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HARVARD

News Items.

Charles T. C. Whitcomb has been appointed principal of Bromfield school to fill the place of A. S. Richards, who recently resigned. Mr. Whitcomb is widely known as an educator. His work has included the organization of the Somerville, English, High school, as its principal and a number of years in the position of principal of

the Brockton High school. From the latter position he went to the Panama Pacific exposition as director of the educational exhibit. The opening term of the school has been postponed to September 19 to permit the completion of arrangements with Mr. Whitcomb. Everett Morse with Morrill Sprague expect to start Saturday afternoon for a motorcycle trip to the White Mts. Alfred S. Branson has purchased all of the H. A. Thayer estate situated on the east side of the state road. Mr.

Branson buys for speculation and will dispose of this land in lots. Alfred Willard passed his eighty-fourth birthday on Tuesday last and is still enjoying active health and happiness. Cedric Webster, who is still one of Harvard's boys, has the honor of being the most perfect type of physical manhood of all those thus far passed by the board. He is also a blue ribbon boy from the fact that he did not wish exemption and is anxious to serve in the national army.

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the government in recognition with Camp Devens, have moved into the Sprague house of Eske Warren.

The Willard family reunion was held at the Eske Warren home Saturday. Owing to the rain there was not as large a gathering as had been expected. About forty-five sat down to the dinner provided by a Clinton caterer. Members of the Willard family from Rhode Island, Connecticut and various parts of Massachusetts were present. Chester P. Willard has the contract for carrying the scholars from Still River to Harvard this year, beginning his duties on Tuesday.

Word was received Thursday morning that the house and barn on the Andrew Nourse place in Bolton had burned the night before. Five acres were burned—other particulars are not known at time of going to press. This was one of the old landmarks and was the former home and birthplace of John Whitney, who lived at Still River several years ago. The house was a fine specimen of brick, large and commodious.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

Miss Margaret Love and Miss Abbie Mitchell spent Labor day holidays with Miss Mitchell's parents in Reading, Me.

Mrs. Laura Ware, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Mattie Shearer, was stricken with a shock on Thursday.

Leonard Hoopes has been notified by the district board of Worcester that his claim for exemption has been rejected.

Officers of the Rebekah Assembly will pay an official visit to Mary A. Fitzgerald, Rebekah lodge at a special meeting at the Church street school next Thursday evening at eight o'clock. It is hoped that every member will make an effort to be present.

There will be a meeting of the Shirley members of the American Red Cross society at the Church street school next Thursday evening at eight o'clock. It is hoped that every member will be present.

Rev. Thomas Cross, of Oakland, Me., will occupy the pulpit of the Universalist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

The Charles Newton family are moving their household goods to Peperell.

Robert Gately, of Pittsburg, Pa., is spending his annual vacation this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gately, Leominster road.

An automobile run over Albert H. Sherman dog Wednesday evening. He could not recover, so at the request of Mr. Sherman the dog was shot and killed by Chief Riley.

A Mr. Kelly, of Somerville, will succeed William H. Wilbur at the railroad station.

The Universalist society hold a dance in Odd fellow hall Saturday evening. Eddy's orchestra, of Hudson, will furnish music.

Victor Lomme, agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, has purchased the house owned and occupied by the Ernest Harris family. He buys for a home for himself.

Chief Riley and Walter Knowles spent Tuesday in Lowell before the grand jury, in connection with the George J. Colby case. Colby was indicted by the grand jury. His trial will take place in the superior court about the latter part of this month.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. D. H. Corley will administer the communion and preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion. There will be an evening service in the vestry at seven o'clock.

LITTLETON

News Items.

The net proceeds from the entertainment and lawn party given by the Congregational church July 3 amounted to \$45.42. It was given into the public safety treasury for Red Cross work.

Mrs. Shedd, of Nashua, who visited the N. B. Conants two weeks, returned home Thursday night.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley has been at Bar Harbor for two weeks and is now at Poland Springs. She will return home to Mass. this week.

Conrad Jones did not come home last week, as he expected, as he was taken sick with mumps. Mrs. Jones and Frederick Johnson autoed to Brigeton, Me., where they remained a week. Wednesday they returned, bringing Conrad with them over a journey of 230 miles. The route was through Bretton Woods and the White Mountains, a very delightful trip.

Nagoy Inn has had a very successful season this summer.

The William Handley family have lived in their new camp at Foxe pond most of the summer. They are now at Mrs. Handley's parental home with the Marshall Browns. Next week they move to Waverley.

Thursday, Mrs. Marshall Brown visited her sister, Mrs. N. B. Blood, of Westford, at the Lowell General hospital, where she submitted to an operation for gall-stones a week previous. She is reported doing well.

Joseph Barber of the Blanchard & Gould sawmill unit No. 2, located in Arkway, Scotland, has written lately to each of his sisters, Mrs. John Tobin and Mrs. Olive Hall. He is much pleased with conditions there. The boys are comfortably quartered and well fed, and thus far enjoy the life.

George Brothers, of Hudson, visited his Tufts college room-mate, Fred Cook, over the holidays.

Mrs. John Conell is taking a little vacation at a camp in Southern New Hampshire.

Joseph Connell is improving steadily. John Connell has been dismissed from the hospital and glad to be at home again. One of the Joseph Connell children is with Bartholomew Foley.

R. T. Barrow's campers have all gone, excepting from one of the cottages.

Judge Sanderson and family went back to their home in Ayer on Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Thacher is at her sister's, Mrs. Henry Brown, Ayer, for the week-end.

Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb and Mrs. Wilda were entertained at a lunch given by Mrs. George Cobb at her Oak Hill residence in Harvard last week Wednesday.

Mrs. George Ladd, State Grange lecturer, addressed the Littleton Grange on Wednesday evening, giving an excellent talk on the work of the Grange and its great possibilities through the co-operation of younger and older members. It was voted to accept an invitation to neighbor with Harvard Grange later. Ice cream, crackers and wafers were served. There were ten visitors present from neighboring Granges. Mrs. Ladd was the afternoon guest of the C. A. Kimballs. She was obliged to leave town early in the evening and was conveyed to South Acton by James Neagle.

An eight-pound daughter, Mary Frances, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Howard on Wednesday, September 5.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb, with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb, auto-

ed to Worcester Wednesday and spent a very pleasant day with the Howard R. Stewarts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ames attended the New England fair in Worcester Monday. Mr. Whitcomb was one of the judges of Holstein cattle on exhibition.

Richard Dodge came from Saunatum for a holiday visit at home Monday. He expects the aviation corps to which he belongs will soon be transferred to Hampton Roads, Va.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Mr. McCall has sold his farm, better known as the Perkins farm and will move to West Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews of Lynn, and Miss Cora Hartwell, of Acton, were week-end guests at Albert Hartwell's.

George Goodearl is having a vacation from his studies at Storrs Agricultural college, and with his mother and sister Gertrude spent the holiday with relatives in Grotton.

Mrs. Albert Sargent entertained her parents at her new home here on Labor day.

Henry Wheeler is visiting his sister, Mrs. Norman Wetherbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fanscomb, of Melrose, were week-end guests at the Braman farm.

Schools began on Tuesday. Mrs. Potter boards with Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, the others all board at their homes here.

Austin E. Lawrence, who was badly hurt by a fall, has been able to be about some on the farm, but can do no work as yet. His daughter, Mabel was at home a few days last week.

Ira Whitcomb is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Mary Pratt, in South Acton.

Mrs. Maria Whitcomb was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Wallace Brown, Grotton, part of the week.

Frank Dodge is having a vacation from the labors of the farm, which he is spending in Milton. While he is away Mrs. Dodge has friends from Waverley staying with her.

Mrs. Bernice Cunningham entertained a guest over the holiday by taking an auto ride to Wachusett Mt.

Henry Lawrence and family, from Silver Hill, have been visiting relatives in town the past week.

Mrs. McAllister, of Lexington, recently visited his mother, Mrs. Porter, and took home her little daughter, who has been with her grandmother for several weeks.

Luther and Ralph Furush successfully passed the draft examinations in Ayer and they did not ask for exemption. It is probable they will be called in October.

The tax rate here is \$20 per \$1000, last year the rate was \$14.50.

The Camp Fire Girls arrived home from Ipswich last Saturday night and gave an enthusiastic description of the many pleasures they enjoyed during their two weeks stay there. Their guardian, Marion Burroughs, and Helen Burroughs returned to Waltham. Miss Wehbar continues her studies at Bridgford, Harvard, where she will make her home with Dr. Roy's family. Hazel Morse begins her second year at Fitchburg Normal school. Susie Coffey returns to Concord high and Helen Pierra enters there.

Church Notes.

Sunday services. Morning worship at eleven o'clock, preacher, Rev. G. M. Mission, the minister's subject, Jeremiah's complaint. The Sunday school session will be held at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

The Woman's Missionary society and the C. E. will hold a union service on Sunday evening. The topic will be "The Missions in Africa today."

The C. E. society was very well represented Labor day at the semi-annual convention of the Middlesex Local C. E. Union held at the Congregational church, Grotton. Besides the pastor those who attended were Mrs. G. W. Burroughs, Mrs. Alvin Richardson, Miss Sarah Richardson, Miss Maria Steele, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wallt, Charles and Ellsworth Wallt and Priscilla Hager.

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WESTFORD

Center.
George F. White is having the house recently purchased by him painted white with green blinds. This handsome old colonial house with its careful modernizing adapts itself to this color scheme finely. Mr. White has had the wiring rearranged into an up-to-date sleeping porch. The cottage house occupied by his farmer is also being painted white.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Carver's little daughter Elizabeth has been quite sick this week causing them much anxiety. The doctor has prevented her from returning to school for the opening of the fall term.
Mrs. Della Blood is sick at a Lowell hospital, where she recently underwent a serious surgical operation.

The fall term at the academy opened Tuesday morning with an enrollment of fifty-seven scholars, thirty-two girls and twenty-five boys. Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth is the third teacher, thus resuming the position she formerly occupied before her marriage and residing to the fall for several years as much, even if in a different way from her husband drafted for service in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Colburn went to Alton Bay, N. H., for the holiday to visit Mrs. B. H. Streeter. Starting on the return trip for home they were with their auto obliged them to stay over another day.

J. Herbert Fletcher motored to Ludlow, Vt., for the holiday and brought back Mrs. Fletcher and John who had been spending a two weeks' vacation there.

Miss Lillian Sutherland goes to Dracont to teach this year instead of Wilmington, which change is a decided promotion.

The assessors have not yet committed the book to the tax collector to enable him to get the bills out, although they expect to very soon. These necessary though not always welcome visitors to the property holders will be received in due time.

Miss Jennie Ferguson returns to her teaching in Springfield after spending a short part of her summer vacation taking a special summer course in English literature at Columbia university.

We are told that Miss Margaret Sullivan will not return to State Line, where she has taught for two years, but will remain at home this year.

Warren E. Carlin is confined to his home with illness.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold an all-day meeting at the parsonage with Mrs. Lincoln next Thursday. A good attendance is desired.

Joseph E. Knight observed his seventy-ninth birthday anniversary August 28 in a very pleasant manner. The day was made pleasant by a visit from a married daughter, Mrs. Campbell, her husband and family. George T. Day also recently observed an eighty-fourth birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Porter Wright of Lowell, who formerly lived in town, has been visiting in old friends this week.

Alfred Sutherland goes to the vocational school in Lowell this fall. He no longer assists at George T. Day's, where he has helped for about eight years.

The men of the home guard held their regular weekly drill Tuesday night at the town hall in the village streets. The new uniforms and rifles for the men have arrived and the company is thereby well equipped. This is the M. S. G. company, known as the 9th. At the business session Tuesday evening J. A. Cameron was chosen treasurer and the following committees appointed: C. L. Hildreth, M. E. Riney, Francis Lowther, finance; Capt. W. J. Robinson, Wm. Roudenbush, Rev. H. A. Lincoln, auditing; A. W. Hartford, M. E. Riney, James May, George Wilson and Wm. E. Wright, entertainment.

Fred Armstrong, whose parents recently removed to Wakefield, has come back to Westford to complete his year at the academy and will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lovell.

A beautiful set of pictures loaned by the Library Art club, "Old Salem doorway," is on exhibition at the library.

The Westford Oaklands played the Forest Village game at Forge Village in the Forenoon League with a final score of 13 to 9 in favor of the former. In the afternoon the Oaklands crossed bats with the Elmiras of Lowell at Whitney playgrounds with a victory for the Oaklands of 15 to 11. Leon F. Hildreth has made a most efficient manager for the home team this summer and a good series of games has been arranged for and carried out.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Greik quietly observed their thirtieth wedding anniversary Friday of this week.

