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Local Boy Wounded in the Philippines

The latest Andover casualty of war is John R. Ashburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Ashburn of 135 Haverhill Street, who was wounded in line of action in the Philippines.

He is suffering from leg wounds and has been hospitalized in the Dutch East Indies.

His father, James P. Ashburn, is engaged in research work at Pearl Harbor, and his mother resides at the family home in Shawsheen.

Pre-Christmas Fair Running Three Days

St. Augustine's Church Fair opened Thursday with a Silver Tea and will continue for three nights starting Thursday. Several committees have turned in their reports to date.

The Baby table, in charge of Court St. Monica, 783, Catholic Daughters of America, has everything for the baby, including wearing apparel, blankets, and accessories.

The Novelties table has Mrs. Archie Dumont as chairman. She has enlisted the willing help of the men of the parish in making, painting, repairing toys such as wagons, puzzles, trailers, trucks, wheelbarrows and push toys. There will also be costume jewelry, pocketbooks, artificial flowers, trays, platters, cigarette cases and other articles. The committee, in addition to Mrs. Dumont, includes: Mrs. Walter Young, Patricia Barrett, Mary Simeone, Frances McNulty, Mary Moynihan, Rita Knight, Mary Burke and Alice Burke.

The Apron table will have a large variety of aprons of all styles and colors, both plain and fancy. Mrs. James McNulty is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Charles Robertson, Mrs. James P. Welsh, Mrs. George Cheyne, Mary Harkin, Catherine McNally and Frances McNulty.

The White Elephant table offers a large assortment of varied articles. Miss Christine Sullivan is chairman of the committee, which also includes Irene O'Neill, Mary Collins and Margaret Burbine.

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Alva Houston Has Part in N. Y. Show

Alva Houston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Houston of Hidden road, is appearing in a minor part in the current Broadway success "One Touch of Venus." Miss Houston, who delighted Andover audiences with her excellent work in various Gilbert and Sullivan productions while a student at Abbot, has taken the part for experience. She is studying voice with private teachers in New York.

Rev. Mr. Dunn Heads Infantile Drive

Through the offices of Bill Cunningham, state director, and Daniel Harrington, Essex county chairman, Rev. Frank E. Dunn was officially appointed chairman of the 1945 Infantile Paralysis Drive for Andover.

Up to the present year Andover has always been included in the Greater Lawrence area in the annual campaign, but officials have deemed it advisable to set up an organization on a town scale, directly responsible to the county chairman and the state director.

The drive is for the purpose of raising funds to provide clinic treatment, hospitalization, braces, as well as research work in the interest of victims of infantile paralysis, and for some years past has received a warm welcome from the American public.

Mr. Dunn stated today he was pleased to accept the appointment and would shortly name advisory and campaign committees and a workers' groups. He stated that he would solicit the aid of the churches and schools, as well as civic and fraternal organizations in Andover's 1945 campaign for Infantile Paralysis.

Free Church Honors Far East Chaplain

The ministers, officers and members of the Free Church are inviting their friends and neighbors and citizens of the Community to participate with them in what they have termed is a "Red Letter Day" this coming Sunday, when morning, afternoon, and evening three major events are to take place.

In the morning service at 11 a.m. the most talked about preacher who has come to Andover in recent months, Chaplain Major John P. Fitzsimmons will preach. Associate of General Stilwell, intimate of General Chennault, Supervising Protestant Chaplain for the Air Forces in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations, Major Fitzsimmons won the hearts of a large congregation at the Free Church when he spoke here just a month ago. That his message at that time made a great impression is attested by the fact that many still discuss his remarks with much vividness.

Members of the Eastern Star are expecting to attend in a body as they did when Major Fitzsimmons was here a month ago. The State Guard through its Commander, Captain Holt has accepted an invitation to be present. Members of the

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Christmas Music Concert at Free Church on Sunday Evening

Ivar Sjostrom, Choral Director and Organist of the Free Church announced today the program for the Concert of Christmas Music to be given Sunday evening at 7:30. More than fifty voices of the Senior and Junior Choral organizations will participate. The public is cordially invited to attend and a number of out-of-town guests are expected to be present.

