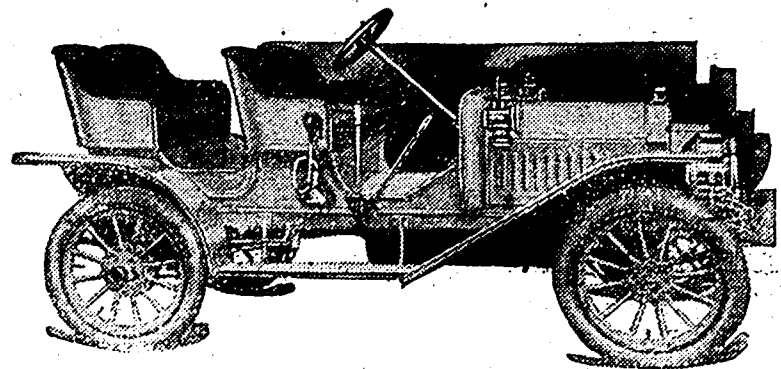


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HARVARD.

News Items.

Mrs. E. P. Watson in her true style of hospitality opened her house and grounds to the Daisy club and their guests, the ladies' afternoon whist club, on Thursday, July 1. A large number were present and the afternoon was one not soon to be forgotten. The game of whist was the feature of the day; the prizes were awarded to Miss Della Clough, first; Mrs. John Preston, second; Miss Eva Kilbourne, third. Refreshments of fancy crackers, punch, cake and ice-cream were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins and Miss Farmer, residing near Boston have opened the Sawyer house for the summer on Oak Hill.

Miss Ethel Nourse was a guest at G. F. Gale's for the holidays.

Mrs. Ellis and daughter Georgie of Cambridge are at the Harlow house for their third season.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards and the boys of Watertown are at Sheep Island for a summer outing.

Mrs. Alice Bigelow is visiting this week with friends in Worcester.

There will be a dance in town hall on Thursday evening, July 15, the first of the summer series. Music, Superba orchestra.

Allen H. Bacon and family, F. C. Manning and family, T. Mathers and family, all of Albany, N. Y., are camping at Sheep Island.

C. W. Benjamin and family of Watertown, are now occupying a cottage on the island for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Paine of Bolton were guests of Miss Florence Dammun at her home on Oak Hill on Monday.

Mrs. Gallagher and two children have returned to her home in New York city after a month's visit with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetherbee.

Alden and Oren Savage of Pepperell spent the Fourth with their uncle, Fred Savage, on Bare Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jennison of Hudson were with their father, W. Savage over Sunday and Monday.

Miss Charlotte Tufts of Dorchester visited her aunt, Mrs. Nathaniel Dill, a few days this week.

Mrs. Wm. H. Gleason of Norwich, Conn., has returned to her home after a short visit with Mrs. Catherine Dickson.

Thomas J. Faherty spent the Fourth with friends in Worcester.

Herbert M. Dickson of Shirley visited last week at her nephew's, W. F. Dickson.

Misses Edna and Ethel Godfrey, who have been at school in Hopkinton living with their aunt, and Miss Clara Godfrey from Clinton, are at home for the summer vacation.

Miss Marion and Mr. Paul Renfrew were guests at the Kerley over Monday last.

On Wednesday afternoon the buildings of Mr. Goodearl in East Bare Hill, formerly owned by A. F. Ripley, were totally destroyed by fire; the cause is unknown. Insurance partially covers the loss. No alarm was sent in and owing to the distance it is not probable that anything could have been saved.

Mrs. McEvoy of Lowell and children are visiting with Mrs. P. McMahon.

Miss Nettie Wilder of Clinton visited with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Priest this week.

The Fourth.

Fourth of July passed very pleasantly here, only one casualty being noted, the explosion of a firecracker in the face of a small boy from Old Mill. Both ball games were won by the Harvard boys. The game in the afternoon between the Algonquins of Lancaster and the home boys was a good one, score, Lancaster 5, Harvard 6. Throughout the game there was not a single dispute in regard to the decisions. The visitors while not winners still have the respect of all by their gentlemanly ways and good ball playing. Joseph Stone of Waltham and a Lancaster boy were umpires, dividing the time on bases and strikes, both doing excellent work. The Hudson military band gave two concerts worthy of mention at 1.45 and again at 7.30 p. m. The usual display of rockets, etc., was shown on the Bromfield grounds.

Obituary.

The funeral services of Maurice Gabrielson, for several years a resident of this town were held at the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon, July 6. Rev. Henry B. Mason conducted the service and a quartet composed of Misses Farwell and Davis, Messrs. West and Cleaves, sang "Sometime we'll understand," and "Under his wings."

Since his coming to this town he has been respected by the townspeople as a man with hard working and honest qualities. This season he went to work for N. H. Whitcomb of Littleton. On Sunday last while out in a sail-boat with two other companions on Long pond, the boat capsized and he was drowned. It is thought he must have been seized with a cramp as he was a good swimmer and was not far out from shallow water. He leaves besides his parents, two brothers and a sister, a wife Annie (Erickson) Gabrielson, and one child Florence, to whom the news of his sudden death came like a thunderbolt. The sympathies of the townspeople were extended to the bereaved family. Harvard grange, where both the deceased and his wife were members of good standing, passed resolutions on his death. He was aged 27 years, 7 months.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of undertaker R. M. Lindley. The bearers were Frank and Herbert Pollard, Edgar and Hubert Cleaves.

WESTFORD.

Forge.

The services at St. Andrew's mission at seven o'clock last Sunday evening were well attended. Until further notice the afternoon services will be omitted.

Joseph LeClaire, a well-known young man of this village, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix LeClaire, and Miss Eugenie Paré, the daughter of Mr. Adolphe Paré of Stanford, Que., were married at that place Monday morning, June 28. Upon their return here a large reception was held at his father's. They received many handsome and valuable presents.

Judge F. A. Fisher and wife, with Mr. and Mrs. McMasters of Southbridge, Mrs. Fisher's parents, also Mrs. Fisher and daughter of Westford, were the guests of Miss Lila Fisher at "The birches" last week.

Miss Anna Orne Foster of Providence, R. I., is spending a few weeks at Miss Fisher's cottage as her guest, hoping that the quiet of the woods and the nearness to the water may help regain her health.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goode opened their cottage "The Oatka" Monday, Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Goode's mother, Miss Grace, a sister, and Miss Raynes, of Lowell are visiting them for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Small and little Miss Norma are at their cottage for the summer; also, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart and Miss Dorothy, and indeed nearly every cottage is occupied for the vacation, making a very lively place on the shores of our pond.

Mr. Tyzzer and family of Melrose are at their cottage, "the sunrise."

Saturday morning as some young men of our village were enjoying a sail with a sail boat, the wind suddenly veered about and upset the boat giving them a drenching. A boat put out from the Tyzzer cottage and one from the opposite shore, taking the boys ashore and towing the sail boat to the shore.

Visitors in town for the Fourth: Allan Carlin of Gardner at his father's; Reuben Orange and family of Providence, R. I., at Samuel Blowers'; Mr. and Mrs. John Wentworth and Miss Edith, his sister, at R. D. Prescott's; Mrs. Hugh Dally and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan and daughter, and Miss Emma Dufort of Leominster, at Mrs. Lowther's; Mrs. Wilford Blodgett and daughter at Mrs. Comey's; Geo. Cottrell at his sister's, Mrs. James Whigham.

The Forge Village celebration of July 4, so long anticipated, was enjoyed by everyone. Everything from the parade to the games was enthusiastically enjoyed. Good-nature followed defeat, so that no unpleasant feelings were shown. Constables Boynton and Norton were present, but really as spectators. The committee are to be thanked for the efficient manner of the whole affair.

Instantly Killed.

It is with sadness that we write of the tragic death of Myron A. Carlin who was accidentally killed at the railroad station at Ayer Tuesday afternoon, as he was returning from his work. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carlin of this village and his age was 20 years, 7 months, 4 days. Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, Allan, and two sisters, Miss Stella and Mrs. Caisse. The young man was very much liked by everyone and while he was quiet and unassuming he was ever ready to lend a helping hand to all. His death was a terrible blow to the stricken family and they have the sympathy of everyone.

There is no flock however watched and tended.

But one dead lamb is there:

There is no fresher bowe'r defended.

But has one vacant chair.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church, Grantville, Thursday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Armand officiating. Prayers were held at his father's in this village, thence the sorrowing ones proceeded to the church. Many

friends were gathered there to pay their last sad respects to him who so lately was with them in all the pride of manhood. There were very fitting remarks and prayer by the pastor. The singing, "Lord, I am coming home," by the choir, "Sometime we'll understand," by Alfred Riney and "Face to face," sung by Mrs. Armand were very fittingly rendered, carrying hope and solace to the friends so borne down with grief. Then the choir sang, "Rock of Ages." After benediction the remains were taken to their final resting place at Fairview cemetery. The grave was fairly surrounded by the beautiful floral offerings from so many of the friends. Those with whom he was associated on the Boston and Maine railroad and the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway attended the church in a body. Following is a list of the floral tributes:

A large pillow of red and white roses, inscribed "Myron," from the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carlin; wreath of flowers, "Brother," from brother and sisters; standing piece, "Gates Ajar," also a crescent inscribed "Friend," Walter Blodgett, Ayer; pillow, "I. and F. St. Railway,"

employees; pillow, "Fellow Workmen," E. and M. brakemen; arch, closed book, "At Rest," Forge Village friends; pinks, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Redding, Lowell; Mrs. E. Murphy, Dracut; Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Butler, Burlington, Vt.; assorted flowers, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Tolan, Misses Mary and Maria Tolan, Ezra Wilborn, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Thompson, Gardner; spray pinks, W. E. Carlin and mother; pinks and roses, Fred Perry, Gardner; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fyne and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons; Mrs. McLeana and family, Mrs. Annie and Elsie Grant, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. G. Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Balch, Miss Edith Bicknell; pinks, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nutting, Ayer; Miss Mary Ledwith, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Harrington, Misses Mattson and Lizzie Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Furbush and family; bouquet of lilies and roses, G. H. Prescott and Miss Comey; bouquet flowers, C. E. and H. W. Flavel; roses, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Prescott; pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett; sweet peas, Mrs. W. H. Craig, Miss Glazier, Ayer; roses, Daniel Hanley and family; sweet peas, Mrs. Ella Prescott and Miss Alice Prescott; spray lilies and roses, Miss E. M. Sweatt; spray of pinks, Mrs. Ellen Worcester and Mrs. John Denio.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Wednesday, June 30, at two p. m., at the Congregational parsonage, Rev. C. P. Marshall united in marriage Charles J. Cann and Miss Edith M. Bennett. They are to reside in Somerville.

Mrs. L. W. Wheeler's attack of pneumonia proved of short duration and she is now much improved.

In the list of floral offerings at the funeral of Mrs. Sarah A. Smith in last week's Wardsman, credit should have been given for cut flowers to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wright. We were in error as to Mrs. Smith's birthplace. It was Weathersfield, Vt. She left eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Miss Ida Manuel of Franklin, N. H., a former teacher in the academy, has been renewing old acquaintance in town.

The Fourth.

Westford's celebration of July 4 was "the best ever." The "night before" was quieter than sometimes, perhaps partly because the boys began it Saturday evening by demolishing an old shed belonging to H. O. Keyes. While the destruction of a building is clearly an unlawful act, the shed by the manner it was placed overhanging the premises of the union Congregational church, has been a trespass on their property and an eyesore to the town for two years, so that few of the neighbors sympathize with Mr. Keyes. Monday morning an effigy was swinging in the breeze in front of these premises labelled "Keyes' Hotel."

Passing over other unauthorized features of the celebration, we turn to the parade, which started promptly from the common at 8.30 a. m. Joe Wall costumed as a "big Injun" was marshal, with Harold Hildreth as mounted aide. Wayland Balch and his daughter May, as Uncle Sam and Columbia, were followed by an Indian squaw and several girls costumed with flags and two Indian women in modern dress. The Nashua military band marched next followed by the Graniteville hose company in their red shirts. Then came hose No. 1, followed by a float from Minot's corner on which was a spray pump labelled, "This is what we get." Hose No. 23, consisted of Julian Cameron's Shetland pony in a light wagon with several young boys helmeted with ten dippers. Their rear guard was two young girls on horseback.

The grange degree team dressed in white filled a large float, followed by a float from Parkerville, labelled "Gilmore's band." A "one horse chaise," representing "1776," was contrasted with a rubber-tired buggy for "1909." Sam Taylor as coachman for a "Belated June bride couple" teamed "my son John," with Reuben dressed as a bride. Superintendent of roads, Frank Miller, drove a span of horses attached to a dump cart, in which was his force of work men. The Enterprise club float was followed by the Thimble club float. Mrs. Frank Miller having accidentally lamed herself in practicing for the ladies' baseball game, very appropriately rode next as a "wounded suffragette." Blingville's representation were followed by a carriage holding four of our most petite matrons as "Mellin's food babies." Four handsomely decorated automobiles here varied the procession with a "one horse chaise" containing the chairman of the assessors and his children in between, to contrast old and new methods of locomotion. A. H. Burnham's corn harvester was the only three-horse hitch. The local branch of the W. C. T. U. were on the water wagon literally as their float was decorated with an old-fashioned well sweep and curb.

After wandering about the streets of the village the procession went to the ballgrounds near the depot, where the Westford club fought with the Shirley club, while the band played, defeating them 6 to 0. In the afternoon this club went to Milford, N. H., where they defeated the Nashua team by a score of 4 to 2, thus scoring two victories in one day.

While the band concert was in progress in the afternoon there was a ladies' ball game between the "Suffragettes" (the matrons) and the "Liberty belles" (spinsters) won by the "Liberty belles," by a score of 9 to 4. This game was followed by other sports won as follows:

100-yd. dash, 1st, Henry Blaisdell, 2d, Robert Gunston; running broad jump, 1st, T. Riney, 2d, Ed. Dubevoir; standing broad jump, 1st, Hugo Pace, 2nd, T. Riney; hop, skip and jump, 1st, Wm. E. Wright, 2d, T. Riney; boys' run around the common, 1st, Harry Whitney, 2d, Nicholas Sokalis.

Prizes for the features of the morning procession were awarded as follows: Two first prizes were divided between Joe Wall and Miss Balch as Columbia and between Julian Cameron as "Nursery" and John C. Abbott as "Indian camp," both in automobiles. The second prize was divided between the grange ladies' degree team and the "wounded suffragette." The third prize went to "Gilmore's band." The fourth prize was won by the "Belated bride couple." Honorable mention was given to the Graniteville hose company, the Thimble club, hose No. 23, the Mellin's food babies and the W. C. T. U. float. Much credit is to be given the committee of arrangements who were: Miss Mary Moran, Mrs. Jennie Hartford, Mrs. Carrie Woods, Frank C. Wright, A. H. Sutherland and Rev. C. P. Marshall, the chairman.

About Town.

Charles S. Edwards, living on the corner of Plain and Brookside roads, has been appointed station agent at Brookside in place of several declined and resigned.

Daniel H. Sheehan is improving the appearance of several rods of the Stony Brook road, by the use of a

paint brush on that faded house. Go thou and do likewise with a white-wash brush on that building called barn.

Mrs. Catherine Howard of Lowell is spending the summer at the old homestead with her brother, Daniel H. Sheehan, on the Stony Brook road.

A large crowd gathered on the Fletcher field near Westford depot on Monday, the 4th of July, to witness the ball game between Westford and Shirley, the two well-known old-time contestants and generally even matched in winning, but for some cause the Shirley team got badly used up and mixed up in the early start-off and were landed in hopeless defeat by a score of 8 to 0. This is the forenoon; in the afternoon the Westford team went to Milford, N. H., and met the crack team of the state and gave them a nice, choice, skillful defeat in the score of 4 to 3. So there now, who says Westford don't know how to celebrate the Fourth and show the other fellow also, how to do it.

George C. Moore of the Brookside mills used the force pump hose Sunday afternoon on all of his mill property and boarding-houses as an antidote for explosive and inflammable Fourth of July firecrackers and other gun powder snappers.

Harvey Polley of Quebec spent the Fourth with his brother, Alvin G. Polley, on the Lowell road.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson of Brookline were guests of her cousin, Mrs. F. W. Banister, during the firecracker season of the Fourth.

Col. Edwin D. Metcalf of Auburn, N. Y., was in town Tuesday in consultation with friends regarding the proposed soldiers' monument. According to present plans the monument will be dedicated next Memorial day. The design has not been fully determined on, but will probably be of the "Minute man" style of design. It is proposed to call an early meeting of interested citizens to discuss the matter of a suitable site and other particulars. Room permitting, the apex of the common would be the real showy situation.

The jug tag business was on exhibition on the Fourth on the Stony Brook road, between the Lowell road and the railroad. Shirley was represented Monday and three unknown who could not sleep enough on a busy Fourth, slept over until Tuesday. Their jug as a trade mark, is still visible as a "tag" they were electrified to Lowell.