Miss Ruth Tuttle returned to her teaching at Winthrop and Miss Elizabeth to Cleveland, Ohio.

The Edward M. Abbot Hose Co. held their monthly meeting and try out on Tuesday evening. A committee to arrange for the monthly suppers for the winter months was appointed.

Among the little people in his village starting the long road of education and who entered for the fall term at the Wm. E. Frost were Edna Hamlin, Genevieve Blaney, William Carver, Donald White and Lawrence Hill. There are forty-four little people in Mrs. Wright's class with a prospect of fifty. The total enrollment at the school is 140.

Miss Helena Denfield, who returned to her teaching at the academy this week will board at Mrs. Walters the same as last year.

Regular services were resumed at the Episcopal church last Sunday with good attendance and good interest. Communion service was held at the close of the morning service and at the evening service. "Hymns and

hymn writers," conducted by the pastor made an interesting meeting.

Doing Good Work.
The Red Cross and French Aid societies are both doing good work as the cooler weather comes in. Now that the fall season comes and the lower town hall may be more in demand and as the men's home guard need the cloaks for their uniforms and musters the Red Cross and the French Aid will move back to their former quarters in Library hall, which in cooler weather answers the purpose nicely. The day for the Red Cross work will be Wednesday afternoons and the French Aid the same as usual, Thursday afternoon. The moving from the town hall will take place in time for the meeting next Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Edward Fisher has loaned a sewing machine for the winter which takes the place of the one owned by the Ladies' Aid society. Special mention and commendation should be made of the work accomplished by the ladies at the east village of Chamberlain's corner. Besides attendance at the regular meetings of the Red Cross, they meet each week at homes of the members in their vicinity thus making an audit for their work and have accomplished good results in knitting, sewing and bandage work.
Recent gifts to the treasury of the local Red Cross treasury by generous members have amounted to about fifty dollars. There are always a number of devoted workers who have accomplished the knitting of one pair of stockings a week for many weeks.

About Town.
Porcupine is the subject, and shooting at it is the predicate. The camp of the Abbot Worsted Company, Forge Village, is the scene, and last Saturday, the day when a porcupine, which has been patrolling around Forge pond for some time, patrolled too near camp life and climbed a tree after startling campers. An unorganized guard of "safety first" was called out, and after practicing and aim, fire several times resulted in the porcupine being shot from a shot fired by R. F. Pott, of Crescent, Iowa.

Seth W. Banister is surveying for Smith & Brooks, of Lowell, at Concord.
Last week Friday wires got crossed with live wires and made a circuit to the ground at Camp of Fletcher place. Guy R. Decatur ran to the rescue of the ground and was thrown to the ground as though he was a father. The grass was singed and burned, and the environment was dangerous until the wires were separated and relocated.

Perley E. Wright went to Dover, N. H., last Saturday with auto truck and brought home three registered Jersey cows. Mrs. George F. White, the recent purchaser of the Charles H. Fletcher farm, Mr. White keeps only high grade stock.

The Old Oaken Bucket farm folks and the F. A. Snows and others of West Chelmsford spent Labor day with the Wm. R. Taylors at camp at Forge Village.

Sweet corn is selling in the Boston market as high as thirty-five cents per bushel, six dozen in the bushel. Thirteen bushel of sweet corn will buy a bag of meal. Keep right at it brethren, the winter is rushing on that basis and you will lay up something pretty handsome.

The calendar program of the sewing circle and Branch Alliance of the First Parish for 1917-18 has been issued. The officers for the year are: President, Mrs. Wm. R. Taylor; Secretary, Herbert V. Hildreth, v. p.; Miss A. G. Flinders, sec.; Miss Emily F. Fletcher, treas.; Miss A. Mabel Drew, asst. treas.; Mrs. George T. Day, chairman of the sewing circle and cheerful letter; Mrs. L. H. Buckner, chairman of the finance; Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mrs. H. K. Frost, Mrs. Ebene Prescott, Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth, directors. Regular meetings on second Thursday in the month at the home of the members. Mrs. E. H. Bailey, Mrs. H. B. Hall, in memoriam, Mrs. J. M. Barnard, Mrs. W. F. Balch, Mrs. Alvan Fisher, Mrs. John M. Fletcher, Mrs. M. J. M. Fisher, the first meeting of the season will be held next Wednesday afternoon; subject, "The divinity next the deity of Jesus." Mrs. Eben Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Haviland and Mrs. Dorothy Haviland, of Southboro, and R. F. Pott, of Crescent, Iowa, were guests of the week of the W. R. Taylors camping at Forge pond.

A company of men are busy laying new rails on the curves of the Stony Brook road at Westford station.

Mrs. Joseph T. Richardson, of the Lowell road, and John Hardy, of Ayer, conductor on the Lowell and Fletcher railroad, were married last Saturday in Ayer by Rev. W. R. Taylor.

The Charles W. Whitney family have been entertaining relatives from Athol. A return visit is being set to plans.

Mrs. George Littlefield, of Bangor, Me., is visiting at the home of her brother, Norman Phillips, on the Lowell road, in Westford.

The Old Oaken Bucket folks visited Camp Banister on the Lowell road Wednesday evening.

Services will be resumed at the Unitarian church on Sunday.

Norman Phillips, recently of the Fletcher Cold Spring farm has secured a position on construction work on the Lowell road.

Much is said in Agricultural papers about the thirty-five-cent value of judgment that is the working foundation of the shortage. As a remedy take a dose of common sense.

Graniteville.
What came near being a serious automobile accident took place on the Harvard road last Monday night when Edward Healy, of this village, owner of a Ford car, was driving a party of young men, including Henry Healy, George Hanson and Friel Hanson, of this village, and John Healy of Forge Village, home from a visit in Harvard. While riding along the state highway the machine struck a low place in the road, causing a blow-out of one of the tires, and sending the car off the road for some distance and into a stone wall. All five of the young men were thrown out clear from the machine, but aside from a severe shaking up and a few minor bruises no one was seriously injured. They were surely wrecked. The auto was badly wrecked.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carmichael have recently returned from a very enjoyable visit spent with relatives in Wilton, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Defoe, with their little daughter Evelyn, have been spending the past few days with friends in Watman's Conn.

Miss Bertha Galbraith of Springfield, has been a recent duar. Mrs. Julia Moran and Miss Lily Mae Moran.

Miss Stella Shattuck has recently returned to her home here, after hav-

ing spent the past few months in Rhode Island and Maine.

Many members of the Methodist church attended the camp meeting in Sterling recently.

There was no formal celebration of the holiday here, Monday, many people spending the week-end at the numerous beaches.

The local boys who have recently been drafted and accepted by the local exemption board will report in Ayer during the present week.

Miss Louise Newman, of Manchester, N. H., and Miss Beesie Larkin, of North Chelmsford, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Provost.

All the public schools were opened last Tuesday morning for the beginning of the fall term. The same staff of teachers are in charge and include Miss Jessie Parker, principal, Miss Lillian Wright, Miss Esther Smith and Miss Mary A. Dunn.

J. Austin Healy has recently purchased a house lot from Miss Fannie McCarthy on Broadway and is now putting in the foundation for a new house.

Forge Village.
Harold Reed, a camper occupying one of the cottages at Forge pond, narrowly escaped being drowned last Saturday evening about six o'clock. Cries for help were heard and a number of residents hurried to the pond. John Sullivan and James Kelley, Jr., started out in a boat. The man was struggling to keep afloat in the Tanglewood cottage, while an empty boat was a considerable distance away. They assisted him into the boat and he was taken to the home of Mrs. Fannie Kelley, Sr., where he was attended by Dr. H. Sherman. Just how he fell out of the boat he would not explain.

The schools of the town opened for the fall term Tuesday. At Cameron school the same corps of teachers will be in charge of the different grades. Miss Letitia E. Ward, as principal, Miss Mary A. Garvey of North Chelmsford, and Miss Abbie M. Blaisdell of Wamesit and Miss Eva F. Pyne, who has recovered from her recent illness, as to be able to resume teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hargreaves and baby son, of Somerville, spent the week-end and holiday at the home of Mrs. Hargreaves' grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Lowther. The baby was baptized Frederick Lowell last Sunday afternoon by Rev. Williston M. Ford at St. Andrew's mission.

The Misses Alice and Josephine Ricard spent the week-end and holiday in Taunton as the guests of Miss Clara Lamy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sheehan and two daughters, the Misses Helen and Catherine, and Miss Emma Duff, of Leominster, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daly over the holiday.

Percy Barnes was the guest of George Wilson last week Friday.
Mrs. George Wyman and daughter Mabel, of Camden, N. J., who have been visiting relatives here and in Worcester the month returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Edward C. Croule, of Chelsea, who is spending the summer at Forge pond, held a knitting bee at her cozy cottage last Saturday afternoon. About 20 of the campers responded to the invitation to knit for Uncle Sam and a large amount of work was done. Everyone here is knitting or sewing for the Red Cross. At the home of Mrs. Fred Davis a number of women are to be seen knitting every afternoon and every spare moment. Perhaps one of the oldest is Mrs. Jane Baker, mother of Mrs. Davis, who has knit many pairs of stockings, while Mrs. Davis has knit sweaters and other articles.

Mrs. Gertrude Miner and two children, of Dorchester, are spending this week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Shattuck, of the Tadmark farm.

Miss Kathleen M. Wilson spent last Saturday and Sunday in Sterling.

The Forge Village A. C. played two games on Labor day and lost both of them. The first game was with the Westford Oaklands, and the Snow West Ends captured the second. Both games were played on the Cameron school grounds and the largest crowd of the season was present at the evening. The local team had some of its best players absent, which probably accounts for the loss of both games. This week Saturday afternoon the soccer football club will play the Methuen team on the home grounds.

Services Sunday at St. Andrew's mission will be held at 4.30 in the afternoon. There will be no Sunday school until the latter part of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Provencher, of North Adams, spent the week-end and holiday at their cottage at Forge pond. Their niece Miss Lott Parrott, who has been visiting here the past two weeks, returned with them.

The Misses Kathryn Brown, Agnes and Margaret Thompson spent the holiday at the beach.

J. Henry Brown returned to Clinton Monday after an enjoyable vacation of ten days at his home here.

The Misses Edith and Carolyn E. Precious spent the holidays with relatives in Townsend Harbor. Little Miss Olive M. Keefe, of Townsend Center, returned with them for a visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John Carmichael.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie M. Bennett and little daughter Catherine, of Boston, returned home last Saturday after an enjoyable visit at the home of Mrs. Harriet E. Randall.

Burton Griffith has returned from a visit of several days with his brother, Eugene Griffith, of Pascoag, R. I.

A daughter was born on Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. James O'Hara.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whigham, of Barre, motored to the village Monday and visited their many relatives.

Mrs. William Hunt and the Misses Maude and Lillian Hunt have returned from an enjoyable visit spent with relatives in Barre and Ware.

Miss Ethel Collins won the first prize offered by the Westford Grange for the best essay on the American flag. Miss Carolyn Precious won the second prize and Miss Pamela Precious took third honors.

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"During the life of an asparagus bed each plant should yield a dollar in returns," said J. B. Norton, speaking before a farmers' week audience at Cornell university. Mr. Norton, who is a specialist on truck crops of the United States department of agriculture, gave the following essentials for successful asparagus growing: Land should be well drained, level, sandy loam that does not dry out badly in summer and near to markets. Manure fertilizer, green manure and lime requirements should all be attended to before planting asparagus beds.

Names of varieties, according to Mr. Norton, often mean nothing. Choose plants from stock that has a good record as a producer; select from a nearby field if possible, and be sure of your stock first. Grow enough roots so you will have ten times as many plants as you will want for selecting the one year roots for planting in the field. "I never plant two-year-old roots," said Mr. Norton, "and do not believe in starting the seed in its permanent place. Root selection is a most important factor in getting a good bed."

Start the seed bed in early spring, rows eighteen inches apart, seed ten to the foot, one inch deep, give clean cultivation. To keep the slugs and beetles away use arsenate of lead or chickens. Plow out the roots in spring and plant about the time of the last frost.

After careful selection of roots plant in rows four feet apart, plants fifteen to eighteen inches apart in the row, cover three inches deep at first.

The trenches are made deep enough to leave the crowns eight or nine inches below the level. Use no inter-cropping system, but plant a cover crop (hairy vetch or crimson clover) the first two winters. With rust resistant asparagus the tops are left on in the fall and disked in the next spring, thus saving a great deal of labor and plant food.

Fertilize with manure in late winter, ten tons or more to the acre, or with chemical fertilizers, 300 pounds of nitrate of soda, 500 pounds of acid phosphate, 300 pounds of muriate of soda, applied before end of cutting season or before growth starts on young beds.

DRAFT HORSE ACTION.

