

Soap Bubble Contest Set for Tonight

Twice-Postponed Event to Take Place at Seven O'Clock at the Playground

Although several youngsters showed up during the storm Tuesday evening at the summer playground to partake of the soap-bubble blowing contest postponed from last Friday to that day, it was necessary for Miss Margaret Davis, superintendent of the playground to call the event off. However, the long-awaited contest will take place this evening, weather permitting, and it is expected that the 75 children who have already entered for the bubble blowing fete, will all turn out to take part this evening at 7.00. Because this contest will take place tonight.

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Bird Shelters Self in Police Shanty

Heavy showers and the fierce electrical storm early Tuesday evening, July 14, drove an exhausted and thoroughly soaked kingfisher for shelter into the police shanty in Shawshen. Officer James Walker, on duty, found the little bird nestled in a small box on the floor of the shanty, too scared and tired to even move at his approach. When the storm cleared, Officer Walker gave the bird to Bert Cran, of Iceland road, Shawshen, who is keeping the bird in a cage until it recovers from exhaustion and then will let it free. Walker said that the bird came from the west.

Federals Are Looking for Still Owner

Building Burns to Ground in West Andover—Police Find Ruins of Still There

Federal prohibition agents are still seeking the owner of the still which was destroyed last Saturday at a farm in West Andover. From Andover police it was learned that the man had been on the scene of the fire but had fled when the Federal agents from Lowell arrived on the scene. The building is owned by Frank Babecki, High Plain road.

Federal Agent James Hogan of Lowell visited the scene shortly after the fire had been extinguished and viewed the premises with Police Chief Frank M. Smith, Fire Chief Charles F. Emerson and Officer Carl Stevens. A telephone call from an unidentified person summoned the firemen to the blaze shortly after 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon. When the apparatus responded 1800 feet of hose was laid from a stream called Fish Brook and the new brush fire engine was utilized to pump the water to the burning buildings.

The firemen remained at the fire until shortly before six o'clock in the evening, pouring tons of water on the hot blaze before it was extinguished. There were several minor explosions during the fire, believed to have been drums of liquid bursting.

Not a single drop of alleged illegal liquor was salvaged, however, the police say.

Believing that the cause of a fire was the explosion of a whiskey still, the alleged remnants of which were found in the ruins of an ice house and adjoining shed, the town police summoned Federal Prohibition Enforcement officers into the investigation.

Cancer Clinic Next Tuesday

With a regular cancer clinic scheduled for next Tuesday, July 21, at 10.00 a.m. at the Lawrence General hospital, the following notice has been sent out by the clinic regarding the disease:

In a notable gathering of international leaders in cancer research, celebrating the birthday of Dr. James Ewing of Cornell University, certain definite points were brought forward as to the progress which is being made in cancer control.

"Dr. Ewing stated that he is sure of a few facts and one is that in its major forms cancer is largely the result of bad habits and that a certain intelligent reformation of the habits of the race must be accomplished before cancer prevention can show very tangible results.

"Another fact which Dr. Ewing stressed was that there is no one exciting cause of cancer and that therefore the public should not expect that the whole question will be solved by a single brilliant discovery. Cancer, he holds, is a group of diseases of various origins and causes.

"Dr. Ewing takes the position that much of the traditional fear concerning the supposed fatal malignancy of this disease should give way to intelligent precaution based on frank and early diagnosis of warning symptoms. His information is particularly encouraging because of his confidence that much preventive action can be taken by more careful observing the normal rules of healthful living. In that direction lie probably not only the most effective means against cancer, but against a host of other diseases as well."

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Harry Sellers of Avon street is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thomson of Hidden Field are away on a vacation.

Chester L. Yeaton of Morton street is spending three months at Cohasset.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Curran, Jr., and family of South Main street are enjoying a few weeks in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Washington street are spending two weeks at Narragansett Pier, R. I.

Miss Marilyn Hughes, local telephone operator, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation at Hampton Beach, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Shirley Barnard and family of High street are enjoying a vacation at North Kye Beach, N. H.

Miss Dorothy Douglas of Whittier street has returned to her duties at the Merrimac Mutual Fire Insurance company after enjoying her annual vacation.

Mrs. John H. Bingham has returned to her home on Riverina road, Shawshen village, after spending a few days at the summer home of relatives at Wells Beach, Maine.

