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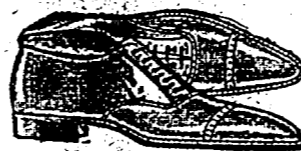
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#### AYER

**News-Items.**  
The fire department was called out Monday shortly before noon on account of a fire on the roof of the coal elevator near the roundhouse in the Ayer railroad yards. The fire truck was able to reach the scene by making a detour through Camp Devens. The truck secured water from the tender of an engine, which, in turn, drew on the standpipe used to provide water for the locomotives. The firemen soon had the flames under control. No serious damage resulted.  
Mrs. William J. Pelletier is ill with diphtheria.

Alexander S. Gibb, a former member of a Canadian regiment in the world war and the holder of several decorations for bravery, has returned to Ayer, where he formerly spent some months and was well known to social and fraternal circles. Mr. Gibb has been employed by the Emerson Phonograph Company as a traveling salesman, but is temporarily laid off on account of a shut-down of the company's plant.

Miss Christine Wismer, East Main street, goes to Hampton Falls, N. H., this week Friday evening to give a concert with the assistance of a reader. She starts her season with the Chautauqua in Southwestern Pennsylvania on June 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Scruton, Mrs. Augusta D. Scruton, Mrs. William N. Scruton and Ruel Scruton attended the funeral of a cousin, Mrs. Isaac Allard, in Lowell, Monday.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church will hold a reception to the aged and shut-ins of the parish in the vestry on Tuesday afternoon, June 14, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. George H. Leavitt is in charge of the arrangements.

Col. Frank L. Horn, of Northfield, Vt., visited his niece, George Knowles, East Main street, Monday.

Albert Knowles, of Providence, R. I., spent Monday with his brother, Sergeant George Knowles.

Webster Harrington, who has been in charge of the E. E. Gray store in Leominster, has been transferred by the company to Malden, where he will be in charge of their store in that city. This change brings Mr. Harrington a substantial increase in salary.

Among the Ayer Masons who attended the festive and singing of Milford Council, Knights of Bingham, at Milford, N. H., Thursday, were Dr. H. Butterfield, Frank A. Cash, Horatio G. Chase, Timothy Cleary, A. Paul Pillsbury, Harry H. Lynch, Kenneth M. MacLennan and Kimball W. Martin.

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scored by another two-base hit. Errors for the town nine cost them two runs.  
Tom Burrill covered left field for Ayer and spoiled one nice long fly that looked like another home run, catching it right out of the trees. Smith from Camp Devens held down third base in an able manner and managed to hit the apple every time at the bat. Leominster's fielders were on the job every minute and ruined every long hit to the field for counting up for the Ayer nine.  
Another game is to be played with the Leominster team, at a date to be announced later.

**Baseball.**  
The Ayer A. A. crossed bats with the Whitney carriage shop ball nine Sunday at the Ayer town park, in which the latter came through with a ninth inning rally and defeated the Ayer boys, 4 to 3.  
The local team started off with three runs in the first inning for a good lead and things looked easy until the carriage boys started in to wallop the Ayer team. The first two runs scored by Leominster were homers. Davidson and Pitroff were the battery for Leominster, while Downing and Lang held the job for Ayer. In the ninth inning Pitroff got a clean two-base hit with two men on, and both scored, and later was

port was signed by the three selectmen and by Mr. Proctor and recommended the purchase of a Rumsey vertical pump. Mr. Walsh, who favored a Deming pump, signed with the proviso that a pump of that make be named. Mr. Osgood, who favored a horizontal pump, did not sign.  
After a lively discussion, marked by some indulgence in personalities, the meeting voted to instruct the water commissioners to purchase a new Deming vertical pump costing between \$10,000 and \$11,000, and equipped with a squirrel cage motor. The meeting was adjourned at 8.45.

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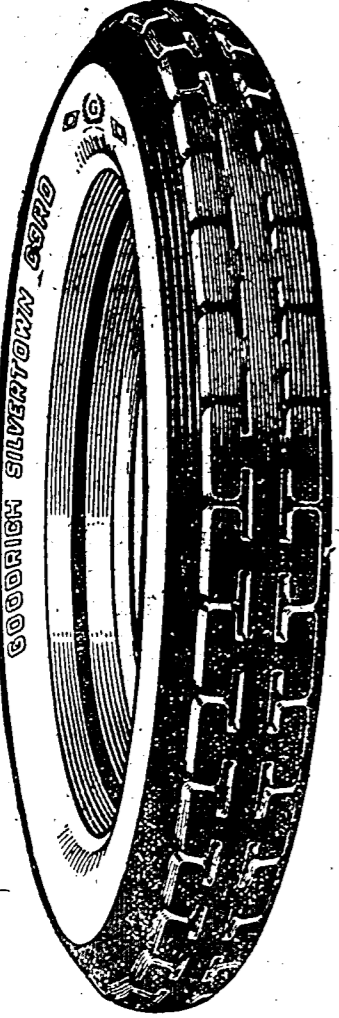


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HARVARD

News Items. At a meeting held in the town hall last week, comprising present and past members of the fire department, the Harvard Veterans Firemen's association was duly organized...

WEST ACTON

News Items. Luther Conant, Acton's oldest male resident, today was greeted by relatives and friends in the same house in which he was born ninety years ago...

PEPPERELL

News Items. The announcement has been received here by relatives from Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wiloughby of Leominster, of the birth of a daughter at the hospital in that city on May 19...

A Seaside Home Floated. An article which appeared in the Boston Herald concerning the bungalow of our summer residents, Joseph B. Henderson, will be interesting to our readers who were not fortunate enough to catch the item...

Community Church Notes. Sunday will be observed as children's Sunday. The church service at 10.30 in the morning will be a service of worship adapted to children...

Plans for Men's Club Picnic. Arrangements were completed for the annual picnic of the Men's club at a recent meeting and the following committees appointed: George B. Clark, president; George E. Cook, chairman...

Death by Drowning. Last Sunday afternoon Miss Dora Lefebvre met her death by drowning in Nashua, N. H., in one of the tributaries of the Merrimack river, called Edieville stream...

