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Christmas Services In Local Churches

Special Christmas Eve, Christmas and Christmas Sunday services will provide the opportunity this year for local church-goers to observe the sacred anniversary in a proper manner.

Christ church will have a special Christmas Eve Holy Communion service and carol program, starting at 11:15.

Tomorrow, Holy Communion will again be celebrated at Christ church, with a sermon and appropriate Christmas music. At 7:00 tomorrow morning, South church will repeat the Christmas dawn service which proved such an attractive program a year ago. St. Augustine's, in place of a midnight mass, cancelled for the second successive year, will have its main Christmas observance at a solemn high mass at 9:45 tomorrow morning.

The Baptist church will present an inspiring program Sunday morning and a Christmas pageant in the evening.

Christmas Eve

CHRIST CHURCH

Prelude—Puer Natus Est	Titcomb
Processional Hymn 72	Wade
Carols	
Hymn 79	Willis
Hymn 545	Parker
Hymn 78	Redner
Kyrie	Gregorian
Anthem—Glory Be To God In	
Heaven—Old French	(arr. Snow)
Sanctus	Gregorian
Communion Hymn 339	French Folksong
Gloria in Excelsis	Old Chant
Kneeling Hymn 546	Gruber
Recessional Hymn 73	Mendelssohn
Postlude—In Silent Night	Edmundson
John D. Newall, Organist and	
Choirmaster	

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Fuel Oil Users To Re-Register Soon

Commercial Consumers Affected By New Order

The local rationing board has announced that all who previously registered for fuel oil on Forms R1102 and R1103—including more than 100 firms which use heat for processing or specialized heating operations—must re-register before they will be eligible to receive their January 1 quotas. The new ruling was contained in a letter received yesterday from State Administrator Henry Parkman.

The new procedure will not affect the ordinary householder, whose ration is issued in an entirely different category. Form 1102 is issued for fuel used in processing operations, not for heating—sterilizing knives, running presses and the like. Form 1103 is for the specialized heating requirements of farmers, poultrymen, florists, etc.

It had previously been thought that at the expiration of the present fuel ration period, the supply of coupons would be increased to cover another three month's use. No oil whatever can be issued to these two classes of consumers, however, until they have repeated the registration procedure.

Since only two-fifths of the coupons for a year's consumption of fuel oil had previously been distributed by the local rationing board to apartment buildings, stores and the like, several of them put in emergency requests for additional fuel allotments during the cold weather of last week. The rest of a year's supply of coupons is being

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Only Slight Damage From Cold Spell

Utilities, Fuel Dealers Kept Busy During Freeze Period; Slippery Streets Hazardous Wednesday

With temperature records standing for 20 years or more broken by the most severe cold snap here in many years, local homeowners, despite the shortage and rationing of fuel oil, came through the emergency with no more discomfort than might have been reasonably expected.

Andover's temperatures, especially in Shawsheen and parts of West Andover, reached a low of 24 degrees below zero early Sunday morning, and the thermometers had registered consistent below-zero readings during the preceding three days and on Monday.

Local fuel companies and private fuel dealers were considerably rushed during the period of cold weather. The fact that large supplies of fuel were not available caused them, in several instances, to institute their own "rationing" program in order that they might distribute supplies equitably to the large numbers requesting them.

The fact that many of the smaller dealers have gone out of business, or ran out of their own supplies, placed a heavier burden than usual on the larger firms. No local families were obliged to go without heat, however, during any of the series of frigid days.

Fuel oil consumers were able to use two different types of coupons, those previously extended from December 2 to yesterday, and those whose validity began on December 3. In most cases, householders had sufficient coupons to permit them an adequate ration.

The gas and electric light utilities were not badly hit by the cold snap. There were a few minor cases of frozen gas lines, but no real trouble was anticipated until the weather began to thaw. No breaking of electric wires, or other

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Record Volume Of Christmas Mail

Mail Handled Quickly Despite Bad Weather

"All letters which reach the postoffice by 2:00 this afternoon, and all parcel post in by 3:00, will be delivered today," according to a statement issued this morning by postoffice officials.

Handling the biggest volume of mail which has ever passed through the local postoffice, the staff and a large corps of temporary workers have been able to get the mail through quickly despite difficulties at several of the principal terminals throughout the country.

All mail received here up to 2:00 yesterday had been delivered last night, including parcel post, which had been delayed somewhat in transit. Receipts at the postoffice will unquestionably reach a new high, it is believed.

There will be no delivery Christmas Day, according to the schedule now being followed, except for special delivery mail.

The record of the postoffice in keeping well ahead of the flood of posted material is even more remarkable in view of the fact that not a single sack of parcel post was received there Saturday or Monday because of the serious tieup in Boston. The abnormally cold weather of the past week-end did not affect deliveries in the least.

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Season's Greetings



LOOK PHOTO SERVICE

Musgrove Bldg. Phone 1763-W



May your Christmas Day be bright
Your New Year fresh in Fortune's book,
And all your missions turn out right
—The Christmas wish of

DONALD LOOK

We are glad to accede to the Governor's request that business establishments, wherever possible, close on certain days to conserve fuel. We will be

CLOSED ALL DAY SATURDAY AND ALL DAY JANUARY 2.

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To all our friends and patrons, and to the boys in service everywhere, a Very Merry Christmas.

J. E. Pitman Est.

63 Park St., Andover Tel. 664

NOTICE

On Christmas Day, the following drugstores will be open only during these hours:
9 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. — 5:30 P. M. to 8:30 P. M.

Our Best Wishes for
A Merry Christmas

The Hartigan Pharmacy
Lowe & Co.

The Simeone Pharmacy

A Merry Christmas



Christmas doesn't change – really – because the spirit behind it is always the same. This year there may be vacant chairs, but they're vacant so that succeeding years will see home life restored all o'er the world.

It is with a feeling of gratitude for the support of the past year that we extend to the people of Andover our very best wishes for a truly Merry Christmas.

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309 Essex Street—Lawrence

Free Delivery to Andover Daily





An Open Letter to Santa Claus

Dear Sir:

You may consider it a rather silly notion for people of our age to write you. Like most of the better things in this world, the privilege of sending letters to Santa is reserved for those who enjoy it the most and appreciate it the least. But with things as they are, in a world where our permanent possessions seem to fade away like stars at dawn, it gives us a sense of reality to have you with us again, in war as in peace, in prosperity as in poverty, in sorrow as in comfort.

You may have heard about the troubles we are enduring down here, the slaughters and the plunderings for the sake of a few dollars-and-cents possessions all over the face of this battered globe. You probably consider that a very cruel state of affairs, and cruel it is.

Well, sir, we didn't ask to have things that way, but since they must be, they must. And we hasten to add that, though a war may change our street-lights some, and our shop-windows, and the food we eat, and the homes we live in, we ourselves are about the same.

No, we haven't changed much. We may stuff our pockets with dollars, but we're ready to empty them for someone who can use money better than we can. We may talk rough and act rough, but we cry at the movies. We may think we're a lot richer, a lot bigger and a lot smarter than the rest, but we don't let anyone pick on the little fellow. Our postoffice will tell you, this Christmas, that we like to put our friendship in writing.

That's our real message to you this year. Last Christmas Eve, when we wrote you before, we were merely rolling up our sleeves for the unwelcome job before us. Since then, we've lost our autos, our tires, our coffee, and a dozen other things. If we had reared the framework of our government on tires and sugar and gasoline, we'd be in a pretty bad fix by now.

But you know better than that, and so do we. At Christmas time, we think of you as a kindred soul, a good-hearted old codger with nothing to ask and plenty to give, nothing to gain but the warming of your stout old heart.

Did it ever occur to you that we're fighting for the right to believe in a Santa Claus?

Well, we'll be waiting for you tonight, with a wreath in the window, a tree in the corner, stockings on the mantel. Like our brothers all over the world, we are filled with new hope at the thought of your coming.

But listen: if, by chance, you have to make a few stops in Tunisia, or Guadalcanal, or England, or any place like that—why, we'll be proud and happy to wait up a little longer for you.

Most cordially,
YOUR ANDOVER FRIENDS





For Andover Servicemen ...



... From the Folks Back Home



PASS IN REVIEW!

Dear Serviceman:

Our much-discussed penny social was held at the Junior High school auditorium last Friday evening under the handicaps of freezing weather and the "freezing" of gasoline sales. But it was a big success, and a lot of fun for all concerned.

Things looked dubious for us at the start of the evening, though we finished in a blaze of glory. Much credit is due to those in the large turnout because of the numerous obstacles the people faced.

Early in the day, there came our first blow, the stopping of the sale of gasoline. What a blow! Just imagine, all sales of gasoline on "A" books stopped for the week-end at least!

And then the weather, the cold-est we've had here since grandfather's day. The temperature went down to about 15 degrees below zero Friday evening—and to make things worse, if necessary, a strong wind started kicking up around 5:00 that all but blew us off the map.

But to our extreme surprise and gratitude, a good crowd had already turned out at 7:30, and we started our penny social and drawings with an excellent house. It was a jovial crowd, and all joined in to make it an enjoyable evening.

There were all sorts of groceries and canned goods, soap, flour, boiled dinners and bottled soft drinks given during the social.

The door prizes consisted of a \$25 war bond, a large supply of war stamps, turkeys, chickens, ducks and groceries; also various household articles, such as electric lamps, bedspreads, furniture and the like.

Since the crowd responded generously to our barkers as the different articles were put up, a good profit was realized for our fund. And because the folks enjoyed the evening so much, our committee is now planning another such affair in the near future, and all hands are digging in to make it bigger and better than ever.

