

GROTON

Post of the American Legion Started with 12 Members. Monday evening 12 ex-soldiers met at the opera house and organized a post of the new veterans' organization, the American Legion. With one man, George L. French, jr., who signed before leaving for Concord to work, and two men, Harold Freer and Ernest Bailey, who authorized others to sign for them, the necessary number of 15 was secured. Application for a charter has been made to the state branch, which will forward the application to the national committee. All ex-servicemen who wish to join the local post may do so by sending to Harvey C. Hendry, adjutant, Groton post, American Legion, Groton, Vt., for blanks. Every Groton man is invited to join.

Mrs. Margaret Markham returned to town Wednesday after an absence of six months, which she has passed in Lompoc, Cal., except a few weeks in Chicago, and vicinity on the return trip. Miss Viola Lagare, who is attending St. Johnsbury academy, is spending her vacation at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gardner of St. Johnsbury Center were visitors in town Sunday.

Mrs. Walbridge and children are visiting relatives in Marshfield.

Mrs. A. E. Clark and grandson, George Patch, have returned from Gorham, N. H., where they passed a few weeks with Mrs. Clark's daughter.

The many friends of Miss Winifred McLam of Ryegate, teachers in the primary room of the village school here for a number of years, are pleased to see her in town. She was taken ill with influenza last fall and a long and serious illness followed.

Mrs. Lester Freer, composer in the office of the Groton Times for several years, completed her work there last Saturday. Her place is supplied by Miss Kathleen Hendry.

Mrs. John Benzie has recovered from an accident the first of the week in which she dislocated her knee cap. The injury, although not serious, was very painful for a time.

Miss Minnie Lang, who has been teaching in Montpelier, is at her home here for the summer vacation.

John A. Chalmers, who has been receiving medical treatment at St. Johnsbury for the past five weeks, came to his home here the first of the week. His condition is somewhat improved, but he does not gain as his many friends could wish.

Mrs. M. D. Coffin has been passing several days this week with relatives in Lyndonville.

Miss Ruth McRay was in Montpelier this week to attend the graduation exercises of the Montpelier seminary.

Sunday morning service at the Methodist church at 10:45. Topic, "The Touch that Heals." Address to the young people, "The Stone Press." Sunday school at 12. Rev. E. W. Puffer will preach at the union service at 7:30. Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7:50. Morning service at the Baptist church at 10:45. Topic, "The Gracious Design of Christ Coming." Bible school at 12. Junior C. E. at 3:30 p. m. Topic of evening service, "Is Billy Sunday Right When He Says He Believes the Bible from Cover to Cover?" Devotional service Thursday evening at 7:30.

A new name on the editorial page of the Groton Times indicates that the paper has been transferred from Scott D. Welch to Bert Heath, jr. Although a young man, Mr. Heath has had considerable experience in newspaper work and we bespeak success for him and welcome him in our midst. Mr. Heath, with his parents, recently moved here from New Hampshire and was employed in the Times office before entering the army, from which he was recently discharged.

WEBSTERVILLE

Closing exercises at the lower Websterville school were held Friday, June 20. These consisted of a community sing, followed by a picnic in which pupils, teachers and parents gathered. Each teacher was presented a suitable gift by the pupils, and all report a very enjoyable time. The loyal support given the teachers by parents the past year testifies to the friendship which exists and is a tribute to the work being done. The following are the names of those who were graduated from the eighth grade: Hazel Craig, Gladys Watson, Annabel Macaulay, Lillian Mann, Raymond Dobson, the teacher of the grade being Mrs. Sadie Parker. Pupils attending the intermediate room for the past school year without an absent mark are: Madeline LaSasso, Mabel Paro, Henry Paro, Earl Mercier and Carroll Mercier. The teacher in this room is Miss M. Cecilia O'Hein. Those holding war savings stamps are: Earl, Carroll, George, Clara and Evelyn Mercier, Claude Rogers, Earl Trudell, Beatrice Trudell, Norman Craig, Elizabeth Charron, Eugene Dubie, Mary Goulette. Those holding thrift stamps are: Madeline LaSasso, Ora Goulette, Alice Dobson.

There are seventy odd scholars in the school and the work for the year shows great improvement. Credit is due the faculty, of which Mrs. Emma L. Taplin has charge of the primary department.

