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World War I monument on common in North Chelmsford.

"In solemn tribute we place together the names of those who have paid its Greatest Price of all — that of life itself."



"And they --- shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and --- as the stars for ever and ever."

Daniel 12:3

- *Ahearn, Frederick G.
- *Arnold, Thomas F.
- *Belleville, Walter B., Jr.
- *Berubee, Wayne R.
- *Bridgeford, Donald E.
- *Caires, Americano C.
- *Capuano, Ralph J.
- *Carll, Edmund M.
- *Clark, Allan D.
- *Clark, Herbert S.
- *Clough, Roy F.
- *Collette, Joseph E., Jr.
- *Courchaine, Roland
- *DeFlumeri, Alfred L.
- *Fields, Carl W.
- *Fogg, Donald H.
- *French, Bernard J.
- *Gay, Donald A.
- *Grant, Donald C.
- *Holland, James D.
- *Hovencamp, Edward D.
- *Kiberd, Bryce H.
- *Krugel, Stanley
- *Lemire, Allen
- *L'Heureux, Irving A.
- *Locapo, Abel J.
- *Lund, Paul O.
- *McPhail, Wallace A.
- *McDonald, Ambrose
- *McKown, Malcolm K.
- *Needham, Leo
- *Pettersen, John V.
- *Pope, Harry R.
- *Reed, Theodore W., Jr.
- *Rutner, Wallace F.
- *Smith, John J.
- *Smith, Robert
- *Smith, Norman S.
- *Speed, Harold C., Jr.
- *Trubey, Clarence A., Jr.
- *Trubey, Dwight
- *Vinson, Paul C.
- *Wiede, Walter G.
- *Zabierek, Walter E.

*Denotes killed in action.
**Missing in action



REVOLUTIONARY MONUMENT

The Revolutionary Monument in the Center Common was dedicated on September 29, 1859. An informal meeting of 13 interested citizens to consider the possibility of erecting such a monument had been held in March, and in April, a public meeting was held at which the Chelmsford Monument Association was organized 'for the purpose of erecting a granite memorial upon the public common, and dedicating the same, both in honor of the Chelmsford men of 1775, who not only enrolled themselves in the

army of the Revolution and in eight instances, at least, met a soldier's death; and also of those men and women who, with equal courage and devotion to the cause of their country, supplied with liberal hands the wants of the army, and sheltered with pious hospitality many of their countrymen, driven from their homes by British soldiers;... Deacon Otis Adams, then living in the house on Academy Street opposite the present fire station, the chairman of the original

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MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a special sort of holiday, originally intended to honor the soldiers who were killed in the Civil War. Now we observe the day in honor of all those who have given their lives for their country in all wars. In 1868, the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, national organization of Civil War veterans, designated May 30 as the day to be observed 'for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion.' He added that he

hoped this custom would be observed annually, and, by 1910, Memorial Day had been made a legal holiday in all the northern states and most of the southern ones, although a few of them observed a Confederate Memorial Day on other dates in May and June.

School children used to have a particular part in Memorial Day celebrations. Civil War veterans visited the schools and told about their personal experiences. The children carried bouquets to school on the last day of classes before the holiday, and marched to

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DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL---On Memorial Day the new monument to the veterans of the Town of Chelmsford was dedicated by members of all American Legion Posts of the town in an impressive ceremony. The monument is located across from the new fire house in the Center.

WHERE THE MINUTEMEN MET



MINUTE MAN BOULDER - This memorial, marking the spot where the Chelmsford Minute Men answered the call to arms on April 19, 1775, stands in Central Square. It was erected by the Molly Varnum chapter, D.A.R. in 1899.

A second Revolutionary memorial was unveiled on June 17, 1899, in Central Square, near the assembling place of Chelmsford's minute men who responded to the alarm guns of April 19, 1775. This boulder was erected by the Molly Varnum Chapter,

Daughters of the American Revolution, and dedicated with elaborate ceremonies.

Nearby buildings were decorated with flags and bunting, and special street cars 'crowded to their utmost capacity' brought passengers from Lowell.

On the program were speeches, singing by a male quartet, musical selections by cornetists, and the reading of a patriotic poem. A special guest, the Regent of the New York City chapter of the D.A.R. spoke just before the boulder was unveiled by the late Elizabeth Fiske Warren, then 8 years old, a lineal descendant of Revolutionary ancestors, and the ceremony concluded with 3 rousing cheers. A large elm shaded the group of distinguished guests and speakers who were gathered around the rostrum on the hay scales near the watering trough, and, after the exercises, the Fiske house was opened to the public, and many of the guests were entertained with refreshments at nearby homes and at the town hall.



Col. Robert O. Bowen of the Third Marine Division, graduate of CHS in 1928.



CHELMSFORD MINUTEMEN---On April 19th the Minutemen of Chelmsford rallied at Central Square after volleys of the cannon alerted them that the British were coming; that is, back on April 19, 1775. These minutemen re-enacted the muster despite the driving rain and then went on to Concord where they were the hit of the parade as they sang "Davy Crocket". These 61 minutemen drew a great applause from watchers of the parade as they displayed a sign telling of Chelmsford's Tercentenary in June, 9 to 12.

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From Dr. Bridge's Diary

Chelmsford's participation is graphically revealed by extracts from the diary of Rev. Ebenezer Bridge whose son, Ebenezer Jr., was a Colonel in the Middlesex Company of Minute Men, and who saw service at Lexington and Concord, and at Bunker Hill. Rev. Bridge's diary stated:

June 17. A terrible day this IN relation to our Army - in battle with our oppressors at Charlestown. The whole town on fire! The armies engaged on Bunker Hill - at night we saw ye fire from Chelmsford - an Express came from Billerica, and an Alarm was fired here in ye evening - before morning arrived at Barron's. Francis Davidson and Benjamin Haywood

of this Town both wounded in ye fight and brot news of ye slaughter of diverse of our ppl this way, tho' of only Captain Walker of this Town &c.

