MILFORD NEWS

John Holloway of the Edgewood Press motored to Boston with his mother for a visit to his sister, Mrs. Adams.

Mrs. Earl Ferris and baby daughter Jean, of Park Circle, have gone to Danbury for a month's stay with Mrs. Ferris' mother, Mrs. R. Coyne.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wilcox, and daughter Hazel, who spent the winter in Florida, have returned. Mr. Wilcox is at "Evenside," on Gulf street and Mrs. and Miss Wilcox have stopped over in New York for a few days.

Mrs. George Malory of 12 Lafayette street will entertain Lucia Chapter, Eastern Star, at her home Friday afternoon.

There was a large attendance at the dance given by the Milford Life Saving Corps at the town hall last night.

The Ladies of Plymouth church will hold a bake sale at Sattig's store, Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Most of the boys from Camp Devens have arrived home, a few who stayed for the parade in Hartford are expected today.

The May meeting of the Freelove Stowe chapter, D. A. R., was held this afternoon. The report of the committee of Mrs. N. M. Pond, regent; Mrs. Freda M. Clark, delegate, and Mrs. Clifford B. Clark, who represented the chapter at the annual meeting of the Continental Congress held early in April was received.

Nathan S. Clark, aged 72, of West Town street, died Tuesday evening after a short illness from pneumonia. The deceased was born and always lived in Milford and was well known taroughout the town. In early life he received an injury which caused the loss of sight but learned piano tuning and continued in that profession until within a short time of his death. He is survived by one son, H. S. Clark. Funeral services will be held at his late home Friday afternoon, and Rev. L. B. Briggs will officiate.

In the post office window will be found on exhibition two German helmets offered as prizes to Victory loan workers. One will be awarded to the canvasser who at the end of the drive has the largest amount of cash subscriptions and the other to the one who has the largest total individual subscriptions.

A Victory Liberty Loan Rally will be held at the town hall Sunday evening at 7:30. All churches of the town will combine in this rally and the usual evening services will be omitted. Major Haggerty of the 102nd Regiment will deliver an address and there will be special music.

The Village Improvement association will hold a meeting Friday night, May 9, at the Chapter house.

The new ordinance concerning the keeping and sale of gasolene, oils, etc., goes into effect today and all dealers must procure a license from Fire Chief Stevens.

PETER OF SERBIA THANKS AMERICA

Expresses Profound Gratitude of His People For Aid Given Them.

Athens, Sunday, April 27.---By The Associated Press)—King Peter of Serbia, who is living quietly alone in a little suburban retreat overlooking the Bay of Piraeus, six miles from here, expressed through The Associated Press today the "profound gratitude of the Serbian nation for the Christian charity of the American people so marvelously organized by the Red Cross."

The venerable monarch, who will be 75 years old in June, spoke with great feeling of the assistance given by Americans to the population of Serbia and to tens of thousands of refugees, repatriated prisoners and wounded soldiers who since the armistice, have poured into the country over every road and mountain pass.

"The smiles which the American Red Cross has brought to the faces of my people," he said, "are the best expressions of gratitude I can give the American nation, for those smiles are but the reflection of hearts and souls touched by the kindness and charity of a greater people."

King Peter, who has been living in this part of Greece for more than a year, a fact which has been unknown to the outside world, asked to be excused from commenting upon the political situation. He is no longer participating actively in the affairs of the Serbian government and is content to leave them to his son, Prince Regent Alexander, and the cabinet.

The aged ruler's right side is paralyzed and he spends the most of the time in bed, being able to walk only with crutches. He receives no visitors except his personal physician and his aide de camp, and keeps himself in such seclusion that even his own minister in Athens has been able to see him only once in the last 18 months. The statement he gave The Associated Press today was the first public announcement he has made in more than a year.

As soon as the railroad from Saloniki to Belgrade is restored, King Peter plans to return to the seclusion of his private monastery outside his capital where he will spend his remaining days aloof from the strife of war and the stress of public life.

NOT TO STANDARD.

Mary Jane downed dusters and faced her mistress.

"I'm going to leave, mum," she announced.

"Why, I've been doing half your work myself in order to induce you to stay," rejoined the lady. "Isn't that enough?"

