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Camp Notes.
The 76th division of the national army, formerly known as the fifth division, and including all draft troops in the New England states, will have as its officers, according to orders from the war department, the following: Maj. Gen. H. F. Hodges, commanding; Lieut. Col. M. B. Stewart, chief of staff; Brig. Gen. F. H. Albright, 151st infantry brigade; Brig. Gen. F. D. Evans, 152d infantry brigade; Brig. Gen. W. Weigel, 151st depot brigade; Brig. Gen. W. S. McNair, 151st field artillery brigade. These officers are expected to arrive at Camp Devens not later than August 25.

Two recruits have arrived at the First Corps Cadets for duty. John F. Dutton, of Atlantic, of the First Corps Cadets, Engineers, was thrown from a horse that he was riding last week Thursday afternoon and was pinned under the animal. He was taken to the camp hospital for treatment. No serious results followed the accident.

A building in the main camp was struck by a bolt of lightning which caused little damage.

The 6th regiment was pleased at the report which says that it is soon to be ordered to France. The rumor could not be verified.

The Lowell companies, C, G and I, returned from Lowell last Saturday. These companies took part in the parade in Lowell last week Thursday and walked back to Camp Devens, stopping Friday night in Westford, from which place they continued their journey to Ayer. Major Colby T. Kittredge was in command.

Major Harry F. Hodges, the commander of the 76th division, is expected to take up his duties at Camp Devens this Saturday.

Charles Antle fell from a staging at the camp on Wednesday and received several bad bruises. He was taken to the camp hospital for treatment.

The electric lighting system at the camp was temporarily put out of commission by the heavy thunder shower Tuesday afternoon. The grounds were flooded by the deluge, and the workmen's sleeping quarters in the large tent were wet by the heavy shower. Members of the 6th regiment were kept busy in digging trenches to keep off the surplus water about their camp.

Secretary of War Baker has issued an appeal to executives of every city and town in which he asks these officials to co-operate with army officers in making conditions about the camp favorable to the men who are coming. He has appointed a training camp commission to attend to this matter.

Alfred Boudreau, formerly a sergeant of Company F of the 6th regiment, recently received a commission in the Plattsburg military camp and has been ordered to report at Hoboken, N. J.

Dr. Robert L. Jones, of Lowell, lieutenant in the United States medical corps, has been ordered to report for duty at Camp Devens on Thursday, August 30.

A table of rules has been recently issued by the national committee on public information, for the government of the press. On the card containing these rules the government requests the press to withhold information of movements in order that the military and naval forces and shipping may be protected. There is no law bearing on these points and the press has voluntarily and willingly acceded to all such requests.

The work on the construction of some of the cantonment buildings is being rapidly pushed. It is expected that they will be completed within a few days, so that they will be ready for the use of the first contingent of the draft army.

The new postoffice at the camp, which will be used for camp mail, is expected to be in readiness soon.

It is said that the project of sending 20,000 recruits here from New York will be delayed for a short time, owing to the inability of handling such a large force at the present time. They are expected to arrive September 5.

John Pickard, who saw service as a captain in the French firing line, spoke on his experiences there in the Y. M. C. A. tent on Thursday evening of last week.

In order to speed up the buildings for the new recruits who are soon to arrive, 500 additional carpenters were put to work last Sunday. There are now over 9000 men employed at the main camp in construction and other work, including the large force employed at the commissary.

The rubbish and brush about the main camp were burned Monday night. Many thought a big fire was raging until informed of the facts.

The Baldwin Commissary is feeding over 7000 men daily. To feed this number 6000 loaves of bread, 7500 sandwiches and 1000 quarts of milk are necessary every day.

The new whistle at the camp was heard for the first time last Sunday. It will be used as a signal for beginning and quitting work as well as for giving fire alarms.

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As announced in this column a few weeks ago, there will soon come to Camp Devens some of the most experienced chefs in the United States, who will have direct charge of preparing food for the draft recruits who are expected within the next two weeks. The government, following its well-known policy, is trying in every way possible to care for the troops, in furnishing them proper and well-cooked food, which is of the utmost importance in preparing the new soldiers for the stern conditions of army life. Instructions in cooking, which will begin after the new troops arrive, will be under the direct charge of these experienced culinary experts. These methods will be carried out in all the national cantonments.

There was a song service at the Y. M. C. A. tent Sunday evening, followed by an address by A. A. Simmons, who is connected with the camp staff of that organization.

The soldiers are still in a state of suspense regarding their future movements. All kinds of reports are going the rounds. The most persistent rumor is that the men will soon be called to the Charlotte, N. C. camp for training, later going to France.

The non-commissioned officers of the 6th are being put through a course of bayonet drills.

The proposition of the government to increase the number of men in each regiment to the European standard of 3600 men will result, if the order becomes effective, in the practical elimination of some of the regiments which lose their identity as regimental units. Following the detachment of the colored company of the 6th regiment for garrison duty at the Watertown arsenal comes the report, which appears to be well founded, that other portions of the famous 6th will be taken to complete the 26th division, which it is expected will be soon ordered to France.

The sanitary force is always busy in using means for the prevention of disease among the employees, with special attention to the spread of typhoid fever. The health of the men as a result of the work is excellent, considering the very large number employed.

Should the 6th regiment lose its identity, according to the recently published reorganization plans for the United States army, its passing will be a matter of keen regret, for sentimental reasons if for no other. The Old 6th, so-called, from which the present regiment takes its name, was organized at the outbreak of the civil war. It fought all the four years' conflict unscathed by any in the service. The 6th regiment of the civil war days is of much interest to the towns in this section as many of its members were from this vicinity. The town of Groton, of which Ayer was then a part, quickly responded to the call to arms. The town of Pepperell was honored by having one of its citizens as chief officer of the regiment in the person of Col. Jones. The 6th in the great distinction of being the first to reach Washington in response to President Lincoln's call for 75,000 troops in April, 1861, Col. Jones being the first to greet the famous war president. The regiment was attacked at a mob in Baltimore on April 19, 1861, and succeeded in reaching the national capital after several of its men had been killed and wounded as a result of the conflict. After the war Col. Jones went to Birmingham, N. Y., where he died a few years ago. For twenty years or more antedating his death he was blind. In view of these facts it is no wonder that the fighting 6th has a warm place in the hearts of the people.

A rifle range has been constructed for the 6th regiment. The shooting will be done according to the regular army rules.

Moving picture operators have been at the camp during the week, getting pictures of the soldiers and views about the camp.

The men of the 6th regiment expect to have their own motion picture shows on the camp ground.

Company F went to Marlboro on Wednesday to attend a reception arranged in its honor by its friends.

Bids for supplying hay and wood at the camp have been made. The successful bidders are as not given out.

The instructions in French began at the military camp Monday. The study of this language is deemed essential, so as to enable the soldiers to communicate with their French comrades when they are called for service in France.

J. H. Hoffmeyer, of Lowell, has presented the motor of the Y. M. C. A. with a new automobile.

Col. C. C. Smith, just promoted to first lieutenant, and attached to General Edwards' headquarters in Boston, has been ordered to Camp Devens.

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Masses were said at the main camp and at the soldiers' quarters last Sunday at the usual hours, 8:30 and 8:15 in the morning. The usual Protestant services were held.

William O'Brien, of Lynn, met with a very unfortunate accident at the camp on Monday morning, which resulted in the amputation of a foot at the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, where he was taken after treatment at the camp emergency hospital. The accident happened when O'Brien got his foot caught in a moving truck on which he was riding. The truck was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary.

Work was begun on the road building at the camp on Monday. The Barrett Manufacturing Company, of Boston, is doing the work. This company, the largest of its kind in the country, has the contract for building all the

roads in all the cantonments in the United States.

The men chosen for the police company expect to leave soon for the training camp at Westfield. The men selected are soldiers of long experience and thoroughly capable for the work planned by the war department, necessarily means that there will be less officers required and that officers who are now in charge will be shifted to other regiments.

Mayor James M. Curley, of Boston, gave an address to 4000 camp employees last week Friday evening on "Americanism." In his speech he dwelt on the necessity of every man doing his share for the country, even though it be a small part. The mayor and Mrs. Curley, who accompanied him, arrived at the camp late in the afternoon. They inspected the huge

commissary where the army of workmen is fed, and later had lunch at the Baldwin pavilion, a branch of the commissary department.

The selection of 100 men of the 6th regiment has been made, who will make up the quota of 300 for the mounted military police, who expect to see service in France soon. The 100 men were chosen from 200 inspected.

The Fitchburg men of the 6th regiment went to that city on Thursday where they paraded as one of the features of a reception tendered them by the people of that place.

Rev. Philip Bird, of New York, was a speaker at the Baldwin commissary Monday night under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. Thursday night the Misses Helen and Mary McGinnis, of Patterson, N. J., gave a musical entertainment.

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Center.

Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Buckhorn and son Champ are enjoying a vacation at their camp at Vineyard Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lincoln and family of Houlton, Me., are visiting at the Congregational parsonage this week and making trips in their auto to various points of interest.

Arthur Hildreth has gone to the officers' training camp at Plattsburg to prepare for service. Leon F. Hildreth, Marden H. Beavey, Frank B. Johnson and Herbert A. Walden are among the drafted men who soon go to Ayer for training.

Dr. C. A. Blaney has returned from a week's vacation spent in Manomet with Charles Prescott and Rev. Charles P. Marshall and family at their summer camp.

Miss Mary P. Bunce has been spending the week in Marblehead, and Miss May Day has been taking her place at the J. V. Fletcher library.

The Westford Oakland's defeated the Forrester Village team in a game of 18 to 0 at Whitney playground last Saturday afternoon. The pitching of Griffin and the good batting of the Westford team were the features of this victory. The Oakland's will cross bats with the champions of the Forrester village this Saturday. The latter team has not met with a defeat this season and this will be a good game to witness. Turn out and give the Westford boys a good use.

There has been some misapprehension concerning the new assessor policeman placed at the junction of streets by the Congregational church. The object of placing the warning where it is to insure safety first at that point and to insure that object means just what it says for everyone to "keep to the right" and of course slow down in approaching it both with motor and horse-drawn vehicles.

In the recent report of work accomplished through the town and sent to Red Cross headquarters the branch stockings read five pairs instead of fifty-five, which is quite a difference.

An earnest appeal has come from headquarters all along the line for the urgency of more work. The knitted work is especially desired before the approach of cold weather and this without diminution of the work accomplished in surgical dressings and the making of hospital shirts and pajamas.

It is hoped that as the cooler weather comes new volunteers will come to the town hall each Tuesday afternoon. The local branch is well equipped and there is plenty of work for everyone to do their bit and more.

Mrs. George F. White and two sons have returned this week from a vacation spent at York Beach.

The social dance given at the town hall by O'Neill's orchestra was attended by about 200 people. The orchestra furnished excellent music for the dancing and refreshments were served in the lower town hall. About 100 of the soldiers and officers were in attendance. The time of the men was extended to eleven o'clock to enjoy the dance and the men in uniform were the chief attraction.

Early apples being shipped to the Boston market are bringing good prices; also, prices for the remainder of the blackberry crop are holding up well.

W. Rafter conducted the evening service at the Congregational church last Sunday, it being the single service of the vacation season. Mr. Ingalls will lead the service this next Sunday evening, the last of the church vacation.

The assessors have received their returns from the state income tax and have been able to fix the rate for this year at \$16.49 to a \$100. The bills for the year are being printed and will soon be in the hands of the property holders.

WESTFORD

Soldiers' Camp Over Night Here.

It will be an occasion long to be remembered when the three companies, C, G and K, of the 6th regiment, in their march from the large, sloping tract back of Charles L. Hildreth's and Robert Elliott's further up on the hill. This elevation gave excellent opportunity for pitching the tents and water supply from the town water supply by means of hose gave good water supply.

The day was surely not ideal for marching, the threatening clouds during the day brought rain in the afternoon and when the three companies came into the village it was raining hard, but later, during the supper hour and the evening, they were not troubled with rain.

The companies were preceded by Lieut. Walker on detached duty, stationed at the headquarters of the commissary department. The four big sergeants arrived next in charge of eight. James Pales, about three o'clock. The three companies arrived about four o'clock in command of Maj. Colby H. Kittredge. The line, sloping back of Charles L. Hildreth's and Robert Elliott's further up on the hill. This elevation gave excellent opportunity for pitching the tents and water supply from the town water supply by means of hose gave good water supply.

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Much interest was manifested in their preparation for the evening up of the pup tents so-called, two men to a tent, the lowering of the staff at sundown, the fine flag and staff. Some quick and efficient work was done during the day and through the generosity of the townspeople a supply of doughnuts, coffee and cheese supplemented the men's supper of salmon, potatoes, onions and bread and butter. This evening was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth, who gave the use of the kitchen for making the coffee; also, Mrs. H. V. Hildreth and Mrs. A. W. Hartford, president and secretary of the local Red Cross, assisted by Mrs. H. M. Wright, Mrs. P. H. Skidmore, Mrs. O. R. Spalding, Mrs. L. V. Wells, Miss Kittredge, Mrs. L. V. Wheeler and Mrs. Perry Shupe. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hildreth and Miss Ella Hildreth cooperated in every way to make the encampment a success for the men and the generosity of the townspeople in contributing at the quick notice was much appreciated.

During the stay there was a detachment of military police on duty at the camping place and throughout the village, and the best of order was maintained.

Many visited the camp early in the morning and watched the soldiers in their calisthenics setting up drills and camp duty in breaking camp, and were much interested in the military precision of it all. The companies got under way for Ayer about eight o'clock and as they left the village gave three rousing cheers for the welcome and hospitality extended by the townspeople to their people.

WESTFORD

About Town.

The Ralph Whitlids and others, of Concord Junction, were visitors Wednesday with the J. Willard Fletcher at Westford station.

Charles Whitney and family are visiting relatives in Ayer and resting from having in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney's absence Amos Polley, of the Prairie farm, will be floor director of the Frank route running to Lowell.

Miss C. Drew is still carrying home grown corn to the rest mill. What is left of the rest of the country-side that they have none.

G. E. Laboutley, superintendent of the Read-Drew fruit farm, passed examination at Ayer on Monday. This means a financial loss to Mr. Drew. He was a graduate of Amherst Agricultural college. This farm, which is one of the writer and much that is new and useful can be gleaned by a peep over the walls.

The Snows of West Chelmsford and the Jarvis family of Lowell visited the Capt. Fred Danes of Westford with Police Officer Jarvis, Wednesday.

The milk producers of Lowell and vicinity held a rally at the Board of Trade, Lowell, Tuesday evening in the interest of higher priced milk and lower priced grain.

Tred Jordan slipped on the ice or other underfoot semi-slaking substance and received a relocation of a part of his walking apparatus.

The Old Oaken Bucket farm folks were guests Friday evening at the Greenleaf camp at Hart pond, South Chelmsford.

Buckwell has returned to five feet on the Capt. Fletcher's ranch place on the Lowell road, otherwise known as the Decatur homestead. This buckwheat was sown about the middle of June.

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At the last meeting of the Grange George H. Upton, secretary of the Agricultural society, gave an address on the plans and purposes of the coming agricultural fair in Lowell, urging the Grange to turn out and turn in for this fair. The first step towards action was choosing William P. Taylor a committee with authority to appoint others to make an exhibit at the Middlesex-North fair. G. E. Laboutley gave a substantial talk on "Fruit growing" and Mrs. Blaney an uplifting song.

The town teams are graveling the Stony Brook road from the residence of W. R. Taylor to the Read-Drew farm on Main street. This piece of road was graveled last year and done in road-building shape, and just why it should be done down so soon into a water basin condition is not easily explained.

The Fred A. Snows and others were Saturday, Sunday and Monday visitors in Northfield.

Hon. William T. McAlpine and wife, of Lawrence, and Mrs. Helen Hamilton, of Lowell, were recent visitors at the Old Oaken Bucket farm.

The 6th regiment on its march from Lowell to Ayer were withered with non-intoxicating fluid from the Old Oaken Bucket.

An exchange has been established in the Stony Brook valley.

Chamberlain corner, per territory and population, has registered the largest number of the seven registered and volunteered, a high honor accepted but one. This is quite an old story in the southeast corner of the old Stony Brook school district.

The apple trees reported propped up on the Read-Drew farm are not being propped up, and of approp to support the apples into the night.

Daniel H. Sheehan has not begun haying yet and has forty acres to cut.

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Miss Sarah Phoebe Millard, who died last week Wednesday, was well known here for her cousin, Thomas H. Elliott, was for several years a resident of Westford, living on the Concord road on the small farm now owned as a summer residence by Thomas H. Elliott. She lived with a sister and other relatives, they lived a quiet and useful life. She has survived all of her immediate family and passed on to join them at the age of seventy-two years. Her funeral was from the home of Thomas H. Elliott, Lowell, last Friday afternoon. Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield, pastor of the Unitarian church, Littleton, officiating. The Mendelssohn male quartet rendered appropriate selections. The bearers were Robert H. Elliott, Richard M. Elliott, Frederick N. Russell and Charles E. Dane. Burial in the family lot in the Dason cemetery.