Pershing's Future.

It has been the practice of the American people to bestow political favor on its great soldiers, but it has not been the practice to hand over their vast estates and great wealth. Great Britain, on the other hand, confers ornamental titles upon its heroes, raises them to the peerage and endows them with riches. It does not assume that a successful field commander is necessarily a statesman or possesses any political promise, and as a result, it rarely encourages an officer victorians in wars to enter the arena of politics.

The political future of General Pershing, however, is a matter of interesting speculation. It is not a magnetic figure. He is not the kind of man whom his men naturally shout for. In fact, he has not been in intimate touch with the rank and file of the great army which he organized and whose operations he directed. Those operations were too far-flung, too complex and too gigantic for any one man to do more than plan them from his post in the rear of the lines. And so it happened that the tens of thousands of soldiers who are now returning to civil life feel no personal enthusiasm for General Pershing. Nor do they compose the backbone of any nationwide movement for his elevation to the presidency or to any other office.

Even so, General Pershing is a man of great strength. His return to America will be made the occasion for a triumphal reception, and if he is made chief of staff he will be daily before the American people, and the country will get a first-hand opportunity to take his measure, an opportunity denied them as long as he remained 3,000 miles away.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

SOUTH RYEGATE

Horace T. Thomas, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas and two children, arrived Saturday evening from Lansing, Mich., having made the trip in a high-powered Reo car. They are staying with their aunt, Mrs. Emma Gibson.

Mrs. Norman Morrison of Barre was a visitor at the home of her father, George Crowe, several days this week.

Mrs. R. F. Carter of Brattleboro, accompanied by her son, Ned, of Barre, made brief calls in town last Saturday, having come over to arrange for the care of their lot in the village cemetery.

George Gianni, who served as a volunteer with the 101st ammunition train, is spending a few days in town, greeting former friends. Since his discharge he has been with his people in Passaic, N. J.

William Terry, who has conducted a wide and successful business in stoves, sewing machines and farm implements for the past 35 or 40 years, has been compelled by ill health to retire. He has sold his stock and trade to Frank C. Brown, who will handle these lines of goods, also spare parts and repairs.

Willie Lindsey, who has been attending school at New Concord, Ohio, arrived Thursday.

Mrs. Leon Odell has received notification of the safe arrival of her husband on the side. He is at present at Camp Mills.

Rev. Walter Harriman of the United Presbyterian church, a former South Ryegate boy, has received a call to a church in Cedarville, Ohio, a recognition of the success he has made in his chosen profession.

State's Attorney Campbell and Sheriff Worthen of St. Johnsbury were in town Monday and a good piece of business was accomplished. Mrs. Rose Agostini, Mrs. Cecilia Santin and Mrs. Regina Lombardi all pleaded guilty to selling liquor without a license. All were fined \$300 or sentenced to three months in jail. The two former claimed to be unable to pay their fines and were taken to jail at St. Johnsbury Wednesday. Mrs. Lombardi paid her fine.

BETHEL

Mrs. Dorothy Curtis is visiting relatives in Dorset, Mass.

Malcolm McDonald came yesterday from Malden, Mass., to spend the summer vacation at Fred S. Bowen's.

Dewey W. White, who was wounded and gassed during the recent war, arrived yesterday in good health at his home here.

Fred W. Abbey of Montpelier, who was in Germany several months last winter and spring, with the American army of occupation, recently returned to America and is with his sister, Mrs. Grover C. Bowen.

Mrs. B. F. Naramore of Northfield has purchased the millinery business of Mrs. F. E. Martell in the Bascom house block. Her husband recently bought the Jenny restaurant in the Rogers block.

Miss E. P. Ralph of Andover, Mass., and Mrs. E. F. Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Barclay of Barre and D. C. Woodard were in South Royalton Tuesday to attend the funeral of George Manchester.

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George Andrus and Oliver Fifield were business visitors in Watsfield Wednesday.

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RANDOLPH

Gerald E. Phillips of the commercial department of the high school has signed the contract to return for another year.

Mrs. A. G. Putnam of Springfield, Mass., Mrs. Roy Neville of Concord, N. H., and Daniel Putnam of Washington, D. C., arrived here on Friday night for a several days' visit in this vicinity with Mr. and Mrs. John Lamson.