Snappy Walk With Long Stride Indicates the Good Ground Coverer.
Proper action in the draft horse is important, according to David Gray, assistant in animal husbandry in the Kansas State Agricultural college. Size and power are of little value if the horse has not enough agility to handle big weight in a manner yielding the greatest efficiency.

Action of the draft horse should be clean, bold and rather stylish. In moving the feet should be carried forward and back in a straight line without padding, winging or other irregularity of gait. In order to get the best and greatest stride with the least energy it is absolutely necessary that the feet move straight and smooth without defects of gait.

Knee action in the draft horse is not of great importance. A long stride which covers considerable ground is much more important than high knee action, as ability to cover ground is what is wanted. The walk is the important gait. It should be snappy and true with a good length of stride.

Profit in Pure Bred Hogs.

If you want to get started in pure bred hogs cheaply buy a pure bred gilt due to farrow in the spring and a good pure bred boar pig. You can use this boar on the sow and the sow pigs next fall and also the following year. By raising two litters a year you can have ten or twelve pure bred sows and gilts ready to breed by the time you need a new boar. If you make good selections in the beginning you can probably sell a few boar pigs for enough to cover the cost of the first sow and boar. It is just as easy to raise the pure bred as grades, and if properly handled they are sure to be more profitable.

THE FRUIT GROWER.

- A good time to prune fruit trees in the north is early in March.
When the apple trees seem to need something--you do not really know what--try some hard-wood ashes.
The scientific sharp now claim that cranberries, strawberries, watermelons and potatoes do best without applications of lime.
Sixty buds on the bearing wood of a grapevine are about the maximum for a strong vine.
A less number is better for vines of weaker growth. Sixty buds should give 150 bunches of grapes.
For tree wounds paint is a good dressing. Mix white lead and raw linseed oil and have it rather thick.
If a heavy load of snow or ice comes on the berry bushes and shrubbery go around and knock off what you can with a pole.
May save their breaking down.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB CONTESTS

Big Prizes Offered at the Exposition

FREE TRIPS FOR SIXTY

Ten States to Send Teams to Springfield

Boys and girls of 10 states are going to have a show of their own from October 12 to 20 at the Eastern States Exposition and Dairy Show at Springfield, Mass. The 10 States are Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.
At least 60 of these boys and girls will have all their traveling and living expenses paid by the exposition for six days, and each state's group of six may take along a chaperon at the expense of the exposition.
This will be the second annual such outing for the young people of the states named, who are fortunate enough to win places on the Blue Ribbon teams. There are already 60,000 of these boys and girls competing for the honor that awaits them--and the chance to win liberal cash prizes while they are at the show.

The announcements concerning this great event say that from each of the 10 states, two teams of three each will be selected by the state club leaders to represent the work of their states. Though the expenses of only two teams from each state will be paid by the exposition, each state may send a maximum of 17 teams to contest for the cash prizes. The projects which the young people will present and in which competitions will be conducted are:

- 1. Market Gardening.
2. Potato.
3. Corn.
4. Canning.
5. Garment Making.
6. Poultry.
7. Dairy Judging.
8. Farm and Home Handicraft.
9. Pig Raising.

Each state will be allowed to enter one judging and one demonstration team in each project except No. 7, where only a judging team will be permitted. Should any state send only one team, it may compete both in judging and demonstration. All judging will be by comparison, but the contestants may use score cards as an aid in reaching a decision. The demonstration contests will be determined on a basis of 100 points, divided as follows: Practical value 15, neatness 25, device 10, clearness 30, appearance of finished product 20.

The show which these young folks will present to the public will consist of individual and class exhibits. The only requirement is that the exhibitor shall be a club member. On all such exhibits the transportation charges will be paid by the exposition, and they will be returned prepaid except that eggs and vegetables will be sent home at the exhibitor's expense.

In addition to the money prizes offered by the exposition, a total of \$1400 has been offered by others, including the Massachusetts Society for the Promotion of Agriculture, the oldest agricultural society in America.

Last year more than 15,000 members of the boys' and girls' clubs of New England and the Eastern States actively cooperated in making their first annual show a huge success. This year it is expected that their number will be more than doubled.

PIGS ON PARADE.

Eastern Berkshire Congress Show to be Held This Year in Springfield.

Pigs, black, white, red and blue, will parade for the crowds from October 12 to 20 at the Eastern States Exposition and Dairy Show at Springfield, Mass.

The swine department will be one of the big features. With hogs selling at \$15 a hundred weight, a figure they have recently touched, New England ought to go into the pig business more strongly, and so the exposition has made a big premium list for all of the well known breeds.

This year's Eastern Berkshire Congress Show, an annual event of much importance in the swine world, will be held with the exposition at Springfield. Berkshires from all over the country will be there to compete for the special prizes. The other breeds will be equally well represented, even the blue mulefoots having classes to themselves.

MANY HEREFORDS COMING.

New Hampshire Alone Expected to Send 50 to Exposition.

Growth of the popularity of Hereford cattle in New England in the past few years has been remarkable. Hereford men are going to have what will amount to a show of their own at the Eastern States Exposition and Dairy Show from October 12 to 20 at Springfield, Mass. Commissioner of Agriculture Andrew L. Folker makes the prediction that New Hampshire will send at least 50 head to the exposition. If the other states do as well, there will be some Hereford show.

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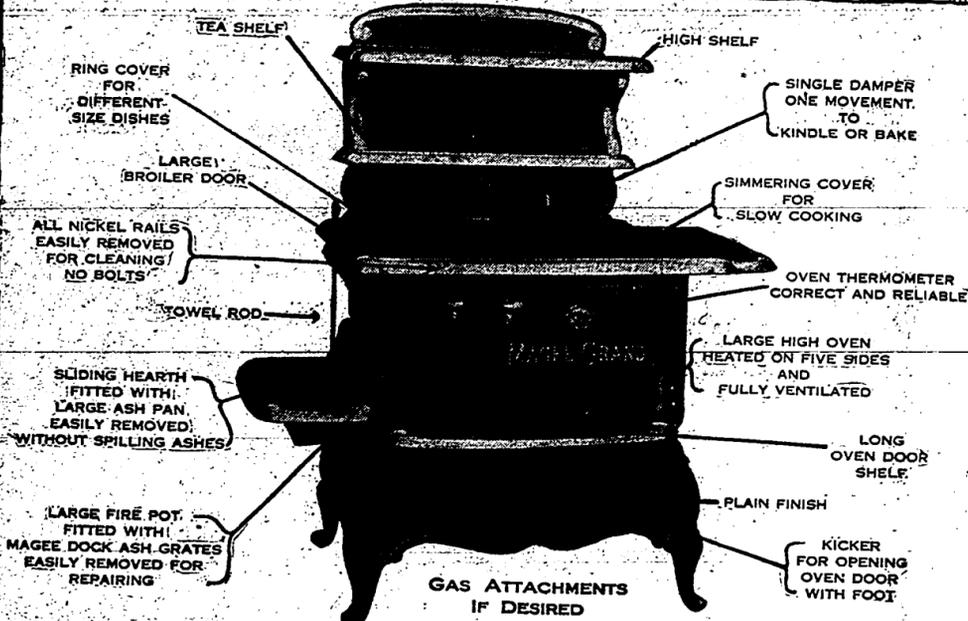
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LAND COURT.
To Holden C. Harlow and Levi W. Phelps, of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth; the Boston & Maine Railroad, a duly existing corporation having its usual place of business in Boston, in the County of Suffolk and said Commonwealth; and to all whom it may concern:
Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by the Standard Oil Company of New York, a duly existing corporation having its usual place of business in New York, in the County and State of New York, to register and confirm its title in the following described land:
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Ayer, bounded and described as follows:
Commencing at the southeasterly corner of the within described land at a point in the westerly boundary line of Park Street distant northerly measuring on said westerly boundary line one hundred and 1/100 (100.01) feet from the northwesterly corner of land of Holden C. Harlow thence running north eighty-five (85) degrees and forty-five (45) minutes west two hundred fifty and 45/100 (250.45) feet on other land of Levi W. Phelps to the easterly boundary line of the location of the Greenville Branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad; thence north thirteen (13) degrees forty-five (45) minutes west two hundred eighty and 77/100 (280.77) feet by the easterly boundary line of said location to other land of said Phelps; thence south eighty-five (85) degrees and forty-five (45) minutes east two hundred ninety-one and 19/100 (291.19) feet by other land of said Phelps to the westerly boundary line of said Park Street; thence south two (2) degrees one (1) minute east by the westerly line of said Park Street two hundred (200) feet to the point of beginning; containing one (1) acre, ten thousand, two hundred twenty-five (10,225) square feet.
The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.
You are hereby cited to appear at the Land Court to be held at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And unless you appear at said Court at the time and place aforesaid your default will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.
Witness, Charles Thornton Davis, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
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F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY E. FOSTER late of Townsend in said County, deceased, intestate.
Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said MARY E. FOSTER, deceased, intestate, in the 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 is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
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TOWNSEND

Center.
Musical night will be observed at the Grange on Monday evening. Albert G. Seaver will be in charge, and as his programs are always of the best all members are urged to be present.
Mrs. Angie Lang has returned from a two-weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lang in Attleboro.
Miss Elsie Frye, of East Jaffrey, N. H., a former Townsend teacher, has been the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Clement. Miss Frye is a primary-grade teacher in New Britain, Conn.
Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall spent the first of the week with relatives in Leominster and Sterling.
Levi Richardson has accepted the position of janitor at the Center school building.
Albert Dow and family have moved to Winchendon, where Mr. Dow has accepted a position in the dyeing room in the Winchendon tannery. Mr. and Mrs. Dow and son Ernest will be missed in the Methodist church and in the social life of the town.
Miss Gertrude Higgins has gone to Springfield, where she will attend school. Miss Helen Higgins has resumed her duties at the Fitchburg Normal school.
Mr. and Mrs. David Howard, who have been spending the summer months with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howard and Rev. Mr. M. L. Struthers, have returned to their home in Wilkesburg, Pa. Mr. Howard has resumed his duties as instructor at the Carnegie Institute at Pittsburg, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hill moved from the Sherman house on Brookline street Wednesday to the W. P. Taylor house on Main street.
George Tarbell is enjoying a vacation trip to Lake Winnepesaukee and the White Mountains, in company with his daughters, Mrs. Minnie Withers and Miss Grace Tarbell, of Boston. In Mrs. Withers' home in the vicinity of Lake Winnepesaukee, Miss Helen Tarbell began teaching the fifth grade school in Ayer on Wednesday, going and returning daily to her home here by train.
Parent-Teacher Program.
Attention is called to the new Parent-Teachers' association program for the coming year. Place and hour of meeting, high school room at 7:45 in the evening. The first fall meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, September 11. Teachers' reception, in charge of Mrs. H. L. Whitcomb, Mrs. C. Meade and T. James Harvey. During the business hour the new officers-elect are to be installed, and the amendments to by-laws voted upon.
October 16. Lecture, bearing upon health; Mrs. C. Craig.
November 13. Subject, "The value of military discipline in the public schools."
December 11. Topic, "The relative value of make-believe and reality," in charge of Suit, H. C. Knight.
January 8. Debate, "Resolved that teaching of fifty years ago produced stronger characters than the teaching of today," in charge of Mrs. A. L. Struthers.
February 12. Paper, "Simplicity in school life," Mrs. Russell.