"Yes'm," answered the girl. "But your half of it isn't done to suit me, [illegible]?"

DEVON

The town clerk has been a busy man for the last few days licensing dogs for owners of the town. Most owners always wait until the last few days and this year was no exception. Last year 627 licenses were issued and the dog warden killed 211 dogs during the year. It is expected that the number of licenses issued this year will equal last year. Those owners that did not procure a license before May 1, will be compelled to pay an additional dollar for the delay.

Sunday evening, May 4, in the town hall there will be a Victory Liberty Loan Rally at which Major Haggerty of the 102nd will deliver an address. All the churches in town have united in this rally and have agreed to hold no evening service that day. There will be a special musical program. There will be no solicitations for subscriptions at this meeting, the purpose being to disseminate information and create an interest in the loan.

All of the Devon boys who were members of the 102nd have arrived home and after a short vacation will resume their pre-war vocations.

Letters received from Bertram Shalkop, who served for some months in the U. S. Hospital Corps, state that he has reached this country again, having landed at Newport News, and that he expects to be back home again in a short time.

Nathan S. Clark, the blind piano tuner of Milford, who was well known in Devon, died Tuesday night at his home in West Town street. He is survived by one son, Herbert Spencer Clark of Milford, and two brothers, Wilbur of New Haven and Charles of West Haven. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at which Rev. L .B. Briggs will officiate.

The Devon Hose company fought stubborn fires yesterday afternoon and evening on the property of Summer Smith on the south side of the railroad tracks. No damage was done but the strong wind caused the firemen considerable hard work.

The Ladies 'Aid society of the Devon Union church met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elroy Eaton of Florence avenue.

The post office department requests that all mail boxes used for the receipt of mail by residents on the routes of the rural mail carriers be placed on the right side of the road as numerous accidents have happened to carriers who were compelled to cross the roads to deliver mail.

The Boys' Fife and Drum Corps appeared on the street for the first time last night and attracted considerable attention and interest. The boys have made great progress under the instruction of Elmer Mapp and when they appear in their new uniforms they will be one of the best corps in the state.

Arbor and Bird Day will be observed Friday in the schools.

NO BOLSHEVISM IN UKRAINE

Stanislau, West Ukraine, April 12—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—"There is no disorder and not a bit of Bolshevism among us," Premier Isidore Holubowitz of the Ukraine, told the correspondent of The Asesociated Press the other day. "Only recently we expelled two agitators from Moscow who were disguised as members of the Red Cross. We are very anxious to have an Allied Mission visit us and see the facts with their own eyes.

"Thus far The Associated Press correspondent is the first foreign journalist to be sent among us. We want the Americans to know us as a people who demand their rights and are willing to die for them. We are just plain, common people without any aristocratic frills.

"We believe that President Wilson's ethnology plan is the only possible settlement of all these disputes. We are willing to abide by any fair division by unprejudiced persons after they are properly acquainted with the subject."

Premier Holubowitz had been discussing with The Associated Press correspondent the failure of the Allied Miasion to compose the differences between the Poles and the Ukrainians over the Lemberg oil region which has been one cause of the fighting over the possession of the city of Lemberg. He pointed out that the Ukrainians declined to accede to the request of the Allied Mission to stop fighting, because they believed the commissioners were disposed to favor the Poles.

"As at present organized there are two Ukraines," resumed the Premier. "One of these is composed of 5,000,000 Ukrainians in Eastern Galicia; the other of upward to 30,000,000 in the Ukraine provinces of Old Russia of which Kiev is the capital. On January 3 we proclaimed a union of the two Ukraines and our present relation is that of federated states. At the head is a directorate of five of which one, Gen. Petlura, is our representative; while four other persons represent the greater Ukraine on the directorate.

"Our relations now are largely a matter of exchange of commodities. Greater Ukraine furnishes us with sugar, wheat, leather and money. Nominally General Grekow is at the head of the army, though ours is separately commanded.

"For the moment we are fighting the Poles while the others are fighting the Bolsheviki, who are in possession of Kiev. However, there are among our troops many Cossacks from Poltava and elsewhere. We are absolutely of the same race as the Kiev Ukraines, speak the same language and have the same customs. The only difference is in the matter of religion. We are largely Roman Catholics while the people of Greater Ukraine are orthodox. However, every religion is free among us."

