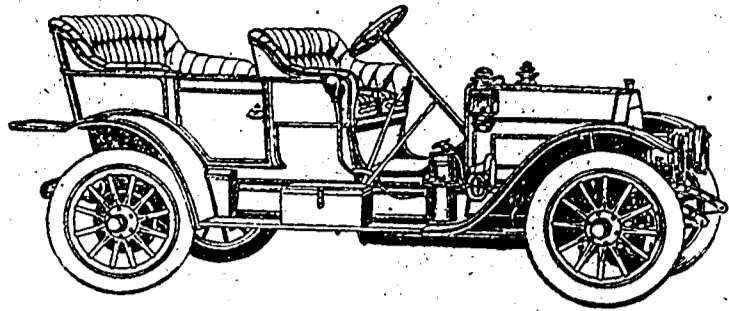


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HARVARD.

News Items.

Decoration day the post, accompanied by the sons of veterans with their drum corps, arrived about two p. m., and the decoration of the graves and the usual services were conducted at the cemetery and monument.

Paul Jennings employed in the South station at Boston was with his sister here, Mrs. R. V. Kinsman, on Monday.

Miss Susie Marsh of Ware visited with her aunt, Mrs. James A. Barry, at the Terrace.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bagster of Somerville made a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Thomas Bagster, and the family.

Miss Ruth Bagster was here from her school duties at Maynard on a visit to her father, Wm. T. Bagster.

Hugh Waters spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mary Waters.

Miss Mary Bull is staying for a few days with her cousin, Mrs. H. E. Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morse with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lindley took an auto trip in Mr. Morse's new auto last Sunday to Waltham, stopping at Mr. and Mrs. Osborne's, the home of Mrs. Lindley. Mrs. Lindley stayed over for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetherbee and their son Ralph from New York city opened their summer home here last week for the season.

It is nearly a settled fact that stenography and typewriting will be introduced in the Bromfield school next year and that Rev. H. B. Mason will be engaged to teach a portion of the day on those studies.

Louis Savage was home from Fitchburg for the holidays, stopping with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Savage.

Charles E. Russell has been picking ripe strawberries from his berry patch back of the home of his son-in-law, A. F. Ripley, since May 30. For a cold season this holds the record we think.

Mrs. B. J. Priest is quite sick with neuritis. For the present her daughter, Miss Esther, is managing the household affairs.

The Unitarian ladies will hold an all-day sewing meeting on Wednesday, June 8, with Mrs. J. E. Maynard.

Monday morning, May 30, the Bromfield ball team played a sharp game with the "Has Beens," a team composed of the old players, most of whom had scarcely touched a ball for a long while. The game was close up to the sixth inning, when a series of wild throws and errors on the part of the old-time stars, let in seven runs. The score was 12 to 2 in favor of Bromfield. They are to play again June 18.

Members of the grange and others met at the hall on Tuesday evening and after inviting Miss Doris G. Ripley, under a pretense of degree team rehearsal, gave her a genuine surprise in the shape of a tin shower. Rev. A. C. Fuller made the presentation speech, full of wit and humor. The gifts were of various tin and wooden articles, all very necessary to a young housekeeper. Many of the gifts were accompanied with an appropriate piece of poetry which were read and added much to the merriment of the evening.

Next Tuesday evening the degree teams will give a dress rehearsal of the floor work of the second and third degrees. Members of the men's team are to have a rehearsal at the hall on Monday night next.

The eagle will always be a popular bird in America but just at present in Harvard the stork is not to be sneezed at. Wednesday night, June 1, he called on Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clements and deposited in their keeping a pair of girl babies. Both are doing well.

Quincy Bull and son Minot from Worcester are visiting for a few days with the former's sister, Mrs. H. E. Whitney.

Raymond Kinsman is sick with bronchitis.

George Nourse, a brother of Oliver Nourse, for many years a resident here, is visiting this week with his niece and family, Mrs. George Houghton.

Reuben Reed is having quite extensive and improving alterations made on the second floor of his house on the common. A new bath room with

hot and cold water is being installed and a new arrangement of stairways and doors being made to insure the most comfortable and convenient arrangement possible.

On Saturday afternoon, June 4, at two o'clock, the selectmen will give a public hearing to all concerned in regard to the setting of three telephone poles on the cross road between the Bolton and Stow roads.

Still River.

Sunday the union memorial services were held in the Baptist church, there being a good number from the churches of Harvard. Rev. H. B. Mason of the Congregational church assisted in the services, Rev. L. H. Morse preaching the sermon. There were but two members of the G. A. R., Mr. Savage of Harvard and Mr. Thompson of Still River. The church was prettily decorated with bunting and flowers.

Alfred Robbins of Brooklyn, N. Y., was a recent visitor at Wm. B. Haskell's. It is twenty-five years since Mr. Robbins last visited in Still River.

William H. Barnes of San Francisco was in town on Wednesday afternoon, calling upon old friends. He and Mrs. Barnes are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Cheney of Southville at present, but will both visit here before they return to California.

George Cross started for Willoughby, Ohio, Wednesday, where he has a position as foreman on a large dairy farm. If everything proves satisfactory he will send for his family later.

Friday of last week as the engine of the east bound local freight was getting out a carload of logs from the track that goes down to the brick yard, the rails spread and the engine and car of logs went onto the ground. A wrecking train from Worcester had to come out to get them on again.

Defects were discovered in the railroad bridge on Tuesday and slow signals have been set to have all trains go slow over it until repairs are made which will be soon.

Miss Ethel Parker is visiting friends in Suncook, N. H.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

The memorial services by the school children on Friday, May 27, in the town hall, were very interesting. Especially pleasing were a dumb-bell drill by five girls, a dialogue, "Betsey Ross," and the salute to the flag. Supt. Briggs was present and gave an able address, recalling the origin and history of Memorial day, the part that Dunstable played in the Civil war and the valuable lessons that could be learned by such school occasions. At the close the children, headed by veterans, Pastor Rice and Dexter Butterfield marched to Central cemetery and decorated the soldiers' graves.

Fred Cheney was at his summer home on Monday.

Fred Osgood of New York recently visited his sister, Mrs. Proctor.

Mrs. Brown has come to be with her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Rice, for a time.

Death.

The people of the town and of surrounding towns were saddened by the death of Henry J. Tolles on the evening of May 29, the result of a fractured skull. The last services were held at the home last Sunday afternoon, attended by Rev. C. G. Robbins. A very large number of friends and relatives gathered to testify of their love and esteem. A delegation from the Pepperell grange, of which he was a member, was present and performed burial service at the grave. A profusion of beautiful flowers expressed sympathy of many. Mr. Tolles had served in many town offices, was an intelligent, genial man, a progressive farmer, and had been very successful in fruit raising, taking several prizes at the fair in Boston last fall. He leaves a widow, a daughter, three sons and four brothers.

SHIRLEY.

Centre.

Alva Carr has completed cutting off two woodlots which he purchased of John L. Farnsworth and he is preparing to remove his mill to Henniker, N. H.

The summer people are beginning to arrive. Among those who came during the past week are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed, Mrs. Frank L. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Miss Constance Mackaye and Madam Grout.

Mr. and Mrs. Welcome Longley, Miss Mary Adams, Dorothy Adams, Miss Strout and Miss Hazel Mackaye spent Decoration day at the Centre.

Julian Coolidge, professor of mathematics at Harvard college, gave a very interesting address at Trinity church last Sunday.

Luther Holden is moving into the house lately occupied by Fred S. Holden.

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Boys' Patent Oxfords,	\$2.00 and \$2.50
Boys' Tan Oxfords,	\$1.75 to \$2.50
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WESTFORD.

Monthly Meeting.
 The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church met at the parsonage with Mrs. Wallace on Thursday afternoon of last week. The subject for the afternoon was a continuation of the winter's study, "The gospel in Latin lands," by Dr. Francis E. Clark and Mrs. Clark, the special subject for the meeting being, "The gospel in Spain." The several assignments were treated in an interesting way, especially the account of Mrs. Alice Gordon Gulick's work given by Mrs. Wallace. At the close of the program a social hour was enjoyed, the lady of the parsonage having invited quite a few outside the membership. Miss Loker gave some account of her recent trip to Washington and a Shakespearian guessing contest was much enjoyed. Refreshments of cake and sherbet were served.

Memorial Exercises.
 Friday afternoon in the schools, appropriate memorial exercises were held. At the Frost school the pupils in the two upper rooms combined in a program of music and recitations suitable to the spirit of Memorial day. In the two lower rooms similar exercises were carried out. The rooms were decorated with flags and flowers. At the academy a patriotic program was held with music and declamations and Rev. Mr. Wallace addressed the pupils and Rev. Mr. Bailey gave recollections of the war from personal experiences in his own interesting way.

Union Memorial Service.
 The union memorial service which was held at the Union Congregational church on last Sunday was a fitting introduction to our special observance of Memorial day this year. It was a capacity audience that filled the auditorium and vestries that were thrown into one, but there was a welcome for every one. The perfect weather made it a pleasure to get out. The decorations were most appropriate and well-placed. The national colors were draped over the pulpit arch and the speaker's desk and in addition to this a wealth of delicate white spirea with greenery was used. These decorations were the skillful work of Eliot F. Humiston.

The veterans met at the Cavalry association building and marched to the church escorted by the sons of veterans. They occupied seats at the front of the church reserved for them. The musical part of the service by the unified choirs blending the devotional and patriotic was especially well rendered. "Welcome, grand old man" and "Rest, spirit, rest," were given by the full chorus. In the latter anthem, Mrs. C. D. Colburn, sustained the solo part. John S. Greig sang the solo, "Face to face." Rev. E. H. Bailey made the prayer and Lewis F. Havermale of the Graniteville Methodist church gave the invocation and scripture reading. Rev. David Wallace preached a thoughtful and excellent sermon from the text, Ps. 48, 12, 13, with its message to the veterans and to all his hearers the need of patriotism and courage in the daily warfare of our complicated modern life.

After the service a luncheon was served by the ladies to the members of the veteran association, after which they made the rounds of the cemeteries and decorated the graves of their former comrades.

Three veterans have died during the year, George H. Prescott, Charles Cummings and Charles W. Reed.

Dedication.
 The day which has been expected for and anticipated for many weeks in our town has come and come. Its actual happenings are over and have passed into very interesting local history, but its memories will remain most definite and lasting.

It was an old home day, a memorial day observance and a splendid dedication of its new soldiers' monument combined in one. The spirit of the occasion started Friday afternoon with a suitable observance in the schools. Saturday about members of many households began to arrive. Scarcely a home was without guests either of kindred or friends. To specify one would be to enumerate them all. Many were the graves of loved ones in God's acre besides the soldier dead that were tenderly garlanded with flowers.

All the public buildings were trimmed most effectively, the work of a Boston decorating company, as were also nearly all the private dwellings. Flags and bunting were everywhere. The faces of Washington, Lincoln and Grant were noted in their setting of red, white and blue. Lawns, shrubbery, grading and streets had all been put into the best of order to have the village present its best appearance. The afternoon previous the members of the Edward M. Abbot Hose Co. turned out and wet down the main streets, and when Monday morning came all was in readiness for the dedication and all arrangements for the day were carried out in a manner most creditable to the committee who have worked as faithfully and well. Shaded skies may have made some difference in the attendance, but a great gathering came. There were fully a thousand people present at the ceremonies. They came in carriages, autos, barges, electric, by trains and on foot. The Nashua military band, always a favorite with Westford people, was in attendance during the day and gave a fine concert previous to the dedicatory service, which took place promptly at the appointed time. The Chelmsford veterans were the guests for the day of the Westford veterans and this was very suitable as Chelms-

ford is considered as sort of the mother town of Westford. The men of these two companies, to which the day have even a deeper significance than others, were drawn up about the curbing of the monument and back of them were the surging crowd of people. After a selection by the band, prayer was offered by Rev. B. H. Bailey, after which Col. Metcalf, the donor of the monument, the hero of the day, a man who has gone out into the world and done things, a man of achievement, a worthy son of a worthy father, a father in whose memory he makes this gift to the town, stepped forward and in well chosen words presented the monument to the town. Miss Hazel B. Hartford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hartford and granddaughter of Wesley Hawkes, president of the Veteran association; then pulled the cords that loosened the enfolding flags and the impressive figure of a soldier in bronze on a large granite base stood revealed.