Charles L. Fuller, who died in Manchester, N. H., last week, was well remembered in this vicinity, being a resident of West Chelmsford for many years and a member of Spalding Light Cavalry in the active days of Capt. Captivity. He was a well and pleasantly remembered by the older members of the company. He was a veteran of the civil war, serving four years in Company A, New Hampshire regiment, and a member of the G. A. R., post 120, of Lowell, retaining his membership until his death.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Ida B. Hunt, of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. Emie Trubey, of North Chelmsford; a granddaughter, Mrs. Florence Estimore, of North Chelmsford, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was from his home in Manchester, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon, the body was moved to the cemetery in West Chelmsford, where the burial service was conducted by a delegation of Post 120, G. A. R. The bearers were Fred A. Fletcher, John C. Fairfield, John E. Munroe and Arthur H. Slater, sons of veterans. Taps were sounded by Bugler Munroe. Burial was beside his wife, who died several years ago. Thus he passed away a gallant soldier in war, an honored and familiar figure in peace, and had nearly reached the four-score age, being in his seventy-ninth year.

He will be remembered by many here for the many years in the employ of the Capt. Christopher Roby Sabre Mfg. Co., of West Chelmsford.

WESTFORD

Grantville.

Many from here visited Camp Devens in Ayer last Sunday, and the cars were crowded as usual.

The regular meeting of the local Red Cross society was held in the rooms of the organization on Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance. Much work of importance is being done by this society and the work on Wednesday was principally the making of gauze bandages, of which there is a great demand. Several of our Granville boys have enlisted, while others have come under the selective draft. The war is coming closer to our doors every day and no doubt the Red Cross will be called on to do more as time goes on. Always the local auxiliary of the Red Cross have given the enlisted boys from Graniteville those knitted sweaters that have proved so serviceable, and the courtesy has been deeply appreciated by the soldier boys.

Mrs. Ruth Furbush Layton, with her little son, Justin Wendell of North Dana, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Furbush.

Frank E. Charlton, the well-known singer, who came under the selective draft, was accepted by the local exemption board in Ayer last Saturday.

Last Sunday marked the close of the summer work of the Methodist church. Fred Smith gave a splendid talk on the study of the scripture at the Epworth league service. The closing of the series of pictures on "The life of Jesus of Nazareth" was held in the evening at the regular church hour. Miss Mattie Blanchard sang very impressively "Near the cross," and "Jesus keep me near the lord," both of which were beautifully illustrated by the pictures on the screen. Throughout the series Rev. Alonzo S. Fite has given the religious talks on the life of the Master. George Wilson has ably assisted at the organ. Due to the efficient help of William Wilson and Gerald DeWolf at the machine, the series has been free from troubles at that quarter. The church will be closed for the next two Sundays, and regular work will again be taken up on the second Sunday of the month. Friday evening prayer-meetings will go on uninterrupted.

Miss Lilly Mae Moran is spending a few days with relatives in Salem.

Miss Maria McNulty, of Laconia, N. H., has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McCarthy.

The severe thunder storm on Tuesday afternoon put the telephone and electric light system out of commission for several hours.

WESTFORD

Forre Village.

The Messes Emily, Bertha and Ethel Collett are spending this week at Old Orchard Beach.

Services will be held at St. Andrew's mission next Sunday evening at 7.30.

The soldiers of the sixth regiment passed through here Saturday morning on their march to Ayer and were greeted with cheers and hand clapping. The mills of the Abbott Woodstock closed for half an hour and the employees lined the streets and formed a lane through which the soldiers passed. When the local boys now wearing the uniform were discovered they were given a hearty greeting.

What is the matter with the Boston and Maine railroad these days when passengers are begging to be carried to their destinations? The electric cars are unable to handle the situation Saturdays and Sundays. The noon train ought to be restored and a letter would be well patronized. Sunday several persons waited over three hours to go to Lowell and were told each trip to wait for the next car. Passengers were waiting on foot for the electric cars Saturday evening and many were hanging out of the windows while the conductor has his troubles trying to get through the crowds.

John Connell expects to return home from St. John's hospital on Tuesday.

Cameron school has received its annual cleaning for the fall term which commences September 10.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mason and three children spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett of the Ridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett entertained Mrs. George Wyman and daughter Mabel of Cambridge, N. J., on Thursday at the Ridges.

Emmet Mountain has the cellar built for a six-room cottage on the Westford road. Arthur Parrott will build the cottage, which when completed will have all modern improvements.

All those who have knitted articles for the Red Cross are requested to send them to Mrs. Fred Danes of Pleasant street before September 10.

Miss Marion L. Blodgett. The Red Cross societies of Westford are giving each soldier of the town a sweater. The general was from the home of the boys are to leave Camp Devens in order about the first of the month so in order to have articles essential the public is called upon to assist in the making.

A son was born Wednesday, August 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lord.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Conant and Carolyn returned home from North Adams Saturday. On their way there was a cloud burst in Leicester and the rain fell in torrents, washing the roads and cutting and making deep ruts where the streams were five inches deep.

Many of our townspeople have enjoyed some of the Chautauqua meetings in Ayer this week.

Mrs. Stacy C. Bates has been visiting in Boston recently.

The program committee met with Mrs. Fred S. Kimball Tuesday afternoon and planned for the North Middlesex meeting of the A. M. A., which is to be held in Concord this fall.

Hon. F. A. Patch and his sister, Miss Henrietta Ewings, and Miss Louisa Whitney of Lexington, went Monday to Madison, N. H., where they have spent the week.

The R. L. Lovelace family of Worcester spent Sunday with members of the Kimball family.

Sherrman Hardy went Monday with a party of Arlington friends to Brant Rock for a week.

Miss Ruth Hardy spent part of last week with friends in Arlington.

Rev. Amos M. Bruce of the Pearl Street Methodist church in Brockton with Mrs. Bruce and their two children were guests last week of Miss Alice M. Howard, who made her home with them when she was located in Cotuit.

Charles Smith, selectman, has been forced by illness to take a few days off.

Jack Hardy has been raised to the rank of sergeant in the Amherst camp.

Miss Ferns of Tenafly, N. J., is visiting Mrs. E. C. Jones. Miss Worthen of Boston has also been Mrs. Jones' guest recently.

Mr. David Millett and daughter visited the former's mother, Mrs. Richardson, at West Acton, recently.

Dr. Whittaker, osteopath of Ayer and Boston, was in town Sunday. He has been drafted and expects to find a place on one of the medical corps.

Capt. Bennett Sanderson will join his comrades at Camp Devens the first of next month.

James R. Joy of Plainfield, N. J., and member of the Christian Advocate editorial staff, has been the guest of his Lawrence academy and Yale classmate, Judge G. A. Sanderson, and with him visited Camp Devens.

Miss Mabel Houghton, librarian from Albany, N. Y. is visiting her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Houghton, and other relatives here in town.

Next Wednesday is the date for the annual church picnic arranged for by the Unitarian Sunday school. The picnic will be at the North Park and an invitation is extended to all in Littleton to join, making it a community outing. Those who go by the train at 7.47 and who by Ayer change to the trolleys will go to the Ayer army cantonment; but most will doubtless go by auto or private conveyance. This date of Wednesday, August 29, was chosen as being the last Wednesday before the church and Sunday school will close on the first of September, as a rally for that date.

Refreshments were served in a Y. M. C. A. tent at Camp Devens, Ayer, last Sunday afternoon by Mrs. J. D. Christie, Mrs. F. B. Priest, Mrs. M. D. W. Flagg, Miss Margaret Thatcher, Mrs. L. Elizabeth Houghton, Mr. Hartwell. The same ladies and other Littleton women furnished and served on Tuesday evening for twelve members of the medical corps of Camp Devens, and further entertained the guests at the H. S. F. dance. Littleton auto brought to Ayer at 6.30 and conveyed them back to Ayer after the entertainment.

At the opening of one of the Y. M. C. A. houses at Westford, August 26, Miss Marrison, who read the bible-story of Ruth, and Mesdames Hager, Houghton and Hartwell will sing part of the cantata of C. K. Mrs. J. D. Christie and Mrs. C. H. Houghton will sing a duet, Mrs. H. Hager and Mrs. H. H. Houghton will sing a solo.

Mrs. C. K. Houghton and son Hayward, who have spent three weeks in Kennebunkport, Me., returned the middle of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Hartwell, with a party of friends, are on an auto excursion, motored last week Friday to Lake Champlain and other places of interest in that vicinity. In their home Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell left his daughter, Mrs. Hollis Robbins, and Mr. Robert H. Robbins, who are taking their annual vacation.

Mrs. John H. Hager, who was recently operated on at the Gardner hospital, has returned home and is improving as fast as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, of Danvers, are entertained at their Sunday get-together at the H. S. F. Flagg returning with them to Littleton for a visit this week.

Mrs. Chester M. Hartwell and two children are summering at Falmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hartwell and young son, of Somerville, are guests of the J. M. Hartwells.

The most favorable reports of John and Joseph Adams, given by the family, some of whom have visited the brothers daily during their stay in the hospitals in Lowell.

Charles L. Smith, who has taken his annual vacation, is again on duty behind the counter at J. P. Thacher's store.

A complete and very happy supper was given to Mrs. Marion Sauler, who was home of Mrs. Annie H. Showe of King street last week Thursday evening when by invitation of the hostess and Miss Mabel DeWolfe, twenty friends and associates of Mrs. Marion Sauler gave her a delightful surprise in the form of a miscellaneous shower. Linen, a picture, glass and various household utensils were among the gifts gratefully acknowledged by the guest of honor. Musical selections were considered and the party heartily enjoyed a few games, after which ice cream and cake were served. The party broke up at the completion of a most successful and interesting time.

Mrs. A. V. Moore and daughters, Mabel, Bertha, Mrs. Ethel Brodeur of Worcester with her two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Moore of Stow went the latter part of last week by express truck to Marion, where they are enjoying a vacation at the cottage of E. M. Ruggles.

Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield was the officiating clergyman at the funeral of Miss Sarah F. Millard, held at the Lowell home of her cousin, Thomas H. Elliott, last week.

At the ladies who would like to take the home nursing course under the direction of the Special Aid society are requested to notify Mrs. J. M. Hartwell. The course will follow in line with that of the First Aid taken with Dr. Jennie and will begin the first of September.

Miss Jennie Sawyer went to Winthrop Sunday and spent the day with Miss Eleanor Hill and Miss Addie Murray.

Miss Florence Whitcomb visited friends in Waltham last week.

Mrs. Helen Rich of Beverly is the guest of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton.

Rev. J. F. Schneider will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday at the home of Norman Bonnell will be the organist.

Mrs. L. A. Hager will sing at the morning service in the Unitarian church at Ayer on Sunday.

Mrs. Gertrude and Fannie Sanderson visited Miss Orissa M. Baxter in Milton this week and attended the church wedding and reception of Thomas Fisher and Miss Margaret Vose. The George A. Sanderson family also attended the festivities and Capt. Bennett Sanderson attended the groom as best man.

James F. Moore, James E. Smith and James H. Brown were among the comrades spent Sunday at the encampment in Boston this week.

LITTLETON

Mrs. Hugh Foley has severed her connection with the Littleton 168-room, and with her husband leaves home today on a vacation auto trip into New Hampshire.

E. P. Sheehan and sisters motored to Magnolia Sunday and dined with Miss Elizabeth Ryan at her summer home. After lunch the party went to Rockport and Gloucester. Miss Ryan will return to her home on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, the first of next month.

The E. P. Edwards family close their summer home, the Ledges, this week. Mr. Edwards has to return to New York, but Mrs. Edwards and her daughter will visit her daughter in New York a few days before leaving for New York.

The social dance given under the auspices of the H. S. F. club on Tuesday was in many particulars the most successful in the series of three. There was a large attendance, more week than at the former dances, several couples coming from adjoining towns, and Mervin's orchestra was at its best, and Edwina Webster gave most satisfactory service as caterer.

Mrs. E. N. Robinson visited cousins in Bolton last week.

Miss Rebecca Millett, L. H. S., will enter the Fitchburg Normal school this fall.

There were fourteen present at the annual dressings meeting of the Newtown branch, held with Mrs. J. W. Arnold on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting two weeks from that date will be held with Mrs. Rooney.

The West End branch of surgical dressings workers will meet with Mrs. G. A. Cook next Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. J. M. Hartwell has a fresh supply of wool ready for distribution to those ladies who wish to knit.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis attended the Dutch Farm school reunion in Ashburnham last week Thursday.

Miss Mary Nye has been visiting Mrs. Alta Hollis in Ayer.

Mrs. Clarence Green, of Framingham is visiting with her son Guy.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb and sons went to Norwell Friday to visit the Heywood Hartwells.

Miss Hazel Wainwright has visited this week with friends in Brookline and taken a trip to Provincetown.

There were thirty-two members of Littleton Grange that accepted the invitation to neighbor with Shirley Grange Tuesday evening. John Tobey took a truck load of thirty-two, and others went in individual autos. Littleton Grange furnished part of the entertainment, giving the character sketch "Wings" with Mrs. Clarence Crosby and Miss Edith Fletcher and Ruth Robinson. G. A. Cook sang two solos, the second in response to an encore. The program of songs, musical and literary program provided the visitors warmly and provided a delicious spread.

Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb gave a tea party on Friday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert H. Whitcomb.

Mrs. W. E. Conant is entertaining two of the men in khaki from Camp Devens.

The series of electrical showers on Tuesday afternoon recalled everything of the sort in Littleton in recent years. Lightning and thunder were frightful and disastrous. Telephone wires and electric lights were rendered unusable, a pine tree near Charles E. Fay's residence at the Wilderness was shattered and a work horse and a driver in the barn were struck by lightning and instantly killed. There was a heavy fall of mud during the event.

The Society of St. Anne's church will hold a field day in the town hall park on Labor day. Committees have been chosen and are now planning for the event.

Miss Lucy Houghton was driving the automobile Tuesday on New Estate road when two other autos came into close contact and two other men against the fence, breaking a wheel and injuring the mud guard. None of the occupants were injured.

Miss Mabel Houghton, librarian, from Albany, N. Y., visited her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Houghton, and other relatives. Mrs. Houghton, who is very frail, was unable to accompany her daughter.

Miss Lucy Adams is with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Adams, in New York. The other sister and the brothers, John and James Adams, with their families, and Miss Harriet and Lydia Porter, of Acton, spent Sunday at N. H. Whitcomb's.

The Littleton Rifle club lost in a match with a team from Company H of the 6th regiment last Saturday evening. The total score for the home team was 421, and for the visiting team, which is one of the best teams in the regiment, 435.

Prof. and Mrs. Bert L. Hartwell and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newton of Kingsford, R. I., motored recently to the White Mountains, stopping on their return to visit Mr. Hartwell's mother at the farm and other Littleton relatives.

Ralph McNiff is one of the drafted men, on account of having a wife and child dependant upon him.

Konrad Jones is expected home on Monday from Bridgeton, Me., where he has spent the summer in camp.

Montgomery Lovejoy will go to Plattsburg on Monday to take the three-months' military course.

The Middlesex County C. E. picnic at Long pond last Saturday had a large attendance and was very successful and there was every evidence of a good time for everybody.

The Historical society will take a trip to Concord by automobiles on Saturday afternoon, September 1. The Concord Antiquarian society invites the party to inspect the house and collection free of charge, and P. W. Brown, of the Concord society, will act as guide about the town. Anyone interested is urged to be in front of the Reuben Hoar library at 1.30, which is the time of starting. On the way to Concord a brief stop will be made near B. F. Jeffrey's to view the scene of the Shepard massacre.

LITTLETON

A LONG WAIT

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN HARVARD, MASS.

Wednesday, Sept. 5

At 2 P. M.

The property consists of about one-half acre of land, with a two-story, seven-room house, built in 1901. Hardwood floors, a room completed for bathroom fixtures. Situated near Harvard Common, on the north side of the road leading from Harvard to Lancaster, overlooking Bare Hill Pond, known as the Dr. J. M. Eaton place, five minutes' walk from Post office, Churches, Store, Library, etc.

The place will be sold to the highest bidder without reserve for distribution of the estate.

Terms, \$200 down at time of deed of sale, balance on delivery of deed conveying the property, within ten days of sale. Telephone 63-2 Harvard.

For further particulars inquire of the Administrator or the Auctioneer.

ARTHUR H. TURNER,
Administrator of Estate of Maria W. Eaton,
Harvard, Mass., August 22, 1917.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. Middlesex, ss. next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY E. FOSTER late of Townsend in said County, deceased, to S. LEROY BHALEIGH of Somerville in the County of Middlesex, do hereby certify that a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to S. LEROY BHALEIGH of Somerville in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond. And the petitioner has applied to the Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of September A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioner 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 on one day, at least, before said Court. Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this 15th day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

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Ayer, Mass., August 22, 1917. ORDERED that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the tenth day of September, 1917, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least fourteen days prior thereto.

JOHN D. CARNEY,
Chairman Board of Selectmen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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251 Selectmen of Ayer.
A true copy of petition and order thereon.