The program for the concert is as follows: Organ Prelude—"Noel Basque" by Benoit (eight variations of an old French theme); Chorales from Bach's "The Christmas Oratorio," "Break forth, O beauteous Heavenly Light" and "Beside Thy cradle, here I stand;" Carols: "When Christ was born of Mary free"—15th century; "Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella"—French; "When the Sun had sunk to rest"—Old English; "While by my sheep I watched at night"—17th Century; Response to Prayer, Gruber's "Silent Night;" Organ Offertory, "The Infant Jesus" by Pietro Yon.

The second half of the program includes a carol, "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"—16th Century, arranged by K. K. Davis; Mozart's Lullaby; Variations on Luther's Chorale, "From Heaven High" with Drishner's "Fantasia for Organ and

Bach's Four settings for Chorus and Organ, and the Organ Postlude, "Variations on a Noel" by D'Aquin.

Members of the Senior Choir are: Agnes DePinquertaine, Alice Neil, Ruth Napier, Sadie Denholm, Margaret Cargill, Hazel Stopford, Shirley Smith, Frances Jamieson, Catherine Craig, Helen Haigh, Ruby Laurie, Anna White, Etta Chadwick, Irma Beene, Isabelle Gorrie, Margaret Reid, Isabel Williams, Helen Carmichael, Gladys Martinson, David Coutts, Leslie Christison, Robert Deyermond, Alexander Campbell, Thomas Thin, Alexander Black and John Petrie.

Junior Choir members are: Barbara Folley, Barbara Waldie, Isabel Waldie, Judith Napier, Betty Anne Dunn, Judith Dunn, Nancy Adams, Shirley Keith, Dorothy Keating, Janet Thompson, Catherine Anderson, Janet Hulse, Dorothy Williams, Ruth Denholm, Anne Keisling, Audrey Smith, Herbert Folley, Calvin Hatch, Gordon Edgar, Raymond Skea, John Rose and Robert Rose.

Sadie Denholm is President of the Senior Choral group, Irma Beene is Secretary-Treasurer and Frances Jamieson, Librarian. The offering Sunday evening will be given to the Servicemen's Committee of the Church.

Fire Department Has Busy Week

A mild unseasonal epidemic of grass fires, with the addition of a stubborn partition fire in West Andover, gave Andover's fire department something busier than the ordinary December week. Alarm system trouble also made it seem busier than it actually was.

Despite the heavy rains, grass is still dry enough to burn, although the progress of these December blazes has been much less slow than those which take place during the grass fire season. One on Corbett street near the cemetery was progressing only eight feet per hour, and really didn't necessitate a box alarm. It apparently had been set by boys.

A Summer street blaze had been burning probably about fifteen minutes before anyone noticed it. The only danger was the proximity to houses, but it was easily brought under control.

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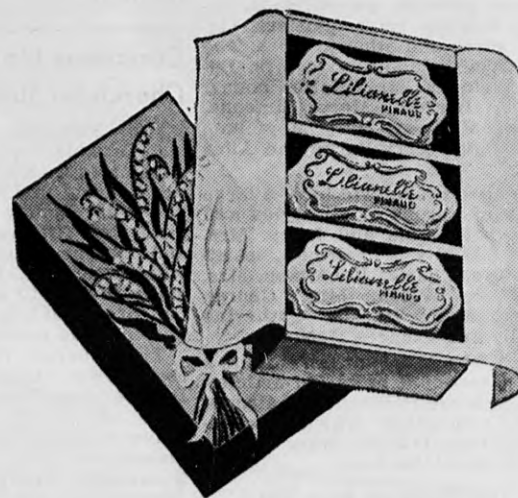
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"Leyte Operations Poorly Planned; Called for Getting Up Too Early in the Morning"

How it feels to find yourself approaching the Jap-held Philippines on a mine-sweeping venture three days before the Leyte invasion, and then after that mission was accomplished to be retiring from the scene only to run smack into the Jap fleet, is told in the following letter from a former Andover boy, Lieutenant (jg) Melvin G. Grover:

"Perhaps, as I know you are muttering to yourself it is sacrilege to mention MacArthur and myself in the same breath. Perhaps. But Doug and I have something in common. We have both been to the Philippines in this year of the Lord, 1944.