No particular reason why the Huns should sign the peace treaty if they don't want it, as a refusal on their part would give the United States an excuse for giving its food to those [illegible]

ICEBREAKERS TAKE FOOD TO YANKEES

Economia, Russia, April 17.---(Correspondence of The Associated Press ---Delayed.)---When the ice-breakers bring Allied soldiers or mails or provisions into Economia, which is the winter port of Archangel, things happen sometimes that even Baron Manchausen might not have believed.

Economia is about 20 miles from Archangel down the frozen Dvina river to its mouth. The ice-breakers plough their way up the river to this point, where a winter railway, built over frozen ground, furnishes transport to Archangel.

It is here that sleigh drivers crossing the river on the ice whip up their ponies or reindeers to scurry out of the way of a ship, that whistles for a clear path while she breaks the ice ahead of her.

The cold is so intense that the path of water where the ship has broken through freezes again within a few hours, permitting sleigh traffic to be renewed.

When one goes out to visit a ship at Economia he drives up to its side in a sleigh, or walks over the river to it.

The Allies are making determined efforts to keep this harbor open throughout the winter, in order to supply properly the Americans and other troops in Northern Russia. A airge number of ice-breakers are to be employed to keep a channel fairly free from ice from Economia to Kandalasha or Kemi, on the White Sea coast, where connection is made with the railway leading to Murman, an open port.

At the present time, ships are able to operate at Murmansk, but this is expected to be impossible when ice fils the neck of the White Sea.

LIVE STOCK MARKET

Beeves—Common to good steers sold at $10.50@$17.85 per 100 lbs.; ordinary oxen, $11; common to choice bulls, $7@$13.75; common to choice cows, $4@$12.25; 2 head extra, $14. Dressed beef, 18@25 1-2c. for native sides.

Calves—Common to prime veals, $11@$16.50 per 100 lbs.; culls, $9@$11; little calves, $8@$9.50; skim milk calves, $9@$10. City dressed veals, 18@25c.; country dressed 16@23c.

Sheep—Unshorn lambs sold at $18.50@$20 per 100 lbs.; clipped, $16@$17.50; clipped sheep (wethers), $14; clipped ewes, $9@$12. Dressed mutton 20@24c.; dressed lambs, 28@34c.

Hogs—$20.25@$20.75 per 100 lbs. for light to heavy weights; roughs, $17.7 Country dressed hogs, 18@23c.

FAMILY QUARREL STOPPED LAW TO COMMUNIZE GIRLS

Budapest, May 1. (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—It was due to a family quarrel that Hungary escaped having its women "communized" after the fashion of the Russian "republic" of Saratoff rather than to the abhorrence of Bela Kun to the scheme as the latter afterwards stated.

The law to communize women was actually framed and in the printers' hands ready for publication when Herr Weltner, one of the cabinet of young men who are now ruling the fate of the former kingdom, went home for supper. During the meal he told his wife and his mother-in-law in glowing terms about the projected forms.

"What are you doing for women?" They asked.

Weltner then explained that in future women would be free; that they would be permitted to choose their own husbands and discard them if they liked by the simple process of paying a few cents for a legal paper declaring their "unfitness" for married life. Further conversation developed the fact that the new law also gave husbands the same right; that children might be turned over to the care of the state, so that both husband and wife would get rid of the duties and responsibilities of rearing their offspring.

"Do you mean that you can get rid of me from one day to another and marry the next day if you like?" demanded young Frau Weltner.

"That's how the law stands," replied the husband.

Then the storm broke. Both wife and mother-in-law began to scream and a frenzied scene ensued, the upshot of which was that the women demanded that Weltner should get the law stopped, or they would leave him at once and would, moreover, get all the wives, mothers and mothers-in-law of all the ministers to do the same.

Weltner in the interest of his home comfort, eventually promised to do his best and use his influence with his fellow members, through his paper, the People's Voice to get the law rescinded. He went to the telephone and had a conversation with Bela Kun and the other ministers and then called up the printers, telling them that no proofs needed to be "pulled" from the forms where the law lay. He also ordered that the type should be melted up and the story destroyed.

It was thus that the law died.

CAUGHT THE GANG.