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PEPPERELL

News Items. James Walter Smith passed a few days of last week and this with his family in town. Last Sunday, Dr. William F. Boos, a Boston physician, and Mrs. Boos were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Mr. Smith was called to New York this week Wednesday. P. A. Morant is entering upon quite extensive farming schemes at the Graham farm, having purchased several new farming implements, and secured John Granger, a neighbor, to assist him. Roscoe L. Chamberlain, owner of Twin Valley farm, can make as good a showing of crops as the most of the old-time farmers. A large acreage of potatoes is in the field to the east of the house, bordering on Brookline street, another large field of corn on the ridge at the back of the buildings, and half the large field in front of the house is devoted to beans. All the crops show good, clean cultivation and are looking well. The foreman, R. E. Decker, who, with his family occupy a part of the big house, and his assistant, George Williams, who lives in the cottage with his family, are evidently workers, and just now they are undertaking to plow the portion of the pasture lying toward Park street, which was recently cleared of lumber. Miss Beatrice Keith has been visiting relatives in Haverhill for the past week. The Misses Grace and Ruth Burroughs returned to their home in Lunenburg on Monday after a few days' visit with their cousin, Miss Edna Fuller. Miss Elizabeth Bennett returned to her home in Brookline on Wednesday after a ten-days' stay at the home of her cousin, George G. Tarbell, and family. Mrs. Thomas Reaveley, who has been visiting her aunts, from Lincoln, Me., went to Hollis Sunday night to visit her aged aunt, Mrs. Lucy Boynton, at Mrs. Goodwin's, and also at the home of her cousin, M. J. Powers. On Saturday Mr. Reaveley is expected from Maine, and she will join him in a trip to Bennington, N. H., where they will camp out, with several other relatives, as has been their yearly custom. Mrs. Carroll Robbins, who entertained her brother, Wallace Willoughby, and family, from Leominster, over the week-end, motored to Manchester with them last Sunday to visit other brothers. George W. Pierce went to Boston on Monday to witness the G. R. parade, in which he was interested as

a war veteran. He was the guest of Mrs. Herrig in Somerville, and through the efforts of his grandson-in-law, Mr. Kelley, a fine chance to witness the grand parade on Tuesday was obtained. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hodgkins, of Brooklyn, N. Y., have been the guests of Dr. Carl Fuida and wife at their summer home near the Townsend road. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartz and two children made a short call last Sunday on his parents in town. They motored here from Groton, where they had been visiting the parents of Mrs. Bartz, and were returning to their home in Greenfield that night. Ray Willoughby made an unexpected visit here for a few hours last Sunday. He obtained a short leave of absence through his being transferred with many others of the naval aviation school at Squantum to a training camp just outside Nantasket, the Squantum field having been condemned by the government officials. Wallace Willoughby, of Leominster, was also in town for a short time. He came from Manchester, N. H., by auto. F. H. Quimby, who recently sold out the Railroad square pharmacy to George Du Pau, of Malden, went to Maine last week with Mrs. Quimby. They have several cottages at Five Islands, near Boothbay Harbor, and will occupy one of them for the remainder of the season. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Drury were at their residence here for a few hours last Sunday, coming from Lawrence, where they have spent the week past. Thayer's orchestra played last week in New Salem at the reunion of the alumni of the academy, rendering two concert programs and playing at the banquet in the evening. On last Saturday evening they had an engagement in Brookline, N. H., for a social dance. On Tuesday, Miss Katherine and brother, Oliver Thayer, went to Epping, N. H., to play with their brothers there on Old Home Day. Frank Milan, who enlisted in the service at the Charlestown navy yard a few months ago, serving as clerk in the dispensing department, was in town over the week-end. His uniform of white made him a conspicuous figure on our streets, and rather a pleasing one. Work was resumed at the Pepperell card shop the latter part of last week and many of the former employees, who have been at work haying and in Ayer, went back Monday. Miss Edna Winslip spent the week-end in Worcester, going with her younger sister, Aethra, who is to remain there until Labor day.

Mrs. D. W. Hazen, her daughters, Miss Della Kemp, of Cambridge, and Miss Ethel, of this town, and Miss Anna Thayer went to Hampton Beach for a week, leaving Monday. Mrs. Martha Thompson and daughter, Marion, who have been visiting relatives in Lynn, returned home last Saturday. Miss Marion has entered the employ of the Pepperell Card Co. Street Commissioner Blood has had quite a number of teams at work the past week, hauling gravel from the town pit on Parker's hill. Elm and Heald streets have been repaired and the best job was the gravelling of the hill on Groton street, near Railroad square, the improvement here being noticeable as the hill has been washed and rutted. Mr. and Mrs. Harris G. Tarbell went to Lawrence by auto last Sunday with the intention of calling upon Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newell, but found them away on a motor trip of a week or more, and are leaving for their new home in the west. Miss Katherine Thayer, who somewhat intended leaving for a visit with friends in New York, last week, was detained at home until this week Thursday. Hugh Murphy, of the crew of the U. S. S. Florida, has been visiting his mother and his sister, Mrs. Frank Messer, in town. He has but recently been discharged from the naval hospital, with which he was carried when taken down, with many of his shipmates, with spinal meningitis. He now has a furlough until September 1, while recovering. Miss Doris Hartwell has charge of the millinery business of Miss L. D. Wood in the latter's absence. Mrs. Celia Beaulieu and son John were in town from Lowell last Sunday, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Ogee. Charles Stinoroff, formerly delivery clerk on Rowell's grain team, has finished his work there and is now working at the West Groton paper mill. Frank Ford is filling the position on the grain team. Miss Gertrude Cherry is spending a part of her vacation in Worcester with her relatives. H. C. Thurston and C. G. Willey attended the G. A. R. encampment in Boston on Monday and Tuesday to participate in the parade as members of the Thomas Parker post.

Monday forenoon. Rev. William H. Bears was the officiating clergyman. The bride was attired in a traveling suit of mode colored silk, with white hat, and the couple were unattended. Immediately following the ceremony the couple left in their auto for a wedding trip of about ten days, which will include Bethlehem, N. H., to see Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Loxley. Both parties are deservedly popular in town and the best wishes of their many friends go with them. Although the bride is a native of Groton she has been identified for about five years in the business of the paper and formed many pleasant acquaintances. With her sister, Miss Inabelle Woods, she purchased the millinery business of Mrs. C. A. Conant, and after the marriage of her sister to C. H. Bartz, of this town, she and the best wishes of her friends, under the name of L. D. Woods. It is understood that as Mrs. Sylvester she will still continue the business. The groom is one of our best known Pepperell boys, though quiet and unassuming. He was educated in our public schools, a graduate from the Pepperell high school in the class of 1908. He assisted his father in his business at various seasons, and was employed for awhile as clerk at Whipple & Tower's store. About six years ago he passed his necessary examinations and received the appointment as rural mail carrier, a position he still holds. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester will reside at the groom's home with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Sylvester, on their return. Prescott Family and Estate. (Third Instalment) The descendants of the Prescott family of the generation living on the estate during the past century, and those of the present generation are taken in this account under the following headings: Our last instalment closed with mention of the fourth William Prescott, son of the famous historian. He was named William Gardner Prescott, for his father, a Hildreth, a long-time friend of the historian. He was born on January 27, 1826. He was educated in the Boston schools, entering Harvard at the early age of fifteen years. He afterward took a law course, but never practiced. His marriage to Miss Augusta Peabody, of Salem, took place in March, 1851. Their children were Edith, born in 1853; William Hickling, born in 1854; and Katherine Elizabeth, born in 1857. The family resided on Beacon street, Boston, spending their summers at the Prescott estate here in town. Very little change was made in house or surroundings during his life, the only exception of the planting of some fine magnolia trees sent him by a friend in the south. These have thrived remarkably well in the colder northern climate, and at the time of their blossoming last May, many drove by to see the fine display of tropical-looking shrubs, which were beautiful in full bloom. A few changes were also made in the interior of the mansion, during his residence. As there are seven flights of stairs, built during the occupancy of the seven generations, it has been humorously remarked that each generation spent a flight of stairs to suit himself or herself. During the last twenty or twenty-five years of his life, Mr. Prescott retired to his country home more and more, and finally, as his children married and settled in various parts of the world, he sold his Beacon street property and with his wife took up his residence almost exclusively here in town. His death occurred here in August, 1895. His wife survived him for about six years, her death occurring in 1897, taking place while she was in Colorado with her youngest daughter. Of their children, the eldest daughter, Edith, married Roger Wolcott, of the interior, a member of the legislature of this commonwealth of Massachusetts. During the term of his office, 1897-99 Mrs. Wolcott caused the tablet to be erected on Peppell common to the memory of her father, Col. Gardner Prescott, and the soldiers who fell at Bunker Hill. At the time of its dedication, in 1899, Gov. Wolcott made the presentation in behalf of his wife, following addresses by himself and staff in Prescott hall. Of their children, their oldest son, Huntington, was deceased in infancy. Their remaining children are Roger; William Prescott, who resides on the Wolcott estate with his bride, and Edith, who is married to the late wife of Dr. Samuel Drury, master of St. Paul's school in Concord, N. H.; Samuel, who is in business in Boston with his oldest brother, and Roger, who is expected to be called shortly for service under the American Relief Committee in France. The second child of William Gardner Prescott was a son who was named for his grandfather, the historian. He was born in Groton, and died at about twelve years of age as the result of a slight accident which occurred while he was indulging in boyish sports. The memory and records of his death speak for themselves, and it is not to be forgotten that in those times, about 1857, baffled the skill of physicians. There is no doubt, in the light of these later years of wonderful surgical advance, but that his life might have been saved by an operation, as the case was without doubt one of appendicitis. The next son, Linzee, thus became the heir to the estate. He was named for the famous Col. Linzee, the foe at Bunker Hill and afterward the friend of Prescott, an intermarriage of their descendants occurring in the next generation. Educated, like his forefathers at Harvard, and taking up the study of law, was admitted to the bar in 1874, and practiced in the city of Portland, Me. They resided in Boston after visiting at the Prescott farm during the summers until, at his father's death, he was called as heir of the estate to the full charge. His death, after a number of years of ill health, occurred October 24, 1897. He was survived by a widow; a son, the heir of the property, William Brown Prescott, and three daughters, Edith, Francis and Augusta Prescott. Miss Francis is taking a course in the U. S. service at Marblehead in wireless telegraphy. Her older and younger sisters, the Misses Edith and Augusta, are in training as Red Cross nurses in the city, and are expected to be called to France in that capacity. The son, William Brown Prescott, the heir to the estate after the death of his father, on his coming of age, has not followed in the footsteps of his father, either in choosing the city of his abode or in their regard for the ancestral home. He married Miss Marjorie Picken, daughter of an English architect of renown, in New York, where they have a son, who was born to them, William Prescott, the seventh. It is claimed. The youngest daughter of William G. Prescott, whose name has gone down in history, was Edith Prescott, the wife of George Ticknor, historian of the Prescott family, as Louisa, was christened Katherine Elizabeth at the font, the name being given by her

mother, not altogether in accordance with her father's desire. She is now residing in Groton, having spent much of her married life there, both as the wife of George H. Timmins, in former years, and since her return here from Colorado as the wife of William Leonard of that state. She has one son, George Herbert Timmins, who married Miss Elizabeth Vaughn Gilbert, of Ware, and resides there. Her daughter, Edith Prescott Timmins, was married a few years ago to Joseph E. Locke, of Portland, Me., and they reside in Jamaica Plain, Her third son, Robert Prescott Leonard, resides with her in Boston. Although the Prescott estate has this year been sold by the heir, whose interest now centers in New York, the hope of many of the family, as expressed by Mrs. Prescott Leonard, is that in later years, when tired of or satisfied with his accumulation in his adopted city, his thoughts may turn to the home of his ancestors, for so many generations, and he may re-purchase the place for his son, William, the seventh. TOWNSEND Center. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hildreth motored to Manchester, N. H., Wednesday to the house of Mr. H. B. Hildreth, where Mrs. Hildreth has remained for a week's visit. Mrs. Daisy Warman and son Walter of Portland, Me., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Brown. Harold Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Miller, private in the ninth regiment stationed at Framingham spent several days at his home last week. Carl Farrer left last Friday morning to join the aviation corps in which he had enlisted. Just where he will be stationed is not known at this time. Hudson A. Bray severed his connection with E. & A. D. Pesendorfer, Saturday and has accepted a position with the Putnam Machine Co. of Fitchburg. Miss Gertrude Wells of Malden is spending a week at Vernal Barber's. On Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Tuttle will preach at the M. E. church from the theme, "The vision." This will be a union service. The union rally service held at six o'clock will not be at the common, but in the M. E. church, and there will be three men from the Business Men's club of Boston, George Doggett, A. J. Mansfield and E. B. Evans, secretary of the working men's department of the Boston Y. M. C. A. The latter will have something of interest to say, and the talk will be especially interesting to the Boy Scouts. They are all hustlers and it is to be hoped that a large audience will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear them. Ralph Marshall is spending a two-week vacation in Salem, visiting his mother. Mrs. Charles Streeter, of Worcester, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Misner. Harold J. Morse, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morse, of Townsend Hill, is spending several weeks at his home for a needed rest. Frank E. Greeley has joined the force of workmen at the Ayer camp until such time as he is called to serve Uncle Sam, as he was accepted in the recent draft. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGuire, Miss Bessie McGuire and Miss Maggie Durbin attended the recent reunion of the O'Neil family in Hollis, N. H. Mrs. Belle Gould, who has been housekeeper for some time for Mr. Gilmoro, has accepted a similar position with Miss Alice Spaulding. Miss Gertrude Wells, of Malden, is spending a week's vacation at Vernal Barber's. Elwin Swicker has given up his position in Ashburnham and returned to his home, where he will remain until he is called to the service of Uncle Sam, having been accepted in the recent draft. He previously tried to enlist in two different branches of the service and was rejected on account of one poor eye. New Advertisements Harvard-To Let A fully furnished Bungalow of five (5) rooms on one of the highest points in town, six (6) bedrooms, six (6) bathrooms, hair mattresses, accommodate six people, piano, large open fireplace, nothing to furnish, garage for two automobiles, hot water, the house rent moderate. Apply to ARTHUR H. JEWETT, Reading, Mass. 1m21 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate under the will of PATRICK DESMOND, late of Harvard in said County, deceased. Whereas, KATHERINE L. HAVEN, the trustee under the will of said deceased has presented for allowance the account of her trust under said will. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County, on the fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said trustee 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 two consecutive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be at least ten days before said court, and by mailing postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court. Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 3150 HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY ALLISON late of Ashbury in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by EDITH ALLISON and EDITH ALLISON, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors herein named, without giving a surety on their official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the eleventh day of September, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Cambridge, on the seventh day at least before said court, seven days at least before said court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this eighth day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 3151 F. M. 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GROTON

News Items. Maurice Hayes, a graduate of Carney hospital, now a student at Harvard medical school, and John Connors, a salesman at the furniture store, Boston, spent the week-end with their aunt, Mrs. Daniel Crowley, and family. Gerald Breckenridge, of Chicopee row, has purchased a Ford touring car. Miss Beatrice Murphy is enjoying a part of her vacation in a pleasant visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Noble, who lives in Northboro. There was another pleasant evening spent at the Chicopee schoolhouse last week Friday evening by the members of the community. The program of the evening was arranged by Mrs. S. P. McKean, which consisted of several interesting numbers, refreshments and dancing. George S. Knapp, with his daughter Miriam, spent Tuesday in Boston and witnessed the parade of the Grand army, which took place on that date. Moscoe Hale entertained a party of over 100 members of the North Pomona Grange recently in taking them over his farm, viewing his large orchards and planted fields. After strolling over the farm Mr. Hale most hospitably entertained his guests by serving refreshments which were most assuredly enjoyed. The party started from Chelmsford en route to Fitchburg, where they visited the farm, also enjoying the opportunity of visiting several farms. They went, and upon reaching their destination they enjoyed the basket picnic for which they had previously prepared. Mr. and Mrs. Pitt and two children have been recent visitors of Mr. Frank F. Woods. During their visit a trip was taken to Boxford to see Frank Woods, who is there in camp. Word has been received from Lewis Knapp, who is at Fort Totten, L. I., that he is well and is comfortably situated.

