address at the union meeting was given by Rev. John G. Taylor, of Arlington; topic, "The international Good Samaritan," vigorously presented. Somehow the history and aims of the union was given in the secretary's report.

The Cooperative Grocery Stores Co., who have a store on Merchants' row, will occupy the store of Berton Williams in the Public Spirit building, which he will vacate September 30.

Miss Jane Briggs, formerly employed at the Ayer Variety store as clerk, is now an assistant at the dental office of Dr. Gilson.

Misses Alice and Mary Force, who were operated upon recently at the Groton hospital and had their tonsils and adenoids removed, have recovered from the operation.

At the Federated church Sunday at 10.45 a. m., public worship with sacrament of the Lord's supper. At 12.00, Sunday school. Deacon Herbert A. Pollard, supt. At 6.30 p. m., Young People's meeting. Ralph Sargent of Groton, leader. At 7.30, evening worship; sermon subject, "Work, its meaning." Thursday, at 7.30 p. m., mid-week service.

The entertainment committee of Harbinger lodge, K. of P., is arranging a reception at the Groton school for the members who were in service during the war, also to the newly appointed deputy, Louis A. Hibbert, P. C., of Freedom lodge, Worcester. The event will be a memorable one and will take place on Monday evening at 7.45 at the lodge rooms, Hardy building, Central avenue. All members of the order in Ayer are requested to be present.

A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, September 8.

This Saturday at Page's hall will be shown Tom Mix in "The coming of the law," a peppy story of the west. Latest Pathé News and two-reel comedy. Sunday show continuous from six to ten o'clock. Don't forget Monday: "The spreading evil," in seven parts, the photo-play sensation of the hour, endorsed by the U. S. secretary of the navy and other prominent men. A fearless production that points out the pitfalls.

The fire alarm was sounded last Saturday afternoon for the first time in the large jitney busses which operate between Depot square and Camp Devens and which caught fire while near the main gate at camp. The camp fire department responded and had the fire out before the local alarm had been sounded. The front end of the machine was damaged to the extent of about one hundred dollars.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

Tort Action.

The civil session of the court on last Saturday morning was taken up with the tort action of Herbert L. Taylor against Samuel Slavsky for injuries to the plaintiff's automobile. The case was not completed until the session on Tuesday morning. The case arose out of an accident on the road to Harvard, several weeks ago. The defendant's son was driving a truck along the road when he came up behind a team driven by John Martin. The plaintiff was coming from the opposite direction in his machine when the defendant tried to pass the team, and the two machines came together. The plaintiff's machine ran out into the ditch and struck a telephone pole and was badly damaged. The plaintiff testified that he traded what was left of the auto for a motorcycle. One of the witnesses in the team testified that the front of Slavsky's machine was alongside the rear of the wagon when the accident happened. The defence contended that the plaintiff was driving fast and that his brakes were in poor condition. The court found that the evidence was not such as to show lack of due care on the part of the plaintiff and that the defendant was at fault in trying to pass the team when another auto was coming in the opposite direction. The court found for the plaintiff in the sum of two hundred dollars. Attorney George C. O'Neil represented the plaintiff and Attorney John D. Carney, the defendant. The case was held up for a time on Saturday morning because of the fact that the plaintiff was a minor and an amendment to the pleadings became necessary.

Sandy Pond School Reunion.

The eleventh annual reunion of the Sandy Pond school association was held in the schoolhouse on Saturday, August 30, owing to the rainy weather the attendance was somewhat smaller than usual, but those who braved the storm were well repaid. The members assembled as the old school bell was rung by Frank S. Pingrey, the president. Oliver K. Pierce, being unable to attend. The exercises were opened by the singing of "We're gathered in this schoolroom," by Mrs. Daisy Beckford, the audience joining in the chorus. Prayer was offered by Rev. Frank B. Prandall. Reports by Mrs. Frank S. Pingrey, secretary, and Daniel W. Fletcher, treasurer, were read and accepted. At this time attention was called to the five members who have passed on during the year—Ex-mayor Samuel A. Green, Rev. J. W. Thomas, honored members, William Mullin, Edwin B. Brigham of Ashburnham, and Mrs. Nellie P. Smith, who had been an energetic worker for the association ever since it originated and whose cheery welcome and interesting papers have contributed much to the success of the meetings.

The officers who have served for eleven years were re-elected: Oliver K. Pingrey, president; Mrs. Frank S. Pingrey, secretary; Daniel W. Fletcher, treasurer. D. W. Fletcher, treasurer, Mrs. Nettie P. Brooks was chosen to fill the vacancy made by Mrs. Smith on the entertainment committee.

A new subject under discussion was the improvement of building and grounds and it was decided for W. H. Langley to supervise the work. Funds to cover the cost will be raised by entertainments given under the direction of the following committee: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Landry, Frank S. Pierce, Mrs. Nettie P. Brooks, Mrs. Jennie Nixon and Daniel W. Fletcher.