"What's more—and without wishing to belittle the eminent general—I beat him back up there. I was in Leyte Gulf three days before he was. I was up in Leyte when it was very lonely and so quiet you could hear a 100-kilogram bomb drop. The only difference between me and the General was that, being boss man, he didn't have to be there. I had no choice in the matter. The doctor whom I forced to examine me just before we departed for Leyte said I was crazy if I thought the Navy would worry at this late date because I had developed flat feet practically overnight.

"So, willy-nilly,—as the old Vassar saying goes—there I was on a destroyer-minesweeper that was going up to make the waters of Leyte Gulf safe for the invasion convoy that was to arrive three days later. It's curious how various people's reactions are at a time like that. There was actually one man on board who kept going around in a frenzy asking every one if they thought we'd still be afloat three days later. But no one could give me a sensible answer.

"Personally, while I never question the wisdom of those above me, I didn't agree with the plans the generals and admirals made for this particular operation—it called for getting up too early in the morning. Those who know me well will never believe I got up at quarter of four that morning, but I did, so help me, thinking all the while that Leon and Eddie's was closing just about then. It was frightfully dark, and I must say that it was darned decent of those Jap pilots to drop flares and thus brighten up the surrounding area for us.

"Actually, aside from illuminating the whole ocean and thus revealing to all how pale I looked, the Jap planes caused no trouble that day. One of them came along a little later and circled all of us beyond

effective range of AA guns. He didn't attack, but I know that as a result of his activities, he must have had to stop into Liggett's on the way home for another roll of film.

"Right after that, the rough weather we had been experiencing reached its horrible peak, and it just wasn't good flying weather. It wasn't good sailing weather, either, and I remember it with an unashamed shudder. I walked all the way aft once along the deck to make sure our depth charges were secure and had my oilskin raincoat ripped all the way up the back by the wind. For the first time since I've been on this ship, we had a man overboard. He was a strong swimmer, and we were able to back down and pick him up in time. He looked slightly disappointed when we pulled him aboard again, and I didn't blame him at the time.

"After that first day the weather cleared nicely, and it was a beautiful day and a beautiful sight when the convoy came in on D-day. The papers said there were 600 ships, but that was pure propaganda. I counted them and you can take my word that there were only 597. The bombardment of the island from the sea and from the air was also a sight to write home about, censors willing. The people who take Arbor Day seriously would have been terribly upset had they been there.

"Our chief job was over after D-day, but we stayed around a few days close to the transports, helping out in anti-aircraft and anti-submarine endeavors.

"Then one day we were given a special assignment, and having accomplished it, we were to retire to more restful regions with an official 'Well done' from Admiral Kincaid. The assignment was merely to transport several aviators, who had been swimming around Leyte for one reason or another, back to their carriers. We collected them from the various ships that had picked them up and headed for the region where we believed the carrier forces to be. We delivered two of them to one carrier outfit without incident and then started out to find the carriers to which the other birdmen belonged. We finally came upon them that night and were to deliver our human cargo at daylight. But with the rising sun came the Rising Sun. (I will say this: the Japs' strategy is uncanny and involves marvelous timing — they

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Alumni Christmas Party on Friday

There will be a Christmas party on Friday night in the Memorial Auditorium under the auspices of the Punchard Alumni association. The students of the various surrounding high schools are invited.

General dancing will be enjoyed with Harold Phinney as the master of ceremonies. There will be several prize dances and refreshments will be available at intermission.