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Comes Back from Trip to Seattle

Rev. Alfred C. Church Attends Conference in West—Tells Significance of Union

A trip covering more than 7,000 miles from Andover to Seattle and back via the Canadian Rockies ended last Saturday afternoon, when the Rev. Alfred C. Church, pastor of the Free church, returned to his home at 67 Central street, accompanied by his wife and her sister, Miss Elizabeth Gardner. Mr. Church had attended as a delegate the General Council of the Congregational and Christian churches in Seattle, from June 25 to July 3.

Other local people in his party were Mr. and Mrs. John V. Holt, 74 Bartlett street, Mr. Fred H. Young, of Phillips academy, and his father, of the Kittery Point (Maine) Christian church.

Little Effect on N. E.

At the conventions, Mr. Church explained, the union between the Congregationalist and Christian denominations were consummated. As far as New England is concerned, the Reverend Mr. Church added, this union made little difference, for there are few Christian churches in this section of the country. Their stronghold is Ohio, where the next convention will be held.

Mr. Church went out to Seattle in a large party under the direction of Rolf Coleleigh, business manager of the "Congregationalist and Herald of Gospel Liberty." Representatives from all over the state were in the group, and a most pleasant trip was enjoyed going out. Their first stop was at Niagara Falls. Dr. Fred H. Page, president of the Massachusetts Congregational Conference conducted Sunday services for the group on the train, with Dr. R. Potter, of Springfield, president of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, taking part in the services.

Another stop was made at Chicago, and at Glacier Park, the party drove in busses for 32 miles into the park, then took boats across St. Mary's lake and stopped overnight at St. Mary's shanty.

On the afternoon of the 25th, the Massachusetts delegation arrived, in time for the first session of the convention. According to the Free church pastor, the union of the two denominations had already been made along several lines at the Detroit convention two years previously, and what simply remained was the signing of the articles.

Passed Resolutions

The convention passed resolutions recognizing that "we were both followers of Jesus Christ, that we believed in self-government of the local church, that the Bible is the rule for our faith and order, that Christianity is a way of life, and that it is not necessary for us to have uniformity, or authority in ordinances and worship."

During the convention, various seminars were formed for discussion of problems, and these groups passed resolutions which were adopted by the convention. The general

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People of Andover Will Get a Square Deal, Says Lyman

State Commissioner Promises Satisfaction After Hearing on Finishing Andover-Reading Highway Yesterday—Exclusive Verbatim Report

Police Officer on Duty Injured

While investigating a telephone call from Lewis street that some men were talking loudly and disturbing the neighbors in the vicinity last Saturday night, July 11, Officer David May of the Andover Police Department stepped down over an uneven cement wall, badly spraining his ankle and wrenching his shoulder. Officers John Campbell and William Shaw, who had accompanied Mr. May in the police car, went to his aid and took him back to the police station. Dr. W. Dacre Walker treated the patient. He is at his home, 40 Washington avenue, resting comfortably and will probably be about the middle of next week. No trace was found of the men against whom the complaint had been lodged.

Inspectors Stop Hundred Cars

The strident tones of screeching brakes and the shrill blasts of police whistles disturbed the usual calm of Shawshen village last Tuesday evening, July 14, for about an hour and a half while three light inspectors from the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles sub-station in Lawrence, with the aid of Motorcycle Officer William Shaw, stopped nearly one hundred cars for light inspection between nine and ten-thirty.

James J. Perry, chief inspector, and Shaw posted themselves near the police shanty in the square, while William Higgins and George Hancock, the two other men from the registry, posted themselves a hundred yards up the road near the Balmoral Spa. When a machine with a defective rear light passed one pair of officers, they would blow two short blasts and the other pair further down stopped the car and handed the driver an official tag, to be signed by an authorized adjuster and returned to the registry when the lights are repaired. If the work is not done as ordered by the inspectors, the motorist is liable to suspension of his license.

Several automobiles with defective headlights were stopped. Despite the great number of machines stopped, there was no tie-up of traffic and the work was carried out with efficiency and speed. Inspector Perry said that the registry men will be back for further inspection at a later date.

All in Favor

When, at the close of the hearing, a standing vote was taken to find out the number of proponents and opponents of extension of the highway, 63 stood up in favor, and not one stood up in opposition. James C. Sawyer, treasurer of Phillips Academy, who heard during the course of the hearing insinuations cast by speakers that the Academy was attempting to prevent extension, was one of those present who stood up to vote in favor of the completed highway.