J. Harry Denton, an officer at West-Rutland, and Miss Alice Flute of Boston were married on June 25, at Boston. Mr. Denton will be remembered as a brother of Mrs. F. W. Banister.

Miss Ida Manuel of Franklin, N. H., a former teacher in the academy, who didn't go to Europe, did come to Westford's Fourth. Never mind, the hills of Westford are just as beautiful and much safer than the lakes of Killarney.

Grange.

At the grange meeting last week Thursday evening the lecturer's hour was entertainingly and instructively occupied. Music by the grange orchestra so lively and good that it had to be played all over again several times, such was the hand clapping for it, that it couldn't be put off with a bow. Mrs. H. B. Read read a paper of much interest and news to many of "What the women of the north did for the women of the south during the Civil war." Charles L. Hildreth read and explained "Farm law" in its bearing on the farmer, with particular reference to the milk standard, forest laws, the setting of fires and the protection of wild game. Mrs. F. C. Wright read and quoted interesting facts relating to the early history of the town. The discussion of the question, "From which do we derive, the most benefits, education or observation," was postponed until the first meeting in August on account of the crowded benefits of the evening. The grange voted to invite Tyngsboro and Concord granges to visit Westford grange the evening of Sept. 16.

Celebration.

The old town took quiet a lively turn with its parade, sports and band on Monday. City people who saw the parade volunteered the opinion that it was equal to many city parades. It simply demonstrates that there is an abundance of reserve utility in a variety of ways, that only awaits some "Fourth of July" to set it off. Aside from those who received prizes and honorable mention, there was a whole platoon of wholesome, laughable showing, ranging all the way from the simplicity of the old-fashioned rugged American type of life as exemplified in the "One horse open shay" of 1776, in contrast with the pomp and style of the modern life of 1909 and everything else added as much to the hurrah of the parade as anything in the line of "special mention." Thimble club, Parkerville fire department, Blanchard's clowns, Westford road department, Burnham's reaping machine, the Fletcher twins and all else that memory has failed to keep a tight rein on. The writer modestly and thankfully acknowledges his dollar's worth of daughter-in-law from "Belated bride couple" as his contribution towards the Fourth, which was a surprise at being worth a Fourth.

Eightieth Birthday.

Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey celebrated Fourth of July and his eightieth birthday Monday, a rare and fast-passing showing of the physical, moral and intellectual personality of early New England life, wisely shunning burdensome pomp on the one hand or demoralizing simplicity on the other. At church Sunday he was youthful with the advice from the experiences of his fourscore observatory. "Your life is not all mistakes, why spend all the time looking at them. Cultivate looking on the other side." Among those present at church were Mr. and Mrs. Milot and daughter and husband from Malden, personal friends; also Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bailey, Jr., of Boston, who are relatives by sonship.

Graniteville.

Miss Angelina Brisson and Miss Elizabeth McCarthy are now spending their vacation at Revere beach.

Mrs. A. R. Wall with her two children, Richard and Mary, are now en-

joying the cool sea breezes at Beachmont.

The Fourth.

The Fourth was passed very quietly in this village. The younger element were out for a time the night before, but very little noise was made, and aside from most of the hitching posts on Broadway being provided with collars of drain pipe that was found handy on one of the side streets, very little damage was done. The most of the crowd took in the bonfire that was touched off in Forge Village shortly after twelve. On Monday morning many people from here took in the celebration in Westford Center. The local fire department, resplendent in red shirts, duck trousers and blue caps, made a decided hit in the parade, with Capt. J. A. Healy and Lieuts. Harrington and Prinn mounted in front, followed by the decorated fire wagon, with driver Austin Healy and A. R. Choate of the board of engineers on the front seat, followed by the regular firemen who marched in columns of fours and made a fine appearance. The fire ladders met the Nashua military band at West Graniteville and after marching through the main streets here, barges were taken to their regular positions. The whole affair was very nice. Joe Wall came in for a share of prize money with his excellent makeup as an Indian chief. His companion, Miss Mary Rafferty as the Indian maiden, also was commented on her fine appearance.

Baseball.

The Graniteville Blues visited Brookside on last Saturday and took the local club of that place into camp by the score of 10 to 9. The game was hotly contested from start to finish and it was anybody's game until the last man was out in the final inning. By winning this game Graniteville maintains their position as leaders in the Stony Brook league. The game this Saturday, July 10, will be played at home at Hillside park with the strong Ironquols club of Lowell as opponents. As it appears to be the intention of all visiting clubs to bring the strongest team here with the intention of downing Graniteville a good, hot game is looked for. Game called at three p. m.

Death.

The news of the sudden and untimely death of Myron A. Carlin of Forge Village, who was killed by being run over by a freight train in Ayer on Tuesday afternoon, came as a severe shock to the people in this village, where Myron was so well known. Myron was a Graniteville boy having been born and raised here. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Carlin and beside his father and mother he leaves one brother Allan of Gardner and two sisters Mrs. Louis Caisse of Leominster and Miss Stella Carlin of Forge Village, as well as a wide circle of friends to mourn his loss. He was a fine specimen of young manhood and an athlete of no mean ability, having been a former member of the Graniteville baseball club, and prominent in athletic events in this vicinity. Before taking up his work on the Boston and Maine road he was conductor on the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway, where he formed many friendships by his pleasing personality, and his close attention to duty. He was a very capable workman and considered the most popular man on the line. On account of his manly bearing and his quiet, reserved way he was taken to be older than he really was and many will be greatly surprised to know that he was hardly twenty-one years of age. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family in their sad affliction, for his sudden death is taken as a personal loss to his many friends in this village.

LITTLETON.

Drowning Accident.

Littleton chronicles another woeful tragedy in the drowning of Maurice Gabrielson in Long pond last Sunday morning. In company with Glen Salmon and fellow employee of Nahum H. Whitcomb, he went to Long pond, a short distance from the Whitcomb farm, about 9.30 and with a boyish instinct to use his knowledge of sailing, cut a birch pole and fastened it with an improvised sail to an old row boat lying on the shore. Just as they were ready to launch out, Walter Boireau, who lives at Austin Kimball's came over the hill, and quickly yielded to an impulse to join them in this novel pleasure.

They went out some little distance, but Gabrielson, although an expert swimmer and good sailor, evidently thought best to turn about and keep nearer the shore. When they were little more than one hundred feet from the landing, a brisk wind arose and tipped the boat, already leaking, so that the water poured in from one side. All saw that danger was imminent, and at Boireau's suggestion, the boys took off their shoes and stockings. Gabrielson, however, kept on his rubber boots, and saying "We're lost" jumped from the sinking craft. The boys immediately followed. Gabrielson sank and never arose. Boireau went down once, and upon rising was seized by Salmon, and taken to the pole that served as mast. "Now cling to that mast," said Salmon, "till I can get some one to help." Salmon immediately swam to shore, and ran to the nearest neighbor's crying all the while for help, as was Boireau from the pond.

Fred Kimball, Charles Yapp and a Finn employed by Yapp heard the cries and lost no time in going to the rescue. Salmon rushed on ahead, shouting to Boireau, "Help's coming, hold on," and inspiring him by other encouraging messages. As no oars were at hand, Salmon and the Finn rushed for a board nearby and paddled but to within three feet of the exhausted boy, where the board broke and they were compelled to return to shore for something stronger. Boireau's courage at this point nearly gave away, but young Salmon restored it by repeated good pledges of immediate return, and final rescue. And these he made good, for he sprang to the shore, and seizing a fence rail or two, was soon fast paddling back to his companion. The terrified lad was pulled into the boat exhausted and shivering with cold and fright from his half hour's experience in the water.

In the meantime Yapp and Kimball had rushed breathless to the scene of disaster and with rails for oars rowed in another boat, out to where the boys said Gabrielson had sunk. Kimball dove in and searched diligently for Gabrielson, but was unable to locate him. Then he got some ice-hooks, and he and Yapp and the Finn continued their search on the other side of the boat, succeeding in recovering the body about noon. They carried it to George Yapp's nearby, where Dr. J. W. Godfrey and two trained nurses worked faithfully and long for resuscitation, but to no effect. More or less delay was caused by lack of telephone accommodations, the Newtown line, as is frequently the case, being out of order. It is probable, however, that nothing could have been done to restore Gabrielson, had the doctor's services been secured sooner, as he was under water for an hour at least.

The unfortunate victim was a man of twenty-seven or eight years, married and father of a little daughter three years of age. Mrs. Gabrielson at the time, was at her husband's father's in Harvard, where she and her son had gone to spend the Fourth, expecting Mr. Gabrielson to join them on the following day. Much sympathy is felt for her and a cloud of sorrow has obscured the usually brilliant skies of the holiday throughout this community. The two boys, each about sixteen years old, are recovering from their shock.

Backlog Club Festival.

The annual strawberry festival and entertainment by the Backlog club last week Thursday evening gave emphasis to the enviable reputation of the society for furnishing first-class suppers and entertainments. Probably a hundred and fifty sat down to the prettily-decorated and abundantly-supplied tables. Strawberries, plentiful and delicious, cold meats, potato salad, rolls, bread, cake and Boston icecream and milk constituted the menu. Suffice it to say that in quantity, quality and service this was perfect and complete, wanting nothing. To the literary and musical entertainment that followed equally commendatory turns may be applied.

Wonderfully good music was rendered by the young people's orchestra, which is made up of Misses Flagg and Barrows, Master Elliot Young, and Mrs. Young, who play violin, cornet, clarinet and piano, respectively. Mrs. F. B. Priest read an amusing monologue with excellent interpretation; Miss Mary Dippman sang a very sweet solo; Miss Etta Dippman demonstrated her musical ability in a beautiful piano selection, and J. M. Hartwell, Malcolm Priest and Karlton Priest, and Misses Clara Prouty, Nellie Houghton and Cora Warren captivated the audience by their clever acting in the admirably-sustained farce of "A woman's will." We hope that the proceeds were equal to the good time furnished the patrons.

Recital.

The ensemble concert given last week Thursday evening in the West Acton Baptist church by the pupils of Miss Marion M. Brown, assisted by Miss Helen Prouty, violinist, of Littleton, and Miss Helen Winifred Hall soprano soloist of West Acton, was universally pronounced by the large audience present, some 275 persons, the best on record.

The church auditorium was tastefully decorated with ferns and palms. At the rear of the platform was a row of small birch trees that formed an artistic background and served as a bower for the concealment of those who took part in the invisible choir, which very effectively rendered the Pilgrims' chorus. Two pianos were used, and several eight-hand pieces and one twelve-hand selection were played. All the numbers were rendered with an expression and technique that gave evidence of faithful practice and superior training. At the close of the performance the pupils, twenty-five in number, presented Miss Brown with a beautiful bouquet of American beauty roses.

About Town.

By request of the children of the late Mrs. Maurice Giles, Rev. H. W. Drew of the Baptist church officiated at her funeral. In the Civil war her husband was killed at the battle of Spotsylvania, and buried there.

Miss Florence Wilcox spent the week-end and over the Fourth, with friends in their summer home at Swampscott.

The past week Miss Lucy Adams has entertained on Isle of Shoals friend from Leominster.

As usual, a large party of the young people enjoyed the Fourth, at the J. N. Hartwell camp, which has been their custom for many years.

Monday Henry Robbins and family of Newton, came in their auto to her father's, P. S. Whitcomb, for the day's pleasures.

Littleton can join in the universal verdict, that the Fourth was the most quiet one for years.

The venerable C. P. Hartwell and wife are enjoying camp life again at Spectacle pond, where they have spent many seasons and entertained scores of friends and relatives. Tuesday Miss Julia Conant and Miss Parker spent the day with them.

The past week Mrs. George Wright of Lowell has spent with her husband's sister Mrs. W. E. Conant.

Mrs. S. E. Houghton and daughter Miss Mabel of Albany, N. Y., are enjoying their vacations here with her sister, Mrs. Charles Houghton.

Before the Guild Sunday H. J. Harwood will give a history of the Unitarian church.

New Books.

Leaven of love, Burnham; Lord of lands, Barton; Fair Mississippi, Craddock; Stroke oar, Paine; Day her year in New York, Ray; A fullback aloft, Dudley; Daybreak in Turkey, Barton; The gentleman, Ollivant; Battle ground, Glasgow; Mendelssohn, Stratton; Prisoner at the bar, Train; Cobler, Travis; In high places, Bacon; Holy orders, Correll; Roman Cross, Winning his way to West Point, Malone; West Point yearling, Malone; Dave and his classmates, Craddock; Stratemeyer; Mr. Opp, Hegan; Music master, Klein; Stick'em, Muir; Sidney at school, Barton.

Children's stories: Roy and Ray in Canada, Plummer; Tales of laughter, Higgin; Tale of Mr. Jeremy Fisher, Porter; How the world is clothed, Carpenter; Adopting of Rosa Marie, Rankin; Brave little Peggy, Richards; Little heroine of Illinois, Curtis.

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BROOKLINE.

Picnic.
A very enjoyable picnic was held at the grove near the residence of Albert T. Pierce, Monday, the Congregational and Methodist Sunday schools uniting. Many were in attendance. After a basket lunch, the declaration of Independence was read by Rev. Warren L. Noyes, and excellent remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Hickey and Dr. Holcombe, the latter suggesting a public park.

Games were participated in by the young people and those who had older grown displayed youthful agility in the tug of war. Graphophone selections were given by Charles Clifford. All united in singing America at the close of the day's pleasure.

In the evening a display of fireworks at the summer house of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker was a fitting finale to the festivities of the day. Flags were displayed all through the village, gracefully waving to and fro amid the red elms and inspiring all with true patriotism.

News Items.

A wave of excitement was caused on Mason-st., Wednesday evening, June 30, by the breaking of several panes of glass at the residence of Capt. Alexander Taylor, stones being thrown through them by a Swede, a former suitor of Mrs. Minnie Webster, who has recently been installed as housekeeper at Capt. Taylor's. Capt. Taylor fired his rifle and summoned the police, but the man had fled before they arrived. Thursday night he was lurking about the premises, and Friday night constable George H. Nye and police officers, Frank Austin and Edward Lacey, lay in wait for him and succeeded in capturing him. He was taken to Manchester Saturday morning and lodged in jail awaiting trial.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nye of Wilmington, N. Y., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye.

Frank P. Kennedy spent part of last week at New York. Little Ruth Hegstram returned home with him to remain through the summer.

James Fessenden of Newton spent part of last week in town enjoying a fishing trip to the lake and catching some fine pickerel.

Walter E. Corey was the guest of the well-known firm of Chase & Sanborn of Boston, Wednesday, June 30, enjoying a delightful sea trip along the north shore.

The O'Rourke brothers of Salem, Mass., well-known granite dealers, were in town last week on business.

Mrs. Edward Hadley, son Ralph and daughter Margaret of Cambridge, Mass., are at the John B. Hardy cottage for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Rockwood and son Clair of Everett, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Brooks Rockwood.

Mrs. Albert W. Corey is visiting relatives at Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Farwell are to move from the Brookline Inn, Mr. Farwell having purchased a farm at Mason.

Rev. Charles H. Davis of Hollis will preach at the Congregational church Sunday morning, July 11, in exchange with Rev. Warren L. Noyes.

Richard Wright, Burns Marshall, George Marshall, Andrew Marshall, Ralph Perkins and John Pierce have been enjoying camp life at Rocky pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nichols and daughter Maxine of Brookline, Mass., are at the John Porter homestead and are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Stevens of Roxbury.

Miss Katherine O'Heren of Leominster was a week-end guest at the Elmwood.

Miss Maud Taylor is at Thornton's Ferry for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster of Waltham, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perley Pierce at Greystones.

Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle is entertaining Miss Kate Parker of Worcester, Locke Tewksbury of Newton, Mrs. Clara Fairbanks and Miss Martha Parker of Nashua.

Judge and Mrs. Edward E. Parker, and daughters Rena and Edna are at Inncroft for the summer.

George Champlin of Putnam, Conn., spent the holiday at the Sargent cottage.

The Sunday evening service at the Congregational church will be held at seven o'clock during the summer months.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed at the Congregational church last Sunday morning, and Carl Clifford united with the church.

Mrs. George Ladd of Hollis presided at the organ. At the evening service the consecration meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was conducted by Harry Hall, followed by a patriotic address by the pastor, on the observance of the Fourth of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nutting and daughter Madeline of Pepperell, also Mr. and Mrs. John C. Boutelle of Milford are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Boutelle.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burke and granddaughter, Margaret Burke of Dorchester, Mass., are at the John French homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Kennedy and daughter have recently entertained Miss Agnes Coby of Haverhill, Mass., Mrs. Blanche Stiles, Hartford, Conn., Miss Alice Chinn, and Fred Bennett, Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Noonan, son Albert and daughter Louise of Flatbush, N. Y., Miss Louise Pieper, Miss Julia Leary of Boston are at the summer home of Rev. George L. Perlin for the month of July and have entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Manley Pieper of South Boston.

