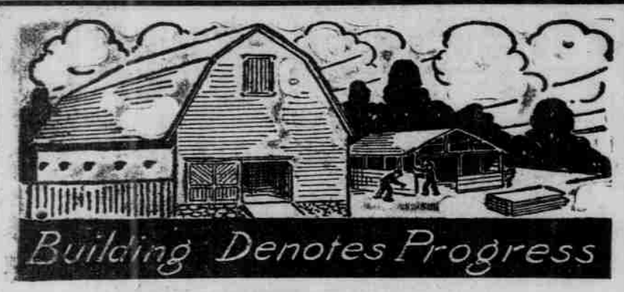

IT'S A SIGN OF THRIFT
and progress to see building and improvement going on.

THERE IS NO BETTER PROOF
of economical and successful management than the right sort of building improvements and plenty of them.

ARE YOU GOING
to put off longer the building of that house, barn or shed?

SEE US TODAY
and get in the van of progress.

THE EDWARD CHAPPELL Co.
NORWICH, CONN
OFFICE & YARDS - CENTRAL WHARF
BRANCH OFFICE - 164 MAIN ST.

NATIONAL PRIORITY BOARD

State Committe Urges Establishment as Soon as Possible.

The Connecticut State Council of Defense, in a resolution forwarded to President Wilson, Secretary of War Baker and Director Gifford of the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense, sets forth the essential needs of this state and "respectfully and very urgently advocates the establishment, as soon as possible, of a national priority board, with full power to determine and take full action for the federal government on call questions of priorities in the production an dtransportation required by the government in the prosecution of the war, and, so far as possible, the corresponding priorities of labor requirements involved in such production."

The text of the resolution was given out today at the council's offices in the state capitol. Its preamble outlines Connecticut's situation in the matter of war work.

The text of the resolution follows:

Whereas the considerations herewith submitted are vital to the work of this council and underlie many of the most important questions before it, to wit:

The chief industry of Connecticut is the production of highly elaborated metal articles, implying great plant investment and peculiarly skilled labor. Such production will be the main contribution of Connecticut to the war.

The making of metal products of high elaboration requires in an extreme degree certain preliminary technical preparation absolutely unavoidable, which involves:

(a) Long periods of time.

(b) Great specialized investment.

Production in war quantities must be by highly specialized automatic machinery. This includes specialized tools, fixtures, gauges and equipment. This special machinery, in its turn, implies time and investment to procure. It is not standard, nor is it purchasable on the ordinary market. It must be built to order. The offer of unlimited money can bring the time for creating such machinery only by a small fraction of that time. There will still always remain absolute physical impossibilities of further acceleration.

Furthermore, large investments of capital must be made in these preliminary requirements.

One of the foremost rifle making concerns in the country, having taken a foreign order for rifles at the beginning of the war, and working under forced speed, (1) took fourteen months before the first batch of rifles was delivered, and (2) invested $850,000 in tools, fixtures and gauges for this one job.

To deliver to the United States the maximum effective strength of Connecticut in production will require a large shifting of industry here; a very great and difficult readjustment of labor disturbance of ordinary commercial activities. While recent legislation has given to the governor, certain very drastic powers, which might be theoretically available here, the use of such powers is only in the case of last resort, and even then, of doubtful efficiency. Effective production of the highly elaborated products cannot be secured by compulsion. The only effective lever, therefore, available to the council, will be an appeal to the patriotism of both sides in industry, to meet a definite demand of their country authoritatively stated.

Nothing else will serve the purpose. Labor must be asked to surrender temporarily, as a body, many of its valued positions, and individually to make great sacrifices. Manufacturers must be asked to make corresponding concessions to labor, to introduce radical changes in their plants and business, and to take large financial risks. Only an authoritative demand, setting forth on behalf of the government, specific needs and requirements can bring about such sacrifices of personal interest. No generalities, or unauthorized requests, or private prophecies of such needs will produce any effect.

The absolute time limitation above stated, makes it imperative that these necessary adjustments in industry be begun at once, if Connecticut's production of munitions is to reach anything like its maximum capacity in the next twelve months.