She was much interested in prison reform, and was visiting a large prison one day.

"Don't any of your friends come to see you on visiting days?" she asked of a big, burly ruffian.

"No'm," responded the former burglar. "They're all here with me."

Latest is that th farmers are going on strike for a 12-hour day, but the eight-hour folks in the cities say there is nothing to arbitrate.

VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE.

San Salvador, Wednesday, April 30—The earthquake which occurred here at dawn day before yesterday was the most violent ever registered in this country. Several tremors of less violence have been felt since. Many people are sleeping in the parks and plazas, but electric light and water service has been restored. Surgeons and physicians are attending the large number of persons injured.

BOY SCOUTS TO RECEIVE MEDALS

Those Earned At Last Liberty Loan To Be Awarded.

The Boy Scouts of Bridgeport, who earned medals in the Fourth Liberty Loan will receive them at a mass meeting to be held in the High School Auditorium on Friday evening, May 1. Arthur Comley, treasurer of the Council, and one of Bridgeport's well known Four Minute Men, will preside at the meeting. The speaker of the evening will be Lynn W. Wilson, who, with his usual enthusiasm and energy will talk to the Scouts about their activities in the city; emphasizing especially what they can do in this last Liberty Loan to make it successful. The medals will be pinned on the Scouts by a committee of World War veterans.

The Scouts will serve as gleaners after the reapers as they have done heretofore, systematically canvassing the city on Saturday, May 3, and on Monday, May 5, after which time they may solicit where ever they wish.

The following Scouts will receive medals or bars: Wayne Thrall, Alfred Keller, Isadore Greenstein, Louis Schneider and John Karabinos, all of Troop No. 1; Fred Nichols and Oliver Andrus of Troop No. 4; Walter S. Tyler, Jr., Leonard Shaw, Harold Marks, Kenneth Walker, William Hamilton, Michael Strauss, Leo Strauss, Peter Abromaytis, Ralph Bogitsh, Raymond DeChamps, Edward Strauss, Harold Freedman and Wm. Banny, all of Troop No. 5; Richard Osborn of Troop No. 6; William Ellison of Troop No. 8; Byard Pawson, John C. B. Storrs, Kenneth Wallace, Frank Marsh, Rae Crouch, William Crouch, all of Troop No. 10; Harold Smith and Julius Sherman of Troop No. 11; Lawrence Alling, Donald Kimball and Palmer Senior of Troop No. 12; John Tousey and Toney Chiilino of Troop No. 13; Irving Goldstein and Joseph Moscovitz of Troop No. 14; Oliver Penny of Troop No. 15; Elmore Lyford ,Clark Smith, William Butterfield, William Darsey of Troop No. 16; E. C. Johnson and Ronald Whegher of Troop No. 17; Charles Ferron, Ray Watt and John Waters of Troop No. 18; Elwood Stanley, Carlton Weidenhammer, Ronald Oxford, John Wheway, Daniel Ambrose, George B. Ruder, Sturges Hurlburt, Richard Everett, Ronald Hopkins, Moreau Lawson, Cecil Hoagland, William Hopkins, Henry Hurlburt, all of Troop No. 20; William Angliss, Wm. Wright and Chauncey Jepson, Robert G. Hull, all of Troop No. 21; William Ortlepp, Edward Holmes and Robert Emmons of Troop No. 22; Charles Wheeler and Joseph Mitnick of troop No. 24; John G. Sedlock of Troop No. 25; Robert Schafer of Troop No. 28; Lester Aroh of Troop No. 32; Edward Barratt, Enoch Sprague, Jesse Williams, George Lundquist, Edward Reich and Marvin Marshall, all of Troop No. 34.

GERMANS WILL TRY FOR PARIS

Paris, **May** 1—Warnings are being heard on all sides that the Germans will exert all their ingenuity to make true the prediction attributed to Dr. Richard Von Kuehlmann, (former German Foreign Secretary) that "in less than five years time, the Germans will be pack in Paris (pacifically, that is to say) and in favorable conditions."

Evidence is accumulating that the preliminaries of the kind of pacific penetration at which the Germans seem to be particularly adept, already have commenced. German merchants with pre-war business connections in France are endeavoring to "pick up the threads" again, and the papers now and then public obsequiously worded missives to French firms, inviting them to "resume our pleasant relations."