THE FUND COMMITTEE

SERVING IN ANDOVER

Most Andover men in service seem to be training out of the state, if they aren't overseas; only a few are stationed so close to Andover that they can get home with any regularity. The distinction of being the only Andover boy with a military station right in Andover, however, goes to Pvt. Edward B. Kirwin, formerly of North Main street, now at Camp Andover.

Apparently it just happened that way—Pvt. Kirwin entered service last month, was selected to take military police training, and was sent to a training station which happened to be in Andover.

Since he has a son three months old, Pvt. Kirwin may well be the envy of all Andover boys in uniform this Christmas.

"Dress Right" — And He Sees That They Do

Every day, thousands of inducted men from all over New England pour into the vast maw of the recruit reception center at Fort Devens. Every day, thousands of disciplined soldiers leave Fort Devens to begin intensive training in the branch to which they have been assigned. Somewhere in the process of turning civilians into soldiers in such vast numbers, there is a mountain of work for experienced Army personnel. Perhaps no job is more important than seeing that the prospective soldier starts off on the right foot.

Sergeant George D. Gorrie, better known as "Jiggs" back in his Punchard days (class of '36) is one of the army men who route the new soldiers through, at Devens. In the two years he's been in service, he has come in contact with every single recruit from New England who has entered the army.

Perhaps no one from Andover is in a better position to judge the abilities of our boys passing through Devens than Sgt. Gorrie, since he works in the Army Test Section, the department which gives the various classification tests to all the recruits who want to enter one of the dozen branches open to them.

He says, of the men he's seen, "it is remarkable how the figures of today compare with those of World War I, at least as far as literacy is concerned...the soldier of today is of higher mentality, and is more worldly-wise."

"I know that a surprising number of boys from our town have all received promotions, in one capacity or another, depending on the branch of the service they're in. Some of us have as yet to see actual combat, but, if I know the fellows, the spirit instilled in them in their high school days will lead them on to victory and uphold the old town's reputation."

"It gives me a feeling of great pride, to know that the town still remembers her boys in the service. I feel safe in saying that Andover has shown a better spirit during this crisis than any other town or city in the state."

Well, we see the boys as they go away from Andover, and we know the stuff that's in them, but it is nice to get word that they acclimate themselves so rapidly, and get ahead so well, once they're actually in training.

Promoted To Major In Army Chaplain Corps

Major Robert Hall of the U. S. Army Chaplain Corps has recently been promoted to his present rank from that of captain, at his present station at Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

Major Hall entered the service from Stoneham, where he was minister of St. James Methodist church. His wife, Mrs. Dorothy Hall, is at present residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hill of 13 Chestnut street.

Richardson Taking Pilot Training In Alabama

Harris Richardson, son of Mrs. Theresa W. Richardson of 23 Salem street, is enrolled in the Army Air Forces pre-flight school (pilot) at Maxwell Field, Ala.

A former chart analyst and accountant, Cadet Richardson had served in the A.A.F. for 11 months prior to being appointed an aviation cadet at Tucson, Arizona, July 30.

He attended Phillips Academy, Putney school in Putney, Vt., and the Bentley School of Accounting in Boston. He also studied at the A.A.F. mechanics school at Chanute Field, Ill., Boeing Aircraft school at Seattle, Wash., and the aerial gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nev.

Signal Corps Commissions For Smith And Urquhart

Charles F. Smith and William M. Urquhart, both of Andover, are recent graduates of the officer candidate department of the Eastern Signal Corps school at Fort Monmouth, N. J. They have already received their commissions as second lieutenants, and have been assigned to active signal corps duty.

Lieut. Urquhart is well-known here, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Urquhart of Salem street.

Lieut. Smith formerly resided at 115 Elm street, and is the son of Mrs. Mary L. Smith of Everett.

AT EASE!

P.F.C. George Markey, Jr., is a member of the Naval and Marine unit at Washburn college, and says the playing cards from the Fund Committee have helped him to pass his few leisure moments.

Ernest Hall, son of Selectman and Mrs. Edward P. Hall of Ballardvale, is now located at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

Pvt. Bill Kyle, formerly in the insurance business here, is with the finance division now at Camp Harrison, Indiana.

Congrats to Donald D. Dunn, former Punchard physical instructor, who has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander. Don is in charge of the entire physical training program at a large naval training station.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Haggerty of Ballardvale have two sons in the service, both in the officers' ranks. First Lieut. Jack Haggerty is an instructor in an officer candidate school at Camp Barkley, Texas. James "Buster" Haggerty is a midshipman at Northwestern university in Chicago, from which he expects to graduate in March with the rank of ensign. Jim is a graduate of Punchard and Tufts pre-medical, and studied a year and a half at the University of Michigan's medical school.

Seaman Elroy Wade, in service a month and stationed for the present at Manhattan Beach, N. Y., was in town this past week-end.

Seaman Bill Levis has been transferred from Jacksonville, Fla., to San Francisco. He's in aviation radio.

Seaman Andy Ferrier is now behind the big guns at a Virginia naval training station. Andy was home for a Thanksgiving furlough.

Bob Maciaren has probably covered as much territory in his army duties, as any local man. Bob spent last winter in Greenland, had a few months later in this part of the country, and was recently transferred to Texas. That's really getting around.

Steve Moss of the Coast Guard is getting to meet some of the big names in the boxing world. The former Punchard football star is now training at Manhattan Beach, N. Y., and some of his physical work is being done under the guidance of Jack Dempsey and Lou Ambers.

Lieut. John P. Warden of Andover got his wings and second lieutenant's bars last week at Randolph Field. He has since left to take a course in Eagle Pass, Texas, to prepare for eventually assuming duties as an Army Air Force instructor.

Aviation Cadet Tom Hendrick of 10 Pasho street is receiving advanced flying training at Walnut Ridge, Ark., at the end of which he will receive his Air Force commission. He got his initial pilot training at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Stillman Lawrence of Ballardvale is now "way out in Tacoma, Washington."

The Yancy boys, both at Westover Field in Chicopee Falls, are reported as going great guns there.

The Fund committee has received a lot of mail lately. Space forbids more details, but some of those who have written are Alex Anderson, James Carmichael, Joe Davey, Red Dobbie, Tom Eldred, Bill Holden, Donald King, Harold Ness, F. S. Orr, F. J. Richards, Norman Ross, Tom Ryan, George Saunders, Clarence Schultz, Daniel J. C. Sharp, Kerr Sparks, Gordon Stedman, David Thomson, C. H. Weeks, Tom Wallace, E. L. Valentine, Higgs Asoian, Jim Skea, John Maden—oh, lots more.

To the Father and Mothers, Relatives and Friends of the Boys and Girls in Service:

The Andover Servicemen's Fund Committee extends to you our heartiest Christmas greetings. We want you to know that our hearts and thoughts join yours in thinking of our boys and girls far away from home this Christmastide.

As the blackness of night cannot dim the light of a tiny candle, neither can the distance which separates us sever the bonds which bind all humanity at Christmas-time.

It is our hope that the coming year will be the year of victory we have all prayed for so fervently.

Sincerely,
Servicemen's Fund Committee

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I-C, Enlisted

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II-C, Deferred, No Agricultural Work

Wilfred J. Robidoux avenue.

II-B, Deferred, Defense

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We have a couple of things in mind now as our next activities to raise Fund funds with fun.

"SUSAN AND GOD." Rachel Crothers' famous play, ably presented once this year in this vicinity, will be put on by the same group, the Tributary Theatre Players of Lawrence, on January 15 in the Auditorium. The Adventurers have promised to help in the technical angles of the production; it's a great show, well-done, and everything ought to be tops.

POLICEMEN'S BALL. Under the general chairmanship of Sergt. Ray Hickey, plans for the policemen's ball (proceeds going to our fund) are proceeding apace. The entertainment committee has just about completed arrangements to have that very clever and outstanding radio team, Carl Moore and Ray Girardin of Boston's WEEL, on hand to keep things rolling. There will be five or six excellent vaudeville acts besides, and a minstrel show will follow.

Draft Classifications Issued By Board

New classifications issued this week by Local Draft Board 3 are:

I-A, Available for Immediate Service

Kent B. Stevenson, North Andover; Gerald C. Morel, 4 Iceland road; Earl H. Downs, River street, Ballardvale.

I-C, Enlisted

Ernest L. Birdsall, 22 Florence street; William M. Thomson, North Andover; Edward D. Walen, 68 Salem street; Donald A. Boynton, 17 Hidden road; Charles F. Phair, North Andover.

II-C, Deferred, Necessary Agricultural Worker

Wilfred J. Robidoux, Brundrett avenue.

II-B, Deferred, Defense Worker

Charles S. Whitney, North Andover; Wesley E. Varnum, North Andover, both to Feb. 15.

III-A, Deferred, Dependency

William F. Mackie, North Andover.

III-B, Deferred, Dependency and Civilian Necessity

Alfred R. Bennert, 14 Argyle street; Raymond A. Hoyer, Wildwood road.

France's Part In War Shown In Addison Gallery Paintings

A young French soldier artist's experiences in the French Army from the outbreak of the war until his escape to America in late 1940 are recorded in a series of watercolors on exhibition at the Addison Gallery until January 4.

Jean Pages, whose drawings in Vogue and other Conde Nast publications are familiar to many, has portrayed with humor and pathos events leading up to the fall of France.

The confident reassurance that the Maginot line would teach Hitler a lesson pervades the first watercolors in the series. They are gay and bright in color.