It will be sufficiently difficult, perhaps impossible, to reach that maximum, even under the most favorable conditions. But to expect such production without giving a chance for the necessary premilimary preparation, based on a definite demand, is utterly hopeless. It cannot be done. No money, no exercise of governmental powers over industry, however extreme, can substantially reduce this inevitable time factor in elaborate production.

This proposition stands at the opening of nearly all the work of this council. So far as concerns the main contribution which Connecticut can make to the war, namely, metals, production, (as well as other less important products), by far the greater part of the work of the council depends, at its outset, for its efficiency, on knowing and being able to state authoritatively, (or cause to be stated through regular channels), to its producing interests:

(a) What the government wants in detail;

(b) What quantities it wants, at least to the extent of considerable "first orders;"

(c) When the articles are wanted;

(d) What order of priority is desired.

It is therefore:

Resolved: That this council, in order to meet the essential needs above set forth, respectfully and very urgently advocates the establishment, as soon as possible, of a National Priority Board, with full power to determine and take final action for the federal government on all questions of priorities in the production and the transportation required by the government in the prosecution of the war, and, so far as possible, the corresponding priorities of labor requirements involved in such production; and further:

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the president of the United States, the chairman of the Council of National Defense and the director of the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense.

Rescued Drowning Boy.

Freeman Kenerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kenerson of Crystal avenue, New London, rescued a boy by the name of Palmer, 14 years old ,living in Bayonet street, New London, from drowning in the Thames river off Riverside park this morning The Palmer boy was in swimming when he went over his head. He was not a good swimmer and he became helpless.

A GOOD ROAD IS A GOOD FRIEND

A BAD ROAD IS A BAD FRIEND

In your journey through life you have noticed how a person who is antagonistic to you or your principles jars the even tenor of your way.

So it is with a Bad Road, it jars and bumps you and makes your journey longer and more disagreeable.

But a good friend never ruffles you but helps all he can to make your journey pleasant and agreeable.

So it is with a Good Road, always slick and smooth under and ahead of you aiding you all it can and seeming to enjoy your journey almost as much as yourself.

But a Good Road like a good Friend must have stability and lasting qualities or else the Road and the Friendship will soon wear out.

A Good Friend must have a strong character that will stand the test of time and not fail under stress or strain.

A Good Road must have a good foundation and the best Portland Cement, a cement that will hold up under all kinds of weather and traffic and the cement that answers that purpose and is now being used on the roads in Norwich is the

Atlas Portland Cement

SOLD BY

THE PECK-McWILLIAMS CO.

Public School Graduation Exercises

Programmes Carried Out Thursday Before Admiring Parents and Friends—Dr. Patrick J. Cassidy Addressed Graduates at Broadway School.

Favored with ideal weather, the schools of the town of Norwich held their graduation exercises in the various school buildings on Thursday afternoon. The exercises at each school were largely attended and the programs were enthusiastically received by the delighted parents and friends of the graduates.

Broadway School.

The program carried out in the senior room at Broadway school was as follows:

Salute to the Flag; music, Star Spangled Banner; declamation, An Appeal to the Nation, President Wilson, Albert Quintilian; essay, The Attack on the Gaspee, Florence M. Buckley; recitation, Wayne at Stony Point, Scollard, Helen J. Munz; music, Babette of Beaujolais, Victor Herbert; declamation, Abraham Davenport, Whittier, Eugene A. Rouleau; recitation, The Plow, Ogilvie, A. Rosina Rogler; recitation, Adelaide Returns from the Country, Carlotta Perry, Natalie A. Macpherson; music, Old Black Joe, Foster; declamation, A Message to Farcia, Hubbard, Harold S. Prentice; declamation, The Bell of Liberty, Headley, Willard C. Asbury; recitation, Love of Country, Scott, school; music, The Union Jack, Adams; declamation, Extract from Second Inaugural, President Wilson, Richard Fanning; recitation, Columbia's Banner, Proctor, Rose Greenberger; music, America Triumphant, Demarest; presentation of diplomas, Dr. P. J. Cassidy, member of school committee; music, America.