The gift was then accepted by Oscar R. Spaulding, chairman of the selectmen, in most fitting and appropriate words that found hearty echo in the hearts of all who listened. The Weber quartet of Boston then sang and the beautiful ceremony of decorating the monument by the veterans with band accompaniment was performed. At about this time the rain which had threatened began to fall and the crowds scattered to shelter, thankful that it had not come before. Many went to the library and many went to the hall, especially those holding dinner tickets. This social hour in the recently decorated and renovated hall was very pleasant where many had the opportunity to meet Col. and Mrs. Metcalf.

At 1.15 when it was time to form the march to the common, the weather had cleared. Headed by the band and the veterans, the long procession formed and filed to the big tent which measured 125x50 feet. An excellent menu was prepared by a caterer of Lowell, to which full justice was done. Preparations were made for five hundred people and fully that number was cared for. After the repast Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher called to order and presided. After a selection by the band and by the Weber quartet, Capt. Fletcher made an address of welcome and all that he said was timely and pertinent. He thought it eminently fitting that the tent should be erected and the exercises take place on the common where nearby stood the flag staff which was erected and dedicated in the stirring times of the early sixties and on whose crossbars were inscribed the words, "Liberty and union," and nearby the building, then the village schoolhouse, but now transformed into a dwelling where the memorable meeting was held, where Col. Metcalf's father was the first to sign the roll for the enlistment for troops. He then introduced Col. Edwin D. Metcalf of Auburn, N. Y., the donor of the monument, who spoke in part as follows:

After telling of the meeting in the old schoolhouse where his father, after the reading of the call for volunteers for three years, a term that dampened the ardor of some; rose and made a patriotic speech, stepped forward and signed the roll. "Nothing said can ever adequately pay tribute to the living and the dead for what they gave in the years 1861 to 1865 to shape the destiny of their nation. What a magnificent heritage the men who helped preserve this Union left to their families; what a change has taken place in this country. We often hear the remark, that there are no such opportunities for young men to succeed now as during our father's time, but this is a mistake, as there are many more opportunities and greater possibilities now than ever before."

"I have been asked several times why, not being a native of this town, I was led to present Westford with a soldiers' monument instead of the city of Auburn. When I came here to bury my father, I was met at the railroad station by a delegation of old soldiers. They were strangers to me, they came without any solicitation, they came without previous knowledge on my part, but I was so pleased and so much touched at the spirit of devotion and loyalty of those who had stood shoulder to shoulder during the civil war that I then and there resolved that I would do something in Westford to the memory of the volunteers."

The next speaker of the day was Hon. John D. Long, who, while a teacher in Westford academy, formed such friendships and associations with this town that he is always most heartily welcomed here. Space forbids more than extracts from his carefully prepared and most excellent oration.

"Time and your patience deny an enumeration of the monuments which have dotted Massachusetts and have recorded for centuries, hence her story of heroism so plain, so legible that though a new Babel should arise and the English tongue be lost, the human heart and eye will read it at a glance. Scarcely a town is there from Boston to the humblest burying ground in the rural villages, in which the monuments do not rise to tell how universal was the response of Massachusetts, Westford's history is from first to last an illustration of patriotism. Her sons have always been of the true blue Lexington-Concord-Bunker Hill stock. They were in the romantic Lovell's fight in 1739, in Cuba as again only twelve years ago; in the siege of Louisburg; in the French and Indian wars; at Concord bridge; at Bunker Hill; more than two hundred men out of her small population were in the campaigns of the Revolution; in the war of 1812; in the war for the Union, more than two hundred again enlisted."

"This monument is not alone a memorial for the dead but an incentive to future generations to patriotism and high ideals. The period of the civil war had its shadows, out of which came the pure white figure of patriotism, of loyal service of generous sacrifice, of ministering angels, of tender compassion, and heroic champions of freedom and union. So will it be with the clouds of today. There has been no year since your service in the field when the battle has not been on, not of shot and shell, but of the clashing activities of peace—the struggle of clashing interests, out of the very selfishness of which,

however, springs that human endeavor which in the long run works the ultimate steady, average betterment of all.

"Glorious as were Gettysburg and Appomattox the great glory was that we had reached that degree of widening of our thoughts; that point in moral conviction and devotion in which those great victories and devotion in which those great victories were only the incident of the greater moral victories of freedom over slavery, of right over wrong—victories just as much for our Southern brethren as for ourselves. Let the young men of today fight the good fight for righteousness, which is now calling them to battle, as you in your day fought the good fight for union and freedom."

The closing address of the day was by Hon. Charles S. Hamlin of Boston, former assistant secretary of the U. S. treasury. He used the most of his time in personal reminiscences of his acquaintance with various Westford men during his summers spent with his grandfather, close by the spot where he stood.

The exercises were brought to a close by singing of "America" by the audience.

Centre.
 Dr. O. V. Wells has a new automobile which will greatly facilitate matters in getting over the many miles of road the country practitioner has to travel.

Rev. T. C. H. Bouton of the Chelmsford Congregational church will preach in exchange with Rev. Mr. Wallace on Sunday morning, June 5.

Thursday evening, June 9, Westford grange will observe its fifteenth anniversary. The stagemaster Chas. M. Gardner and the state lecturer will be present and many other invited guests will be present. There will be historical sketches, a good supper and a good time generally.

About Town.
 John H. Knowles has moved to town again from Providence and is carrying on his farm near Minot's corner.

It is reported that legal papers have been served on the town in a suit for damages, caused by the death of Chas. W. Reed in falling into an excavation on the curve of the road near the residence of John C. Abbot. The people of Westford regret this sad accident.

The W. C. T. U. held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lucy Keyes on the Providence road on Wednesday. The president, Mrs. F. C. Hildreth called to order and the usual order of business was enacted. As special business it was voted to accept the invitation to a day's recreation by the hospitality of Mr. Drew, the owner, and donor of last year. This day of change and cheer is open to all who think that the principles of the W. C. T. U. give them a call.

Rev. Seth Walker, who has been minister of the Advent church in Lowell, has been transferred to the Advent church, Worcester. He is an eloquent preacher and the change is in the nature of promotion. He was present at the dedication of the soldiers' monument, as well as Edwin E. Heywood, George Snow, Miss Marion Wright, Gilbert A. Wright, Alonzo B. Falls, all old familiarities in the bygone days of the old Stony Brook school.

C. R. P. Decatur took a leap of forty days ahead on June first and commenced haying. He will finish at this rate before some of us behind ones emerge from the tangle of weeds and witch grass that holds us to the hoe handle.

Miss Angenette and Blanche Tate, nieces of C. R. P. Decatur, were at his home over Sunday; also, Herbert Longley of New Bedford, a former member of Troop F, and his sister, Mrs. Phillips of Littleton, N. H.

Walter Kimball had his residence at Westford depot broken into and a sum of money borrowed never to be returned.

Matthew Smith is making Brookside look more city-like by enlarging the ground floor space of his store. He claims plenty of room now for yeast cakes to make everything rise that you want except prices.

It is rumored that several Stony Brook farms are close to the verge of being sold to a syndicate who will make apples a specialty, with some unmentioned somebody as superintendent. Well, this is business-like business, even if we do fight the same principle in Standard oil and her concentrates. Any other system is a system of self-swinding extravagance.

Mrs. F. W. Banister has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail under the three-mail a day contract.

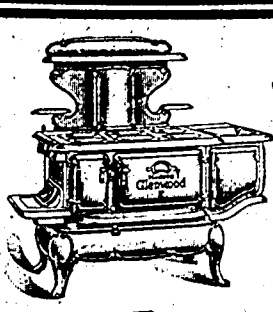
Daniel H. Sheehan, vinegar, cotton, woolen and lumber manufacturer, has also large agricultural interests in Georgia and at present is busy harvesting potatoes, having six potato diggers, horse power style, in operation, his smallest patch being one hundred acres. No wonder congress is being agitated on deepening our water ways to handle increasing freights.

At a meeting of the Westford veterans' association, J. Everett Woods was elected commander. He was a gallant soldier in the civil war and has been a gallant soldier in civil peace since the war. A member of the board of registration and a corner stone in the Fortnightly club.

Westford grange will celebrate a fifteen-year anniversary on Thursday evening, June 9, and many invited guests will give home talk a rest.

A Veteran.
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Taylor of Woodsville, N. H., were at his brother's, S. L. Taylor's, over Sunday to attend the special memorial exercises. Mr. Taylor was only twenty when he enlisted from Westford, serving four years, and two of his brothers were already at the front. It was full as hard for the relatives who remained at home he says as for those who were actually in the battles. For the soldiers there was activity, for the mothers and fathers there was anxiety and the continual fear that the next mail might bring sad reports. Mr. Taylor marched with the veterans at the exercises on Sunday and Monday. He still preserves the comfort bags and other things sent by the Westford women.

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Funeral.
 Taylor and son attended the funeral last Sunday afternoon of Henry J. Tolles at his home on Forest hill, Dunstable. It was the largest funeral in town since wartime. He was widely and favorably known as farmer, granger, trustee of Middlesex north and member of the old Dunstable cornet band, and genial, useful, good citizen. Rev. Guy C. Robbins of the Universalist church of Lawrence, a lifelong friend and former member of the Dunstable band, officiated. The bearers were brothers and burial was in the old historic cemetery in Dunstable where the burial service of the grange was conducted by Prescott Grange of Pepperell of which he was a member. Dexter Butterfield, a lifelong friend had charge. His death was the result of a fall of a foot in height on a rock at the barn door, fracturing the skull.

Forge.
 A large delegation of Odd Fellows attended the memorial services of Loyal Nashoba lodge at Littleton, last Sunday and enjoyed the very interesting and forceful sermon of Rev. H. B. Drew, who conducted the services at the Baptist church.

Sunday, June 5, Loyal Self-Help lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., will hold memorial services in St. Andrew's mission. All the members are requested to meet at their lodge rooms not later than 9.45 a. m. From there they will march to the chapel at ten o'clock, Rev. T. L. Fisher conducting the service. The members are requested to wear a white tie and white gloves. At the conclusion a committee will decorate the graves of deceased members at Fairview cemetery.

Miss Eva F. Pyne, primary school teacher of Cameron school, will entertain her pupils at her home at Pine Ridge next Saturday, the children are requested to meet at the school at ten o'clock.

Among those who entertained visitors over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver, who had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler and daughter Elsie of Worcester; Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson entertained Joseph and Timothy Sullivan of Nashua; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mason and son Clayton of Lowell spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coley of Worcester visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Memorial day; Mr. and Mrs. John Paquet and son Raymond of Nashua were with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Lehaire for Memorial day; Allan Karlin of Gardner visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carlin.

At the regular meeting of the John Edwards hose company held at their rooms on Wednesday evening, Fred Drollet was appointed steward in place of William Hunt, who resigned; Edward T. Hanley, first lieutenant; Francis Bennett, second lieutenant; Joseph Bennett and Joseph McDonald were appointed callmen.