The picnic held at Long pond, Littleton, last Saturday, under the auspices of the Middlesex South Union C. E. society, was well attended, twenty going from Groton, which had the honor of having the largest number of representatives. The party left here about nine o'clock in the Groton School barge, driven by Ralph Sargent. All reported a pleasant time, meeting friends and forming new acquaintances. The Littleton society furnished refreshments for the afternoon which were much appreciated. The merry party reached home about 7:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. George Bixby, with their granddaughter Dorothy, have been spending a week at York Beach. Kenneth Sawyer, who has been suffering from the effects of a fly-some time ago, is much better. Mrs. Thomas Brown, of Cambridge, visited her cousin, Mrs. Daniel Crowley, over Sunday. John H. Boynton has been obliged to take a vacation from the store of E. E. Peppel of East Pepperell on account of strained ligaments of the leg. Winthrop Lamb of West Groton with the Boy Scouts in that vicinity went to Baddacook pond Wednesday, where they will enjoy a week's outing in their tents. Mr. Hamilton of Hudson will occupy the part of the building next Sunday. Mrs. Hamilton is sister to Rev. Samuel Knobb's wife, who was pastor of the Baptist church some years ago. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tyrrell are entertained at the home of Dr. Whitaker of Boston, a commissioned officer, who is soon to leave and join the army. It is understood that James A. Bailey, jr., who has leased his home to an army officer, is to move his family to Arlington, where he has purchased a new home, in which he will live in school. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey will be greatly missed in Groton, during their absence, by a host of friends. Miss Irene Tyrrell, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Clark Hall, of West Hartford, since the closing of her school in Groton, will be in Groton Saturday afternoon, where she will remain the rest of the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tyrrell. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartt who have been visitors at the home of James T. Bennett, are now spending part of their vacation at Situate. Charles R. Woolley of Groton, who enlisted in the Canadian army medical corps, is now in camp at Valcartier. He has recently received a promotion to the rank of sergeant. He expects to leave for France soon. There will be special music at the Baptist church next Sunday. Theodore Richardson, who has been enjoying a ten days' vacation in New York, returned to Groton on Tuesday evening. Edwin Sampson, son of Mrs. Fannie Sampson, and Eugene M. Darling, son of Dr. and Mrs. Darling of Cambridge and Groton, were selected from this state for the second camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., which opens August 27. Mrs. Earl Farnsworth of Ayer is convalescing at Groton hospital, where she has recently operated on for appendicitis. Charles Boulton of Hollis was in town last week running the Brookside farm reaper. Dr. Ayers gave his second lecture in first aid on Monday afternoon in the lower town hall in Ayer. Another meeting was held on Thursday afternoon, August 23. During the electrical storm of Tuesday a cow belonging to Charles Lawrence was struck and killed. A very pleasing feature of the band concert last Saturday evening was the singing of "Babe" Rogers, a professional singer now with the 6th regiment of the Ayer camp. He sang three songs, "Somewhere in France," "Caddy," "Where do we go from here" and "Indiana," all of which were roundly applauded. Mr. Rogers sang several encores. The crowd was larger than usual. Co. 29, M. S. G., held its regular drill in the town hall on Wednesday evening, August 22. There were 56 men present. The work of the evening included instruction in the manual of arms, each square being drilled separately by the squad leader, company drill, and drill, open order, in the next few weeks will make the work of the training camp easier as well as greatly increasing the confidence of promotion. Mrs. Susan Barron of Nashua is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Berry. During the severe storm of Tuesday several trees in the chestnut lot be-

ter the ceremony the bridal couple started immediately on a wedding trip in their automobile up through the White Mt. Word has been received from them that they have been fortunate in escaping the electrical storms which have been so destructive in that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester on their return will reside at his home on River street. Mr. Sylvester is engaged as mail carrier and Mrs. Sylvester will keep her millinery store on Main street in East Pepperell. Miss Minnie J. Manson and Louis M. Hickey, both of West Groton, were united in marriage on Thursday evening by Rev. L. W. Richardson at his home on Hollis street. They were attended by Mrs. Jennie Thompson and her son Walter. Mr. Hickey, who has been a resident of West Groton for seventeen years, was born in Plattsburg, Vt. Miss Manson's birthplace was in Richmond, Vt. The newly-wedded couple will reside in West Groton. Special Town Meeting. Henry Whiting was chosen moderator at the special town meeting last week Monday night. Under article 2, River voted to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 and expend Mrs. Buxter will same as may be necessary to provide aid for dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors having a residence in Groton, enlisting and mustered into the military or naval service of the United States as part of the quota of the state. Under article 3, it was voted to pay dependent relatives of members of Co. 20, M. S. G., residing in Groton, in active service, the same amounts as are authorized by law to be paid to dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors in federal service. Under article 4, it was voted to appropriate \$1000 for the equipment of other necessary expenses of the 20th Company, M. S. G., to be expended under the direction of the selectmen. It was voted under article 5 to appropriate \$200 for lighting the streets later than 12:30 o'clock. Under article 6, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$1500 for police protection. West Groton. Mrs. John Dugan, of Leominster, spent the day with her sister, Mrs. G. G. Harrington on Friday. Katherine and Raymond Dugan, who have been guests of their aunt, have returned home. George Harrington went to York Beach with Mr. Bixby on Sunday, returning on Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bixby and granddaughter Dorothy are spending a week at York Beach. Phineas Parker with his little son Richard went to Providence on Friday, visiting his daughter, Mrs. James Caldwell. He returned on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LeBrecque and sons, Armand and Edgar, have returned from a trip to Canada, where they have visited relatives. Mr. McCormack and family have rented the upper apartment in the corner house opposite the railway station. Mrs. William Fernald and Miss Evelyn Fernald are spending the week in Framingham. Miss Olive Tarbell of Hanover, N. H., is spending her vacation at home. Miss Kate Tarbell is enjoying a week's stay with her sister, Mrs. Frank Humiston, in Jeffrey, N. H. During Miss Tarbell's absence the library will be open as usual in charge of the substitute, Mrs. H. Spaulding. Miss Nellie Hill has returned from her residence at the Northboro convention. Miss Hazel Thompson, who has been camping in Vermont with a friend, has returned, much the better physically for the experience. She expects to remain here some time. A. H. Thompson has returned from a trip to Sheldon, Vt., where he has been the guest of his nephew, D. M. Shepley. Mrs. A. H. Thompson and daughter Myra are enjoying a vacation at Friday park. Miss Grace Bixby spent Wednesday at her home here. Miss Jessie Hallett of Yarmouth is a guest at the home of her uncle, Edward Hallett, on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch McCarley, jr., and little daughter Norma are visiting at the home of his parents. Miss Ruth Austin of Catskill, N. Y., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. W. Lamb. Marian Dugan is visiting her aunt in Leominster. Mrs. John McCann is quite ill in care of her physician. Miss Kathleen Dunphy of Groton is a guest of her sister, Mrs. C. W. and five youngest children spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. M. J. Shepley, of Waltham. Mrs. John Downs has been ill, but is now out again. Earl Sleeper is quite ill with laryngitis. The army and navy relief society sent the following articles last week: 100 handkerchiefs, 500 compresses, 20 comfort pillows, 5 pillow cases, 1 knitted floor cloth, 32 bath mats. Mrs. E. K. Harrington and her granddaughter, Bertha Harrington, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Roy in Watertown from Sunday until Wednesday evening. They witnessed the military parade in Boston on Tuesday. Miss Elizabeth Hill gives the following report from her class of knitters. Mufflers have been finished by Myra Thompson, Bertha Harrington and Elizabeth Lewis. Mrs. Thompson has also sent a number to the class and Mrs. Hill has finished a sweater. The annual school and home garden exhibit will be held at Horticultural hall, Boston, on Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2. Any children having large quantities of cucumbers, turnips, beans, beets, onions or flowers are requested to communicate with Miss Hill. Twenty-eight children were in the school garden at the Hill farm. Everything is growing well, weeds excepted. One of the children picked 17 quarts of string beans on Wednesday, another 26 summer squashes and another 12 cucumbers. Three dollars worth of radishes have been sold and the other vegetables are producing in like manner. Mr. Abbott, garden specialist of the Middlesex Farm Bureau, pronounced the garden the best laid out school garden he'd ever seen. He took a photograph and said that though beans were his specialty he should be perfectly satisfied with a growth such as this garden shows. The Boy Scouts are camping at Baddacook pond. Winthrop Lamb is leader and Erving Sawyer, cook, assisted by his brother Richard. After a serving of creamed potatoes the boys declared they had a corking cook. They have caught sixty fish. Other boys at the camp are Alfred Durant, Bert Hanscomb, Eugene Smith, James Fallon, Robert McCann, Edward Web-

ber, Edward Cronin and Bernard Cronin during the last few days. Miss Esther Jarvis visited for a few days recently in Worcester and Fitchburg. Mrs. F. L. Blood and daughter have returned from Pawtucket. R. L. Little Helen is much better, though still weak. Mrs. Humphrey is at home from the hospital and is now quite comfortable. TOWNSEND About Town. Walter W. Macomber of Townsend, milk dealer, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities \$628. No assets. By error in last week's paper it stated that Mrs. Julia Sargent was visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. J. Lawrence. Instead she was visiting her sister, Mrs. Mattie Lawrence. Mrs. Jennie Temple and children returned from Vermont on Monday, after spending three weeks there. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dow and son Ernest spent Sunday in Shirley. Harbor. Major Jones spent Monday and Tuesday in Worcester. Miss Jennie Taylor, much improved in health, has returned from a two-weeks' sojourn in Ashby. Miss Hester Burdett, accompanied by Carl Liddell and Bert Slinger, returned from a seven-day Grand-day's outing spent at the Universalist primary school and camp at Ferry Beach, Me. Lester Spear, of Reading, accompanied by his betrothed, Miss Julia Seawood, of Wakefield, spent Tuesday at the home of Mrs. S. B. H. Hubbard. Mrs. and Miss Richardson of Lowell, and Miss Richardson of Lowell, are guests of R. B. Adams and family. Mrs. R. B. Brooks, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. Bagley, returned to East Boston on Monday. T. J. Harvey went Monday to Boston to attend the G. A. R. encampment. Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin and her daughter, Miss Blanche Baldwin, have returned from Worcester, where they were guests of Leslie Baldwin and family. Mrs. Mitchell Keefe was the weekend guest of her daughter, Miss Annie Keefe, of Chelsea. John Dole, 2d lieutenant of a cavalry, late in Chelsea, is enjoying a week's vacation at the Hotel Lincoln, 200 South row, Leut. Dole was graduated to Ayer on August 29. He will graduate from Harvard last June. Miss Dorothy Smith returned home on Monday evening from the Homeopathic hospital, where she has been substituting for Dr. E. J. Sawyer. September Miss-Smith expects to resume her studies. On last Tuesday Nissiquassick Villa was in the center of an electrical storm. Two trees, a gate and the shop were struck. There was no serious damage. During the past week Mr. and Mrs. George Sullivan, known as the Tlantia Midgets, have been entertaining friends from Boston. Horace Burbank, who recently purchased the farm known as Christies, on Wednesday evening, reports busy times at the lunch room in Ayer, over which he has charge. Mrs. Thomas Keefe, who is acting as housekeeper for Mr. and Mrs. Horace Seales, spent the earlier part of the week in Worcester. Clarence LaFontaine lost a valuable horse on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Wallace Williams, Greely, George Cummings, William Buckle, and Edward Brooks have been drafted from this vicinity and passed their examinations; the three latter have received exemption for a longer or shorter time. Phineas Parker, John C. Blake and John C. Knowlton, formerly of this community, have also been drafted and successfully passed. John H. Locke, who for many years spent his vacation at Pinehurst, has received a commission as captain in the government and been appointed to the Commonwealth Steel Company, of St. Louis, where for several years he has successfully carried on research work. Jack, the family horse of Horace Seales for twenty years, on last Monday was killed on account of his age. The horse when bought by Mr. Seales was about ten years old. Mrs. M. E. Covell, who has been visiting at Pinehurst, returned to her home in Westford on last Sunday. Mrs. Noyes' and Miss Vera Austin, who have been guests at Sachem Villa, returned to Boston on Monday. Last Sunday a large auto party from the city visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noyes. One of the largest audiences for some time was present at the site of the curtain last Tuesday evening at the parish building to enjoy the entertainment prepared by the ladies of the Cape and Harbor. The program was in two parts, the first consisting of the play, "The Heavens," which was and was provocative of fun and laughter; vocal and violin solos and readings by Mrs. Noyes comprised the second part. During the evening ice cream was served for the heating, both socially and financially, was highly successful. The proceeds will be added to the building repair fund. The As You Like It club was delightfully entertained on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Helen Warner. The entertainment, prepared by the hostess, Miss Lillie Warner, was a very successful one. The program was a lecture for the afternoon. The program, literary in character, was made especially interesting by the personal note that pervaded it. The entertainment, patriotic in significance, was enjoyed by fifteen club members and guests. Preceding adjournment ice cream and cake were served. The next meeting of the club will take place at Walnut Grove. One of the pleasantest functions of the season was the recent reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Doran on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Although completely surprised, Mr. and Mrs. Doran recovered sufficiently to extend to their unexpected guests a warm welcome and to entertain them handsomely. The evening passed merrily at the close of which refreshments were served. Mingled with the good-byes were the heartily expressed wishes that Mr. and Mrs. Doran might live to enjoy their golden anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Conant announce the marriage of their daughter, Ida Mildred, to Charles Richards on Friday, August 24. The marriage took place at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. Rollan Tuttle performing the ceremony. Miss Richards is the daughter of a bridegroom and Gilman Conant best man. Owing to the uncertain conditions caused by the war Mr. and Mrs. Richards will board at Westview, the home of the bride's parents, for the present.

LITTLETON News Items. James F. Moore, James E. Smith and W. H. Brown joined their comrades in the veterans and S. of V. parade in Boston, Tuesday. Mrs. George H. Moore has visited friends in Lynn this week. Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whitcomb and baby were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stewart in Worcester three or four days this week. Miss Helen Dodge had a vacation last week which she spent with the home people. Miss Esther Dodge has gone to Lowell, Me., for two weeks. S. B. Hubbard attended the G. A. R. encampment this week and among other functions attended the reception at City hall, Cambridge, Thursday. Mrs. Jesse Dodge has returned from a visit with her niece, Mrs. Burke, in Shrewsbury. The surgical dressings workers sent their largest shipment Monday. It contained 3,757 surgical dressings. In July two shipments were sent and those contained 6,307 dressings. Miss Mary Nye visited Mrs. Benjamin Pratt in Ayer this week. Mrs. E. Z. Wilcox has been in Boston a few days recently. The Catholic society is planning for a field day in town hall park, Saturday. Bills have not yet been posted. Mrs. Hartwell Whitcomb is slowly recovering from an attack of rheumatism on the sciatic nerve. Mr. Sampson of Cambridge was a guest of George McMillan last week. Mr. and Mrs. William Hubbard of New York have been entertained recently at the home of his father, S. B. Hubbard. The H. J. Coupers lately motored to Hollis, N. H., taking as auto guests Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge. A few cases of shingles have been reported in town. The patients are nearly well. John Connell has been making good progress since he underwent an operation two weeks ago. His brother Joseph, who lost parts of his lower limbs in consequence of an accident two weeks ago, is reported as doing remarkably well. Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hartwell and family motored to Boston Tuesday and saw the grand G. A. R. parade. They were guests of Mr. Hartwell's cousin, Col. Hooley. On their return Hartwell came home from a pleasant visit with relatives in Lexington. Mrs. Lucinda L. Hartwell, one of the oldest ladies in town, celebrated her birthday Tuesday by visiting her granddaughters, Edna Hartwell and Mrs. H. H. Robbins, at Fred C. Hartwell's. She was pleasantly remembered in many ways and enjoyed every attention. Philip Cook has recovered from an attack of indigestion that lasted him among the shut-ins a few days. Some of the Littleton people contemplating having a band concert by musicians of established reputation for the benefit of the Red Cross movement. Should the project materialize flyers and posters will be in evidence soon. Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Smith and Louise are spending a few days at Charles L. Smith's. A man and a woman have made a canvass of the householders in a number of the New England towns, claiming to represent the Proctor Gamble Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, and carrying out soap offering fifty bars of Star, Ivory, Lenox or P. & White Napha for \$1.96, which is less than the wholesale price. This couple, the papers described as frauds, of whom the public is warned to give any information ascertained to Proctor & Gamble Co., Boston. Burpee Steele, of the Blanchard & Gould Company of American forestry unit, No. 3, sawed the first lumber on foreign soil for the Allies. It was a remarkable event as three officers from the general staff honored the occasion by their presence and preserved a piece of the lumber, inscribing thereon, "First lumber sawed by American lumber men in this country, July 28, 1917, at 3:20 p. m." A social dance will be given in the town hall on Thursday evening, August 30, at eight o'clock sharp. Music, Colonial orchestra; matrons, Mrs. J. N. Murray, Mrs. F. B. Priest, Mrs. J. H. Hardy. Dancing 8-12. The tax rate in Littleton this year will be \$23 on \$1000. This, we believe, is the highest the town has reached. Last year the rate was \$20 on \$1000. SHIRLEY News Items. Alfred Shearer has leased the McCoy house, which he recently purchased, to Mrs. Malcolm G. Haughton of Beverly Farms, who takes possession September 1. Gov. McCall has reappointed D. Chester Parsons clerk of the Ayer court. The store of Brockelman Bros. will be closed Saturday afternoon from one to four o'clock, owing to the death of their brother, Benjamin Brockelman, who died at his home in Leominster Wednesday evening of Bright's disease. He was fifty-six years of age. Frank Landry concludes his duties at the store of H. O. Peaseley Saturday evening of this week. Leonard Hooper has been notified that his application for exemption would not be allowed. Mr. Hooper has appealed to the district board at Worcester. Miss May Stebbins has accepted a position at the Ayer telephone exchange. Mrs. Walter W. Manning of Upper Montclair, N. J., in company with two sons, Gordon and Richard, arrived on Thursday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, for a vacation. HARVARD News Items. John Cleaves, Capt. Charles C. Perry and John Preston, G. A. R. veterans, attended the national encampment in Boston this week. Irving Green, of East Boston, is visiting a week with his cousin, Orin A. Fairbank. He is working a few days as bookkeeper for the Fred T. Ley Company at the Ayer camp. In the case of Harry Roberts and Grace Stone, of this town, who were before the district court in Clinton this week, charged with lascivious solicitation, both were found guilty. Roberts was sentenced to four months in the house of correction, and Miss Stone to the reformatory at Sherborn for an indefinite period. They appealed and their cases come before the superior court in October.