But with the first ghastly defeat of the French Army in a small town near the Belgian border, Mr. Pages has thoughts only for the horrible retreat through the center of France with its endless tragedy and suffering. The last pictures in the series show his demobilization at Albi, in southern France, his trip to the now familiar Oran, in North Africa, and his final escape to America by clipper from Lisbon.

WEST PARISH

Hold Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Roger H. Lewis entertained the members of the Lewis family at their home on Laurel lane Saturday evening. Santa Claus paid his annual visit, and a buffet luncheon was served. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Metcalf and family of Saugus, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Northey, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kneath, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peatman, Mrs. Arthur Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lewis.

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Annual Church Meeting

The annual supper and business meeting of the West church will be held in the vestry Wednesday evening. All members and friends of the Parish are invited to attend.

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Personals

Amos B. Loomer and family have taken up their residence on Shawsheen road. They formerly resided in Ballardvale.

Warren Lewis and Gerard Twomey, Amherst college students, are spending the Christmas holidays at their homes.

Mrs. Edna Snyder of Philadelphia, Pa., is spending the Christmas holidays with her son, George Snyder of Lowell street.

Miss Peggy Little, a student at the University of Michigan is at her home on Shawsheen road for the holidays.

Irene Belisle, year-old daughter of the Everett Belisles of Bellevue road, recently fractured her leg in a fall from her high-chair.

Pvt. William Gilman recently visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gilman of Lowell street. Home after an exciting voyage to Casablanca, he had many thrilling stories to relate of his trip. He has since returned to his ship at Norfolk, Va.

Elias Nichols of Chandler road is resting comfortably at the Clover Hill hospital, Lawrence, following an operation.

LIBRARY NOTES

Those expecting to enter any branch of the service, Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard, may obtain information on them from any one of the following books:

Practice for the army tests—Arco Publishing company; Army officers' manual—Azoy; Modern camouflage—Breckenridge; Aviation Mathematics—Buchan; How to get a rating or commission—Gal-kin; See here, Private Hargrove—Hargrove.

Guerilla Warfare—Levy; Blue-jackets' manual, 1940—McLean; New infantry drill regulations, Officer's guide—Military Service Publishing company; How to get along in the army—"Old Sarge"; Navigation for mariners and aviators—Polowe.

Bombs away, the story of a bomber team—Steinbeck; Air pilot training—Shields; Rifle marksmanship—Stephens; The Army of the United States, Basic field manual (soldiers' handbook)—U. S. War Department.

The library also has recruiting pamphlets for the army, army air force, army signal corps, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy and Naval Aviation.

A copy of the above list has been posted at Selective Service headquarters.

Merry Christmas

The tinkling of sleigh-bells; the white snow blanketing the ground; the green, green trees lit up with a myriad of colors . . . that's Christmas.

The laughter of happy children; the glee of all over exchanged gifts and greetings . . . that's Christmas. And the wish of our entire organization for you is that this is the merriest you've ever enjoyed.

FREDERICK G. CASPAR
ALBERT E. ROBERTSON
FRANK J. CARSON
LAWRENCE L. KANE

CLARENCE H. HOLLAND
JOSEPH BLANCHARD
MISS MARILYN LEAVER
MRS. CHARLOTTE BURKE

KNUEPFER & DIMMOCK

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Andover Spa

Dantos Bros.

Elm Street—off the Square



"A" Books or None . . .

You'll still find the Shawsheen Manor readily accessible, on foot or by bus. Why not spend Christmas Eve here?

The management and employees of the Manor take this opportunity to wish all their Andover friends the Merriest Christmas ever.

For Reservations Tel. J. DeAcutis, Andover 860

SHAWSHEEN MANOR

Our Toast-

From those for whom the home
fires burn—
To those who answered duty's
call,
To those for whom our proud
hearts yearn
A MERRY CHRISTMAS, one
and all!

WALTER'S CAFE
Free Parking in the Rear



GREETINGS

FROM OUR SHOP
TO YOUR HOME
ON
CHRISTMAS DAY

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BEAUTY SALON
3 MAIN ST. OVER GAS ST.



The time has come to
wish you all
The best of Christmas
cheer,
And may you have the
strength to bear
The Hard Wear of next
year.

W. R. HILL

45 Main Street Tel. 106

DEATHS

One of Andover's best-known older residents, who had lived here for about 40 years before taking up her residence in Wilmington three years ago, Mrs. Susan (Murch) Nichols, 89, died last Thursday afternoon in Wilmington after a long illness.

Mrs. Nichols was born in Ellsworth, Maine, on May 4, 1853, the daughter of John and Irene (Huckins) Murch, and was the widow of Brewster Nichols. She was a member of the Free church.

Her sister, Mrs. Mary Hall, 92, passed away at her home in Rockland, Me., two weeks to the day before Mrs. Nichols.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews, among them Mrs. Ella Dodge, Llewellyn D. Pomeroy and Miss Adah F. Hall of Andover.

The funeral was held in the South church vestry Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Herman C. Johnson, pastor of the Free church, conducting the funeral exercises. Burial was in South church cemetery.

Mrs. Viola (Bickmore) Woodward, 73, widow of the former Marland mill superintendent, died last Thursday at the Massachusetts Osteopathic Hospital, Boston, after a brief illness. Her husband, William L. Woodward, passed away about a year ago.

Mrs. Woodward had resided with her daughter, Mrs. H. E. MacFarlane of 1193 Commonwealth avenue, Allston, for the past year.

Besides Mrs. MacFarlane, she is survived by a brother, S. E. Bickmore of Detroit, Me., and two nephews and two nieces.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Lundgren funeral home, with services conducted by Rev. Frederick B. Noss. Interment was in West Parish cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Morgan, widow of Francis Morgan, died Saturday at her home at 196 Shawsheen road.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Ruth Morgan and Mrs. Fred White of Lawrence; two sisters, Mrs. John McGrath and Mrs. Daniel Sullivan of Boston; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning from the late home, with a high mass of requiem at St. Augustine's church at 10 o'clock. Burial was in Bellevue cemetery, Lawrence.

Unusually strenuous exertions at his West Andover farm early Sunday morning caused the sudden collapse and death of one of the best known residents of that section of town, William M. Flint of Bailey road.

Mr. Flint had conducted a farm in Andover for 34 years, and was a leader in agricultural activities here.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mildred (Kearn) Flint; two daughters, Arlene, wife of Norman Briggs of this town, and Edith, wife of John Thompson of North Andover; a son, Sergt. George E. Flint of the U. S. Army Air Force; a sister, Mrs. W. E. Pike of Andover; and also three grandchildren and two nephews.

The funeral was held from the late home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with services conducted by Rev. Nelson Ringsmuth, pastor of the North Tewksbury Baptist church. Interment was in West Parish cemetery.

A life-long resident of Andover who will be sorely missed by a wide circle of friends passed away Tuesday night at the Lawrence General hospital in the person of Miss Grace A. Dane of Andover street, Ballardvale. She had been ill for some time.

Miss Dane was the sister of Police Chief George A. Dane. Other survivors include two brothers, William and Benjamin Dane, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held from the M. A. Burke funeral home Saturday morning, with a high mass of requiem in St. Augustine's Church at 9:00 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Augustine's cemetery.

Miss Ida M. (Congdon) Cook, wife of Charles S. Cook of 101 Elm street and a well-known resident here for nearly twenty years, died Tuesday night at the Lawrence General hospital. She was a native of Blackston.

Surviving besides her husband are two brothers, Ira and Norman Congdon, and a sister, Mrs. Jennie M. Bird, all of Providence, R. I.

The funeral was held this morning at 10:00 at Christ church, Rev. John S. Moses, rector, conducting the funeral services. Burial is to be in Pocasset cemetery, Cranston, R. I.

Miss Annie Stratton Davis died early yesterday evening at the Andover Home for Aged People, 4 Punchard avenue. She was the daughter of the late Warren and Mary Spofford Davis, and was a native of North Andover.

Miss Davis was secretary for a period of 40 years to the late Prof. G. Frederick Wright, former pastor of the Free church and professor of Biblical literature at Oberlin college for several decades. Rev. Mr. Wright was pastor of the Free church from 1872 to 1881.

Returning to Andover in 1928, Miss Davis had made her home here since. She was a graduate of Salem Normal school.

She is survived by three cousins, a Mrs. Gale in Chicago, Mrs. Willet of Methuen, and Miss Ellen Burnham of Arlington. Her sister, Miss Abbie Spofford Davis, passed away in 1935.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Lundgren funeral home Saturday afternoon at 2:00 by Rev. Herman C. Johnson, pastor of the Free church. Burial will be in Ridgewood cemetery, North Andover.

Combined Groups Present "Messiah" In Lawrence

An enthusiastic audience, last Sunday evening at the First Calvary Baptist church, Lawrence, heard the Andover Male Choir and Choral society in a polished rendition of Handel's Christmas oratorio, "The Messiah."

The groups, with the Andover Community orchestra, had presented the oratorio here December 4. The same soloists as then, Charles Conom, Mrs. Dorothy Eccles, William Sutherland and Miss Ethel Peacock, had the solo roles in Sunday's performance. The groups were accompanied by Raymond Wilkinson at the console and Miss Marion L. Abbott at the piano.

The Male Choir and Choral society, due to the holidays, will not hold their next meeting until Tuesday, January 12.

POLICE BLOTTER

Patrick J. Hannagan of Market street, Lawrence, who narrowly missed a collision with a police cruiser on December 13, was found guilty, in Lawrence District court Monday morning, of charges of operating under the influence of liquor and being drunk. He was fined \$45 on the first charge and \$5 on the other.