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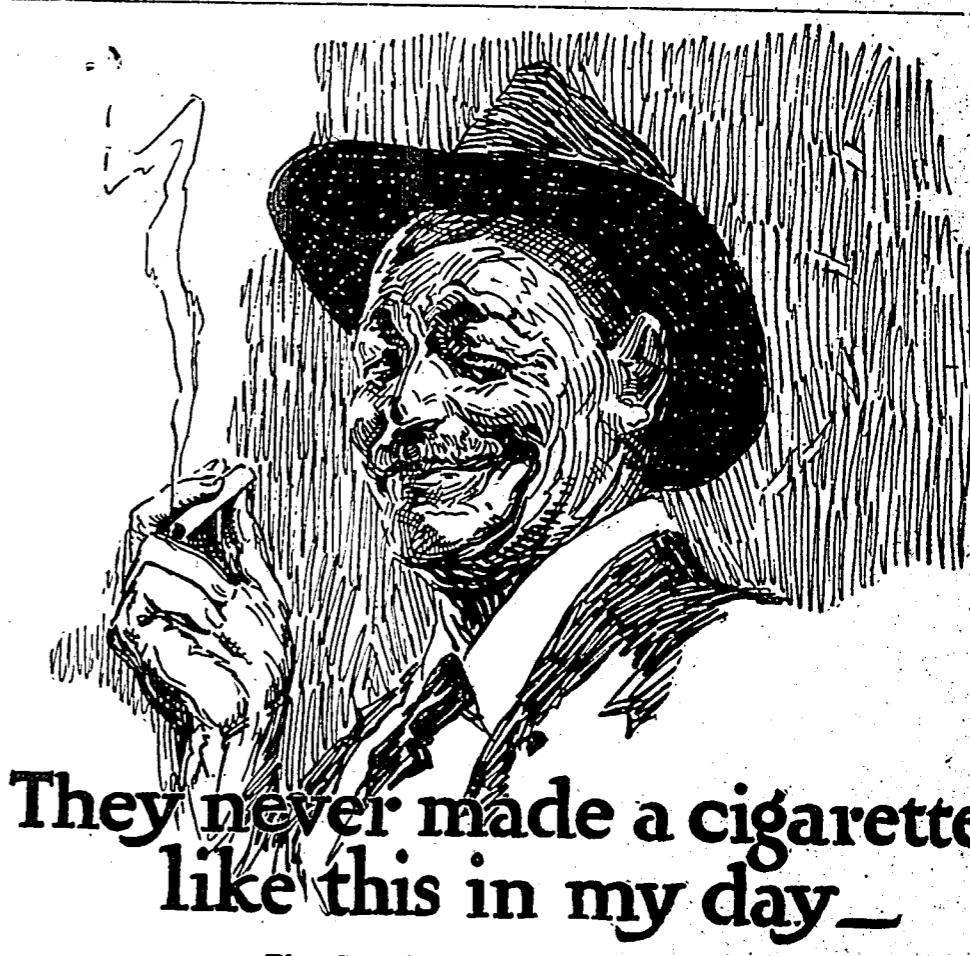
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GROTON

North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., of Townsend, will present the "Fighting Links" to Groton on Monday evening, June 13, at 8.30, in the town hall.

There will be a band concert at the bandstand on Saturday evening, June 11, at 8.15.

Those attending the military whist party of last Saturday evening, and a pleasant social evening, at the first prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Aitken, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Thompson.

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening and conferred the degree on four candidates.

Harry E. Robblee, of Riverdale farm, placed several hundred shares of stock in the American Guerrilla Club sale, held at the F. L. Ames place, North Easton, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Robblee were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rochester, N. H., where Mr. Robblee attended the meeting of the Knights of Elmsingham, Monday, June 7.

The lecture on Florida, which was to have been given on Monday evening, June 13, in Grange hall, with accompanying sale of articles, has been indefinitely postponed.

By invitation of the Baptist church will attend memorial services at the Baptist church on Sunday, June 12. All members of other churches and visiting brothers are also cordially invited to be present.

Carl Wagner and three children from Newbury were in town on Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Trayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Kimball are daily on Friday, June 3, into the apartment at the corner of Elm and Main streets recently vacated by C. H. Eldredge and family.

Mrs. Jennie Hemenway spent the week-end at her home in Groton.

Mrs. B. J. Dowling and her son, Francis, of Marlboro spent the week-end in town with Chief Dowling, arriving Friday evening and returning on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Tyrrell are again at their home here, after a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Clark Hall, of Hartford, Conn.

The Junior Bird club, with a few members of the Senior club, met on Monday afternoon and enjoyed an outdoor bird walk, going around the foot of Gibbet hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacob, who was operated up by Dr. J. Mayne in town at Kilbourn's hospital for appendicitis, although quite ill at first and still weak at last accounts was resting comfortably.

Fred O. Porter, who was operated upon for appendicitis at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital on Saturday, June 4, is making a rapid recovery.

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The children of the Tarbell school marched out of the building on June 8, at half-past, to show due respect, honor and love to Laurence W. Gay, the lad who so nobly sacrificed his life for others.

On June 16 the graduation exercises of the grammar school of West Groton will be held in Spinnacook hall at two o'clock with the following program: Professional, grades 1 to 8; invocation, Rev. William Gay, pastor; "The Light at Sea," Mrs. A. N. Dimock; Charles B. Ames, and Sherrard Billings and Major Daniel Needham, commander of the American Legion in his uniform and conducted the services.

The services were opened with prayer by Rev. A. N. Dimock, Rev. C. B. Ames then read the appropriate selections of scripture, followed with prayer offered by Rev. Sherrard Billings. Rev. Arthur N. Dimock then spoke, giving a sketch of the life of Serjt. Gay's life in the army, some of the principal events mentioned hereinafter.

Laurence W. Gay of Groton, Mass., enlisted for service in the war of the United States against Germany, May 21, 1917, at Boston.

He was later ordered to report at the Commonwealth Armory, Boston, on July 25, and left home July 24, soon afterwards his regiment, the 101st Field Artillery of the 26th Division, was sent into camp at Dixford, Mass. On August 5, 1917, the regiment was mustered by the U. S. service. On September 7, 1917, the regiment entrained, leaving Camp Curtis Guild for New York, to take passage for France over the ocean on September 25, 1917.

Laurence W. Gay was a first-class private in the headquarters company of the 101st Field Artillery and saw several months of almost constant service in this unit. In 1918 this regiment was on the Chemin des Dames sector from February 6 to March 20. Then they were moved to the Argonne sector, where they remained from April 3 to May 25. They took part in the "million dollar barrage" at Apremont. Then they were moved to the Chateau-Thierry sector and began service here on June 28, taking part in the second battle of the Marne, July 18 to 25. In September they started their great barrage in the St. Mihiel sector. When the armistice was signed, they were mustered out of service.