Senator Bradford Davis from the Fourth Essex senatorial district and Andrew B. McTernan, member of the Board of Selectmen of Andover, both came down from Maine, where they are spending the summer, to attend the hearing. At its close, the consensus was that the state will do all in its power to get the road finished this year, as they had originally planned, up to Andover hill instead of as far as the by-pass, approximately three miles below the hill.

Several women were among the attendance at the State House. When the session ended shortly after eleven, Commissioner Lyman told the Townsman that his official decision will be rendered within a short time. In the meantime, he explained, although his board had informed the town of Andover to go ahead and lay \$8,000 worth of pipes from the by-pass to the hill in preparation for road construction, it was necessary to suddenly cut off this construction job after Andover

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Youngsters Need Bathing Suits

Instructors at Pomp's pond wish to request the parents of Andover children that they look through the children's wardrobes and take out any bathing suits which have been discarded, and send them to the pond. Many of the children who wish to go to the swimming beach cannot go because they cannot afford to buy a suit. The instructors will be pleased to receive any suits and will distribute them where they are needed.

Swimming and life-saving classes at Pumps pond are well under way and are meeting with much success. The classes which were started on Wednesday, July 8, and are held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, are supervised by Life-Guard John A. Robertson and his two assistants, George Forsythe and James Tamminy.

On Wednesday, July 15, the first life-saving class was held and sixty-five children were given junior life-saving instructions. The group was divided into three sections, A, B, and C, the members of which were selected according to their aquatic ability.

Monday, July 13, was the biggest day ever at this popular swimming place. Over seven hundred children visited the pond in an effort to seek relief from the heat.

Local People Are Guests of Marquis

Mrs. Charles W. Henry, wife of the rector of Christ church, and her daughter, Joyce Compton Henry, are staying at the Park Lane Hotel, London.

They have been invited by the Marquis and Marchioness of Northampton to visit Compton Wynyates, one of their homes, in Warwick.

This is one of the most beautiful Tudor mansions in all England and has been in the hands of the Compton family since 1066. Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth, and James I all visited here.

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There are secret chambers and galleries and a chapel. The beautiful glass of the grand window was removed to Batrol College, Oxford.

Mrs. Henry is related to the Marquis through her mother, the late Josephine Compton of Maryland.

Fire Last Night in Small Cottage

Fire at eleven last night at Corbett street and Juliet road destroyed the interior of a small four-room cottage, unoccupied. Responding to an alarm from Box 66, firemen from the Central Fire station, extinguished the conflagration within half an hour. Deputy Chief Lester Hilton, Chief of Police Frank M. Smith and Captain George Dane are conducting an investigation to find out the owner of the property and the cause of the fire.

Dane Recovers Stolen Property

Detectives from the railroad police working with Captain George Dane of the Andover Police department, working on a Boston camera with a German lens valued at \$100 and a large wrench, alleged to have been stolen from the barn of Mr. Dadigton, Andover street, Ballardvale. Dadigton called headquarters last Saturday to report that some section hands, working on the Boston & Maine Railroad, had taken shelter in his barn from the rain and taken some of his property.

After they left, he discovered that a pair of shoes, a camera, a watch and a wrench were missing. Motorcycle Officer Carl Stevens went to the Dadigton residence but was unable to discover anything that might lead to an arrest. Later Captain George Dane and Chief Frank M. Smith, located a witness, Stephen LeBlou of Tremont street, Lawrence, who said that he had seen a camera lying on top of a suitcase.

Captain Dane, aided by Sergeant Carl T. Nordberg and Officer Francis A. Brown of the railroad special police, spent all day Monday investigating the case in Andover, Lawrence and Methuen. By Wednesday they had recovered the camera and the wrench. They expect to have the rest of the property—the watch, valued at \$65, and the shoes at \$14—by today. The property was traced after grilling the members of the gang working on the railroad.

Fires Shot at Speeding Machine

When a machine, which the Andover police say, was driven by John McCarthy, 23, of 28 Quincy street, Roxbury, sped through Shawshen square at a mile a minute clip last Sunday morning at about 2 o'clock, Officer James Walker tried to stop the car and signalled with his whistle. The car continued on through Andover square, even though Officer Leonard Saunders, warned of its approach, tried to stop it. Officer Saunders fired a shot into the air as it passed to warn the driver, but the machine continued along at a speed estimated at 60 miles an hour through the thickly settled district.