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Real estate transactions recorded this week from Harvard—Eugene Fairchild to Walter F. Dickson; Anna C. Schultz to Oscar P. Schultz. The Harvard Social club held a well-attended lawn party on Thursday, although the weather forbade some of the out-door sports. At eight o'clock they gave a motion picture show in the hall followed by dancing until twelve o'clock. Mrs. Catherine Breenahan, of Belovs Falls, Vt., with her daughter, are guests this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neyland. The Massachusetts fish and game commissioners will hold a hearing on the establishment of the proposed Bear Hill reservation in the town hall on Tuesday afternoon, September 4, at two o'clock. It is hoped that all those interested in the project will take pains to be present. The Bird club, particularly, should be strongly represented. The outcome of this hearing will undoubtedly determine to a large extent whether the reservation is to exist or not. An account of the Girls' Canning club meeting and a letter sent to the girls by Miss Clara Endicott Sears was received too late for insertion this week and will be published next week. Still River. Miss Edith Fairchild, of Rutherford, N. J., is the guest of Miss Esther Stone. Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse are entertaining relatives from Worcester. Mr. Cunningham, of Nashua, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Annie Haskell. Frank Frink, of Boston, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gorham. Mrs. Birchall, of Clinton, is visiting Miss Alice Mathall. A family by the name of Joyce, whose home in Shaboken has been taken by the government for part of camp Devens, have moved into the house formerly owned by A. A. Hutcherson. W. Willard took a load of young people to Lake Whalom on Wednesday evening. Miss Edna Robinson spent Sunday with her sister in Hudson. Owing to the rain the Sunday school and village picnic, which was to have been held on Thursday, was postponed until the next pleasant day. Mrs. Carrie Nourse spent Tuesday in Ayer, visiting the Chautauque in the afternoon. Mrs. Ralph Whitney and daughter, of Worcester, are visiting Mrs. Josephine Whitney.

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Saturday, August 25, 1917

AYER

After nearly two months at Westboro, Justin Spaulding has recovered from the sudden aberration of mind and is at his home.

"The bondage of fear," featuring Ethel Clayton, is the leader this Saturday evening at the moving picture show. The play is in five parts. On Monday comes Baby Marie Osborne in "Told at twilight," in five parts. This is a clean, beautiful picture, an attraction for every day in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson, of Calgary, B. C., were guests of Mrs. M. L. Savage last Sunday.

Manager Pouloups has secured a clever vaudeville act for Monday evening at Page's hall in the person of Miss Kate Fitzgibbon, the clever Irish story teller and singer. Her repertoire has just completed the Loew circuit and is resting in Ayer for a few weeks.

A fatal accident occurred on the Shirley road, near the entrance to the military camp last week Friday afternoon, when a motorcycle driven by Fred Fay, of Lancaster, and another automobile driven by Lieut. George L. Prescott, of Company I, 6th regiment, of Concord, came together in a forcible head-on collision.

Joseph C. Anno, who last week sold his house on East Main street, plans to move to his home on Cambridge street about October 1. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Kittredge, who have a tenement in Mr. Anno's house, will move to the Cambridge street house, where they have a tenement engaged.

Charles L. Washburn and daughter, Miss Esther Washburn, are visiting in Wallingford, Conn.

Harry Bodah, of Shirley, met with a painful accident while employed at the south yard last Sunday. At the time of the accident Bodah was in the act of jacking up a box car, when for some unexpected cause the handle of the jack flew and struck him a heavy blow on the jaw.

John W. Curley and John P. Chambers, arrested here on July 23, charged with giving orders to men at work at Camp Devens, were before United States Commissioner Hayes last week Friday and were discharged.

Victor Fillebrown, of Framingham, formerly connected with the First National bank, sent in his application on Monday to become a member of the balloon squad of the aviation corps located at Omaha, Neb. He expects to take his examinations shortly.

Additional nomination papers were filed at the office of the town clerk up to Friday afternoon, August 17, for the following officers: Governor, Gratton D. Cushing; secretary of state, Albert T. Langtry; state auditor, Alonzo B. Cook; representative 12th Middlesex district, Edward A. Richardson; Ayer, republican town committee, Edward A. Richardson, Ellis D. Stone, Oliver K. Pierce, John M. Maloney, Charles E. Sherwin, Huntley S. Turner and Theodore W. Barry.

Miss Nona Bernice Smith and Harrison Eugene Evans, both of this town, were united in marriage on Monday afternoon at one o'clock by Rev. J. S. Strong, of the Federated church at the home of the bride on Williams street in the presence of only the near relatives of the couple. The quietness of the ceremony was due to the recent death of the bride's mother.

The couple started after the ceremony on their wedding journey which includes visits at Niagara Falls, Quebec, Montreal and other places.

From August 1 to 22 the local post-office force has handled 1696 special delivery letters in addition to a regular mail and 1220 money orders. From July 1 to August 23 1168 registered letters have been handled.

There will be services Sunday morning at the Federated church. Rev. Vandergriff, one of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries at the camp, will occupy the pulpit. A meeting at seven o'clock, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," leader, Miss Strong.

Members of the W. R. C. who attended the national encampment of the G. A. R. in Boston this week were Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell, Mrs. Mary L. Brock, Mrs. Nina B. Lavoie, Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson, Mrs. Josie M. Stiles.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a special meeting in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday afternoon, August 24, at seven o'clock, to make arrangements for their annual picnic which will take place early in September. A full attendance is requested.

The tenth annual reunion of the Sandy Pond School association will be held at the old schoolhouse on Saturday afternoon, September 1. The meeting will open at 10 o'clock with a transaction of business and election of officers, followed by a short entertainment. Miss M. Ella Millmore, of Somerville, who has sang so acceptably at two former reunions, is expected to be present and render some selections.

The executive board of the Woman's club will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. Dickerson, Friday evening, August 31, at 7:30 o'clock.

A recommendation issued Wednesday afternoon by General Edwards urges that officers to be stationed at Camp Devens or other mobilization camps make no attempt to have their families accompany them to the camps.

Governor McCall has sent in to the council the reappointment of D. Chester Parsons as clerk of the North Middlesex district court.

The G. A. R. have been invited to visit Camp Devens on Saturday afternoon and will take the three o'clock electric car for the ride. The train will be expected to appear in uniform.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swallow, of Brooklyn, N. Y., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lyndon.

Miss Helen Whitney has returned from a visit with friends in Lowell.

Miss Bernice Piper, of Worcester, visited Miss Flora I. Cole last week.

Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., gave a social and smoke talk for the benefit of the members of the order employed at Camp Devens in the lodge quarters last week Friday evening.

Dr. Asa Jones, of the State Board of Health, has presented a life-sized doll to Miss Beryl Proctor, the eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jones, of Shirley, for the best essay on the subject "The bath and the care of the baby." This prize was offered several weeks ago by the State Board of Health in order to stimulate interest among the girls throughout the state in the subject of personal hygiene.

George W. Laddington will open the West Street Lunch on this Saturday morning. Mr. Laddington will serve light lunches and guarantee satisfaction and courteous treatment to all who favor him with their patronage.

Ground has been broken for E. D. Stone's new house on Washington street. E. H. Longley has charge of the work of putting in the cellar.

It is reported that a special town meeting will soon be called. On the matters that will probably come before the meeting or later is the making of a town by-law governing the operation of jitneys. Since work at Camp Devens began there have been many of these vehicles in use in carrying people to and from the camp.

Charles W. Mason, who has a home for a short time on his summer cottage in Center Harbor, N. H.

The telephone company is building a two-story building on the lot known as the Moses place on Pleasant street, which the company recently bought for quarters for operators. The new building is to afford additional living quarters for the extra operators which it will be necessary to have on account of the greatly increased business.

F. H. Hootley has concluded his duties as bookkeeper for the H. Hardy, where he has played for many years. He takes the position left vacant by his son Frank in the freight dept. of the Boston and Maine railroad.

The whole making an occasion long to be remembered. In the evening there was a concert by the Hussars.

The fifth and last day of the week in the afternoon John Kendrick Bangs, whose talk on "Salubrity" was well worth the price of the whole ticket.

The Junior Chautauqua had a breakfast picnic in the town park Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening appeared on the stage with the presentation of some of the games and folk dances they had learned under the direction of their teacher, Miss Ethel Scofield, of Milwaukee, a graduate of Columbia university.

It was with great regret that the people decided it was not possible for them to promise to have the Chautauqua come next year because of the conditions that the town is up against are so very uncertain.

The most daring robbery committed here in many years occurred last Saturday afternoon when the passenger Overland automobile belonging to Dr. J. Coughlin, of Maynard, was stolen while standing near the town hall. Mr. Coughlin came from town after his car to enter upon his new job as a member of the draft exemption board of the 15th district, which meets in the assessors' room in the town hall building.

Word was given Chief Beatty of the robbery and in a few minutes he had notified the police of all the towns and in this section. The chief followed by giving his personal attention in trying to locate the thief, but all efforts failed.

The second day's trial of the case of the State Board of Industries against the Nassau Paper Co., which has places of business in Pepperell and Groton, came off last Saturday before Judge Atwood. The allegations of the State board are broadly speaking, that the company in its duties toward its employees, in procuring help, failed to say that there were labor troubles at its mills, which is contrary to law.

The government's counsel tried to prove to general employees of the company that they had been sent to search for help in New York, Maine and other places without telling the men they hired that there were labor troubles at the company's mills.

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Miss Margaret Burns Vose, Vassar '16, daughter of Mrs. J. H. Vose, of Lanes Lane, Milton, was married to Lupton Thomas K. Fisher, U. S. R., on last Saturday in St. Michael's church, Milton, by the bridegroom's father, Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, formerly of Ayer, now All Saints church in Peterborough, N. H.

He was assisted by the rector of St. Michael's church, Rev. H. Boyd Edwards. The best man was Capt. Bennett Sanderson, U. S. R., of Ayer, and the bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, the Misses Ruth and Charlotte Vose, of Ayer.

The Christian Federation of Ayer, composed of representatives and ministers of the leading denominations of New England, opened their big tent near the bridge, Main street, on Wednesday night at 7:30, with a little service of dedication in charge of Rev. Charles Spaulding of the Methodist church, of Ayer.

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SHIRLEY

News Items. Harry Bodah met with a painful accident last Sunday while at work at the Ayer railroad yard. While he was working on a freight car the handle of the jack slipped and struck him on the jaw. He was rendered unconscious for over an hour. The attending physician found an ugly wound with a number of his teeth loosened, but fortunately no bones broken. Leonard Hooper has accepted a position as teacher of mathematics and science in Proctor, Vt., and will assume his duties on September 10. Miss Beattie Damm and brother, Master Walter Damm, have returned from a visit with relatives in Sudbury. Rev. Arthur P. Wedge, of the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League, gave a most interesting address at the Congregational church last Sunday morning. A pleasing feature was a vocal solo by Miss Eva Case, of Dorchester. Miss Eva Bowers, of Reed's Ferry, N. H., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall T. Tirrell, of Winchendon, visited friends in Shirley last Sunday, making the trip in their auto. Mrs. Tirrell was formerly Miss Ruth H. Carter, commercial teacher at the high school. Mrs. Joseph Tremblay and two children have left for a two-weeks' visit with relatives in Boston. About fifteen Christian Endeavorers from here attended the C. E. picnic in Littleton last Saturday. Eugene N. Livermore and Lewis W. Parsons spent the week-end and Sunday at Mt. Monadnock. Harry H. Lynch and family left last Saturday for a vacation of two weeks at the home of Mr. Lynch's parents in Amherst, N. H. Miss Eva Case, of Dorchester, spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Dunham. Frank Dunham has given up his position in the weaving department of the President Suspender Company and on Monday morning will start as a motorman for the Fitchburg and Lowell street railway, from Ayer to Lowell. Miss Ruth Knowles has accepted a position at the store of Brockelman Bros, Shirley, and will commence her new duties the latter part of next week. Miss Ellen Hafford spent a few days in Providence this week. Miss Ruth Knowles in company with Miss Ruth Day leaves next week for a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson, Boston. The latter is a sister of Miss Knowles. Mrs. Lavonne Edgerton, in company with her son Austin and her sister Mrs. James Holland, left last Saturday for New York city to attend the funeral of Mrs. M. C. Cobleigh, their aunt, who died last week Thursday from the effects of a shock. Mrs. Cobleigh was a native of New York and was the wife of Nelson Holden. At the time of her death she was keeping house for her brother, Dr. Timothy Holden, of East Broadway, New York. Mrs. John Chesbro has an Easter lily with three blossoms which is unusual for this season of the year. She purchased the lily last Easter and when through with it threw it away. A short time afterwards, in passing the spot where the lily was thrown, she noticed that it was sprouting and planted it. Mrs. George Greenleaf left Tuesday for Burlington, Vt., where she will again take treatment for a limited time. Harry J. Monahan, of Worcester, has sold his place near Harris crossing in Shirley to M. C. Lincoln, of Newton. Mr. Lincoln will make extensive repairs to the place and the Ayer, was the broker who had charge of the property and handled the deal. Rev. Douglas H. Corley will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45 and preach on the subject, "The Joy of Men." Miss Hazel Ballou has resigned her position at the Ayer bank, to take effect about September 1. Miss Ballou has accepted a position with her grandfather, Gilbert M. Ballou, at his saw mill office. At the session of the Sunday school at the Congregational church last night, the resignation of Mrs. H. W. McCoy, as teacher of the Sunday school, was accepted with sincere regret. It was voted that a set of resolutions be framed by the officers of the Sunday school, and that a copy of the same be presented to Mrs. McCoy and a copy of the same spread upon the records of the school. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy leave Shirley in the near future. Center. Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield will preach at the Unitarian church on Sunday; subject, "Be of the same mind one toward another"—how the modern world is taking to heart Paul's teaching and is coming to be of the same mind in regard to some of the essential things necessary for the world's growth—with an illustration drawn from one of Barrie's new war plays. "The old lady shows her medals." This is Mr. Fairfield's last Sunday. He is present in Shirley. It is hoped that he will have a good audience on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Center. Miss Christine G. Longley left on Thursday for Thompson's Island, where she has taken a position as teacher in the Farm and Trades school. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware and family have returned to their summer home on Hazen road after a two-weeks' stay at Catamount. Miss Marion Warren, of Chicopee Falls, has returned home after spending a few days with Mrs. Charles Longley. Her sister, Miss Gertrude Warren, is visiting Mrs. Longley this week. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed and family have closed their summer home on Center road and have returned to their home in Wolstead. Mary Groul went on Thursday to Dorchester to spend a few days with friends. Frank J. Lawton entertained about forty of the men from the Engineer corps at Camp Devens at his home in the pasture on Wednesday evening. The men brought their orchestra with them, which entertained with selections and also furnished music for dancing. In addition to this there were readings by Miss Vera Bradford and songs and cheers by the soldiers. Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, a few weeks ago as did the members of the Engineers, and a representative of the Y. M. C. A. A number of the people of the Center were present and helped Mr. Lawton entertain. Refreshments of punch, cake and apples were served.

Dorothy and Norma Adams, of Roxbury, are spending the week with their grandfather, Albert Adams.