The newly-elected officers of the Y. P. S. C. E. are: President, Harry M. Hall; first vice-president, Edward P. Gerrish; second, Mrs. Bertha M. Brown; secretary and treasurer, Miss Marion A. Stiles.

Mrs. George Rose and son Thomas of Cambridge were holiday guests in town.

Young America gave vent to their exuberance of patriotism Saturday night by working with a zeal worthy of better results. So silently did they labor, they failed to arouse the police and when morning dawned the square

resembled a carriage mart of the long ago. At the last stroke of the midnight hour Sunday night, an amateur band, from the southern part of the village, discoursed music through the village. A few peals of the bell at the Congregational church and an occasional report of a firecracker were the only demonstrations.

Mrs. Frances Cox Evans of Boston, is at the maternal home for the month of July.

Judge and Mrs. Edward E. Parker and daughters entertained a party of thirty relatives and friends at Inncroft, Monday. Dinner was served on the broad veranda. The tables laden with tempting viands and framed by the graceful vines made a picture that recalled the colonial days. Merry peals of laughter, sweet strains of music, tales of the long ago, a tripping of the light fantastic toe, all woven together, made a memory chapter that will brighten the days to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Lawrence entertained relatives over the Fourth.

Miss Lillian Dahl of Worcester, Mass., and Miss Marion Clapp of Pepperell, were holiday guests at William Bailey's; Miss Hattie Whitcomb of Fremont spent the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha A. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker, Allan Parker, Miss Eliza J. Parker and maids of Lowell were at the Putnam homestead.

Among those who passed the Fourth in town with W. J. Bailey and his daughter, Mrs. Louise Bragg, were: Miss Lillian Dahl, Wm. McKenon, O. B. Seiders, of Worcester, Mass.; Mrs. Sadie Clapp, Miss Hattie Clapp, Miss Marion Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sprague, of Pepperell; Miss Stella Staunton, Concord; Miss Blanche Gore, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fessenden and daughter Louise, Frank Bailey, Henry Bailey, Miss Annie Gilman, Norman Spencer, of Brookline.

TOWNSEND.

West.

James L. Flynn of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been spending the Fourth with his family at their summer home, Main-st.

Louis A. Streeter of Waltham visited relatives in town last week.

Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson and her three daughters have gone to Block Island, R. I., for the summer.

Miss Marion Kellogg of New York, daughter of Rev. B. F. Kellogg, a former pastor of the Baptist church in this village, is spending a month with friends in town.

Ralph H. Willard of Boston is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Willard, for a few weeks' vacation.

The special services for Independence day at the Baptist church last Sunday were very interesting and inspiring. The church was appropriately decorated with flags and flowers, and a special sermon on the subject, "The greatness of our nation," was preached by Rev. Frank Sleeper of Rowley, who is supplying the pulpit in the absence of the pastor. In the evening the service was held in the auditorium instead of the vestry and a large audience was present. The subject was "Abraham Lincoln," and musical selections were rendered by Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Miss Nellie Tower and Walter Wilder.

Miss Grace L. Seaver of Montclair, N. J., is spending a portion of her vacation at the home of her uncle, G. A. Seaver of Main-st.

Last Wednesday the eight members of the Ladies' Literary and Social club enjoyed their annual outing, driving to Fitchburg, where they dined and spending the afternoon in Whalom park.

Miss Florence L. Austin, who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed, returned Friday afternoon to her home in Cambridge.

Mrs. Fred Hannant and little daughter Edna are spending several weeks with relatives in New York.

Miss Ora Craig has finished her school duties at Moira, N. Y., and has been at her father's home for a few days and is at present visiting friends in Connecticut.

Burton L. Bruce and family from Boston are at the home of Mr. Bruce's father, L. O. Bruce, for a few weeks.

The Fourth was passed in an unusually quiet manner, with very little use of firearms or gunpowder, and no accidents reported. The bells were rung at midnight, four a.m., and at intervals during the day. During the afternoon a number from here attended the baseball game at the Center and in the evening an impromptu band paraded the streets and furnished a little excitement among the younger element. Owing to the unusually cold weather, fireworks in the evening were scarce and were set off early.

William Tenney of Main-st., has returned from a visit to friends in New Hampshire.

Mrs. Mary Kelley of Joslynville is spending a vacation with friends in Boston this week, and Miss Stella Tucker is visiting in Sudbury.

Mrs. Ellen Warren of Fitchburg has arrived at the home of her niece, Mrs. Fred A. Patch, for a visit of several weeks.

Among the guests in town over the Fourth were, Harry Marr of Fitchburg at Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Haggood's; George Wright of Winthrop at Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson's; Edward Patch of Boston with his parents; Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch of Joslynville; E. R. Brayton and Albert Adams of Providence, R. I., at George Adams'; Mr. and Mrs. Bachelor of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Upham of Boston at Mrs. House's; Miss Grace Seaver of Montclair, N. J.; Miss Wilner Seaver of Boston and Miss Mildred Seaver of Salem.

George A. Seaver's; Miss Lillian Blood of Townsend Center at Walter Wilder's; and Earnest Boven of Boston at his home in Joslynville.

Center.
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Eldredge enjoyed the Fourth with his parents at Plymouth.

Mrs. Maria Bruce of the west village is to reside here with her sister, Mrs. W. Dana Osgood, for the present.

The Townsend team won the ball game played here Saturday with the Groton team, the score being 11 to 9.

They also won the game from the Greenfields on the afternoon of the Fourth at the home grounds here. There was a large attendance at the game, which was interesting up to the fifth inning, after which the visiting club went to pieces, the Townsends bringing in eleven runs in one inning. Score 18 to 9.

Mr. and Mrs. George Irish and son of Everett, and Mr. and Mrs. Symonds of Lowell were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Flagg this week.

Henry A. Hill, Mrs. Annie E. Fessenden and Mrs. J. A. Doane enjoyed an automobile trip through Vermont this last week. Will Lang assisted at the bank during Mr. Hill's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Streeter and son of Waltham are at T. E. Flarity's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruce of Boston were the guests of his cousin W. L. Bruce, Thursday.

Miss Bessie McGuire of Boston, enjoyed the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGuire.

Miss Marion Kellogg of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited friends in town this week. Her father was formerly a pastor of the Baptist church, West village.

Principal N. B. Spinney has resigned his position here to accept a more lucrative one at Medford. All will regret his departure.

All ladies of Townsend will be interested to know that Miss Helen Elizabeth Young, a graduate of South Framingham Normal school, department of domestic science, will give a course of six free cooking lessons at Memorial hall at 2.30 p. m. July 12 to 16 inclusive. At the first lesson all are requested to bring a spoon and each lady will get a cook-book.

Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb and daughter Louise are visiting relatives in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woolley celebrated the Fourth by having a picnic dinner on their grounds on Brookline-st., for the members of the family and relatives. About sixteen were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clarke of Main-st., entertained over the Fourth Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Colson and child of Everett, Ernest Clarke and Miss Catherine Stahl of Lynn.

District deputy, L. G. Robbins, and suite of Pepperell installed the officers of North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., Wednesday evening. They were installed as follows: H. L. Stickney, n.g.; Roy E. Wright, v.g.; Leon Watkins, war.; R. T. Eldridge, cond.; E. A. Craig, chap.; E. C. Morgan, r.s.s.; Rowan W. Allen, l.s.s.; R. S. Misner, r.s.g.; R. A. Lacey, l.s.g.; Lawrence Morgan, l.g.; H. J. Miller, o.g.; Spurgeon Misner, r.s.v.g.; Frank Jeffs, l.s.v.g. After the installation supper was served by landlord Farrar at the Park hotel, and a general good time enjoyed.

Miss Ruth Potter of Worcester is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Robert G. Fessenden.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Sherrin on Brookline-st., July 4. Dinner was served on the lawn and all enjoyed a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Luppold of Greenfield were at home for the occasion.

Harbor.
Mr. and Mrs. Myron Peppers' of Stoneham spent the Fourth at the Deacon John Proctor place.

July 4 passed very quietly. There was a ballgame in the morning between the married and single men, the single men winning, the score being 8 to 7.

Clifford Keenan has moved from Wallace Hill to one of Spaulding Bros' tenements.

A party of automobilists were recent guests at G. W. Adams'. Mr. and Mrs. Biggs and friends from Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Simonds and daughter from Somerville.

Frank Van Etten has completed his motor boat which has been in process of construction for some time and launched it on Harbor pond.

Mr. Hallohan of Arlington succeeds F. Van Etten as station agent.

Mrs. Mary Taylor passed her eighty-eighth birthday on Wednesday, July 7. She enjoys remarkably good health for one of her years.

Miss Blanche Baldwin is at home from Maiden to spend her summer vacation.

HOLLIS.

Wedding Reception.
Thursday evening, July 1, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis G. Woods gave a wedding reception in the town hall for their daughter Bessie and her husband, F. L. McInnes, who returned from their wedding trip the day before. The hall was tastefully trimmed with banked mountain laurel in the southeast corner where the receiving party, Mr. and Mrs. McInnes stood, assisted by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, and younger sister Miss Daisy and George Hayden of Nashua, who acted as best man. In the southwest corner was a bower of hemlock trees. In the northwest corner fruit punch was served by Miss Clara Smith. About two hundred guests were in attendance. The ushers were Miss Edith Mason, Miss Mary Blood, Miss Agnes Tenney, Miss Helen Gray, Miss Minnie Bancroft and Miss Marion Simonds. Mrs. C. A. Ladd furnished music throughout the evening.

An entertainment consisted of a duet by Miss Bertha Hayden and Mrs. Annie Colburn; solo, Miss Marion Simonds; singing by a quartet of young ladies, Miss Ruth Powers, Miss Daisy Woods, Miss Lena Ladd and Miss Ida Clement; readings by Miss Mary Blood of the Columbia school of oratory, Chicago; duet by Miss Ladd of Pawtucket, R. I., and Miss Daisy Woods, and a piano solo by Miss Marion Simonds.

Cake and ice cream were served during the evening. It was one of the most brilliant and delightful social events of the season. Mr. and Mrs. McInnes are settled in their new home and have the heartfelt wishes of all for a happy and prosperous life.

News Items.
Mrs. Kahn of Baltimore, Md., arrived in Hollis Saturday afternoon, for a visit of several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Davis.

Mrs. Martha D. Howe, who has been in feeble health the past few weeks, is worse at this time of writing.

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Saturday, July 10, 1909.

GROTON.

The Fourth.

Monday, the fifth, brought bright sunshine, the fair though cool weather so desirable for a Fourth of July celebration. There was little of the unpleasant "night before" here in Groton. Of course there was the ringing of bells, rattle of crackers, etc., which must be expected as a demonstration of a kind of American patriotism where a noiseless independence day has not been decided upon. There were as far as we know, few if any, foolish or unlawful pranks played.

Long before sunrise, however, horrible things were being done, resulting in a procession of floats and individuals parading our principal streets. These showed originality of thought and represented much labor. They were witnessed by a throng of spectators in the streets, at doors or windows all joining in the general spirit of fun and hilarity. The judges on these horrors were Wm. A. Lawrence, Henry W. Whiting and J. F. Ryan. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Lady Odd Fellows, \$5; boys' band, \$5; Kingsbers, \$4; stock exchange, \$3; electric lighting, \$3; scrub, \$3; steamship, \$3; aeroplane, \$2; men in box, \$1; D. Howe, \$1; marshal, \$1.

The sports were entered into heartily and with evident enjoyment by participants and spectators. The results in different events were as follows:

100-yd. dash, 1st Cedric Hodgman, 2d Robin Sampson, 11 sec.; 100-yd. dash, 1st Bliss, 2d C. Sheedy, time 14 sec.; standing jump, 1st Winthrop Sheedy, 8 ft. 9 in., 2d C. Hodgman, 8 ft. 9 in.; 220-yd. dash, 1st Robin Sampson, 2d Albert Warren, time 1 min. 27 sec.; sack race, 1st Clarence Anderson, 2d Lawrence Gay, time 22 sec.; high jump, 1st Alanson Mason, 4 ft. 7 in., 2d John Gay, 4 ft. 7 in.; potato race, 1st Edwin Hynes, 2d Henry Donahue, time 33 sec.; three-legged race, 1st Louis Sheedy and Daniel Needham, 2d Clarence Anderson and Lawrence Dillert, scramble race, 1st J. Gates, 2d A. Warren, time 27 sec.; shot put, 1st Herbert Mason, 32 ft., 2d Alanson Mason, 26 ft. 9 in.; candle race, 1st Roger Hynes, 2d James Donahue, time 16 sec.; hurdle race, 1st Cedric Hodgman, 2d Clarence Anderson, time 16 sec.; special hurdle race, 1st Robin Sampson, 2d Albert Warren, time 15 sec.; 1-mile bike race, 1st Joe Gates, 2d John Moyle, time 2 min. 40 sec.; pie race, 1st Francis Curtis, 2d Clarence Young.

Barbee A. Miller and George Fay Sampson were marshals of the day. The ball game between Shirley and Groton A. in the afternoon resulted in a score of 27 to 4 in favor of Shirley. There was a brilliant display of fireworks in the evening. The general public verdict on the day's proceedings is that we had "a very good Fourth" with considerable emphasis on the "very."

Congregational.

Sunday, July 4, was communion season at the Congregational church. The pastor, Rev. C. M. Howe, drawing his subject from Matt. 16:16, preached upon "Loyalty."

After the sermon eight young people united with the church, making their first public avowal of belief in the Christian faith and a determination to live in accordance with its teachings. It was a beautifully impressive scene, one ever to be remembered, when these eight young people knelt together, and with bowed heads receiving the rite of baptism, entered into the covenant of grace. If in all the days to come these young soldiers hold the standard aloft, never allowing it to be dishonored, but make the good fight for truth and purity, how far-reaching and richly full of good influences their lives will be. There were two others who united with the church by letter from other churches.

W. R. C. Meeting.

After the regular business meeting of the W. R. C. on Tuesday afternoon, the following program was successfully carried out in recognition of some suitable observance of Independence Day: Singing, "Battle cry of freedom," in which all singers present participated; reading, by Mrs. Benedict, which was much enjoyed; song, "Dream of the U. S. A.," by Miss Annie L. Gilson, patriotic and inspiring; reading by Mrs. Eugene Collier, a selection from a recent address of president Taft at the dedicatory exercises in honor of the originator of the G. A. R. Interesting and appropriate piano duet, Mrs. Sawyer and Miss Helen Edwards; reading by Mrs. Edie Harrington, humorous, and a delightful account of disposing of family differences in the most approved manner; singing, "The star-spangled banner." Refreshments in the form of college ices and delicious cake made a suitable conclusion of a very pleasant occasion.

Visitors.

Some Fourth of July visitors in town were: Mr. and Mrs. William Marston and little daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hynes of Worcester and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porter from Leominster, all at Fred O. Porter's; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blood from Wollaston; Mrs. M. J. Blood's; Herbert Litchfield from Boston; Mrs. Martha Boynton's; Mrs. Kenneth Hynes from Fitchburg, with her husband, who boards at Mrs. J. E. Adams and rooms at Miss Hutchins'; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Messinger and two children from Maplewood at his parents' home on Pleasant-st.; James F. Shattuck from Boston at his brother's; Grant W. Shattuck; Paul R. Mason from Boston at his home on West-st.; Miss Fannie Prescott and nephew Frank, from Cambridge at Miss Clara L. Hutchins'; Pleasant-st.; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Stiles from Pawtucket, R. I.; at Mr. and Mrs. William Larr's; Longley-st.; Mr. and Mrs. George Fenner and Miss Alice Shattuck from Andover at Charles A.

Hodgman's, Station avenue; Miss Myra Swan from Worcester at Mrs. A. A. Wood's.

News Items.

Dr. H. B. Priest, associate medical examiner was called Tuesday night to Ayer, to the sad and fatal accident case of Myron Carlin.

The Groton brass band will give its next concert from the bandstand, weather permitting, Thursday evening, July 15.

Mrs. Osgood is having extensive repairs and improvements made inside and outside their recently-purchased home on Champney-st.

Harold R. Sheedy of Williams college is spending his summer vacation at the parental home here in Groton.

Mr. Sawyer, who was several years ago employed at Groton School, was with his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sawyer, and three children, in Groton over the Fourth of July holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence left Groton Wednesday for their seaside residence at Dark Harbor, Me.

Bradford B. Harrington broke one of his ribs Wednesday, the result of a fall from a load of hay, when he was working at Mr. Dillan's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ebert of Cambridge spent the Fourth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gerish, Mrs. Ebert remaining for the month of July, which will be passed at the Gerish family camp at Baddeck.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cook and children of Ayer spent the Fourth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woolley, Mrs. Cook remaining for a longer visit at her old home.

*Miss Fannie Prescott of Cambridge, who spent the Fourth with friends in Groton, is the daughter of the late Joel Prescott, formerly of Groton, a schoolmate of the late Zara Patch, and like him a blacksmith.

R. M. Erving of Champney-st. goes frequently to do work professionally this summer in Waverley. His grand-son, Henry Irving, is at work on Cherry Hill farm in the same town.