More dangerous in the eyes of the French are the attempts that are being made by German servants, now posing as Alsatians or Swiss, to slip quietly back into their old places with French families. In some cases, their Teutonic accent betrays them; in others suspicious employers have detected minute flaws in otherwise irreproachable legitimation papers. Registry offices, although exercising the most scrupulous care in weeding out suspects, are not infallible.

In a case cited by La Liberte, a factory owner near Paris who had advertised for a foreman received an applicant who came "highly recommended" and whose papers were in seemingly perfect order. Still the employer had some vague misgivings and consulted a detective, with the result that the would-be foreman was unmasked as a German who had escaped from an internment camp in Brittany in May last year. His papers were forgeries.

STATE BUDGET $20,841,358.50

Hartford, May 1—Estimated expenses of the state of Connecticut for the two years ending September 30, 1921, are fixed at $20,841,358.50 in the budget prepared by the appropriations committee for introduction in the Legislature this week. This is an increase of $5,060,487.15 over the budget adopted two years ago.

The estimate of expenses for trunk line repairs and construction is $2,000,000, twice the amount appropriated two years ago and $795,586.15 more is recommended for the board of education than was allowed in 1917, partly on account of an increase from $40,000 to $300,000 in the estimate for the teachers' retirement board, and partly on account of increased state grants to towns. It is estimated that the military establishment will cost the state $202,036 more than in the past two years. Nearly $1,000,000 more of the increase is accounted for by an appropriation of $1,300,000 to the Connecticut Hospital for the Insane at Middletown, most of which is to be used for improving the facilities.

FRENCH BANKERS AND AMERICANS FORM ALLIANCE

New York, May 1—An alliance of French and American banking interests, representing combined resources of more than one and a quarter billion dollars, organized to promote trade between France and the United States, was disclosed through the filing yesterday at Albany of incorporation papers for the French-American Banking Corporation Half other of the stock will be held by American interests and half by French. The plan of operation, it is declared by the organizers, means that hereafter American business men will be able to avail themselves of banking facilities in France as advantageous as Frenchmen themselves enjoy

The French participant in the alliance is the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, which takes half the capital stock The American interests are the First National Bank of Boston and the National Bank of Commerce in New York, each holding one-fourth the capital stock.

The French-American Banking Corporation is capitalized at $2,000,000, with a surplus of $500,000, all paid in. The incorporators include James S. Alexander, president of the National Bank of Commerce in New York; Daniel G. Wing, president of the First National Bank of Boston, and Maurice Silvester, American representative of the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris. Mr. Silvester will be president. There will be twelve directors, six to represent the American group and six the French group.

"America's new position as the world's chief source of capital for international commerce necessitates the development of the foreign business of this country's banks to meet the unprecedented conditions," Mr. Alexander said today. This alliance of great French and American banks represents, we believe, an efficient instrumentality to facilitate and foster the trade relations between the United States and France which the new era demands. We consider it a most practical way to realize the necessary co-operation between French and American banking, and to give America's business men the benefit of the experience and connections of native French bankers that could be given to them in no other way.

"The French-American Banking Corporation is an organization which has behind it the good will of the three great established institutions which hold its stock. It is primarily a commercial bank, as are all the institutions which control it. It is expected it will engage in the acceptance business, and in general assist in financing trade between the United States and France, including French colonies in all parts of the world."

Mr. Wing said regarding the corporation: "The French-American Banking Corporation will foster the development of French and American trade in a broader and bigger way than has ever been possible before. The entire facilities and connections of the National Bank of Commerce in New York and the First National Bank of Boston will be placed at the disposal of the French-American Banking Corporation, which will enable the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris to extend the best of terms and services to the French importers and exporters who are interested in developing or extending their trade with America. Facilities of the Buenos Aires Branch of The First National Bank of Boston will similarly be placed at the disposal of the Comtoir and the French American Banking Corporation. In a like manner the National Bank of Commerce in New York and the First National Bank of Boston, through the French-American Banking Corporation, will be able to offer unexcelled services to the American merchant who is interested in foreign trade.