School Exercises.
 Memorial day exercises were held in Abbot hall last week Friday evening by the pupils of Cameron school. Promptly at seven o'clock the children marched two by two from the school to the hall, John McDonald and Geo. Wilson at the head with drums. The children waving their flags and keeping step made a fine showing. The stage had been decorated with evergreens and flags by Miss Eva F. Pyne. The lower primary opened the exercises with a song, "Memorial day," followed by recitations. The little tots all daintily attired made a beautiful picture and reflected great credit on their teacher, Miss Pyne. The upper primary pupils then took their places on the stage and entertained the audience for twenty minutes. The children told their stories of the war and recited their pieces in clear voices that could be heard distinctly by everyone.

Part two was opened by the fourth and fifth grades with the song, "We love the heroes," followed by readings by several pupils; song in two parts, "Our patriot dead," school; "Flowers for the fallen heroes," six girls; song, "In memoriam," two parts, school. This program was generously applauded.

The grammar school concluded the exercises with the following numbers: "To thee, Oh country," in three parts, school; violin and piano duet, Edith Spinner, William Davis; song, "A tribute to the soldiers," in three parts, school; flag drill by the school, Geo. Wilson playing the accompaniment. Miss Gertrude Comey kept time with a drum. The drill was a very difficult one, the different figures were loudly applauded and concluded with forming the statue of liberty with singing of the "Star spangled banner" by everyone, the audience standing until the last strains died away. The pupils were loudly applauded and encored. The teachers held a reception immediately afterwards and were congratulated by the parents and friends of the pupils. Following their usual

custom the children marched to West-lawn cemetery in the afternoon and decorated the soldiers' graves with flags and flowers. Brief services were held and singing of "Sleep, peacefully sleep," by the children, concluded the exercises.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MELVIN A. CHILDS, late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MYRTA A. WOODS of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of June, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause if any you have why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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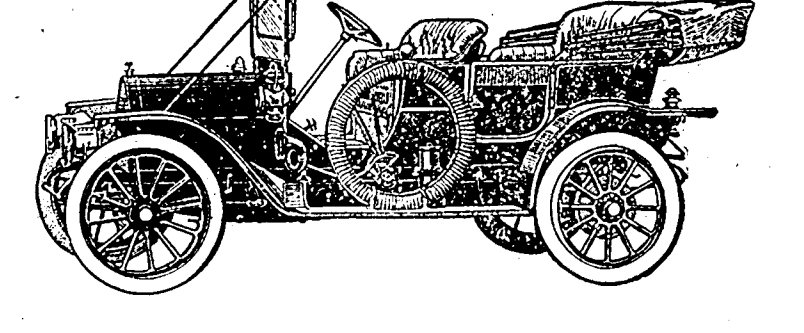
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Reunion.
Daniel H. Dickinson of Harvard held a reunion of the descendants of the Willard Dickinson family, May 23, which was his seventy-second birthday. Mr. Dickinson is the only surviving one of a family of ten children. He is a veteran of the civil war and a grandson of the American revolution, both grandparents having served in the revolutionary war.

Again as in former times we gather in this home when the many generations of the Dickinson family. The recollections of earlier gatherings will be more to yourselves than to me. You will not need an income to call up in review the cordial good times when joy sat at the festal board and gladness ruled the hour. One hundred and fifty years is a long time in which souvenirs are gathered and recollections interwoven that really become the unwritten history of a family. Back returning anniversary marks a milestone in the journey of life and commemorates its achievements and disappointments. What have been called the preservative virtues, both of nations and individuals, this family has possessed in large measure, namely, industry, perseverance and economy.

In the case of our relative who is also our host today, the passing of the more active years of life, gives leisure for retrospection. To have lived in two centuries and to have participated in some of the greatest events of either is sufficient to furnish abundant themes for thoughtful recreation. Important among the memories of our host who today celebrates his seventy-second anniversary, must be those of the life like vivid pictures on memories' wall undimmed by passing years. Again he will hear the bugle call, live over the old camp life and march and thought again in the indescribable events and emotions of the battlefield. To us who have only read or heard of these things there can never be the realization of actual conflict.

Following these the dreary days of hospital life, then the home coming, the return to old familiar scenes, the glad reunion with home folks and neighbors and the rehearsal of events that the period of separation. These must be another chapter in the unwritten history.

Another era in the family history dates from the time when the busy hands of the patient mother are folded in their last repose. Since then sons and daughters and daughters-in-law and sons-in-law—these we had known in the old home, who had well come to its hospitality with joyful hearts cordially have gone from the home circle.

The thanksgiving days so well remembered even by the uninitiated in the family—the great homecoming of children and grandchildren, an overflowing table full, all in the old, old time. That forms another picture on memory's wall.

My own recollections go back but little more than forty years. Then the home buildings that had withstood the blasts of perhaps a hundred years were all standing in their places, reminders of a style that had given them come to be replaced by newer, more commodious, comfortable ones.

So it is, one generation accumulates—the next enjoys. One builds, the succeeding generation improves. The march of progress is onward, ever onward, even though we sometimes think sadly of the old, old times.

Yet there will be so many pleasant recollections and these after all are the treasures of elderly people. Youth, life with its hopes and ambitions is much in the future, but with the passing of activities, recollections become realities to live over and over again.

The following clipping has been handed to me that describes common sensations in leaving the old home, and is entitled, "My old home on the farm:"

Softly fall the evening shadows,
And the sunlight lingers, too,
As I pass the dear old homestead
Which I now describe to you:
The dear old home, with its vine-clad
Windows,
Its beautiful flowers blooming early
and late,
The airy swing in the old weeping-willow
In the shady lane, way down by the gate,
The orchard, laden with sweet, luscious
apples,
The cool maple-grove, on a hot summer
day,
With the cherries, the berries, the
grapes, the vines and pear trees,
Crabapples and mulberries over the
way,
The peonies, the phlox, the lilies and
roses,
Which bordered the path down to the
old stile,
How often I've breathed in their delicate
fragrance
As we sat there at twilight to rest
for awhile,
The stile now is gone, and so are the
fences,
The visions of memory vanish with
dawn,
Even the old willows seem silently
weeping
For the days that are past and the
love ones gone.
Dear faces no longer are seen at the
window,
There are "modern improvements" on
every side,
The old place was long ago coded to
strangers,
The loved ones are scattered far and
wide,
Thou dear old home with thy fond
recollections,
Of happy days that with thee I have
passed,
Thou shalt always retain a fond place
in my memory,
E'er be remembered while this life
shall last.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. John Meegan of Bridgeport, Conn., was in town on Monday. Mr. Meegan was a former resident here.

Mrs. Charlotte Wilson of Fitchburg, a former resident, was a visitor in town on Monday.

George D. McIntyre and family, Mrs. Joseph Hume and daughter and Mrs. Alex. Hume, all of Leonminster, were visitors in town Monday.

Charles Wilson of Harvard road, who has been confined to his home with sickness the past few weeks, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pomfret of Waverley with son Stanley, spent Monday, and John Pomfret of Hudson, spent Sunday and Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gately of Boston spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in Lunenburg and Shirley.

Howard Ayres of Boston spent the holidays with his uncle, Eddie Gately.

Miss Ruth Burrage of Medford spent Monday with Mrs. Louise Butler.

Mrs. Sadie Hughes spent Sunday and Monday with her mother in Roxbury.

Miss May Warren of Cambridge spent over Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. Ida M. Warren.

Leo Gordon has left town to make his home in Providence.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen attended the graduation exercises at the Boston University Law school on Tuesday and Wednesday, their son W. Lloyd Allen, being a member of the graduation class.

Miss Liberta Kolowrath of Littleton spent last Saturday and Sunday with Miss Emma Knowles.

Rodney Brown spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Jaffrey, N. H.

Past commander William Jubb attended the reunion of his regiment in Westford, Memorial day.

The home missionary lecture at the Congregational church last Sunday evening brought out a large audience, the church vestry being filled. The subject was "South lands," illustrated with stereopticon views. Mrs. Alice L. Wright gave a good account of the views and was ably assisted by Forest Hooper, who worked the slides.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon preached a sterling patriotic sermon at the Congregational church on last Sunday morning, citing many pathetic and heroic incidents of our soldiers in the war of the rebellion.

Stanley Forcier and Miss Belle Descoteaux were married on Monday morning in St. Anthony's church, Rev. J. H. Coté officiating. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lillian Descoteaux and Alphonse Forcier of Nashua, brother of the groom was best man. A reception took place at the home of the bride immediately after the ceremony, which was followed by a collation. The bridal couple left town in the afternoon for New York, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Members of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., and members of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will observe their annual memorial day on Sunday, June 5. Members of both lodges will attend service at the Congregational church and listen to a sermon by Rev. A. A. Bronsdon. At the close of the service, members of both lodges will then march to the village cemetery and decorate the graves of deceased members. All are requested to meet in the lodgeroom at 10.15 that morning and march to the church in a body.

Miss Brockelman of Lancaster is a guest at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman.

Misses Minnie and Lucy Chaisson and Levi Landry spent Sunday and Monday visiting friends in Lowell and Lawrence.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' circle of the Congregational church, was held in the vestry on Tuesday afternoon. The report of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted. The same officers were re-elected: Mrs. Louise Butler, president; Mrs. Alice L. Wright, vice-president; Mrs. Martha J. Conant, lecturer and treasurer.

Miss Blanche Sawyer spent this week with friends in Suffield, Conn.

Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook visited Sunday and Monday with relatives in South Framingham.

HARVARD.

News Items.
R. C. Cheever, a Harvard Divinity student, will occupy the Unitarian pulpit on Sunday, June 5.

The Harvard Camera club will give an exhibition of the work of its members at the town hall on Friday evening, June 10 at eight o'clock. This exhibition will consist of lantern slide views made from negatives produced by members of the club since its organization two months ago. A large number of other views of local interest will also be shown, and it is felt certain that those who attend will be well repaid.