Mr. Dimock stated that he would attempt no eulogy, for none seemed to him finer than the record of Serjt. Gay's services and the citation given by his superior officer, for he was among those who received mention from Major-General R. C. Augustus in general orders No. 74, August 31, 1918, citing in orders several officers and men who had "shown marked gallantry and heroism in the capture of Torcy, Belleau, Givry, Bourches Woods, Rocket, Woods, Hill 190, overlooking Chateau-Thierry, and in the capture of the Tugny, La Perre Woods to the Jaulgonne-Fere-en-Tardenois road, during the advance of this division against the enemy from July 18 to 25, 1918, in the Second Battle of the Marne."

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His funeral services were held in the Protestant church in Vichy, when the hymn, "Nearer, My God to Thee," was sung. This Psalm and this hymn also were used in the readings of the Bible, which were read by the organist as Serjt. Gay's fellow citizens passed by his picture on the altar covered with the flag that afternoon.

Major Needham followed Mr. Dimock and spoke in the highest terms of Serjt. Gay, as a soldier, being conscientious, accurate and brave. He spoke of the dangerous position in which the observation posts were necessarily held, and the need of putting the best men in such places to give accurate information of the movements of the enemy.

He told the story of Serjt. Gay's report on one occasion to the commanding officer of a number of Germans who were advancing and his urging the other officers to shoot them. When this request was not granted, Serjt. Gay and his few companions went out and brought back the twenty-three Germans as their prisoners. Major Needham said that Serjt. Gay was very popular among his comrades, and he related in detail the story of the explosion which caused his death.

He and the four other men with him were thrown to the ground by the explosion of the shell, and Serjt. Gay, who was in command of the post, immediately ordered the others to go to the firing position. He remained at his post from two in the morning until about nine o'clock, when relief came to him, having some difficulty in getting there. No better illustration could have been given of the way in which he sacrificed his life for his country. His death occurred at the hospital at Vichy on October 30, 1918, at the age of twenty years.

Serjt. Gay's comrades were the escort who conveyed the body to its last repose. The firing squad from Camp Devens marched at the head of the procession, followed by the casket drawn by four horses, on each of which one of the stars of the United States flag was mounted. On either side and followed in rank and file. On the arrival at the cemetery Rev. Sherrard Billings took charge of the services, reading appropriate selections from the Bible and the Episcopal Committal service at the grave. A number of the firing squad from Camp Devens and the members of the high school and representatives of every class in the high school attended the services and were seated in the gallery of the church.

The exhibition of the work of the manual training school and cooking classes will be held in the Chaplin building on Wednesday, June 15, from 3.30 to 4.30. After 4.30 the food sale will be held. Prizes have been offered in a competition for the best bread and cake made at this exhibition.

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His record while in the hospital was a fine one, as shown by the letter from his nurse, telling of his courage and spirit of endurance and how even in his delirious moments he was always thinking of his home or he would be the victim of some one, as once he called out, "We're winning boys."

His funeral services were held in the Protestant church in Vichy, when the hymn, "Nearer, My God to Thee," was sung. This Psalm and this hymn also were used in the readings of the Bible, which were read by the organist as Serjt. Gay's fellow citizens passed by his picture on the altar covered with the flag that afternoon.

Major Needham followed Mr. Dimock and spoke in the highest terms of Serjt. Gay, as a soldier, being conscientious, accurate and brave. He spoke of the dangerous position in which the observation posts were necessarily held, and the need of putting the best men in such places to give accurate information of the movements of the enemy.

He told the story of Serjt. Gay's report on one occasion to the commanding officer of a number of Germans who were advancing and his urging the other officers to shoot them. When this request was not granted, Serjt. Gay and his few companions went out and brought back the twenty-three Germans as their prisoners. Major Needham said that Serjt. Gay was very popular among his comrades, and he related in detail the story of the explosion which caused his death.

He and the four other men with him were thrown to the ground by the explosion of the shell, and Serjt. Gay, who was in command of the post, immediately ordered the others to go to the firing position. He remained at his post from two in the morning until about nine o'clock, when relief came to him, having some difficulty in getting there. No better illustration could have been given of the way in which he sacrificed his life for his country. His death occurred at the hospital at Vichy on October 30, 1918, at the age of twenty years.

Serjt. Gay's comrades were the escort who conveyed the body to its last repose. The firing squad from Camp Devens marched at the head of the procession, followed by the casket drawn by four horses, on each of which one of the stars of the United States flag was mounted. On either side and followed in rank and file. On the arrival at the cemetery Rev. Sherrard Billings took charge of the services, reading appropriate selections from the Bible and the Episcopal Committal service at the grave. A number of the firing squad from Camp Devens and the members of the high school and representatives of every class in the high school attended the services and were seated in the gallery of the church.

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GROTON TO AYER

Bus	Daily	Sun. Ex. Sun.	Daily	Sun. Ex. Sun.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.		
Leave Groton	8.45	10.25	10.45	11.35	12.40	2.00	2.45	3.00	3.55	4.40	5.25	7.10	8.20	9.10
Leave West Groton					1.00									9.30
Leave Groton School	8.55	10.35	10.55	11.45	1.30	2.10	2.55	3.10	4.05	4.50	5.35	7.20	8.30	10.00
Arrive Ayer	9.55	10.45	11.05	11.55	1.40	2.20	2.55	3.20	4.15	5.00	5.45	7.30	8.40	10.10

AYER TO GROTON

Bus	Daily	Sun. Ex. Sun.	Daily	Sun. Ex. Sun.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.		
Leave Ayer	10.25	10.45	12.00		1.40	2.00	2.35	3.30	5.05		6.20	8.00	8.45	10.10
Leave Groton School	10.35	10.55	12.10		1.50	2.10	2.45	3.40	5.15		6.30	8.10	8.55	10.20
Arrive Groton	10.45	11.05	12.20		2.00	2.20	2.55	3.50	5.25		6.40	8.20	9.05	10.30
Arrive West Groton														9.30

TRAINS

Train	Daily	Sun. Ex. Sun.	Daily	Sun. Ex. Sun.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.	Daily	Sat. Ex. Sat.		
Leave Ayer	9.10	10.50	11.09		2.24	2.34	3.10		4.23	5.05	5.48	7.40		
Arrive Boston	10.30	11.50	12.19		3.45	3.55	4.10		5.56	6.11	6.48	8.45		

The time in this schedule is Daylight Saving Time—the same as your watch. To Arrange Special Trips telephone MR. ALLFREY, Groton 122-11

hall on the evening of Thursday, June 16, at eight o'clock. A program of unusual interest has been arranged. Especially appropriate music will be rendered by the school choir under the direction of Mrs. Pattee. Everybody is invited to attend these exercises.