"In addition to the two hundred-odd branches of the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris scattered throughout France, this institution has branches also in Spain, England, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand and India, and is preparing to open further branches in Alsace-Lorraine. The Comptoir also has close working arrangements with the French Colonial banks in Algeria, Egypt, East Africa, Madagascar, Martinique and Indo-China. The extensive services of this institution will similarly be available to the customers of the new corporation and the American group."

The capital, surplus and undivided profits of the institutions back of the French-American Banking Corporation aggregates more than $125,000,000 and the resources total more than $1,280,000,000. The Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris is one of the three greatest banks in France.

N. Y. Wholesale Prices

Butter—Creamery, higher than extras, lb., 56@64c.; extras, 63c.; first, 61 1-2@62 1-2c.; dairy, tubs, finest, 62@62 1-2c.; good to prime, 58@61c.

Eggs—Fresh gathered, extras, per dozen, 47@47 1-2c.; fresh gathered, storage packed, extra firsts, 46 1-2c.; hennery whites, fine to fancy, 51@52c.; hennery browns, 48c.; gathered browns and mixed colors, 44@47c. Duck eggs, fancy, 66@67c. Goose eggs, per dozen, 90@$1.

Apples—Bbl., Northern Spy, $7@$13; Albemarle Pippin, $7@$13; Baldwins, $8@$10; Ben Davis, $7@$9; Greening, $7@$11.

Potatoes—Bermuda, $5@$10; Florida, new, $1.50@$8.50; Virginia, late crop, bbl., $3@4.50; old, 180 lbs., $4.50@$5.25.

Poultry, Dressed—Fowls—30 to 50 lbs., and over to dozen, 34 @ 38c; under 30 lbs., 32c. Ducks, spring, 44c. Squabs—Prime, white, dozen, $4.50@$9.50; dark, $2.50@$3; culls, $2.50@$3. Turkeys—Selected young hens, 47@48c.; selected young toms, 47@48c. Broilers—fancy, 18 to 24 lbs. to dozen, 48@50c.; fancy, 25 to 30 lbs. Chickens—31 to 60 lbs. and over to dozen, 39@42c.

Poultry, Live—Chickens—Broilers, lb., 80@85c. Fowls—37c. Turkeys—30c. Ducks—25@30c. Geese—20@21c. Guineas—Pair, $1@$1.10. Pigeons—Pair, 60@65c.

HER MAIDEN CHAMPION.

"Did you say the ring's a war relic, Mabel?"

"Yes. I won it in my first engagement."

REDDING

Redding, May 1—The local response in the present Liberty Loan drive was rather languid for the first week, less than half the $17,000 allotment having been so far subscribed. This includes one subscription of $5,000 made by Town Clerk Sanford in behalf of some unnamed person. Georgetown, which is not comprised in the Redding-Bethel district, had subscribed about $30,000 up to Tuesday night with considerable more in prospect. Impetus to the campaign there was given by a public meeting held on Monday evening at which Charles A. Jennings, a Civil War veteran, presided. On the stage with him were Grand Army men and European War veterans to the number of fourteen. The speaker of the evening was one of those who recently completed service in Europe and a considerable number of subscriptions came from those in the audience.

Attorney Shaw completed preparations last week for moving upon the enemy in the matter of the action brought to compel the Easton selectmen to repair the Jump Hill road. Those who signed the petition to the County Commissioners are D. S. Sanford, S. C. Shaw, H. C. McCollam, H. Sanford Osborn and Edward M. Bradley. These are all Redding residents and they also signed the $200 bond given as security for the payment of the costs which may be incurred from the procedure.

Charles H. Ward also signed the bond as secretary of the Men's club, which instituted and is backing the case.

Having received his discharge in the demobilization process, Harold Connery returned to his home in Georgetown Sunday afternoon. He had not previously informed his parents that a dose of gas was one of his unpleasant experiences at the front. It kept him from active duty for a few days, but was not serious enough to send him to a hospital. He has not yet decided about returning to Fordham University where he was in the second year of his course when he enlisted. Another Georgetown soldier to reach home is Augustus Nordman. In the early part of the winter he was officially reported as having been killed in action, but it turns out that he became a prisoner instead of a fatality. He says that he would probably have died in the German prison camp were it not for the food furnished by the Red Cross.