Dr. Cassidy who presented the diplomas addressed the class as follows:

This afternoon's exercises complete for for you the course of study required by those in charge of the town schools. Five years ago this month the first class to finish the course, under the management of the consolidated districts' committee, the first class to show the effect of the attempt to shorten the curriculum, passed out from this room as graduates of the Broadway Grammar school of the Norwich schools. Some of us remember that it was quite a large class, being formed by the junction of the ninth grade with part of the upper eighth graders. Since that year there has been no ninth grade, yet there has been no apparent lack of efficiency due to immaturity shown by the pupils that have continued on, with educational effort in the other scholastic institutions in the town.

This class of 1917 presents the peculiarity of a predominating number of boys, has thirty scholars that have been perfect in attendance during the entire year, 34 per cent. of the whole of its members, one boy, Duro, who has been absent only one-half day during the entire time of his nine years in the schools. Willard C. Ashbury and Florence M. Buckley have been distinguished as being worthy of receiving certificates of honorable mention for the essays written and presented by them for judgment in the contest instituted by the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames.

Children, you have done well for yourselves, for your teachers, for your parents; you have shown that you were both able and willing to accept and absorb the foundations of a general education that have been laid out for you. You have shown a desire to be able to do things that required manual dexterity in connection with the governing mind. The boys, in work with the carpenter's and cabinet-maker's tools have done very well. I wish the parents would all see the work in the shop. But the girls—mothers, you need not be afraid to entrust your girls with the work of preparing and serving a mighty nice dinner and you may be sure that they also know the food values of the different preparations as well as how to prepare them, more than that, they know the need of economy. Therefore, to repeat, it seems that this group of 89 may be said to be prepared to continue, to take up Life's further burdens. That these burdens are to be great cannot be denied, greater than ever before, owing to certain exigencies that have arisen during the past year. One year ago I made the dogmatic statement that every war was caused by the "Dollar" lust. Up to that time, that statement could not have been controverted. But at the present time our own country, our United States, has entered into the most gigantic, most hateful struggle that history has ever recorded, not for gain, not for conquest, but for the freedom and liberty of the human race, for the defense of non-militarism against militarism, for the sake of humanity as against machine-like autocratic efficiency. Why? Allow me to quote from the Bunker Hill speech of Daniel Webster: "Let us endeavor to comprehend, in all its magnitude, and to feel in all its importance, the part assigned to us in the great drama of human affairs. We are placed at the head of the system of representative and popular governments. Thus far, our example shows that such governments are compatible not only with respectability and power, but with repose, with peace, with security of personal rights, with good laws and a just administration."

Believing these statements to be true, and no citizen of this country, nay, no resident on its soil, will deny even a portion of one, and believing that this mighty fabric is in imminent danger of being rent asunder by a strong militarist power, absolute cold logiv gives the answer to the question "Why." What the ultimate end or when it will be, can be truly said to be very problematic. For a successful outcome of our endeavor the absolute necessity of the aid of each and everyone of us who worship this great fabric of freedom must be must be recognized. The aid in personnel of the front line forces, in the far greater army of those who must produce and conserve the necessities for that front line force is a tremendous thing to consider. Here in this school the need has been seen and the burden assumed. Not only have you enlisted yourselves in the army of production and conservation but one. Fairbanks has offered his person to the United States by making application for enrollment in the navy service as apprentice. It is the dearest hope of all of us that the actual grapple of Death may not be necessary, but if it must come let us remember that our object is first, and always, the preservation of our country and to the end that that country may remain a vast and splendid monument of wisdom, of peace and of liberty upon which the world may gaze with admiration forever.