Invitations are out for the reception of the senior class to be held in the town hall on Friday evening, June 17. Newell's orchestra is to furnish the music for the occasion.

Final examinations are being held at the high school. They will continue through Monday.

Letters of thanks have been sent by the pupils of the Tarbell school to the following people, who so kindly assisted in the transportation to the memorial exercises in Groton on May 27: Mr. Simonton, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Weber, George Bixby, Mr. Allen, Mr. Robichaud, Mr. Allen, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Kane, Eugene Smith, Mr. Connolly, Mr. King, Mr. Cloutier, Mr. Bates, in charge of Hollingsworth & Vose Company's truck, and Mrs. Pease.

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The high school will their second game from Pepperell high in Pepperell on Wednesday evening. It abounded in errors on both sides and the end of the third inning the score was 3 to 1, in favor of Pepperell, and went out in the fourth.

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News Items. The contract for putting the mail boxes in position about town has been let, and it is hoped that carrier duty may be started about July first.

Richard P. Attridge died in Nashua at St. Joseph's hospital on Thursday afternoon. He had been ill since last week Friday and was taken to the hospital on Monday to be treated for gangrene.

The funeral will be held this Saturday morning in Pepperell at nine o'clock. He was born in Ireland and was eighty-one years of age. He is survived by these children: Mrs. Mary Dorasheimer, of Pepperell; Thomas Attridge, of Lynn; Arthur Attridge, of California; and James D. Attridge, of Ayer. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

William A. Carleton, formerly of this town, was here on Tuesday and expects to return again on Friday from Westford, where he is making a visit. Mr. Carleton is a past master of Caleb Butler Lodge, No. 10, of Westford, and was employed by the Boston and Maine railroad as a baggage master on the Salem train in the chemical business in British Columbia.

The service at St. Andrew's church Sunday will be morning prayer and a sermon at ten. The Sunday school meets at twelve o'clock.

The General Deacons Council, A. A. R. I. R., met in A. O. H. hall, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Ralph Duckles (Mildred Bales) is spending a month at her home, convalescing from her recent operation.

Albert Johnson, who lives on Bligh street, was struck by an automobile that passed him, going in the same direction, late Wednesday afternoon, as he was riding his bicycle along Main street, near the intersection of Washington street. The machine caught the front wheel, throwing the boy to the pavement. He suffered an abrasion of the hand and arm, and shaking up. He was taken to Dr. J. Sullivan's office to have his hand dressed. The front wheel of the bicycle was smashed.

Herbert J. Webb is to move his family to Winthrop Highlands.

Mrs. Annie McMillan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Albert H. Woodhead, in Hopkinton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown returned on Wednesday from a trip to California, where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Edna Brown McCarthy, in Santa Barbara.

Mrs. John Traquair arrives here from Chillicothe, Ohio, on Monday.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles H. Crocker left Wednesday for a visit with relatives in Gloucester and South Walpole.

Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., met Tuesday evening, conferring the second degree.

The Strand this Saturday presents "The Tiger" taken from the play of the same name. All the excitement of the Klondike gold rush—the joy of those whose fortune has been made, the despair of those who failed, is shown. For originality of plot, excellence of production and excellent acting, "The Tiger" is a Sunday, double feature bill. Two Paramount pictures, but further notice will be no show on Monday or Friday of each week, and no matinee on any day except Saturday and Sunday, which will be as usual. The show will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 8:15 and 8:15. Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The following real estate transfers have been made recently in this city: Ayer—Mary E. Barrett to J. E. O'Meara, Groton—Frank L. Blood to G. L. Priest, et al.; Dunstable Ice Co. to Fresh Pond Ice Co.; Leonard L. Farnham and ux. to H. P. Cavannaugh; Frances M. Guy to L. L. Farnham; John Siedelski to A. Huberski, Littleton to E. J. Fisher, et al.; Westford—Claude L. Allen to John Richard Kerr, land on Littleton road; Joseph Sedwick to Tony Sydnor, et al.; Westford—L. L. Lotte T. Hatch to Frederic S. Savare, Jr.; Lunenburg—Henry E. Page to ux. to J. Lovell Johnson, land in western part of Lunenburg, to be sold to the Page, land on Massachusetts avenue.

Capt. Walter J. Ungethum has been transferred from Camp Grant, Illinois, to the 13th Infantry at Fort Devens.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Osgood and daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth, went by motor to Franklin Wednesday to attend the graduation of the eldest daughter, Miss Hilda L. Osgood, at the New York University.

Officer James Pirone stopped a runaway horse which broke away from its driver on Main street last week Friday morning about 11:30 o'clock. The animal was running at a gallop down the street and frightening pedestrians, when the officer stood in its path and seized the reins as it bore down upon him. The horse, which Mr. Pirone about four rods before he could stop it. The animal proved to be one belonging to Samuel Mavsky and was driven by an inexperienced driver.

Mrs. Edward E. Backus, who underwent an operation Thursday at the Groton hospital, is reported to be doing well.

An inspector from the postoffice department is expected with a check to look over local conditions. Residents will be obliged to fix numbers on their houses as the delivery will not be started until this requirement has been met.

Mrs. Leo J. O'Neill opened a beauty parlor Monday in the Barry block in the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Harold A. Fox. The new parlor is to be known as the Mary O'Neill Beauty Shoppe. Mrs. O'Neill is a graduate of the Lamping-Nolen Training school, Boston, where she has a diploma in the nail system. She will specialize on hairdressing, waving, manicuring, depilatory and scalp treatment.

Harold Murphy is employed at the shop of the Groton Electric Co. Rex M. Boutwell has purchased a Ford touring car.

Mrs. James E. Profit of Bridgeport, Conn., has been visiting her husband for a few days.

Russell Newman of Lowell is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Thomas H. Griffin. Frank E. Griffin of Framingham spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Griffin.

Harry Davis and family of Dorchester have at the place of residence of Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Murphy.

Miss Clara Turcotte of Somersworth, N. H., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. E. Carson, of Ayer.

Harbinger lodge, K. of P., met Monday night. The rank of esquire was conferred.