June 18. Lord's Day - Preached all day, I and my

wife extremely distressed, news of son living but badly wounded. Another day of distress and trouble. The Lord suffers it to be so, yet our enemies were our brethren, of ye same Nation, & Subjects of ye same King.

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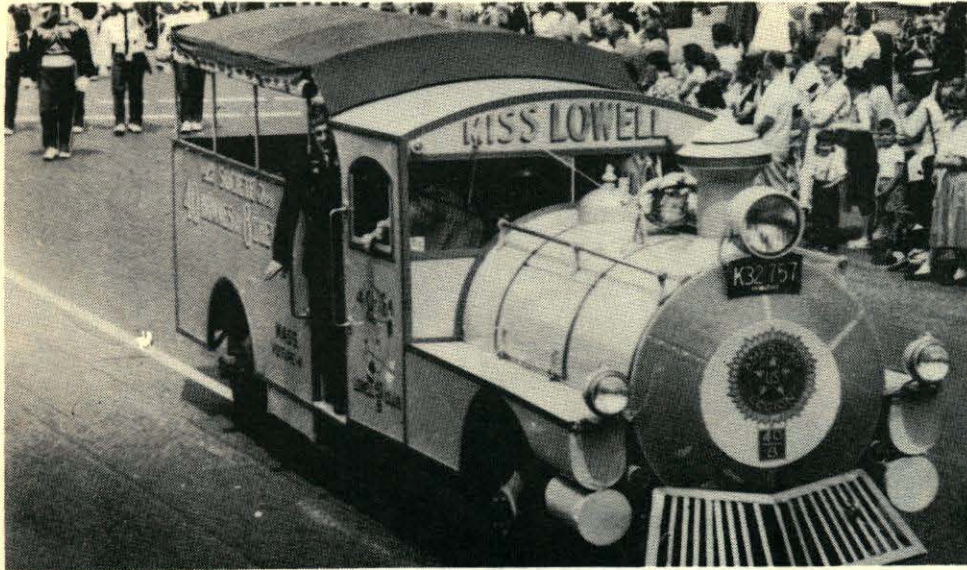
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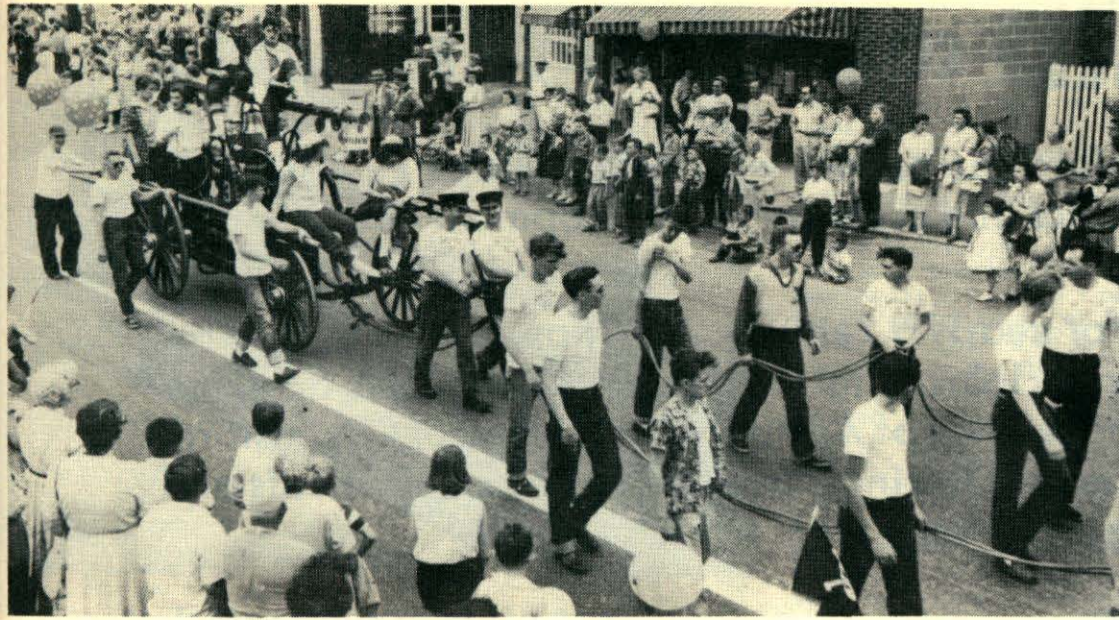


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The War Of The Revolution

The following is from an address of Henry S. Perham at the Bunker Hill Day outing of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in Chelmsford, June, 1896.

At the time of the Revolution, the town of Chelmsford contained a population of 1341. It included within its limits the greater part of the land now occupied by the city of Lowell, and also a large part of Carlisle.

A century and a quarter had elapsed since the first settlement of the town, and the men upon the stage were cultivating well tilled farms, where

their great grandfathers had first felled the forest. Comfortable and well-built houses, many of which are standing today, had taken the place of the small and ruder dwellings of the early settlers. During three quarters of a century of the time embraced in this period, beginning with King Philips war, when this was a frontier town and the people were living in constant apprehension of attacks by the savages, and continuing through the long struggle between the French and English for supremacy on this continent, the young men of the colonies were receiving a training in arms. In all the campaigns of that period the men of Chelmsford participated. We find the

names of several of the natives of this town in the roll of Lovewell's devoted band.