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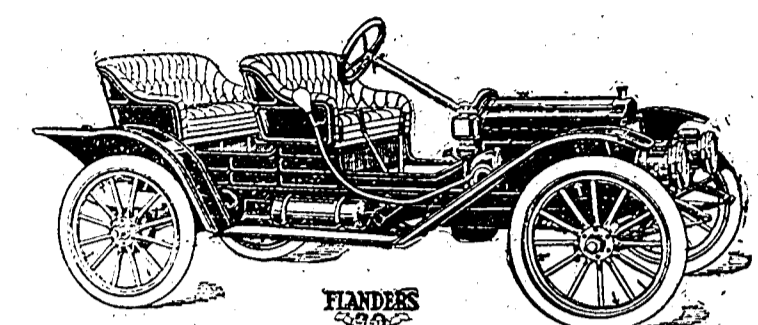
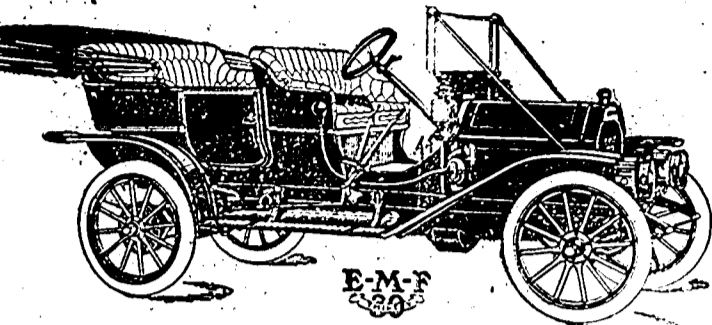
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To all persons interested in the estate of **STILLMAN GILPATRICK**, late of Grafton in said County deceased, whose widow **SHIRLEY W. GILPATRICK**, the administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County on the twenty-second day of June A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate, fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last day of said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate of said deceased.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
In Equity.
To Joseph A. Harwood and Richard G. Harwood, administrators of the estate of Herbert J. Harwood, late of Littleton in said County deceased, Emelie A. Harwood, Joseph A. Harwood, Helen D. Harwood, Margaret Harwood, Richard G. Harwood, and Emelie A. Harwood guardian of Herbert E. Harwood, Emelie M. Harwood, Jonathan H. Harwood and Robert W. Harwood, minors, all of said Littleton. Whereas, ISAAC GREENBURG of Everett in said County has presented to said Court his petition, praying that a specific performance of an agreement entered into by HERBERT J. HARWOOD, late of Littleton in said County of Middlesex, deceased, and said petitioner, may be decreed, and the administrators of the estate of said deceased be ordered to convey certain real property situated in Boston, in the County of Suffolk to said petitioner agreeably to the terms of said agreement.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the thirtieth day of May, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.
And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you who may be found in said Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said Court, or if any of you shall not be so found, either by delivering a copy thereof to you wherever found, or by leaving a copy thereof at your usual place of abode, or by mailing a copy thereof to you at your last known post-office address, fourteen days at least before said Court; and also, unless it shall be made to appear to the Court by affidavit that you all have had actual notice of the proceedings, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Littleton Guide, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be seven days, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
3134 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
To the next of kin and all persons interested in the estate of CAROLINE R. BANCROFT of Groton, in said County.
Whereas, GEORGE F. BANCROFT, the conservator of the property of said late deceased, has presented his petition to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, certain real estate therein specified, of his ward for investment.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third day of May, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
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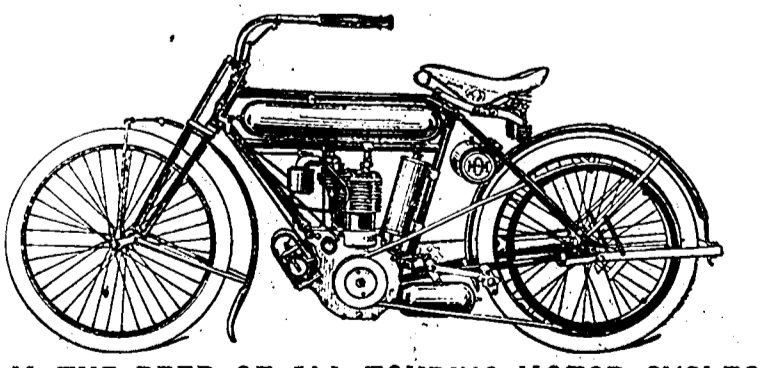
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GROTON.

Deaths.

Charles A. Prescott died in Dunstable, May 22, aged seventy-one years. He lived in Groton until he was forty-one years old, when he bought a farm in Dunstable, where he had since lived. He was of the old Groton family of Prescotts, his parents being the late John and Mirand Prescott of East Groton. He was a man of good habits but had been in poor health for some time.

His funeral was held from the church in Dunstable on Wednesday, May 25, and interment was in the cemetery of that town.

There were many flowers. Neighbors and other friends showed kind attentions during illness and at the funeral. He never married. His housekeeper, Miss Jennie Emerson, was faithful in her care of him. He is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Martha Thayer of Dedham, Mrs. Mary Davis of Crookston, Minn., Mrs. Melissa Dennis in Maine; also, nieces and nephews.

John W. Parker, after a long life as an honored and useful citizen of this town, passed away at his home here on May 31. Cerebral hemorrhage was the fatal closing of a long period of failing health, from causes incident to advanced years. He was 83 yrs., 10 mos., 2 dys. old, born in Littleton, July 29, 1826. When a young man of about twenty, Mr. Parker came to Groton and has since lived here. He entered the employment of Hon. G. S. Boutwell as clerk in the old brick store and later during Mr. Boutwell's governorship, became a partner in the firm of Boutwell & Parker. He was afterward associated with G. D. Brigham in the store and also later in the old store of Potter & Gerish.

Mr. Parker was sent to the state legislature in 1855-56, was a selectman of Groton for ten years, was town clerk and school committee for several years, was the station agent at the railway station.

Since retiring from the more active duties of civic life, Mr. Parker was an insurance agent of the firm of Boynton & Parker.

In politics he was a republican. In religious faith he was a Baptist. He united with the church in Groton by letter from the Baptist church in Littleton, sixty-three years ago, the date of this act being within two days, the same month and day of his funeral.

Uniting with the church, Mr. Parker became ever after a loyal member, active and earnest in its duties as long as health permitted. He was clerk of the church, Sabbath school superintendent and Sunday school teacher for years. When not a teacher, then a student in a class.

Mr. Parker was twice married. After the death of his first wife, he was married to Miss Jane Williams of this town who survives him. Of three children two died in infancy. One daughter, Miss Mary E. Parker, a teacher in one of Groton schools is with her widowed mother, the only near relatives remaining.

The funeral was from his late home on Court street on Thursday afternoon, Rev. H. A. Cornell officiating. The interment was in Groton cemetery. A good man has gone from us.

William A. Moore died on Thursday afternoon after a long illness for fifteen months of liver trouble. He was sixty-two years of age last May 29, and was born in Chelmsford, being a resident of this town for the past thirty-eight years, twenty-four years of that time in the dry goods business in his store on Main street. He was married June 28, 1882 and is survived by his wife, a daughter, Miss Helen B. Moore and a sister, Miss Helen M. Moore. Funeral services will be in the Congregational church on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, and Rev. Geo. M. Howe will officiate. The members of the lodge of Odd Fellows in Groton will attend in a body with ritual services at the grave, paying the last sad rites to their deceased brother. Burial in Groton cemetery.

Memorial Services.

May 29 was a bright and beautiful Memorial Sunday. Nine old soldiers of E. S. Clark post and a large number of W. R. C. and other friends attended services at the Baptist church. As the veterans were seated a button hole bouquet of pansies was fastened to the lapel of each soldier's coat. "Pansies are for thoughts. A similar attention was paid to the hall the next day. The pastor, Rev. H. A. Cornell, spoke appropriately and appreciatively, drawing from the text; Amos 6: 1, 2, 3, dwelling mainly on the fifteenth verse, "Hate the evil and love the good and establish judgment in the gate." The work of the soldiers of the civil war resulted in good. The music was in keeping with the spirit of the day. The church had decorations of flowers and flags.

Graves Decorated.

All the ceremonies and exercises of Memorial day here passed off smoothly and successfully.

Groton is favored in having the assistance of the Groton school battalion, which in natty uniform with lively life and drum corps, add much to the display and public interest of the occasion. Besides the escort of the school battalion, the E. S. Clark post was accompanied by the Groton band, many citizens, very many automobiles, and other vehicles, making in all a long procession. Seventy-four heroes' graves were decorated.

On their return from this service of remembrance, the veterans, as they came up the street, halted in front of the home of their very ill comrade, E. B. Harrington and saluted. Looking from the window, his physician near, Comrade Harrington saw the salute and was able to wave a return. It was a touching incident.

The usual exercises with the calling of the roll were held by the post at the town hall. The ranks are thinning. Only twelve veterans were present to respond. Some were detained at home by illness or other reason, but many more have joined the great majority. These comrades of E. S. Clark post, Stillman Gilpatrick, Bow-

man S. Gale and Thomas L. Motley have died within the past twelve months. Rev. C. B. Ames, who gave the address, was amongst old friends and scenes, when he spoke from the platform of the Groton town hall and as he spoke of or to the old soldiers it was to comrades of his father. He was given close attention. With pleasing personality and voice, he spoke of the great civil war, its causes and results, and among other facts told how at first the negro was first brought to this country, through a missionary spirit, felt by those who thought it a noble work to bring here the uncivilized heathen brother to christianize. This evil came, as it always follows, when greed and avarice creep in, and the slavery of the negro was the result with all its train of wrong and suffering. It is impossible to give a full or even a deserving condensed report of the speaker's able address.

The Groton band gave several selections at the hall and in the afternoon accompanied the veterans to Littleton. A bountiful dinner was served in grange hall by the W. R. C.

A Social Meeting.

The ladies of the Baptist church held a joint meeting of their missionary society and of their social and benevolent society in the church parlors on last week Thursday. It was the annual meeting of both organizations. The reports presented showed very satisfactory conditions. Elections of officers resulted as follows:

Missionary society—Mrs. Alice D. Peabody, pres.; Mrs. Maria E. Parkhurst, vice-pres.; Mrs. Marcia W. Parkhurst, sec. and treas.; Miss Mary Farmer, Mrs. Cora F. Sargent, Mrs. A. B. Farwell, program committee.

Benevolent society—Mrs. A. B. Farwell, pres.; Mrs. Leola E. Nutting, Miss Mary Farmer, vice-pres.; Mrs. Rose P. Stevens, sec. and treas.; Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, Mrs. M. E. Parkhurst, Mrs. Alice D. Peabody, Mrs. Everett Williams, Mrs. Isabel Hawke, directors; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Balgoin, Albert B. Farwell, Miss Elsie Bailey, Mrs. Hawke, entertainment committee.

News Items.

The Groton and St. Mark's school teams, rivals on the ball fields, met on Groton school grounds on Wednesday afternoon with the usual large crowd of spectators at this great annual contest. The Groton team was jubilant over their victory in the closely contested game. The score was 7 to 6.

Miss Mary Rathfon, coming from Bradford, Pa., this week is in town for quite an extended visit to her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Hemenway.

The Groton friends of Miss Bertha May Farrar have received an announcement of her marriage to Silas Foster Penlee on Wednesday, May 25, at Princeton, Me.

Miss Alice Shattuck of Roslindale was in town for Memorial vacation, staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck.

The schools in town had patriotic exercises on the Friday afternoon preceding Memorial day. Principal A. J. Clough of Lawrence academy addressed the pupils of the high school. The grammar school had recitations and songs. Rev. G. M. Howe addressed the pupils of Miss Kimball's school, who had a full program of very fine recitations, beginning with flag salute by school. Mr. Howe also spoke to Miss Kane's pupils, who gave a very pleasing exercise, closing with salute to the flag and singing.

William L. Patterson, clerk in the wholesale shoe store of Lane Bros. in Boston, came home for the holiday. His fellow clerk, Mr. Richardson, came with him.

The Groton public library was lighted by electricity for the first time on last Saturday evening.

Miss Mary Dunphy is substituting for Miss Mary E. Parker, teacher, this week.

Groton people were all glad to read in the Boston papers on Wednesday night that the missing Groton school boy, William R. Bullard had reached his father's home in New Bedford. He had footed nearly all the way from the school to his home. His parents were overjoyed at his arrival. They had taken every measure to discover his whereabouts and were almost frantic over his mysterious disappearance.

Mrs. Goble, wife of Dr. William A. Goble, was taken to the Groton hospital on Wednesday afternoon, apparently quite seriously ill with tonsillitis and it is said also with ptomaine poisoning.

There were 120 took dinner at Groton inn on Monday, May 30.

Little Miss Constance Parker of Popperell spent last Saturday with her grandfather, S. R. Mason and family in Groton.

The veterans enjoyed the address at Littleton on Monday afternoon and appreciated the bountiful and excellent lunch served. They found that many of the citizens had attended the more than usual exercises for the day at Westford where the soldiers' monument was dedicated. The post got back to Groton about six o'clock feeling some tired but well satisfied with the day's commemoration. On the way home they met and counted thirty-three autos going Boston way.

Mrs. William Prescott, whose home is with her nephew, George Craxin in Athol, came with him and family in their auto to Groton for Memorial day. They staid at Groton inn. Mrs. A. P. Carlton, another former Groton resident who was visiting Mrs. Prescott at Athol made one of the party to Groton for the holiday.