Miss Arnette Billechen, who has been spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Groul, returned last week Friday to her home in Winchester. Misses Alice and Helen Rowe returned Sunday to Roxbury, after spending two weeks at the home of Mrs. Anna F. Dakin. Miss Helen Bradford, of Athol, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dustin, of Reading, were visitors Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hattie P. Holden. Miss Edna Holden, of Lancaster, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Holden. James, Henry and Daniel Whitney of Melrose, who some years ago used to spend the summer in Shirley, visited friends in town Sunday. Mrs. Edward Bill, of Haworth, N. J., who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Groul, left last week Friday. The Alliance held its usual successful lawn party last week Thursday afternoon on the lawn of the First Parish church. The following had charge of the tables: Aprons, Miss Agnes Holden; grab-bag, Mrs. H. F. Groul; Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth; ice cream, Mrs. Lavonne J. Edgerton and Mrs. Bessie Buxton. Miss Vera Bradford, who has been spending the summer in New Jersey, has returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, for a few days. The first of a new series of private dances was held in the town hall last week Friday evening under the management of Harry N. Brown. During the evening, Mr. Brown, on behalf of the present, presented Lawrence Bergquist, who had been in town on the occasion being his birthday. The affair was a genuine surprise to Mr. Bergquist, who responded with a few words of thanks. The next regular meeting of the Alliance will be held with Mrs. Mary Thompson in the Pray cottage, Flat Hill. Word has been received that Thomas H. Evans, who was recently transferred from Fort Ethan Allen to Fort Adams, has sailed for France. The people of Woodville are being agitated by the horrors of war, and "battles" have been held on Thursday and Friday of last week in that vicinity and along Horsepond and Hazen roads. Miss Della Sehr, who has been studying with Wesley Wyman this summer, left Saturday for Boston to spend a few days before returning to Wisconsin. Miss Ethel M. Holden went to Boston with her for a few days. Edward Adams and family, of Roxbury, spent Sunday at the home of Albert Adams. James Mackaye, of Cambridge, spent the week-end at the home of his mother, Mrs. Steele Mackaye. Mr. Tupper, who for some weeks has been occupying the Haradon cottage at the North, has bought the old mill at Woodville, which has for several years been occupied by William H. Lewis, and is soon to start repairs on it. Lewis H. Bradford and Arthur R. Holden, who for some weeks have been in training at Fort Slocum, N. Y., were transferred this week to Washington, D. C., for further training. Rev. Francis E. Webster, of Waltham, will preach at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon at 7.15. Numerous improvements and repairs are under way at the Center school building. David B. Marsh has charge of the work. The schools will open at the fall term on Tuesday, September 4, and Fitchburg high school on the same day. It is understood that the vacant tenement at the home of Daniel Bartlett on Clark road, is soon to be occupied by an officer from Camp Devens and his family. The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid society will be held on Tuesday afternoon, August 28, with Mrs. William Wilkins, Woodville. Mrs. J. D. Moulton, of Lunenburg, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Adams. Mrs. E. J. Miller is quite sick and is being cared for at the Groton hospital. Dean Hewes, while driving his automobile on Tuesday evening, struck a horse driven by Mr. Hancock, of Lunenburg. The accident happened on Parker road and was due to the lack of a light on Mr. Hancock's team. The damage was done except a bent mud-guard on the automobile. Two more from the Center were included in the second draft list—Horace C. Harris and George P. Hewes. Mr. Harris passed the physical examination, but Mr. Hewes was discharged. Rev. A. L. Bumpus and Stanley Fenno, of two different families and several friends took an automobile trip to Mt. Wachusett, Tuesday. Tuesday evening was neighbors' night at the Grange and Pepperell and Littleton Granges responded in full force to the invitation to be present. About 75 attended the meeting, including visitors from Leominster, Ayer and Fitchburg, besides the members of the two neighboring Granges. The entertainment was furnished by the visiting Granges and was as follows: (Special) Pepperell Grange, vocal solo, Mr. Spaulding; paper, "The Workshop of the Home," Mrs. Minnie Green; reading, Mrs. Shattuck; vocal solo, Mrs. Copp; reading, Miss Flynn; solo, Mr. Cook; of Littleton; duet, Mr. Copp and Mr. Nash, farce, members of the Littleton Grange. Refreshments of sandwiches, ice cream and cake were served. WHY SHE LEFT "Bridget—Yes, ma'am, I'll be havin' ye. I don't like that ship of a dud that does be callin' on Miss Katherine. Miss—The idea! He doesn't call to see you, so what? "Bridget—I know he don't, ma'am; but I'm afraid some of the neighbors might think he does."

HARVARD

Deaconesses appointed and authorized to act as trustees, to hold in trust the fee of all lands belonging to the Church as acting trustees in their official capacity and their successors in said office and trust forever, as more fully set forth in the "Shaker Church Covenant" annexed to the original petition marked "A." That your petitioners have been duly appointed, authorized and qualified as acting trustees as provided in Section 1, Article III of said Covenant and in accordance with the provisions of said section and the successors in right, title and claim to their predecessors in office to whom was conveyed the said parcel of real estate hereinafter described to hold in the capacity above mentioned and to their successors and assigns in trust for the express and only uses and purposes of supporting the education of the children of said Church and Society and all other that believe and unite with them, and also for the benefit of the Poor, the Widows and Fatherless of the Church and the Gospel generally, all as the direction of said Deacons and Church and their successors for the time being as they shall direct and appoint from time to time hereafter. That said real estate was conveyed to said trustees as provided in Section 1 of the original petition marked "A." Your petitioners further represent that said United Society of Believers in Harvard and also the United Society of Believers in Town of Shirley in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts held large tracts of land in the towns of Harvard, Lancaster, Shirley, Ayer and Littleton in the Counties of Worcester and Middlesex, in trust for the uses and purposes hereinbefore set forth and that a large number of conveyances had been made at various times to different people by the trustees of said societies and their successors and officers, but had no power to sell any of said real estate conveyed to said societies by the several grantors was given by them in their conveyances aforesaid; that the grantors of said real estate and Shirley jointly petition this Supreme Judicial Court: 1. That they be granted leave, by a decree of said Court, to confirm and make valid all of the conveyances which they as trustees of said societies, or their officers, have made of any of the real estate aforesaid; 2. That an order for the sale of the residue of said real estate be granted to them by this Court and that they may hold the proceeds thereof upon the trusts as they now hold said real estate; 3. That by decree of said Court dated March 17, A. D. 1906, it was ordered and decreed: 1. That the petitioners be granted leave to confirm and make valid all of the conveyances which they as trustees of said societies, or their officers, have made of any of the real estate described in said petition. 2. That the petitioners be licensed to sell at public auction the whole of the residue of said real estate, first giving notice by publication for three weeks in the "Public Spirit," a newspaper printed in Ayer, in our County of Middlesex. 3. That the proceeds of any and all sales, either heretofore made or hereafter to be made, be held by the petitioners and their successors in office, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioners hereby directed that an advantageous offer for the purchase of the parcels hereinafter described has been made to your petitioners by Charles McCreary, of Harvard, to wit, the sum of sixty thousand dollars; that the real estate which the petitioners propose to sell consists of the following: A certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated partly in the Town of Ayer and Littleton, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at the North Easterly corner thereof on the Southerly side of the State Road running between Ayer and Littleton; thence running North 77° 37' West forty-four and 3/10 (274.3) feet to the end of a wall; thence running South 58° 58' East one hundred eighteen and 1/10 (118.5) feet to an angle in a wall; thence running South 82° 32' West fifty-four and 6/10 (54.6) feet to an angle in a wall; thence running North 48° 47' West twenty-three and 7/10 (23.7) feet to an angle in a wall; thence running South 6° 32' West seven and 1/10 (7.1) feet, crossing the line between Ayer and Harvard, to an angle in a wall; thence running South 27° 17' West nine hundred sixty-one and 1/10 (961.2) feet to an angle in a wall; thence running South 77° 37' West one hundred twenty-five and 5/10 (125.5) feet to a corner of a wall; the last seven (7) courses bound on the land of John Pingree; thence running South 122° 30' West one hundred twenty-two (122) feet to the corner of a wall; thence running South 77° 30' West two hundred thirty-five (235) feet to an angle; thence running South 0° 19' West two thousand, eight hundred and twenty-four (2824) feet to an oak tree on the Northerly side of a Town Road running between Lancaster and Littleton; the last three courses being on land now or formerly owned by Farwell, Dickson and Bigelow; thence running North Westerly 107° 10' West one thousand and seventy-five (1075) feet to an angle; thence running West 170° 0' West one thousand (1000) feet, more or less, to an angle; thence running South Westerly by the said Town Road two hundred (200) feet, more or less, to an angle; thence running South Westerly by the said Town Road one hundred (100) feet, more or less, to the Southerly corner of a cemetery; thence running North 1° 45' West by the Easterly side of the cemetery, two hundred (200) feet, more or less, to an angle; thence running North 12° East on a line between the land of the grantor's and the said Watson fifty-six and 4/10 (56.4) feet to an angle; thence running North 35° 55' West by a wall between the land of the said grantor's and the said Watson sixty and 4/10 (60.4) feet to an angle; thence running North 49° 23' West by a wall on the line between the said grantor's and the said Watson one hundred thirteen and 9/10 (113.9) feet to an angle; thence running South 35° 55' West on a line between the land of the grantor's and the said Watson ninety-three (93) feet to a corner; thence running North 8° West on a line between the land of the grantor's and the said Watson one hundred ninety (190) feet to an angle; thence running North 12° East on a line between the land of the grantor's and the said Watson two hundred and five (205) feet to an angle; thence running North 12° East on a line between the land of the grantor's and the said Watson one hundred and five (105) feet, more or less, to the Southerly side of the road which runs on the Southerly side of the Rural Home Building, and Easterly by the Southerly side of said road on the Southerly side of the Rural Home Lot and crossing the road running from Ayer to Harvard and the said Watson one hundred and thirty (130) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning; also accepting any right which the public may have in the road running from Ayer to Harvard and the said road on the Southerly side of the Rural Home Lot and on the road running from Littleton to Lancaster. The area of the above described premises, exclusive of the land excepted in this conveyance and the highway is six hundred, ten (610) acres.

Reference is hereby made to a plan of the above described premises made by Parker, Bateman & Chase, July 1917, and filed in the Registry of Deeds in the Counties of Worcester and Middlesex, book 1200, page 100. Also another tract or parcel of land situated in said Ayer at the North-easterly corner of the intersection of the State Road from Ayer to Littleton and the road from Shaker Village to Sandy Pond and bounded beginning at the southerly corner of the premises; thence northerly by the easterly line of said Sandy Pond twenty (20) feet more or less to land of Levi W. Phelps; thence South 60 and one-half (60 1/2) degrees East one hundred (100) feet; thence southerly by said Phelps land to said road from Ayer to Littleton; thence westerly by said Ayer and Littleton road about one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning. Also another tract of land in the Rural Home Buildings, so-called, is located on this tract of land and is conveyed herewith together with any right or rights to convey water from said spring to said buildings, pipe or otherwise over or under said Ayer and Littleton road. Also another tract of land situated in said Harvard at the "South Family" so-called, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the North-easterly corner at land of one Chamberlain; thence North 38 1/2° West one hundred fifteen (115) feet; thence North 31° 10' West four hundred (400) feet as the wall now stands; thence 60° West one hundred (100) feet; thence South 15° 25' West four hundred twenty-five (425) feet all of said courses and distances are on said Chamberlain land; thence South 72 1/2° West one hundred (100) feet; thence by land of Levi W. Phelps to the point of beginning. Also a tract of land in said Harvard adjoining land of Levi W. Phelps and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a corner of land of Levi W. Phelps; thence North 60 degrees and sixty-nine (69) feet to a corner of land now or formerly of heirs of one Hynes; thence South 18° 40' West four hundred fifty-seven (457) feet by said Phelps land to the Village with water, with full liberty at all times to enter upon said premises to repair said spring and to replace, repair and renew the aqueduct leading from said spring to said Shaker Village; thence by the Rural Home Building of George W. Felch, et al dated April 7, 1890 and recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds, book 1214, page 333. Together with any and all real estate now owned by said United Society of Believers in the Town of Ayer and Littleton and Ayer not hereinbefore mentioned or described. And that by a partial sale thereof the residue would be greatly injured and that the interest in said premises concerned will be best promoted by an acceptance of said offer. YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE PRAY that they may be licensed to sell at private sale to the said Fiske Warren for the sum of sixty thousand dollars the real estate herein described and that they may be authorized to give good and sufficient deed to the said Fiske Warren conveying the said real estate free from any and all trusts and encumbrances, and to proceed thereon upon the same terms, conditions and trusts as they now hold said real estate; that such further and other relief be granted to them as the nature of the case may require and justice and equity shall demand. JOSEPH HOLDEN, JOSEPHINE C. JILSON. We, the Ministry and Elders of the aforesaid United Society of Believers, do hereby approve of the foregoing petition and grant the Trustees aforesaid full power and authority to take and do all things necessary to complete the proceedings herein begun. JOSEPH HOLDEN, WALTER SHEPHERD, SARAH BURGER, M. CATHERINE ALLEN. Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss. July 30th, 1917. Then personally appeared the named Joseph Holden and made oath that the statements heretofore made by him are true to his knowledge and belief. Before me, D. C. PARSONS, Justice of the Peace. Commonwealth of Massachusetts Worcester, ss. Supreme Judicial Court August 1st, A. D. 1917. On the Petition aforesaid, it is Ordered, That the Petitioners notify the said Attorney-General of the Commonwealth to appear at this Court, at Worcester, aforesaid, on the first Monday of October next, to show cause why the same should not be granted. And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 3149 F. M. ESTY, Register.

Supreme Judicial Court In Equity JOSEPH HOLDEN et als. vs. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. PETITION TO THE HONORABLE THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT. RESPECTFULLY REPRESENT your petitioners, JOSEPH HOLDEN and JOSEPHINE C. JILSON of Harvard, in the County of Worcester, and all in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Trustees of the United Society of Believers, called Shakers, a voluntary religious association in the town of Harvard, aforesaid, that certain tracts of land hereinafter described with the buildings thereon have been conveyed to them and their predecessors in office, to hold in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter set forth. Your petitioners further represent that said United Society of Believers in said Harvard is a separate society from any and all other societies of "Believers" or Shakers so far as related to temporal concerns and the appointment and qualifications of trustees and that "the general charge and oversight of all property, estate and interest, dedicated, devoted, consecrated and given up for the benefit of the Church is given to superintending Deacons or

caster Road, crossing the land of one Avery; the rights of the grantor in this pass-way are mentioned farther on in this instrument; thence running North 54° West eighteen and 4/10 (18.4) feet to a stone bound which is on the Westerly side of said pass-way; thence running North 87° 37' West four hundred ninety-three and 1/10 (493.1) feet by land of said Avery to the corner of a wall; thence running North 58° 58' West by land of said Avery four hundred twenty-four and 66/100 (424.66) feet to the remains of an old wall by land now or formerly of one Patrick; thence running North 35° 55' East by land of said Fiske three hundred sixty-five and 6/10 (365.6) feet to an angle in a wall; thence running North 22° West by the land of said Fiske one thousand five and 2/10 (1005.2) feet to an angle; thence running North 18° 57' West, partly by land of said Pattee and partly by land of one Davis seven hundred twenty-seven and 38/100 (727.38) feet to a stone bound; thence running North 31° 35' West by land of said Davis one hundred ninety-eight and 9/10 (198.9) feet to an angle; thence running North 15° 43' West by land of said Davis one hundred eighty-eight and 3/10 (188.3) feet to the corner of a wall; thence running North 3° 11' East by land of said Davis four hundred eighty-four and 4/10 (484.4) feet to the corner of a wall; thence running South 80° 52' East four hundred thirty-nine and 1/10 (439.1) feet to a stone bound at the end of a wall; thence running North 11° 15' East four hundred twenty-five and 8/10 (425.8) feet to an angle; thence running North 10° 15' East three hundred and one hundred ninety-three and 1/10 (393.1) feet to an angle; thence running North 13° 1' East two hundred forty-seven and 3/10 (247.3) feet to a stone bound at the end of a stone wall; thence running North 12° East six hundred thirty-four (634) feet to a stone bound at the corner of a wall; thence running North 2° 50' East four hundred twelve and 4/10 (412.4) feet to the corner of a wall; thence running South 65° 58' East three hundred and one hundred ninety-three and 1/10 (393.1) feet to an angle; 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CORN GROWING UNDER IRRIGATION METHODS

[Prepared by United States department of agriculture] The greatest natural limitation to corn growing under irrigation in many semiarid sections are short growing seasons and extreme differences between day and night temperatures. These effects may be partially overcome by growing early maturing and adapted varieties, but it is not to be expected that as large yields can be secured as are possible in sections where the seasons are long and temperatures more uniform. Many failures, however, are due to preventable causes. The most common mistakes are overirrigation, too frequent irrigations, too early irrigation



Corn cut away to show a baked and cracked soil. This land should have been cultivated after irrigation as soon as the ground could be worked.

and too little cultivation. The farmer who has been accustomed to regard a shortage of moisture as the chief cause of crop failure too often concludes that irrigation will cure all ills and insure large yields. When the surface soil is kept wet the temperatures are lowered by rapid evaporation, and the result is slower growth and delayed maturity. If cultivation is delayed until the surface soil begins to bake and crack, roots are exposed and cultivation may then be very injurious. Small corn plants do not require a large moisture supply. Early irrigations stimulate an excessive growth of stalk. The large, sappy stalks usually do not produce as much grain as those normally developed and are less likely to reach maturity before fall frosts occur. On land that is well cultivated and kept free from weeds it is usually unnecessary to irrigate corn until about the time the tassels and silks begin to appear. A good supply of water is needed at this time, and irrigations are of much benefit to the plants in producing and developing ears. These irrigations should be thorough and followed as soon as possible by cultivation. Irrigating in furrows or shallow ditches between the corn rows is better than flooding the whole surface and allowing the water to come in contact with the cornstalks. The number of irrigations necessary depends upon the type of soil and the amount of moisture supplied by rain. On average loam soils two or three irrigations are usually sufficient. Late irrigations delay maturity.

Exercise For Ewes. The more exercise the ewe gets the healthier and stronger the lambs are likely to be. The ewes will also deliver their lambs more easily. Some advocates hauling the roughage for the ewes to the field and spreading it about in small bunches. The ewes will then obtain exercise by running about from place to place. On wet, rainy or stormy days they should be left in the barn, but whenever the weather is at all favorable the ewes should be out of doors for exercise. One should not allow the ewes of the sheep to get soaking wet in the winter time.