A. J. Clough, principal of Lawrence academy, left town on Tuesday for Easton, Me., where he is to deliver one of the addresses before the New England Teachers' association.

Mervyn M. Manning, son of J. H. Manning, principal of Groton high school, was one of the graduates this year from Sheffield Scientific school, Yale University. He is a graduate of Groton high school.

F. A. Sherwin has a large force of men and teams excavating for the extensions and additions to be made at Groton School. Teams being busy with other work are so scarce here that Mr. Sherwin has been obliged to hire from outside. He has a number of Italians on this work.

Rev. Endicott Peabody officiated on July 3 at the marriage of Arthur Swan a Groton School graduate, at Stockbridge.

William A. Moore and Miss Elizabeth Hill have returned to their respective homes from the Kilbourn hospital where they have been patients for some weeks past.

The public library will be closed for repairs commencing Monday, July 12. Notice of the re-opening of the library will be given in due season.

Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell left home Wednesday for a stay at the beach, at Little Boar's Head, off the coast of New Hampshire.

Married in Fitchburg, July 5, by Rev. Edward B. Saunders, Ethel Belle Baldwin of Fitchburg and Laurence Edwin Blood of Groton.

Mrs. John Cotton Brooks and her daughters, Miss Harriette Brooks, and Miss Josephine Brooks of Springfield, are guests of Mrs. Francis M. Boutwell.

Rev. Herbert Crawthorne of Leominster will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday, July 11, at the morning service. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Turner, left Wednesday morning for Yarmouth, N. S., his former home, to be absent over Sunday, returning in time to occupy his pulpit Sunday, July 18.

Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. Bancroft are at the bungalow, Shawfieldmont, for the summer. Their daughter, Mrs. William D. Haviland, who, with her husband and two sons, have spent the winter with her parents in Cambridge, have returned to Limoges, France, having had a most comfortable voyage. Little Miss Mary Bancroft, who is with her father, Maj.-Gen. Hugh Bancroft at Cohasset, is expected by her grandparents soon.

Miss Evelyn Fernald is visiting her college friend, Miss Alice Perkins of Tennessee at her summer home in Danversville, Conn.

Mrs. Geo. S. Webber was called to Washington, Wednesday, on account of the sudden illness of her aunt, Miss Abbie Fernald of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Higley and maids left on Monday for Middlebury, Vermont, for a stay of two months.

John W. Bradley is working, this summer for the Myopia club, in vicinity of Boston.

Archibald H. Messinger arrived in town from Boston, Wednesday for a few days' stay at the parental home on Pleasant-st. Mr. Messinger, a proficient player of the French horn, belongs to the Henry W. Savage Opera Co., which starts soon on a tour through the United States, visiting all the principal cities.

Mrs. Lillian V. Kemp has bought the land which adjoins her own land and which consists of a number of acres, of Mrs. Ellen M. Needham.

P. Milo Harrington, carrier on R. F. D. route 2, is taking a month's vacation, gone we hear to Louisiana. Howard L. Gilson is substituting on his route.

D. Wyman Gibson is working in Worcester.

Miss Alta Gilson, daughter of W. J. Gilson of Millbury, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Coburn with a few of their friends to help them quietly observed the first anniversary of their marriage on Wednesday evening, July 7, at their home on Hollis-st.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Porter and Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller and family exchange places next week, the Porters

moving into tenement in Hartwell's block, vacated by the Millers, who will move into the house on Pleasant-st., vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Porter.

Cedric Hodgman strained a ligament in his ankle Monday in playing ball; the injury not proving as serious as was first reported.

Miss Myra Morrill of Leicester is visiting Miss Margaret Clough.

The next meeting of the W. R. C. will be on Tuesday evening, Aug. 17.

Miss Edie Gilchrist of Pepperell is a patient at the Kilbourn hospital, where she was operated on for varicose veins some few days ago.

Hezzie Spaulding has the contract for making the dining-room in Squannacook hall, West Groton, and Henry Adams the kitchen in town farm house.

Miss Webster has bought of the Alva Wright heirs, the place now occupied by herself and Miss Kimball, on Champney-st. The house is being enlarged by a two-story projection on the west side. Work done by A. A. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitney of Whitney cottage, and Miss Amy Tolles enjoyed an outing at the beach some few days ago. Miss Tolles, who has been employed at the cottage, will spend her summer vacation at home or with other relatives until the fall term of Groton School opens.

Horace H. Rockwood is working on the building of the public library in Lunenburg. Mr. Francis of Fitchburg is the contractor.

SHIRLEY.

The Fourth.

The Fourth of July was very patriotically but quietly observed in Shirley, with nothing out of the ordinary to mar the day's celebration taking place. The enforcement of law and order in the town was placed in the hands of constable John H. Logue, who was assisted by constables William White and Forest Hooper, and special officers Thomas J. Gately, F. S. Brown, Joseph Allen and Walter Knowles. Constable Logue rendered the town exceptionally fine service in placing the officers so as to cover the whole town, and used discretion in handling the younger element who were inclined to lawlessness, and as a result, the Fourth of July, 1909, will go on record as the most orderly in the history of the town.

Campers' Trip.

Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon with five of the members of the Phi Alpha Pi fraternity of boys, started on Tuesday morning for a ten days' camping trip at Mt. Monadnock. The party, with a complete outfit for the trip, went by train to East Freetown and hiked the remainder of the distance.

The Phi Alpha Pi fraternity was organized some time ago by Mr. Bronsdon, and has accomplished much of good along many lines since its organization. During the past winter the boys have been given lessons in carpentry, making marked progress, having constructed benches, bookcases and other articles, which testify to their efficiency. The boys are also working hard to raise a fund for the construction of new sidewalks in front of the church. The social features of the fraternity are also given special attention, and the highest ideals of character are being cultivated.

The members camping with Mr. Bronsdon on the trip are Russell Miner, Stanley Wells, Leonard Hooper, Austin Fish and Abbott Bronsdon.

Holiday Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Weldon of Boston spent over the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brockelman; Mr. and Mrs. David Lindenberg of Dorchester, at their summer home on Lancaster road; George Pomfret of Waverley, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret; Amasa Balcorn of Boston and friend, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Balcorn; Ezekiel Wilson of Beverly, at home with his mother; Miss Doris Appleton of Beverly; Miss Hannah Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Young of Westminster, with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Balch; Mr. and Mrs. D. McCoy of Littleton, with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy; Burt Gately of Springfield, at home with his father; Mrs. Jennie Ayers, of Boston, with son Howard, in town with relatives.

New Sidewalk.

At the annual town meeting held last April the sum of \$500 was appropriated by vote of the citizens for the extension of the cement sidewalk now ending at the corner of Main and Fredonian-sts., and the present board of selectmen with a committee consisting of George O. Evans and Charles R. White were chosen to have charge of the work.

This committee of five voted unanimously to place this sum of \$500 entirely at the disposal of C. F. Edgerton, president of the C. A. Edgerton Co., who has assumed the responsibility of the building of the sidewalk, which will be a distinct gain to the town, as Mr. Edgerton will extend the sidewalk westerly along Main-st., to the extreme west end of Mrs. C. A. Edgerton's residence. Another essential advantage which the town will gain will be the fact that the sidewalk will be six feet wide and in front of the C. A. Edgerton works the walk will be laid about seven feet in width, while the sidewalk laid last year is only four and one-half feet wide.

The contract for the work has been given to E. H. Longley of Ayer and Albert Sherman, chief machinist of the C. A. Edgerton Co., will supervise the contract for Mr. Edgerton. Work on the cement walk started Tuesday morning and if weather conditions are favorable will be all completed in about a month's time.

The principal clauses in the contract are that the sidewalks must be laid with a bottom three inches thick made of broken stone, cement and sharp gravel, with a one-inch top of broken stone or pea granite, sharp sand and Portland cement, making the sidewalk four inches thick when completed and cut in squares and grooves.

Driveways will be five inches thick, of cement, broken stone and sharp gravel with a one-inch top on top of walk laid with pea granite or broken stone, sharp gravel and cement. The driveways when completed will

be six inches thick and grooved for horse trot.

While no information has been given out regarding the total cost of the walk when finished, the amount will reach approximately about \$1500, which will be equivalent to the sum of \$1000 given the town by the C. A. Edgerton manufacturing company.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Livermore of Cincinnati, with little daughter, arrived at the home of his mother, Mrs. Louise Livermore of Chapel-st., the first of the week, for a visit of about two weeks. Mr. Livermore, who has a position of responsibility with the firm of Cluett, Peabody, & Co., is a native of Shirley and left here for the west, on account of failing health, about ten years ago, and to use the expression of the day, has "made good."

Mr. Livermore, when a resident of Shirley, was prominently identified with the church and social life of the town, and his large number of Shirley friends extend to him a royal welcome and best wishes for continued success and happiness in life.

Thomas L. Hazen is again confined at home with sickness.

Paul Thellig of Providence, a former resident, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Cora McClellan of Concord is visiting her aunt, Mrs. F. P. Rugg.

Miss Nellie Gardner started first of the week for Penobscot, Me., to remain for the remainder of the summer.

Miss Blanche Sawyer is spending a three weeks' vacation with friends in Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sandlin of Worcester are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sandlin.

Miss Doris White, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. White, is spending a brief vacation with her friends in Brockton.

Miss Erna Will sails from New York for Germany, Saturday, July 17. Her brother, John H. Will, will accompany her to New York. Miss Will intends to remain in Germany.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., holds its regular meeting Monday evening, July 12.

The usual Christian Endeavor meeting will be omitted Sunday evening, July 11, at the Congregational church. The members and friends will attend the Baptist church and listen to an address by Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins, who will deliver a special and interesting address, with special music by the choir. Everyone is invited.

Warren Abbott of Keene, N. H., who has been spending a month with his daughter, Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant left town Thursday for a brief vacation at Friendship, Maine.

Dr. Carl Waggoner, who has been spending the Fourth of July holidays in town with his mother, Mrs. Fernald, returned to his home in Philadelphia Wednesday. Mrs. Fernald will return to her duties as professional nurse near Yonkers on the Hudson Thursday, July 15.

Thomas Shea, a former resident, and now a member of the hospital corps, United States army, is spending a vacation in town. Mr. Shea is on a furlough after three years' service, and has re-enlisted for another term of three years. He is stationed at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

Miss Mabel Hazen, school teacher at Lee, has arrived at her home for the annual school vacation.

Everett C. Pevear of Lynn spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, and returned home Monday, in company with Mrs. Pevear and little daughter Ruth, who have been spending a vacation of three weeks at the home of her parents.

Miss Blanche Wells is spending the week with Miss Sadie Hinckley in Boston.

Sunday evening, July 10, will be men's night at the Baptist church, commencing at seven o'clock. A special program has been arranged. Music will be furnished by a male quartet. Mr. Desjardins will speak especially to men, but all are cordially invited to attend.

No service at Baptist church Sunday morning, July 11, owing to the union service at the Congregational church.

Work has commenced on Harvard road, in extending the town water system to the Industrial School for Boys. A large force of Italian laborers have arrived in town to dig the trenches and lay pipes.

Mrs. George Pomfret and son Stanley are spending the summer at her old home down east.

The annual picnic of the Sunday school of the Congregational church will take place at Fort pond, Saturday, July 17.

Owing to the absence of Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, the Baptists and Congregationalists will meet in a union service at the Congregational church, Sunday morning, July 11, at 10:45 when Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins will occupy the pulpit. The public invited.

The Shirley baseball team went to Nashua last Saturday afternoon and played a match game with the Nashua team, winning the game, score 4 to 3. The Shirley team outclassed their opponents at every stage of the game.

Mrs. Mary Hastings quietly observed the eighty-seventh anniversary of her birth at her home on Harvard road, Sunday, July 4. Many neighbors and friends called during the day to extend greetings and congratulations. Mrs. Hastings, who was feeling exceptionally fine, received her guests most cordially. She was also the recipient of many happy reminders of the day, which included gifts of gold, a variety of fancy articles and lovely tributes of flowers.

W. Lloyd Allen received his degree of A. B. at Yale last week Wednesday. Mr. Allen started Tuesday for a vacation of about three weeks with his friend, Fritz Shepherd, of Derry, N. H.

Henry Eisner slightly injured his left hand while firing off a skyrocket in front of his house Monday evening.

The Shirley baseball team was defeated for the first time this season at Westford Monday morning in a

match game with the Westford team, score 8 to 0. In the afternoon the Shirley team played the Groton A. A. at Groton and were the victors by a score of 27 to 7.

The Shirley baseball team will go to Winchendon Saturday afternoon, July 10, to play a match game with the Winchendon team.

Center.

First Parish church, Sunday, July 11, at 11.15 a. m., Rev. George Willis Cooke of Wakefield will supply the pulpit. He gave an excellent sermon on "Patriotism" July 4, in this church to a good congregation.

Rev. Francis E. Webster, rector of Christ church, Waltham, will preach at Trinity chapel Sunday, July 11, at 3.15 p. m. Rev. H. A. Brigham will continue his talks on the Bible to the Sunday school. Children's Sunday at Trinity chapel will take place July 18.

Mrs. Stanley and daughter Nettie are visiting with Mrs. Forest Carpenter.

Miss Elsie Graves of Boxboro spent a portion of last week with her cousin, Ruth Graves.

The Fourth passed off very quietly here. Some harmless pranks of mischief were done, but as a general thing it was one of the quietest for years.

Misses Merle and Ruby Crockett spent a few days in Lunenburg last week.

Grange.

Shirley grange held its regular meeting last week Tuesday evening. Owing to the busy time of the year the attendance was not quite so large, but an excellent meeting was enjoyed by all. The lecturer being absent, the master appointed Mrs. Luther Holden, who filled the chair very creditably. The program was partly taken from the regular grange program, but nearly all was hastily prepared for the evening by the lecturer pro tem. The following is the program: "Our native woods and wild flowers," by the graces; reading, "The laurel," by Miss Margaret Evans, which was excellent; reading, "The white pine," by Ruth M. Graves. This deserves special mention, as she described the whole pine from its start to the finish work done by the carpenters in erecting buildings. The largest white pine known in Middle-

sex county is located in Shirley, it has a diameter of 5 feet, 10 inches.

The next number was a musical selection by John H. Farrar, followed by an encore. Remarks were made by nearly all that were chosen to carry out the program. The closing number was a violin selection by H. N. Brown.

The stage was beautifully set with many kinds of trees and wild flowers, thus making a picture that fully illustrated the special subject of the evening. The next meeting will be Aug. 3.

Entertainment.

An entertainment was given last week Friday evening in the town hall by the L. A. S. of West Groton, under the auspices of the Woman's Alliance. A farce "Mrs. Briggs of the poultry yard," was given with marked ability. Everyone deserves special credit, as all did excellent work, especially Mrs. E. K. Harrington who took the part of Mrs. Briggs.

After the farce icecream, cake and strawberries were on sale, the affair ending up with dancing. Everyone that attended expressed great satisfaction in regard to the well directed plans of the committee in charge.

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AYER.

A Very Delightful Place.

Sandy Pond, the pleasant summer resort of the town of Ayer, is at its best now, and is indeed a very delightful place. The view of it at the opening near the Taft cottages shows a clear, beautiful sheet of water. All along its banks are to be had glimpses of the pretty cottages, and boats at every one, either at the landings or dotting the surface of the water.

Most of the cottages are occupied about all of the time during the summer. At the Taft cottages the Moses family and friends have been for some time, but this week they are unoccupied. At Shady cottage, nearby, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murphy, Misses Grace Murphy and Stella Ruso, Herbert and Carl Proctor, have been for three weeks, and now it is occupied by Mrs. A. Fletcher, her daughter, Miss A. B. Fletcher and nephew, Stanley Leland, from Boston.

Leaving the main road here and passing along the pond road one comes to the large cottage of D. W. Fletcher, occupied just now by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fletcher and daughter. Close by is P. Donlon's cottage occupied by the family a part of the time, although they are not here constantly. In the rear of these cottages and on the shore of Flanagan's pond are four tents where Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Remick, their daughter and sister, Miss Mamie Bailey are spending the summer. A little above these tents is the cottage of S. B. Preble, called Rocky Point, occupied for a day now and then. Near it is a tent where a nephew of Mr. Preble comes every Saturday, and another just put up by E. E. Sawyer, where he and his family will soon come. Howard Pillman also has a tent nearby where he and his family come occasionally.

Geo. Culver's cottage here is empty now. Beyond Mr. Remick's tents Mr. and Mrs. McNery are in their cottage, and a brother, John D. Carney. Beyond D. W. Fletcher's is "The birches," the cottage of A. E. Lawrence, where he and his wife and son Roger are. On Saturday they expect their son Herbert's wife and baby, and two weeks later Herbert from New York will come to spend his vacation.

At the next cottage, one of the two belonging to the Boston Ice Co., are Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Pierce, Mrs. Lucy S. Richardson of Boston, and Miss Martha E. Durgin of Lynn. At the other cottage, which is rented yearly by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brooks of Somerville, are at present Mr. and Mrs. Jerome O. Smith of Arlington, their son Russell and Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Hall.