March 12. Teachers' evening, details to be given later.
April 9. Exposition, "Bird life and bird value," Rev. A. L. Struthers.
May 14. Speaker from the Massachusetts Branch of National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher association. To be announced later; president.
June 11. Business meeting in charge of president.
Grange to Hold Fair.
The Grange announce a fair to be held in Memorial hall on October 1 and 2. Monday evening, October 1, at six o'clock, one of the ever popular Grange suppers will be served in the banquet hall in charge of Mrs. Stephen Farrar. Monday evening a high grade entertainment is to be given on the main auditorium, the program to be announced later. On Tuesday afternoon and evening the exhibition of vegetables, fruit, etc., will be held. The committees are as follows: T. E. Flarity, Galen Proctor, Edgar Campbell, vegetables; Ralph Piper, Irving Seaver, Mrs. G. Brackett, fruit; Frank Wood, W. C. Swinton, poultry; Mrs. Clara Flarity, Mrs. Seaver, Mrs. Flora Atwood, cooking; Herman C. Knight, G. L. Whitcomb, N. Fessenden, children's department; Mrs. Mary Spring, Mrs. Edna Bray, Mrs. Minnie Knight, fancy work; George L. Whitcomb, T. E. Flarity, entertainment.
Garden Prizes.
Last week Friday R. M. Upton, of the Middlesex Farm Bureau, with R. B. Piper, garden supervisor, visited all gardens of the Boys' and Girls' Garden club having a grade of 85 or over; fifty gardens being judged. Mr. Upton has awarded the following prizes: Boys, 12 years and over, Clarence Arnold 1st, \$2.50; A. Dudley Bagley 2d, \$2; Earl S. Bagley 3d, \$1.50; Harold Adams 4th, \$1; Marshall Higley 5th, 50c.; honorable mention, Leroy LaFontaine, William Domina, Edward Matson, Urho Matson, 12 years and over, Hazel Farrar 1st, \$2.50; Lillian Stewart 2d, \$2; Nancy Rich 3d, \$1.50; Katherine Salmi honorable mention, Ruth Russell 5th, 50c.; Boys under 12 years, Otto Salmi 1st, \$2.50; Rolan Meade 2d, \$2; Howard Knight 3d, \$1.50; Ralph Hayward honorable mention, William Russell, John Smith, George Boutwell, Ray Brown, 12 years and over, Grace Parker 1st, \$2.50; Grace Parker 2d, \$2; Rachel Knight 3d, \$1.50; Beth Hayward 4th, \$1; Alice LaFontaine 5th, 50c.; honorable mention, Helen Matson, Janet Clark.
The garden supervisor has appointed the following as officers of the Boys' and Girls' club: Clarence Arnold, president; Otto Salmi, v. p.; Hazel Farrar, sec.; club leaders, Hester Russell, Townsend Center; A. Dudley Bagley, Townsend Harbor; Nancy Richards, West Townsend.
The above prizes are given by the Grange and will be awarded at the Grange fair on Tuesday evening, October 2.
West.
Among the guests in town over the holiday were Miss Agnes Thompson, of Fitchburg, and Miss Mabel Thompson, of Waverstown, with their mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch; Miss Myrtle Hobart, of Walling, with her mother,

Mrs. William Robbins; Miss Agnes Wilson, from Waltham, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Hill; Mr. and Mrs. James Dods and daughter, from Pittsfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conway, from Salem. A. J. Manchester's; Everett Pierce and family, of Brookline, with Mrs. L. C. House; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brayton and son Randall, from Providence, R. I. with Mr. and Mrs. George Adams; Mrs. Forsythe, of Newton, with her daughter, Mrs. Mae Stetson.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott and family have returned from Greenfield, N. H., where they have been spending the summer, and opened their home on Bayberry hill.
Mrs. Laura Sanders, from New Ipswich, N. H., is stopping for the present with Miss Emily Cutting. Miss Cutting and her mother moved the last of the week from the cottage beside the Baptist church into the house recently purchased by her.
Ashbel Streeter is spending a few weeks' vacation with his son's family at Fort Hill, Revere.
Carl Willard and his mother, Mrs. Maria Willard, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. S. W. Tyler, of Dorchester, enjoyed an auto trip to Chester, Vt. for the holidays.
Mrs. John McElligott and daughter May, from Boston, joined their family at Richard McElligott's for the week-end.
Miss Blanche Sprague, who has been spending a few weeks with friends in town, returned Monday to her home in Readsboro, Vt., where she will assume her duties as teacher for the coming year.
The employees of the Delgrade tag factory have enjoyed a brief vacation.
Fred A. Patch is enjoying a few days with his son, Edward Patch, of Brookline.
Mr. and Mrs. William W. Webster are visiting relatives in Keene, N. H., and Mrs. Ernest Kaddy, of Revere, is keeping house for her during their absence.
Grace M. Thompson, who has spent the summer vacation with her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch, returned Monday to Attleboro, where she is employed as a teacher.
Mrs. Anna Ellis and son George, of Newton, have been recent guests of Mrs. Maud Lawrence.
Miss Helen Marr, who has been spending a few weeks in Ashby, has returned to the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Hapgood.
Miss Doris Tenney has been on the sick list this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tenney.
Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Lancy, of New Haven, Conn., have been visiting Mrs. Lancy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willard and children, from Belmont, were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver, Labor day.

LUNENBURG
News Items.
There is considerable talk, with good reason, too, of the government taking Clark's hill of this town for an aviation and observation camp. It is considered a remarkable spot for that purpose, as it is a high elevation, with a level plateau at the top of several acres, living springs of good pure water, and many other advantages which combine to make it an ideal spot for such an outlook.
All the schools in town began on Tuesday for the fall term.
Mr. and Mrs. George F. Moody, who have been visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. George Moody, of Ballardvale, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burrage, of Lunenburg, for the past two or three weeks, returned to their home at school duties in Glen Rock and Ridgewood, N. J., last week Thursday.
The open-air concert which was to have been given by the Military band last week Thursday evening was postponed on account of the heavy rain. This was to have been the last of the season by the Military band.
Labor day passed off very quietly here, the only excitement being caused by the vast number of automobiles passing through town from early in the morning until late at night. There were none held up for speeding through the center, as all seemed to heed the warning to "drive slow through the center." But the great number, coming and going in every direction, makes it dangerous for anyone to cross the street. They are really a menace to people who travel on foot.
At the business meeting of the Congregational church last week Friday it was voted to receive Pastor Lionel A. Whiston into membership of the church at its communion service on Sunday. This was accordingly done. Rev. James Chalmers of Lowell giving the right hand of fellowship, was then observed, Mr. Whiston assisting. Mr. Whiston was ordained in October, date not yet a month, and the church has chosen as an important event, that of his membership in the church. Mr. Whiston is a native of New York, and will co-operate with the pastor in calling a council of churches, inviting special guests and making all other arrangements necessary. A generous invitation is extended to everyone who would like to attend. It is expected that Mr. Whiston's father, of New York, also a minister, will be one of the guests.
Everyone interested in knitting is most cordially invited to join the Red Cross movement which has its headquarters at the home of A. C. Ferris. There is a great demand for sweaters, mufflers, socks, wristers and scarfs, and a large quantity of yarn is now on hand at Mrs. Ferris', and she will be glad to supply yarn to any one who is willing to knit. There is also a class in surgical dressings which meets every Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Stimson on Cunningham avenue, to which every woman in town is invited. All will be cordially welcomed at either of these homes to assist in preparing these much needed articles, for which there is constantly an increasing demand.
Double Wedding.
Last Saturday afternoon a very pretty ceremony was successfully carried out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dickinson, when their two daughters, Misses Anna Lois Dickinson and Hilda Whitney Dickinson were married.

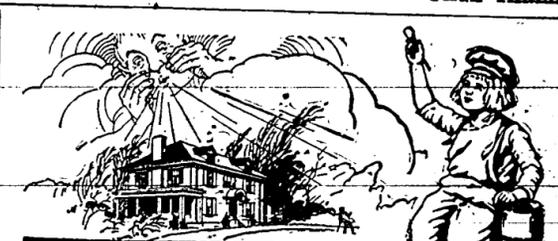
Miss Anna became the bride of Lieut. Joseph Boardman Jamieson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Jamieson, of Newton, and Miss Hilda to Dr. Marius Nygaard Smith-Peterson, of Boston, son of Mrs. Kalin Smith-Peterson, of Milwaukee, Wis. Rev. James Chalmers, of Framingham, assisted by Rev. Calvin Stewart, of Richmond, Va., performed the ceremony.
Refreshments were served upon the spacious veranda, an orchestra composed of Frank Johnson, violinist, of New York-Symphony, Stuart Triss, pianist, of New York, and William Miller, of Fitchburg, discoursing beautiful wedding music.
The bride and groom will live in Washington, D. C. and in Mrs. Smith-Peterson will make their home in the Fenway, Boston.
Congratulations were hearty and sincere, which both happy couples left town by automobiles, followed by good wishes of many friends and guests.

Union Picnic.
The union Sunday school picnic at Cogshall Park last week Wednesday was most successful. The number of persons attending was the largest of any similar gathering for years, ninety couples sitting down to dinner, which was heartily enjoyed by all. Much interest was shown in the track and athletic sports, constituting a track meet between the Congregational and the Methodists. The Congregationalists won in the total number of points made, 81 to 79. The Methodists won the game of baseball, 18 to 0. Five nines. Other events were running broad jump for three classes, 1st, over 17 years of age; 2nd, 13 to 18; 3rd, under 13, for both boys and girls; left hand ball throw, hop, skip and jump, peg stunt, 50-yard dash and ladies' ball throwing, this last contest being won by Mrs. W. C. Glenn, Mrs. G. E. Cornwell 2d; Miss Ruth Goodrich 3d. All these sports, except the last, were arranged for and participated in by three classes, same as the first, from those over 18 and under 13. Much interest was manifested in all the games and drew a large crowd of spectators.
Towards night the clouds began to gather and indications of a storm were plain, but the company took the cars for home, the greater part of them reaching their destination in safety before the copious rainfall, which continued all night.

LITTLETON
Mr. Hoover's Job.
After many days of anxious effort on the part of the senate, the defense of the food speculator having finally failed and the food control bill having passed, Mr. Hoover is now on the job and the regulation of the distribution of food and fuel is supposed to be in full swing.
Mr. Hoover evidently does not labor under the impression that he is in any soft snap. From what we are able to glean from press reports he has a better opinion of the fairness and decency of the gentlemen engaged in speculation in the necessities of life than does the average citizen. To the casual observer it seems they have abundantly proven by their acts that they are utterly destitute of any conception of either fairness or decency, and their patriotism, where a dollar is involved, appears to be nil.
If the reported decision of the organized coal producers to defy the government and hold up the price is true there seems to be trouble ahead. A recent headline announces that "Coal operators say government must take over coal mines if prices are to be reduced." That may be a bluff, but it may be that the bluff may be worked once too often, and if driven to that government may do just that little thing. Strange things happen in war time and if the government should take over the mines the operators would get but little sympathy from the consumer if coal prices were reduced.
No noticeable falling off in prices of any of the necessities of life to the consumer are apparent at present writing, but sympathy for the government has not elapsed for the effect of the food control law to reach us and we should wait a reasonable time with as much patience as possible, hoping we may benefit in time. It is a sure thing that the parties of the other part will do all possible to obstruct and nullify the working of the law and save their own "good thing" at the expense of the great common people.
If Mr. Hoover makes a success of his job and proves that the government can control prices and protect the people in time of war he will have earned a monument a thousand feet high.
If he does make good and after the war is over the people ever allow the food speculators to get on their backs again they will deserve all the speculators see fit to give them in the way of high prices—and then some.
V. T. E.

Whalom Theatre.
Whalom theatre will close for the season on Saturday evening, September 15, when the last week a large comedy spectacle will be presented.
The patrons of the theatre who saw to be hilarious, diplomat, which proved to be the most successful play ever presented at the back will be interested to know that the play chosen for the closing week is from the pen of the author of this meritorious production, Jack Hayden.
Mr. Hayden came from New York to see the premiere of the first play, and was so much impressed with the manner in which it was handled by the Whalom Company that he immediately handed the script of "The Bridal Suite" to be produced later on.
While "Mrs. Harris" was distinctly a comedy, the newer bill is an out-and-out farce which makes for ideal summer entertainment. To give a detail of the plot would be to rob you of some of the delights of the play for it abounds with surprises. The action taken from the fact that the action takes place in the bridal suite of a hotel.
The carpenters of the theatre have constructed one of the prettiest settings of the season for this play, and the members of the company have been assigned parts suited to their individual capacities. The adventures and misadventures of the fact that the bride couple lose their suits to a felonious fun that follows is fast and furious, and not until the final fall of the curtain does the audience realize the various complications in which he has become involved.
On closing night, in addition to the regular performance the members of the company will be seen in every one of them is capable of putting over a vaudeville number and the closing evening should be of unusual interest.
Tickets go on sale Wednesday, September 12. On Friday and Saturday the closing week souvenir programs will be given to patrons.