Mrs. C. E. Root, after a three weeks' stay in New York with her sister and other relatives, returned home on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Root and Mrs. C. F. Morris May 10 at Bristol. Mr. Morris was at one time employed in the barber shop of C. R. Steele, and the mother was Miss Emma Raymore of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kinsman, who were recently married at the home of Rev. G. O. Howe, returned here on Thursday night for a short visit with friends, after which they will go to Rochester and finally to their home in New York.

S. S. Weston left Monday for New York to return later in the week with his wife and daughter, Lillian, in the Overland car of Miss Clara Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Flint were in town between trains Monday, packing their goods for the summer. They came from a week passed at Mascoma lake, Enfield, N. H., with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Chedel, and will be engaged this summer with state forestry work.

The wedding of Miss Ruth Roudy and Benjamin Barnard DeWart at Worcester, Mass., is announced by the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Roudy. The wedding took place Thursday, June 19.

That part of the Moulton property known as the Herrick farm, was recently deeded to R. B. Oshda, and later by Mr. Oshda, to A. E. Chandler.

R. C. Smith returned Monday to Jamaica, where he is instruction cook in the camp of the Champlain Realty Co. Mr. Smith has been here for a week's vacation.

Miss May Ladue is employed this summer at Mount Philo inn, North Ferrisburgh, having recently gone to assume her duties.

Mrs. G. V. Mooney of St. Johnsbury, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Morrison, returned on Monday from a two weeks' stay with her mother.

F. H. Ketchum has been in East Randolph this week, doing a job of electrical work.

Frank Rogers of Springfield, Mass., and Mrs. Sarah Thompson of Walpole, N. H., sister of C. S. Booth, a former resident here, were united in marriage at Walpole June 19. The couple left immediately for Randolph for a short stay at the home of the brother of the bride, C. S. Booth. Sunday, Mr. Rogers received word that his only son, Leon, had been instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of a boy friend, with whom he was playing, Albert Lanere, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers left immediately for Springfield. The boy is survived by three sisters, his mother and brother having died last November with influenza.

Frank A. Hatch has returned to his position in Barre, where he was employed before he was in service. Mr. Hatch is in the service of the Bugbee Granite company in Barre.

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Gold Mining on the Lower Yukon.

Placer mining on Wilson and Willow creeks, in the Marshall district, on the lower Yukon, yielded gold amounting to about \$700,000 in 1916 and 1917, and claims have been staked on the lodes from which some of the gold may have been derived. An examination of the region along the Yukon between Anvik and Andruski rivers, comprising about 2,000 square miles and including the Marshall district, has been made by George L. Harrington, of the United States geological survey, and its results are given in a report just published. The report describes the geography and topography of the region and contains descriptions of the animals and vegetable life, the settlements, the gold placers, the coal beds on Anvik river, and some notes on a group of mineral springs near Marshall.

The report is published as bulletin 683 of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, and can be obtained without charge from the director of the survey at Washington.

Bellboy Getting \$75 a Month as an Auto Mechanic.

Washington, D. C., June 28.—"I would have had to go back to being a bellboy if you hadn't helped me," is the way a former bellhop writes to the federal board for vocational education.

The board is helping hundreds of boys who had big possibilities to develop them now, and letters are constantly coming in to show the way the boys appreciate the chance, and how earnestly they are going about making the most of it.

One boy who had been a jack-of-all-trades and expert at none is now specializing in X-ray photography, and has a big field before him.

Each individual case that comes up before the board seems to be a proof of the fact that the men who could fight can carry on. If you know a wounded or disabled soldier, sailor or marine, give him the address of the Federal Board at 200 New Jersey avenue, Washington, D. C.

The Inevitable Years of Age must be provided for to assure peace of mind and reasonable comfort. An annuity will solve the problem of income. Let us mail you the story. (Give date of birth). National Life Ins. Co., of Vt. (Mutual) S. S. Ballard, general agent, Rialto block, Montpelier, Vt.

THREATENED TO SHOOT HER.

Says Mrs. Elsie Poupart in Suit for Divorce from Alfred L. Poupart.