His case had been continued from the previous Monday.

Andover's "meanest thief," police discovered this week, is the person who stole a heavy valise in the Square late Tuesday evening.

The valise belonged to Mrs. Olivia Philson, sister of Calvin Wingo of Lewis street, who had just arrived here from Tennessee and was planning to take up her residence here. On leaving a bus at the square, she left the valise there while she went to the Wingo home to get someone to help her bring it there. When she returned with Mr. Wingo, the valise was missing, and it could not be recovered despite an intensive search by the officers on duty.

Besides personal effects, the valise contained several Christmas gifts which Mrs. Philson had intended to give to members of the Wingo family.

BIRTHS

A daughter, December 9 at St. John's hospital, Lowell, to Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson. The mother was the former Miss Elizabeth Platt.

A daughter, Jacqueline, December 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson I. Dennis of River road.

A daughter, Marie Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Henri Paul Morin of 10 Juliet road.

Merry Christmas To All!

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Season's Greetings

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The Irma Beane Shop

Slippery Roads Tuesday Maroon Local Commuters

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Slippery Roads Tuesday Maroon Local Commuters

Many local people, shopping in nearby cities and towns, were forced to make part of their homeward journey on foot as the result of especially dangerous driving conditions Tuesday night. No bus moved anywhere in Andover from 8:30 that evening until well into the following morning.

A particularly bad traffic jam was experienced on the long hill from the railroad bridge to Harding street, on North Main street, where at least six cars, after skidding wildly on the slippery surface, were forced to remain where they were, effectually blocking the road. Similar trouble, on a somewhat smaller scale, was experienced on practically every grade throughout town.

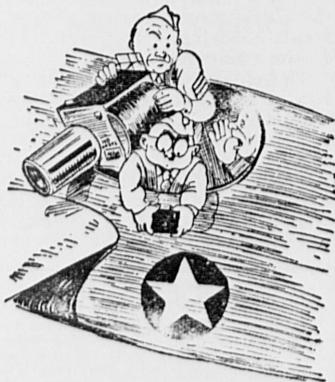
State and B.P.W. trucks began sanding operations almost immediately at the beginning of the freeze-up, and continued for a good part of the night. They were particularly anxious that carloads of war workers, going to their places of employment for night shifts, both in local and out-of-town mills, should not be impeded. Many of them, however, were forced to begin work an hour late, or did not attempt to complete the journey.

A Florence street woman, stranded in South Lawrence by the refusal of a bus operator to proceed any further, started to walk her way home with two other local women. They were met by a boy about sixteen years old who insisted on accompanying them, pointing out the best ways to traverse certain difficult stretches.

The boy accompanied them, with a few other people who happened to have the same difficulty, all the way to Andover, a distance of three miles. He remarked on leaving them—refusing, incidentally, to give his name or to accept any sort of recompense—that he was going to walk back to Lawrence to "convoy" anyone else who needed assistance. He was particularly anxious, he said, that war workers would be able to meet their working schedule on time.

Miss Louise V. Higgins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Higgins of North Main street, and Miss Kathryn A. McCarthy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. McCarthy of High street, are enjoying their Jackson college Christmas holidays with their families.

Mlle. Etienne Trouve of the Abbot academy faculty is visiting in New York.



"The Captain said to let him alone—his pictures were the only ones that showed anything last trip."

BALLARDVALE

Association Party Saturday

The annual Christmas party of the Community association will be held Saturday evening at 8:00 in the community room. Tickets are now being sold by the members of the committee, or may be obtained at the door. Those attending are asked to bring small gifts to be exchanged. Refreshments will be served.

All servicemen who will be in town Saturday evening are asked to consider themselves guests of the association at the party.

To Present Cantata

A cantata, "The Mystery of Christmas," will be presented Sunday evening at 6:00 in the Union Congregational church auditorium. The program is being prepared under the direction of Miss Joan Moody, with Joseph E. Stott as organist and Mrs. Irving Shaw as narrator.

Children's Party a Success

Friday night's party given by the Friendly Guild for the children of the Senior Sunday school and the C. E. societies was a great success. A short devotional period was held with Mrs. Howard Paulson presiding. Carols were sung by those present, and Christmas stories were read by Mrs. David Segerstrom.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Robert Mitchell and Mrs. James Sparks, assisted by Miss Marguerite Greenwood.

Santa To Visit Here

Santa Claus will make his second and third "official" visits to the Vale this evening, stopping in at the Christmas party at the Union Congregational church at 6:00, and at the Methodist church party at 6:30.

Programs will be presented and gifts distributed at both churches.

School Parties Held

Miss Barbara Parker's kindergarten class had an enjoyable visit from Santa Claus Friday morning, and an interesting entertainment was given for him. All pupils, and their younger brothers and sisters, received candy and toys.

Santa was also present Friday afternoon at Bradlee school to witness exercises given by the pupils of Miss Fitzhenry's and Miss Collins' rooms. Gifts and candy were distributed.

Home For The Holidays

Local young people spending the Christmas holidays at their homes include Verneice Moody from Sargent school, George Brown, Jr., from Northwestern Teachers college in North Carolina, Paratrooper Kenneth Nicoll from North Carolina, Melvin Nicoll from Boston, and James Morton, Jr., from the Coast Guard school at New London, Conn.

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Editorials



Neurotic World Order

Had we written this editorial over the week-end instead of on Wednesday, it might have been unintelligible. It would, in all probability, have sounded like the ravings of a person suddenly gone insane.

But time heals many things. Today, a few days later, we can calmly sit down and suggest as an editorial point that either the federal government abolish all its new-found agencies, or that it establish just one more. This proposed new agency would have the initials: OTN, for the Office for Treatment of Neurotics.

It's the greatest problem facing America today, frankly. We are all destined to become neurotics if the men in whose hands President Roosevelt has placed the power to mold our lives, don't find out soon just what their job is all about. Any one following the headlines of last week-end's newspapers would have to be pretty infirm mentally not to get the impression that in Washington men were running around doing and saying things that became just a jumble—and anyone who received that impression could not help but become infirm mentally at the thought that these men were the ones who could tell us what to eat and what to heat.

You go along, nursing your few remaining gas coupons very carefully—and then all of a sudden, you find that you can't get any gas anyway! Or rather you're told that within 48 hours there will probably be a suspension of gas sales, and then in 12 hours, there is. Someone says you can get it in one case, someone says you can get it in another case, someone says there isn't any to get. Somehow the impression is inescapable that the President has hired so many men that they're stepping on each other's toes, duplicating each other's functions, and driving America mad.

The whole rationing program has been woefully mishandled. The local boards hardly have a chance to learn a new rule before a contradictory one comes along. No wonder we don't know whether we're coming or going; how can we when those in Washington don't know whether they are?

Hope

You're getting this paper—you fellows in Tunisia, you at Devens, in Hawaii, in Panama, in Egypt, at Fort Bragg—wherever your country sent you, this issue of the Townsman is following you. And to you all, Andover wants to say: "Merry Christmas."

Yes, it wants to say that—and it wonders if it should. It knows that if you're in a foxhole, or in a bomber, all the wishes in the world won't give you a Merry Christmas. It knows that, far away from home, from the ones you love and from those who love you, December 25th will be just another day, no gladder, probably sadder, than the rest.

But Christmas is not just another day. Wherever you are, boys, it's not just another day. It's a day of hope. Over 1900 years ago it was a day of hope—and that star that shone for the Wise Men that night shines just as brightly over the African battlefields as it does over Andover and as it does over Bethlehem. It means Hope, Hope that a world gone mad will some day soon through your efforts become normal again, and Hope that some day through our efforts, it will stay normal.

We believe in Christmas, you believe in Christmas. Those other fellows don't, not really. And that's why we're going to win. We believe that on that night many years ago the Christ Child lay in that manger; they've been told not to believe it. That is why on Christmas day you can hope, and they can't.

That is why we here in Andover, trying to make our Christmas as merry as possible without you, wish you, with confidence, a very, very hopeful Christmas.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor:

May I request in behalf of the Bond and Stamp Committee that, insofar as it is possibly convenient, all bond purchases by citizens of the town be made from one of our local agencies, such as the National Bank, the postoffice, and the Andover Savings Bank.

Because Andover has a quota to meet, assigned by State headquarters, and also as a matter of community pride, we are anxious to show as large a result as possible at the end of each month. This can not be done if such purchases are made in Boston or Lawrence or elsewhere, and it is to be urged, therefore, that, where it is equally convenient, all such purchases of War Bonds be made in our own town.

In the month of October, this town exceeded its quota for Series E Bonds and Stamps by about 49%, and in November the excess over the quota was about 51%. Of course, as far as the war effort is concerned, it really doesn't make much difference where you buy bonds or stamps, but, on the other hand, we want our record to be as good as it possibly can be.

JAMES GOULD, Chairman
Andover Committee for the Sale
of War Bonds and Stamps

To all friends of the Christmas seal drive:

Greetings, thanks and a blessed Christmas season to each and every one!

At the present writing (Monday), we are \$20 below last year's goal—but something will happen, just as it did last week. In the same mail which brought last week's Townsman came a check for \$50 from Phillips Academy. That does not include the faculty, who have given most generously. Who is sending the money this week I do not know, but I am sure it will come.

Again, our heartiest thanks to everyone who has helped. Someone has suggested that a list of the donors be given for publication, but I fear it would be far too long.

Thanks, also, to each member of the committee, for they all have given freely of their time and energy in the hope that some ill person is thereby given health and a sound body.