One week more to help in the foreign relief for fatherless children. During the week ending June 11, clothing may be left at board of health rooms to town house from 9 to 3 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m. The local branch of the Red Cross asks you to do your bit. Warm, serviceable garments, discarded or outgrown, which kept your youngster warmer last winter will keep a child in the tropics or European youngster next winter.

Mrs. Franklin Layton, who has been in a very dangerous condition since she was stricken two weeks ago with a shock, was sent to Wednesday evening, but rallied again Thursday.

Edwin K. Burkhardt of Holyoke is expected in town Saturday for a short visit with Mrs. Frank H. Burkhardt. Mrs. Samuel H. Proctor, of East Main street, Mrs. Burkhardt and infant daughter Beverly are now here.

Ayer Grange initiated nine candidates last Wednesday evening. Miss Susan Fitzgerald, the noted suffragist, was the chief member of the local Grange, spoke on the attitude of women in politics. Etta K. Green rendered a piano solo. The next meeting of the Grange will be held on next Wednesday evening, on account of the regular meeting date occurring on graduation night. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

Children's day will be observed at the Federated church on Sunday. Morning worship, infant baptism and a special service to the children at 10.45. Bible school at twelve in the evening, at seven o'clock, the annual children's day concert will be given. A special service to the children at 10.45. Bible school at twelve in the evening, at eight o'clock. Mrs. Conrad will sing at the Sunday morning service.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Sanderson have announced the birth of their daughter, Evelyn, to Lincoln in the city of Ayer, on Thursday evening, June 10, at eight o'clock. Mrs. Conrad will sing at the Sunday morning service.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Robinson entertained Mrs. Robinson's mother from Roxbury Sunday.

A regular communication of Caleb Butler Lodge of Masons will be held in Masonic hall, bank building, on the second evening of the month, at 8 o'clock sharp. The work will be the Fellow Craft degree.

Vivian Pelletier fell from a ledge near her home Saturday and was rendered unconscious. Dr. Herbert B. Priest attended her.

Alexander McGregor graduated Tuesday evening from the Wentworth Institute, Boston, where he took the course in mathematics.

Eugene Plagg is confined to his residence by an attack of quinsy.

Charles C. Stevens is building a new residence on the Groton road.

Junius M. Greenburg, who has had a position in New York, is home for a stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Greenburg. Mr. Greenburg recently had a serious illness.

Walter B. Hayden, foreman at the American Railway Express Co.'s station in Depot square, is confined to his home on East Main street as the result of an accident in which he was struck by a 100-pound case which he was loading. He received bruises on the hip, leg and foot.

Herbert W. Prescott returned Saturday from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, where he underwent an operation last week for tonsils and adenoids.

Miss Marguerite Rand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rand of East Main street, underwent an operation on the eyes Tuesday morning at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua. Dr. Nutter performed the operation.

The Montgomery Hardware Co. are to occupy the vacant store next to the postoffice. The Hardy-Russell Co. are putting in a new front and floor preparatory to the occupation of the store.

Willard Sparrow, who was formerly a member of the 301st Ambulance Co., attached to the 31st sanitary train at Camp Devens, and who later worked in town and is well-known in fraternal circles, died Tuesday afternoon Wednesday. He is now located in his home city, North Adams, but leaves soon for the Adirondack mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Osgood and family left July 3 for San Francisco, where they have a summer home.

The Federated club of the Federated church will hold a June festival in the afternoon and evening of June 17. Various entertainments will be offered: A table of handiwork for household needs, a booth where the future may be ascertained, a balloon, a table of refreshments, "hot dogs" and lollipops, also, homemade candy. The boys and girls will be interested in the contests for an air-rifle and a table of refreshments. The opening hour will be three p. m. At 5.30 a cafeteria will have a strawberry shortcake with whipped cream, and a table of refreshments, wafers, strawberry ice cream and strawberry punch.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Barrett and family, at the scene of a pleasant gathering last Saturday evening when over thirty relatives and friends assembled to celebrate the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett. The affair was a complete surprise to the "bride and groom," who rose to the occasion most gracefully. Music and dancing were among the features of the evening's enjoyment. Guests were present from Groton, Boston, Woburn, Haverhill, Framingham and Ayer. A delicious repast of chicken salad, rolls, sandwiches, assorted cake, leas and coffee was served. A wedding cake held the place of honor and was distributed among the guests. The happy couple were the recipients of choice gifts which included money, linen, cut glass, silver, flowers and furniture.

The party broke up at a late hour, showering the host and hostess with abundant good wishes.

The Unitarian church school held its annual picnic last Tuesday. Supper was served in the school house, informal entertainment and games filled the time. Those in charge were the superintendent, Mrs. S. M. Barkley, and the committee, Mrs. A. M. Collier, Mrs. B. B. Bisset and Miss Irene McCollister.

Other Ayer matter on pages one and two.

Unitarian Church Notes. The church school held a party and supper in the vestry Tuesday afternoon and evening. The school voted a second contribution to the Near East relief fund Sunday.

Theodore W. Barry and Rev. Frank B. Randall motored to Hastings Saturday for a conference with officials of the Hook & Hastings Organ Co. relative to new service.

Sunday service at 10.45. Regular offices and sermon. Music, "One sweetly solemn thought," Ambrose; "Lead, kindly light," Bohm; Mrs. W. C. Sawyer, preacher; Rev. Frank B. Randall, the minister; subject, "Memorial wreaths." Church school at twelve o'clock.

On Sunday Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., and Vesta Roby lodge will attend corporate worship. As the day is observed as the memorial present a disorder, emphasizing the privilege and duty of remembrance and indicating how remembrance can be made practically effective.

Wedding Announced. Announcements were received Monday morning by friends of Miss Evelyn S. Hickox of her wedding April 9 to Lincoln S. Hickox, Jr., of Groton town. The ceremony took place at the First Unitarian church in Albany.

The bride is a native of Ayer and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwin Sanderson of Columbia street. She is a graduate of the Ayer high school. Her groom is the son of the late Mrs. J. H. Hickox, and was a valued assistant to Fred H. Gathercole in his office in the Carley block. She is a member of the Unitarian girls' club and of Ida E. McKinley chapter, O. E. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickox left Sunday.

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As only a limited number of shares are available, should you desire to take advantage of this offer, you are advised to do so at once. Application blanks and any further information you may desire may be secured from Mr. Lester Whitcomb, the manager of The Ayer Electric Light Company.

ARTHUR E. CHILDS, President.

May, 1921.

High School Pageant.