Brattleboro, June 28.—Declaring that her husband threatened to shoot her, Mrs. Elsie Greenleaf Poupart of Wilmington has brought a petition for a divorce and asked the court to restrain her husband, Alfred L. Poupart, and a hearing on this and other matters connected with the case will be held before Superior Judge Harrie B. Chase in the municipal court room next Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Poupart is ordered to appear at that time.

Mrs. Poupart states that on May 5 of this year her husband with violence ordered her to vacate their home and that he threatened her so that she left. She says he has since refused to surrender possession of their four minor children, aged 19, 12, nine and two, and has refused to permit them to visit her.

The plaintiff declares that twice previous to May 5 he ordered her to leave the place and that on May 5 he requested her to meet him on a certain lonely highway, which she declined to do, he having previously on several occasions threatened to shoot her.

Mrs. Poupart declares she believes her husband will execute some of the threatened violence unless restrained.

On May 29 Mr. Poupart brought a divorce petition on statutory grounds. His wife denies the charges made therein and says she will contest the petition. She asks that her husband be restrained from using force against her and from preventing her minor children from visiting her, also that her husband be ordered to pay her alimony for the support of herself and children during the pendency of her divorce petition and that he be ordered to pay her a certain sum for suit money. She asks that the custody of the children be decreed to her. All these matters will come before Judge Chase for orders thereon until the convening of county court.

The petitioner says that her husband is a skilled millwright in a hobbin mill in Wilmington and earns \$175 a month and is capable of earning \$200 a month.

MEXICO GIVING OUT LAND.

On Agreement by Grantees to Cultivate the Property.

Mexico City, June 28.—The government is preparing to distribute among the people approximately 300,000 hectares (2 1/2 acres) of land valued at 22,000,000 pesos which represents concessions given to a comparatively few individuals by several governments previous to the Carranza regime. All these concessions have been cancelled by the present government. The persons to whom the land will be given must agree to cultivate the property. A commission of federal engineers is visiting several states to recommend methods of development.

Misrepresents Vermont.

The Boston Transcript is credited with a recent statement that Vermont farm land is depreciating in value because of the inability of the Vermont farmers to compete with the farmers of the West. This is a misstatement, as every well-informed Vermont farmer knows. Here are some figures on the value of all farm property in Vermont as shown by the United States census.

From 1850 to 1860 there was an increase of from 25 to 50 per cent in value; from 1860 to 1870, an increase of less than 10 per cent; from 1870 to 1880 there was a decrease in value; from 1880 to 1890 there was an increase of less than 70 per cent, and from 1900 to 1910 an increase of from 25 to 50 per cent.

These figures are for all farm property, good and poor, but they show an unmistakable increase in value. Census figures since 1910, of course, are not available, but unquestionably there has been a very material increase since then. That the value of some farm properties in the practically deserted sections of the state has decreased is true; but the figures given above include these deteriorating lands and the total result shows a gain in value.

The increase in the value of good farm properties is known to be great and still continues. A specific instance is given. The adjoining farm to the old farm home of the writer (bill farm of 200 acres in Lamolite county) was purchased about 30 years ago by an industrious young man for \$4,000. He stocked the farm, worked hard, managed well, improved it and paid for it. When he moved to the farm he had a wife and two sons. Three more sons and three daughters were born to the couple while living on the farm and every one of the children and both parents are still alive and each of the children was given a common school education and have been married and established a home of his own. Several years ago, the father and mother having reached an age they did not care to continue hard labor, the farm was sold and the aged people moved to a small farm of ten acres, where they are still enjoying life and a comfortable competence. Less than three months ago this farm, bought for \$4,000 about 30 years ago, was sold for \$15,000.

Similar advances in the value of good farms are very common throughout the state, which conclusively proves that the value of good farms in Vermont is rapidly increasing. The story of the farmer's script who made the statement that farm values in Vermont are decreasing would have to travel a long way in this state to find a good farm that could be bought for less than double the price it would have brought 20 years ago. Such farms are a good purchase now as they are sure to increase still further in value if properly tilled.—Brattleboro Reformer.

"UNPARDONABLE TRESPASS."

On Rights of Man to Arrest Rev. E. M. Mowry in Japan.