Special guests of the association will be the Punchard and Johnson football teams, cheer leaders and members of the two school bands.

A Christmas tree and other appropriate decorations will lend the seasonal touch and the committee in charge hopes that the success of last month's football dance will be repeated at the coming Yuletide celebration.

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Fire Dept.

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where a fire caused by a defective fireplace worked into the partitions. Damage of around \$500 was done, since the partition had to be ripped out to get at the blaze, Engine 1, 2 and the ladder responded, with an hour and a half being taken to extinguish the blaze.

Among the boys returning from boarding school to spend the Christmas recess at home are Alvin Firth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Firth, 32 Cabot road; David P. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Phillips Graham, 6 Johnson road; and Robert W. Waugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Waugh, 18 William street, who are attending Governor Dummer Academy at South Byfield.

Alvin Firth and David Graham, who are seniors, are members of the academy Glee club and played on the school soccer squad this fall. Firth was also on the honor roll for the month of October.

Robert Waugh, a junior, is a member of the Glee club and Rifle club and was captain of the Gov. Dummer soccer team this fall. He received his letter at the annual Christmas Dinner Thursday evening.

Court St. Monica To Hold Meeting

Court St. Monica, 783, Catholic Daughters of America, will hold its January business meeting and social on Monday evening, January 8, 1945 in St. Augustine's school hall. Each member is requested to bring a prize. The committee: Mrs. Sally Koerner, Mrs. Lydia Doyle, Mrs. Josephine Stone and Mrs. Helen Leete.

In the absence of Grand Regent Mrs. Rose Proulx, who is ill in the hospital, Vice Grand Regent Mrs. Hortense Coupe, will be in charge of the Baby Booth sponsored by Court St. Monica at St. Augustine's Pre-Christmas Fair on December 14, 15 and 16 in St. Augustine's school hall.

ANDOVER COAST GUARDSMAN HOME FROM FOREIGN WATERS

Coast Guardsman William Hulse, fireman, first class, of 41 Elm street, was glad to set foot on the United States again after nine months of sea duty with the Coast Guard in waters ranging from Greenland to the Caribbean. At an American port for reassignment, Hulse has been in the service two and a half years.

BUY WAR BONDS

Free Church

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Church and others in the Community are urged to be on hand early so that Church officials may make last minute accommodations for a crowd which is expected to overtax the seating facilities of the Church auditorium. The morning service begins at 11 a. m.

At 5:30 in the afternoon the Church will tender Major and Mrs. Fitzsimmons a reception. An opportunity will be given everyone to meet the Major and his wife and following the serving of tea, a question period will take place. Many have expressed a desire to secure specific information of a non-military nature and Major Fitzsimmons has readily consented to answer any and all questions which are put to him.

The Chairman of the Committee for the Reception and the Tea is Mrs. Helen Haigh. She will be assisted by the following: Mrs. Agnes DePiquertaine, Mrs. Isabelle Gorrie, Mrs. Alice Neil, Mrs. Isabel Williams, and the Misses Doris Anderson, Jean Anderson, Margaret Cargill, Catherine Craig, Frances Jamieson, Gladys Martinson, Ruth Napier, Natalie Milliken, Shirley Smith and Anna White.

The evening program will be given over to a Concert of Christmas music arranged by Ivar Sjostrom, Organist and Choral Director of the Church.

STATE GUARD NOTES

The Andover company of the Massachusetts State Guard which has been officially known as the 27th Company of the 24th Infantry, is now the 20th Company of the same regiment.

Property inspection of all state-issued equipment took place at last Sunday's drill. The separate squads followed the inspection with drill under the squad commandship of the various men.

On next Sunday the local company will attend the Free Church as the guests of Rev. Mr. Dunn.

CELEBRATES 84th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mary McNab recently observed her 84th birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Gordon, 114 North Main street with whom she makes her home. She has two grandsons in the Army, William Holden, who has been in the Aleutians for 27 months, and James Holden, who is somewhere in France.