Friday evening, June 3, was a red-letter day in the annals of the Ayer high school. The long hours of labor, the serious study and planning that had been going on since the beginning of the year, culminated in the pageant of the night.

The pageant was a most successful one, and the school was well represented. The program was clearly given by the various organizations, and the evening was a most enjoyable one.

The professional in the seventy-five actors passed slowly across the stage, all in costume to the music as rendered by the orchestra. In the center of the stage was a table with a questioner, Miss Evelyn Johnson, and the interpreter, Helen Whitney.

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District Court.

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They were Frank Manlio, Leonard Williams and Joseph Oelchrichs, all from Rome, N. Y., who said they had lost their jobs there and were in search of work. They were found not guilty and allowed to go.

On Monday morning Vincent Timko and James Mailey were before the court charged with vagrancy and their cases were placed on file. One of them had a job in Akron, Ohio, and stated that he was making his way to the city to get his wife and a little money he had in a bank there, and then return to Akron. The other, who had joined him at Fitchburg, was making his way back to his home in North Adams.

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The interpretation dancing, a departure from former years, was of a high degree of excellence. The pageant as a whole was an unqualified success.

The expenses of the pageant and the course in dramatic expression conducted at the high school in the spring months were met entirely by the proceeds of the annual concert and public speaking, as has been the case in past years.

Last Saturday Ayer high defeated Groton high 9-3, coming from behind in the ninth inning and scoring six runs by hard hitting.

Monday Littleton high met defeat at the hands of the home team, the final score being 9-4.

Camp Devens News. Miss Annette Griggs of the Hostess House has returned to her duties after a two weeks' vacation.

Brigadier-General Mark H. Hersey returned Tuesday after a visit at Groton, Me., attending the commencement exercises of the University of Maine, where he received the honorary degree of doctor of laws. On Wednesday Gen. Hersey was a pall-bearer at the funeral in Boston of Brig.-Gen. John Ruckman, late commander of the North Attleboro Artillery district.

Col. P. A. Connelly has returned from a three months' leave of absence. Col. Connelly has a special interest in chemistry and during his leave took an advanced course in this subject at a Boston laboratory.

Major Harry Peavey has left on a month's absence to visit Maine and Canada.

Private Roland Falls visited with friends in town last Saturday and Sunday. During his stay here of several months, while a student at the camp school, Private Falls distinguished himself as an athlete, not only in camp, but playing baseball with various local and neighboring outfits, particularly for the Ayer A. A. He is now detailed on the mail boat plying between the various coast defenses of Boston harbor.

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CONWAY TEARLE in "Bucking the Tiger," a Selznick Special Production of the North. Mermaid Comedy, "Bang." Pathe News.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12
DOROTHY GISH in "Remodeling Her Husband." Also, a Paramount Picture.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14
ALICE JOYCE in "Vice of Fools." Century Comedy, "Seeing is Believing." Ford Weekly.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15
ETHEL CLAYTON in "The Ladder of Lies." Comedy. Pathe News.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16
JACK HOXIE in "Cyclone Bliss." Sport Pictorial. Comedy.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18
EARLE WILLIAMS in "Diamonds Adrift." Comedy. Pathe News.

The instructors at the camp school have been notified that in view of the limited appropriations for vocational training throughout the year for the next year their services will not be required after June 30. It is expected that a few technical instructors will be retained, however.

Q. M. Field Clerk George L. Tripp, assistant to the camp quartermaster, has received a commission as major in the quartermaster reserve corps. During the war Mr. Tripp was a major with the second division.

Col. Charles Gerhardt, commanding officer of the 36th Infantry, has been ordered to Washington in the capacity of a student at the general staff college.

Capt. Walter L. Perry of the station hospital expects to leave for Panama shortly.

Private Clarence E. Beard, Co. A, 36th Infantry, was married Sunday to Miss Mary Annette Bailey of Shirley at St. Andrew's church. The vicar, Rev. Leslie Wallace, officiated. The couple were attended by Capt. Oscar Brown and Miss Alice Ardelie Hart.

Leslie Ames, regimental band musician, was found guilty on a statutory charge and sentenced to three months in the house of correction in the Leominster district court the early part of the week.

The Camp Devens postoffice recently was transferred under the direction of John L. Markham, after being a branch of the Fitchburg office since October, 1917. The service is nowise affected, but is merely a matter of jurisdiction.

During the height of training camp days the postoffice probably was the busiest activity in the cantonment. J. Frawley of Leominster was chosen from the superintendency of the Worcester office to be executive head of the postoffice during the summer of 1921. He is a veteran of the Cuban and Philippine wars and has few superiors in the handling of a large office patronage.

A large number of clerks were transferred here from Boston, Fitchburg and Leominster, reaching a maximum number of forty during the summer of 1918, who were all soldiers who had adopted the army life which merged them into a happy, efficient crew. Many difficulties were overcome, particularly concerning the handling of improperly directed mail. On many days, over 10,000 pieces of matter were received, incorrectly addressed, to various addresses in the cantonment.

In 1917-18 a general delivery service was maintained for over 8000 civilians who were advised to have their mail address include the additional words "cantonment," which indorsement automatically kept it from the mail of military mail. Mail which remained undelivered was widely advertised as frequent intervals throughout the camp.

During the peak of business in 1918 over 1000 sacks of mail were received daily in addition to the letter mail, which in itself averaged 10,000 pieces each day. Two thousand sacks of parcel post mail were dispatched in one day and the letter mail often exceeded the daily average of 10,000 pieces. Over 1000 pieces of special delivery mail were daily received and over 190,000 were delivered by delivery messengers in 1918. In one day during the movement of a division 800 suit cases were sent home by parcel post. Fifteen Y. M. C. A. and K. C. centers acted as mailing divisions, carrying the duty of clearing the mail, posting, the height of activity, and assisted materially in relieving congestion at the main office. Oftentimes the clerks were forced to work fourteen hours a day to clear the mail from the office for the next relief which likewise would effect a cleanup before going off duty.

The Devens office was classed by postoffice inspectors as the best military or naval postoffice in the country. During war time, Mr. Frawley trained the postal units of the 7th

and 12th divisions for overseas postal work and was highly complimented on the state of efficiency developed by the soldier mail clerks, many of whom were formerly in the postoffice service.