Everybody who witnessed the sport and full of talk and praise of the great game played on Shumway field on Monday afternoon. They say it was the best game played on the field for years. Excitement ran high. The score stood even until the ninth inning when Lawrence academy made the winning run. Score, Lawrence 2, Harvard Alerts 1. The dance in the evening was largely attended and thirty-five dollars was cleared.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church hold their annual meeting for election of officers and other business, next week Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Francis M. Boutwell as is customary every year read the names of the old revolutionary and 1812 Groton soldiers in the town hall on Memorial day.

The Ladies' Alliance of the First Parish held its last meeting of the season on Thursday afternoon of this week. The meeting was at Mrs. Needham's and had some special social features. Rev. Mr. Cressey spoke and there were vocal selections by Prof. William B. Robinson.

A postal dated May 26, from Miss Annie L. Gilson, Avalon Bay, Catalina Island, California, reads: "I shall have to leave this beautiful country next week and be on the way East. We saw the eclipse and comet and also had an earthquake." June 1, Miss Gilson left for San Francisco and from there to the Yellowstone park before coming East."

Burpee Blakney, road commissioner, is experimenting with the State road. He is putting coal tar and gravel on a portion of it to see if it will obviate the wearing away, so rapidly being accomplished by the large number of automobiles continually running on it.

The Boston Watchman in its last week's issue published two poems by Groton clergymen, one on "The Trinity," by Rev. H. A. Cornell, and one entitled "My affirmation," by Rev. J. T. Trowbridge.

George and Mrs. John Long staid at Groton Inn on Monday night. Other guests at the Inn this week were: Mr. Wood, the noted detective from Boston, Mr. Jones and mother with their chauffeur from Manchester, N. H., Mr. Jones is the senior member of the law firm with which George H. Warren and A. Brown are connected. Fred Goss and family from Melrose, Mrs. Rankin, formerly Miss Emma Mansfield of this town.

Ralph Whitney and friend Henry Waters from Harvard were over for the dance on Monday night. Mrs. Augusta Prescott visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. A. Barrows over Sunday, Miss Margaret Weldon and George Esby of Fitchburg spent Memorial day with Miss Alice Ames, Miss Lucy E. Raddin was home for the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shattuck and daughter Evelyn from Leominster spent Memorial day in Groton, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Clarke from Lynnfield Centre visited his cousin, Mrs. John L. Gilson over the holiday. Mrs. Geo. Rust from East Lynn was a Memorial day guest of her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Ames.

Groton chapter D. R., met on Thursday, May 26, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Bruce. The program consisted of piano duets by Miss Margaret Bruce and Miss Clarissa Coburn and an entertaining paper on "Social life in the early republic," by Mrs. Goble. Owing to the latter's illness, Miss Ruth Rockwood read the paper. Mrs. Bickford favored the company with extracts from a letter received from a friend who attended the annual meeting of the National society D. R., which met at Atlantic City in May. The meeting closed, after spending a social hour, with dainty refreshments.

The food sale of the Groton Improvement society, which was held on Friday, May 27, was very satisfactory, about one hundred dollars being cleared. This addition to the treasury will be a great help to the society in carrying on the summer work.

At the fifth annual debate between Exeter and Andover at Exeter, N. H., was won by Exeter. The judges were Rev. Sherrard Billings, Judge A. P. Stone of Boston and Milton Reed of Fall River.

Miss Elizabeth Owen of Boston, at one time teacher of a private school in this town, is a guest of her former pupil, Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell.

A delegation from George S. Boutwell post of Aver, decorated as they do on every Memorial day, the grave of the Hon. George Sewell Boutwell.

The Improvement society will hold its regular business meeting at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bigelow on Tuesday afternoon, June 7 at 3.30.

Anyone attending the Groton high school between the years 1870 and 1882 will confer a favor upon the anniversary committee by sending at once a list of names and addresses of their schoolmates to Mrs. Ellen M. Needham, secretary.

West Groton.

Mrs. Wiggins, of the grammar school, going Friday, passed the holiday with relatives in Merrimac.

Miss Josephine Ripley is taking a short vacation with friends in Waltham.

The school children enjoyed a half-holiday on last Wednesday, the occasion being the yearly game between Groton and St. Mark's.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams spent Sunday and Monday in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington and family with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Briggs of Fitchburg, were over Sunday and holiday guests of their daughter, Mrs. Clarence Tuttle of Groton.

George Gay and family have returned from a visit to out-of-town friends.

Carl Splithen, a young man of eighteen years, and a paper-mill employee was the victim of an accident on Friday of last week. One hand was caught in machinery and four fingers badly cut. The wound was dressed in Groton hospital where the young man was taken by Dr. Kilbourn.

Entertainment.

The short entertainment by the Sunshine club was carried off as announced, if we may accept the word short. Their program extended over an hour or more of time, and was interesting from start to finish.

Piano duets and solos, readings, recitations, dialogues and tableaux were all well done and were entered into with great earnestness by the youthful performers who evidently enjoyed their work.

One especially pleasing feature was the "Work song," a motion song, performed in perfect time by seven young misses. "The milliner," was very amusing and the millinery—words fail to describe.

The Sunshine club had the assistance of but one child outside its membership, "Little" Grant Harrington, "Flags" bearing the words "Floating hospital," were suspended each side the stage and it is a pleasure to report an addition of twenty-three dollars to the Sunshine treasury for the little sufferers.

Much credit is due Mrs. Charles Bixby, who had the entertainment in charge. Long live the Sunshine club and may its numbers increase.

Interesting Services.

The memorial exercises in the church on last Sunday were well attended. The only representative of the G. A. R. present was J. H. Hunkins, who was enabled to enjoy the interesting service through the kindness of A. H. Thompson, who placed himself and his automobile at the service of the afflicted veteran. Relatives of soldiers to the number of thirty or more were among the congregation.

The pastor, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, in a sermon intensely patriotic, and a poem both beautiful and tender, paid a glowing tribute to the nation's heroes. The patriotic selections by the choir were a pleasing feature of the service, particularly the solo "Somewhere 'tis always morning," by Miss Kate Tarbell.

The chapel was tastefully decorated with flowers, ferns and the national emblem. As one looked upon the beautifully draped folds of the "stars and stripes," one wished that its lesson might be indelibly impressed upon the hearts of all our country's children, that they might understandingly obey the injunction:

"Love it, Oh children, be true to the stars, Who weave it in pain by the old camp fires."

WESTFORD.

Fire.

All Westford was startled on Thursday noon by hearing that Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher's home on Oak Hill had burned. Words of sympathy were heard everywhere over the misfortune.

This was one of the most beautiful and modern homes in the town. Situated on the outskirts of the town, on the Groton road, close by Senator Fletcher's extensive granite quarry, it was some time before the fire department could get there. Dr. Wells hurried over in his new automobile carrying some men. The automobile fire protective department from Lowell was summoned and the men on the quarry worked hard, but it was impossible to save the house.

All the family were away but Mrs. Fletcher. She directed the work of saving the furniture and clothing in the house and Fred A. Snow in charge of the office saved the office building and all the valuable papers there.

The house was very large and beautiful. Senator Fletcher having done much to make it very attractive. Hard wood floors, capacious verandas, electric lights and other improvements had transformed the house in recent years. Carpenters were already at work when the fire caught, for plans were under way for building a large out-door sitting room. It is thought the fire caught from an open fireplace.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Henry Lawrence and family are now pleasantly located at the Parker place, recently vacated by Charles L. Woodward, where they will remain until the new home which Mr. Lawrence is having built at Silver Hill is ready for occupancy. J. S. Hoar of West Acton has the contract for building the house.

Thursday evening, May 26, the four-act rural comedy-drama, "In old New England," was given by members of Boxborough grange for the benefit of the Acton L. O. O. F. in their hall at West Acton. This play was first given before our own grange, then as the entertainment for neighbors' night at Harvard and received much well deserved praise on each occasion.

Miss Florence Moore came home with Miss Mary Nelson on Friday night and stayed till Tuesday morning.

Children's night at the grange comes on Friday evening, June 10, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to come and hear the pleasing program that is being prepared.

Last week Friday, four cousins of the Wood family met at the home of Dea. M. E. Wood, in West Acton, the first time they had ever all been together. There were present, Rev. S. G. Wood and wife of Blandford; Miss Sarah M. Wood of East Alstead, N. H., and Miss Emily Wood Richardson of Boxborough. The following day they all met again at the home of Mrs. Richardson.

Mrs. Charles Brown has sold her place to Mr. Mevin of Cambridge, who has already moved his family here.

William Perkins and family were at Mr. Burroughs' for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mead spent the first part of the week in Townsend. Since her return Mr. Mead has been suffering from rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Hager and Mrs. Emily Porter were at S. P. Dodge's over Sunday.

Robert Tait and friend, Mr. Burke, also Miss Minnie Tait of Boston were over Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Tait.

George W. Keyes spent Sunday with his family at the Brier's.

Mrs. William Withington has been quite ill, threatened with pneumonia. Mrs. Leon Wetherbee is visiting her mother in Fitchburg.

Gus Wetherbee has gone to Warwick for several weeks.

The Bigelow family was up from Norwood in their large auto on Sunday, and called on Mrs. Louisa Priest.

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AYER.

To the Editor: The death of Mrs. Sarah J. S. Bennett... The death of Mrs. Sarah J. S. Bennett...

Funeral. The funeral of Mrs. Sarah J. S. Bennett took place from her home on East Main street on Sunday, May 25...

Memorial Day. Promptly at eight o'clock, George S. Boutwell post, S. of V. met at G. A. R. hall and formed in line under escort of George V. Barrett drum corps...

School Exercises. Friday afternoon in the upper town hall, very impressive and interesting memorial services were given by the schools of this town...

William Cromble was detailed, with three other members to represent the Loyal Legion at the funeral of Dr. Samuel L. Dutton at Chelmsford on Memorial day...

Call Accepted. Rev. L. E. Perry has accepted the unanimous call extended to him by the Congregational church of Hudson, N. H...

Worcester and Nashua Division. The Boston and Maine railroad company has filed with the inter-state commerce commission at Washington, a schedule of the proposed advance in passenger rates...

Death. Fred Tyler Gibbs, who was well known in Ayer and a frequent visitor here with his brother-in-law, H. S. Turner, died on Friday, May 27...

Church Notices. The services at the Baptist church last Sunday were of a patriotic nature. The pastor, spoke from 2 Tim. 2:2, on a good soldier...

News Items. An adjourned meeting of the Altrurian club was held on Thursday afternoon, June 2, at the clubroom.

At the Unitarian church Sunday evening the Y. P. R. U. held a patriotic service in charge of Miss Nettie B. Roe. There were very interesting addresses by S. N. Lougee and Rev. Dr. Fisk of their experiences in connection with the civil war...

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Lynds and Mrs. Rhodes spent Memorial day with friends in South Framingham. St. Mary's A. C. played the Charlestown A. C. at Charlestown on Memorial day forenoon and were defeated by a score of 8 to 6...

The executive board of the Woman's club met Wednesday evening with the new president, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher. The special work was the election of committees for the ensuing year. Among those elected were Mrs. Fisher, chairman of program committee...

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Johnson gave a reception Wednesday evening to the teachers of Ayer and Shirley. Games were played, refreshments served and a very pleasant social evening enjoyed. Mr. Johnson is the superintendent of schools.

Mr. H. A. Stone has sold to H. J. Webb, the jewelry store in Public Spirit building that Mr. Webb has been running since the death of her husband and for the present will be continued under the same firm name. Frank Hicks, a Boston and Maine railroad employee, had his foot crushed under the wheels of a car while at work in the railroad yard Saturday...

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge will be held on Monday evening, June 6. Work M. M. degree. We understand that Rev. T. L. Fisher, rector of St. Andrew's church, is to resign his position on account of poor health. He will speak next Sunday to the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows at Forge Village.