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Electrons and the other apparently bewildering particles that go to make up the present scientists' concept of the atom are all made visually real in a model devised by James H. Hart, teacher of chemistry and physics at Punchard High School. Originally planned to help make the theory of the atom more real in his own classes, the model is now manufactured and sold nationally by the Central Scientific Co. of Chicago, distributors of scientific supplies. Although it has only been placed on the market this fall, it has already met with a very favorable response. For the most part, the model is purchased for use by high school and elementary college chemistry classes. Mr. Hart is also the inventor of two other devices for classroom instruction, one for teaching valence in chemistry and the other for explaining series and parallel wiring in physics.

Muriel Wood Awarded Vassar Fellowship

Miss Muriel Wood, daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Cornelius A. Wood of Arden, Andover, has been awarded a Vassar College Fellowship for graduate study next year. She is a member of the senior class which will be graduated on December 17 under the three-year plan adopted at Vassar in order to prepare students more quickly for war service and reconstruction work.

Miss Wood, who is majoring in philosophy at Vassar, was named to the academic honor list in both her first and second years, and was also elected to membership in the Vassar Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

LOVELL HOSPITAL DECORATIONS ON DISPLAY

Mrs. Horace M. Poynter is opening her home at 6 School street to members of the Andover Garden Club on December 19th at 3:00 p. m. The decorations made for the Chapel at Lovell General Hospital will be on display, also other Christmas decorations of various types. Some will be for sale.

Members may bring a guest without charge. Tea will be served. A silver offering may be made to help defray the expense of decorating the Chapel.

Mrs. Arthur E. Steinert, chairman of Co-operation with Disabled War Veterans and her committee of Mrs. Edward O'Donnell, Mrs. Alexander Ritchie, Jr., and Mrs. Walter Caswell with the help of members of the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club have made and filled 17 Christmas bags for disabled war veterans. These are to be sent to the Chelsea Naval hospital, Chelsea. Mrs. Steinert is to be complimented on this splendid work.

Mrs. Margaret Curran entertained at a tea at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon at the family home on North Main street in honor of the coming of age of her niece, Mrs. John Bristol Nunez. Mrs. Nunez is the former Joyce Marie Curran.

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Orchestra and Choirs Combine in Concert

The Andover Community Orchestra, now in its sixth season, gave its tenth concert in the Memorial Auditorium on Sunday evening. The orchestra was assisted by the Andover Male Chorus, the Andover Choral Society and four soloists. As the assistance was in all but one of the many numbers of the program, the concert was really one of combined musical organizations with soloists.

The program consisted of Christmas music. In the first half the three songs for chorus and orchestra by Gustav Holtz were especially interesting and well performed. These, the first with effectively balanced phrases, the second with a big choral unison, the third in sprightly rhythm, were distinctly English in character—Holtz was for all his name, an Englishman. In Mr. Howe's excellent setting of the Magnificat the orchestral accompaniment, unfortunately, was altogether too loud and not well balanced with the choral parts. The largest composition in this section of the program was Bach's cantata: For unto Us a Child is Born. The playing of the wood-wind group with the cellos in this work was especially good.

Continuing in the Christmas vein, the second part of the program began with the Advent and Annunciation numbers of the Messiah. As this year there were tenor and bass as well as soprano and alto soloists, more of the oratorio was given than formerly—twelve complete numbers, selected so as to make a consistent whole. The Hallelujah and Amen choruses, the climax of the oratorio and concert, were superbly performed.