They were engaged in that surprising achievement by the New-England militia, the reduction of Louisburg. They took part in the conquest of Acadia, and with Wolfe at Quebec, they climbed the heights of Abraham. Again and again they marched to the support of our strongholds, which stood in the pathway of the enemy, between Montreal and Albany, or joined in movements against them when held by the enemy, losing heavily in the Crown Point expedition, under Gen. William Johnson.

When important victories had been gained, there was general rejoicing among the people, attended with illuminations, and sometimes a sky rocket or two was set off. When on the other hand, our arms met with disaster, a day of fasting was

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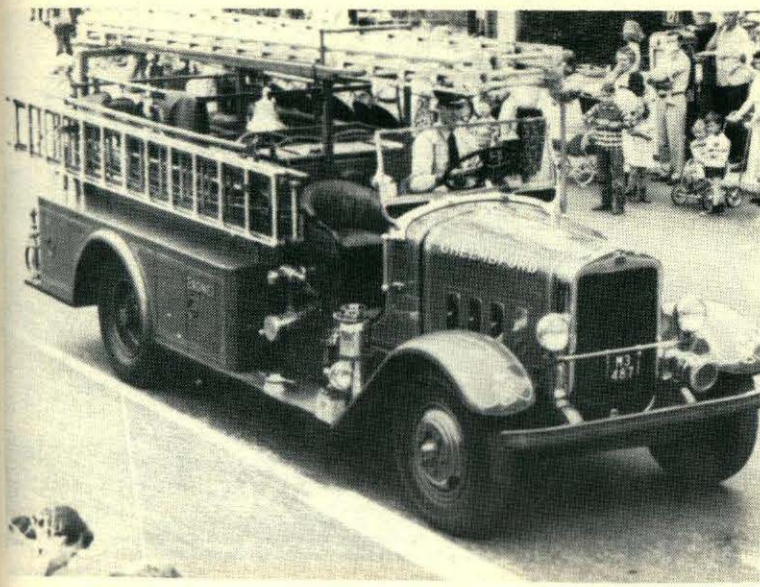
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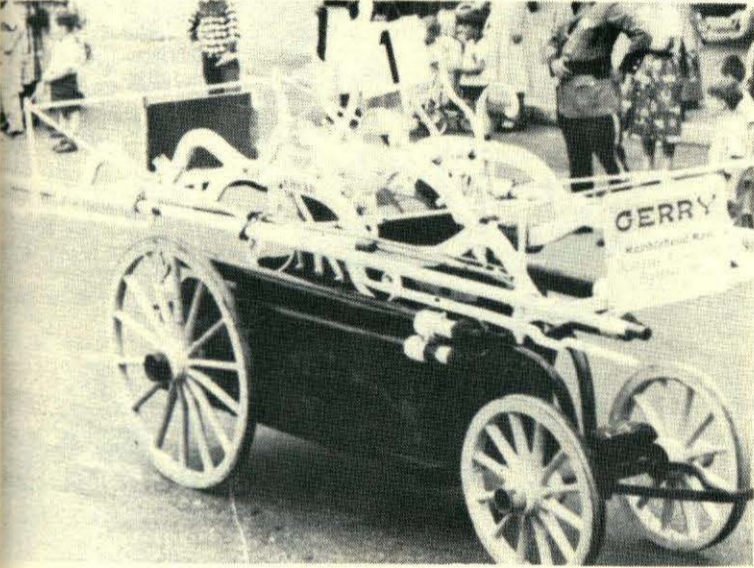
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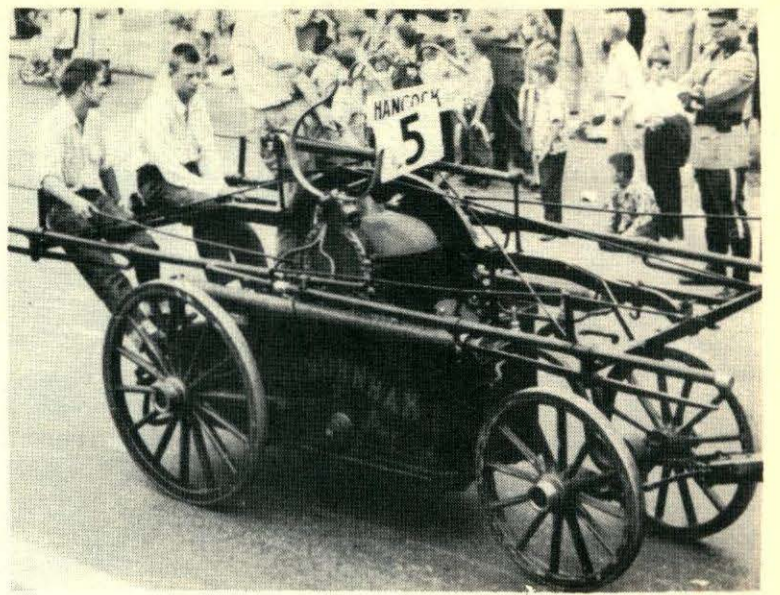
War of Revolution