The return of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Gorham from their wedding trip to their home at Redding Center was signalized by a serenade by their friends and neighbors on Tuesday evening. There were about 25 of the visitors and they woke the achoes for a while with a tumult of sounds produced from drums of various calibre, tin horns and other instruments. A hostile reception with rough house doings is sometimes extended to parties of this kind, but nothing of the sort happened to these serenaders. On the contrary they were invited in, cordially welcomed and feasted. The elaborate nature of the spread indicated that the visit was not the complete surprise intended.

Mrs. Kate Favereau applied to the selectmen this week for compensation for the loss of a Rhode Island Red hen killed by a strange dog on her premises, the value of the fowl being placed at $3. Upon investigation the selectmen became satisfied that the marauding dog belongs to Paul Trop of Easton and accordingly asked him to make good the damage.

The present staff of public school teachers will be re-engaged for another year with the possible exception of one of the Center schools, who may accept a position elsewhere. Miss McDonald will continue at the Ridge school and Mrs. Lemuel Sanford at Umpawaug.

Spring repair work on the roads has been done in a satisfactory way by Contractor Banks in the Center section and by Contractor Read on the west side. Little progress has been made by Contractor Stuffer on the east side and general complaint is heard about the delay.

The remains of Hester Hawley, who died during the winter at the home in Shelton of her aunt, Mrs. Eliza Osborn, were brought here on Monday and interred in the Ridge cemetery. The deceased was daughter of the late Jedediah Hawley.

By means of a whist to be given at Grange Hall on Friday (tomorrow) evening it is hoped to raise enough money to defray the expenses of the public welcome to be given the town's returned soldiers at Putnam Park, June 14. The admission of 35 cents includes dancing and refreshments.

The probate court is to be petitioned for authority to sell the farm belonging to the Seth Todd estate, the proposed sale being in the interest of the widow for whose support the income from the farm is insufficient.

The costs in the three tax suits brought against the town by Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Peck and Walther Luttgen have been assessed by the Superior Court at $143.18, to be paid by the plaintiffs. This allowance does not include what the town paid its expert witnesses.

Rev. Danforth Lewis, in his sermon at the Center Methodist church last Sunday afternoon, made reference to the League of Nations and the controversy over the disposition of Fiume and expressed approval of the position taken by President Wilson on both issues.

Mrs. Margaret Griffin died last Friday at the home of Mrs. John Reynolds at Sunset Hill after an illness of four days from pneumonia. She was sister of the late John Reynolds and widow of John Griffin who died in Bridgeport about six years ago. Funeral services were held Monday morning at the Catholic church in Bethel. Interment was at Sandy Hook.

The family of John Stetson are at their home in Pleasant Valley for the summer. The Teets house at the Ridge, which was vacant last summer, will be occupied this season by Mrs. J. W. Teets.

Gabriel Finck of Jump Hill is still crippled by the severe injury of one ankle which he recently sustained by being thrown from his vehicle while driving to Bridgeport. The accident resulted from the shying and plunging of his horse after a dog had leaped and nipped it at the nose.

Charles Burr Todd, who has spent the winter in Florida, was in town last Monday and left for New Jersey to occupy his cottage near Trenton.

The Episcopal rectory is being renovated with paint and paper in preparation for the arrival of Rev. Charles Brady on May 17.

Robert Nichols has exchanged his car for a heavier machine of the same make.

Aside from the losses apprehended through the insolvency of the Farmers' Dairy Co. the Bridgeport milk situation is far from satisfactory to the producers in this and adjoining towns by whom the Bridgeport market is supplied. A decrease of nearly one cent per quart in the price as compared with last year's rate constitutes the main grievance and incidentally there are others. There has been an increase rather than a lessening in the prices of hay and grain, and wages are fully as high as last season's, so that the lower milk price is not warranted by lower production costs. Besides the Bridgeport rate of 6 3-4 cents is the lowest obtaining in any large city of the state. For this discrepancy the explanation advanced seems to be in itself a sort of a puzzle difficult to understand. The Bridgeport rate, the inquirer learns, comes from the schedule established by the Dairymen's League of New York state, while the price ruling in other Connecticut cities are derived from the schedule fixed by the Connecticut Dairymen's League. Thus the New York schedule, after crossing the boundary, skips Norwalk, but finds lodgement in Bridgeport and nowhere beyond. It may be assumed that Bridgeport adopts it as a money saving device and thus gets by with a scheme which her sister cities did not try, perhaps because they lacked the nerve or perhaps because of a belief that it would not work. Of course, neither league has the power to fix prices that are authoritative and compulsory in a legal sense although naturally their figures exercise a good deal of influence in determining the rates which finally prevail. However, the attempt to apply to the same territory disagreeing schedules proceeding from different bodies must inevitably be productive of confusion.