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GROTON

On Saturday, September 8, from two to five p. m., Miss Nellie M. Hill will have an exhibition and sale at her residence on Main street for the benefit of the Frances E. Willard Settlement. There will be hand woven and embroidered linens, hand woven and braided rugs made at Llewellyn Lodge, Miss Hill's niece, Miss Nellie F. Hill, will be present to tell in interesting detail of the good work of this settlement. The public is invited and tea will be served to all who are interested to come.

their mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Chapman, at their summer home at Brant Rock, and were interested in seeing the amount of damage done to the cottage where the lightning struck August 21, and it seemed miraculous that the persons present escaped uninjured. Mrs. Henry Atwood has been entertaining her brother, Frederick Seal, of Beacon, N. Y.

the Groton hospital for further surgical treatment. H. C. Porter was out of town over Sunday and Monday, and during his absence enjoyed an auto trip over the Mohawk Trail. The L. A. society held its first meeting of the season on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Murdoch McCarley, with fifteen members present. Mrs. Chamberlain and baby daughter were guests of the afternoon; also, the hostess, Mrs. Rose Harris. It was held at the monthly meetings at the church vestry for the remainder of the year, leaving more time for the soldiers' relief work. After the serving of refreshments the meeting adjourned until the second Thursday in October.

time that something be done in the interest of public safety, to say nothing of the extremely disagreeable conditions that now prevail. A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Official visitation of William M. Jones, district deputy grand master of the twelfth Masonic district, and suite, lunch served in the banquet hall at the close of the communication. The Standard Oil Company is moving its immense tanks from its present location on Mill and Shirley streets to the new quarters of the company on Park street. The land and buildings vacated are to be sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Soper of Ashland and George Curtis of Lowell were Labor day guests. Misses Margaret and Lillian McCormick, who have been spending the summer months at the Frank Barber cottage, have returned to Roxbury and resumed their school duties as teachers. Miss May Dorgan, who has been boarding for several weeks with Mrs. Arthur Barber, has resumed her duties as teacher in the schools of Dorchester. Word has been received from Mrs. Frank Barber, who is spending several weeks at her western home, Lawrence, Kansas, that she recently made a side trip to Eudora, Kan., to visit her brother.

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AYER

With this issue we begin the fifty-fifth year of the establishment of this paper. Mrs. Annie (Spinner) Fuzzard, widow of John Fuzzard, died last Sunday night after a few days' illness of old age. Mrs. Fuzzard was born in Dead, England, on February 18, 1838. She came to this country with her husband when eighteen years of age. She has made her home in Ayer for forty years. Her husband died in 1895. Mrs. Fuzzard leaves two brothers, James and John Spinner, of Westford; a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Read, and a brother, George Spinner, both of England; one son, John Fuzzard, of Lowell, and three daughters, Mrs. Eliza Fuzzard and Mrs. George E. Peleh, of Ayer, and Mrs. Gilbert E. Peleh, of Somerville. Mrs. Fuzzard also leaves five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. J. W. Thomas, of the Baptist church, performing the services. The interment was in Woodlawn cemetery. The condition of East Main street is a disgrace to the town. It is high

TOWNSEND

Center. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Finegan and daughter, Rosalie M. Milton, N. H., spent over Sunday and Labor day with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Fessenden, Jr. and Mrs. Rodney Lancy, of New Haven, Conn., were Labor day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rowell Lancy and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eastman were the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey. Fred M. Davis, who has been home ill with a cold, has returned to his work in Boston. Townsend friends were sorry to learn of the ill fortune that befell Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Reed of Manchester, N. H., Monday night in having their auto stolen from the garage in that city. The car was found abandoned on a road in Raymond, N. H., and the automobile bandits were captured in Haverhill. Mr. Reed did not carry any theft insurance. Milton Wilder, U. S. marine, who has been ill in the Chelsea hospital, where he was operated upon, is feeling better, which is gratifying to his home friends. Rev. A. L. Struthers' Sunday morning talk at the Congregational church is "Beate paths." Sermon to the children on the children's message. Rev. Mr. Struthers and Miss Charlotte Struthers have returned from their summer home at Nelson, N. H. Mrs. Struthers will remain until their son Francis resumes his school duties at the University of New Hampshire. Rev. Mr. Struthers and Miss Charlotte Struthers have returned from their summer home at Nelson, N. H. Mrs. Struthers will remain until their son Francis resumes his school duties at the University of New Hampshire. Miss Mabel Savage has gone to the Houghton sanitarium, Lunenburg, where she will remain for the present. She was conveyed Tuesday in L. U. Clement to the sanitarium. Dr. Clarence Chandler, a native of this town and former Fitchburg physician and surgeon, has enlisted as a private in the regular army. He was examined by Sergt. Samuel Rose at the Houghton sanitarium, Lunenburg, and ordered to report to Maj. J. A. Ryan, chief of the Springfield recruiting district. From that city he was sent to a training camp where he now is located. He is in the medical department of the army as stretcher bearer or ambulance helpers. It is reported that Dr. Chandler holds the record of being the most skilled man to pass through the Springfield station for enlistment as a private in the ranks of the regular army. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, of Providence, R. I., have been spending a few days this week with Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith. Their children, Mrs. Edith and little Miss Edith, who have been spending eight weeks with their grandparents, returned with them to Providence. There will be a meeting of the public safety committee in the selectmen's room Friday evening. Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. McNear and little son Bakery motored to Watlington, Conn., to see the annual birthday anniversary of Mr. McNear's aunt, Miss Sophia Knight. Miss Knight is a very energetic elderly lady, is fond of reading and can read without tiring. She has the kindness several interesting books have recently been given to the Hill library. Edward Morse has recently purchased the Frank Heseltun place on Highland street. Mr. Morse and family will remain on the hill for the present. The improvement society announce a fair and entertainment to be given at the Brick block on the hill Friday, September 28. Sale of aprons, candy, fancy work, etc., afternoon and evening. Drama to be presented in the evening entitled "The rebellion of Mrs. Barclay." The proceeds of fair to be given to the Red Cross. The first of the week Mrs. Vernal Barber received a telegram from the hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, notifying her of the critical condition of James Keene. About a year ago young James left town for the west, later going farther, with enlistment in the aviation corps at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Recently he had been transferred to Fort Sam Houston. From his boyhood to young manhood he has been in the military service, and Mrs. Barber and Townsend friends are anxious and hoping for news of his speedy recovery. Miss Edith Upham, who has been spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Upham, has returned to work at Maiden. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Upham and Alton Dodge of Maiden and George Upham of Plainfield spent Labor day with Mr. and Mrs. George Upham. Miss Ethel Upham, Fitchburg Normal school, has accepted a position as teacher in Rowe, Conn. Carey Swinington has returned from a two weeks' visit with his wife, Mrs. Soper at Ashland. Mrs. Clara D. Curtis of Lowell and Miss Ella F. Castle of Lawrence have been the week guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Swinington and

DEATHS

The community was saddened last Saturday morning on learning of the passing on of Earl Sleeper, one of its youngest and best known citizens. His death was of less than three weeks' duration, though he had been ailing for many months. Since the death of his younger brother, Raymond, but little more than a year ago, had seemed to have less faith in his own recovery. He was a member and minister of the church, and was the recipient of gifts and postal cards; also a letter from her grandson, Wallace Woodward, who is in the 101st regiment in France. Mrs. Milo Harrington left Tuesday morning for a visit to her mother, who lives in Napoleonville, La. Mrs. Alice E. Sawyer, of Martin's pond road, is in Peppercell visiting friends. William Boynton came to Groton last Saturday evening and spent the holiday with his family, who are here on a visit to his mother. He left town Tuesday morning for New York city, where he resides. Miss Audrey Burkinshaw, of Peppercell, has accepted a position as teacher of the Moore's school and began her duties there Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Brown entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillett, of Wollaston, Sunday. Mrs. Fred Benda and little son, from Westfield, are spending a part of their summer with Mr. and Mrs. Garber Randlett. The funeral of Earle Sleeper took place at 10 o'clock Sunday, at which will be found in another column. There will be a concert at Groton this week. On next week Saturday evening the new bandstand will be dedicated with fitting ceremonies. There will be a concert with a greatly enlarged orchestra at the home of Mrs. George M. Howe, Capt. Palmer, James Woodley and Mr. Call. The unknown donor of the bandstand will be present at the concert. The identity of this generous person has been a subject of eager speculation by all those interested in the band and we think that his presence at the concert will prove a magnet to draw many people. The particulars concerning this concert will be found in these columns next week.

WEST GROTON

George McCurdy and son Royden, of Worcester; Mrs. M. J. Shepley, of Waltham, and Miss Isabelle Bixby, of Waltham, arrived in town by auto last Saturday. Mr. McCurdy and son remained over Sunday as guests of Mrs. Charles Bixby, of West Groton. Mrs. George Bixby visited her daughter, Mrs. George Strachan. Miss Isabelle Bixby is still at her home and will remain for a week or more. Mrs. G. G. Harrington and four children spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Madigan, of Fitchburg. Mrs. Stearns, of New York, is with her daughter, Mrs. E. Steiner. Patricia Smith has returned from her vacation in East Walpole, where she has spent the summer. Her brother Gregory joined her during the last week, returning with her. Donald and Robert Bixby, going last Saturday, spent until Tuesday in Boston. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb returned on Wednesday from an auto trip to New York. They were accompanied by their guest, Miss Ruth Austin, who remained in New York and by two of their children, James and Amelia. George Lee Bixby, who passed his physical test, is awaiting his call to camp. The Misses Elsie and Olive Tarbell will return to their duties as stenographers at Dartmouth college on Sunday. Miss Mabel Downs and her fiancé, Peter Leves, of Cambridge, were over Sunday guests at W. V. Bixby's. Mrs. William Fallon entertained as over Sunday guests, Miss Helen Adams and Miss May Leyden, of Cambridge. Ellery Kilbourn spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. K. Spaulding. Mrs. G. S. Webber has entertained her cousin, Edward Jenks, of Washington, D. C., during part of the week. It is learned with regret that Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wright and three little daughters are soon to leave town. They will make their home in New York with Mr. Wright's father, who needs their care. Their many friends will miss them greatly. The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Taylor has been quite ill and pneumonia was feared. Fortunately, a little time in the hands of Miss Thompson and Miss McGowan, were at their respective homes and both, as needed, gave Mrs. Taylor assistance. Latest reports pronounced the little one better. Mrs. John Downs is in the Groton hospital, and is reported comfortable. Mrs. Humphrey has returned to

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AYER

New Items

Alfred E. Oikie, Harvey Winslow, A. Paul Fillebrown, E. B. Lewis, Joseph Kyle, James King, Robert Irwin, Robert L. Smith, Fred A. ...

Business places are constantly increasing in number since the military camp was established, with a consequent increase in population.

Wm. T. Fitzgerald, Jr., met with a painful accident while on an automobile trip with a party of friends last Sunday.

Eli W. Carley and Thomas F. McGuane have been drawn jurors and will report for duty Monday in Lowell.

An automobile owned and driven by Martin S. Donahue, containing besides the driver, his brother, Frank Donahue, Joseph Anderson and Jerome Ryan, turned turtle on the boulevard at York Beach, Me., four o'clock last Sunday afternoon.

A fire caused by a leak in a gasoline heater in George W. Luddington's West street lunch-room caused excitement shortly after five o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The regular September meeting of the Ayer Branch Alliance was held with Mrs. Marie Clark on Thursday afternoon, a large number being present.

Owners of tennis courts or golf courses in the cities and towns around Camp Devens are requested to notify Ray S. Hubbard, secretary of the war commission.

People desiring rooms and those having rooms to let may communicate with Mrs. M. Phelps, Pleasant street, telephone 262-4, or with Mrs. Charles Hassam on Prospect street, telephone 170.

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An inquest into the death of Fred Fay, of Lancaster, who was injured in a collision near the military camp a few weeks ago, was held in the district court-room Tuesday morning.

regiment, showed that Fay was riding his motorcycle, coming along the Shirley road, toward Ayer. Just before he reached the point where the accident occurred the motorcycle swerved from its path and collided with an automobile driven by Lieut. George Prescott, of Concord, resulting in injuries from which Fay died a few hours later.

Last week Friday evening a very pleasant occasion was had in the vestry of the Unitarian church which had been used as a welfare room for soldiers and the many strangers in town on account of the unusual conditions existing here.

Patrol 11 of Girl Scouts met Monday with Dorothy Carman, Patrol III on Tuesday with Margaret Glynn, and Patrol I on Wednesday with Elizabeth Bennett.

William F. McDonald and Frank C. O'Brien of the Boston police department were on duty here over Sunday and Labor day, assisting the local police.

Marie Dressler, the most popular comedienne, will appear in the leading part of the most pretentious comedy ever produced this Saturday evening at the motion picture show "Tillie wakes up" in five reels.

Richard J. Davey, of Hudson, and Thomas G. Hill, of Boston, former residents of Ayer, were in town on Monday.

Miss Madeline E. Donlon assumed her duties as teacher in domestic science and household arts at the Nashua high school on Tuesday.

An office has been fitted up for the Ayer branch of the United States police station. The new arrangement will afford the chief much better quarters for office work than formerly.

The Boston and Maine railroad has added a new side-track on its land in the rear of the block of J. J. Barry & Company.

Last Sunday the state evangelist, Mr. Southwell, preached both morning and evening at the Baptist church. Quite a number of soldiers were present.

Miss Stella Taylor has been spending a few days with her sister, Miss Anna G. Taylor, a school teacher in Wilbraham.

Charles Benway, of Hooksett, N. H., was found guilty of drunkenness and disturbing the peace. On the drunkenness complaint he was fined five dollars. The other complaint was filed. The same disposition was made of like complaints against Jeremiah Creighton, of Boston.