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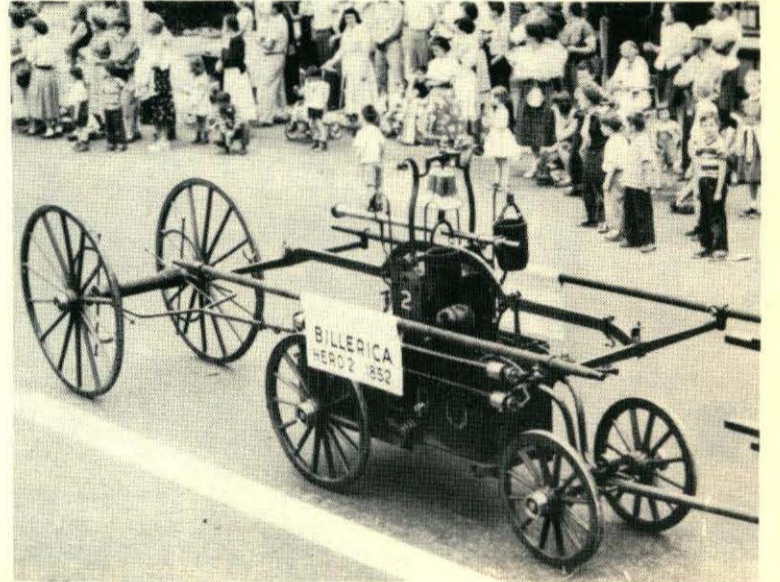
These wars fostered the military spirit in the people of New England, which, together with the conditions of their daily life where - nothing was gained except by labor and thrift, tended to develop a brave, hardy and self-reliant people, a people too confident in their own powers to submit readily to oppression.

During the period of agitation, which preceded the Revolution, the attitude of the people of this town was firm and dignified, and apparently prompted by as deep a sense of their responsibility as though the action of the whole colony was to be guided by their course. In the instructions given to their representatives and the sentiments expressed in the resolutions passed in town meetings, nothing appears which, viewed in the light of today, their descendants could wish to see altered. They contain no suggestion of a desire to sever their connection with the mother country, for which they evidently felt strong attachment, and any rash or passionate action they strongly deprecated. But at the same time they firmly maintained those rights granted them as British subjects, by the Royal Charter, and opposed the obnoxious acts of the King and parliament.

1886. October. Uncle Tom's Cabin was played at the town hall on Wednesday evening to a good sized audience and the performers took their parts well.



Ashburnham's hand Pumper.



Part of Billerica's Fire Department entry in the parade.

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Rain Dampens Muster By Minutemen On Patriots Day

A steady downpour of rain was not planned for Patriots Day by the publicity committee of the Tercentenary but it was here April 19th morning and almost spoiled the entire program.

A 105 howitzer manned by men from B Battery and Service Battery of the 211th Field Artillery Battalion, 26th Yankee Division of the Massachusetts National Guard was obtained by the committee and under the supervision of Capt. John Cooney and Capt. Edward Fabbri, of Chelmsford. Planning on a good day the howitzer shot from the high school field would have been heard for a considerable distance but the rain deadened the shots so that the battery unit had to move to a location in front of the town hall for the remaining three rounds of the six round volley.

At the sound of the shots minutemen came from every direction of Central Square to a point at the Minuteman boulder where muskets were picked up.

With the rain still coming down it was decided not to send the band and the minutemen to the Concord parade; however, the sturdy minutemen insisted on going to Concord in spite of the rain. There they went and displayed a banner advertising the Tercentenary in Chelmsford from June 9 to 12.

Sheppard Bartlett was in charge of the event and was assisted by Arnie Olsen, Chief of Police Ralph J. Eulslander, Sergeant Raymond Harnon, and officers Basil Larkin and David McAndrew.



One of the Amphibious Ducks in the parade which came from Fort Devens.



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the cemeteries by grades to decorate the graves with lady's slippers, jack-in-the-pulpits, violets and lilacs. They sang patriotic songs and recited appropriate poems at this time or in their classrooms. Large numbers of them--the girls usually dressed in white--marched with their teachers in the parade on Memorial Day itself, while some of the bigger boys helped the men carry the large flags and banners of the various organizations. Coming near the end of the school year, Memorial Day gave children an opportunity to learn history at first hand, to take part in a solemn observance with all the townspeople, and at the same time to celebrate briefly the nearness of the long summer vacation.

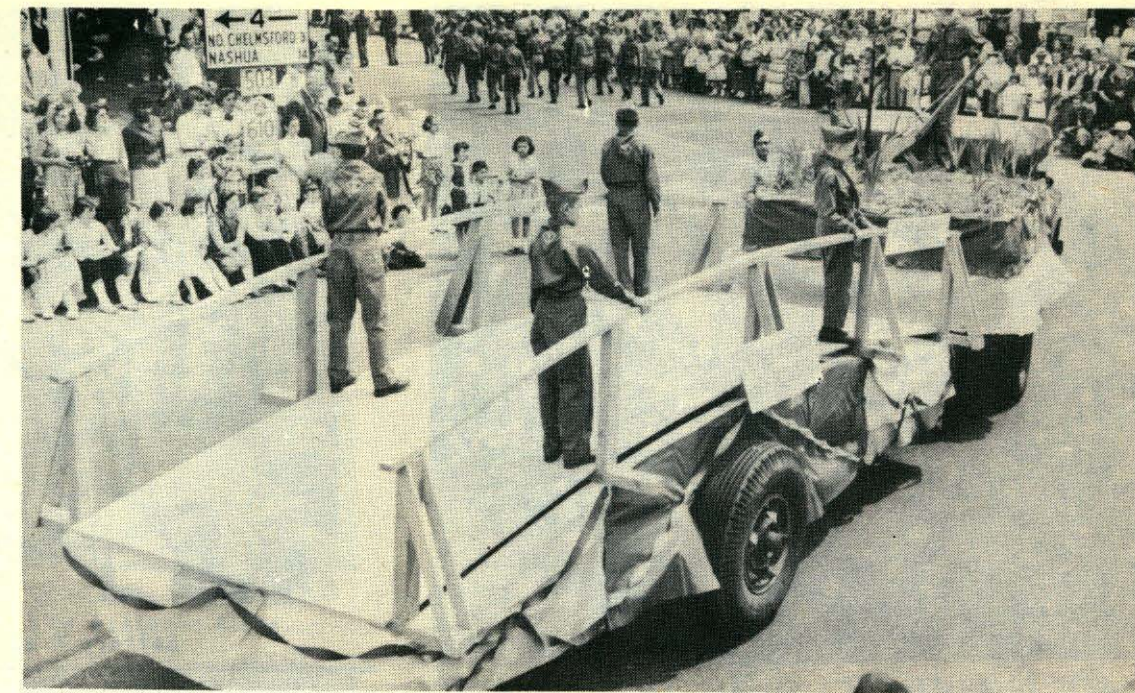
The Memorial Day parades were always exciting. Flags which were carefully rolled up and covered during the rest of the year now blew out in the breeze; the horses of the chief marshal and his aides were beautiful to look at and sometimes reared and pranced because of the unaccustomed crowds and music; gold braid and badges glittered, and the band instruments reflected the sun in all directions like mirrors. After the parade and the ceremony in the cemetery, came exercises in the town hall which was crowded to capacity. The band was packed tightly into the balcony and boomed out its selections until the building shook. There would be singing, a roll call of the veterans who had died during the year, a reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and a speech by some prominent speaker. This was followed by a hot dinner served downstairs, and then gradually everyone went home.