For the first time in a long period, if not the first without any qualification, a uniform wholesale rate now prevails in Bridgeport. The producers find this another disquieting circumstance, regarding it as they do as an indication that the dealers have entered into a combination to the extent at least of a "gentlemen's agreement." To those who gave financial support towards the starting of the Farmers' Dairy Co. this seems like the unkindest cut of all because the propulsive force leading to the creation of that organization was a desire to achieve independence of the monopolistic dictation of prices rendered possible by a combination of private purchasing interests. That the Farmers' Dairy Co., which was essentially a co-operative effort, should apparently have become part of such a monopoly makes its founders mourn, but they are powerless to remedy matters as the company has passed from the management of the stockholders to that of the creditors, with a court receiver as the latter's representative. In what shape the company will emerge from its present troubles no one precisely knows, but the general impression prevails that sale or reorganization will mean its finish as a co-operative institution.

Meanwhile local dairymen are encouraged to hope for better days from the enterprise to be started at Bethel for the reduction of milk to powdered form. This concern is entering into contracts to pay eight cents the year round and collect its own supplies which are conditions a heap better than those offered by the Bridgeport market. But for this promised relief a number of the Redding milkmen say they would quit the business.

NEWTOWN

(Special to The Times.)

Newtown, May 1—Several automobile parties of Newtowners went to Bridgeport Tuesday evening to be guests at the banquet in honor of John T. King of that city. Among those who went were John C. Beers, R. H. Beers, W. B. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. James Corbett, Rodney Shepard, Dr. W. H. Kiernan, Charles Beardsley, Levi C. Morris, Hervey Wheeler, Frank Banks and W. W. Reynolds.

Mrs. Charles Meeker of Sandy Hook started for Camp Upton to visit her son, Charles Meeker, lately returned from France.

Among the new arrivals from different camps are Frank Kinery, James Peck, Louis Bale, Joseph Barnett.

P. H. McCarthy and family are taking up residence in their cottage on Newtown street, lately vacated by John Gallagher and family.

Miss Dorothy Meeker, Paul Smith and Elliott Platt, business managers of the Bugle, the Senior year book at N. H. S., spent Tuesday in Bridgeport in interest of same.

Miss Flora McNamara completed her course in the Booth & Bayliss Commercial school of Bridgeport this week.

Miss Marion Fitzpatrick, a senior in the same school, is visiting relatives in New York city.

An auction was held at the Herman Peck homestead on Wednesday. Charles Beardsley was auctioneer.

Two picked teams from the several classes at N. H. S. engaged in the first real baseball game of the season on Wednesday.

E. S. Lovell, Mrs. M. D. Corbett, Margaret Corbett, James Corbett and son William, Mrs. M. A. Costello, Kate Ward, Misses Mary and Elizabeth Clark, Miss Mary Sullivan, Miss Mary Crowe, were recent visitors in Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wellington and family of Bridgeport have rented the Thomas Maloney house on Depot road, lately purchased of the late Mrs. Leonard M. Johnson estate.

Miss Mary Thrall of Bridgeport visited her brother, Charles Thrall, of Zoar Wednesday.

Camp Fire Girls held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Guardian Miss Dorothy Harris is about to make application for a charter for this newly organized company. Rev. E. O. Grisbrook is the organizer.

Mrs. A. P. Smith, who recently underwent an operation at the Danbury hospital is expected to return to her home on Thursday.

Commencing May 1 Masters William and Gordon Blake are taking over the Times-Farmer route in Sandy Hook successfuly carried on by the Corbett agency for several years, which agency through these columns thank the many friends for their constant patronage and bespeak for these popular youths a continued demand for the Evening Farmer.