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ments governing the employing of minors under the age of sixteen, the company was found guilty and fined ten dollars. The minors whom it is alleged were hired were Royce Parker and Walter Crowley, both of Groton. John M. Maloney very skillfully handled the case for the defendant, Edward F. Wallace, of Boston, appearing as counsel for the plaintiff.

Thursday morning, as usual, was a very busy one. In the afternoon, associate justice, assisted Judge Warren H. Atwood in disposing of the long list of cases. The first case called was that of Richard M. Farnold, of Westford, who was charged with assault and battery on his wife. He was found guilty and fined ten dollars. He appealed through his counsel, John M. Maloney, associate justice of the court, and was held in the jail for the October sittings of the superior court.

Francis McCabe, Arthur Kelly, Albert Head, Owen Flannery and Nicholas Martin were found guilty of cruelty to horses and each were fined \$100. Kelly appealed and was held in \$100 for the October sittings of the superior court. Joseph E. Perry, charged with a like offense, was found guilty and his case placed on file. All the defendants are teamsters employed at Camp Devens for Coleman Brothers.

The evidence produced showed the horses to be in very poor condition, with sores on their bodies, indicating plainly neglect to provide for the animals. Perry, who was recently employed, was found to be not guilty of intentional neglect, as he was unaware of sores on the horses which were covered by the harness. Coleman Brothers, it was learned, has 268 head of stock in the camp grounds, the animals being quartered in six stables. The prosecuting officers were Theodore W. Pearson and Inspector Dyson, representing the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Pay for Camp Garbage. A contract which provides for the payment to the government of \$21,600 for the privilege of removing all garbage and waste from the camp grounds has been awarded by the war department to the S. A. Meagher Company, soap manufacturers, of Milton.

The contract also stipulates that the successful bidder must supply all containers for garbage and that he must make two removals daily, for one year, beginning September 1. The government reserves the right to cancel the contract at thirty days' notice. Altogether, ten companies submitted bids for the contract, but only one besides the Meagher company offered to pay for the privilege. This was the Eastern Oil and Rendering Company of 92 State street, Boston, its offer being \$200. All the other bids were paid varying amounts for the work. The Boston Development and Sanitary Company, which has the contract for removing Boston's garbage, asked \$2,000 for the work with the provision of paying in advance to the government, which in the course of the year probably would not exceed \$10,000.

The successful bidder was required to furnish a bond of \$100,000, estimated that there will be about seven tons of manure, ten tons of kitchen garbage, and quantities of tin cans, waste paper, fat, bones, grease, dead animals and other refuse for removal daily. Each day the contractor the contract will cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000, it is calculated.

Work at the cantonment has not yet been started, pending arrangements which are to be made by the government.

Sandy Pond School Reunion. The Sandy pond schoolhouse was the scene of a very pleasant gathering last Saturday, the occasion being the tenth annual reunion of the former teachers. All the old and friends in attendance, in the direction of the Sandy Pond School association.

The very stormy weather resulted in a small attendance compared to former years, but with the aid of a very pleasant day there was plenty of good cheer among those who came from far and near to exchange greetings on this happy occasion.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 by Oliver K. Pierce, president of the association, after all had been called together by the ringing of the old school bell. The exercises opened by the singing of "Onward Christian soldiers" by the audience, led by Miss Edith Millmore, of Morrville, an always very welcome visitor on these occasions. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church, which was followed by all reciting the Lord's prayer.

The annual business session followed. Mrs. Frank S. Pingrey, the secretary of the association, read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The secretary also read a list of four members who had died during the year. The report of the treasurer, Daniel W. Fletcher, was also read and accepted. A letter of regret was read by Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson from the late Mrs. Mary E. Richardson, of Dorchester, schoolmate and a former teacher of the school, who was unable to be present. She also sent a poem, "The old schoolhouse of by-gone days."

The following officers and committees were elected for the ensuing year: Oliver K. Pierce, pres.; Mrs. Frank S. Pingrey, sec.; Daniel W. Fletcher, treas.; William H. Landry, janitor; committees—Mrs. Nettie Perry, Boutelle of Somerville; Mrs. Ellen Boutelle Green of Dorchester; program; Mrs. Estelle Landry and Mrs. Jennie Nixon, supper. Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson was excused from serving on the program committee.

The program ended with the singing of the following numbers: "Somewhere a voice is calling," "The little tin of honey," "The march of the silver threads among the gold," and "There's another liddle." Mrs. M. Ella Gilmore, original poet, Mrs. E. M. Barrows, of Groton; paper, Mrs. Nellie Pierce Smith, of Everett; the pupils, Miss Edith Millmore of the school, in which was included interesting facts given by Louine Brigham of Gardner, a former well-known resident of the Sandy pond district, and a former attendant at the school; poem, "The silver threads among the gold," by Rev. Frank E. Crandall of the Unitarian church, Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church, and Samuel L. Taylor, of Westford, a former representative. An informal program followed.

time followed in which there was a basket lunch. In the evening there was dancing, music being furnished by Miss Etta Green, pianist, and George H. Murphy, of Fitchburg, violinist. Miss Millmore contributed two fine vocal selections. Miss Green was the accompanist during the day and evening. The closing feature brought to an end a very happy occasion.

Among those who attended from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. William Knight of Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Stiles of Westminster, Mrs. L. Smith of Groton, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Fuller, Mr. Parker's sister, Mrs. Parkhurst, and Mrs. E. M. Barrows, all of Groton, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks of Somerville, Edna Brogan of Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce of Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Robbins of Canton, and Mrs. Ella Sheldon of Ashby. Dr. Samuel A. Green, who is president of the camp, is a member of the Sandy Pond School association, was unable to be present.

Special mention is due Mrs. Barrows, of Groton, who spoke of her evergreen, a certain well-known beverage, which is being openly and legally imported has been taboed at the camp.

Capt. Mason D. Bryant, who was recently transferred from Ayer to New London, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis at the Memorial hospital in that city.

Nearly 2000 trunks in addition to many smaller pieces of baggage was handled at the railroad station in three days last week. The baggage is the property of the new officers assigned to the camp to train the draft recruits.

It is estimated that supplies costing \$1,000,000 are stored in the immense storehouses at the eastern part of the camp for the use of the draft army.

Sixty secretaries of the Army and Navy T. M. C. A. gathered in a conference in Ashburnham last week to talk of ways to help the work at the national army cantonment at Ayer.

The Red Cross unit ordered here during the past week consists of thirteen motor ambulances, an automobile and three motorcycles. The officers in charge are Capt. Robert J. Carpenter and Lieutenants M. H. Walker, Thomas Littlewood, H. J. Tate and John A. Sullivan.

Brigadier General John H. Johnson, formerly took command of the 26th division, returned last week Friday to his place of duty as major general Clarence H. Edwards, who is to lead the 26th division to France. Camp Devens comes under the jurisdiction of the new commander, who will make his headquarters in Boston.

An automobile containing an unknown man and woman ran off the road near the military camp last Sunday and went over the embankment. Neither occupant was injured. The auto escaped with little damage.

Wedding. Miss Pearl Mae Carley and Carl A. Moses were married on Saturday, September 1, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Strong and the double ring service was used. It was the intention to have the wedding on Wednesday and Mr. Moses had come on from Detroit, where he is in the office of the Mutual Insurance Company on Friday to claim his bride. He has been in the military training school at Annapolis two years and enlisted last June in the aviation corps and was expecting to be called to train for the service. Saturday morning he received a summons to report at the school for military-aeronautics in Urbana, Ill., on September 3.

At a hurried consultation the young people decided that they must hasten the wedding. Friends assisted in all possible ways. Some were to get away to arrive in time, but with the aid of the telephone the preparations were so well hastened that the ceremony took place at 6.45. The young people standing unattended, in the window with very faint festive soundings. They took the seven o'clock train for the west followed by quite a party of friends who showered them liberally with confetti.

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Capt. Mason D. Bryant, who was recently transferred from Ayer to New London, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis at the Memorial hospital in that city.

Nearly 2000 trunks in addition to many smaller pieces of baggage was handled at the railroad station in three days last week. The baggage is the property of the new officers assigned to the camp to train the draft recruits.

It is estimated that supplies costing \$1,000,000 are stored in the immense storehouses at the eastern part of the camp for the use of the draft army.

Sixty secretaries of the Army and Navy T. M. C. A. gathered in a conference in Ashburnham last week to talk of ways to help the work at the national army cantonment at Ayer.

The Red Cross unit ordered here during the past week consists of thirteen motor ambulances, an automobile and three motorcycles. The officers in charge are Capt. Robert J. Carpenter and Lieutenants M. H. Walker, Thomas Littlewood, H. J. Tate and John A. Sullivan.

Brigadier General John H. Johnson, formerly took command of the 26th division, returned last week Friday to his place of duty as major general Clarence H. Edwards, who is to lead the 26th division to France. Camp Devens comes under the jurisdiction of the new commander, who will make his headquarters in Boston.

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Ralph Hill and his sisters, Elizabeth Rosa and Frances, came from their Portland home the first of the week. He resumed his teaching in Southbridge high school on Tuesday. Daniel Stetson and family have moved into the Hildreth house on Taylor street, owned by Peter De Silvio. Mrs. Alfred Healy, while cutting sandwiches at the town hall, Monday, removed a small slice of her thumb, severing a small artery which caused the loss of much blood. Dr. Christie came promptly to her assistance. Jeffrey's corner on the Great road was the scene of a bad accident, Monday. James Hogan, with his wife and young daughter Marjorie, of Nashua, N. H., were going to Marlboro, and the car was going at a high rate of speed as it approached the corner from the Lowell road. Mr. Hogan's foot slipped onto the accelerator instead of pressing the pedal that governs the brake, and the car, with its increased speed, smashed against a stone wall, turning completely over. Dr. Christie was called and found a severe bruise on Mr. Hogan's back. One side of Mrs. Hogan's face was lacerated, the opening, five inches in length, reaching from the eye to the ear. The little girl was uninjured, excepting for a bump on her head which caused little discomfort. Relatives in Marlboro were notified and came to the rescue and carried the Hogan family home with them. The automobile was badly crippled, but is restorable. Besides Walter H. Titcomb's new house on Foster street the frame of his barn has been raised recently. The approaching fall days incite the building of new houses and the completion of the homes and the new houses will be ready for occupancy in another month. Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Alvord returned last Saturday from Long Island, where they spent their vacation. Mr. Alvord has been sick with the grippe since, but if he is able he will supply the pulpit in Williamstown on Sunday. 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The Charles Gordan family and Mrs. H. S. Brown enjoyed a holiday auto trip to Portland, Me., going Saturday and returning Monday. The George Neombos visited the Berkshire towns in their automobile Sunday and Monday. Eleven members of the Edwin N. Robinson family motored to Brookline, N. H., Labor day and joined in the annual Robinson family reunion at the home of a cousin, Dr. Holcombe. Mrs. Minnie E. Tenney Peck, who has been with her people through July and August, returns this week to her Brookline home to prepare for her lecture courses and other entertainments of the winter. Three members of the Fairfield family began their year's work on Tuesday—John G. returned to Troy as assistant in Rensselaer Polytechnic institute in the department of mechanical engineering; Juniata, for her second year as assistant librarian of Boston university; and Francis, to enter upon new work as teacher of the science branches and of algebra in the Needham high school. Mrs. J. D. Chambers returned to Littleton yesterday from her vacation in Ohio, having made the trip alone and unaided. Committees of the catholic mission reached the high water mark of entertainment in their field day and dance of Labor day. They planned great things and all worked together for the cause with magnificent success. The grounds were displayed by visitors from far and near. There was a large variety of sports that kept things humming on the athletic grounds. Many amusements furnished opportunity for a good time. Quantities of food of all kinds were displayed in the booths were constantly patronized. The dance in the evening completed the program of the day. People were disappointed not to hear the 6th regiment band, but the sisters had to cancel the engagement because they left Ayer that day. The Colonial orchestra played for the dancing. Proceeds will be spent for the improvement of the grounds at St. Anne's church which are already well under way. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Piper, of Newton, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, from Saturday to Tuesday. The automobile riding through Littleton on Labor day broke all previous records. Anticipating that such a light throng of Red Cross workers took advantage of their opportunity and instituted "tag day," stationing their agents at several convenient places in town. They were a fast, weary set of women and girls at night, but their spirit revived when they learned the aggregate sum of money they had through their untiring efforts. This will be expended on material which the women will convert into garments for the comfort of our soldier boys. The supply of large tags gave out long before night and automobile drivers would not stop for the small tags. However, the ladies who devised the project have no regrets, but rather feel grateful to everybody who gave and all who combined forces in bringing about the splendid results. The Middlesex-North Agricultural fair, under the joint auspices of the Middlesex-North Agricultural society, Lowell Park Commission and the Low-