The members of the class follow:

Percy A. Adams, Willard C. Asbury, Horace P. Bill, Walfrid G. Bjorn, Arthur W. Botham, Raymond C. Boynton, Theodore Bushnell, Raymond D. Byrnes, Paul V. Chivers, Herbert H. Corey, Paul M. Cramer, Frank L. Crowell, Edward H. Duro, Louis E. Epps, Jr., Albert T. Fairbanks, Richard Fanning, Thomas S. Farrell, Charles D. Geer, Jr., Thomas J. Gleason, Joseph L. Grablefsky, Lincoln T. Harris, Walter G. Hitchon, Jr., Carl H. Holdridge, Worth Howard, Charles G. Hutzler, Louis King, Raymond F. Krug, William H. Latham, Earl S. Lewis, Spencer C. Lincoln, John McBurney, Moorad Mosesian, Merton A. Palmer, Chester A. Parker, Richard P. Peale, William V. Pedace, Elmer T. Pierson, Harold S. Prentice, Albert Quintilian, Robert L. Rice, Eugene A. Rouleau, Richard A. Sabrowski, Robert D. Sage, Lawrence H. Tefft, Benjamin Wolk, Robert C.Woodmansee, John T. Young, Jr.

Zylpha E. Barnes, Lena I. Bendett, Charlotte R. Bentley, Helen G. Berryman, Gertrude Blum, Rose B. Breckenridge, Bessie L. Brown, Florence M. Buckley, Helen G. Cochrane, Stella M. Connelll, Esther Cramer, Helen C. Curran, Blanche M. Dygert, Anna V. Erickson, Emily Gallup, Rose Greenberger, Edna A. Hanson, Winnifred Holton, Alta R. Kalief, Agnes V. Kaminski, Dorothy A. Kane, Alice M. Kelley, Irene E. Kiedasch, Antonia A. Kratochvil, Constance M. Lang, Mary C. Londergan, Natalie A. Macpherson, Margaret F. McGarry, Harriet Morgan, Marion Mott, Helen J. Munz, Eva S. Patridge, Lila E. Phillips, Marjorie M. Poole, Dorothy C. Rasmussen, *Florence H. Rogers, A. Rosina Rogler, Sadie M. Shea, Elizabeth D. Smith, Lucile T. Spaulding, Nora I. Warwick, Florence B. Whitehead.

*Post graduate.

Greeneville School.

At the Greeneville school the exercises were carried out in the school hall at 2.30 o'clock. The program was as follows:

March; entrance of graduates; prayer, Rev. F. J. Bohanan; chorus, America Triumphant, Demarest, grades VIII and VII; declamation, Have Courage, My Boy, to Say No, Anon., Arthur Wheeler Fitch; recitation, How He Saved St. Michael's, Stansbury, Blanche Edith Smigiel; chorus, Darkey Lullaby, Dvorak, grades VIII and VII; recitation, Somebody's Darling, Anon., Elizabeth MacClimon; declamation, The Black Horse and His Rider, Lippard, Thomas Graig Ferguson; recitation, Make Room in Heaven, Durant, Gertrude Boynton Topliff; chorus, In Spain, Di Chiara, grades VIII and VII; recitation, Better Than Gold, Smart, Elizabeth Alice Krohn; declamation, Casey at the Bat, Thayer, Louis James Fitzgerald.

Violin trio, with piano accompaniment, Nights of Gladness, Ancliffe, Janie Florence Lambert, Frederick Smead, Herbert Lennon McNeely and George Frederick Barwell; recitation, The Polish Boy, Stephens, Celia Elizabeth Rozycki; declamation, Marco Bozzaris, Halleck, Herbert Lennon McNeeley; chorus, Who is Silvia? Schubert, Grades VII and VII; recitation, Sherman's March, Brooks, Rosie Janie Schaff; declamation, Independence Bell, Anon, John MacDougall Buchanan; chorus, Flow'ret Forget-Me-Not, Giese, Grades VIII and VII; recitation, The American Flag, Drake, Winifred Aileen Zahn; presentation of diplomas, Robert McNeeley, member of town school committee; chorus, Star Spangled Banner, Key, Grades VIII and VII.

The members of the class were as follows:

John Aluboulcz, George Frederick Barwell, John MacDougall Buchanan, Lillian Elizabeth Burdick, Hugh McKinley Dilworth, Arthur Rienhuld Ellison, Thomas Craig Ferguson, Arthur Wheeler Fitch, Louis James Fitzgerald, Emily Mary Hayden, Dorothy Margaret Heibel, George Dransfield Hollingworth, Florence Elizabeth Kennedy, James William Kliday, Elizabeth Alice Krohn, Harold Jester Krohn, Frances Charlotte Ksiazek.