It was often a very warm day, a little restrained in its feeling at first, but at noon, after the town flag had been raised to full mast and the dinner had begun, it became more of a holiday to be enjoyed. At home, the children played while their parents rested or talked with those who came from out of town to make their annual Memorial Day visits to the cemeteries and to renew old acquaintances.

Memorial Day is still celebrated with parades and there are still many veterans--although they are of more recent wars--who can tell vivid stories of battles and a soldier's life. If the day now seems more like 'just another holiday' and less like one of the few great days of the year as it used to when the whole town helped to celebrate, and when even the youngest school

child could see for a moment what History really meant--perhaps we have lost something valuable.

We may have lost some of Memorial Day's meaning because our sense of what it stands for has grown duller with time. One of the best reasons for having a historical society in any town is the opportunity it provides for sharpening that sense of the past. It shows us what life was like



Troop 212, Center Boy Scouts, on Concord Bridge and also a plowing scene during the Revolutionary War days.

by exhibiting the articles which were used long ago. Our interest is aroused by the differences and the resem-

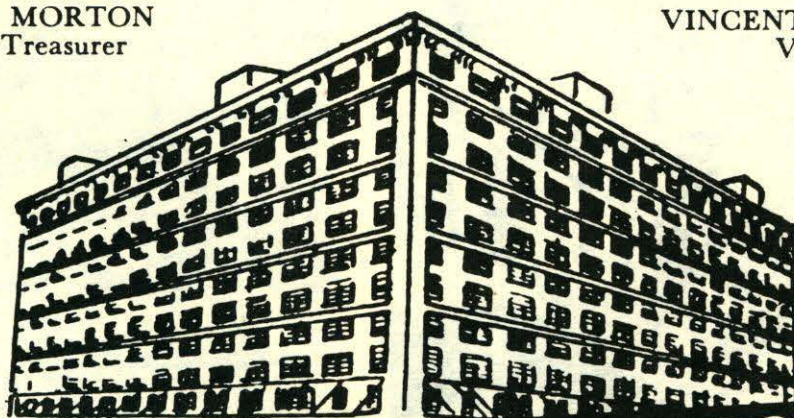
blances between that life and our own. We can take a single object, like the broad-bladed hatchet called a broadax, with

which house timbers were smoothed, and reach a new appreciation of carpentry and

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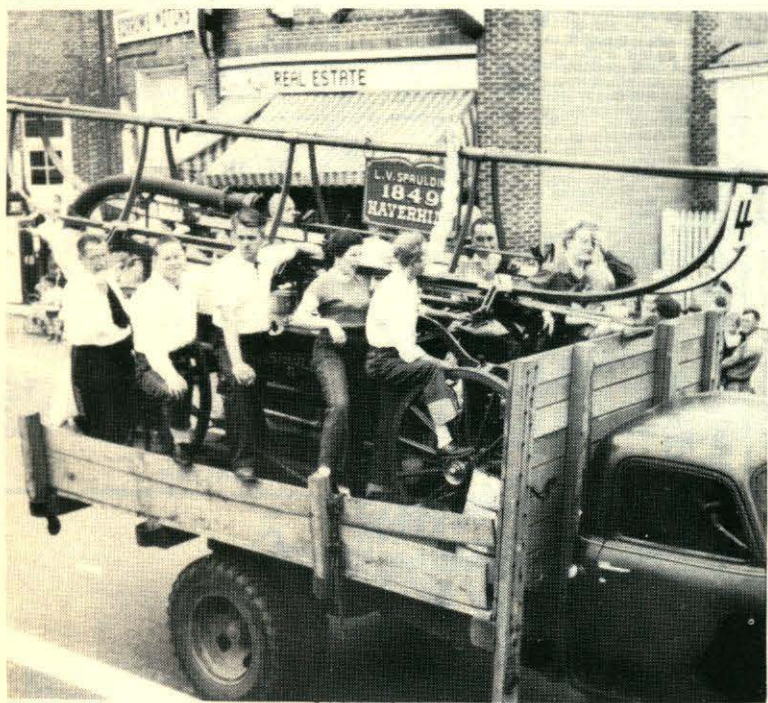


Center Girl Scouts float showing old and new uniforms, also merit badges.