WEST GROTON

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Mrs. Houghton wore a gown of wisteria crepe de chine and georgette crepe with bead trimming, and Miss Zappay was dressed in dainty muslin. The bride wore a gown of pale pink and white cosmes and evergreens were tastefully arranged by Mrs. S. Emma Abbott. Throughout the reception Hackett's stringed orchestra of six pieces, from Fitchburg, discoursed brilliant music, and D. L. Page, of Lowell, catered. A large room on the second floor contained a splendid array of presents in beautiful china, cut glass, silver, linen, pictures, etc., and the groom's gift to the bride was liberty bonds. With quantities of good wishes and showers of confetti, Mr. and Mrs. Zappay left the festive scene for parts unknown. Their new home will be in Greenwich village, New York, where the groom is superintendent of the Hillside School for Boys. Miss Houghton was a graduate of Littleton high school and Wheaton college. Mr. Zappay pursued a special course at Amherst Agricultural college. Both were well known and enjoyed enviable popularity in Littleton society. A Dangerous Crossing. The New Estate railroad crossing, blind and very dangerous, has been the cause of much fear to tourists in times past. Not many years ago a Littleton man was killed there, and minor accidents have been reported. Today, that travel over this crossing is tremendously increased, but nothing has been done to insure the safety of the tourist. We believe that no other crossing on the road as dangerous as this is guarded by a flagman. Engineers tell of narrow escapes that have come within their observation at this place. Only a few days ago an auto traveling at high speed ran into the side of a passing train at this crossing and critically injured every day, although the crossing is a race from Lactard road to New Estate crossing with express trains. Train men from their observations are led to a firm conviction that an awful accident will occur unless some precaution is taken by the road. If Littleton has an organization that can prevail upon the Boston and Maine officials to station a flagman at that crossing why not take the initiative at once and have it done? The crossing is a present threatening conditions. Don't wait for somebody else to act or until precious lives are lost. The Lyceum. The lyceum, in this its eighty-eighth consecutive season, has met the unusual conditions imposed by a great world war, but it is thought that the selections made for this year's entertainments will command the loyal support of all our citizens and preserve the high traditions of the lyceum. The main numbers of the course are procured through the Players, of Boston, from whom our best attractions of recent years have been secured. The program is as follows: October 8. Concert by the Pilgrim male quartet. This is a new grouping of famous singers who intend under this name to place before the public a concert company without a peer in the land of song, New England. They are all singers of the highest rank in musical circles, Robert Fitz Gerald, tenor; Harold S. Trip, alto; Percy F. Baker, baritone, and A. Cameron Steele, bass. They will be accompanied by the members of the Lyceum. October 9. Illustrated lecture on Iceland, land of perennials ice and eternal snow, on the celebrated horseback tours of Waterman S. C. Russell. Mr. Russell is called by the Icelandic Review the best informed foreigner on Iceland in 100 years. His pictures are wonderfully fine and he gives a fascinating story, entertaining and scholarly. November 6. Concert, the Adamsky recitals. A unique program of Russian classic, folk and cradle songs in piano, violin, piano solo, and violin obligato. This is "the biggest bargain in music" we have secured. Mr. Adamsky is a young Russian operatic tenor. His voice is unusual—lyric dramatic. It is rich and sympathetic, of great range and power. His English is excellent. Since coming to America he has been a member of two of our best known opera companies. His accompanist, Miss Edna Sheppard, is an admirable musician and prefers each of the two as songs with a brief and interesting description. The third member of the trio is Miss Lillian Green, a contralto with a voice of great range and beauty, who in addition to her vocal numbers plays violin obligato for some of her dramatic songs. November 20. A combination travel-lecture and music-talk on Porto Rico by Byron William Reed. This is a

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subject offered by very few lecturers—Porto Rico—and the musical features of Mr. Reed's entertainments put them in a class by themselves. He sings the fascinating songs of the island and plays upon a number of the curious native instruments which he brings with him. December 4. Lecture by Philip Davis on "What happened in Russia." Mr. Davis is a native of Russia, now at the head of the Civil Service House in Boston. He is a very brilliant and intelligent man and speaks with force and dignity. He has a thorough knowledge of events in Russia, as he is in constant touch with his people there. Although this is a "straight lecture" it should be one of the best numbers of the course. December 18. The attraction for this date is not yet ready to be announced. The course will close on January 8 with home taken night. This program the committee think will prove unusually interesting and valuable. New Advertisements TOWN OF HARVARD The Board of Registrars will be in session at the Selectmen's Room at the Town Hall on Saturday Evening, September 15th from 7.30 to 9.30 o'clock Charles H. Haskell, Perley Beard, Spurgeon M. Farnsworth, James L. Whitney, Registrars. Harvard, Sept. 3, 1917. 211 Harvard-To Let A fully furnished Bungalow of five (5) rooms on one of the highest points in town; fine view; six miles from Ayer; all hair mattresses; accommodate six people; piano; large open fireplace; nothing to furnish; garage for two automobiles. No water at the house; rent modern. Apply to ARTHUR H. NEWELL, Reading, Mass. 1561. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of GEORGE WASHINGTON STUART late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testator, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to FLORA M. STUART, Adm., Bridgewater, Mass., August 24, 1917.

ell Board of Trade, will be held September 20, 21 and 22 in the Casino at Thorndike street, Lowell. A great variety of fruit, vegetables, canned products of garden and orchard, poultry, etc., will be exhibited. Many prizes are offered for best collections of above-named products and individual varieties. Let the Littleton people have a large place in the exhibit, for her people have toiled, and their labors have been rewarded by some splendid specimens which should be seen at the Casino this month. Miss Louise Whitney, of Lexington, has been visiting at Hon. F. A. Patch's. Wedding. The apocryphal ancestral residence of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. Houghton added another interesting chapter to its history when Miss Lucy Houghton, the younger daughter, and Mr. Frederick Zappay repeated the wedding vows in the presence of relatives and intimate friends, Frank Willis of Springfield, friend of the groom, playing the prominent part of officiating, and J. 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At eight o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Zappay held reception to a few hundred friends, who were most of the New England states, Littleton and surrounding towns, and cities of this state, as well as from more distant parts. In the receiving line, also, were Mr. and Mrs. Houghton, Mr. Zappay and Miss Maybelle Zappay, father and sister of the groom. Mrs. Houghton wore a gown of wisteria crepe de chine and georgette crepe with bead trimming, and Miss Zappay was dressed in dainty muslin. The bride wore a gown of pale pink and white cosmes and evergreens were tastefully arranged by Mrs. S. Emma Abbott. Throughout the reception Hackett's stringed orchestra of six pieces, from Fitchburg, discoursed brilliant music, and D. L. Page, of Lowell, catered. A large room on the second floor contained a splendid array of presents in beautiful china, cut glass, silver, linen, pictures, etc., and the groom's gift to the bride was liberty bonds. With quantities of good wishes and showers of confetti, Mr. and Mrs. Zappay left the festive scene for parts unknown. Their new home will be in Greenwich village, New York, where the groom is superintendent of the Hillside School for Boys. Miss Houghton was a graduate of Littleton high school and Wheaton college. Mr. Zappay pursued a special course at Amherst Agricultural college. Both were well known and enjoyed enviable popularity in Littleton society. A Dangerous Crossing. The New Estate railroad crossing, blind and very dangerous, has been the cause of much fear to tourists in times past. Not many years ago a Littleton man was killed there, and minor accidents have been reported. Today, that travel over this crossing is tremendously increased, but nothing has been done to insure the safety of the tourist. We believe that no other crossing on the road as dangerous as this is guarded by a flagman. Engineers tell of narrow escapes that have come within their observation at this place. Only a few days ago an auto traveling at high speed ran into the side of a passing train at this crossing and critically injured every day, although the crossing is a race from Lactard road to New Estate crossing with express trains. Train men from their observations are led to a firm conviction that an awful accident will occur unless some precaution is taken by the road. If Littleton has an organization that can prevail upon the Boston and Maine officials to station a flagman at that crossing why not take the initiative at once and have it done? The crossing is a present threatening conditions. Don't wait for somebody else to act or until precious lives are lost. The Lyceum. The lyceum, in this its eighty-eighth consecutive season, has met the unusual conditions imposed by a great world war, but it is thought that the selections made for this year's entertainments will command the loyal support of all our citizens and preserve the high traditions of the lyceum. The main numbers of the course are procured through the Players, of Boston, from whom our best attractions of recent years have been secured. The program is as follows: October 8. Concert by the Pilgrim male quartet. This is a new grouping of famous singers who intend under this name to place before the public a concert company without a peer in the land of song, New England. They are all singers of the highest rank in musical circles, Robert Fitz Gerald, tenor; Harold S. Trip, alto; Percy F. Baker, baritone, and A. Cameron Steele, bass. They will be accompanied by the members of the Lyceum. October 9. Illustrated lecture on Iceland, land of perennials ice and eternal snow, on the celebrated horseback tours of Waterman S. C. Russell. Mr. Russell is called by the Icelandic Review the best informed foreigner on Iceland in 100 years. His pictures are wonderfully fine and he gives a fascinating story, entertaining and scholarly. November 6. Concert, the Adamsky recitals. A unique program of Russian classic, folk and cradle songs in piano, violin, piano solo, and violin obligato. This is "the biggest bargain in music" we have secured. Mr. Adamsky is a young Russian operatic tenor. His voice is unusual—lyric dramatic. It is rich and sympathetic, of great range and power. His English is excellent. Since coming to America he has been a member of two of our best known opera companies. His accompanist, Miss Edna Sheppard, is an admirable musician and prefers each of the two as songs with a brief and interesting description. The third member of the trio is Miss Lillian Green, a contralto with a voice of great range and beauty, who in addition to her vocal numbers plays violin obligato for some of her dramatic songs. November 20. A combination travel-lecture and music-talk on Porto Rico by Byron William Reed. This is a

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subject offered by very few lecturers—Porto Rico—and the musical features of Mr. Reed's entertainments put them in a class by themselves. He sings the fascinating songs of the island and plays upon a number of the curious native instruments which he brings with him. December 4. Lecture by Philip Davis on "What happened in Russia." Mr. Davis is a native of Russia, now at the head of the Civil Service House in Boston. He is a very brilliant and intelligent man and speaks with force and dignity. He has a thorough knowledge of events in Russia, as he is in constant touch with his people there. Although this is a "straight lecture" it should be one of the best numbers of the course. December 18. The attraction for this date is not yet ready to be announced. The course will close on January 8 with home taken night. This program the committee think will prove unusually interesting and valuable. New Advertisements TOWN OF HARVARD The Board of Registrars will be in session at the Selectmen's Room at the Town Hall on Saturday Evening, September 15th from 7.30 to 9.30 o'clock Charles H. Haskell, Perley Beard, Spurgeon M. Farnsworth, James L. Whitney, Registrars. Harvard, Sept. 3, 1917. 211 Harvard-To Let A fully furnished Bungalow of five (5) rooms on one of the highest points in town; fine view; six miles from Ayer; all hair mattresses; accommodate six people; piano; large open fireplace; nothing to furnish; garage for two automobiles. No water at the house; rent modern. Apply to ARTHUR H. NEWELL, Reading, Mass. 1561. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of GEORGE WASHINGTON STUART late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testator, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to FLORA M. STUART, Adm., Bridgewater, Mass., August 24, 1917.

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With 16 events on the card, the five-day light harness meeting in Springfield, Mass., in October will be up to Grand Circuit form. The total of the purses offered is \$10,000. There will be three races each day, except the last, when there will be four. The meeting is one of the attractions of the Eastern States Exposition and Dairy Show, to be held from October 15 to 20. Race days are October 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. There will be little fear of any postponements any day, because of the unusual character of the track and the grounds. The Eastern States property of 170 acres is of sandy formation and the water disappears so quickly that within a few minutes after a small torrent of rain, everything is dry and comfortable. The track, also, is so built that the heaviest rains do not affect it for more than half an hour or so.

That horsemen of the entire east are anxious to race their pets over this splendid track is indicated by the early closing events. Only about 30 nominations were withdrawn, leaving a total of 137 horses eligible to start in the six races. Entries for the 10 late closing events are equally liberal, and the fields of starters will therefore all be large.