Dr. B. H. Hopkins was accompanied by Eugene S. Barry on his ocean trip to Cuba and they expect to be gone about one week. Frank Rynn, in the employ of E. O. Proctor was washing an automobile on Tuesday and was told when through to let Mr. Proctor know, but he did not do so and after he had finished, he started to take it into the garage. He started the auto but could not control it and it went into the canal, back of the shop and he was thrown out in time to save a ducking. Some repairs were necessary.

The mission services at St. Mary's church are very largely attended. These meetings began last Sunday and will continue over the following Sunday. Rev. Frs. Lee and Piper of Germantown, Pa. are conducting the special services every day and evening. Mrs. Charles Brown returned on Thursday from Ocean Park, Cal., where she passed the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Florence Vermille.

Herbert G. Whitney arrived in town with his son from California on Thursday, where he has resided for a number of years. His wife and two children came here several weeks ago. He does not intend to return to California. Rev. A. D. Stroud and his wife were in town Monday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Andrew, and they returned to Newton Highlands on the next day.

Grandmaster C. B. Perry and grand-instructor W. M. Webber paid Vesta Rebekah lodge an official visit last Wednesday evening. W. H. Barnes of San Francisco was present and made an interesting speech. Miss Myrtle B. Smith sang a solo. Refreshments were served. The members of the Civic club and the selectmen held a joint meeting Friday night, May 27, and decided to observe July Fourth as in years passed. T. F. Mullin, J. M. Mahoney, Rev. T. L. Fisher, William Brown were chosen to take charge of the program. S. L. Cotton was elected treasurer to take the place of George H. Hill, who has resigned.

Mr. Norgard and family have moved to Leominster, where he has been working for some time past. Work has commenced on the new sidewalk and will be extended down Front street, starting at the postoffice. Joseph Descoteaux entertained at his home Decoration day, Mr. and Mrs. Adelard Mercille of Cambridge, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamel of Waltham, J. A. Guerrette of Nashua, N. D. Stevenson of New York, Frank Gullbert, Athanasie Perreault, Mrs. Fred McGrath, Miss Rose Antill of Leominster.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of Real Estate situated in the Town of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon, severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as collector of Taxes for said Town by the Assessors of Taxes, remain unpaid and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Selectmen's room in said Ayer on Tuesday, July 5, 1910, at Ten o'clock A. M., for the payment of said taxes with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged. The sum set against the description of the estate shows the amounts due thereon for the taxes for the non-payment of which said estate is to be sold, not including costs and interest thereon and costs and charges incident to this sale.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

Ayer, Mass., June 4, 1910. Sarah F. Ball. A parcel of land with all the buildings thereon, situated on the Northernly side of Page Street, bounded and described as follows: Northernly by land of Robert Murphy & Sons; Easternly by land of Joseph C. Anno; Southernly by Page Street and Westernly by land of Fred J. Livingston and Nicholas Murray, containing 4-8 acres, more or less. Taxes, 1908, \$25.11; 1909, \$25.26.

Albert L. Dow, Non-Resident. A parcel of land with all the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Northernly by East Main Street; Southernly by land now or formerly of Sarah M. Fletcher; Southernly by Fletcher Street and Westernly by Pine Street, containing 2-8 acres, more or less. Tax, 1908, \$35.43.

Floretta Vinhu. Lot No. 1, Sprout and Wood Land West side of Long Pond, bounded in part by land of L. W. Phelps, containing 25 acres, more or less. Taxes, 1908, \$7.32; 1909, \$7.35.

Lot No. 2, Sprout Land East side of Pine Meadow, bounded Northernly by land now or formerly of John W. Stone; Easternly by land of D. W. Fletcher; Southernly by land of William Smith and E. A. Richardson, and Westernly by land of E. A. Richardson. Taxes, 1908, \$1.72; 1909, \$1.73.

Thomas Moore. A parcel of land with all the buildings thereon, situated on the Westernly side of highway leading from Harvard Shakers to Sandy Pond, bounded and described as follows: Southernly by land of William U. Sherwin; Westernly by land of George A. Sanderson, Charles B. Gilson and others; Northernly by Boston and Maine Railroad, Fitchburg Division, and Easternly by highway of Harvard Shakers to Sandy Pond, containing 26 acres, more or less. Taxes, 1908, \$20.81; 1909, \$20.81.

Levi B. Tuttle. Lot No. 1. A certain lot of land with all the buildings thereon, bounded as follows: Northernly by East Main Street; Easternly by Pine Street; Southernly by Fletcher Street; and Westernly by land of Mrs. John H. Cleaves, containing 4-8 acres, more or less. Taxes, 1908, \$31.99; 1909, \$32.45.

Lot No. 2. A certain lot of land with all the buildings thereon, bounded as follows: Northernly by highway leading from Ayer to Littleton; Easternly by land of J. Howard Pillman; Southernly and Westernly by land of Silas N. Stone, containing 4-8 acres, more or less. Taxes, 1908, \$11.18; 1909, \$11.27.

Lot No. 3. A certain parcel of land with all the buildings thereon, bounded as follows: Northernly by East Main Street; Easternly by land now or formerly of Sarah M. Fletcher; Southernly by Fletcher Street, and Westernly by Pine Street, containing 2-8 acres, more or less. Tax, 1909, \$35.64.

Heirs of Mary Rodgers. A certain lot of land situated on the Southernly side of West Main Street, bounded as follows: Westernly by land of James and Kate Curran; Southernly by Shirley Street extension; Northernly by West Main Street, and Easternly by land of Bartholomew McGrath, containing 1/2 acre, more or less. Taxes, 1908, \$5.16; 1909, \$5.19. CHARLES W. MASON, Collector.

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TOWNSEND.

Centre.

Will Lang who left from here Monday night back to his duties at Boston, will be sorry to hear of his sudden sickness. He was found unconscious in his room on Tuesday morning and was taken to a hospital for treatment. The trouble is understood to be at this writing, the bursting of a blood vessel on the brain.

Mr. and Mrs. Hezzie Spaulding of Groton were guests at Albert Turner's this week.

Winnie Morse of Brockton, Dennis Coffey of Hartford, Conn., and Miss Lillian Hildreth of Waltham were at their respective homes this week.

Mrs. Sarah Ball has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Farley and Miss Shedd of Leominster.

Mrs. Putnam of Reading visited her sister, Mrs. Al Richards this week.

Little Richard Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Powell, was taken to the Children's hospital, Boston, Wednesday for an operation upon his ankle caused several years ago by paralysis of some sort.

Among the many who were in town for our Memorial day were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Flanagan and child of North Rochester, N. H.; Bart Surley, Fred Davis, Will Lang and Miss Bessie McGuire of Boston; Miss Bessie Eastman of Needham; Arthur G. Eastman of M. I. T.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jeffs of West Boylston; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Miller and family of Quincy; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shirley of Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Streeter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Christy Gates and children all of Waltham; Miss Lucy Laws of Derry, N. H.; at Mrs. Ellis Cook's; Harry Spaulding of Boston with his parents; Miss Gertrude Rockwood of Cushing academy and David Howard of Worcester Tech. at their respective homes; Mr. and Mrs. Pierce of Medford at William Bush's; Mr. and Mrs. George Page of Pawtucket, R. I.; at George Gates'; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Simmonds of Lowell at Eugene Flagg's; West.

Memorial day exercises were observed with the decoration of the graves at the cemetery and the observance of the sailors' service at the stone bridge on Monday morning. The G. A. R. was escorted by the Townsend Memorial association and the Sons of Veterans, from the Centre and returning at noon. The service on the water was performed by Mrs. Oscar Lovering, Mrs. Fred J. Tenney and the Misses Edith Tenney and Emma Adams, with Albert Adams from Providence acting as boatman. A large number from here attended the services at the Centre in the afternoon and the concert in the evening.

Mrs. M. E. Bennett of Josselyville is very seriously ill at her home with an attack of pneumonia and is being cared for by Miss Abbie Green and her sister from Dorchester is also with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Homer of New York have returned to their home here for the summer.

John Manchester has left to take up an engagement to sing with an orchestra at a park in Lowell for the summer.

George Roebuck, chauffeur for C. S. Homer, has arrived with his family at the cottage on lower Main street.

Rev. Samuel Draper Ringrose from Newton has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Baptist church here, and commences upon his duties next Sunday. He was entertained last Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle, and expects to move into the parsonage with his wife and child as soon as possible.

Miss Agnes Thompson has given up her position as assistant postmistress and Miss Mabel Patch, a former assistant, who resigned on account of ill health, has resumed the duties. Miss Patch is with Miss M. E. Tower in the Bruce tenement on Elm street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman returned last week Friday, from their trip to Maine and have commenced housekeeping at their home here.

Walter Wilder preached last Sunday at New Salem, N. H., in place of Rev. O. E. Hardy of Bayberry Hill, who conducts the services there each Sunday.

The regular monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held in the vestry on Saturday afternoon.

SHIRLEY.

School Exercises.

Memorial and patriotic exercises were held at all the public schools of the town last week Friday, commencing at the Shirley Centre schools at nine a. m., under the supervision of the teachers, Miss Leona M. Foster and Miss Mary Prescott.

Commander Oliver W. Balcom with comrades William H. Cram, Walter E. Melish, William Jubb and Herbert Richardson of the B. E. W. were present. The exercises commenced with prayer by Rev. A. A. Bronsdon; flag salute, school song, "Salute the flag," school song, "Do you know what it means," Earl Graves; "Nothing but flags," Marguerite Sargent; exercise, "Decorations," Mrs. Wood; "The blue and the gray," Christine Farrar; "Independence day," Harold Wilkins and Harold Thompson; "Flags and flowers," Edith Prater; school song, "Our native land," school song, "Our flag," Everett Buxton; "The girls help," Olive Frayer; exercise, "Our colors," "Bring your flags," Arthur Carver; "Our heroes," William Tracy; "Cavalry charge," Percy Farnsworth; exercise, "Offering for the soldiers," The conquered banner," Henry Crowley; "Reconciliation," school song, "Country and flag," John Carr; "The flag," Elsie and Caroline Carlin; "Thanks rendering," William Wood and John Grout; "Our heroes," Theodore Burke; "Our own dear land," Kenneth Longley; "Hurrah for our land," Clayton Hubbard; "A tribute to the brave," Elmer Wilkins; Abraham Lincoln," Ralph Graves; school song, "My father land," Joseph Wood; "A special and special," Frayer and Emma Hubbard; "For grandpa's sake," Eleanor Longley; "Freedom, education, nationality," Harold Wood; short patriotic address by commander Oliver W. Balcom and William Jubb; school song, "America," school.

The high school and grammar schools held jointly patriotic exercises in the high school room at 10.45. Program as follows:

Prayer, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon; salute to the flag, school recitation, Walter Richardson; school song, "The Stars and Stripes," Marion Holden; song, high school reading, Blanche Wells; song, "Battle hymn of the republic," school, brief address by past commander, Walter E. Melish and Mrs. Martha J. Conant; singing, "America," school.