The state police finally stopped the car at the Reading barracks. The case is under investigation.

The Lawrence Cancer Clinic is held at Lawrence General Hospital, 1 Garden Street, Lawrence, Mass., on first and third Tuesdays of every month, at 10 A.M.

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FRIDAY and SATURDAY—JULY 24-25

"THE BAT WHISPERS" Screenings: 3:20-7:05-9:20 Chester Morris
"JOHNNY FARRELL GOLF" Screenings: 2:25-6:25-8:40

**Board of Public Works
Votes Month's Program**

**At Regular Meeting, Decides to Install Street Signs
All Along Main Street—Superintendent Gilliard
Reports on Work Done in June**

A program of public works for the coming month and a report of the work done during the past month, featured the regular meeting of the Andover Board of Public Works held last Friday evening, July 10, in the Town hall.

Receiving a request from the Baptist church to raise the curb and grade of the sidewalk along Central street, the board decided in favor of the request and left the handling of it to Charles T. Gilliard, superintendent of the Board of Public Works. The department is working along Central street just now and has widened the road in several places. The request was made by the Baptist church as its officials are contemplating some changes and improvements on their property.

Sign Agreement

The board is doing some seeding between the curb and sidewalk on Main street above Morton street. It voted to sign an agreement with the Boston and Maine Railroad in regard to carrying the water main over the railroad road at Shawheen street, a six-inch main in an eight-inch box.

The board voted to purchase and install more street signs of the type now on trial on Main street around the business district. New signs will be installed at the corner of Main street and North Main street and all side streets between Poor street in Shawheen village and Hidden road beyond the top of the hill.

Carry Guarantee

The new signs will be the same as those recently set up. These signs carry an unlimited guarantee of ten years against fading or chipping and are supposed to last indefinitely. They are of blue enamel with white letters in an iron frame.

The two signs, one for each of the two connecting streets are joined together on an angle. The cost for purchase and installation of the new signs will be about \$12 each.

Park Department

As a protection to the Basso property located near the baseball diamond at the playground 600 feet of wire fence have been erected. In addition two electric light poles covered with chicken wire have been erected on the west of the existing back stop to give added backstop safety.

Legion Men of Andover at Unveiling

Attend County Council Meeting and See Dedication of War Memorial

The unveiling and dedication of a beautiful bronze statue as a memorial to the World War dead and advice on expediting settlement of the Essex County Council, American Legion, last Sunday, July 12, at Manchester-by-the-Sea, according to Arthur L. Coleman, commander of the Andover Legion who attended the meeting with Douglas Hutchison, Herman Hilton, Frank Nicoll, John H. Long, Thomas Davies and Harry Hilton, all of Andover.

Water Department

The new DeLaval 2 stage centrifugal pump arrived May 27th and the installation commenced June 1st. The new pump started operations June 13th and the result of a test made June 17th was satisfactory more particularly because it showed that the efficiency of the pump was 81 per cent of 1 per cent higher than the guaranteed efficiency of 80 per cent. In conjunction with this work a tee in the 10 inch discharge was replaced by a bend, and incidentally the discharge pipe was covered with felt where the earth covering was not considered sufficient.

Highway Department

The final work in connection with the building a section of Dancomb road from Andover street to Clark road which included leveling the gravel and supplying a coat of Tarvia "B" was completed this past month. A section of Chester street was filled with gravel and tarred.

Boxford Society Will Present Biblical Drama

For its annual outdoor concert, the Boxford Oratorio society will present Bradbury's biblical music drama "Queen Esther", Saturday afternoon, August 1, at three o'clock. The performance will be held at the grove on the former Carlet Camp Ground, now a part of the Kelsey Highlands Nursery.

Machine Overturns

Mrs. Zeika accelerated her machine. Craus tried to seize the wheel so that he might pilot the car past the danger point. The woman, highly nervous and distraught with the fear of a collision maintained a firm hold on the driving wheel.