Opposite, close by the pond, in Ashley cottage, the remodeled Goding house, are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richardson and daughter. Beyond this house is the Wright road, the entrance to "Shore acres." This road extends parallel to the bank of the pond and a short distance from it. Leading from this road to the pond are four short walks at regular intervals called Hedgeway, Edgeway, Ledgeway and Sedgeway. Passing down the first, one comes to the cottage rented of Mr. Richardson for the summer by Mrs. Mary Nason Nutting and son Wendell of Brooklyn, N. Y. Beyond this, next to the water front, is Albert M. Phelps' cottage, where Mr. and Mrs. Phelps and daughter are for two weeks.

From here, "Meadow-brook way," leads to the estate of Edward A. Richardson, probably the largest and most elaborate cottage in the place. The house is commodious, the piazzas large and comfortable, a subway leads from the cellar to the bathing beach. A miniature lighthouse is placed in the water here, and a flag-raising was one of the interesting events of the celebration last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and their sons Alfred and Ralph are here for the summer. Adjoining is the lot of Geo. H. Hill and at this cottage now are Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Turner, and Miss H. E. Peck of Sanderstown, R. I., a college classmate of Mrs. Beverly. Next is Wm. Brown's cottage. Here are Mr. and Mrs. Brown, their five children and Miss Laura Leavitt.

Back of these cottages and a little higher is "Sesame lodge," a very charming log cabin owned by H. H. Green, treasurer of the Lowney chocolate works of Dorchester, Mass. Green, their two children Helen and Ray, and a niece, Miss Mildred Low of Fitchburg.

All these summer residents do considerable entertaining, and there are many visitors for a day or two in course of the summer. It is a clean and pleasant place, and must always be so, for Mr. Richardson has put into every deed of property sold that no intoxicants shall ever be sold on the place.

News Items.

Mrs. Geo. L. Osgood took two of her children last week Friday to her mother's, Mrs. Lord, in Sullivan, Me., where they will remain for the summer, and returned Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Osgood will go later for a visit.

Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neill, is visiting her brother, Wm. O'Neill, at Beverly, where she will spend two or three weeks.

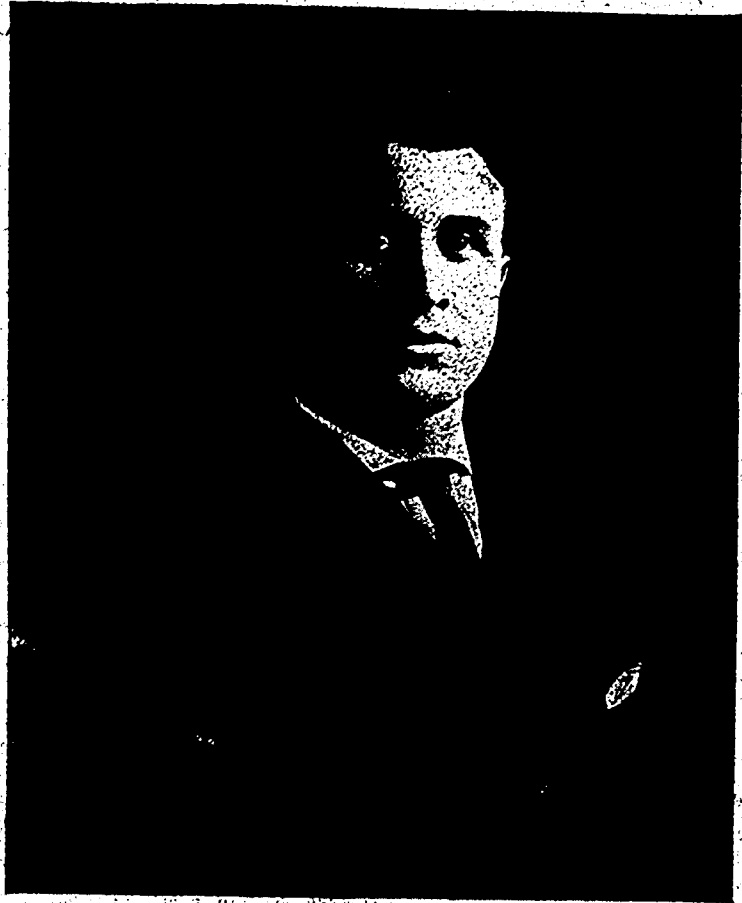
The services in St. Andrew's on Sunday will be conducted by Rev. William A. Sparks of Leominster at ten and 10.45 a.m.

The Unitarian Sunday school picnic at Whalom park on Wednesday was a very pleasant outing and was greatly enjoyed.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Guild will hold a food sale in the vicarage, Tuesday, July 13, at three o'clock.

Miss Laura Osborne of Camden, Me., commenced this week at Sigbee's to fill the position of forelady.

Mrs. Charles Brown left Thursday for Tomahawk, Wis., on a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Brooks, where she will be for some time.



MYRON A. CARLIN.

Killed Instantly.

The tragic death of Myron A. Carlin on Tuesday afternoon cast a gloom over the entire community. No one really witnessed the accident, and it was not known that it happened until his mangled body was seen on the track near the telegraph office.

As near as can be learned, when through with his work in the upper yard, he got on engine 205 at the curvet and rode a little way and then jumped off and caught onto the middle of freight train 341, on its way to Nashua, holding onto the ladder on the rear end of a freight car about the middle of the train, which was running at a fair speed, and when the freight car on which he was riding approached the station he must have been struck by the standpipe, probably stunning him, and he was thrown under the train, several cars passing over his body, which was dragged for some distance.

Mr. Carlin had been a spare hand for a couple of months and that day had taken the place of Thomas Ryan, who was off duty.

Previous to his working in the upper yard he was a conductor on the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway and was one of the first conductors on that line, and where he had filled the position very acceptably, both to the electric railway company and the patrons of the road.

He was a young man of more than ordinary capacity and he was held in the highest esteem by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. While he was a quiet, unassuming young man, he was ever ready to lend a helping hand to all.

When he gave up his position as conductor on the electric road he contemplated to start in and learn a trade and accepted the position in the railroad yard as temporary employment, and was about to make a change when he met with his untimely death.

His body was taken soon after the accident to the undertaking rooms of W. Wright & Son, and then to the home of his parents in Forge Village.

Tennis.

The Alpine tennis club of Fitchburg defeated the Ayer team at Fitchburg last Saturday, with the following score: Singles—Marcy of Fitchburg beat Clark of Ayer, 7-5, 6-1; Fairbanks of Fitchburg beat Manning of Ayer, 6-0, 6-2; Osgood of Ayer beat Hamblin of Fitchburg, 8-6, 6-3; Merriam of Fitchburg beat Barry of Ayer, 6-0, 6-4.

Doubles—Fairbanks and Godfrey of Fitchburg beat Clark and Hopkins of Ayer, 6-1, 6-2; Atwood and Merriam of Fitchburg beat Osgood and Manning of Ayer, 6-3, 6-3.

The Leominster team plays on the High-st. courts here this Saturday.

Reception.

A reception was given Supt. and Mrs. E. P. Carr at the Methodist vestry Thursday evening. The room was gay with flowers, and those present had a very enjoyable social evening. A program was given which included: piano duos by Hazel and Claire Perry, piano solos by Anna Taylor, Dolis Corner and Eva Canning; Mandolin duets by the Misses Ethel and Mildred Andrews; Hazel Perry accompanied; whistling solo, Hazel Perry; readings by Dorothy Harris, Claire Perry and Eva Canning. The pastor, Rev. A. D. Stroud, in an earnest speech, presented to Mr. Carr a very pretty rocking-chair, in behalf of the Sunday school, of which Mr. Carr has been superintendent ever since his residence in town. Both Mr. and Mrs. Carr expressed their appreciation of the gift. Icecream and cake were served.

News Items.

At the W. R. C. Tuesday evening in connection with the initiation of the eight members there was held a memorial service for Mrs. Annie M. Warner of Waltham, a past department president, who died in May. Mrs. Leighton of Worcester, national aide, was a guest. Refreshments were served.

Friday afternoon the alarm of fire was for a forest fire in the woods back of the Catholic cemetery.

Charles Kinney returned Friday forenoon, July 9, from his western trip, part of the time spent in Ogden, Utah.

There are twenty members at the Church family of Shakers, four of them men. The oldest woman is Sister Wood who will be ninety-one next month and Louisa Green, the next oldest, is eighty-six years. The oldest man is Stephen McKnight, who is approaching four score.

Geo. Teter, tonsorial artist, dropped a razor Tuesday and in catching it from falling to the floor, cut the middle finger of the left hand at the joint to the bone, making an ugly wound.

The Shakers expect to harvest this season about 125 tons of hay, the largest of any year. Their hay crop is fine and they are having fine weather for harvesting and are rushing things.

Miss Rebecca Pierce, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Kilbourn sanatorium in Groton a short time ago, is making good progress and will be sitting up next week.

The semi-annual installation of the C. of F. took place Tuesday evening in K. of C. hall. The work was done by Miss Margaret J. Murphy, deputy, assisted by Miss Hannah Scully marshal. These officers were installed: Mrs. Julia O'Meara, cc.; Miss Kate V. Foley, sec.; Miss Kate O'Neill, financial secretary; Miss Minnie Murphy, treas.; Miss Jennie McGuane, reg.; Mrs. Cornelia, lg.; Mrs. Elizabeth McMahon, l. g.; Miss Julia A. Murphy, o. g. Refreshments were served.

Jeremiah H. Crowley, after an illness of several months died Tuesday evening, July 6, of a spinal trouble. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crowley, and was 17 years, and 11 months old. He had lived in a tent for some weeks, his parents hoping that he would be benefited thereby. The funeral was held Friday morning from St. Mary's church and burial in St. Mary's cemetery.

Thursday, the Rural Inn carriage collapsed by the loss of one of the front wheels and Thomas F. Ward was called into requisition and conveyed the two men and a woman to the home in one of his lively teams.

Thomas F. Mullin has bought the Mary F. Messer place on Pearl-st. for investment.

Judge and Mrs. Sanderson and their children are at their summer home in Littleton. Last Saturday Charlotte Sanderson in jumping over a hammock, fell and fractured her wrist, but she is now getting along nicely.

Mr. Carr, the late superintendent of schools here and his son Ward left this week Friday for Belgrade Lakes, Me., and will return in about ten days to pack up his furniture, leaving his son there. In about a week Mrs. Carr and baby and her mother, Mrs. Ward, will start for their camp to spend the rest of their summer vacation at Belgrade Lakes. Mr. and Mrs. Carr are to have their home in Newtonville when Mr. Carr begins his duties at the Y. M. C. A. in Boston, where he goes in September.

John B. O'Connell, yardmaster, is away in New York on a vacation and during his absence Harry Gerish will fill his position and Martin H. O'Neill will be his assistant.

Mr. E. Z. Nutting was in town over Sunday and Monday and spent the greater part of the time with his family who are summering at Sandy pond. He came in his auto, an Oldsmobile, six cylinder, sixty horse power, and it is a beauty, costing \$5000. Mr. Nutting is the right-hand man for Woolworth, who has 280 stores located all over the country, and is constantly starting new ones. Mr. Nutting has charge of 44 of these stores scattered through New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. He commands a very high salary and is one of the most valuable men in Mr. Woolworth's employ. Many of our Ayer boys are filling important positions in different parts of the country, but Ellis is in the lead.

By the burning of the old covered wooden railroad bridge of the Worcester, Boston and Portland division of the Boston and Maine railroad, June 27, which crosses the Merrimack river south of Nashua Junction, from a freight engine which passed eastward about midnight, arrangements were at once made to send the Bar Harbor express, which runs from New York to Maine shore points, through by the way of Ayer and Lowell and other traffic by way of Manchester.

The Helping-Hand society of the M. E. church will hold a Japanese lawn party on the church grounds, Wednesday evening, July 14. If stormy, Thursday evening. Icecream and candy for sale by Japanese ladies.

Huntley S. Turner and Llewellyn T. Savage left last week Friday forenoon for Albany and Saturday morning they went down the Hudson on the steamer Hendrick Hudson, arriving in New York city that morning, and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday took in all the sights to be seen about

Mrs. Nellie M. Moore of Grove-st., has returned from a visit to Jamaica Plain and the Back Bay in Boston. C. C. Chase and family of Jamaica Plain are visiting at the residence of Mrs. Moore.

Monday afternoon, July 5, Mrs. E. F. Tarrant, in stepping off an electric car that had stopped at Sandy pond, fell and slightly injured her ankle so that she had to be assisted across the road, and was afterwards taken home by her husband in a carriage.

the city and at the popular resorts, leaving on the train for Boston Tuesday afternoon, reaching here that night.

For the accommodation of the residents of Sandy pond and patrons of the electric road, a small station is being built for their convenience.

Sometime Monday night, July 5, the Union cash market was entered by breaking a light in last side window, and the thieves took some canned goods, meat, and went leaving the refrigerator door open, and took all the pennies from one of the cash registers leaving an old coat. About three months ago, this market was entered in a similar way and meat and other articles taken. No clue as to who are the thieves.

Mrs. Rebecca L. Mead has been with her son's people in Boxboro, Edgar C. Mead, for the past three weeks, and returned home this week Tuesday. She started on Thursday for Townsend, where she will visit for a few weeks with her two grandsons.

Dewey Downing, son of Arthur Downing, met with a serious accident Monday morning. He helps Raymond Clough on the milk route of the late C. B. Davis. Dewey was in the team, which was on West Main-st., near the overhead bridge. He had a large fire-cracker in his hand and had asked someone to light it, but thought it was not lighted, when suddenly he saw it smoking, but before he could throw it the cracker exploded in his right hand. The inside of the hand was badly torn. The doctor dressed it and put it in a splint to keep the hand straight. Blood poisoning was feared, but that danger is about over.

Celebrated.

Monday, July 5, was a gala day at Sandy Pond and crowds were in evidence. The cars, early in the afternoon, were so crowded there was hardly standing room; later extra cars were put on.

The sports began at two o'clock and were arranged by E. A. Richardson of Ayer and Henry H. Green of Dorchester, both summer residents at this popular resort.

The canoe race was won by Arthur Carley and Alfred Richardson, the prize being a pillow. The single senior boat race gave first prize, a fountain pen, to Henry Nutting; second, a pocket manure set to Alfred Richardson; boys' boat race, single junior, by Frank Brown, a fishing rod; second, Ray Green, a bathing suit; men's double boat race was won by Henry Nutting and Howard Pillman. In the double oar race, Lois Leavitt and Alfred Richardson won the five pound box of chocolates; second, Eva Richardson and Geo. C. Peterson, a pound box of chocolates. The sailing race was won by Geo. C. Peterson, the prize was a box of cigars. In the swimming match Frank Brown was first and Leonard Bowler, second. The sack race was won by Leonard Bowler. The three-legged race was won by L. Bowler and James Sabin, prize, twelve tickets for sodas.

In the blindfold beanpot contest, Mrs. Wm. Reynolds won the box of chocolates, and Jack Sanderson was the winner in the peanut contest. Hartwell Bigelow was first in the Marathon race, prize, a scarf pin and Edward Wilson second. Thus ended a day of sports in which considerable interest was manifested and the best of feeling existed throughout the entire contests.

District Court.

The Rural Inn, kept by Edward H. Irving, was raided last Saturday night about eleven o'clock by officers Beatty, Fillebrown, Smith, James H. and John B. O'Connell. It was a surprise to the proprietor and the officers captured ten gallons of lager beer in 75 bottles, 26 empty lager beer bottles, half a pint of whiskey, a bottle and glass. He was arraigned in court Tuesday on the charge of keeping a liquor nuisance, and on trial was found guilty and fined \$100, which he paid. He was also charged with exposing and keeping for sale intoxicating liquors at Ayer, and case was continued to August 2. When the officers raided the place in one room were three men at a table drinking.

E. H. Lyon of Hartford, Conn., a schoolboy, for violation of auto law at Ayer, July 4, was in court July 6, and paid a fine of five dollars. Aime Castells of Revere, for a similar offense, was fined ten dollars. They both were riding motor cycles.

There were a half-dozen of other automobilists who were in court, all charged with overspeeding, and they had a lawyer to defend them and on trial were found not guilty and were discharged.

Fred Rowell of Amsterdam, N. Y., for drunkenness July 1, was on trial found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Mrs. Susanna Cushing Reed, wife of Samuel Reed, died Friday, July 2, after an illness of several weeks of heart trouble, at the age of 81 yrs. 1 day. Mrs. Reed was a finely educated and a most estimable woman and was a resident here for over fifty years. The funeral was Tuesday afternoon, July 6, Rev. George H. Allen of Fall River officiating. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. James S. Draper, a son, E. A. Whitney, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Services will be held in the Unitarian church next Sunday at 10.45. Sermon on, "Reasonable methods of supporting the church; or, God loveth a wise rather than a cheerful giver."