God bless us every one! Most gratefully,

LUCY ALLEN EATON, Chairman
Andover Seal Committee

This Sober Town

Let's not complain about the cold. After all, the poor German soldiers have to endure that sort of thing and fight the Red Army at the same time.

We were thinking, the other day, of the enormous social problems that would be entailed if one of these women officers in the WAACS, WAVES, SPARS or what have you, were to marry an ordinary civilian.

Would you say, for instance, that the happy couple were "Mr. and Third Officer Henry W. Hapsburg"? Would you call it a military wedding, if such it were? Would you run into military censorship if you described the bride's going-away costume?

And, since a female warrior is discharged upon marrying, would

you call her a Third Officer, a "Miss" or what, and just when would the demotion take place?

We have seldom seen anything quite as ghostly as the appearance a policeman makes when standing at night under the new spotlight in the Square. The halo on the shoulders and face of the officer, and the practical invisibility of the rest of him, gives the bystander the impression that traffic is being directed by some disembodied deity.

Those who realize that the new light was put up before the dimout began, and that it fits the new regulations perfectly, might think that the police had some previous knowledge that Andover would be in the new dimout area. However, sad to relate, it just happened that way.

Though many people may not realize it, two very precious metals, tungsten and brass, are contained in most electric light bulbs. Widespread attempts are now being made to reclaim this material, and Andover residents who are getting rid of old bulbs are asked to put them in a barrel in the Hill Hardware company store.

The bulbs, of any size and in any condition, will be forwarded for salvage as soon as a sufficient quantity has accumulated.

We make it a particular point, this year, to wish Adolf Hitler a very merry Christmas. It's probably the last year he'll be in a position to have a merry one.

It is also safe to say that we hope Santa Claus will give Mr. Hitler everything that's coming to him—and he certainly has a lot coming to him.

"Praise the Lord and Pass the Coal Shovel!"

They say it's against international law for a chaplain in the army or navy to pass the ammunition, but there's no law that says a civilian clergyman can't pitch in and do a little shovelling. When St. Augustine's cemetery was being enlarged, it was a familiar sight to see Father Austin shovelling away while a bull-dozer clanked around the place. Now another local clergyman, Rev. Mr. Baldwin of the academy faculty, is doing some shovelling.

Guy Howe of the Andover Coal company has been experiencing the same difficulty as many others in business life: shortage of help. A few weeks ago he was allowing the use of his office for the Community Chest headquarters, and Gra Baldwin, always active in the Chest, heard that Guy was having his difficulties. Promptly Gra offered his services—and now he is enjoying the Christmas vacation, and we do mean enjoying, by shovelling coal at the company's yards.

There'd be no manpower problem at all, if the country had a lot more Gra Baldwins.

Miss Wally Hacker, daughter of the William Hackers of 7 Windsor street, who is a Freshman at Howard Seminary, is spending the Christmas holidays at her home.

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Christmas Program Given At West Center School

An interesting Christmas pro-
gram has been given by the chil-
dren of the West Center school.
Taking part in the performance
were:

Bruce Stewart, Barbara Silva,
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Mail

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Though much difficulty in obtain-
ing extra help had been experi-
enced in the larger centers, local
postoffice officials found that the
supply of available workers here
equalled or exceeded the demand.
Working hours were shortened in
some cases, so that all who applied
might have a chance to earn Christ-
mas pocket money.

The speed with which Christmas
mail is being delivered this year is
due partly to a new system being
used. By it, the temporary workers
accompany the regular carriers on
their routes until they are familiar,
and then deliver the letters while
the carriers assist the clerks in
sorting the mail for the next de-
livery. The peak was reached yes-
terday in the volume both of out-
going and incoming mail.

Air-mail delivery is proving par-
ticularly popular this year, almost
supplanting special delivery in the
volume of special service mail. The
only mail delivered on Christmas
Day, however, will be special de-
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Soldier mail, both out of and into
Andover, has been very heavy. It
is given preference in every phase
of the postal operation, being can-
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to the postmasters in San Francis-
co, New Orleans and New York,
where it is turned over to the mail
services of the different branches
of the armed forces.

Fuel Oil

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distributed as quickly as possible
to these consumers by the board.

No other emergency demand was
experienced by the rationing board.
About a dozen applications had
been made, at the beginning of the
fuel rationing program, for fuel for
extra heating of homes of the aged
and infirm. On the presentation of
a physician's certificate of actual
need, and an investigation by a
heating engineer, such allotments
were made. The extra ration, how-
ever, supplied fuel for heating sin-
gle rooms only a few additional de-
grees.



We Wish All Our Customers, Neighbors and Fellow Citizens, A Happy Christmas!

At this time of the year, we have
always published a long list of the good
things people like to buy for their
Christmas dinner. We cannot do so this
year because there are so many articles
which are impossible to secure, mostly
because of transportation.

This week, no Beef, Lamb, Pork, Veal,
Fowl or Butter have come to us. These
shortages, too, are mostly caused by the
lack of transportation facilities. All that
we can hope for is that conditions will
change very soon.

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Renovating Several Town Hall Offices

The three offices on the north side of the second floor at the local town hall are being remodeled so as to give more room for the enlarged operations there. The offices affected are those of the draft board and the civilian defense and rationing, war price committees.

The partitions separating the offices from the old hall on the second floor have been torn down, and the new office space will utilize about half of the previous width of the hall.

The rationing board in particular has needed larger quarters for some time, both because of the large increase in the number of the personnel employed there, and the number of persons who must visit the office on business connected with the expanded war price and rationing program.

For the time being, the rationing board and its sub-committees are meeting in the court room in the lower town hall.

Richardson Commissioned As Infantry Lieutenant

Warren Lincoln Richardson of Andover, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army last Friday upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate Course at The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Lt. Richardson is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Olin L. Richardson of Washington avenue.

The new lieutenant enlisted into the army on July 11, 1940, and served at the U. S. Army recruiting service, army base, Boston, Fort Monmouth, N. J., and Indiantown Gap, Pa., before going to Officer Candidate School three months ago. He held the rank of Staff Sergeant before being commissioned.

The new officer is a graduate of Punchard High school, being class president for 3 years; editor of the "Punch Harder"; and a school correspondent with The Townsman.

At the infantry school, world's largest institution of its kind, the local officer took a three months course to fit him for his new responsibilities. The course covers the technique of handling all the

varied modern infantry weapons and the tactics of leading small infantry units in combat. It also includes study of many varied subjects which future officers must know along the lines of administration, military law, etc.

Christmas Program At Marland School

A Christmas program was held at the Marland School in the Square and Compass club hall December 22. The program started with individual recitations explaining the origin and meaning of Christmas symbols, and a pageant of the Nativity followed. Christmas carols were sung during the program, and the Toy Symphony played two selections, "Santa Claus is Watching You," and "Jingle Bells."

A Christmas party was given for the children last Wednesday morning.

Baskets were given by the school for Christmas, and they were given also at Thanksgiving. The school belongs to the Junior Red Cross, 100 per cent.

School will reopen January 4.

Mrs. Hervey Northey of Rocky Hill road is enjoying a vacation with relatives in Annapolis, Md., and Richmond, Va.

SWAP RIMES



As I was going to St. Ives
I met a man with seven wives.
I said "How come?" (with great surprise)
Said he "They're wives of other guys."
This is the week I use my crate
To take them to the factory gate!"

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RED CROSS NEWS

SURGICAL DRESSINGS.— The latest quota, more staggering than the enormous quotas previously announced, is 225,000 surgical dressings by April. Chapters all over the country are working on quotas that are of similar size in relation to their personnel; the Andover chapter will need help, and need it badly, before it can even approach its quarter-million goal.

Starting January 3, the hours when work may be done on the surgical dressings will be changed. Local women will be able to fold or cut dressings any day of the week, Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 4:00, at the John Dove school.

Sewing may also be done at the Andover Infirmary, Peabody House on Phillips street, or at the Administration building, Shawsheen. The Infirmary will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 9:30 to 4:00.

Future quotas, in all probability, will be no lower than the present one, and it is very necessary that large numbers of women be secured who will be able to continue the work in the months to come.

NUTRITION SERVICE — On January 8 at 2:30 in the Legion rooms on Park street, Miss Catherine Lawlor of the Essex Aggies faculty will give the first of three talks on nutrition. All local women who are having trouble arranging healthful menus because of the various food shortages will be able to get many valuable ideas from Miss Lawlor's talk. She will also demonstrate methods of preparing several sample meals.

Eastern Star To Install January 9

The local Eastern Star chapter will install its officers for 1943 at a dinner meeting January 9. The meeting will convene at 4:45 for a business session, with dinner served at 6:30 in Masonic Hall. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Mabel Wadman, P.M., and Mrs. Florence Thomson, P.M., and must be ordered before January 7.

The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 for the installation. The installing officer will be Mrs. Pauline P. Curry, associate grand matron, of Brookline, assisted by Ernest Conant of Waltham, associate grand patron, Mrs. Mildred Tetlow of Brookline, deputy grand marshal, and Mrs. Florence Thomson, past matron, of Andover.

Mrs. Edith Whittier of North Andover will be organist, and William Weigle of West Somerville, soloist. The reception committee will be Harrison Brown, P.P., Mrs. Lulu Gillespie, P.M., and Mrs. Elsie Mowat.

Mrs. Harry Wrigley, Jr., of Ballardvale, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Walent of Mexico, Me.