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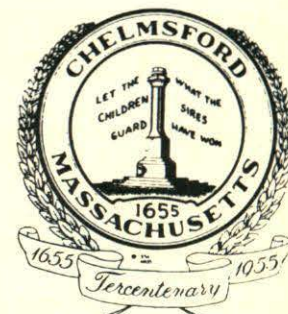
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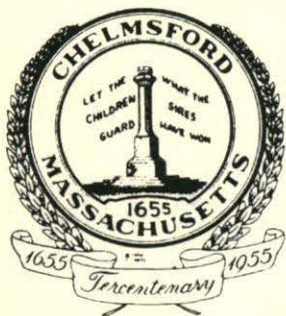
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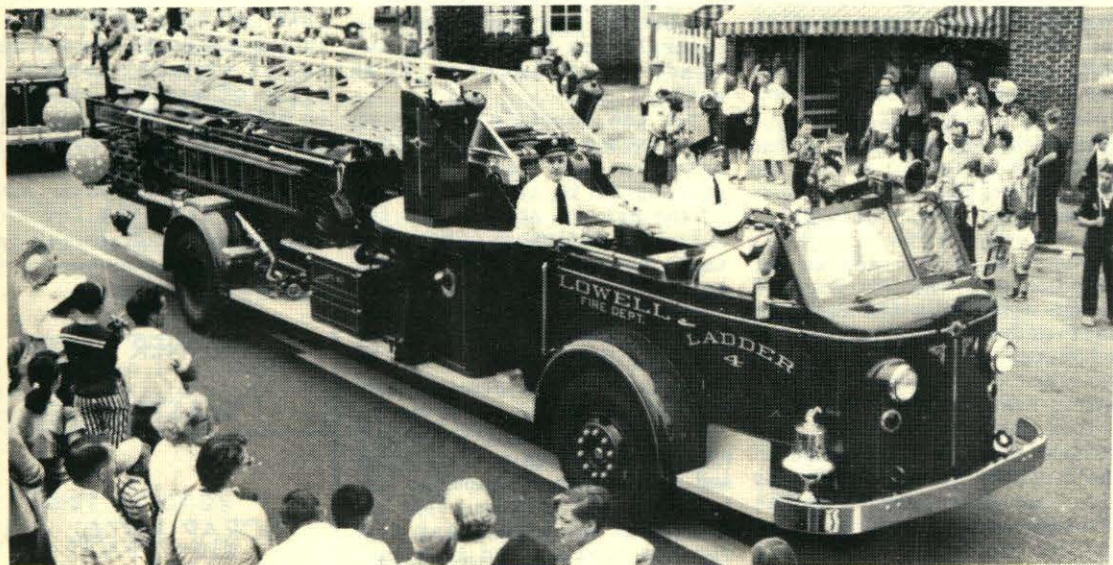
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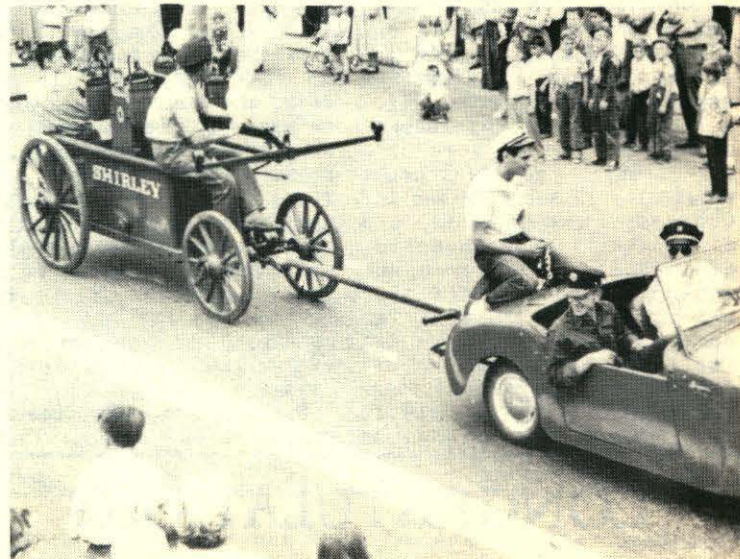
Even Davy Crockett was here! Cub Scouts Pack 212 float by historic Alamo.



Boy Scout Troop 212.



A piece of apparatus from the Lowell Fire Dept.

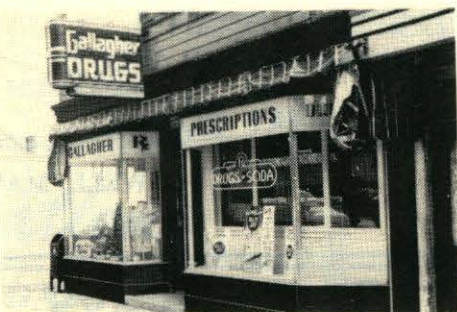


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house construction. We can start with a Revolutionary gun and become involved in many aspects of its owner's life.

After the first excitement of the Revolution wore off, for example, there was great difficulty in securing men for the army. New England, and particularly Massachusetts, did its part, but even she never more than half-filled her quota of 3,350 men. The number of men required for the Continental army was apportioned among the various towns which were made responsible for furnishing that number or

were fined. Bounties were offered by the towns to encourage enlistments, and drafting was resorted to when ever-increasing bounties failed to bring results. In most cases where a man was drafted, he was required to serve personally or to provide a substitute within 24 hours, or be fined. Some men paid the fine and stayed at home and others hired substitutes, but these practices led to the belief that the burden of military service was falling unfairly on the poor who could not afford to do anything but serve.

The soldiers were often discontented and even mutinous.



U.S. Naval Reserve unit and color guard from Lowell with many of its members coming from Chelmsford, including Commander Gerald Curran during the parade, June 9th.