Open-air service near the bandstand at seven with address on, "Sanity and insanity in religion and social life," by Rev. Edwin Evans.

Bowling at Whalom.

From the Fitchburg Sentinel: Leominster proved too much for the Ayer bowling team at the Whalom bowling alleys, Tuesday night, and by taking

two of the three points, succeeded in putting a slight check on the victorious march of the boys from the end of the line, and incidentally climbed up a little in percentage themselves. Both teams had a changed lineup from previous matches as the Ayer team presented Hooley in place of Farnsworth and the Leominster team displayed Wass and Boynton for the first time.

The change helped the Leominster team although Wass didn't win any medals by his style of shooting but he held his own with Hooley who was opposed to him. Boynton was close to the leadership for the night only being four pins behind the high roller who was G. Fillebrown of Ayer.

The match started with Ayer all to the good as the boys from the shirt town were rather erratic on the jump and couldn't hit the thin wood at all being shy four pins of the 400 mark, while Ayer by a little better work, managed to turn in a string of 415. The middle game found the Ayer aggregation taking advantage of the chute and they landed at 392, while the Leominster team went up to 411. The third string was the only real contest of the night, both outfits doing some shooting that was worthy of league teams. The Ayer bunch struck 426, while Leominster took the string and the odd point by getting 446.

In this string the first centuries of the night, and they haven't been very frequent during the life of the league—were turned in when three different men climbed over the mark. Dan Reagan got back to form with 103 as did G. Fillebrown of Ayer with the same mark, while Boynton followed with 101. These three men gave the string the appearance of being pretty nice bowling, but some of their team-mates were still rather weak in the arms. The summary:

LEOMINSTER.			
Baker,	90	88	70—257
Wass,	68	79	85—232
Boynton,	78	86	101—265
Reagan,	81	77	103—261
St. George,	79	81	78—238
	396	411	446—1233
AYER.			
A. Fillebrown,	82	75	72—231
Hooley,	73	79	81—233
G. Fillebrown,	84	82	103—269
Fitzgerald,	94	74	87—255
Kelley,	81	82	82—245
	415	392	426—1233

Broken Into.

The store of L. Sherwin & Co. was broken into late Thursday night or early Friday morning, and the thieves gained entrance by breaking a large light in the rear of the store on the side next to Brown's drug store.

They took a lot of jack knives, wallets, Ingersoll watches, pipes, tobacco and cigars, to the amount of twenty or thirty dollars. Chief of police Beatty sent word to Nashua, Lowell, Fitchburg and other places of the break and to look out for the thieves.

At Lowell three young fellows under age, the oldest not over seventeen, were captured and some of the goods stolen were found on them. They also took about eighteen dollars in change from two small bags that they found in a drawer. They will be brought into court Saturday morning, July 10. The Sherwins expect to recover most of the property stolen. While at Lowell they bought two revolvers, but at the place where they were purchased they were taken back and the money refunded.

Made an Athletic Record.

The many friends of Frank Manning in Ayer, Shirley and surrounding towns will be pleased to read the following clipping taken from a Greenfield paper:

Graduating from Greenfield high this week, Frank Manning, high school athlete, ends his career with the record of being the best all round athlete ever a member of the school. Entering the school as a sophomore from Ayer high three years ago, Manning has made every branch of athletics and distinguished himself in all of them. A star forward at basketball, a mainstay in the football eleven, a lively infielder at baseball and the fastest short distance runner in this section of the state, his work makes a list of athletic achievements which will stand for some time.

Fresh in the public mind are his victories on the track, which include a clean sweep over Brattleboro and Bellows Falls short distance men in the Vermont meet, last month, and an easy winover Amherst high and Arms academy at Franklin park, June 5. He was also a member of the relay team and his speed was a factor in capturing the event for Greenfield in both meets. His best time for the 100 yards is 10 2-5 seconds.

Manning's work in basketball was hardly less important. He was a consistent basket getter and made strong showings against crack men. He played Brown, admittedly the best player that ever left Greenfield high, to a standstill, and had the best of Williams, the star back of the Westfield high five. In the Westfield game, which was the hottest of last season, Williams did not get a basket while Manning took two.

At football Manning played a clever game at quarterback, running his team with good judgment and carrying the ball for important gains. At baseball he held down second base for two years and during the past season has played the initial sack, filling both places competently.

Congregational.

The patriotic service held last Sunday evening in the Congregational church was a success. There was a good attendance present. The music was fine. Misses Edith Longley and Mildred Sanders played the violins, and Howard Stone the cornet, which added to the effect of the music. The same instruments will be used at the evening service hereafter. The pastor introduced Rev. A. D. Stroud, pastor of the Methodist church, who gave a very interesting address, in which he sketched the early history of American life, leading up to the declaration of independence. Rev. L. E. Perry then spoke on "The real meaning of the Fourth."

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church held a measuring party Wednesday evening in the vestry of the church, which proved a success both financially and socially. Much of the success of the event was due to the

cute poem written by Mrs. Geo. W. Shattuck and given out to the members of the church and congregation the Sunday preceding the event. The price of the supper was determined by the height of the person, which was two cents per foot and one cent for each inch.

After the supper was served the following program was given: Piano solo, Marion Winslow; reading, Geo. W. Shattuck, who was at his best and who responded to an encore; R. C. Jewett sang a solo and he was called back to sing the second time; Miss Alma Hills, a guest of G. G. Osgood's family, and Miss Rachael A. Osgood played a duet, and Miss Helen Hardy a piano solo.

These ladies had charge of the supper: Misses Shattuck, Whitaker, Hart, Hassam and Perry. Mrs. Chas. Hassam measured the people as they entered. Mrs. Sarah Brown received a prize for being the shortest lady, and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer for being the tallest; E. D. Jewett won a prize for being the shortest man, and Harry Evans for being the tallest.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning at 10.45, the pastor, Rev. L. E. Perry, will take for the subject of the sermon, "The true and the false." Dr. B. H. Hopkins has kindly consented to give an informal talk on his recent trip abroad in the evening at seven o'clock.

At the Baptist Church.

The services at the Baptist church last Sunday were of an interesting character. The audience room was decorated for the occasion. The pastor spoke in the morning on the "Cross and the flag," the service being patriotic. At seven in the evening there was a service of song. Rev. A. D. Stroud offered prayer, and E. F. Carr spoke on "Education." The pastor followed, giving an account of the unveiling of the monument in Golden Gate park, Cal., dedicated to the memory of Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star spangled banner," which was sung by Mrs. Thomas, the choir joining in the chorus.

Next Sunday there will be preaching at 10.45 a.m., Sunday school at twelve. Praise service at seven p.m., followed by a short address and special singing.

Acetylene Gas for Headlights.

The Boston and Maine railroad is experimenting with acetylene gas in place of kerosene oil in the headlights of locomotives.

The need of a more powerful light than kerosene affords has been felt, as the tendency to increased speed has developed to enable the engineer to more closely scan the track and detect obstructions if there chances to be any on the track. A difference of a fraction of a minute in detecting an obstruction, a defect or misplacement may make a difference of several thousand dollars to the railroad in the amount of damages and a great difference in the amount of suffering and subsequent disability received by passengers and employes in case of accident.

Some railroads in the west have used electricity to illumine the headlights of locomotives for several years and there is at present a sharp rivalry between the advocates of electricity and acetylene gas as an illuminant of the headlights. Another improvement which is being experimented with is to lower the beam of the reflector more easily cleaned and polished and at the same time rather improving the view of the track ahead. It is claimed that a sufficient quantity of material for acetylene gas can be carried to supply the headlight for many days.

Occasionally we hear from some of our subscribers that they do not receive their papers on Saturday. All our papers leave this office Friday evening, and the postmaster here always forwards them all on the first mail leaving Ayer every Saturday morning.

New Advertisements.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Y. P. S. C. E., the grange and to the many neighbors and friends who by their services and flowers helped to comfort and sustain us during our recent bereavement.

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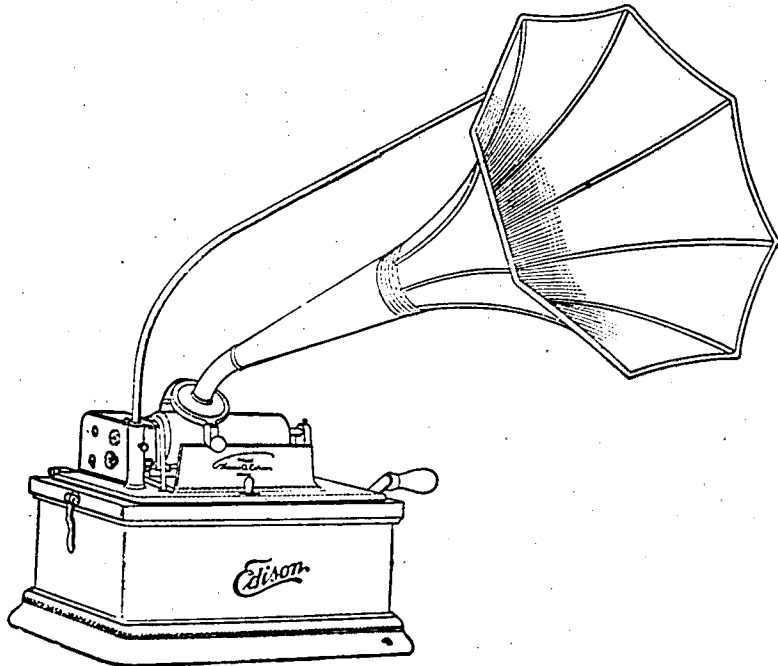
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STILL RIVER

News Items.

Sunday the pastor of the Baptist church preached an excellent patriotic sermon, in memory of the Fourth. On Monday it was almost as quiet as on Sunday, once in a while a fire-cracker was heard, but only a few of them. The bell was not rung, and everybody had a chance to sleep, if they wished.

Mrs. James McQuesten of Litchfield, N. H., and Mrs. Geo. Knapp and daughter of Groton, were recent guests of Mrs. Jennie Willard.

Miss Laura A. Brown is spending a few weeks at the home of relatives in Westboro.

Mrs. Royal Cheney of Southville, and her uncle, Wm. H. Barnes of San Francisco, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell B. Willard recently.

Last Saturday morning when the railroad station was opened it was found that burglars had made a visit during the night, and carried off between five and six dollars in change, that the agent forgot to take home with him the night before.

Mr. Viles has this week moved from his tenement over the store, into the house that he recently bought of Chas. Farnsworth, and Geo. Cross has moved into the tenement over the store.

Miss Grace Goodwin and Mrs. Lincoln of Somerville, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sprague.

Mrs. Florence Bailey of Boston was the guest of Mrs. Haynes Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Joyce had Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kenney of Jamaica Plain, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullin of Fitchburg with her over the Fourth.

Miss Katherine L. Lawrence has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. M. L. Clark, Lancaster, this week.

E. D. Stone and family of Ayer have been stopping at the Humphrey Atherton homestead the past week.

Mrs. Flanders had a niece and husband from Pepperell with her the Fourth.

Eliza Bateman attended the commencement exercises and also a class reunion at Wellesley college last week.

Edna Robinson is visiting relatives in Leominster.

Ethel Parker attended the reception to the graduating class of the Leominster high school last week.

Miss Emline Evans of Brookline, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. R. P. Scales.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Monday, Mrs. Albert Hartwell gave a dinner party at which all the members of the Hartwell family were present.

There was a good ball game here Saturday between the Gleasondals and the home team.

Several from here attended the annual recital of Miss Marion Marshall Brown's pupils in the Baptist church at West Acton last week Thursday evening. It is said to have been one of the best ever given there.

Among the visitors in town over the holiday were Miss Florence Moore, Miss Minnie Tait, Mrs. Bertha Bezan, Ira Whitcomb and Herbert Cobleigh.

Attractive invitations are out for a barn dance to be given in the old town hall, Wednesday evening, July 14.

The Fourth of July celebration at Harvard attracted a large number of our citizens both afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Parker were guests at Wm. D. Parker's from Friday till Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gooch and daughter went to Nantucket, Saturday morning for the summer. Mrs. Almira Willard accompanied them for two or three weeks.

Miss Susie Littlefield of West Acton is at Littlefield farm for the summer.

Miss Annie Sherry with a party of Normal school friends is at Lake Sunapee for a week.

Dan Wetherbee is at home for a vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. Shattuck's sister and three children from New York are with her for an extended visit.

Quite an interesting sight is the brood of ten little turkeys, three guinea hens and three chickens hatched Fourth of July at Mrs. C. A. Dudley's.

Visitors at Marigold cottage over the Fourth were Mrs. McCarthy and Miss Collins of South Boston, John Lane and friend of Brockton.

Mary Alice Hager and friend of Clinton have been guests of Miss Mary Hager this week.

Chas. L. Woodward and daughter Edith have gone to Manchester, N. H. to visit Mr. Woodward's sister.

LUNENBURG.

A Quiet Fourth.

The fourth and fifth of July passed off very quietly here. No noise or disturbance, at all during the day on Sunday, and only a few crackers fired and horns blown between nine and twelve o'clock at night. Monday morning was unusually quiet, no ringing of town hall and church bells, no firing of heavy artillery, as in previous years, much to the comfort of nearly everyone in town. At 6.30 on Monday morning a band of young Americans from six to ten years of age, started a little celebration on the age started a little celebration on their own account, and formed in line, parading around the common in line, music of horns of various sizes and tone. With the exception of fire-crackers and other small explosives, the day passed off very much like any other Monday, and everyone enjoyed the "sane Fourth."

Society Meetings.

The Epworth League met at the home of Arthur W. Adams, Tuesday evening.

The Daughters of Veterans held their regular semi-monthly meeting in their room at the town hall Tuesday afternoon.

The missionary society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. M. D. Pillsbury on Wednesday afternoon.

The ladies sewing circle of the Congregational church held its usual

monthly meeting in the vestry Wednesday afternoon.

The next meeting of the Old Home Week association will be held in the lower town hall on Saturday evening, July 24.

News Items.

Miss Olive Hodgman of Gardner and the Fourth with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Snow.

Mrs. A. K. Francis and Miss M. Eldora Jones are enjoying sea breezes at Hampton Beach.

Mrs. Ella Bradlee and daughter Ina took a trip to Yarmouth, N. S., Wednesday, for the summer.

George A. Lacey spent the Fourth with his son Elmer and family in Lowell. Tuesday he went to Montague to visit his daughter and family.

Mrs. C. E. Woods and son Arnold are visiting with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Lucy (Heath) Danforth and little daughter, Lorna Doone, are visiting old friends in town, the guests of Mrs. H. A. Harley.

Walter Smith of Lynn came to Lunenburg Saturday afternoon and remained until Monday, spending the fourth and fifth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith.

Mrs. Elizabeth Keese is at her cottage for the summer and just now is enjoying a most delightful family reunion, as all her children, the whole bunch of Keese, (keys) are together in the home once more—Miss Marion from New York, Miss Ruth from a two years' stay in Labrador, and Miss Ethel and Master William from Ashburnham.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

F. W. Rane, state forester, has issued notices of warning against the injury or destruction of the new insects known scientifically as colossoma sycophanta, imported at great expense and with much care from Europe for the purpose of exterminating the gypsy and the brown-tail moths. The notices, with pictures of the welcome parasite in different stages of development, are posted in our stores. Mr. Rane wishes to ascertain how generally the colossoma sycophanta have spread and will be glad to receive reports from any person who may find them. They are frequently discovered under burlap with gypsy moth caterpillars. It is said that not a few of these beneficial insects have already begun their work in Littleton.

Mrs. Ellen, wife of John Dailey, passed away at her home in Nashoba district last week Friday night, after an illness of two weeks, caused by a stomach disease. She had been in feeble health for a long time and her strength was not sufficient at the advanced age of seventy-five years to resist the fresh attack. Burial was in Lowell where the funeral took place Sunday. Mrs. Dailey is survived by her husband, who is very low; two daughters, Mrs. M. W. Leahy of this town and Mrs. David Desmond of Westford; also, two sons, Cornelius and Michael, both of Littleton, who mourn the loss of a loving and devoted wife and mother.

Mrs. Everett Kimball and daughter Katherine went to Boston last Saturday morning to wish Misses Esther and Annie Dodge of Cambridge "bon voyage" as they embarked on the Romanic for a European trip, which will take them to Naples, through Italy, France, Germany and England, from which country they will leave for home early in September.

About two hundred persons were present at the very inspiring union meeting held Sunday evening on Littleton Common. Rev. H. B. Drew and Rev. Samuel Noon, total abstinence agent from Cambridge, were the speakers. An attractive feature of the occasion was the music by the young people's orchestra, Mrs. Young, Misses Flagg and Barrows and Master Elliot Young.

The Lincoln class will hold their annual picnic at Long pond this afternoon. The ladies' normal bible class of the Baptist church are the invited guests. The Farther Lights are planning for their picnic in the same grove July 17.

C. L. Miller of Haverhill will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church tomorrow. Mr. Faver gives him a very high recommendation.