A Very Merry Christmas

TOMPKINS Service Station

Punchard Notes

Ruth Gregory

Due to the fact that school closed so long before Christmas and that it was not possible to have the use of the assembly hall, the Christmas assembly of the school was not held. With the approval of Principal Eugene V. Lovely, however, the pupils sang Christmas carols during several of their regular recitation periods, thus creating a feeling of Christmas cheer.

At 2:00 Friday afternoon, the pupils were dismissed for the Christmas holidays. They will return for the mid-winter term on January 4.

LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of Jane Devlin late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Mary E. Collins of Lawrence in said County, and praying that she or some other suitable person be appointed administrator with the will annexed of said estate (John P. Kane, the executor named in said will having declined to serve).

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Lawrence before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the eleventh day of January 1943, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register. (24-31-7)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the petition hereinafter described.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Vytutas Stulginsky and Beatrice Sargent Stulginsky, his wife, otherwise respectively known as Vytutas Stulginkas and Beatrice Sargent Stulginkas, both of Andover in said County, praying that their names may be changed as follows: Vytutas Stulginsky to Vincent Francis Stulgis; Beatrice Sargent Stulginsky to Beatrice Sargent Stulgis.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Newburyport before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-eighth day of December 1942, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register. (D10-17-24)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of Myron E. Gutterson late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Luther H. Gulick of Wellesley, in the County of Norfolk, praying that he be appointed executor thereof without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Newburyport before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-eighth day of December 1942, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register. (D10-17-24)

Andover Savings Bank

The following pass books issued by the Andover Savings Bank have been lost and application has been made for the issuance of duplicate books. Public notice of such application is hereby given in accordance with Section 40, Chapter 590, of the Acts of 1908.

Payment has been stopped.
Books No. 52659, 54545.

LOUIS S. FINGER, Treasurer

ANDOVER NATIONAL BANK

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The Andover National Bank, will be held at its Banking House, 23 Main Street, Andover, Mass., Tuesday, the twelfth day of January, 1943, at ten o'clock a.m. for the choice of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

CHESTER W. HOLLAND, Cashier.
December 10, 1942.

(D10-17-24-31; J7)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Emma Frances McTernan late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Fred E. Cheever of Andover in said County, praying that he be appointed executor thereof without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Newburyport before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-eighth day of December 1942, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register. (10-17-24)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Albert A. Hardy late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Helen Hardy Cooper of Reading in the County of Middlesex, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fourth day of January 1943, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register. Rowell, Clay and Tomlinson Bay State Bldg. Lawrence, Mass. (17-24-31)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts TOWN OF ANDOVER



Office of Tax Collector

Andover, Mass., December 24, 1942

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Andover, in the County of Essex and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public, are hereby notified that the taxes thereon, severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Andover by the Board of Assessors of said town, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Andover, on Friday, the eighth day of January, 1943, at 9:00 o'clock, A.M. for the payment of said taxes, and interest, if any, with all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

JAMES P. CHRISTIE
Collector of Taxes for the Town of Andover

EDNA BOURQUE:

Lot of land off Webster Street containing about four acres, bounded on the North by land now or formerly of Emeric Pariseau, on the west and south by land now or formerly of John L. DeRoche, and on the east by land now or formerly of Benny Garafalo and by the Andover-Lawrence line. Tax for 1936, \$31.39; Tax for 1937, \$28.81; Tax for 1938, \$31.18; Tax for 1939, \$32.25; Tax for 1940, \$32.25; Tax for 1941, \$31.18.

MINA C. BRAMHALL:

Two lots of land containing ten acres, more or less, described as follows:
1. Lot of land with buildings thereon on the westerly side of road leading from former dwelling of Thomas C. Mason to the Salem road, bounded on the easterly

side of Beaver Dam Brook by the road, thence easterly by the road to land now or formerly of Benjamin Jenkins, thence westerly by said Jenkins to Aslebee's Pond, thence by said Pond to mouth of brook, and by said brook to point of beginning.

2. Lot of land on easterly side of Jenkins Road and bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner by said road and land now or formerly of the heirs of Benjamin Jenkins, thence easterly by Jenkins land to brook running out of Aslebee's Pond, thence southerly by brook to the old road, thence westerly by road to road first mentioned, and northerly by road to point of beginning. Tax for 1937, \$20.10; Tax for 1938, \$21.75; Tax for 1939, \$22.50; Tax for 1940, \$22.50; Tax for 1941, \$21.75.

ELLEN BROWN:

Two lots of land, containing 4266 sq. feet, numbered 35 and 36 in Block 1 on plan known as "River Park on the Shaw-sheen," recorded with Essex (North Dist.) Registry of Deeds as plan numbered 723, situated near High Street, Ballardvale. Tax for 1937, \$8.04; Tax for 1938, \$8.70; Tax for 1939, \$9.00; Tax for 1940, \$9.00; Tax for 1941, \$8.70.

MARGARET A. CHANDLER:

Two lots of land, containing 4726 sq. feet, numbered 12 and 13 in Block 1 on plan known as "River Park on the Shaw-sheen," recorded with Essex (North Dist.) Registry of Deeds as plan numbered 723, situated near High Street, Ballardvale. Tax for 1938, \$2.90; Tax for 1939, \$3.00; Tax for 1940, \$3.00; Tax for 1941, \$2.90.

ELLEN P. DRISCOLL, hrs:

Three lots of land, containing 19½ acres, more or less, being a part of lot No. 7, plan 0107, recorded with North Essex Registry of Deeds, bounded on the east by High Street and land of John A. Driscoll, bounded on the south by Haverhill Street, bounded on the west by land of Grace H. Driscoll, Thomas and Louisa Clark, and Andover Shawshen Realty Co., and on the north by land of Andover Shawshen Realty Co., land now or formerly of George and Hannah William, and the Lawrence-Andover line. Tax for 1937, bal. \$24.53; Tax for 1938, \$38.43; Tax for 1939, \$39.75; Tax for 1940, \$39.75; Tax for 1941, \$38.43.

JAMES AND MABEL IRELAND:
Lot of land containing 3980 sq. ft. of land, being lot No. 69 on a plan of Oakhurst Knolls recorded in North Essex Registry of Deeds, bounded northerly by lot No. 68, eighty feet, easterly by North Main Street, fifty feet; southerly by lot No. 70, eighty feet; westerly by lot No. 71, fifty feet. Tax for 1937, \$5.36; Tax for 1938, \$5.80; Tax for 1939, \$6.00; Tax for 1940, \$6.00; Tax for 1941, \$5.80.

WILLIAM T. REA:

Lot of land containing 4500 sq. ft. and the buildings thereon situated on the west side of Bartlett Street, bounded on the south by land of Mary E. Sweeney, on the west by land of William A. Allen, heirs or devisees, on the north by land of William M. and Margaret Ross, and on the east by Bartlett Street. Tax for 1937, \$76.38; Tax for 1938, \$82.65; Tax for 1939, \$85.50; Tax for 1940, \$85.50; Tax for 1941, \$82.65.

EVA MARTHA SMITH:
Lot of land containing 9701 sq. ft. being lot No. 28 on plan 438 recorded in Essex North District Registry of Deeds, bounded on southeast by lot No. 27, on southwest by lot No. 29, on northwest by Lockway road, and on northeast by Walnut Avenue. Tax for 1937, \$20.10; Tax for 1938, Paid; Tax for 1939, \$22.50; Tax for 1940, \$22.50; Tax for 1941, \$21.75.

ELIZABETH STICKNEY, heirs:

Lot of land containing about six acres on east side of Woburn Street, bounded on north by land now or formerly of Nathan B. Abbot, and land now or formerly of Jasper Rea, on east by land now or formerly of Jasper Rea, on South by brook at land now or formerly of William Allen, and on west by Woburn Street. Tax for 1937, \$2.68; Tax for 1938, \$2.90; Tax for 1939, \$3.00; Tax for 1940, \$3.00; Tax for 1941, \$2.90.

WALTER STICKNEY:

Lot of land containing about two acres and the buildings thereon situated on the westerly side of Abbot Street and Woburn Street and bounded on the east by Abbot Street, on the south by Woburn Street, on the west by land now or formerly of J. L. Abbott, and on the north by land now or formerly of Jacob Jones. Tax for 1938, \$53.65; Tax for 1939, Paid; Tax for 1940, \$55.50; Tax for 1941, \$53.65.

JAMES TOYE, heirs or devisees:

A lot of land containing 12½ acres, more or less, bounded on north by land now or formerly of Timothy Bailey, 2nd, and Haggetts Pond Brook, on northeast and east by land now or formerly of Rod-eric Bailey and Nathan Bailey, on south by land now or formerly of Harriet Chandler and David Gray, and land now or formerly of Stephen Hardy, on west by land now or formerly of Nathan C. Abbott.

Four acres, more or less, on southerly side of Haggetts Pond Brook, bounded northeasterly by land now or formerly of Wadleigh Noyes, easterly by land now or formerly of Nathan and Daniel Bailey, and on all other sides by land now or formerly of Daniel Bailey and the brook. Tax for 1937, \$2.68; Tax for 1938, \$2.90; Tax for 1939, \$3.00; Tax for 1940, \$3.00; Tax for 1941, \$2.90.

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CHRIS

On Christmas Holy Communion at Christ church and a program

On Sunday, service for peace will be held, Christmas music, the Sunday school kindergarten at 7:00 for grades

SOUTH

A Christmas service will be held tomorrow at South church. Frederick B. M. special music, singing the program. Prelude: "Weihnachtslied," "Joy to the World," "Glory to the Highest," "Silent Night," "In a Stable," "Christ was Born."