Janie Florence Lambert, James Edward Moran, Blanche Irene Muheim, Elizabeth MacClimon, Edith Boyd McAvoy, Herbert Lennon McNeely, Edna Irene Prodell, Paula Elizabeth Rodzay, Celia Elizabeth Rozycki, Rose Janie Schaff, Frederick Smead, Edanche Edith Smigiel, Benjamin Thomas Stearns, Marguerite Kispert Sutthill, Gertrude Boynton Topliff and Winifred Aileen Zahn.

The class motto was "Perseverance."

Wequonnoc School.

At 2.30 o'clock the graduation at Wequonnoc school took place. The programme follows:

March, entrance of classes of 1917 and 1918; music, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Howe, school chorus; recitation, The Geeysburg Address, Lincoln, classes of 1917 and 1918; declamation, The Confederate Sergeant, Adapted, Carl William Kloss; reading, Betty Zane, English, Myrtle Helen Gagnon; music, In the Searchlight, Glover, by school chorus; declamation, The Bell Ringer of '76, Chapin, Harold Heap; reading, The Four Misfortunes, Saxe, Sarah Isadora Grant; recitatiol, Polonius to Laertes, Shakespeare, classes of 1917 and 1918; music, The Song of the Triton, Malloy, school chorus; declamation, Opportunity, Sill, Russell Hanson Carter; quotations, Purpose and Industry, Adapted, Mossis Thurlaw, Anaise May Marsan, Irving Maqnard Haven, Asa Joseph Dion; reading, ePter's Ride to the Wedding, Anonymous, Mildred May Maynard; music, LaPaloma, Yfardier, school chorus; declamation, Marco Bozzaris, Halleck, Raymond Alberto Pingree, reading, The Knight's Toast, Anonymous, Anna Margaret Bauer; recitation, Peroration to the Great Debate, Webster, classes of 1917 1918; music, Speed On, Roeckel, school chorus; declamation, General Grant's Policy, Brooks, Walter Carl Abrahamson; reading, Song of the Market Place, Buckham, Ethel Eugenia Aberg; recitation, To a Waterfowl, Bryant, by classes of 1917 and 1918; music, Roses Everywhere, school chorus; presentation of diplomas, Charles O. Murphy, member of town school committee; closing, Your Flag and My Flag, Wilbur; Salute to The Flag; singing, The Star Spangled Banner.

The class of 1917 is as follows:

Ethel Eugenia Aberg, Walter Carl Abrahamson, Anna Margaret Bauer, Russell Hanson Carter, Asa Joseph Dion, Myrtle Helen Gagnon, Sarah Isadora Grant, Irving Maynard Haven, Harold Heap, Carl William Kloss, Anaise Mary Marsan, Mildred May Maynard, Raymond Albert Pingree and Morris Thurlow.

Each graduate also received an additional diploma for having completed the course of the Norwich Pupils' Reading Circle.

West Town Street School.

West Town Street school graduation exercises took place at 2 o'clock the programme being as follows:

Poem, The Republic, Longfellow; song, When the Bloom is on the Rye, Bishop; recitation, Columbus, Miller, Percy Miner; recitation, Supposed Speech of an Indian Chief, Everett, John Freyer; song, Silent Now the Drosy Bird, Offenbach; poem, Independence Bell, Avon; recitation, Kentuck Belle, Woolson, Madeline Weeks; song, A Night in May, Silver; recitation fror "The Story of a Bad Boy," Aldrich, Drexel Hanna; Preamble to The Constitution.

Recitation, A Pleasant Remark from Franklin, Fiske, Darrow Vergason; song, Our Clock, Marzo; essay, Patrick Henry, Madeline Weeks; song, America; recitation, Selection from A Man Without a Country, Hale, Wallace Harbeck; presentation of diplomas, Edward J. Graham, Superintendent of Schools; quotations, Daniel Webster, Abraham Lincoln; song, The Star Spangled Banner; poem, Your Flag and My Flag, Nesbit; Salute to the Flag.