Tokio, June 27 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The arrest and conviction of Rev. E. M. Mowry of Mansfield, O., on the charge of concealing Korean rioters is denounced as "an unpardonable trespass on the rights of man," by Somei Uzawa, who was counsel for Mr. Mowry in the hearing of his case on appeal. Mr. Mowry was sentenced by the lower court to serve six months in prison. On appeal his sentence was reduced to four months.

Dr. Uzawa's opinion was given to a number of Japanese journalists. He said: "On March 27, that is 27 days after the Korean students started a disturbance on March 1, the police suddenly visited the house of Rev. E. M. Mowry at Pyeng Yang and arrested a Korean student named Ri Jinzen, who happened to be lodging at his house. Prior to that time Mr. Mowry had given lodging to five Korean students at his house. He had only given them lodging and the matter stopped there. There was no intention on his part to give shelter to them from the law."

"On April 4, Mr. Mowry was taken to the police station and put in jail at midnight on the charge of having concealed the offenders of the mob disturbances at his domicile. The trial of these Korean students alleged to have been involved in the disturbance has not been concluded as yet and their guilt established. Nevertheless, Mr. Mowry was given a sentence of six months servitude at the first trial. Moreover, a ward has been especially prepared in the prison for the accommodation of Mr. Mowry before the examination was commenced."

"Such measures of hasty conclusion constitute an unpardonable trespass on the rights of man."

NORWAY AIDS GERMANY. Donates 400 Barrels of Cod Liver Oil Through American Commission.

Christiania, June 28.—The Norwegian government has donated 400 barrels of cod liver oil to the American food commission for the use of German children. One thousand children will also be received as guests of Norwegian families to regain their strength after malnutrition and money has been subscribed for food to feed these children.

It is obvious that people under such conditions with such superhuman efforts of energy demanded of them cannot continue to keep their mental balance.

THE FAMOUS RATHSKELLER

AMERICAN HOUSE BOSTON, MASS. A minute from surface or subway car—famed for comfort, convenience and courtesy. Returned. All the modern conveniences in every room—prompt service—moderate prices. European plan, \$1.00 a day up—and the unique restaurant now one of Boston's show places, where the choicest of the market affords is served in quiet and beautiful surroundings to perfect music.

NORMAL PERSONS NOT FOUND. They Are Practically Extinct in Petrograd and All Russia.

London, June 27 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Physically normal persons no longer are to be found in Petrograd nor in all Russia, says T. H. Hesse, a well-known Moscow journalist and member of the second Duma, who has arrived in Copenhagen after a long stay in Petrograd. The mental state produced by starvation, disease and nervous strain, he says, forces Russians to lose their mental balance.

"Their mental condition so changes their appearance that often one cannot recognize one's nearest friend. I remember the impression I had when I met the well-known lawyer, Rajefski. At first I did not recognize him. Soon afterward I learned that he had hanged himself."

"Similar things happen daily. I think it is to be wondered that such suicides do not become general. In all the streets one meets still well-dressed people, men and women, begging. There they stand, some of them with their heads down, dumb as if turned to stone; others tirelessly repeating 'I'm dying. Give me something to eat.'"

"Even if one has sufficient money to pay the enormous prices one may make acquaintance with starvation," wrote Mr. Hesse to the Copenhagen Politiken. "One has to get hold of a seller and persuade him to sell by treating him to some coffee, giving him the place of honor and so on. Money does not tempt him. He can always get money. He needs it only in order to continue his trade, or to buy luxuries such as saffur for coats, gold ornaments or gems. It is not the seller who looks for a buyer but just the contrary."

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yield up half a bottle of milk at quite a shameless sum and it may happen that the milkwoman suddenly becomes capricious and does not even answer the unhappy applicant. "Add to this the terrible typhus and smallpox epidemics, against which there is not the slightest possibility of protection. Remarkably enough the cholera epidemic that flourished last summer ceased as if by a whim of nature. But now the typhus and smallpox epidemics are developing more and more seriously. The government has no means to check them. The government cannot even procure wood enough for coffins nor transport to the cemeteries. The survivors must wait days before they can bury the dead. "It is obvious that people under such conditions with such superhuman efforts of energy demanded of them cannot continue to keep their mental balance."

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