Delivery Man in Accident

Lyman E. Sweetser, of Wakefield, who is known in Andover as the driver of a delivery truck of food specials, was in a serious accident when an automobile crashed into his truck last week. Both machines were badly damaged. Sweetser was in the Melrose hospital several days being treated for concussion of the brain. He is at home now, on the road to recovery, and will be back on his route shortly making deliveries to Andover people.

Woman Learning to Drive Loses Control of Wheel

Trying to Pass Truck—Passengers Hurlled Through Roof

When student and teacher grabbed at the wheel of their sedan to prevent it from striking another car on the Reading road in Andover early last Saturday evening, the machine went out of control, shot across the tracks of a trolley-car line and overturned in a ditch.

Seven Injured as Car Turns Over on Highway

When the car came to an abrupt stop, the seven passengers were hurled bodily through the roof. All were injured, one so seriously that she is confined to the General Hospital. She is Mrs. Anna Zeuk, 41, of Broadway, Lawrence, who suffered questionable fractures of several ribs, of the left lower chest and left shoulder and of the left thigh bone.

On Trial Ride

The machine was driven by Mrs. Lena S. Zeika of 141 Margin street, Lawrence. The car had recently been purchased by her husband who was accompanying her, her three children and three others on a trial ride.

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Colonies Got French Aid 151 Years Ago

Count de Rochambeau Arrived at Newport, R. I., on July 12, 1780 to help Americans Battle for Freedom

The first French army destined for an extensive land campaign in America during the Revolutionary War arrived at Newport, Rhode Island, July 12, 1780, under the command of Count de Rochambeau. These were the troops who later cooperated with the Americans at the siege of Yorktown where Great Britain lost Lord Cornwallis, an army and, as developed later, the war.

In commemorating the 151st anniversary of Rochambeau's arrival the Division of Information and Publication of the United States, George Washington Bicentennial Commission notes it as a date of vast importance to the United States in its struggle for independence. On that July day in 1780 a French army arrived to join the Continentals under General Washington in the last big "push."

Important Factor

There had been French officers and troops in America before the arrival of Rochambeau, but aside from the few like Lafayette who were attached to Washington's army as volunteers, these were men under the command of D'Estaing at the unfortunate siege of Savannah. They took part in no other battle in America.

The French alliance certainly was an important factor in the ultimate success of the Americans. Under the leadership of George Washington, with the example of his indomitable courage ever before them, the Continentals and militiamen had waged a long, wearisome struggle against a great nation. Now they were to be aided by a powerful ally, strong enough to help write a glorious finish to the Revolutionary War.

Ladies to Have Picnic July 25

Plans are progressing for the annual joint picnic of Clan Johnston, 185, D. S. C., and the Ladies' auxiliary, 42, to the clan to be held next Saturday, July 25 at Salem Willows. Tickets may be obtained now from any member of the committee: James Caldwell, chairman; James Page, George Brown, Thomas W. Neil, Edward Downs, Mrs. George B. Carmichael, Mrs. Thomas Gorrie, Mrs. Alex Bertram, Mrs. Charles D. Valentine, Mrs. James Skca, Mrs. Alex Meek and Miss Ina Petrie.

Selectmen Grant Permits

At the meeting of the selectmen Monday it was voted to grant the renewal of a gasoline station permit to Mrs. Winnie Parker of Ballardvale.

The board also granted a permit to the Lawrence Gas and Electric company to connect up the new house constructed by John Fleming on Pasho street.

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Building House on Phillips Street

Construction is now going on at the new estate of Mrs. D. Hayes Byers, off Phillips street. The estate to be built will include a fourteen room house containing a number of unusual and modern features. Included within the house will be five baths, five fireplaces, a large study, a nursery or playroom, a glass-roofed plant room, a number of large chambers and living rooms.

Summer Supplies of Free Church

A male quartette, composed of Robert Cargill, William Crowe, David Wallace, and Harry Rodger, will render numbers this Sunday, July 19, at the Free church of Andover. Rev. G. Sheraden of Winchester, will preach the sermon.

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Woman Learning to Drive Loses Control of Wheel

When student and teacher grabbed at the wheel of their sedan to prevent it from striking another car on the Reading road in Andover early last Saturday evening, the machine went out of control, shot across the tracks of a trolley-car line and overturned in a ditch.

On Trial Ride

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Byington is very fond of children and the children are equally as fond of her and she is the oldest living member of the Congregational Church. It is some times not an unusual occasion to see the oldest and the youngest member present at these parties.