The graduates were John Paul Freyer, Drexel William Hanna, Percy Albert Miner, Frederick Darrow Vergason, Madeline Niola Weeks.

The honor list for June was, Grade 8, Madeline Weeks, Darrow Vergason; grade 7, Miriam Griswold, Robert Avery, Charles Zukowsky, Levina Stott and Mary Mara; grade 6, Joseph Govin, Warren Hill, Theodore Conneli; grade 5, Leo Tumicki, Elizabeth Avery, Robert Stott; grade 3, Jennie Zawacki, Louise Zawacki, Bertha Banas. Of the graduating class Darrow Vergason goes to the Academy, others of the class to the commercial school. Miss McClafferty will teach in Taftville next year, her place in the sixth and seventh grades will be taken by Miss Reardon.

West Chelsea School

At West Chelsea school the graduation exercises took place at 2 o'clock. The programme was as follows:

Prayer, Rev. J. H. Newland; music, The Union Jack, Wilbur Nesbit, school chorus; recitation, America, Anna Frances Hussey; music, America, Rev. S. F. Smith school chorus; declamation An Appeal to Arms Patrick Henry, Avery Harris Stanton; recitation, The Battle Hymn of the Republic, Anna Marshak; music ,The Battle Hymn of the Republic, Julia Ward Howe, school chorus; recitation, Hail Columbia, Annie Heckt; music, Hail Columbia, Hon. Joseph Hopkinson, L. L. D., school chorus; recitation, Heroes, Edna Dean Proctor, Laura Susan Peckham; declamation, The True America, Anon., Louis Goldstein; recitation, A Civic Creed, school; music, America Triumpahnt, Demarest, school chorus; reading, The Man Without a Country, Edward Everett Hale, Cipa Rosenberg; recitation, There Are Many Flags, Anon., Bessie Shereshevsky; Salute to the Flag, school; presentation of diplomas, Barzillai P. Bishop; recitation ,The Star Spangled Banner, Eva Lubchansky; music, The Star Spangled Banner, Francis S .Key, school chorus.

The members of the graduating class were the following: Hyman Benjamin Bass ,Max Louis Bendett, Clarence Jerome Brewer, Sterrill Morey Chase, Sven Gustav Didrikson, Samuel Fishkin, Raymond Edward Fitzgerald, Lewis Fox, Louis Harold Goldstein, Percival Francis Harwood, Charles Samuel Heebner, Lloyd Backus Jones, Leroy Hugh Lafferty, Frank Bartlett Lamb, Forest Trimble Lewis, Louis Marx, Maurice Benjamin Moskowitz, Raymond Fargo Royce, Irwin Foster Sanborn, Walter Terrence Schuler, Henry August Smith, Henry August Smith, Avery Harris Stanton, Jacob Charles Sternlieb, Anna Vera Coit, Helen Elizabeth Frink, Sarah Alice Gadbois, Annie Heckt, Dorothy Tracy Holden, Anna Frances Hussey, Rebecca Kavinsky Madeline Louise LaRochelle, Eva Lubchansky, Rachel Marshay, Mary Margaret McCarthy, Ethel Lora Miller , Rachel Nowick, Laura Susan Peckham, Sadie Mary Phillips, Cipa Rosenberg, Eva Sadinsky , Bessie Shereshevsky, Anna Strom, Victoria Wildowski, Mary Elizabeth Williams.

The class motto was "I Can and I Will."

Town Street School.

There was a graduating class of ten at the Town Street school, five of whom have certificates for the Academy: Mary Healey, Alice Kennedy, Katherine Wagner, Mildred Kinney and Catherine Hill. Thursday afternoon the senior room, W. G. Tarbox, principal, was most tastefully decorated with snowballs, iris, syringa, ferns and oak leaves, while large flags were in keeping with this patriotic programme, a feature of which was the well given piano solos:

America; recitation, The Flag of Betsy Ross, Catherine Wagner; piano solo, LaFontaine, Jennie Hafner; song, Allan Water; Nothing but Flags, Hazel Waterman; song, The Thunder Maker; Our Cherished Flag, Alice Kennedy; song, Star of the Sea; piano solo, Knight Rupert, Catherine Hill; Our Flag, Mary Healey; song, Birdies' Lullaby; To the American Flag, Mildred Kinney; piano solo, Echoes of the Lake, Alice Kennedy; The Call of the Flag, Mildred Casey; honors; diplomas; song, The Star Spangled Banner.