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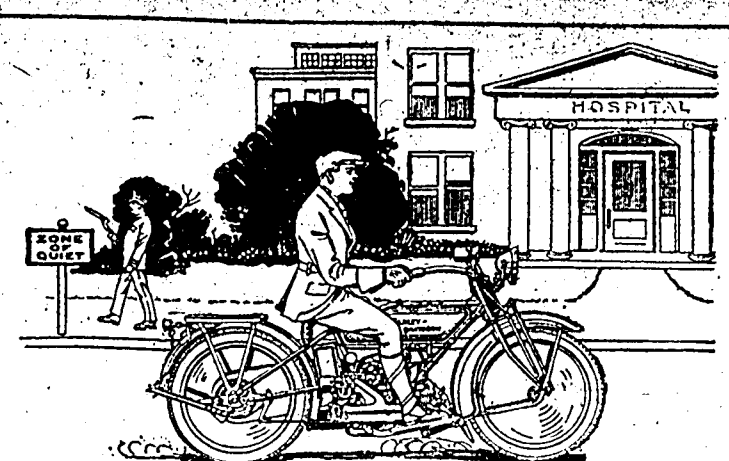
Center—Next Sunday will be the Memorial Sunday of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah... Mrs. Eliza Combs is visiting at the home of her sister...

Area and plans were discussed also for the annual outing to be held June 20... Daniel Harrington, a former resident of this town, has been visiting in Groton...

The Salmon Cordage Works posted notices of a strike cut in wages of three days a week... Master Hubert Ryan of Farmington, Me., was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Daley...

lary request and getting the permission of parents or guardians... Saturday St. Anthony's baseball team defeated the Shirley Red Sox by a score of 11 to 2...

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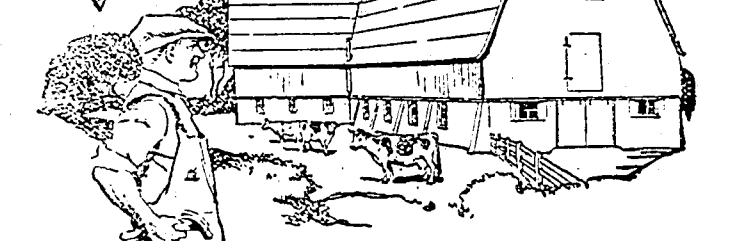
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of the late George M. Lawton...

LUNENBURG News Items. On Friday afternoon, June 3, the Lunenburg High School held its annual election of officers...

CONGREGATIONAL Church Notes. About forty Rebekahs and Oddfellows attended Sunday morning's memorial service. Mr. Goodhart preached an excellent sermon.

Funeral. The funeral of John J. Daley, a former resident of Groton, was held last week Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daley...

Wedding. Theodore B. Rice of Farmington and Mary E. Thomas of Groton were married Monday morning at eight o'clock at St. Anthony's church in Groton.

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PEPPERELL

Miss Molly Fraser, from the Cambridge hospital where she is taking nurse training, was recently at her home with the Misses Tuckers.

Miss W. H. Edwards has returned home from St. Joseph's hospital and is improved.

Mrs. Jean G. Moore and two children have returned to their cottage on the Bancroft place, Townsend street, coming from Newton by auto on Monday.

Reports from the Maiden hospital of the condition of Miss Josephine Bowers show some improvement.

Ensign Lloyd Tower of the U. S. S. Toucey was recently in town at the home of his parents for a flying visit, reaching Pepperell at 1:30 Sunday morning and leaving for St. Johnsbury, Vt., at eight the same morning.

He only had a two-days' furlough to divide between Pepperell and St. Johnsbury, before joining his ship at Newport, R. I.

Announcement has been received of the birth of a daughter, Margaret Frances, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. King of Rochester, N. Y. The date of the birth was May 24. Mrs. King will be remembered by a host of friends here, as Miss Anne Hamilton, at one time our popular district nurse.

A reception and whist party was given Mrs. M. L. Bartlett on the evening preceding her return home, by members of the former club, and one which will long be remembered by the one in whose honor it was given.

Other Pepperell matter on page 3.

Success of Pepperell Girl

The news comes from one of our Pepperell girls, Miss Mildred Sartelle, of her wonderful good fortune in winning the Cresson traveling scholarship at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, where she has been a student for two years. The scholarship entitles Miss Sartelle to a three-months' trip in Europe, in Italy, and probably in France and England. The party sail from New York June 18, and the time being so short Miss Sartelle does not expect to visit her home in town before sailing. The opportunity is a rare good one for a young student, and she has the hearty congratulations of all her friends.

Miss Mildred is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sartelle and a graduate of the Pepperell high school, class of 1914. She was always very clever in drawing and went from here to Boston, where she attended the Boston Normal Art school for four years, later going to Philadelphia. She has made a specialty of modeling, and her success is manifestly rewarded.

Death

The death of Mrs. Johanna (Aher) Melonson, wife of Ferdinand Melonson, occurred on Tuesday, June 7, at her home on Williams street after an illness of several months. Mrs. Melonson was born in Tipperary County, Ireland, July 15, 1869, but has been a resident of Pepperell since her marriage in January, 1884, and the family have resided for about thirty-five years on Williams street.

Beside her husband she leaves a daughter, Mrs. John O'Brien of Ayer; also, two sons, Frank, who was in the service and now lives in Pepperell, and John of Rumford, Me., also one granddaughter of Ayer. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. F. Griffin of Lexington and Mrs. Stephen Tracey of Taunton.

Mrs. Melonson has been twice under treatment for pernicious anemia, which was the cause of her death at St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua. Although the treatment seemed effective, it was not lasting, and since last week she has failed rapidly.

Funeral services were held from her late home on Thursday morning, with high mass at St. Joseph's church at 10 o'clock. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Marriage Announcement

Cards announcing the marriage of Lieut. Gerald A. Shattuck, U. S. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck, to Miss Martha M. Borer, daughter of Dr. Cyrus Maxwell Borer and Mrs. Bertha Forrester Borer of Cambridge, West Virginia, have been received here. The date of the ceremony was May 24.

The groom is well-known in town, where he gained his early education, and was able to enter the navy through the aid of his father, who was a first class call to that institution for volunteers for service in the world war. Mr. Shattuck was among the first to be called to enter the navy, and service did not come until after his graduation, when he responded, and was at the Watertown training camp for a time. He later went to the Newton naval school, and from there was transferred to the Washington collection where he received his commission. During the war he was paymaster on the Missouri, making several trips across the Atlantic, and being in Philadelphia for some time. He was contracted while at the Des Moines, to which he was transferred, was in southern waters, caused his transfer to Portsmouth, where he has since that time.