An interesting feature of the program was the original poem read by

Mrs. E. M. Barrows of Groton, who, in spite of her eighty-one years, is able to meet with the association and is always enthusiastically greeted. Solo by Mrs. Daisy Beckford, accompanied by Mrs. Walter Foss, read by Mrs. Eunice Pingry Bruce, and a paper, "Humorous personal experiences," by Louine Brigham, were greatly enjoyed. Remarks were made by Rev. Frank B. Prandall, Mrs. Lode Richardson, Louine Brigham and Mrs. Nettie P. Brooks.

The afternoon exercises closed with the singing of "America," after which ice cream and coffee were served with the box lunches. The dance in the evening was attended by an exceptionally large company with Miss Green at the piano. F. E. H.

To Make an Educational Tour.

Dr. William O. Thayer, headmaster of St. Mark's school at Southboro, and a former vicar of St. Andrew's church of this town, has been released for three months to work by invitation with the General Board of Religious Education. The board desires to ascertain the essential purposes and responsibilities which a "church school" has in the educational program of the church at the present time, "when the emphasis in education is swinging toward vocational and materialistic ideals." Dr. Thayer will confer with representatives of schools at Detroit during the general convention. He will then tour the schools that offer special opportunities for study. The outcome of this work will be a report which for the first time will present the financial, intellectual and religious conditions in church schools, and the responsibility which they owe them. Associated with Dr. Thayer is a survey committee appointed by the general board, and among the list is Rev. Endicott Peabody of Groton school.

Largest Taxpayers.

Table listing the following is a list of the taxpayers in town who are to pay a tax of \$50 or over this year. Includes names like Allen, Burton, Allen, John G., and amounts.

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Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dodge, of Littleton, welcomed a little son, Robert T. into their home on August 29. Mrs. Dodge was formerly Miss Edith Upham of this town.

The greater part of the townspeople attended the 150th anniversary and welcome home celebration in Brookline, N. H., August 29. The Townsend band assisted in the exercises of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Woods and Mrs. Horace Woods are enjoying a ten-day automobile trip to Vermont. They will make several stops on the way and visit relatives.

Charles Fagan and family are moving this week into the Green cottage on Townsend hill. Mr. Fagan is to be employed by E. E. Campbell on his farm.

Rev. William Hodke and family, who have been occupying the F. A. Wood's camp, have returned to West Quincy.

Rev. E. A. Willmott will close his summer home here this week and return to his parish in Roxbury.

The Misses Wilner and Myrtle Marshall are employed by the Viscasol Co., of Leonistown, beginning their work last Tuesday.

Miss L. Bessie Parker, who has been enjoying a brief vacation with her mother, Mrs. Flora Parker, has resumed her training at the Memorial hospital, North Conway, N. H.

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The McCormick sisters, who have been spending the summer months at the Barber cottage on Townsend hill, returned to Boston on Monday.

The Reardon family, who have a tenement at the A. J. Hinds farm, returned to Boston this week.

An invitation has been received by the Methodist church to attend the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Leopold A. Nies at Trinity church, Worcester, September 11. Mr. Nies was pastor of the Methodist church here at the time of his marriage and made many friends among the townspeople.

T. T. Goodwin, Emelle Lawrence, Mercedes Burke and Mr. and Mrs. William Cowdrey attended the Methodist camp meetings in Sterling last week.

The Parent-Teacher association will meet next Tuesday evening in the high school room. Addresses will be given by Frank W. Wright, of Boston, deputy commissioner of education, and Dr. Clarence L. Chandler, recently discharged from service. The subject of the evening will be "Educational topics of the day." Arrangements for the meeting are in charge of Supt. H. C. Knight, chairman of the program committee.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Gwinn, of Bradford, Conn., are spending their two-weeks' vacation at George E. Clark's.

Rev. H. Waterhouse and family, who have been occupying the Methodist parsonage during the summer months, return this week to his parish in Lynn.

The chorus of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Aden Swicker on Tuesday afternoon, September 9. All members are urged to be present.

Guest night will be observed at the Grange on Monday evening. Special songs, when a reception will be given to the superintendent of school, school committee and public school teachers.

The board of selectmen met in the vestry of the Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon. The subject of the meeting was the rain and the many water pipes. Impersonations were given by Mrs. M. Hayward and vocal solos by Mrs. Mabel Brackett, Edna, David G. Howard and gave a very interesting talk on his experiences in the navy. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. P. L. Atwood, Mrs. Helen Goff, Mrs. Helen Joffis and Mrs. Emma Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Eaton and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Austin returned to Greenville Sunday and spent the holiday at the home of Mr. Eaton's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Clark spent Sunday in Andover at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Moore, and all on an auto trip.

Mrs. Dolis Warren and son Walter have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Brown for the past two weeks, returning to their home in Bradford, Mass., last Monday.

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The home decorations of mountain laurel and gardenias were effectively arranged by Miss Carrie Walker, an intimate friend of the bride, and at the appointed hour the bridal party entered the living room to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march played by a cousin of the bride, Mrs. Emma Wardell of Medford, and took their places beneath an arch of zebra and laurel. Rev. Howard Pease of Fitchburg, cousin of the bride, was the officiating clergyman, and the double ring service was used.