Friends in Littleton have received souvenir postal cards from Mrs. Grace Lawrence, descriptive of her sea voyage, which she was able to enjoy to the full, having experienced no sickness although surrounded by her less fortunate than herself. She speaks of making many pleasant acquaintances and of approaching the Irish coast with delightful prospects and anticipations. Her address will be 24 Craven Park Road, Harlesden N. W., London, England.

The Littleton canning factory is preserving large quantities of blackberries.

About Town.

The members of the Unitarian young people's Guild, with friends, will hold a picnic at Long pond, Monday, July 11. It will be an all-day affair, leaving early before the mosquitoes have their picnic.

Mrs. C. A. Hosmer is visiting with Miss Newhall in Stow, a former school teacher here.

There will be a quarterly church meeting in the Unitarian vestry, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

Miss Nellie Wright has been elected as a teacher in the public schools of New Bedford.

Mrs. Carrie (Whitcomb) Gardner and daughter of New Bedford are here with her parents and other relatives. Edgar Barreau and men are building a new road up to Mr. Knight's fine house on the hill.

The Backlog's annual strawberry festival was a very successful one in every respect, netting thirty-six dollars. The club's orchestra rendered fine music and the little farce, "The quarrelsome family," was well carried out, reflecting true to life in many cases.

Cigarette Law.

On Friday, July 2, the law went into effect with regard to the sale of cigarettes and reads as follows:

Whoever sells a cigarette to a person under eighteen years of age, or

whoever sells snuff or tobacco in any of its forms to a person under sixteen years of age, or, not being his parent or guardian, gives a cigarette to a person under eighteen years of age, or gives snuff or tobacco in any of its forms to a person under sixteen years of age, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars. A copy shall be posted conspicuously in the shop or other place of sale used by any person selling cigarettes at retail, and whoever violates this provision shall be punished as the law describes.

It shall be the duty of the police department of cities and towns where such exist, and of constables in towns not having a police department, to see that a copy is posted in a conspicuous place where it can be easily read in every shop or place where cigarettes are sold at retail. Any person unlawfully removing the said copy while cigarettes are still sold on the premises where it is posted shall be subject to a penalty of ten dollars.

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Said premises will be sold subject to all prior incumbrances, if any exist. Terms made known at place and time of sale.

"The Trustees of the Groton Ministerial Fund," by Everett B. Gerrish, Treasurer.
Groton, June 22nd, 1909. 3441.

Your Attention

New Rules of the Post Office Department.

ORDER NO. 907.

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Boston Letter

District Attorney Hill Con- victs More Men of Frauds

Great Prosperity Here

Many Millions Going Into Construc-
tion in Boston and New England—
Much Interest in New Board of
Education

The political situation in Massachu-
setts shows comparatively little ac-
tivity at present. One thing, however,
which has attracted the attention of
the entire commonwealth was the at-
titude assumed by Ex-Mayor John F.
Fitzgerald when called to testify in
the case of the city of Boston against
Michael J. Mitchell and Thomas F.
Maher, jointly charged with conspir-
acy and larceny from the city in con-
nection with the flagstone contracts.
Mitchell was head of the supply de-
partment of the city while Fitzgerald
was mayor, and Maher was a con-
tractor who secured the contract to
furnish the flagstones. The contracts
were signed by Fitzgerald, but when
he was put on the witness stand his
answer to every important question
was "I do not recall." He could re-
call nothing of his testimony before
the grand jury. It was a most humili-
ating position for an ex-mayor of Bos-
ton to take, for it looked like a con-
fession upon the face of it.

In his argument to the jury District
Attorney Hill declared that Fitzgerald's
testimony was not honest and that Mr.
Fitzgerald did not come into the court
with the purpose of telling the truth
to the jury, did not tell the truth to
the jury, and that his object was to
"throw" the government's case. Even
the counsel for the defendants declared
that Fitzgerald lied either before the
grand jury or in his testimony in the
case now. Altogether Mr. Fitzgerald
did not emerge from the trial with
any credit to himself or to the defen-
dants, especially in view of the fact
that the jury found both defendants
guilty.

Hill the Right Man
The work which District Attorney Hill
is doing has proven him to be a first-
class criminal lawyer, an astute
cross-examiner, and a man of de-
termination in every way. He has
already sent several men to jail under
convictions of robbing the city and
there are several others to follow. In
the case of the Boston agreement, so
called, where a number of corporations
combined to fix a price on steel con-
tracts for bridge building, fines of
\$6000 have already been assessed by
the court and there are still others to
be dealt with. It is very evident that
what Boston has needed is an ener-
getic, intelligent and honest district
attorney. In the few short weeks in
which he has held office, District At-
torney Hill has convicted more men
than John B. Moran did during his en-
tire four years of service. Moran was
a man of promises, while Hill is a man
of silence outside the court room but
he makes up for it in energetic action
before the court.

Prosperity Is Here Now
The 1915 movement is a good thing,
but a good many people think it would
be well to do something now instead
of putting it off so long. And mean-
while those who have been prophesy-
ing that Boston was going to be side-
tracked by the march of events and by
the consolidation of her railroads with
railroad systems outside are likely to
be disappointed. The New York
Central railroad, through its leased
line, the Boston and Albany railroad,
is spending on its freight terminals in
East Boston a sum aggregating more
than \$4,000,000, which does not indi-
cate any fear on the part of railroad
magnates that the port of Boston is to
be closed. Far-seeing business men
like these do not invest their money
unless they think they are going to
get some return out of it.

The New York Central has construc-
ted in East Boston the largest pier for
commercial purposes on the Atlantic
coast. It has a length of 780 feet and
is 240 feet wide. Another exactly like
it is to be constructed at once. The
two will cost in the vicinity of a
million and a half. The New York
Central is also to build an enormous
grain elevator with a capacity of a
million bushels and to be equipped
with 19 elevators. The road will also
build a power house to generate the
electricity to be used in furnishing the
 motive and lighting power for the
various structures.

It is said also that the Boston and
Maine railroad is to build several
freight stations on its lines and to
make other improvements which will
cost into the millions.

All the railroads within the com-
monwealth report a very much larger
business than last year and everything
indicates a great increase in prosper-
ity throughout the state.

Investigation shows that there is to
be spent in the very near future more
than \$60,000,000 in the New England
states for the extension of manufac-
turing plants and the construction of
new ones. The growth of business
in this section of the country is mere-
ly typical of what is going on gen-
erally throughout the country. There
is every indication that the next few
years will be the most prosperous in
the history of the New England states.
Nearly all lines of industry are run-

ning on full time, and in many indus-
tries they are running on double time.

The New Education Board
There is a great deal of interest in
the new state board of education
just appointed by Governor Draper
under the act of the last legislature.
The old board of education and the
industrial commission went out of ex-
istence July 1. The old state board
had been in existence 70 years but the
industrial commission only three
years, having been organized to pro-
mote industrial education and estab-
lish industrial schools throughout the
state.

The new board was recom-
mended by Governor Draper to take the
place of the two existing ones, as he con-
sidered it preferable to have both
branches of education administered
by one organization. Under the statu-
te four members were appointed
from the old state board and one from
the industrial commission.

There is fear expressed in some
quarters that the appointment of the
board means the establishment of in-
dustrial schools which shall be merely
trade schools without very much
general education. Men who believe
in broad classical education are sorry
to see this trend of the times, as they
fear it will result in Massachusetts
falling below her present standard
in educational culture. Those, how-
ever, who realize that Massachusetts
is almost entirely a manufacturing
state and that a high grade of crafts-
manship is required in her vast man-
ufacturing and industrial concerns, be-
lieve that a large number of the pupils
in the public schools need more than
anything else an education which will
fit them at once to become skilled
workers and wage-earners, and that
trade schools will best promote, not
only the interests of such pupils, but
also the interests of the state gener-
ally.

The persons composing this com-
mission have been chosen because of
some peculiar fitness for the work to
which the board is called. They are:
Sarah L. Arnold, Newton; Ella Ly-
man Cabot, Boston; Simeon B.
Chase, Fall River; Professor Levi
S. Conant, Worcester Polytechnic
Institute; Frederick P. Fish, Brook-
line, a corporation lawyer; Thomas
B. Fitzpatrick, Brookline, a Boston
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Fitchburg and Leominster, last car
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leaves North Chelmsford 11.05 p. m.,
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Boston via Tewksbury and Reading
to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6.15 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—same as
week days. Return—Leave Sullivan
Square—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 10.15 p. m. Sundays—7.45 a. m. and
every 30 mins. until 9.15 p. m.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica
Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winches-
ter and Medford to Sullivan Square
Terminal, Charlestown—6.25 a. m. and
every 30 mins. until 9.55 p. m.
(10.25 p. m. to Woburn only.) Sundays
6.55 a. m. and every 30 mins. until
9.55 p. m. (10.25 p. m. to Woburn only.)
Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6.32 a.
m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m.
Sundays—7.22 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 9.32 p. m.

Lawrence—6.15, 6.45, 6.40 a. m. and
every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sun-
days—7.10 a. m. then same as week
days. Return—Leave Lawrence—6.20,
6.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. un-
til 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m.,
then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex
Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m.
and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m.
Sundays—6.18 a. m. and every 15
mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave
North Chelmsford—5.30, 6.55, 6.30, 6.57,
7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until
11.03 p. m., then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—
8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03
p. m.

Nashua—6.15 a. m. and every 30
mins. until 10.15 p. m. Sundays—7.15
a. m., then same as week days. Return
—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every
30 mins. until 10.35 p. m. Sundays—7.35
a. m., then same as week days.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., July 7, 1909.
President Taft stands squarely be-
hind the tax on the net earnings of
corporations and he advocates it not
merely as an expedient with which to
sidetrack the income tax. He believes
it to be a highly desirable form of
taxation because it is the first step
in a carefully devised system of fed-
eral supervision of all issues of stocks
and bonds, he will recommend to con-
gress in his first annual message. The
President will not assent to any sub-
stitution in conference of the inheri-
tance tax for this tax on corporations,
nor does he believe that any such sub-
stitution is contemplated, though
many rumors to this effect have been
flying about the country recently. The
Republican members of the finance
committee declare they have no in-
tention of any such substitution and
the house leaders, including the
speaker, predict with confidence that
the corporation tax will be enacted as
a part of the tariff bill. These facts,
together with much other interesting
information, were brought out at the
White House, where President Taft
talked freely with several friends.

The President made clear his views,
also, regarding the various forms of
special taxation which have been sug-
gested in connection with the current
deficiency of the federal revenues. Above
all other forms of special tax-
ation Mr. Taft prefers a graduate in-
come tax, which he believes it would
be improper to enact under the cir-
cumstances until its constitutionality
is placed beyond question. He is of
the opinion that every man should
contribute through a direct tax a fair
proportion of his income to the main-
tenance of the government not only
for the sake of the revenue such a
tax would yield, but because such
contribution would bring home to
every man a realization of his respon-
sibility to and for the government of
his country. He does not believe,
however, that an income tax deter-
mined by an arithmetical ratio would
be a fair tax. He is convinced that if
the man who has an income of \$1,200
a year contributes one percent of
that amount to the support of the gov-
ernment, the man with an income of
\$5,000 a year should contribute a higher
percentage, say two percent, and the
man whose income reaches into the
tens of thousands should contribute
possibly five percent, or more, and
so on. Mr. Taft regards a stamp
tax as a proper revenue measure for
an emergency, but as lacking in con-
siderable degree that tendency to cor-
rect evils of distribution which would
be accomplished by either a graduated
income tax or a graduated inheri-
tance tax. And last, the corporation
tax, which President Taft regards as
highly desirable from every point of
view; primarily because it will in-
sure a degree of federal inspection
and public knowledge of the transac-
tions of all corporations, thus fitting
in so far as they relate to corpora-
tions, and secondarily, because it will
yield ample revenue to obviate any
deficiency.

The President takes emphatic issue
with the allegations that the corpo-
ration tax is unjust, that it will not
reach the wealth of the country. He
firmly believes that it will reach men
of wealth; and he further believes
that in the majority of cases bond
holders are also stockholders, that
they are compelled to hold stock in
order to protect their bonded inter-
ests. In short, Mr. Taft regards the
corporation tax as a tax on wealth
and as such as wholly just and prop-
er.

Senator Root's address to the senate,
in support of the Taft plan for
the taxation of the net earnings of
corporations, is regarded by many
senators as the most notable contribu-
tion to the tariff debates of this con-
gress. One of the interesting fea-
tures of Mr. Root's address was his
statement that he expected the re-
quired three-fourths of the states to
ratify the proposed amendment to the
constitution authorizing congress to
levy an income tax. "I think the
United States ought to have the power
to levy an income tax," he said. "I
do not want it used to drive out of
existence the protective tariff. But I
do want my country to have the
power which is possessed by other
countries, to summon to its assist-
ance in time of great need all the
wealth of the nation. I shall vote for
and advocate the amendment in my
own state, and I hope it will be
adopted." In speaking of the corpo-
ration tax Mr. Root said he supported
it because he thought it better policy,
better patriotism and higher wisdom
than a general income tax.

There is a large number of naval
officers in Washington just now who
are living in mortal terror of what
is known as the "plucking board." This
is the special board which under
the naval personnel law must choose
a certain number of officers for re-
tirement each year, provided a spe-
cific number of vacancies are not
created through natural causes.

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A lot of second-hand blinds in good con-
dition and painted. Sizes 2 ft. 34 in. by 25
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This game is a great deal of fun and
can be played by children of all ages
when traveling by car, automobile or
carriage. The one who first sees an
object wins a number of points. The
score is kept by one player. The party
should be divided into two sections,
the left side of the road being assigned
to one section and the right side to the
other section. The counts are as fol-
lows (these may be changed to suit
the particular part of the country you
are in):

Count.
A baby in arms
A baby in a go-cart
A white horse
A ladder against a house
A woman with white apron
A butcher's cart
A postman
A bridge
A headed girl or man
A messenger boy
A man with a camera
A black pig
A white house
A boy on a fence
A brook

If any of the following are seen the
score is to be lessened by its count.
Sides try to catch each other on these

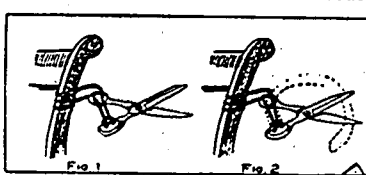
A pug dog	2
An open gate	2
A pickled horse	2
A flock of sheep	4
A soldier	10

No matter what the score is, which-
ever side sees a cat on a window ledge
or a pig standing on its hind feet wins
the game.

WITH SCISSORS AND CORD.

A Trick That Can Be Easily Performed
When One Knows How.

A piece of strong cord is doubled and
fastened to a pair of scissors with a
slip knot, as shown in Fig. 1. After
passing the ends of the cord through
the thumb hole of the scissors they are
tied fast to a chair, doorknob or
any other object that may be of suf-
ficient size to make the ends secure.



HOW THE SCISSORS ARE REMOVED.

The trick is to release the scissors
without cutting the cord.

Take hold of the loop end of the
cord in the lower handle and draw it
first through the upper handle and
then completely over the blades of the
scissors, as shown in Fig. 2. This is
very simple when you know how, but
puzzling when the trick is first seen.—
Popular Mechanics.

What Is My Thought Like?

One of the players in this game
thinks of some object—it may be a per-
son, an animal or a thing—and each
player is questioned by the "thinker."
"What is my thought like?" and must
make an answer, "Like a monkey."
"Like a table," "Like a fish," "Like a
mischievous boy," and so on. When
all have answered the "thinker" tells
them the object thought of. Perhaps
it was a person present. Each player
must then justify his reply or, failing
this, pay a forfeit.

For instance, the one who said the
object was like a monkey when told
the name of a gentleman present as
the object would reply, "I said Mr.
— was like a monkey because he is
fond of nuts." The next would say,
"I said Mr. — was like a table be-
cause he is rather wooden looking."
"He is like a fish because he is fond
of the water," and so on.

Game of Neighbors.

In this game half the company are
blindfolded and are seated with an
empty chair on the right hand of each.
At a given signal all the other players
occupy these as mysteriously as they
can and immediately begin to sing, ei-
ther all to a tune played on the piano
or every one by himself.

The object of the blind players is to
find out, entirely by ear, who is seated
on their right. Those who guess cor-
rectly are unbandaged, and their
places are taken by the players whose
names they guessed. The others re-
main blindfolded until they guess
rightly. Only one guess is allowed
each round.

P's and Q's.

The company forms a circle, and one
stands in the center as questioner. No
one must name a place beginning with
a letter that comes before "Q" in the
alphabet.

The leader may begin in this fash-
ion: "Commodore Evans is in the
strait of Magellan with the fleet.
Where is he going next? But mind
your P's and Q's." The unthinking
speaker may say "To Chile," for
which a forfeit must be paid, as C is
before Q in the alphabet, and so the
game goes on. Any country or in-
cident may be used in asking the ques-
tions.

The Way to June.