NORWICH TOWN

Sachem Social Club Entertained—Mrs. F. S. Wheeler Gives Whist—Pupils Perfect in Attendance at West Town Street School.

Thirty members of Sachem Social club of the Eastern Star had a most enjoyable afternoon Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. J. Jones on Bliss place. Five tables of whist were played; handsome prizes were won; firsts to Mrs. George Stevens and Mrs. William Kramer; seconds by Mrs. Peter Wilson and Mrs. John Ferguson. Appetizing refreshments of cake, ice cream and fruit punch were served.

Four-Table Whist.

Mrs. F. S. Wheeler gave a whist Wednesday afternoon at her home on the Scotland road. Four tables were played. First prizes were won by Mrs. J. D. McCarthy and Miss Warren of Fall River, Mass.; seconds by Mrs. W. D. Thacher and Mrs. C. F. Langhaar. Sandwiches, cake and fruit punch was served by the hostess.

PUNCTUAL PUPILS.

West Town Street Girls and Boys Who Attended School Every Day.

West Town street school; grades 7 and 8. Perfect attendance for the term ending June 22, 1917: Drexel Hanna, Lewis Irish, Mary Louise Mara. For year: Drexel Hanna, Lewis Irish.

Grades 5 and 6; Lillian McClafferty Number registered, 31. Perfect attendance for term ending June 22: Elizabeth Avery, Josephine Hill, John Mara, Leroy Miner, John Rogers, Charlotte Staubly, Leonard Staubly. Perfect for the year: Elizabeth Avery, Josephine Hill, John Mara, Leroy Miner, John Rogers, Charlotte Staubly, Leonard Staubly.

Grades 3 and 4; Miss J. E. McNamara. Present for the year: George Hill, Earl Hill, Elizabeth Mara, Kathleen Ryan, Agatha Murray. Perfect for the term: George Hill, Earl Hill, Agatha Murray, Kenneth Connell, Kenneth Gembel, Elizabeth Mara, Beulah Rogers, Kathleen Ryan, Jennie Zawacki, Leo Janowicz.

Grades 1 and 2; Miss Helen E. Murphy, teacher. Number registered, 27; neither absent or tardy for the term, 5: Joseph Banas, Blanche Hill, Fannie Miller, John Perkowsky, Sophie Zawacki. For the year, 1: Fannie Miller.

Local Brevities.

There will be June devotions this (Friday) evening at Sacred Heart church.

Thomas Filburn of Huntington avenue has gone to Hartford, where he is employed.

After three months' stay up town, Royce McCall returned Tuesday to his home in Goshen.

Miss Anna Shahan of West Town street has returned froma few days' visit with relatives in Hartford.

Mrs. M. J. Woodworth of West Town street was in Willimantic Tuesday to attend the funeral of her nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers have returned from their wedding trip and are at their home on Huntington avenue.

Mrs. John English and two children of New York arrive today (Friday) to visit Mrs. Timothy Fields of Elm avenue.

Mrs. Warner and daughter of Fall River, Mass., are visiting Mrs. Warner's sisters, Mrs. Irving Bushnell and Mrs. Nathan Bushnell.

Mrs. Crocker and Mrs. Palmer of New London recently visited their sister, Mrs. M. J. Woodworth, at her home on West Town street.

Mrs. Joseph Smith, who came Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. George A. Peck, of Otrobando avenue, returned Thursday to her home in Colchester.

THE THAMES RIVER BRIDGE MUST WAIT

High Cost of Material Makes It Impossible to Carry Out Profit.

In connection with the Associated Press despatch stating that work of converting the Thames river bridge into a highway bridge, because of the high cost of material, State Highway Commissioner Charles Bennett declared that it would be impossible to carry out the project at present with the amount appropriated by the legislature. He asserted that under the present conditions it is practically impossible to get material necessary for the work at reasonable prices and that the prices were advancing continually. Last week there was an advance of about $30,000 in the price of material which would be needed and undoubtedly it is more this week.