Dainty refreshments of ice cream, cake, cookies and punch were served and each child was presented with a candy bag. Games were played and other events enjoyed.

Those attending were—Eleanor Roggee, Thelma Roggee, Robert Comins, Robert Simon, Merle Drouin, Rowena Coon, Margaret Kydd, Laurabelle Early, Evelyn Anderson, Lois Henderson, Phyllis Henderson, Robert Henderson, Marjorie Drouin, Barbara Parker, James Morton, Ainslee Schofield, Arnold Schofield, Cameron Mills, Sherman Johnson, Charles Johnson, Dorothy Miller, Arthur Coon, Margaret Hadley, Leslie Hadley, Crystal Corney, Barbara Corney, Evelyn Stein, Elizabeth Stein, Roy Early, Edith Anderson, Evelyn Hall, Marion

Peatman, Eleanor Coon, Junior Coon, Mrs. Ernest Stein, Mrs. James Morton, Mrs. Leslie Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Phelps, Mrs. Robert Comins, Miss Susan Winslow, Mrs. Arthur Coon, Mrs. Walter Simon, Mrs. Dyson, Mrs. George Byington, Miss Martha Byington, Miss Muriel Comins, Miss Emeline Bates.

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Witchcraft Flourished in Old Andover Days

Hysteria of Spooks and Spirits Had Its Effect in Town—Several Natives Thrown into Jail on Charges of Witchery

By John B. Osgood

The fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of Andover (1692), was destined to be a year of particular stress and strife, although the opening of this period looked bright and fitting for a season of prosperity. The hostilities of the Indians had been subdued and the church controversies, which had been a long-lived source of trouble, had been settled, at least temporarily.

Clouds soon gathered in the bright sky over Andover, however, and the storm of witchcraft deluged the town. Witchcraft delusions threatened to break up the very foundations of society. Every man doubted his neighbor, his friend, his wife and children. The universal spirit of distrust was working its havoc in Andover, as well as the many other early settlements.

Beginning of Witchcraft
The beginning of witchcraft, according to one historian, is thought to have been in Salem village (Danvers), about the year 1691. A number of young girls of that settlement had formed a club and were accustomed to meeting together for entertainment. Their amusement consisted of the performance of sleight-of-hand tricks, fortune-telling, and some palmistry. The general theme of their story telling related to ghosts, goblins, devils, and other irrelevant subjects which were the products of their imagination, all of which savored of the supernatural.

These affairs were at first merely mental but after a number of consultations with an old Indian fortune-teller, they slowly turned to physical manifestations. Among themselves they gave strange and hysterical exhibitions of frenzied acts which were the results of contorted minds. Eventually their bodies began to show unmistakable marks of self-inflicted wounds, which no physician could heal. They soon became outcasts of society and the general opinion of the public was that they were afflicted with the devil.

Sent for "Witches"
In the spring of 1692 Joseph Ballard, of Andover, sent to Salem two girls who were supposed to possess this spiritual power, to come to Andover and see his wife, who had been a long time ill and to whom medicine gave no relief. The belief was that incurable illnesses were the result of tormenting by some unseen persons and these girls and others had the power to name the person causing the affliction.

These girls arrived and were received with fitting ceremony at the meeting-house. When questioned about the tormentors of Mrs. Ballard, they named a number of persons in Andover, and elsewhere, afflicting the woman. John Ballard, who was then constable, issued warrants for the arrest of the persons named, and had them hurried off to Salem jail. When piled with questions these accused named other accomplices who in turn were arrested and taken to jail. After about three months of this, there were some thirty or forty lying in irons, manacles and fetters, charged with witchcraft.

Three Executed
It is interesting that those accused of witchcraft were persons from every stage of life. Some were children of seven or eight years, while others were fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers. Each was tried before the magistrates in Salem and most of them were released. Abbot's, "History of Andover" says that "during this delusion nineteen persons were hung, one pressed to death. Three belonged to Andover: Martha Carrier, Samuel Wardwell, and Mary Parker. . . . As most of those who confessed were pardoned or not condemned; while those, who protested their innocence and maintained their integrity were executed. At the court in January 1693, bills of indictment were found against eighteen persons belonging in Andover. All but two were discharged on paying fees."