"Though thou art small," "Lullay, thou little child," "Earth today rears," "Amid the roses," "Carol of the Rose."

Offertory: "The virgin Mary," "O little town of Bethlehem," "Carillon d'Andover."

ST. AUGUSTINE
As was the midnight mass this year at St. Augustine in accordance with from William C. archbishop of Boston.

A solemn high mass tomorrow, however, and special will be rendered low mass by the 8:30 low mass choir.

Starting at 9:30 solemn high mass, Miss Mary F. Lan choir director, will Chimes: Joy to the World.

Night of Nights
Christ Child
O, Holy Night
Processional
Kyrie
Gloria
Credo
Offertory: Adeste Fideles
James Shear

Sanctus
Benedictus
Agnus Dei
Post Communion: The Recessional: With Gloria
Louise Stacey, 4
Ann Hennessey, 1

The music to the children's choir will be:
With Gloria Lit
Silent Night
Adeste Fideles
Dear Little One
What Lovely Infant
Recessional

The carol service will be:
Night of Nights
Christ-Child
Adeste Fideles
O, Holy Night
Recessional: The Birth

SUNDAY
The following service will be offered Sunday at the Andover Baptist church worship

THE ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, December 24, 1942

Christmas in the Churches

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Christmas Day CHRIST CHURCH

On Christmas morning at 10:00, Holy Communion will be celebrated at Christ church with an address and a program of Christmas music.

On Sunday, at 11:00, a family service for parents and children will be held, with a program of Christmas music. On Monday, Christmas parties will be held for the Sunday school, at 3:00 for the kindergarten and first three grades, at 7:00 for grades 4 to 9.

SOUTH CHURCH

A Christmas dawn service will be held tomorrow morning at 7:00 at South church, conducted by Rev. Frederick B. Noss, pastor. The special music to be rendered during the program is:

Prelude: *Weihnachten* Reger
Hymn, "Joy to the world" Handel
Anthem: "Glory to God in the highest" Pergolesi
Hymn, "Silent night, holy night" Gruber
Carols: "In a stable lowly" Old French
"Christ was born on Christmas day" 16th Century
"Though thou art now an infant small" Old French Noel
"Lullay, thou little tiny child" Traditional
"Earth today rejoices" Woodward
"Amid the roses Mary sits" Reger
Carol of the Russian Children White Russia

Offertory: "The virgin's slumber song" Edmundson
Hymn, "O little town of Bethlehem" Barnby
Postlude: *Carillon de Westminster* Vierne

ST. AUGUSTINE'S

As was the case last year, no midnight mass will be celebrated this year at St. Augustine's church, in accordance with a pastoral letter from William Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston.

A solemn high mass will be offered tomorrow morning at 9:45, however, and special Christmas music will be rendered at the 11:30 low mass by the choir, and at the 8:30 low mass by the children's choir.

Starting at 9:35, the music at the solemn high mass, directed by Miss Mary F. Lanigan, organist and choir director, will be:

Chimes: Joy to the World, Silent Night,
Night of Nights Abbie G. McLaughlin
Christ Child Ann Hennessey
O. Holy Night Louise Stacey
Processional Miss Lanigan
Kyrie Gounod
Gloria Mozart
Credo Gounod

Offertory: *Adeste Fideles* James Sheard, Soloist
Sanctus Gounod
Benedictus Mozart
Agnus Dei Gounod

Post Communion: The Birthday of a King
Recessional: With Glory Lit
Louise Stacey, Abbie G. McLaughlin,
Ann Hennessey, James Sheard, soloists.

The music to be offered by the children's choir at the 8:30 mass will be:

With Glory Lit
Silent Night
Adeste Fideles
Dear Little One
What Lovely Infant
Recessional Organ

The carol service at the 11:30 mass will be:

Night of Nights
Christ-Child
Adeste Fideles
O. Holy Night
Recessional: The Birthday of a King

Sunday

BAPTIST CHURCH

The following musical program will be offered Sunday at the Baptist church worship service:

Prelude: "Improvisations on 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'" Albert Snow
Anthems: "Cantique de Noel" Adolphe Adam

"Through the Dark the Dreamers Came" Mabel W. Daniels
Offertory Trio: Misses Beulah Dennison, Marion Dennison, Rovena Eastman
Postlude: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach

At 7:00 Sunday evening, an elaborate Christmas pageant, entitled "The Christmas Mystery," will be offered with the following cast:

Characters:
Mary—Esther Smith; Luke—Elton Smith; Gabriel—Marion Dennison; Angels—Ethel LeTournau, Myrtle Robinson; Zacharias—William Cottam; Simeon—Henry Albers; Elizabeth—Beulah Dennison; Virgin Mary—Patricia Smith; Neighbors—Rovena Eastman, Vernie Livingston, Emily Livingston; Shepherds—Calvin Potter, Richard Moore, Carleton Smith; Kings—Harvey Tucker, Kenneth Dennison, Richard Dennison; Narrators—Helen Thompson, Caroline Birnstein.
Properties—Vernie Livingston, Harvey Tucker; Scenery and Lights—James Butler, Henry Albers; Solos—Luella Thompson, Esther Smith.

CHURCHES

South Church

Christmas, 7:00, dawn carol service.
Sunday, 9:30, church school and the little church; 10:45, morning worship and sermon; 10:45, church kindergarten; 11:15, church play period; 6:30, Junior Pilgrim Fellowship at 115 Chestnut street.
Tuesday, 7:15, Junior choir; 8:15, church choir.

West Church

Sunday, 9:45, Junior choir rehearsal; 10:30, church school; 10:30, worship service, with Christmas music by both choirs.
Wednesday, 7:00, annual supper and business meeting of church, in vestry.
Thursday, 8:30, Rev. Mr. Savage conducts morning devotions over WLAW.

Christ Church

Christmas Eve, 11:15, Christmas carols and Holy Communion.
Christmas Day, 10:00, Holy Communion, with address and Christmas music.
Sunday, 8:00, Holy Communion; (Sunday school omitted); 11:00, family service for parents and children; 5:30, Young People's Fellowship.
Monday, 3:00, Christmas party for kindergarten and Grades 1 to 3; 7:00, Christmas party for grades 4 to 9.

St. Augustine's

This afternoon and evening, and 3:00 at St. Joseph's, confessions.
Christmas, low masses at 6:30, 8:30, 11:30, followed by solemn benediction and papal blessing; 9:45, solemn high mass, with special Christmas music; 8:30, mass at Ballardvale; 9:30, mass at Camp Andover.
Sunday, masses at 6:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:30, followed by benediction; 8:30, mass at St. Joseph's; 9:00, mass at Camp Andover.
Tuesday, 7:30, weekly mass for parish members in service.

Baptist Church

Saturday, 7:00, pageant rehearsal in vestry.
Sunday, 9:30, opening session of church school; 10:00, Baraca-Philathea and Men's Forum; 10:45, morning worship, with sermon by pastor, "The stem of Jesse"; 3:30, pageant dress and music rehearsal; 7:00, Christmas pageant, "The Christmas Mystery," by M. D. Cooper, preceded by carol service.
Wednesday, skating party at Rabbit's Pond for young people of C. E., followed by entertainment at home of Henry Albers, Watson avenue.

The New Year's Eve party previously scheduled will not be held.

Free Church

Sunday, 9:30, Sunday school; 10:45, kindergarten class; 10:45, morning worship, with sermon, "Run with Patience"; 12:00, Margaret Slattery class, with Mrs. Ethel Sullivan as speaker.
Tuesday, 7:30, monthly business meeting and social of Margaret Slattery class.

Thursday, 5:00, Junior choir rehearsal; 6:30, Girl Scouts; 6:30, Cubs meet at church; 7:00, Senior choir rehearsal.
Saturday, 8:30, Rev. Mr. Johnson conducts morning devotions over WLAW.

North Parish Church

Tonight, 7:00, carolers meet at church.
Sunday, 9:30, church school; 10:30, morning service, with sermon, "Victory Beckons."

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Square And Compass To Have Venison Supper

The Square and Compass club will hold a venison supper, its annual members' banquet, on the evening of January 7 in the club rooms. Supper will be served at 6:15, and a special entertainment program is being arranged for the remainder of the evening.

The venison steaks will be cut from a deer shot recently in New Hampshire by Selectman Edward P. Hall, who has presented it to the club.

The Misses Janet Gillen, Anne Scanlon, Jean Davis, Sally O'Riordan and Gertrude Batchelder of Andover, are all members of various committees planning the annual Christmas party for twenty underprivileged children of Cambridge, given by the students of the Charles school, Boston.

News Of Old Andover

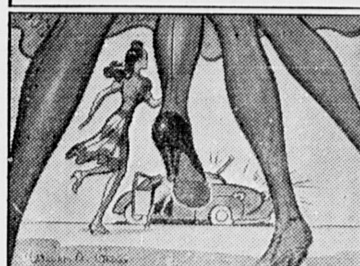
50 YEARS AGO, J. Warren Moor guessed how many nails there were in a bottle, and was awarded a shaving set at the Grange Fair.... George F. Holt of West Parish was overseeing the building of a clam steaming house at the Chicago World's Fair... Rev. Varnum Lincoln was being mentioned as coming chairman of the Prohibition state committee... Perley F. Gilbert designed the cover for a P. A. yearbook entitled "Phunny Phillips phor phive years"... Thomas O'Hara was having an ell built on his West Parish home... A trolley wire broke, and, in falling, somehow ripped the top off a buggy... The death of James J. Blaine was expected in a matter of hours.