There was a shortage of trained officers, and since company officers were elected by the men themselves, discipline was poor. Food supplies, fairly adequate during the first year of the war, grew shorter and shorter. At Valley Forge, there was no bread for a week; for a month in 1780, the men lived on one-quarter and one-eighth rations and some of the officers lived on bread and water. Uniforms were not adopted for some time, but hunting shirts, gaiters and long breeches were provided as far as possible. The New England troops never wore the familiar buff-and-blue as popularly supposed, and so many of the soldiers at Yorktown were so nearly naked that their French allies made fun of them. Lack of food and clothing, added to the ordinary hardships of army life caused an immense amount of sickness and death. Hospital and medical care were sadly inadequate, and a soldier captured by the enemy would frequently suffer further privation on the prison ships. The heaviest blow of all came, however, when the men were not paid. They felt that the people at home were not supporting them, and, added to this, prices had risen so much that even when part of the promised

pay was received, it would buy almost nothing. We can imagine the worry and anxiety of these men, poor as their own situation was, when they thought of their families, deprived of the breadwinner and dependent generally on the help of already overburdened town authorities.

Yet the morale of the army was somehow maintained. This extraordinary fact 'must be attributed to the patriotism of the private soldier and the marvelous influence of Washington's character.' The man who carried this gun which we have been examining was one of these private soldiers, and we can multiply his example of faithfulness over and over in the Revolution and in other wars.

We can learn about the world and about wars by knowing the lowliest foot soldier. What he did, what he wore, what his gun and canteen and knapsack looked like--these make him real to us. As he becomes real, the events he took part in become real, too. Once this happens, we have established a permanent connection between those events and that man and ourselves. They 'mean something' to us, we say. We realize how difficult it must have been to march in this

thick uniform, with these heavy shoes and these pieces of equipment. We marvel that battles were fought and victories won under such conditions. More than this, we see that in terms of effort, injuries and death--to say nothing of property losses--the price of victory can hardly be estimated. We today, and all those coming after us, are still greatly indebted to the soldiers of past wars. All of them in fighting for their

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tions made before the monument was built.

Chelmsford's part in the Revolution, commemorated by the monument, was no small one. Her soldiers went to Concord and Lexington, and 68 of them took part in the battle of Bunker Hill. Lt. Col. Moses Parker and Capt. Benjamin Walker died from wounds received there, and 12 other men were wounded. Chelmsford men were in the army at Ticonderoga, Saratoga, Valley Forge, White Plains, at Burgoyne's capture, and elsewhere. It is believed that 544 from this town served in the war, and 8 or 9 of these died or were killed.

Besides sending her sons, the town aided the Revolutionary cause by giving supplies of grain to the suffering poor of Boston, and invited those who were destitute and homeless there to make Chelmsford their home. From Boston's original letter of acknowledgment for this offer and for the grain, it appears that in 1776, 106 persons from Boston and Charlestown were sheltered free of cost by Chelmsford people. The town also voted large sums of money throughout the war for the use of the Provincial and Continental Congresses, besides giving much-needed supplies of blankets, clothing, etc., for the army. These are only fragmentary indications of the whole-hearted interest and the great sacrifices made by those who supported this cause in Chelmsford and throughout the colonies.

The first verse of the Dedication Ode follows, written by a native of the town, and sung during the dedicatory exercises by a full choir to the tune, Hail to the Chief:

'Lofty and lone its gray column uplifting.

So may it stand through the centuries shifting.

'Til its glistening sides are with moss overgrown.

So may it always stand, Ever to guard the land,

Summer and winter, in sunshine and cold;

Hewn from its granite bed, Raised to the honored dead,

Freedom's defenders, the heroes of old.'



144 Capt. Isaac Davis Chapter float of the D.A.R. of Acton.

Revolutionary Monument

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committee, was elected treasurer of the Association to receive contributions from the townspeople. Charles H. Dalton, for whose family Dalton Road was named, was the original projector of the monument and served as a corresponding secretary. His residence at the corner of Dalton Road and North Road was the home of Col. Simeon Spaulding, the leading figure in Chelmsford during the Revolution, who had served not only as town treas-

urer and selectman but as Colonial representative, 1771-75, member of the Provincial Congress, 1775-78, and delegate to the convention to form a new Constitution, 1779.

The monument, of Chelmsford granite, about 30 feet high and weighing 60 tons, was erected at a cost of some \$1700 contributed by 954 persons. At the dedication exercises, a parade, headed by Deacon Adams, marched from the Dalton house to the Unitarian church where the ceremonies were held because of rain.

Dr. Willard Parker of New York was the orator of the day; the Lowell Brigade Band played; two odes especially composed for the occasion were sung, and there were other speeches. Dinner was served inside a large tent on the Common to over 500 persons. 'A pigeon pot-pie was cooked in a big pot hung over a fire built on the ground back of the Unitarian church, and everybody had a pigeon and a dumpling.' The monument was 'handsomely decorated with banners and streamers' and under its cornerstone was placed a copper box containing an almanac for 1859, a History of Lowell, Lowell and Boston newspapers, and other papers. After the Civil War it was customary for many years to decorate the monument on Memorial Day, and the churches took turns, in friendly rivalry, with the decorations. The Chelmsford Monument Association continued to carry out its original purpose of maintaining the monument about 1930, when the officers asked the Chelmsford Historical Society to take over its affairs. Among its properties now in the Society's rooms is the beautiful blue and gold flag of the Association, carried in Memorial Day parades, and the record of the meetings held and contribu-