The bride was lovely in her gown of Georgette crepe with oriental lace overdress and she wore an illusion veil caught up with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor, Miss Esther Amundsen of Shirley, an intimate friend and classmate of the bride, was becomingly gowned in old rose crepe de chine and carried pink gladioli. The best man was Oliver Clark of Fitchburg.

The ceremony was immediately followed by an informal reception, during which refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, bride's cake, fruit punch and wedding cake. After the reception, the bride donning her traveling gown of navy blue embroidered broadcloth with black fox fur and velvet picture hat to match, entered the waiting automobile and amid showers of flower petals the happy couple whirled away on their wedding trip, carrying with them congratulations and best wishes, not only of the assembled company, but of many other friends as well throughout the village.

The bride is one of Townsend's best young women and has always won many friends among the young and old by her pleasing personality. She is a graduate of the high school of 1911 and after attending Boston University she taught in the neighboring town and later became Townsend's substitute teacher. For a few years past she has held the position of supervisor of the children's school gardens in town and director of the Home Economics club. She has also been active in church and social circles and a prominent member of the Townsend Improvement society. The groom is the son of E. V. Pease, of Gilmanston, N. H., and a graduate of Salem, N. H., academy, and has a lucrative position as salesman for the Iver Johnson Co., Fitchburg.

Guests were present from Medford, Malden, Shirley, Lunenburg, Fitchburg and Townsend.

About Town. Mrs. James White and little son, James, Jr., have returned home after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Birch.

The Daughters of Veterans are going to give an entertainment in Memorial hall on October 8, "Pollyanna," a bewitching comedy of youth, and to be presented by Miss Bertha Clarke, of New York. Musical selections will be given during the evening. There will also be dancing and refreshments.

The inspection of Phoebe Weston by Inspector D. V. will take place on Monday. The inspector will be N. M. Goodwin, P. D., who is now department inspector.

Private Charles W. Clinton, who has been in the hospital at the hospital for eight months, has been sent to General Hospital, N. Y., and is in the U. S. General Hospital there. He expects to be changed again before long, but does not know just where. This makes the sixth hospital he has been in since being wounded in battle in France.

Miss Gilbert Estes and Ethel have returned home after spending eight weeks at her old home in Carrollton.

William MacMaster and family and Miss Louise Arlin called on relatives and friends in Hollis, N. H., Saturday, while on an auto trip.

Miss Susie Markham recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in Framingham hospital. She is convalescing nicely. The operation was performed by Dr. Ernest Hill.

Miss Louisa Arlin of Concord Junction, and Mrs. Gertrude Ladd, of Framingham, spent several days in town on Monday.

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Miss Georgiana McKean, who has been spending her vacation with her sister in Springfield, coming to her home here for a brief visit last week, has gone to Beverly, where she is to teach this coming year.

Miss Gladys Rawson left Tuesday morning for Athol, where she has accepted a lucrative position as teacher in one of the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donley have returned from a week's vacation at Lake Winnepesaukee. Mr. Donley has resumed his duties as clerk at W. A. Boutwell's store.

Mrs. Abbott Hodgman was called to Providence, R. I., the latter part of last week by the illness of a relative.

Mrs. Carrie Kaddy and children have returned from a few days' visit with relatives in Groton.

Miss Belle Lawrence, who is in the government employ in Washington, has been enjoying a fortnight's vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovering, and left Tuesday morning on her return trip.

Mrs. Miles Wilson and her daughter, Miss Isabelle Hellor, from Nashua, N. H., former residents here, spent a few days at the Squannacook Inn recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sawtelle spent a few days last week with friends in the village, and Mr. Sawtelle visited in Boston last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsons have returned from an auto trip to Maine, where they passed their vacation most pleasantly, most of the time being spent at Oakledge in East Harswold.

Mrs. S. E. Waite, from Waltham, has been spending a few days as the guest of Miss Alice Seaver.

Mrs. Bernard has been spending a few days with friends in Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jenkins, of Lynn, former residents here, who have been spending their vacation in Princeton, called upon friends in town last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruce, from Boston, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Bruce recently.

The Ladies' Whist club enjoyed an outing on Thursday of last week, spending the morning in Fitchburg and lunching at the Hotel Raymond, after which the party went to Whalom and enjoyed all the attractions of that attractive summer resort.

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Mrs. Sarah Winslip, of Ayer, has been a visitor in town for a few days.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

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Rev. R. W. French and family motored to Haverhill, Mass., this week, leaving Miss Mildred, who is to teach English in the high school there.

Miss Wilton, principal of our high school, is boarding with Rev. R. M. French for a few weeks.

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LITTLETON

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NEWS ITEMS

Barry and burial was in the Catholic cemetery. The sudden death of an aged colored man, who has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hardy, whose name was Henry Reed, occurred on Thursday last week.

SHIRLEY

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