It has been a good many years since Springfield had a five-day race meeting, and the certain success of this one will go far toward reestablishing this whole section as a harness horse racing center. The daily program follows:

Monday, October 15. 2.33 Trot \$1000.00, 2.12 Pace 500.00, 2.10 Trot 500.00. Tuesday, October 16. 2.21 Pace \$1000.00, 2.16 Trot 500.00, Free for All Pace 1000.00. Wednesday, October 17. 2.18 Trot \$1000.00, 2.18 Pace 500.00, 2.30 Trot 400.00. Thursday, October 18. 2.09 Pace \$500.00, 2.14 Trot 1000.00, 2.25 Pace 500.00. Friday, October 19. 2.14 Pace \$1000.00, 2.20 Trot 500.00, Three Year Old and Under Trot, 300.00, Three Year Old and Under Pace, 300.00

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Steadily increasing demands for milk and other dairy products with the greater appreciation of their food value and the growth of population, is creating serious problems in the cities as well as the country.

One important fact has been noticeable of late. This is the greater willingness of consumers in the cities to pay more for milk, butter and cheese. A few years ago an increase of a cent a quart for milk created a howl of indignation among city buyers. But now increases of a cent or more, and at frequent intervals, are accepted without much protest.

This is because the people who use most milk and butter realize that the increased cost of feed and labor has hit the dairyman hardest and that they must be compensated or go out of the dairy business. The fact remains, therefore, that in spite of the higher prices and scarcity at times, people must have dairy products, and that they will pay for them what they must. This is the hope of the dairy industry of this territory. The secret of success for the dairyman then is the keeping of better cows—pure-bred if possible.

There is another consideration of first importance in this section. The hope for the future of its agriculture rests with more live stock, to maintain its fertility most economically, to consume its surplus forage and feed and at the same time pay a profit.

That is why the Eastern States Exposition and Dairy Show at Springfield, Mass., from October 12 to 20, and its great live stock departments are so important. It is expected that more than 2800 head will offer the farmers an opportunity to study the best types, to discuss their problems with practical men and to be shown how they can improve their live stock with profit and increased satisfaction.

BIG SHORTHORN PRIZES.

Large Premiums Offered for Best Cattle at the Exposition. Breeders of Shorthorn cattle are eligible to premiums and prizes amounting to \$3000 at the Eastern States Exposition and Dairy Show at Springfield, Mass., from October 12 to 20. This is to be divided between the milking and beef classes. So important does the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association regard this exhibition, that it offers \$1500 in prizes.

THE FOUNDLING

By ELINOR MARSH

Edward Redmond and his wife were childless. Mrs. Redmond especially longed for a little one to care for and to love, and her husband, whose active life did not seem to require it, was disappointed on his wife's account.

One evening there was a ring at the Redmond bell. Mrs. Redmond went to the door and there found a basket. Under a soft, warm blanket lay a baby boy fast asleep. Taking up the basket, she carried it into the house, removed the child and made an examination of everything that might furnish a clue to its identity. But there was no clue.

For seven years the Redmonds gave the little fellow everything to make him comfortable and happy. Then one day he disappeared.

Frank—they had named him Frank—was playing on the sidewalk when a gentleman approached him and, after asking him where he lived and the name of his parents, told him that if he would go with him around the corner he would buy him some candy. Frank consented, and as soon as they were out of sight of Frank's home he was put into a carriage and driven away.

When the boy was missed his foster parents believed that he had been kidnapped by some one who would apply for a ransom. They had saved some money and expected to pay it over for the boy, but no demand was ever made, nor was he returned to them.

Frank was taken to the home of the man who had kidnapped him and from there to an office in a big building. The boy noticed on the door of the office the word "Surrogate," but he did not know what it meant.

"This is Thomas Barton Clarke," said the kidnaper, "sole heir-at-law to the estate of his grandfather, William Cook."

Frank heard the man beside the desk say to the kidnaper that he was appointed guardian, and \$5,000 a year would be paid from the income of the estate for the child's maintenance.

Frank grew to manhood under the care of this guardian, who pocketed the sum put aside for the boy's support. When Frank came of age he suspected that his guardian, who was now dead, had doubtless kidnaped him and kept him in his possession to secure this income. Frank had a dim remembrance of his foster father and mother, but had no idea who they were. He learned that his possession of the estate he had inherited had been disputed and that the evidence of his identity, trumped up by his guardian, was very thin, and would have been contested by other claimants had they had means to do so.

But now that the estate was about to be turned over to him these claimants clubbed together and brought suit to prevent his having it on the ground that he was not Thomas Barton Clarke. Meanwhile an evil fortune befell Edward Redmond. He lost his savings by an unfortunate investment and was taken ill. Doctors' bills and a cutting off of income through being laid up impoverished him, and he and his wife were on the border of starvation.

One morning Mrs. Redmond took up a newspaper to examine the advertisements, hoping to find something that she could do to earn money, though she was really too old to fill any but a light position, when her eyes fell upon one asking for information concerning a couple who had brought up from babyhood to about seven years of age Thomas Barton Clarke.

Mrs. Redmond had never heard of Thomas Barton Clarke, but it occurred to her that he and the baby who had been left at her door and whom she had called Frank might be one and the same person. She told her husband of her suspicion, but he poo-pooed her for her rainbow hope. However, she wrote an answer to the advertisement.

The next morning Frank drew up before the house where he had lived as a child. The street looked familiar. He rang the Redmond bell, and an old woman came to the door. It seemed to Frank that he had seen her before somewhere in the dim past. She was gazing upon him as in a dream.

"I have a note in answer to an advertisement for—"

"Frank!" exclaimed the woman, then fell into his arms.

From that moment it all came back to Frank. He was taken to his foster father, whom he remembered dimly. But he remembered his play room and just where he had kept his rocking horse and other articles of amusement. His foster mother had kept the basket in which he had been left at the house with its contents of bedding and clothing, and she brought it out for Frank's inspection.

By means of these articles Frank succeeded in establishing his identity as Thomas Barton Clarke, but only as a link in other evidence and after a great deal of searching. The basket was of a certain make, and a bill was found for its purchase more than twenty years before. In a similar way some of the clothing was converted into proof. Sufficient evidence was thus collected to enable the state to turn over the estate to Frank, and he became very rich.

That was the end of the Redmonds' troubles. Frank brought them to his own home, where he lavished upon them every comfort. By his associates he was called Tom, but his foster parents called him by the name they had given him the night he was left with them in a basket.

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News Items. William H. Wilbur, depot master at the railroad station, has resigned his position and accepted the position as agent of the Gardner railroad station, which is a more responsible and lucrative position. Mr. Wilbur will leave here for his new position as soon as he can be relieved, probably within a week or so.

The members of the Congregational church have presented Stanley Wells of the 6th regiment with a wrist watch. Mr. Wells left his position as salesman for C. A. Cross Company, Fitchburg, a few months ago and entered the service.

Miss Lucy Chaffin spent the weekend and Labor day with relatives in Lawrence.

Miss Anne, clerk for C. R. White, has given up her position and accepted a position as salesman at Fletcher's clothing store, Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant spent the weekend and Labor day at Pigeon Cove, the summer home of their daughter, Mrs. Walter W. Manning. Miss Gertrude L. Conant accompanied the party.

John Peneseau, of the 6th regiment, has been presented with a wrist watch by the members of the Baptist church.

Kenneth Horton, of the hospital corps, 6th regiment, has been presented with a wrist watch by the members of the Altruistic club.

Ralph Heron has accepted a position in the office of the President Suspender Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French, of Fitchburg, with two young daughters, with Mr. and Mrs. Marion, spent Labor day holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, parents of Mrs. French.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Holden, of Shrewsbury, with son Roger, spent Labor day holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden, parents of the former.

Miss Mabel Blake, of Boston, addressed the members of the Special Aid society at their meeting last week. Friday on the proposed girls' club for Shirley. Miss Blake explained the many good features of such a club and of opening a tea-room in connection with it. It was voted that the society co-operate and help in any way possible. A suitable location was discussed at length. Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman and Miss Blake inspected several locations and reported on the same. It is fully expected that a suitable location will be selected in the near future.

Lewis W. Parsons, Eugene N. Livermore and Miss Annie B. Hunter spent Labor day holidays at Wolfboro, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret spent Labor day holidays at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. John Pomfret, of Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lennox, of Windsor, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grenfell, of Dorchester, are spending a two-weeks' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moulton, of Dorchester, and Miss Dora Lister, of Wollaston, also spent Labor day holidays at the Brockelman home.

Arthur and Earl Weare, of Boston, spent Labor day holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weare, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell Miner, of Turner's Falls, spent Labor day with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miner, parents of Russell Miner.

Miss Madeline Desmond spent Labor day with friends in South Acton.

Mrs. Clara Wallis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alvah B. Watton, of Braintree, Conn., former well-known residents, are visiting friends in town.

Maynard E. Burton, of the navy, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Alvah B. Watton. He left for foreign service this week.

Mrs. Carrie Bruce, of Boston, spent the holidays with relatives in town.

Mrs. Anna Nutting, of Pepperell, spent a few days the latter part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden.

Miss Madeline Desmond spent Labor day with friends in South Acton.

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Miss Ruth Keeping, of Revere, spent the week-end with Miss Dora Burnham at Woodsville.

Miss Mildred Evans went Monday to Bolton, where she is to teach school this year.

Word has been received that Lewis H. Bradford and Arthur H. Holden, who have been in training in Washington, D. C., sail from New York in a few days to enter service "somewhere in France."

Mrs. A. S. Burnham and family return in a few days to their home in Revere. A large number of their home at Woodville will be occupied during the winter by an officer's family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Bolton will close their summer home on Center road in a few days and return to their home in Brookline. Their son, Stanwood Bolton, will enter Harvard this year.

A large Velle touring car with seven passengers, was overturned last Saturday afternoon on the state road at the North, near Haradon's corner. Due to a break in the steering gear, the driver lost control of the machine, which crashed into the side of the road and finally overturned. The machine belonged to parties from Fitchburg and it is understood that two of the occupants were injured.

The little Gonnors girl at the North is confined to her home with the measles.

Mrs. Drabble, an officer's wife, is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Marsh on Center road.

At the meeting of the Grange Tuesday evening the entertainment was in charge of a committee composed of the past lecturers of the Grange. The following program was given: Songs, Grange readings, Mrs. Bessie Buxton, Mrs. Mable Graves; reading and remarks about Camp Devens, William Jubb; leaf contest, in which Miss Vangelina Freeman was the winner. It was voted to petition the selection for a water container to be used in the hall. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams presented with a silver pie knife in commemoration of their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Adams was also presented with a large cake by the ladies of the Matrons' Aid.

William Wilkins and George F. Buxton, of Woodsville, attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., in Boston, Thursday.

Lester G. Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Holden, Clark road, and Miss Sybil E. Storer, of Nashua, were married on September 1 in Edgartown by Rev. John W. Threlkeld. Mr. Holden is one of the popular young men of the town, a graduate of Shirley high school. Miss Storer is well known in town and is a member of Shirley Grange, as is Mr. Holden also. Mr. and Mrs. Holden returned this week to the home of Mr. Holden's parents, where they will stay for the present.

Services at the First Parish church on Sunday morning at 11.15. Rev. William C. Adams preached an able sermon last Sunday, taking for his subject, "So the last shall be first, and the first last; for many be called, but few chosen." Mrs. Charlotte H. Knox presided at the organ, doing good work. She played for "Beaumont," adapted from "Beaumont."

New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of SARA G. RUGG late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas RUTH E. PHELPS, the administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-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 administratrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court; this thirtieth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the next of kin and all others interested in the estate of MARY M. SICKLES late of Shirley, in said County, deceased.

Whereas THOMAS L. HAZEN, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court for allowance the first account of his administration on said estate and application has been made for distribution of the balance in his hands among the next of kin of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the seventeenth day of September, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why said account should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

And the petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by delivering or mailing post-paid a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate fourteen 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. F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Saturday, September 8, 1917.

PEPPERELL

News Items: Mr. and Mrs. Erbert Williams, her brother, James Taylor, from Chelsea...

they went to Hoosac, over the Mohawk trail and returned home via Hartford, Conn., through Putnam...

Miss Margaret Anderson returned from Labor day to Northboro, going by auto with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Anderson...

Markham's orchestra of Lowell and continued until ten o'clock, with only a short intermission at midnight...

The "mysteries" this year adorned a tree and proved attractive to the children as well as some of the grown-ups...

Sept 8 Saturday Sale Sept 8. GRANULATED SUGAR 8 1/2c. lb. WITH ALL SALES OF TEA AND COFFEE...

Walter Lewis, who is on the draft list pending his final examination, is spending the week-end at Seven Pines...

Charles Newton of Shirley, trouble man for the Shirley Electric Company, who recently commenced in September...

Among the teachers from this town who are returning to their various positions in the town of Shirley...

Miss Katherine Mahoney has been in town from Middleboro, visiting at the home of her brother, Amos Mahoney...

Miss Miriam Deware returns to the Burnham school at Northampton about September 15, where she enters on a post-graduate course...

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