The pupils at the large schoolhouse in the village, held their public patriotic exercises in the afternoon at 1.30. A large number of visitors were present, including most of the parents of the children. Herbert F. Taylor, chairman and Dr. Thomas E. Lilly of the school committee were present and delivered brief addresses. Past commander William Jubb and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, regent of the Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., gave very interesting patriotic talks. The program was announced by Miss Sarah S. Stevenson and was as follows:

Song, "Our own America," fifth and sixth grades recitation, "Bugle call," Gordon Love; reading, "The American flag," Frank Taylor; recitation, "I want medals," Helen Boardman; song, "Hail to the soldiers," first and second grades recitation, "Memorial day," Annie O'Brien; Ruth Hooper, Omaha; and H. H. Dinsmore; recitation, "Our heroes," Gladys Elmsner; reading, "Lincoln's Gettysburg address," Audette Fish; song, "Soldier boys," Kathleen James and Edie Weaver; recitation by school, fifth and sixth grades recitation, "For grandpa's sake," Mabel Boardman; song, "Memorial day," Elizabeth Miner; recitation, "Memorial day," Harry Annis; recitation, "Best comrades," Edward Wilson; Jubb and Mrs. E. H. Allen; song, "America," school.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Memorial services were held at the Congregational church, Sunday evening. Patriotic selections were finely rendered by the organist, Mrs. Emma Valedge, and special music by the choir, composed of Mrs. Louie Boutelle, Mrs. Louise Bragg, Miss Alma Barnaby, Miss Editha Tripp, George H. Nye, Chester B. Valedge, Jennie Popple; invocation, Rev. Warren L. Noyes. Rev. James N. Seaver, pastor of the Methodist church, gave an eloquent and uplifting sermon, the theme being, "The work that remaineth before us." The pulpit was draped with the flag caught up with graceful sprays of Solomon's seal, violets, forget-me-nots, purple columbin and fleur-de-lis decked the platform, all combined forming an appropriate decoration.

Miss Marjorie Patch of Malden, Mass., is a guest at the Russell farm.

Among the orators for Memorial day in New Hampshire, were four former ministers of Brookline, Rev. E. D. Sargent of Putnam, Conn., giving the oration at Hollis; Rev. George Bennett of Fremont at Chester; Rev. Herbert Foote of Sunapee at Wilmot and Rev. Charles W. Dockrill, of Grasmere at Merrimack.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker, Miss Eliza J. Parker and Hutchins Parker spent the holiday at Four Pines.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nye and little son and daughter of Leominster, Mass., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Nye on Monday.

GRAVES DECORATED.

Decoration day was observed in the usual patriotic manner and following the regular custom, the cemeteries of the town were visited and graves decorated by members of the G. A. R., George S. Boutwell post, under escort of Capt. George V. Barrett camp 40, S. of V. The following exercises were observed:

At the Shirley cemetery at ten a. m. and members of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., placed a wreath on the revolutionary boulder in that cemetery. The veterans, with S. of V. and drum corps arrived at the village cemetery at eleven o'clock. A special and pleasing feature of the exercises at the village cemetery this year was the cooperation of the Boys' brass band from the Industrial school, who joined the old veterans at the cemetery gate and marched in with them, rendering appropriate selections, keeping good time. Supper, Herbert F. Taylor, chairman and played in the band with the boys. At the close of the exercises the veterans, with S. of V. left the cemetery for Ayer at twelve o'clock, where dinner was provided by the W. R. C. in G. A. R. hall.

NEWS ITEMS.

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New Advertisements.

Mrs. Mary Divall with daughter Ethel of Worcester, spent Decoration day at home.

A. Milton Gardner of Portsmouth, N. H., foreman in the street department of that city, made a flying visit at the home of his brother, J. E. Gardner, recently.

Earl C. Merriman spent Decoration day with a former classmate at Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Edgerton and family of Concord, also Mr. and Mrs. Polley and son of Waltham, were the guests of Mrs. C. A. Edgerton on Decoration day.

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And said trustees are ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

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PEPPERELL.

Cleanings. Charles Parker and his sister, Miss Harriet Parker, were thrown from their carriage by the breaking of a shaft on Friday afternoon of last week. Mr. Parker was able to go to the assistance of his sister, who was taken into a house nearby and later conveyed to her home by Dr. F. W. Lovejoy in his automobile. Miss Parker, although not seriously injured, is still confined to her bed. The graduation exercises of the high school will be held in Prescott hall on Friday evening, June 24. Music by Thayer's orchestra. Miss Pearl Packard of Leominster is the guest of Miss Lucie Andrews at her home on River street. Jerry Thayer recently of Epping, N. H., has accepted a position in the general office of the Boston and Maine at Nashua. Bert Buck of Fitchburg, a former resident of this town, was operated on for appendicitis at the Burbank hospital in that city on Tuesday, May 31. The operation was a very critical one, but he is doing as well as could be expected. Born, a son on May 23, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Winship. Miss Adah Whitney returned on Tuesday from a short visit with Mrs. Emogene Bicknell of Mechanic Falls, Maine. Mrs. L. D. Rowand is visiting her aunt in Somerville. Warren Blood, who was quite ill and under the care of a physician last week is better. Miss Margaret Burns, although quite weak, had recovered sufficiently to leave the Massachusetts General hospital on Friday, May 27. Mrs. Geo. Kelley, cousin of Miss Burns, came in their automobile and took her to their home in Cambridge to recuperate. Miss Mabel Burns of Winnipeg, Manitoba, recently of this town, has had a severe attack of rheumatism since her recovery from scarlet fever. Mrs. Jennie McCullough and Mrs. Nancy Dudley of Natick were in town over the holiday. Sherman Parker and wife of Fitchburg spent the holiday at Mr. Parker's parental home on Townsend street. Jerry Thayer of Epping, N. H., Miss Della Kemp of Medford, Miss Anna Mae Shaw of Worcester, Charles Bemis of Cochrane, Ernest Bartlett of Boston, all spent the holiday at their several homes in town. Mrs. A. G. Pike is visiting in Norwich, Conn., at the home of her aunt, Mrs. William Munroe. Mrs. Abbie Smith of Dorchester and Mrs. Frances Wilson of Medford are guests of Mrs. Helen A. Pike. Miss Clara M. Gill of Nashua, N. H., is visiting relatives and friends in town. Mrs. M. C. Dubie and daughter of Boston spent Memorial day with her son, Alexander Dubie. Miss Susan Patterson of South Merrimack has been a recent visitor with her sister, Mrs. A. H. Harris. Harry Lynch and family and Leonard Lynch and wife of Fitchburg were Memorial day guests of their sister, Mrs. W. J. Rouse. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Harrington and two grandchildren, Leroy Leighton and Miss Edith Gerrish all of Worcester, spent the Sunday before Memorial day with Mrs. Horace Drury. Mrs. Carrie Pitman and daughter Ruth were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Pitman's father in Derry, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Porter (Miss Orpha Lee) of Somerville, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Drawbridge over Sunday and Monday. The June committee of the Ladies' social circle of First Parish, Pepperell, will serve a salad supper in the hall on Friday afternoon, June 4, at 6:30 o'clock. Social dance at 8 o'clock to twelve o'clock. Music by R. C. orchestra. An adjourned meeting of the First Parish will be held on Saturday evening, June 6 in Central hall. Howard Denham was in town on Decoration day. George Grammer and family of Pledmont, Va., are at home on Franklin street over the holidays. Mrs. Evans of Fitchburg is in town in Littleton. Mrs. S. H. S. has been a guest of Mrs. J. L. Winnie of Fitchburg. Miss Edith of Fitchburg is in town. Bert Buck of Fitchburg, a former resident of this town, was operated on for appendicitis at the Burbank hospital in that city on Tuesday, May 31. Will Kenna of Derry, N. H., and station agent H. S. have returned to their fishing trip to the Bangor lakes. We think there was no larger fish caught as their hands were remembered. Mrs. Winslow Parker of Hollis street is confined to her bed with an attack of influenza. Beacon and Acma lodges, I. O. F., will attend services at the Methodist church on Sunday morning, June 12. After the service, those present will march to the cemeteries and hold their annual memorial service. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are requested to meet at Odd Fellows' hall at ten o'clock and to bring flowers. Miss Alice Blood of Gardner has been visiting friends in town, coming on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Martha O'Neal of Newton and her daughter, Miss Agnes, are at their home on Mill street for a short visit. Miss Grace Morse of Newton is visiting Miss Eva Winch on Franklin street. John O'Toole, sr., has gone to Fitchburg where he has obtained work in a paper mill. A. P. Wright has moved into the house recently purchased by him on High street. Will Deware has been visiting friends in Lawrence. Raymond Paul sprained his ankle recently while playing ball.

Mrs. C. Cheney of Lawrence has been a recent visitor in town. Among those in town over Decoration day were the following: Albert McCausland, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wenhelm, Thomas Fennelly, wife and family; John McCormick, Agnon Forester, James Nichols, all of Fitchburg; Alexander Shupe of Lawrence; Miss Edith Gerrish, Michael Downing, Misses Nellie and Teresa Fitzgibbon, Vincent, Miss Alice M. Gribb, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright of Boston; Rev. and Mrs. Harry Shattuck of Lowell; Charles Howard of Cambridge; Roy Torrey of Brockton; Mrs. Anna H. Blood of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden of Shirley; Fred Durant of Everett; Leon Lawrence of Concord; Miss Anna Hill of West Groton; Miss Rosamond Bartlett of Springfield. About Town. Miss Carrie Shattuck is at home on account of illness from Bridgewater Normal school. Mrs. John O. Bennett has recently entertained her sister, Miss Gill of Nashua. Bert Melendy and family have moved into the tenement owned by Mrs. Alice Burkinshaw. The cottage opposite Bert Melendy's is occupied by Edward Glow. Edward Mason of Newton and family have been visiting for several days with Mrs. Louise Lunt. Mrs. Jenie Williams arrived on Wednesday, June 1, from Brooklyn, N. Y., with her attendants on Oak Hill. John Hayes has left the employ of A. J. Woodward. A very quiet home wedding took place at the residence of Charles S. Parker on Wednesday evening, June 1. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Granville Pierce. The contracting parties being Thomas O. Parker and Miss Lucy Woodward of Milford. Mr. Parker has been a teacher in the South for the past year and Miss Woodward a teacher in the Newton schools. The newly married couple expect to spend the summer at Lake Sunapee. Given An Automobile. Rev. Edward F. Saunders, formerly pastor of St. Ann's church, Somerville, was handed the bill of sale for an automobile valued at over \$1,500 by Timothy J. Shea on behalf of the members of the parish at Odd Fellows' hall, Somerville on Tuesday evening. Father Saunders, who has been the curate of St. Ann's church for the past several years, received orders transferring him to St. Joseph's parish, last week, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday morning. A committee of the leading members of the church was immediately formed for the purpose of showing the esteem in which the popular priest was held. A new ruling forbids the presenting of money to a priest who is departing from a church, and a committee, thinking the territory that Father Saunders will have to cover in his new field of labor, decided to get an automobile. Tuesday night over 1,200 members of the parish gathered in Odd Fellows' hall and a hack was sent after the priest. When he entered the hall and every person rose to their feet and sang, the priest was visibly overcome, but the real shock came when he was handed the receipted bill for the big touring car. Dogsn Poisoned. Again has that most heartless of all mean criminals made his appearance and five dogs have died from strychnine poisoning. Wednesday morning the first one died in Railroad square and within a half-hour four others, Wm. H. Mansfield, his greyhound at this time for fear he would join the gruesome crowd, and in about half an hour he was having spasms. The dog was killed by an emetic and the hypodermic used by Dr. L. R. Qua. Analysis of that which the dog had in his stomach showed strychnine. Thursday night a dog belonging to Mr. Richard Groton street, died in a like manner. News Items. The person or persons who are guilty of these crimes must feel other than happy. And less so if they are caught, as it is a state prison offense. The police department is busy on the evidence they have collected and it is hoped a surprise will be sprung on the guilty. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Forester and daughter Ruth of West Fitchburg were weekend guests at the home of C. F. McCormick of Chase avenue. Miss Edith of Fitchburg and Ida Scott of West Fitchburg were guests at the home of their aunt, Mrs. C. F. McCormick. Mrs. Clara Deane, wife of Henry Barnette, who died at St. Joseph's hospital last Monday afternoon, was buried on May 29. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Deane and was born in East Pepperell and here with her parents she lived about five years. At the time she underwent an operation and died soon after it was performed. She was thirty-six years of age. The Pepperell high school ball team plays Townsend at home on Saturday. The Townsend A. A. have cancelled their game with us that day. Last Sunday, Ernest Bartlett, catcher, Gaynor, pitcher, and Francis G. Hayes, third base, attended the Townsend team against Groton. W. M. Blood has been confined to his home for several days, but is recovering. His teams have just completed the well-driving outfit of James Blood from West Groton to Hollis to clear the railway station there. Among the visitors from out of town for the holidays were: J. L. Winnie of Fitchburg, the Misses Melendy, Miss M. G. Thayer, Mr. Walter Harrison formerly of this town is with the same concern. Edw. W. Shattuck of Newton visited at his old home, Bradford Shattuck's, over the holiday. Henry Blake, who is one of our oldest citizens, has the distinction of having seen Haley's comet when it arrived seventy-five years ago. He was at that time fourteen years of age and lived in Springfield. The comet's visit was marked with meteoric showers. The O. H. I. S. held a very successful dance in their hall on last Monday evening. Everybody expressed pleasure, enjoyed the ice cream and the excellent services of Mr. Gaskell as promptly. Granville Pierce, formerly of this town, now at Ashby, will exchange with Rev. D. L. Child, Sunday, June 2. The following week Mr. and Mrs. Child start on a trip into New Hampshire by horse and buggy and expect to be gone ten days. The Pepperell Leominster club are matched to play at Leominster on Saturday. This is the first time the club have entered for some time. Last Monday the cup was won by E. L. Tarbox and lunch was served by the ladies. On May 2, C. G. B. team defeated Milford here on Monday afternoon in a listless game, the heavy batting of