Among the children who confessed of being witches were Dorothy Faulkner, a child of ten years; Abigail Faulkner, eight years old; and Sarah Carrier, eight years old. The mother of the first named children was herself in prison and was condemned but upon her confession was reprieved and finally pardoned.

The mother of the last named child also lay in jail under a death sentence. The confessions of these accused persons are most interesting and liberty is taken here to reprint the confession of one Mary Osgood, wife of Capt. Osgood, of Andover, taken before John Hawthorne and other Majesties' justices, as written in Abbot's history.

Carried Through the Air
"She confessed that about eleven years ago, when she was in a melancholy state and condition, she used to walk abroad in her orchard; and upon a certain time she saw the appearance of a cat, at the end of the house, which yet she thought was a real cat."

"However, at that time, it diverted her from praying to God, and instead thereof she prayed to the devil; about which time she made a covenant with the devil, who as a black man, came to her and presented her a book, upon which she laid her finger, and that left a red spot; and that upon her signing, the devil told her he was her god, and that she should serve and worship him; and she believes she consented to it."

"She says further, that about two years ago, she was carried through the air, in company with deacon Frye's wife, Ebenezer Barker's wife, and Goody Tyler, to five-mile pond, where she was baptized by the devil, who dipped her face in the water, and made her renounce her former baptism, and told her she must be his, soul and body, forever, and that she must serve him, which she promised to do."

"She says, the renouncing her first baptism was after her dipping, and that she was transported back again through the air, in company with the forenamed persons, in the same manner as she went and believes they were carried upon a pole. She confesses she has afflicted three persons, John Sawney, Martha Sprague, and Rose Foster, and that she did it by pinching her bed clothes, and giving consent the devil should do it in her shape, and that the devil could not do it without her consent."

Save Youth From Death By Drowning

Andover Youngster Rescued But His Companion Loses Life at S. Chelmsford Pond

William Flint, aged 11, of Bailey road, West Andover, was rescued from drowning at Saturday afternoon while his companion, Maynard S. Worthen, aged 25, of 520 Fairmount street, Lowell, was drowned.

According to the report to the Lowell police the Lowell man and his boy companion went out in a boat fishing and about an hour later decided to go in for a swim. Both were in the water only a short time when the Lowell man became tangled in heavy weeds. The Andover youth tried to aid him but without success. Cries for assistance brought campers from the shore but without success. Worthen had sunk beneath the surface. The Flint boy was carried to safety and efforts were made to recover Worthen's body.

Inspector John S. Scully of the Lowell police department and Motorcycle Officer William P. Nelson grappled with irons for several hours but could not locate the body. They were hindered in their search by not being able to see the bottom because of the thick weeds. The water was about ten feet deep where the tragedy occurred.

About 50 boat loads of campers worked during the afternoon to locate the body but were unsuccessful.

Worthen was employed as a cutter at the Waterhead woolen mill, Lowell. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Wallace Worthen; one brother, Robert and a sister, Mrs. Harry Mulno.

Afflicting Persons

"She confesses the afflicting persons in the court, by the glance of her eye. . . . She confesses further, that she herself in company with Goody Parker, Goody Tyler, and Goody Dean, had a meeting at Moses Tyler's house, last Monday night, to afflict, and that she and Goody Dean carried the shape of Mr. Dean, the minister, between them, to make persons believe that Mr. Dean afflicted."

When mistress Osgood was first called, she afflicted Martha Sprague and Rose Foster by the glance of her eyes, and recovered them out of their fits by the touch of her hand.

"Mary Lacey and Betty Johnson and Hannah Post saw Mistress Osgood afflicting Sprague and Foster. The said Hannah Post and Mary Lacey and Betty Johnson, Jan. and Rose Foster and Mary Richardson were afflicted by Mistress Osgood, in the time of their examination, and recovered by her touching of their hands."

"I underwritten, being appointed by authority to take this examination, do testify upon oath, taken in court, that this is a true copy of the substance of it, to the best of my knowledge, January 5, 1692-3. The within Mary Osgood was examined before their Majesties' Justices of the peace in Salem. Attest, John Higginson, Just. Pac."

Persons in Bad Shape

The conditions under which the accused women and children were forced to live while in jail was certainly pitiable. Many of them had been reared in luxurious and comfortable homes and being cast into irons with all sorts of prisoners increased their sufferings a hundred fold.

