PELHAM, N.H.

School Children Present Annual Memorial Day Program at Centre Congregational Church.


An excellent Memorial day program was presented at Pelham Congregational church today following exercises of decoration at the Centre cemeteries.

School children gathered on the common at 10 a.m. and marched to the cemetery to honor departed soldiers led by Charles W. Hobbs, marshal of the day and Rev. Robert A. Byler, chaplain. Returning to the church at 11 o'clock a program was presented as follows:

Invocation, Rev. Robert A. Byler; song, "America the Beautiful," school children; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Miss Alice Houle, Pelham junior high school; tenor solo, "Lest We Forget," Herbert S. Currier; exercises by the pupils of the North Pelham district schools were presented under the direction of Miss Helen Broderick, teacher, consisted of a pageant, "Remembering the Soldiers" and "Call for Peace" in two parts.

Seven children, Lorin Raymond, James Doherty, Charles Tallant, Zelma Madden, Hilda Carter, Mary Ouillette and Helen Doran constituted the word "Soldier" by presenting each a letter of the word and then expressing the idea of what a soldier meant to them. Miss Mary Ouillette told why Memorial day is celebrated. Three Red Cross nurses, Marjorie Carter, Marion Carter and Virginia Tallant marched to the stage followed by six soldiers, Warren Vine, Andrew Tallant, Raymond McCann, James Doherty, Daniel Pearson and William Smith to the tune of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching" played by Mrs. Rena Currier. Robert Ouillette stepped to the front with an American flag resting in the background.

The assembly responded to the command: Attention! Change! Salute! "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung and the flag was lowered at chorus: Helen Doran placed a wreath on flag in honor of the dead and with the plea that democracy might live.

In the final part Helen Doran, Marion Carter, Zelma Madden, Mary Ouillette and Lorin Raymond formed the word "Peace" by spelling the word with cardboard letters. Each letter was presented with verse. A march was played again as the soldiers trooped from the stage leaving "Peace" to follow.

The address of the day was given by Rev. Robert A. Byler, pastor of Pelham Congregational church. Herbert S. Currier gave another solo, "There Is No Death," and in closing all sang "America." Over 100 plates were served at the dinner following the exercises.

The dinner was in charge of Miss Helen Morris assisted by Mrs. E. Frances Carleton and Mrs. Ernest Bigelow.