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New Books. The following books have recently been added to the Reuben Hoar library: Allen, A. E. Rosemary. Allthaler, J. A. Eyes of the woods. Bailey, T. Mistress Anne. Baldt, L. I. Clothing for women. Barbour, W. H. Winning his game. Barrow, Alice. Friendly neighborhood. Burgess, T. W. Adventures of Paddy, the Beaver. Adventure of Poor Mrs. Quack. Chase, M. E. Virginia of Elk Creek Valley. Conrad, J. Shadow line. Dargan, O. T. The cycl's rim. Day, H. Where your treasure lie. Dixon, H. and Fitch, F. E. Human side of trees. Eaton, W. P. Peanut—cub reporter. Fernald, J. F. Definite object. Grover, E. O. Overall boys in Switzerland. Harrison, E. In story land. Eachelle, H. E. Katrinka. Heyliger, W. Captain Fife and Square. Holman, C. E. In the day of battle. Kimer, J. Literature in the making. Kinnicutt, J. M. The Mannequin. Locke, W. J. The red planet. London, J. Jerry of the Islands. Mantel, B. K. Our next door neighbors. Nicolson, Meredith. Madness of May. Nyburg, S. The chosen people. Patridge, E. B. Sube canals. Phillips, E. Banks of Colne. Piper, M. H. House on the hill. Foster, F. M. Indian neighborhood and games for Camp Fire Girls. Poole, E. His family. Porter, E. H. The road to understanding. Poulsson, E. and L. Top-of-the-world. Quirk, L. W. Boy Scouts on crusade. Richards, L. E. Elizabeth Fry. Rippin. Richards, Mrs. W. High tide. Rieding, W. H. Young folks' history of London. Richmond, G. S. Brown study. Rinehart, M. R. Bab. Russell, J. Elodie. Seeger, A. S. The melody of Cedar Mountain. Seton, E. T. Preacher of Cedar Mountain. Slosson, E. E. Six major prophets. Stern, E. G. My mother and I. Surette, T. W. Music and life. Ward, Mrs. H. Lady Connie. Walker, A. P. Bandman tales. Wells, H. G. God, the invisible king. Weston, G. Oh! Mary be careful! Wilson, W. War message. War Books. Bairstow, B. Bullets and bullets. Bell, E. P. War of Democracy. Brittain, H. E. To Verdun in the summer. Empey, G. Over the top. Hankey, D. A student in arms. Palmer, Frederick. My year of the great war. Zangwill, I. War for the world. Military Science. Batchelder, R. Watching and waiting on the border. Ellis, O. O. and Garey, E. B. Plattsburg manual. Moss, J. A. Manual of military training. Bulletins on Food Conservation. Home canning of fruits and vegetables. Home canning of fruits and vegetables by the one-period cold pack method. How to select foods (cereal foods). Drying fruits and vegetables in the house. Massachusetts Agricultural College Extension Service. Canning and evaporating. Evaporating and drying. Methods of saving fats. Canning of fruits and vegetables (cold pack method). Preparation wastes. Tables wastes. Storage wastes. Lunenburg. News Items. The Methodist and Congregational churches will hold a union picnic at Cogshall Park on August 29. Quite a lively program of sports is planned for the day, including racing of all kinds, jumping, left-hand throwing, ball game in the morning, etc. Picnic dinner will be served, to which all may contribute as they please. Special cars for conveying all who wish to go will leave Lunenburg at ten in the morning. As Mr. Whiston has not yet been ordained it is expected that this event will take place some time during the month of October. A meeting of the church at which it is hoped that every member will attend is to be held on Friday evening, August 31, to plan for the ordination. It will be only the third event of this kind to be held in Lunenburg, and it is hoped everyone interested will make a special effort to be present. The first ordination of a pastor here, according to Clerk E. S. Francis, was held on April 26, 1837, when the first pastor, Rev. Eli W. Harrington, was ordained. The second was on October 28, 1891, when Rev. William S. Walker was ordained pastor. It is a most interesting program. The death of Herbert Ropes occurred at his home on Burrage street early Tuesday morning. Mr. Ropes has been a sufferer from heart disease for many years, and since the death of his wife last December has been quite feeble. He leaves five children, Herbert E. at home; George C., of Fitchburg; Mrs. Carl Ropes; Mrs. Benjamin Merrill, of Lunenburg; and Mrs. William N. Chapman, of Fitchburg; also, several grandchildren. Reception. Wednesday evening, August 15, was the date chosen for the reception to be given Pastor Lincoln A. Whiston and his bride, and the vestry of the Congregational church was chosen for the gathering. This had been transferred into a veritable parlor. The floor was covered in the center with a handsome art square, and beautiful rugs here and there gave the room a very cozy, home-like appearance. Bouquets of flowers on tables, plants and window sills added both fragrance and beauty to the scene. The people of the Methodist church and society and a general invitation to the townspeople had been accepted, and in spite of the very threatening weather the vestry was comfortably filled at eight o'clock, the hour appointed, but guests continued to arrive until nine o'clock. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Whiston, Deacon George C. Lewis and daughter, president of the C. E. society, and Deacon Norman G. Bigelow and Mrs. Bigelow. After the introduction by the ushers and congratulations by the guests the young ladies served cake and ice cream. Instrumental music by F. E. Lacey's orchestra was interspersed throughout the evening. After all had been treated with refreshments Warren Lewis, in behalf of the church and C. E. society, stepped forward and in quite a witty little speech presented Mr. and Mrs. Whiston with a neat little box, "the contents of which we all hoped would prove serviceable to them in the coming cold winter." Both Mr. and Mrs. Whiston gave a hearty and grateful response. The box contained several ten-dollar gold pieces and some smaller pieces of money. When one of the boys scouts surprised a majority of those present by presenting Mr. Whiston with what he called a "hat box"—a small white box—in appreciation of

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The pleasant times he had given them while on their many hikes and also in anticipation of this week of camping out. The manner in which it was presented pleased Mr. Whiston very much and he sincerely thanked the boys for their gift. The box contained money. On Monday morning Pastor Whiston, with a group of boys, left town for a week of camping-out. They are spending the week at Stodge meadow, Ashburnham, on land owned by W. E. Marble, and expect to return on Saturday. On the same morning the Camp Fire Girls, fourteen in number, went out to the Bigelow farm, at Lake Massapoag, in charge of Mrs. L. A. Whiston. They are spending the week at Stodge meadow, Ashburnham. It is certainly very kind of the boys' Whiston to be willing to close and leave their home—so recently established—and camp out with these young people for one week. Everyone appreciates the favor and are sure they may all have a very pleasant time and good weather.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. The parishioner on Sunday will have the pleasure of listening to Judge Edgar M. Warner, chairman of the committee on crime and laws, of Connecticut, in charge of the day. Mr. Warner, Conn., is to introduce a speaker, who will have for his subject, "Acres of diamonds in our county jails." Rev. William Collins, of Chichester, occupied the pulpit last Sunday. Mrs. Ella Dow, of Blidford, Me., and Miss Marie, of Somerville, Mass., are spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell. Mrs. John Lent and two sons, Ralph and Harold, of Dedham, Mass., were guests last week at the home of Mrs. Harry Campbell. Arthur Cook, recently of New York, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Powers, has purchased the Joseph Yarrick place on the back road. He expects to rebuild the home which was destroyed by fire a few months ago, and otherwise improve the place. Mrs. Arthur Brown, last week entertained her niece, Miss Nettie Thorpe, and Miss Nettie Thorpe, of Hartford, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson are entertaining Mrs. Clement Rogers, of Salem, Mass. Mr. Rogers is already in the service and Mrs. Rogers expects to be called out shortly as a Red Cross nurse. The Ladies' Aid assembled in the parlor of the church on August 14 to complete work and arrangements for their fair. Miss Marian Stiles entertained with a reading. Eldorus Fessenden was quite ill and under the care of a doctor for a few days last week. Miss Leonora Bradley entertained several friends at dinner at her summer place last week Wednesday. Mrs. M. F. Ford was a week-end guest of Mrs. Townsend at the Sargent cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barbour, who have been quite ill, are both improving and about their home again. Mrs. William Dinsmore and Little son, of Framingham, Mass., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Gilkey. Prof. Josef Yarrick was a visitor in town last week Thursday. During the season he has given many entertainments in different places in aid of the American Red Cross. The many friends of Carl Clifford will be pleased to know that his father has received word from him that he has arrived safely in France. Mrs. Mary Cox, Leonora Bradley and Alfred Cox, of New York, were entertained at tea at the home of Mrs. Ellen Sweet last Saturday. Mrs. Mary Gerrish is entertaining Mrs. Dickerman and daughter Louise, of Allston, Mass. Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb motored to Fitchburg last Sunday with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Falconer, of Milford. The Brookline boys were badly defeated in their ball game last Saturday with Hollis, the score being 13 to 3. Mrs. Ella Tucker is entertaining her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Badger, of Quincy, Mass. Miss Hazel Goss, who is employed in the office of a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss. Harry Cory motored with Rev. and Mrs. James Seaver to Franconia Notch, N. H., and St. Johnsbury, Vt., the first of last week. They also visited the Lost River of N. H. Mrs. Mary Cox is entertaining her son, Alfred Cox, of New York. Another social dance has been planned for the evening of August 28, at the town hall. Lemery's orchestra, of Nashua, has been engaged to furnish the music.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is an Announcement of interest to all Automobile Owners in the towns of Littleton, Ayer, Pepperell, Groton, and Lunenburg, Townsend and Townsend Harbor, but of greatest interest to present and prospective owners of Buick Valve-in-head Motor Cars. The appointment of the Lowell Buick Co., as direct factory selling agents for so long a time with a "catch in his back" a snap judgment sort-of-way, but it has been earned through the painstaking gathering of the owners and representatives of the Lowell Buick Co. have put into the selling of Buick cars and the administering of a Buick service which is without an equal throughout the entire country. It has been the policy of the Lowell Buick Co. to give interest to the owner of a Buick immediately after the purchase of a car has been consummated, but to follow the transaction out to almost the steepest degree to see that the utmost in service and satisfaction is obtained from the car. While the strictest watch is being given to all known prospects in its new vicinity by the Lowell Buick Co. it is possible that some may be overlooked. Therefore, we desire to do, providing you are interested in Buick motor cars is to drop a card to the Lowell Buick Co., care of Mr. Lowell, so that the salesmen who will take care of the additional territory may be made known to you. With the utmost confidence that our new appointee will administer our business responsibilities in a most capable manner, we desire to see that in behalf the prospective Buick business for 1918 of their newly acquired territory in every instance their business transactions with our clients, we beg to remain, Very truly yours, BUIK MOTOR CAR CO. Pioneer builders of Valve-in-head Motor Cars, Flint, Mich.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell a carload of choice new milch cows and forward springs for F. T. Hutchinson proprietor of the Dell farm, State Park, Littleton, on Thursday morning, August 30, at ten o'clock. There are 21,000 moving picture theatres in the United States and about \$2,000,000,000 invested in the business.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Upton have been spending a few days this week with friends in Boston. Roy Brown and Harry Hobart, who were called in the second draft, were examined at Ayer last Saturday and passed the board of examiners, but were exempted on account of their families. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Edward Smith and Miss Brooks, of Athol, returned to town last Sunday and visited friends here and at the Center. Ernest G. Wilson has left the employ of Roberts Bros., Ashby, for whom he has driven the butcher's cart for a number of years. Miss Gertrude Hamilton has returned to her home on Stevens' hill after a visit in Rever. Mrs. Thompson and son, from New York, have been boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Cook. James L. Flynn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is enjoying a vacation at his summer cottage on Lower Main street, where his family are spending the summer. Henry Wyman, from Worcester, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Evans. Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle has been on the sick list this week at her home. Mrs. Albert Davidson, from South Boston, has been spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. William Sheldon. Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Davidson and family, from Temple, N. H., and Samuel Davidson and wife, from Ashburnham, were guests at the Sheldon home on Sunday. Mrs. Alice Cady and two children, from Brattleboro, Vt., have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman. The public schools commenced the fall term on Tuesday following Labor day with the same teaching staff as last year. Frank Norris, of East Westmoreland, N. H., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hobart. The War Relief Workers met at the little Red schoolhouse Wednesday afternoon with not as large an audience as usual, on account of the threatening weather. Mrs. Hattie Hood has returned and opened her home in the William Tenney house on Main street, after several weeks' stay in Newburyport. Rev. Joseph McKean will preach on Sunday morning at the Baptist church on "The language of tears," and in the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting will be conducted by Warren Elliott, the topic being "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," and the pastor will close the service with a sermonette on the topic. Comrades John Campbell, George Adams and G. M. Frye, of the local G. A. R. post attended the G. A. R. encampment and parade in Boston on Tuesday. Mrs. Nellie Wheeler and son Clarence, from Winchendon, are the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean at the Baptist parsonage. Several of those interested from this village have attended various meetings of the Community Chautauqua in Ayer this week. Miss Birdie Meegan, from Leominster, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Mills. Miss Emily Orr, who is employed for the summer in New Ipswich, N. H., has been enjoying a brief visit to her home here the past week. William Mills, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, has recovered and entered the employ of Damon & Richardson, having given up his position at the Belgrade rug factory. Mrs. Carrie Chase has returned from Waverley and is at present stopping with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook. Mrs. P. C. Swift and little son Douglas, who has been spending the past week with her father, Rev. Joseph McKean, at the Baptist parsonage, returned on Monday to their home in Springfield. Mrs. Angela Walter, of Payberry hill, is quite ill, and Charles Barrett and family from Worcester, are with her at present. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willard and children, from Belmont, spent Sunday at G. A. Seaver's, and on their return were accompanied by Miss Blanche Sprague, of Readsboro, Vt., a guest of the family for a brief visit. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruce, of Boston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Bruce last week. Mrs. Joseph McKean has returned to the parsonage after a few days' visit in Winchendon. Mrs. A. D. Winship, of Ayer, visited her friends in town last week Friday. Mrs. McCracken and sons, from Albany, N. Y., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Rusk. Mrs. Walter Weston returned this week from a few days' auto trip into Vermont. Leslie Hurlley, of the Center, who is employed at the Belgrade rug factory, has been confined to his home for the past week with a "catch in his back." James Ferrara, of Boston, is visiting Mrs. Mae Stetson for the present. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norman and son, of Ayer, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Sherwin. John McElligott and daughter Esther, who have been spending their vacation in town, have returned to Boston. Mrs. Everett Pierce, of Brookline, a summer resident here, played the organ at the Baptist church last Sunday morning in the absence of Miss Adams, the organist, and Miss Hawson, the assistant. Mrs. Nancy Dwinell has returned from the Groton hospital and is at present with her husband in New Haven, Conn. Her two children are stopping for the present with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Irving Tebbels and daughter returned to Medford last Saturday after a week's vacation, spent with their grandmother, Mrs. Susan Morgan. Mrs. F. G. Smith, of New Boston, N. H., a former resident, who is visiting friends in Mason, N. H., called upon friends in town last Sunday. Grace L. Seaver, of Newark, N. J., and her father, E. W. Seaver, of the Center, were guests at the home of George A. Seaver last Saturday.

LINGERS ON THE JOB.

Mrs. Casey—When that young man of Maggie's calls avens, he stays hours an hours an' thine she has a hard time gettin' him t' leave th' house. Casey—Shure, that's natural, Mike's a plumber an' his father before him wor a plumber.

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Saturday, August 25, 1917.

PEPPERELL

News Items. Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Slocumb, of Worcester and Oak Hill, in this town welcomed an 8 1/2 pound son on Saturday, August 18. In a family consisting formerly of three daughters, a boy was a very desirable member and pleasing to the family and friends. Mrs. Slocumb is in Worcester and making good recovery.

Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell, district deputy with Mrs. Kate Dunlap, Miss Anna Sartelle and Miss Lydia Waite, went to visit the Middlesex Rebeekah lodge in Groton on Tuesday evening. The proposed installation was postponed until the following evening, September 4.

The three little daughters of Rev. E. M. Slocumb were left here at their Oak Hill home this week, in charge of Miss Chisdale, who has been with Mrs. Slocumb through the summer.

Miss Annie Brown returned to Oaklawn, R. I., on Wednesday, after a delightful visit to Blakeslee and returned to her home in Groton on Friday. Mr. Lebanon cottage of Mrs. Appleton with Miss Marie Jordan.

Miss Georgianna Maynard has resigned her position as stenographer at the Acme Paper Co. and accepted a similar position with the Conant Webbing Co. of Littleton. She goes to her new duties on Monday.

The meetings of the Special Aid society, which are held regularly on Monday afternoon from three to five o'clock, are very well attended, although many who have taken the material to their homes are finishing articles there. The society is preparing to send another box of the essentials soon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bird drove to Mason, N. H., last week for a few days' visit with friends.

Pregott Grange enjoyed Neighbor's night with Shirley Grange on Wednesday evening according to the invitation. Littleton Grange were also invited. E. S. Durant conveyed eight by barge. Mr. and Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Copp and Miss Hall went in Saturday auto. Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, with their auto, conveyed Miss Sarah Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stewart, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shattuck took Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Tucker. Entertainment was aided by the Littleton and Pepperell patrons, solos being given by Charles Spaulding and Mr. Nash, and readings by Mrs. Amy Shattuck and Miss Flynn. The Shirley Grange served a fine collation of sandwiches, cake and lemon cream. All report a pleasant evening.