Their sufferings were great during the intense heat of the summer and were extreme in the cold of winter. Their friends, in many instances, submitted petitions to the court, in which they pleaded for the release of the prisoner, in an effort to alleviate them of their misery. Many however were confined to prison six or eight months. Rebekah Johnson, who was at one time sexton of the North Parish Church, was in jail eight months.

The effect of these petitions on the court and the general public, together with the tireless efforts of the Rev. Francis Dane, then minister of the North Parish Church, produced a strong reaction and many of the prisoners were released and sentence was dropped. Towards the end of the delusion period, action for slander was brought against some of the accusers and slowly the terrible storm of witchcraft was wiped out.

So we see that witches, aerial broomsticks, pole-carrying riders through the air, black cats and weird forms and faces, all had their fling in Andover a number of generations ago.

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The committee in charge includes: Michael A. Burke, chairman; John P. Alexander, Frank Nelligan, Thomas Fallon, James E. Flannery, Frank S. McDonald, John Cussen, Augustine P. Sullivan, William A. Harnedy, Joseph A. McCarthy and Henry Page.

ABBOTT VILLAGE

Mrs. Hamilton Craig of Cuba street is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Evelyn Graham of Cuba street is spending several weeks in Dublin, N. H.

John Sullivan of Brockton spent the weekend at the family home on Red Spring road.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bruce of Methuen visited relatives on Red Spring road Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Anderson and family of Red Spring road visited friends in Lynn last Sunday.

Miss Doris Ferrer of Moraine street is spending the summer months at the White Mountains.

Andover Churches

CALENDAR FOR COMING WEEK

CHRIST CHURCH Central Street Episcopal. Organized 1835 Rev. C. W. Henry, Rector 8.00, Holy Communion. 10.45, Morning prayer, preacher, Rev. Edgar Jones. 7.00 Tuesday, Boy Scouts. 7.30 a.m. Thursday, Holy Communion. 7.30 Thursday, Choir rehearsal.	WEST CHURCH Congregational. Organized 1826 Rev. Newman Matthews, Pastor 10.30, Public worship with sermon by the pastor. Sunday morning worship will be continued until August.
BAPTIST CHURCH Essex Street Organized 1832 Rev. Lorentz I. Hansen, Pastor 10.30, Morning Worship. The pastor speaks. Subject "Divine Providence". Children's talk "Damon and Pythias". A service of seasonal worship to which all are invited. Bring your friends. 7.45 Wednesday, Union Prayer Meeting at this church with Rev. Mr. Noss in charge.	SOUTH CHURCH Central Street Congregational. Organized 1711 Rev. Frederick B. Noss, Minister 10.45, Morning worship, "A Natural Religion." 7.45 Wednesday, Midweek meeting in the Baptist church, "The Joy of Being Willing."
FREE CHURCH Elm Street Congregational. Organized 1846 Rev. Alfred C. Church, Pastor 10.30, Morning service with sermon by Rev. George A. Sheridan of Winchester, Mass. 7.45 Wednesday, Midweek union service at Baptist church, led by Rev. F. B. Noss.	NORTH PARISH CHURCH North Andover Centre Unitarian. Organized 1645 Rev. S. C. Beane, Minister 10.30, The Rev. Miles Hanson of Boston, one of the most popular of the Unitarian ministers in New England, will preach, Church school and Y. P. R. U. omitted during the summer. Singing by the vested choir. 10.10, An automobile leaves the Andover Book-store for the Unitarian church at North Andover. The public invited.
SHAWSHEEN COMMUNITY CHURCH Balmoral Hall (Non-sectarian) Reopening October 4th.	ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH Essex Street Roman Catholic. Organized 1850 Rev. Charles A. Branton, Pastor Sunday Masses: 6.30, 9.45, 10.30 a.m. Holy Day Masses: 5.30, 7.00, 8.30 a.m. Sunday evening: 7.45, Rosary, Sermon, Benediction. Baptisms: Sunday 3.00 p.m. First Friday, Masses: 5.30, 7.30 a.m. Communion 7.00 a.m. First Sunday of Month Communion Day for Sacred Heart Sodality. Third Sunday of Month: Children's Communion Day. Fourth Sunday of Month: B. V. M. Sodality Communion Day. Devotions in honor of St. Therese every Friday evening, 7.45. Confessions: Saturday afternoons and evenings, and afternoons and evenings before Holy Days for obligation.