our boys resulting in a score of 21 to 7. B. Cushing umpired a good game. R. Deware had a valuable saddle horse arrive by train on Thursday. John P. Kerin was home for a few days last week, his duties being in this district. He umpired the games Monday at the American league grounds in Boston. The high school team was defeated at Littleton last Saturday and Paul who plays first sprained his ankle and will not be able to play again this season. Col. C. H. French will present his illustrated lecture on "Two thousand five hundred miles down the Yukon river on a raft" in Prescott hall on Saturday, June 4, at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. for the benefit of the schoolroom library and decoration fund. George Grammer and his daughter, Mrs. Walter Erickson and child of Brookmont, W. V., are visiting in town for a few weeks. The high school team were disappointed by the cancelling of the game with Groton which had half an hour before time to call the game, but picked team satisfied the expecting practice and defeat, 7 to 5. Sidney Chinn was umpire. Bertram Buck, son of George S. Buck, formerly of this town, was operated on for appendicitis at the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, Tuesday, and he is rapidly recovering. The assessors will be at their office at the town house the week of June 5 to consult with property owners as to the valuation of property, and any other matters connected with their duties. Funeral. A large number from here attended the funeral of Henry J. Toiles at his home in Dunstable last Sunday. He was a member of Prescott grange of this town and well known as a farmer and fruit grower. His death resulted from an accident while he was working in his barn on May 23, from which he did not regain consciousness. He was the son of Horace E. and Sophia (Wright) Toiles, and has always been prominent, not only in the interests of agriculture, but in grange political matters, and as a democrat in the district of Newburyport. For this he was the representative against George A. Wilder of Townsend, who defeated him in a small majority. He was president of the North Middlesex agricultural society and held many town offices. He leaves a wife and four children—James and Henry of Nashua, Fred of Dakota and Mrs. F. L. Merrill of Chelmsford. The funeral was not only largely attended but the many tributes offered showed the high respect which he held in the hearts of his fellow citizens. LITTLETON. A Gay Crowd. Camp life has begun in earnest on A. W. Drew's attractive grounds. All the cottages were occupied over Sunday and Memorial day. Among the company who sought the freedom of groves and lake was a party of Radcliffe students whose college songs and girlish glee mingled with the raptures of the feathered warblers of fragrant pines. The number included Misses Esther Sidlinger of Quincy, Phoebe Perry of Westley, R. L. Helen Chase of Milwaukee, Wis., Merrill Rice of Oxnard, Cal., Edith Bennett of Roxbury, Marjorie Macgowan of Worcester, Mabel Houghton of Brookline, Ethel Arens of Newburyport, Dorothy Brewer of Jamaica Plain. They occupied the Grandview cottage. At Twilight cottage W. O. Carver, E. N. Burnham and ladies from Everett spent the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Evans of Winthrop occupied Quitcherkill, A. C. Rich and a party of four from the Chamber of Commerce were at Brookside, and a company of ten ladies and gentlemen from Marlborough spent the Memorial season at Shady Nook. Officers Elected. The United Workers of the Orthodox church held their annual meeting on Thursday afternoon and elected the following officers: Miss Julia S. Conant, pres.; Miss Susie M. Robbins, sec. and treas. Executive committee—Mrs. Minnie H. Fletcher, Mrs. Margaret F. Plagg, Mrs. Albert Stratton, Mrs. Augusta Esten, Mrs. Edith E. Jewett. Outlook club—Miss Elizabeth Houghton, Mrs. Mary E. Lodge, sec. American club—Mrs. Annie A. Sanderson, pres.; Mrs. Mary L. Thacher, sec. C. Club—Miss Martha H. Kimball, pres.; Mrs. Mattie E. Kimball, sec.; Mrs. Elizabeth Conant, Mrs. Margaret F. Plagg, Mrs. Augusta Esten, missionary committee. The treasurer reported that \$219.78 has been raised by the United Workers this last year. There was on hand at the close of the year \$109.56. The society voted \$95 for the church lighting which entirely liquidates that debt. News Items. Mr. and Mrs. James Nixon observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding last week Thursday evening by giving a pleasant reception to their neighbors in their pleasant Pingreeville home. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon enjoyed the congratulations of their friends and other pleasant tokens of friendship. Henry J. Cooper's father and mother have arrived at the Cooper home from New York. Miss Edith Sargent is a guest at Everett Kimball's. Next week Wednesday, the Ladies' circle of the Baptist society will hold the annual meeting. Wednesday was a day of runaways. The most sensational was that of John Smith, plant peddler of Hollis, N. H., whose horse started from the Common, dashed across lawns without respect to owners, broke Robert's new stone tie post squarely off, and upset plants, broke harness and wagon and was finally caught by just after turning the curve by W. W. Leachey's chauffeur. Weeks captured the frightened steed, and Mr. Leachey and others helped pick up the fragments and make all possible repairs. Mrs. S. S. Perkins of Exeter, N. H., has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Francena M. Fletcher, for the past two weeks. The various organizations in town are requested to meet in the selectmen's room on Monday evening, June 6, at eight o'clock to decide on definite plans for an enjoyable Fourth of July, for the children of Littleton. Mrs. Josiah P. Thacher, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Arthur Blanchard of West Acton, in the Blanchard automobile went to Lasell seminary Thursday afternoon to attend the economics exhibition at that institution. The new mistress of the Chester M. Hartwell household is Dorothy

Shell, not Schuyler, as recently appeared in print. Gardner W. Prouty started this week on his western trip to be gone three weeks or more. He will make Omaha one of his objective points and will stop at several places on the way. Winnipeg and various points in Canada will be included in Mr. Prouty's itinerary. Ernest L. Stapleford of Littleton Common and Miss Theresa M. Home of Nova Scotia were married in Lowell at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. C. E. Britton of Liberty street on Wednesday evening, June 1. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. E. Shattuck, pastor of the Advent Christian church, in the presence of immediate relatives and a few intimate friends. Supper was afterwards served by D. L. Page Co., caterers, after which Mr. and Mrs. Stapleford left for a wedding trip. Upon their return the happy couple will reside in Littleton where Mr. Stapleford enjoys a desirable position. Rev. H. B. Drew entertained his brother and sister and a friend, Mr. Thayer of Woonsocket, R. I., Sunday and Monday. The King's Daughters will meet next Tuesday at two o'clock p. m., with Mrs. James W. Ireland. The cellar for the A. W. Sawyer store tenement is in process of construction. Misses Clara and Helen Prouty have spent the past week with their aunt, Mrs. Topham in Duxbury. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred L. Brodeur (nee Ethel Moore) of Worcester are receiving congratulations on the birth of a little daughter born on May 20. Rev. Harrison L. Packard of Kingston who preached at the Orthodox church the second Sunday in May will again occupy that pulpit tomorrow. It is hoped that every member of the church and congregation will make it a point to be present and will remain for a short but important meeting that will probably be called immediately following morning service. TOWNSEND. Harbor. Fred Taft has sold his milk business to Mr. Drake of the Centre. Last Saturday Mrs. Jones went to Everett to be present at her mother's birthday reception. The Reed house has been opened for the summer by Mrs. Strout of Waltham, niece of Miss Harriet Reed. Mr. Dickinson, a former resident of the Harbor, has recently moved with his family into the Frank Knight house. The As You Like It club will hold its last meeting before adjournment with Mrs. Oliver Proctor. The subject for the afternoon will be "Preferences." Last week Friday, Hubert Leadbetter returned from the hospital in Boston where for the past ten weeks he has been under treatment for a throat affection. Although he is greatly improved he is still under the doctor's care and some further treatment may be necessary. One day last week the Hazzard house, occupied by Charlie Conant, was broken into and a revolver taken. On the same day and presumably by the same party, John Sealy's home was entered and a sum of money stolen. The June social of the L. B. S. will take place on Tuesday, June 7. The entertainment is in charge of Mrs. Emma Josselyn and will be given by Harbor talent. Supper from six o'clock to 7:30. Entertainment at eight, followed by a social. The last meeting of the Monday club for this season was held at Mrs. Josselyn's on Wednesday. "The songs that we love" was the subject of the afternoon. Mrs. Foss and Mrs. Noyes of Everett and Miss Florence Kirby, daughter of Alderman C. E. Kirby of Fitchburg, were the invited guests. Mrs. Noyes, an elocutionist, kindly gave several selections before the club. Centre. Fred Taft has sold out his milk route to Osborne Drake, who will start in next week. The Townsend grange is to neighbor with Pepperell grange Friday, June 10, and all who wish a way to go will be accommodated by leaving their names at the drug store a few days ahead of time. Dr. and Mrs. Luther G. Chandler have the sympathy of all in the death of their son Albert of pneumonia early Wednesday morning, June 1. The funeral was at the house Friday, Rev. B. A. Willmott of Lowell officiating. The Memorial day exercises passed by in the usual manner with a goodly attendance out to both concerts and the decoration exercises. The Carolyn Bolcher string quartet gave an excellent concert in the evening, assisted by Miss M. Fay Sherwood, soprano, and more than fulfilled the expectations gathered from their recommendations. The Nevins' quartet of Fitchburg, which sang during the afternoon, was also a pleasing feature, as also the address by Major Trickey of Tilton, N. H. The L. B. S. of the Congregational society will give a supper and entertainment at the vestry Tuesday, June 7. The entertainment will be in charge of Mrs. Emma Josselyn of the Harbor, aided by Cape Corner talent. Last week as Dr. Atwood was on his way home between the west village and here, the front axle of his auto broke completely off. This caused him to lose control of the machine and it ran into a wall near Dr. Shaw's. Dr. Atwood luckily was able to shut the power off before much damage was done and extricated himself without any injury only a shaking up and lameness which followed. The axle had been defective for some time and the new break had held by almost nothing for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fessenden left Thursday, in their auto for Southington, Conn., to visit Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Harrison. Charles Fuller has the measles but is comfortable at present. Mr. Lawrence, who injured his hand on C. A. Smith's wood sawing machine is getting along nicely with the wound.

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