Mrs. O. B. Olsen, who has returned home from the Nashua hospital, is gaining slowly, but surely. Mrs. Chester Gaffney, of Wollaston, joined her daughters at Mapleshade farm last week. Mrs. Edward Johnson has her nieces, Ruth Morrill and Mrs. Hazel Shattuck, from Lawrence, with her this week.

The Misses Walton and Chinn, with Carl Deware and Clifford Bailey as their escorts, attended the dance in the new town hall, Brookline, N. H., last Saturday evening, and report a pleasant time.

Mrs. George Durgin returned Tuesday from Lebanon, Me., where she went the previous Saturday to attend the 150th anniversary of the town. At the services on Sunday her uncle, Fred Stanton, of Bates college, was one of the speakers; also, her cousin, Rev. Horace Stanton, of Philadelphia. The exercises on Monday included the unveiling of the tablet to commemorate the anniversary and a reading of the West Lebanon academy. In these latter exercises Mrs. Durgin was one of the speakers, as a former instructor. There were about 500 present at the anniversary dinner on Monday.

Mr. J. H. Miner is out with a new Marmon car, 1918 model.

Albion Newell and family, from Geneva, N. Y., arrived this week at the home of his mother, Mrs. Nellie Woodward, East Village. They will also visit Mrs. Newell's sister, Mrs. Addison Woodward, at Park street.

Miss Madeline Leary is taking her turn in vacations from the telephone exchange and has been visiting in Worcester and Taunton.

A meeting of the Dorcas Guild was held at the South schoolhouse on Tuesday afternoon, several of the members were present. Special Aid work was performed from the material on hand, and contributions of gingham or stout cloth for pillows is solicited. At the next meeting, Tuesday, September 4, other material is expected from the members.

Rev. D. R. Child and wife are expected home next week at the time of the Federated fair, although the family will stay at Ogunquit for awhile longer.

Mrs. Webster of Brookline with her maid, Miss Margaret MacLellan, who have been visiting in Lawrence, returned during the summer, returned home to the city Wednesday.

Russell Shattuck and wife and son motored here from Paxton on Saturday for a week-end visit at his old home.

Howard Denham has been spending a part of his vacation from his work as electrician at Lowell at his home in town. He left here Thursday intending to take a trip along the eastern Maine coast if the weather is favorable.

Miss Marquerite Donnelly is planning to enter a training school for nurses at St. Y. Monday, September 3. Her brother Eugene is also making some plans to enter the St. John Military school on the Hudson.

Miss Gladys Price of Malden is the guest of Mrs. Aita A. Shattuck.

Charles Fuller was not able to reach home from the Nashua hospital last Sunday as was anticipated and it now seems doubtful if he is allowed to come next Sunday. His operation for appendicitis was performed July 22, and was a serious case, but much was hoped from his general good health to aid his recovery. Conditions have since happened regarding the incision which has required the utmost care and skill of nurses and physicians.

Mrs. Coulter of Manchester, N. H., who came to give the final coaching to the play for the Federated fair on Monday, was entertained at the home of Miss Ellen Miller, Park street.

Mrs. M. M. Richards and Mr. Ross took an auto trip to Otter Lake, Greenfield, N. H., Sunday, returning home by way of Bennington, N. H.

Mrs. Pearl Farnsworth reported as gaining so rapidly at the Groton hospital that she may be allowed to return home to Ayer, Sunday. The little daughter Janet is still with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Andrews.

Mrs. F. B. Simmons returned on Wednesday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Willoughby, Leominster, returning with them Sunday evening.

Russell Wright was at home from Cambridge, N. Y., over Sunday, coming to take his draft examinations in Ayer. His new position in New York is proving all he anticipated, and from reports he seems very well situated. He returned here on Monday.

Mrs. D. N. Corcoran and daughter, Miss Nettie, from Springfield, have been the guests of Mrs. W. N. Mault the past week.

Mrs. Frank Kennedy, with her young guests, Marion Chinn and Marilla Walton, took an auto trip to Boston this week, calling on Mrs. Sydney Childs of Brighton. The young ladies returned with her for a few weeks' longer visit.

Mrs. Mary Coffey, from Concord, has been visiting in town at the home of her daughter Mrs. Richard Tumpney, and family.

Enola Drumm, who has been working at the Ayer camp for seven weeks, finished there Saturday night and returned home. On Monday he started with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Markham, on their return trip home to Winooki, Vt., by auto, with their two sons.

Dr. Frank Minter, who was recently in town visiting former friends, received an appointment in Carney hospital not long ago and now expects to be called to France at any time with the Carney unit.

Miss Clara M. Shattuck has been spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Tucker, who has been in rather poor health, and who last week had a sudden illness, pronounced by the attending physician to be a slight shock. Mrs. Tucker's daughter, Mrs. Paul Maxwell, was summoned from Middleboro, and arrived on Wednesday. Mr. Maxwell, who has been in town, delayed returning to his new work near Barre until Tuesday. Mrs. Tucker is reported as improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls Kittredge and Miss Edna went to Cambridge last Sunday by auto to visit Oscar Kittredge and family. On their return, they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar and Oscar, Jr., for the trip, although they were obliged to take the evening train home, through Nashua.

Burpee A. Keith has been assisting at the pumping station, as they were obliged to run the pumps evenings, to keep up with the demand.

The series of entertainments planned by a committee of St. Joseph's parish, under the direction of Miss Margaret Barry, have been very successful. The entertainments consisted of a whist and lawn party at the rectory, a food sale, and a dance at Aethia theatre on Friday evening of last week. There is also planned, as a finale to the series of entertainments, a field day, with sports, for Labor day.

Mrs. J. W. Smith has Master Wayland DeManby with her, a little Londoner, whose parents are now in New York. With his nurse he is enjoying American country life.

The Babbatasset Camp Fire Girls, under the guardianship of Mrs. W. H. Beers, with the Misses Ruth Wilson and Helen Marshall, of the Penemacuan circle to assist, went camping on Monday at Massapoag. They were the guests of Mrs. Warren Blood at her cottage, and all enjoyed her hospitality at the outing.

Miss Eva Crawford, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford, former residents here, came from Waltham on Monday noon to visit her uncle, E. A. Keith, and other old friends. She is a nurse at present in the Waltham hospital. Although her parents moved from here to Nova Scotia about fifteen years ago, when she was quite young, Miss Crawford has kept in touch with her friends and still retains an interest in her old home. Her parents are now living in Middleton, N. S., and she intends to visit them in September and come here in order to carry them the latest news from Pepperell.

Among recent summer guests registered at The Homestead, we note Miss A. M. Cartier, of Providence, R. I.; Dr. Francis Minter, of Boston; Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, of New York; Mrs. L. D. Brooks, of Boston; Mrs. Harriet W. Atkinson, of Watertown; Miss Mary E. Burnett, of Boston; J. Walter Smith and family, formerly of London, with guests, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Morgan, and Miss Anna Bishop, and Master Wayland DeManby, of London; Miss Louisa W. Burgess, of Dorchester, and Frank Milan, of the Charlestown navy yard.

George Gay, whose boarding house on Mill street has been pronounced unsanitary by the board of health, is removing to the Chapman house the latter part of this week, which he has leased of the paper mill company. Miss Shattuck, his housekeeper, will work with an auto on Friday.

Many additional boarders are taken on with those he has now. The house has the modern conveniences of baths and electric lights, and steam heat is to be added.

Miss Alice Lawson, who recently returned from her home in New Haven, Conn., is at present assisting in the home of Mrs. Chester A. Mills.

Edward Bartlett and family, of Hartford, Conn., have been the guests of his mother, Arthur Bartlett, this week.

Mrs. Hazel Richards, of Manchester, N. H., has been the guest of Mrs. Florence Willoughby the first of the week.

The mill boarding house in the Chapman building, Main street, was closed on Tuesday and the furniture removed to the smaller house in the rear, lately used as a dormitory. The furniture was removed to the Chapman house were employed in the gun cotton room of the mill, which is now closed until a new contract is made. In the meantime the men and officers in charge have gone elsewhere.

Miss Elizabeth Allen, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Woodward, Park street, for a few weeks, returned to her home in Somerville on Wednesday. Mrs. Woodward accompanied her for a short stay.

Arthur Tower intends to enter Columbia university, New York at the first semester in September to complete his medical course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Miss Mary Wood, who has been with relatives in Geneva, N. Y., through August, is expected home on Saturday.

Mrs. Florence Kemp returned Wednesday from her vacation. She left here last week with her parents by auto for Winchester. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp returned Thursday by train, and Miss Florence, in company with her sister, Mrs. Chapman, and husband, returned to the home of the Newburyport turnpike, in all 325 miles.

The board of assessors has been in session the past week at the town hall, having received the state and county tax but recently. They now announce the tax rate for this year to be \$20.50 per \$1000. This is the same as year before last and \$2.40 less than last year.

The state and county tax are said to be higher than last year, and there was some loss of property through the income tax, but the returns from the state on the latter more than balanced and caused the lower rate.

Leslie Reed came from his work in Ayer on Wednesday afternoon to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Reed, before leaving for Plattsburg, second camp. Mrs. Leslie Reed has also been in town during the week to see him on Friday. His division will leave Boston on that date by special train for New York via Worcester. Roger Robbins, also of this town, leaves here on Friday also, as he is in the same division.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sharpe came from Connecticut last week, where he has had a position as electrician. He was called to the Plattsburg second military training camp, and after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Sharpe, and at E. J. Darling's, he left Wednesday for Nashua to join the division going through to Plattsburg. Mrs. S. A. Sharpe will remain here with his parents for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glazier and daughter, of Fitchburg, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Darling. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Sullivan, Prospect street, Tuesday. In the absence of Miss Hamilton, the district nurse, the services of Mrs. Leslie Reed, R. N., of the Boston hospital, who was visiting in town, were called into requisition by Dr. Heald.

The shower of Tuesday afternoon, while not as severe as in other parts of the state, was sufficient to suit most of the people in this section, particularly the nervous ones. There was less wind than usual, but the rain fell in torrents and the roll of the thunder was like the roar of heavy artillery, and almost incessant for more than two hours. Very little damage resulted, but houses were rocked and angles and dishes were broken, and the lightning struck in several places without setting any fires. A small building on the Richardson place, in the west part of the town, was hit, and the fire alarm on the lawn of W. E. Sartelle were riven by a bolt, but not broken. Other trees were splintered in various parts of the town.

The telephone service was crippled on the local lines and destroyed on the trunk lines by the burning-out of the cable wires near the express office. Mr. Cobb, the "trouble man," was on the job before the rain stopped, but up to a late hour the exchange here were unable to call Ayer or Nashua.

The electric wires were also out of the running, and stores and houses were in darkness. About midnight, Mr. Newton, the repair man for the Shirley Electric Company, who fortunately happened to be in town, got things straightened out.

Church Notes. Rev. W. H. Beers has returned from his vacation, and services at the Methodist church will be resumed as usual. In the morning the pastor will preach on the subject, "Come with us." At the evening service, at 7.30, his topic will be, "Individual responsibility." Sunday school will meet at noon as usual.

The sixty-fifth annual Worcester district camp meeting is to convene in Sterling, August 26 to September 3, inclusive. There are interesting programs for each day and many from George H. Ayer and Nashua.

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Household articles will be for sale by Mrs. W. H. Beers, Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. L. G. Robbins, Mrs. F. A. Davis and Mrs. W. F. Dennen.

Mysteries will be sold by Mrs. Henry F. Tarbell, Miss Barbara Bancroft, Mrs. Frank Robbins, Mrs. John Martin, Miss Mildred Lewis and Mrs. Ida Saunders.

"Parcel post" is being arranged by Mrs. F. J. Hayes, Mrs. A. G. Pike, Mrs. G. W. Pierce, Mrs. Maltman and Mrs. Appleton.

Flowers will be displayed for sale by Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. Harry Hutchinson, Mrs. F. S. Bancroft, Mrs. Abbie Woodward, Mrs. Ralph Buck, Mrs. Leon Richardson and Mrs. Weston.

The tea-room, which was an attraction last year, will be in charge of Mrs. George Greenhalgh, Mrs. Rodman Blake, Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Carroll Robbins, Mrs. Annis, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. William Jewett, with Mrs. C. A. McGraw and Miss Meriam assisting in place of Mrs. A. F. Parker, who will be away.

The home-made candy will be sold by Mrs. Durant, Miss Mary Wood, Mrs. C. G. Heald, Mrs. Duntun, Mrs. F. H. Parker and Mrs. Bessie Wright.

Death. The death of Mrs. Margaret Slocombe, wife of Isaiah W. Slocombe, of this town, occurred on Tuesday at their home on the Brookline road. She was born in Mt. George, N. E. eighty-two years ago. Most of the fifty-nine years of her married life has been passed in Malden. She has many descendants and friends there and was a member of the Baptist church of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Slocombe came here to reside about four years ago in the cottage near the home of their son, Frank W. Slocombe, the state line separating the two houses.

Mrs. Slocombe is survived by her husband, by the son above-mentioned, Frank W. of Hollis, N. H., also, two sons in Malden, Warren and Herbert Slocombe; a daughter in Malden, Mrs. Frank Mellen, and a daughter in Stoneham, Mrs. Charles Carter. She also leaves seven grandchildren.

Services were held at her late home on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. George H. Perrin, of Boston and Brookline, N. H., officiating. Burial in Brookline, N. H. The bereaved being the sons and son-in-law of the deceased.

About Town. The Pepperell branch of the Red Cross have received some United States dividends for which they are very grateful. Shareholders who have dividends of United States steel, wishing to send them to the Red Cross branch, can send them to Mrs. Viola Hersey, treasurer of the Pepperell branch of the Red Cross, to be used for Red Cross work.

Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beasley has recently entertained two of her cousins, Mrs. Page and Mrs. Heald, of Pepperell, at her summer home, Croftmore, Boathay Harbor, Me. Walks and drives by carriage and motor to Ocean Park, East and West Boathay after-noon tea and calls on Limkin Bay made the visit one long to be remembered by the participants. The cordial courtesy of the third generation and their remarkable appreciation of "the antique" was most gratifying.

The Community Service club desires the co-operation of the other clubs, organizations or individuals in town who wish to aid in giving subscriptions for current magazines to be sent directly to the Y. M. C. A. tent at Camp Devens, Ayer. These will be put on a current periodical table called the Pepperell table. In order to avoid duplication and overlooking of the magazines most enjoyed by the soldiers it is hoped that all in the community will co-operate with Anna L.

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Leo Kinch of Pepperell was held in \$500 Thursday by United States Commissioner Hayes of Boston for a hearing next Monday on the charge of selling liquor to a soldier in uniform.

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BOXBOROUGH

The four schools will open September 4 with the following teachers: No. 1, Miss Catherine Sherry; No. 2, Mrs. Grace Potter; No. 3, Miss Mabel W. Wetherbee; No. 4, Miss Annie Sherry. Mrs. Potter comes from New Hampshire and the three others are living in this town.

Mrs. Irving Clark's nephew, from Brookline, is visiting here.

Rogene Priest has gone to a hospital in Boston for treatment. He has been in poor health for some time and it was thought that an operation was necessary, but at present he is not strong enough to undergo one.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin O. Hager quietly observed the tenth anniversary of their marriage at the Hager home-stead last Wednesday.

Miss Maria E. Steele spent Sunday with her aunt in Southboro, and the first of the week visited Miss Grace Nudeck in Worcester.

Mrs. Addie Loring had the misfortune to fall down stairs on Tuesday morning and break her collar bone. She is staying with her sister, Mrs. Philbrick.

Gene Smith and Frank Cobleigh, while riding on a motorcycle on the state road last Sunday evening, collided with a carriage from Maynard belonging to the tourist, Mr. Batley. The young men received numerous cuts and bruises and were taken to Dr. Shaw, of Acton, who sewed up a cut over Mr. Smith's eyes. The carriage was badly wrecked.

Miss Emma Guillow, of Maynard, and Miss Muriel Dresser, of Wollaston, were guests of Miss Mabel Wetherbee on Thursday.

Mr. Moody, an officer at Lyman school, Westboro, is visiting Edw. Braman.

The Camp Fire Girls, Misses Lucy and Ina Wetherbee, Hazel Morse, Helen Burroughs, Ann and Susie Coffey, Helen Ferra, with their guardian, Miss Marion Burroughs, left last Saturday morning for a two-weeks' camp at Ipswich.

Mrs. A. E. Lawrence has her two grandchildren, Dorothy and Lawrence Braman, of Stow, staying with her.

George Lovelace took his mother to Lexington last week Friday afternoon in his auto to visit her daughter there and was caught in the terrific shower that visited that section, having a very unpleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Moore and Wallace Cunningham, with a party of friends from Littleton, enjoyed a vacation spent in a cottage in Marion last week.

Herbert Dwinell, the young man who has been staying at Dame Durden farm, died Thursday morning. He came here several weeks ago with his mother and nurse, hoping to regain his health, and everything possible had been done for his benefit. His home was in Stow.

Misses Annie and Catherine Sherry have a new auto. As it is a five-passenger car the conclusion is that they do not intend to ride always alone.

The first severe thunder storm of the season visited here Tuesday afternoon. The rain was not accompanied with hail and except for striking some

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