It is through the glade that the ice has
made
And under the glistening trees
Beyond the snow, where the cold winds
blow
Through the cave of the old March
brezo
Then down the lane of the April rain
Under violet scented showers
And off by way of the hills of May
With their apple blossom bowers
Then on again through a leafy green stile,
With the bird song all around,
Where you rest awhile, at the rose-hedge,
For you've found the way to June.
—St. Nicholas.

THE WHITE PLAGUE.

How to Ward Off the Dreaded Scourge
of Consumption.

"How can I keep from catching tu-
berculosis? You say we breathe a
whole colony of the germs into our
systems every day. Is it pure luck that
keeps a man from becoming a con-
sumptive?"

This question is often asked of phy-
sicians, who tell you how great a per-
centage of the population has the dis-
ease, and you wonder how to keep
out of that percentage yourself. The
formula is simple. Every one gets the
germs into his system, but if a man's
condition is healthy they can't gain a
foothold.

Avoid excess of every kind. If a
man drinks or smokes too much he
gives an opening for the attack of the
disease germs. The corpuscles which
nature made for the watchdogs of the
system and which normally chase
down and devour the injurious germs
go to sleep at the switch and lose in-
terest in hunting.

Don't eat too much.

Get all the fresh air possible. It's
still free.

Sleep with your bedroom windows
down from the top and up from the
bottom, and open 'em as wide as pos-
sible. But avoid drafts.

If you work with a man who is un-
cleanly reform him gently, but firmly.
It may be a man's privilege to go un-
washed, but no man has a license to
become a passenger train for disease
bacilli which have limitless transfer
privileges.

Don't work too much.

Don't rest too much.

If great care is taken there is no
danger of infection even if you live
with a consumptive. The patient must
use a cup or paper that can be scalded
or burned. Clothing and bedding
used by the patient must be boiled
regularly. The patient's room must be
kept free from carpets and hangings
that would offer hiding places for
germs. There should be separate
dishes for the patient. There must be
a generous use of antiseptics. The
house must have plenty of fresh air
and sunshine.

How to Keep Gold Embroidery Bright.

Gold embroidery is apt to cause
many misgivings when a satin evening
gown decorated in this manner is
brought under review. However care-
fully the dress has been protected by
soft tissue paper—opaque, black paper
which is sold for the purpose—the
smallest hole where air could enter
will have had the effect of tarnishing
the embroidery. To clean the gown
is, however, fairly simple, ordinary
stains being easily removed by rub-
bing the satin all over with stale bread-
crumbs which have been sifted with a
little powdered blue. To remove
crumbs and powder a thorough shak-
ing will be necessary, together with
flicking with a clean handkerchief,
the rubbing being repeated where nec-
essary. For the gold embroidery there
is nothing so useful as crimson velvet.
A small piece should always be kept
at hand, and both before the com-
mencement of the season and also on
taking off the gown each time it is
worn the velvet should be rubbed
briskly over the surface until the origi-
nal sheen is reproduced.

How to Cure Hiccoughs.

There is a young woman who suf-
fers great discomfort, sometimes sharp
pain, from an occasional attack of the
hiccoughs. She tried all the prescrib-
ed remedies, from deep breathing to
plums fresh and preserved, without
success. Nothing availed, the pain
often lasting an hour or more, until
she tried aromatic spirits of ammonia,
a teaspoonful diluted in a little water.
The relief was instantaneous. All sub-
sequent attacks have been cured by
the same means. The trouble in acute
form is somewhat out of the ordinary,
but the annoyance it entails makes it
worth while to pass this hint along.

How to Treat Linoleum.

The way to prolong linoleum's period
of usefulness is to keep it clean. Dirt
ground into the finished surface by
the tread of feet is the floor covering's
greatest enemy. Linoleum needs no
soap, ammonia or strong cleaning
agents. A simple wiping with a cloth
just moist with warm water is all that
is needed. Once or twice a year give
the linoleum a wiping of good furni-
ture polish to renew its smooth sur-
face.

How to Know Cooking Measures.

Young housekeepers are often at a
loss when a recipe calls for a cup of
anything to tell what kind of cup to
use or how much a cup measures. The
accepted measure is a stone kitchen
cup and means that cup filled to the
brim. It is equal to one-half pint. A
cup of solid butter, milk, chopped meat
or granulated sugar is equal to about
half a pound. A cup of sifted flour is
equal to one-quarter of a pound.

How to Brighten Your Piano.

Take a basin of lukewarm water,
wet a piece of soft cheesecloth in it;
then pour a few drops of kerosene oil
on the cloth and rub lightly over your
piano. Keep repeating until you have
been all over the surface; then take a
dry piece of cheesecloth and polish un-
til it is glossy. Your piano will look
like new and that dull, smoky look
will all disappear.

How to Clean Asbestos Mats.

"I had a set of asbestos mats given
to me," said a housekeeper, "which
kept my table from scarring and were
a joy to me until they got so soiled I
thought they must be thrown away.
A friend told me to put them on top
of the hot coals in the range to clean
them. I did. The dirt was burned off,
and they were as clean as when new."



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The average weekly circulation of the nine papers we publish, from January 16 to April 1, this year, was 2535 copies. We furnish on application a sworn statement of circulation to all advertisers.

PEPPERELL.

Centre.

Quite a number of folks from the city spent the Fourth in town. The usual quiet of the Sabbath was unbroken. The bells began to ring at midnight. Very little of the usual noise of fireworks was heard on Monday. Rockets were sent up during the evening from different parts of the town. An old house on Leighton-st. was burned to the ground, which added somewhat to the fireworks. Altogether it was an uncommonly quiet Fourth of July in Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Jewett have gone to housekeeping in the house vacated by Mrs. Roswell Palmer on Main-st.

Boyd Skelton Whiting and his sister, Ruth Pride Whiting, of Dedham have been guests this week at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Bessie Fuller Allen on Elm-st.

Mrs. Ida K. Peckham, an assistant in the temporary home for working women in Boston, has been visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. William Kendall on Townsend-st., this week.

Charles H. Jewett, financial manager at Mt. Ida seminary for young ladies in Newton, has been in town this week.

Miss Mae Meriam returned last week from Atlantic City. Her brother Elba of the Brighton bank spent the Fourth at his home on Townsend-st.

On last Wednesday, Mrs. Addison Woodward entertained her Sunday school scholars very pleasantly at her home on Park-st. Dinner was served out-of-doors under the shade trees.

Mrs. Doe of Everett, who has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry A. Wright, has returned to her home.

The Arts and Crafts and luncheon which Misses Meriam and Wright have opened on Townsend-st., next to Mrs. Jewett's cottage, is receiving quite encouraging patronage.

The services in the Unitarian church were conducted by Rev. Mr. Brown of the Unitarian association. In honor of the Fourth he read the declaration of independence and his discourse was an earnest appeal to his congregation for imitation of the virtues which inspired the lives of the men who signed that document. The closing hymn was, "My country 'tis of thee."

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Merrill were admitted by letter from their church in Lowell to the fellowship of the Congregational church of Pepperell, and their son and daughter and Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tower, joined the church with the usual ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nash presented their infant at the altar for baptism.

The Tuesday evening prayer meeting was held at the home of Dea. Noah P. Smith, this week, with a good attendance.

The Misses Hamilton and Pinkham of Waltham have had a large number of visitors at their bungalow on Townsend-st. Miss Anna M. Jewell has furnished their meals at her house.

Miss Alice Welsh of New York has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. N. S. Shattuck of Park-st.

Dea. Warren S. Wood and three of his daughters, Mrs. Julia Chapman, Misses Susan and Mary Wood, went to Jamaica Plain to attend the wedding of his granddaughter. The bride is the daughter of his oldest daughter, Mrs. Caroline Mention. The account of the wedding was published last week.

Thomas O. Parker has gone to Lake Sunapee, N. H., for the summer. Miss Effie Carolyn Merrill, an employee of the Boston public library, visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lucius Wilson, on the Fourth, returning during the week.

Oscar Anderson of the Prescott farm, a graduate of Northfield institute, was one of the participants in last Sunday evening's service, and added greatly to the interest of the meeting thereby.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Jones of Wellesley has been the guest of Mrs. E. B. Heald during the past week. Mrs. Jones is an own cousin of the late Major J. G. Heald, and although a very frail and delicate lady, carries her eighty-six years with extreme clearness of intellect and decision of character. Her early life was passed in this town, on what is now the Legg farm. She is now the guest of Mrs. S. P. Shattuck, an old school friend.

Rev. Dudley R. Child of Charlestown, N. H., will preach at the Unitarian church, First parish, on Sunday, July 11, at 10.45 o'clock. An adjourned parish meeting will be held in Central hall on Tuesday evening, July 13. Members of the First parish and congregation are requested to be present.

East.

Mrs. S. A. Stewart is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank T. Marston, at Melrose. Mrs. Marston expects to return with her in a few days to spend the balance of the summer in Pepperell.

Mrs. Frank H. Tilton and daughter Mildred Ramona, who have been visiting Mrs. Tilton's mother, Mrs. Ellery J. Davis, have returned to their home at Bristol, N. H.

Ellery J. Davis was called to Hebron, N. H., recently by the death of his brother-in-law, Ex-representative George B. Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Elliot of Gardner spent the holidays at Mrs. Elliot's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blood, Pleasant-st.,

Robert Leslie of Worcester was the guest of Elbridge Jewett, Pleasant-st., over the Fourth. Mr. Jewett is still using crutches with his badly sprained leg, but it is improving.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, July 14, at 2.30 o'clock. This is a change as this society usually meets on a Thursday, but it is announced the Sabbath school will hold their annual picnic that day at Silver Lake, Hollis.

A great improvement has been made in the appearance of one of the most conspicuous sites in the center town. The horse sheds of their unsightly posters and advertisements and in bold letters "Post no bills" appears. It is understood that a coat of whitewash is to be applied. This work of renovation took only a few hours, but it is said many busy moments have been spent by those interested in order to effect the change, and appreciation is heard on all sides. There are other spots in town which it is hoped will receive the same attention.

It was omitted in the last week's account of the O. H. I. S. entertainment to note the highly entertaining recitations by Lyman C. Blood, as well as his songs, also the accompaniment by Miss Catherine O'Brien, pianist.

Among the visitors from out-of-town over the holidays were noticed: Austin E. Coffrin, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Dudley and wife of Natick; Bert Lynch, Fitchburg; Thos. F. Brown, Jas. A. Brown, South Framingham; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Findlay and family, Fitchburg; Thos. Cuniff, Boston; Amos Mahony, Athol; Miss Della Kemp was home for the holidays.

The fire department has been making very creditable time in the test alarms recently the steamer team arriving on record time.

E. M. Stewart has a fine colt added to his stock. Its sire is the handsome chestnut of Dr. F. A. Davis.

The sale in Central Hall, Thursday, under auspices of the L. S. C. was a pleasing success, but the cool weather was a hindrance to the sale of the icecream.

The construction department of the N. E. T. & C. Co., have completed the Park-st. extension and telephones have been installed in the residences of Geo. Carter and Geo. S. Day.

Fred Milam, the popular clerk at Mansfield's pharmacy, is away for his vacation. He left Tuesday for a short stay at Middleboro on the cape to enjoy the hazel shade. It is reported, Russell Wright is supplying during his absence.

Mrs. C. H. Fitch and Miss Katherine Fitch returned Tuesday after a week's visit, including the fourth.

A bad wash out occurred late Wednesday night by the bursting of a water main just off Lowell-st., near Mr. Nokes' farm. It caused considerable damage before the water was turned off. The steamer team was busy repairing the road.

It is understood that the water commissioners have expended to date about \$100,000 on the water system, this leaves \$20,000 of the appropriation to complete the work. It is expected there will be sufficient to allow for the Oak Hill-st. pipe, which was voted at the special town meeting, providing the appropriation was not exceeded. It is hardly expected this work will be done until late in the fall.

The Independents will play Groton at Groton, Saturday, July 17, and Townsend at Townsend, July 24, and Groton at Pepperell, July 31. It is expected the new ball grounds will be completed for that day.

Miss Abbie Lawrence has had her residence on Mill-st. connected with town water. D. E. Weston doing the work. The library, residences of W. H. Drury, Chas. Goff on Pleasant-st., C. S. Denham, Dr. L. R. Qua on Main-st., are being connected.

Haying operations are receiving full attention now. H. F. Hobart, whose hay is of so well-known a quality, will have completed his this week, the earliest in his experience. On all sides is heard the musical hum of the mower, and the rattle-tea-tat of the tedder. On all three farms of C. A. Denham work is being rushed. J. J. Rowell not only has his own well in hand, but has cut the large crop of the Keyes and Sliney farms.

Special local advertisements this week, read them. One has a reward of five dollars.

Mrs. Helen (O'Connell) Hopkins recently went to Waterville, Me., to visit her husband's home. Very poor management on the part of someone caused her to be delayed by the poor accommodations of the railway resulting from the destroyed Rochester bridge, and she was obliged to stay all night in a small unheated depot at Springvale, Me. No assistance was offered and none was available for her or her infant-in-arms. It would almost appear as a part of the corporation's duty, after selling a through fare, to supply what the contract requires or make good by humane treatment.

The board of selectmen met Tuesday instead of Monday, this week. It is understood that the town has entered into a new agreement with the telephone company, whereby the town receives a large percent of discount for each "phone in use by the municipality. This will be much better than the previous arrangement, which allowed a complete free yearly rental of one instrument for each 2000 inhabitants. It is understood the discount will be thirty-three percent. At the town meeting last March it

was voted to change the street lighting to Tungsten lamps, which would save the town not less than \$1000 yearly in the light bill. It is understood that a decision has now been reached whereby this change will be effected.

It was noticed recently in the Boston Globe that Misses Minnie and Elizabeth Garvey of this town were members of the party on the boat which rescued several unfortunate who capsized in Boston harbor.

Not only does the dust continue to blow over the business district but the catch basins along Main-st. need attention. From many is noticed the stench of decaying debris. It is up to someone without special notification. With plenty of water these basins can be very easily flushed out clean and healthy.

Men of the cable department of the telephone company were in town on Thursday repairing defects in the cable to the center. Howard Denham, son of C. S. Denham of this town, was in charge of the work.

Miss Susie Andrews has arrived for the summer from Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Nodding and family are at Mrs. Nodding's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Frosard, Cross-st.

E. J. Darling is able to be at his work in the Nashua River Paper Co.'s mill, after several weeks' illness.

Universal activity in the shoe shop matters indicate early starting up. Samples are being made and about fifteen employed.

Our new superintendent of schools is to reside in town, having taken a house on High-st. of F. H. Ward, known as the Leighton place. The choice of a new principal for the high school is receiving the attention of the school committee, candidates being looked up. The only other change expected in the teachers will be that of first assistant in the high school, to succeed Miss Lee, resigned.

The Fourth.

The celebration of Independence day was of the usual sort for this town. Many took advantage of the extra holiday and visited out of town. Nevertheless there was noise a plenty and patriotism in full measure. Very little rowdiness was noted. The police department were on duty in all sections, and their appearance on the spot schedule no doubt lessened the chances for the usual vandalism. At midnight Sunday there was a considerable crowd at Railroad square and much cannonading and a huge bonfire. The church bells were rung. Early morning found many on the way to Groton or Nashua, where parades and other specialties were witnessed.

At Oak Hill an all-day enjoyment was in full swing. The ball games were local and interesting. The afternoon athletics were the special feature, over fifty prizes being distributed. The evening were well entered and many closely contested. The evening dance had a banner attendance and was a fitting finale for a completely successful day.

Country Club Celebrates.

The Pepperell Country club held an all-day observance at their grounds Monday. In the morning the approaching and putting contests were closely interesting. The gentlemen's class was held by Dr. C. G. Heald, who won a handsome cup. Mrs. E. L. Tarbell excelled for the ladies, winning a cup and also golfball, presented by A. J. Woodward. At noon luncheon was served of dainty refreshments and choice desserts. The club tournament followed in the afternoon. Rodman Blake winning the cup. Another feature was the play-off between Roger B. Taft and Harold Ames, who tied in the tournament on the previous Saturday. Taft was the winner and thus adds another to his splendid collection of trophies. The club schedule for the summer will be announced at an early date.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE—A Gasoline Tank, capacity 25 gallons, new, has faucet and gauge. Public Spirit Office, Ayer, Mass.

NOTICE—Cherry Currants at G. Dana Bancroft's, East Pepperell, Mass., at 10¢ per bushel. Orders promptly filled by Telephone No. 19, rug 31.

REWARD \$5.00 for the return of a Gray Angora Cat, or information leading to its return, gone since Friday morning, July 2. Eugene A. Fletcher, East Pepperell, Mass. Telephone, 77-2.

FOR SALE—Boats, Verandah Rockers, Shingling Brackets, Boring Machines. CAPT. SIMMONS, Ayer, Mass. Tel. 30-5, 12.

A Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our thanks to all those who have shown us the deep sympathy, both in words, kindly deeds and beautiful floral offerings. To all those of Myron's friends, with whom he was associated in the daily walks of life, and especially the friends upon whom his death has fallen so heavily.

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