He was asked if a sufficient sum to carry out the project could not be secured from the board of control, if the appropriation was not sufficient and he replied that he did not know whether the board has any money which might be applied to the purpose, if it had the power.

He declared that it would be possible to begin work on the approaches and do as much preliminary work as the appropriation would permit, but he did not think that a delay in carrying out the plan would have any serious effect on the final success of the project.

To a question as to whether it will not be necessary to take the draw out of the present bridge as soon as the new bridge is ready for operation, State Highway Commissioner Bennett said that it would be necessary to do something. Either the ends of the draw would have to be taken off and the draw shortened or the draw would have to be taken out entirely. He declared that the department is working on this matter now.

PRESTON TOWN SCHOOLS GRADUATION THIS EVENING

At Parish House, Poquetanuck—Exhibit of Pupil's Work Announced.

The graduation exercises and school exhibit of the public schools of Preston will be held this (Friday) evening at eight o'clock at the parish house, Poquetanuc, and the following programme will be given:

Music, Springtime, Poquetanuck school; prayer, Rev. F. E. Tholen, of Preston City; address of welcome, by Helen Willett Poquetanuck; History of Preston, Rose Schleifer, Preston City; folk dancing, Poquetanuck primary; Roads of Preston, Alice Ayer, Palmer; Industries of Preston, Harold Mansfield, Poquetanuck; music, Our Bark is of the Ocean's Foam, Poquetanuck school; State Institutions of Preston, Raymond Grandy, Poquetanuck; Early Schools in Preston, Earl Coughlin, Poquetanuck; Preston in the Revolutionary War, Grace Zabriskie; Physical Training, Poquetanuck Grammar; Farewell Address, Leslie Harkness, of Poquetanuc; impromptu remarks, Soldiers of '61, by request, Capt. Samuel Knapp; Conferring of diplomas, by chairman of the school board, Appleton Main; music, Lullaby and Good Night, Poquetanuck school; National Hymn.

The graduates are: Leslie Harkness, Earl Coughlin, Harold Mansfield, Raymond Grandy, Helen Willet, Grace Zabriskie, Rose Schleifer and Alice Ayer.

Appointed Chief Clerk

Elmer H. Lounsbury, a lawyer of Hartford was Wednesday appointed by State Secretary Frederick L. Pelletier to suceed Raymond B. Comstock as chief clerk of the department and the change will take effect June 23. Mr. Lounsbury was chief clerk of the department from 1909 to 1913, under Secretary Matthew H. Rogers, and started practicing law in Hartford after he was succeeded in the office by T. B. Myers, who was appointed by Albert Phillips, secretary of the state from 1913 to 1915.

Special war courses, in such subjects as trench-warfare, field service regulations, map making and reading, and camp sanitation, have been begun at some of the universities and colleges of the United States.

VOLUNTEERS

WANTED FOR ALL BRANCHES

Enlist Today

IF YOU WANT TO GET INTO THE

UNITED STATES ARMY

CONNECTICUT'S QUOTA NEARLY FILLED

FIGHT FOR YOUR COUNTRY

BE A GOOD FIGHTER

Get your Military Training with the best soldiers in the world, the

UNITED STATES REGULARS

ENLISTMENT FOR THE WAR ONLY, WITH A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY FOR A COMMISSION

Full pay and allowances while sick and while on furlough. No doctors' bills. A pension for life if permanently injured or incapacitated in line of duty. Free transportation to place of enlistment when honorably discharged.

Aliens not subject enemy country can be enlisted without obtaining first papers. Ability to speak English only educational qualification required. Age 18 to 40, inclusive. Pay: $30.00 a month and board, lodging, clothing, fuel, lights, medicines and medical attendance, schools, libraries and gymnasiums.

APPLY ARMY RECRUITING STATIONS

New Haven New London Hartford Bridgeport Waterbury

or to any Postmaster

DON'T WAIT TO BE DRAFTED