The notice of his marriage, dated June 10 from Portsmouth, N. H., is as follows: "Announcement of the marriage of Dr. Martha I. Borer, physician here, to Lieut. Gerald A. Shattuck, U. S. N., is causing considerable surprise when it became generally known. The ceremony was performed at Wakefield May 24, 1921, by the Rev. Dr. Borer, pastor of Dr. and Mrs. Cyrus M. Borer of Parkersburg, West Virginia, and has been practicing here for four years. She is a graduate of Boston university, and the medical school there. She belongs to the Delta Delta Delta Sorority of the American Institute of Homeopathic Medical Society and is also secretary of the New Hampshire Homeopathic Medical Society and a teacher of the Revolution.

Lieut. Shattuck was a graduate of Dartmouth '17, and soon after the outbreak of the war he took his examination for the pay corps and set his commission. At present he is disbursing officer of the supply department at 145 Middle street, Portsmouth, and the bride will continue her practice."

Tidings of Arthur M. Morrison.

Under date of June 8 despatches from the Cincinnati police to the Boston force announce that Arthur M. Morrison, late of Pepperell, and arrested in both Boston and Nashua, for forging and uttering checks, has given himself up to the police in the south.

Mr. Morrison, who was conducting a shoe repair shop in town, left here on Friday, March 11, and the first word check came to land on the Monday following. Checks continued to come in to the Pepperell bank during the week, amounting to be about \$300, and he was expected to sign them. The names of the signatures of prominent men in town. Most of these had been negotiated in Nashua and the last one came from Bridgewater, where Mr. Morrison had formerly worked. Investigation which followed the disclosure, revealed Mr. Morrison as a criminal of twenty-three years' standing.

The account published in the Boston papers of Thursday morning, reads as follows: "Arthur M. Morrison of Pepperell was taken to Cincinnati police. He was sick, eager to see his wife and two children, out of work and discouraged. A. M. Morrison, sixty-three, a shoe maker, was taken to the prison on Friday to Sgt. Marsh and Patrolman

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Albany. He said that he was wanted for passing checks, one of which was in Boston, and one of \$120 in Nashua, and that in order to return home he is willing to face the charges. He told the Albany police that he came to Cincinnati six weeks ago, but cannot find work, and that he was down and out and went to get back home. He said he would walk but changed my mind when I thought of the distance. Then I made up my mind to give myself up.

Chief Kirgan wired the Boston police as to what disposition to make of the man.

Former Resident Here

An account of more than usual interest was recently obtained by a conversation with C. C. Tucker, who is at home for a short time from Kentucky, where he has been for the past few months as manager of the Hindman Settlement school at the county seat of Kentucky.

Mr. Tucker was formerly at the head of our manual training class here in town, having held similar positions in the past at Kentucky. He resigned his position here last winter to go to Hindman, Kentucky, and likes there as well as he likes here. He is there now, and the boys on there during the summer, although the regular term closed in May, and will not return until late in the fall. Many of the students stay the year around, and this year an experiment is to be made in road building, in which the boys of the school will participate.

The school has about thirty teachers, most of whom come from the north and west. There are about 100 students who board in the buildings, with an average of about 300 students, boys and girls. Although it is called the Hindman settlement, and the students come from well-to-do families, who have settled among the Kentucky Highlands, the ancestors coming from Pennsylvania and Virginia. They are not to be confused with the proverbial "poor whites" of the south. The accent of intonation is more like the northern people, and they are very bright and intelligent.

Mr. Tucker has charge of the mechanical work, particularly of the electric plant connected with the school. There are many other departments, and a road is being laid away is carried on by the same students; also, several acres of garden at the settlement, which is under the care of the boys and their instructors.

The school is built in one of the numerous valleys, surrounded by the smaller hills of the range, which rise from 450 to 500 feet on all sides. It is sixteen miles from a railroad, but only about six miles distant by following the usual line of travel along by the creek. Most of the so-called "roads" are in the bed of some creek, where the water is from six to eight feet deep. A few horses are used for riding, but the usual way of travel and transportation is by mules.

The climate is rather disagreeable, although the winters are bleak and chill, like our month of November, with little snow.

An experiment to be made there in road-building, in which the school will be interested. A trial mile of road is to be built, and will be an earth road rather than macadam or other substance. The natural soil is a red clay, and this will be combined with some concrete, and the road properly constructed. It can be proved a success more building will follow, and ultimately the school will be able to accept a position as supervisor of the road-building.

Branch Alliance Meeting

A good attendance and much interest is reported from the meeting of the Branch Alliance at the home of Mrs. N. W. Appleton last week Thursday. A fine dinner at 10 o'clock occupied the attention of early comers, there being twenty members present, and guests, Miss Clara R. Gill, from Nashua, N. H.

The afternoon was taken up by reports from the two delegates recently attending the annual meeting of the Unitarian association in Boston. Among the noted speakers were Rev. M. Wetherall, from England. Ex. a singularly convincing and interesting pulpit of the Arlington street church on the same date that the regular pastor of the church, Rev. Paul Reverend, was absent. He found many Protestants in the north, and especially in Pennsylvania and Japan. A hearty union service was attended by the delegates, Mrs. Appleton and Miss Jordan, and they left early on Thursday morning, and the service throughout the session was inspiring and helpful.

The reports were listened to with pleasure, and music from the Edison phonograph of Mr. Blake added to the pleasure for all.

Blakely was at its best, amid the fresh foliage and flowers, and the June day was an ideal one for gathering of a social nature on the broad piazzas.

LITTLETON

News Items.

The ladies of the Baptist church hope for a large patronage at their food sale this afternoon.

The shed on the Conant & Houghton boarding house has been torn down, and the property is being sold.

G. A. Barber, with his force of men is going ahead rapidly with the erection of the ice cream parlor on the corner of Johnson place, recently purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter have gone to Hartford, Conn., to the aviation meet, and visit the Leonard Traxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hill and three daughters, from Marblehead, spent Sunday with friends at the West End.

Percy Crane and Alton Hunt have bought land of E. Robinson on Great road, not far from Rupert Sanderson's ice cream parlor, but on the opposite side of the street, where they will build a garage.

J. M. Hartwell is building an addition to his garage, which will be used as a show-room.

The American Legion have arranged for a fine celebration on the Fourth of July. The Maynard band has been engaged and a parade, games, sports for everyone, and a general good time are assured.

The death of one of the diphtheria patients in the Williams family at Fort pond has been reported.

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