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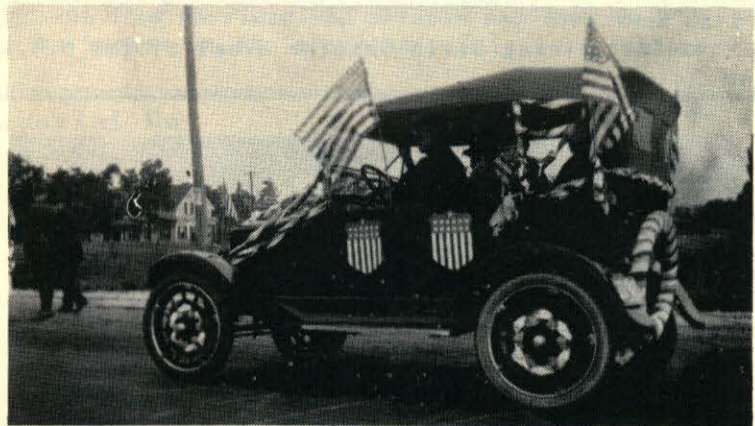
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GROUP OF LOCAL CIVIL WAR VETERANS: Shown at the Center Town Hall are members of Co. K, 6th Regt., Mass. Volunteers, at an annual reunion some 60 years ago. This company was composed of "9 months men" from this and nearby towns. Among those in the group are: Henry S. Perham, Josiah R. Fletcher, Capt. C.E.A. Bartlett, Geo. A. Parkhurst, Nathan B. Lapham, Geo. A. Byam and Daniel P. Byam. 241 local men served in the Civil War, and 25 were killed or died in the service.

Chelmsford's Participation At Concord and Lexington

On the morning of April 19th, 1775, a day unusually warm for that time of year, the good people of Chelmsford, twenty-three miles north-west of Boston and about nine north of Concord, were roused by the alarm of the British advance. A mounted messenger from Billerica dashed into the village proclaiming the news that the red-coats were marching from Boston towards Concord. Alarm bells, drum beats and signal guns warned the people, as prearranged messengers spread the news. When the messenger

reached Chelmsford, the minute-men were already on their way to Concord. One, John Ford, Sergeant in Captain Barron's Company, was one of the first in his locality to have the news. He immediately left his mill at Pawtucket Falls and set out to notify the men in his part of the town, along the Merrimack. He 'hastily ate a bowl of bread and milk in his kitchen, and rode his horse to death,' so tradition says.

Benjamin Pierce, the father of President Franklin Pierce, was plowing in his field near the present Powell and E streets in Lowell, when he heard the alarm; he chained his steers to a tree and 'the

plow was in mid-furrow stayed. With gun and equipment he hastened away on foot. Samuel Perham, Jr. was hoeing in the 'lower field,' a part of the Perham estate, when he heard the alarm gun in the centre village nearby, and sticking his hoe in the ground, started to join his company of which Moses Parker was in command. Samuel Parkhurst, a lad of sixteen living on the west side of Robin's Hill, called out, 'Mother, I hear the shoots; I'm going,' and away he went. His

descendents treasure a sword which he took from a British officer at Ticonderoga.

One young man, not enrolled, begged and obtained leave to go in the place of his elderly employer, and it is claimed, ran all the way to Concord by the side of Sergeant Ford's horse, holding on to the stirrup strap.

The place of rendezvous was near the memorial boulder in the little park where all the streets convene at the centre village. From a rock a few feet north of this spot the

minute guns were fired. This boulder was placed by the Molly Varnum Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on June 17, 1899. A collation was served in the Town Hall. The boulder bears the inscription: Here on the 19th of April, 1775, the minute guns summoned the men of Chelmsford to the Concord fight.

The good parson, Bridge, was on the ground and requested the men to go into the meeting-house and have prayers before they left; but the impetuous Sergeant Ford, his patriotism getting the better of his piety, replied that they had more urgent business on hand, and so away they went.

These men did not march in order (regular), but hurried
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A scene at the parade.

Memorial Day

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country were fighting so that people--relatives, neighbors, friends at home and generations they would never see--could continue to live in the way they believed best.

When we look at the past, translating it into terms of persons, we discover an unbreakable connection between them and ourselves. That same connection extends into the future: each generation links what-was with what-will-be, like a person holding the hand of someone at his right and his left. We are humbly grateful for what previous generations have done; we are obligated to act in our time in

such a way that we not only repay a part of our indebtedness to them, but that we also achieve some kind of new victory so that the future, looking back, may in turn have reason to be grateful to us.

Thus Memorial Day becomes a remembering day and a dedication day--looking to the past and to the future. It is more than a decoration day, for the flowers and the flags on the graves are not only ornaments but symbols of perpetual gratitude to men whose deeds live after them.

Concord and Lexington

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off in squads, on horseback, or on foot, as fast as they received the summons. As the



American Legion Post 212 past commanders; Front, 1 to r, Arthur E. DeLong (deceased), E. Clifton Lakin, finance officer, Raymond Ayotte, Sidney C. Perham, Judge John H. Valentine, John J. Buchanan, Francis J. Sheehan, rear, 1 to r, Hosmer Sweetser, Wilhelm T. Johnson, Ira Spaulding, Claude A. Harvey, Wayne L. Gray, Archibald Cooke, Albert A. Evans, Edwin L. Burne, Glen R. Blaisdell, Robert Cameron, and Albert V. Wainwright.

foremost of them neared Concord about half-past nine in the morning, just an hour and a half later after the alarm, they followed the road leading over Punkatasset hill on the west side of the river, this road has been reduced in grade from which point a splendid view is obtained of the river and valley. Here the Chelmsford men met the Americans who had retired from the village on the approach of the eight hundred British troops, and with others from Westford,

Bedford, Lincoln and neighboring towns, descended to Buttrick's hill just above the bridge, and held a hurried debate. They were ordered to march to the bridge and past the same, but not to fire on the King's troops, unless fired upon. Shortly after that the famous fight took place, and as the British retreated through the village towards Merriman's corner, other Chelmsford men came up, and with their comrades, crossing over the great meadows, met

them at the corner, where a sharp engagement was fought. It was a race for life with the British, who were chased by the Americans all the way to Charlestown Neck.

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