25 YEARS AGO. The Red Cross had asked for 1840 new members; 3150 were finally enrolled. "Sober, patriotic, manly" as always, we see... Bernard L. McDonald of the postoffice staff became a chief yeoman in the Navy... A picture of a captured Zeppelin, just received from France, was displayed in a local store window... George Christie took up his residence on Chestnut street... Joseph Daley of Fort Banks was home for the Christmas holidays... William Collier, not Bob Hope, was playing in "Nothing but the truth," on the stage, not screen... People were still complaining about the coal shortage... Union Congregational church had a four-star service flag.

10 YEARS AGO. The sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals was much lower than in previous years... The Junior King's Daughters held a Christmas party for the Baby Clinic of the Guild... Barbara Bartlett and Robert Cowan won the Goldsmith contest at Punchard... Robert Deyermond was to lead Guild members in their Christmas caroling... Edward W. Boutwell died in West Andover... The ladies won the Grange attendance contest for the past year... The Ludlow mills, employing many former Andover people, announced a "stagger system" to relieve unemployment... Many prizes were awarded at a V. F. W. card party... Ernest Johnson and James Gillespie were on the Phillips honor roll.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Killorin of Geneva road are vacationing during the holidays in North Carolina.

SWAP-RIMES



Mary had a little car -
No bigger than a minute,
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Tales of Manhattan

Hayworth, Rogers, Boyer, Fonda
1:54; 5:19; 8:44

The Postman Didn't Ring

Richard Travis, Brenda Joyce
3:52; 7:17

SUNDAY-MONDAY—December 27-28

A Yank at Eton

Bartholomew, Rooney, Linden
2:24; 5:44; 9:04

Counter Espionage

Warren William, Hilary Brooks
3:52; 7:12

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY—December 29-30-31

Panama Hattie

Red Skelton, Ann Sothern
3:14; 6:12; 9:10

Manila Calling

Lloyd Nolan, Carole Landis
1:54; 4:52; 7:50

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WEDDING

Early-Brindle

Miss Ethel Sewell Brindle of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brindle of 56 Maple avenue, bride of John Joseph Brindle of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey street, Lawrence, money performed at 4 o'clock afternoon at St. church. Very Rev. The Rev. O.S.A., pastor, officiating.

The bride was given father, and wore a white with a fingertip veil of bridesmaid was Miss Brown of Lawrence, a the Lowell State Teacher Miss Brown wore a velvet gown with a n and short veil.

Arthur Brindle, brother, was best man for the bride, was best man for the couple left after money for a wedding York. They will make in Princeton, N. J.

The bride was graduated from high school at Lowell State Teacher Mr. Early is a graduate of James high school, Ha

McCarthy-Beer

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Summer street have announced the marriage of their daughter, M. Beer, to Staff Sergeant McCarthy of 4 street. The ceremony Sunday afternoon at Augustine's church, Re Smith, O.S.A., officiating. The couple were attended by Mrs. John J. Fitzg Elm street. Sergeant McCarthy is a Coast Artillery regiment, R. I.

Drouin-Dreisel

Miss Lillian K. Dreisel of Mr. and Mrs. William of 39 Cornish street, Lawrence, came the bride of Sergeant Norman A. Drouin, and Mrs. Frank Drouin, December 10 at the Old in Vincennes, Indiana. They were attended by Mrs. R. Carl ceremony was followed formal reception. The bride is a graduate of University's college arts and letters.

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WEDDINGS

Early-Brindle

Miss Ethel Sewell Brindle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Brindle of 56 Maple avenue, became the bride of John Joseph Early, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Early of Bailey street, Lawrence, at a ceremony performed at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at St. Augustine's church. Very Rev. Thomas B. Austin, O.S.A., pastor, officiated.

The bride was given away by her father, and wore a white satin gown with a fingertip veil of tulle. Her bridesmaid was Miss Gertrude Brown of Lawrence, a classmate at the Lowell State Teachers college. Miss Brown wore a royal purple velvet gown with a matching hat and short veil.

Arthur Brindle, brother of the bride, was best man for Mr. Early.

The couple left after the ceremony for a wedding trip to New York. They will make their home in Princeton, N. J.

The bride was graduated from Punchard high school and studied at Lowell State Teachers college. Mr. Early is a graduate of St. James high school, Haverhill.

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McCarthy-Beer

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Beer of 3 Summer street have announced the marriage of their daughter, Anne M. Beer, to Staff Sergeant T. Albert McCarthy of 46 Chestnut street. The ceremony took place Sunday afternoon at 4:00 in St. Augustine's church, Rev. Henry B. Smith, O.S.A., officiating.

The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. John J. Fitzgerald of 52 Elm street. Sergt. McCarthy is with a Coast Artillery regiment in Newport, R. I.

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Drouin-Dreisel

Miss Lillian K. Dreisel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dreisel of 39 Cornish street, Lawrence, became the bride of Second Lieutenant Norman A. Drouin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drouin of 115 Abbot street, at a military ceremony December 10 at the Old Cathedral in Vincennes, Indiana.

They were attended by Lieutenant and Mrs. R. Carl Dick. The ceremony was followed by an informal reception.

The bride is a graduate of Boston University's college of practical arts and letters.

Lieut. Drouin, who attended the school of practical arts at Boston University, and M. I. T., was commissioned as an Army Air Force pilot December 13 at George Field, Ill. With his bride, he left shortly after the graduation exercises for Smyrna, Tenn., where he is to attend an advanced flying school.

MISS BERTRAM ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bertram of 73 High street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alice M. Bertram, to Sergeant Thomas M. Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neil of 23 Balmoral street.

Miss Bertram was graduated from Punchard high school with the class of 1939, and from the Lawrence Academy of Beauty Culture.

Sergt. Neil was graduated from Punchard in 1937, and attended the Bentley School of Accounting in Boston.

He was connected with the Lawrence Gas and Electric company before entering service with the Army Air Force, and is at present stationed at Fort Devens.

Miss Elliot Engaged To Lieutenant Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon B. Elliot of Holt road announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Remington Elliot, to Lieutenant John Crichton Brown, son of Mrs. Christine J. Brown of Main street.

Miss Elliot was graduated from Abbot Academy and the Katharine Gibbs school, and attended Oberlin college.

Lieut. Brown is a graduate of Harvard college, 1934, and Harvard Dental school, 1938, and is now stationed with the Army Air Force at Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

MISS HAAKONSEN ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Haakonsen of Salem street announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kirsten Jondahl Haakonsen, to Herbert E. Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Olson of Baltimore, Maryland.

The wedding will take place on New Year's Day at Englewood, N. J.

MARRIAGE INTENTIONS

The following marriage intentions have been filed at the office of the town clerk:

**In Compliance With
Governor Saltonstall's Request
Our Lawrence and Andover Stores
will be**

CLOSED SATURDAY

December 26, 1942

Discounts due on this date will be allowed
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December 28, 1942

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5 Main Street, Andover — Telephone 204

Oliver William Lewis, 23 Highland road, and Irene Gray, 87 Bartlett street.

Thomas H. McElroy, 76 Morton street, and Margaret M. Durgin, 40 Everett street, Lawrence.

T. Albert McCarthy, 46 Chestnut street, and Anne Beer, 3 Summer street.

Howard Parshley, Santa Monica, Calif., and Ellen Stewart, 2 Temple place.

Robert Rudie, 562 West 164th street, New York City, and Mertina Johnson, 2 Woodland road.

Named To Honor Roll At Phillips

Named on the honor list at Phillips Academy for the fall term, for scholarship of the second grade, are Joseph Mortimer Kiernan, Jr., and Alexander Dewey Calhoun, Jr., of Andover.

Kiernan is the son of Commander Joseph Kiernan of the U. S. Navy, now on active duty in Panama, and Mrs. Kiernan of 35 School street. Calhoun's father, Alexander D. Calhoun, is engaged in war work in Hawaii, while his mother is connected with Abbot Academy.

Cold

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serious damage, resulted from the severe weather.

The local Board of Public Works was called upon to thaw out water mains in about 25 places during Sunday and Monday. It had a large staff of employees working all day Sunday on the emergency repairs, snow removal and sanding, but it was not necessary to put on any temporary workers.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of Margaret Lavery late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Margaret M. Lavery of Andover in said County, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the eighteenth day of January 1943, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register



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News of Gra

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During the past year war production, conservation measures, all have been reported in pages. Stories that read as if they happened during peacetime. The following is a quick summary of some of those many news-short human interest stories:

JANUARY

Dr. Howard E. Wilson, a doctor in New York City, said that most Americans are guilty of "graphic illiteracy" and that the success of his knowledge of geography and economics of the world is the intended taking under the name of "education."

Later on two Boston doctors, Herbert D. Adams and Leo V. Hand, reported that a man, whose heart had stopped beating for 20 minutes, was brought back to life and in good condition. They had used a brain and the rest of the body supplied with oxygen.

FEBRUARY

Many of you have seen the "V" sign, or heard on the radio the personality known as the "V" sign. He was Ma Taylor. "Was" is the name of the man who died February 1st.

Amazing Way Shown in

In the topsy turn world, the world remained unchanged. The world is usual.

A roundup by the National Council, Chicago, Ill., on the year revealed that, perhaps for the year revealed, or no war, a lot of people are doing amazing things in many ways. For instance:

Saleslady Bessie Bridgeton, N. J., tried to fit a small girdle on a customer. She tugged and she was taken to the hospital with a severe back injury. A customer took the girl Eugene B. Grabbe to a circus and never heard from him again. A circus owner, but he could not see the windows of the seven-story U. S. National Bank started to fall as the