The personnel of the units taking part is as follows:

ORCHESTRA—Officers: Jessie Higgins, manager; Ernest Young, treasurer; Bartlett Hayes, Jr., publicity; Helen Eaton, program; Louise Smith, patrons; James Christie, tickets. **Committee:** J. Everett Collins, Mildred Eaton, Ivar Sjoström, Miriam Sweeney, Elissa Waterston. **Violins,** Domenic Teoli, concert master; Betty Cookson, George Dennison, Agnes Deyermund, Sam Dyer, Emma Gallant, Grace Hawkins, Max Kreysig, Anna Murphy, Phoebe Noyes, William Poitras, Per Rabe, Anthony Ratyna, Francis Rodericks, Gerwin Rohrbach, Frances Sanborn, Pearl Seradsky, Jean Stillman, Byron Waterman; **violas,** Hazel Hadfield, Rita Latulippe, Beatrice Miville; **violin-cellos,** Helen Eaton, Mabel Branen, Ethel Farrington, Barbara Morgan, Mina Noyes; **basses,** Alice

Peggy Mitchell, Christine Murray, Caroline Otto, Sylvia Rushforth, Thelma Rushforth, Marion Sargent, Marion Severance, Myra Stone, Hazel Stopford, Dorothy Tavern, Lillian Washington, Pauline Zambino; **altos,** Isabel Abbott, Hope Alexander, Alice Barcroft, Irma Beene, Laura Bender, Anne Bird-sall, Mildred Coleman, Jessie Crompton, Eleanor Demers, Beulah Dennison, Marion Dennison, Beatrice Gilman, Gladys Grover, Mar-jarie Harnden, Mima Hay, Dora Hodge, Ruby Laurie, Jeannette Mooney, Blanche Mullen, Alice Neil, Iva Pedlow, Johanna Piehler, Helen Richardson, Norma Rushforth, Doris Shaw, Margaret Stone, Anna Stowers, Jacqueline Verrette, Hilda Weeks, Gladys Wheeler, Isabell Williams, Marion Wood.

ANDOVER MALE CHOIR—J. Everett Collins, director; **first tenors,** John Batti, Fred E. Cheever, James P. Christie, Edward Guertin, George Knipe, George B. Petrie, Edward Rowbottom, Raymond Wilcox; **second tenors,** Sam Benigno, Henry Fairweather, Bartlet H. Hayes, Jr., Harold Holt, John M. Murray, John D. Newall, 3rd, Leverett N. Putnam, Ivar Sjoström, Howell Stillman, Carl Wetterberg; **baritones,** Harold Bowen, Alexander Campbell, Robert Cory, David L. Coutts, Robert Crosby, George L. Follansbee, John M. Knowles, Richard S. Pieters, Christopher Muller; **basses,** David Anderson, John M. Caldwell, J. Everett Collins, David Forbes, Fred Hardy, Harold P. Hathaway, John F. O'Connell, Joseph Pearson.

Ushers: Agnes V. Dugan, chairman; E. Marjorie Smith, assistant chairman; Virginia Hardy, Letetia Noss, Eunice McDonald, Jane Lindsay, Theresa Nollet, Pauline Erler, Evelyn Smith, Ruth Glennie, Barbara Johnson, Marilyn Duguid, Joan Young, Beatrice Paine, Barbara Monroe, Frances Patullo. **Brown, Robert Crosby, Donald Hemmenway;** flutes, Grenville Benedict, Marguerite White; oboes, Ethel Durant, Eldon Stark; clarinets, Francis Cookson, Otto Fritzsche; French horns, Walter Gerstenberger, George Boyd; trumpets, Nicholas Giangrasso, Betty Jane Gordon; trombones, Phillip Danforth; percussion, Ruth Stott, Richard Pieters, George Follansbee; piano, Marion L. Abbott; tympani, Jessie Higgins; librarian, Elizabeth Dahle.

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY—Sopranos, Eleanor Barker, Elizabeth Caldwell, Anne Campbell, Thelma Christie, Dorothy Cornwall, Bessie Coutts, Jean Coutts, Irma Curtis, Evelyn Gordon, Isabelle Harris, Sadie Joseph, Blanche Knowles, Caroline Leavitt, Jean Lefebvre, Dorothy Minard, Janet Mitchell,

These few words are addressed

to the hundreds of our customers that have bought their Christmas Turkey from us for the past 25 years and have already placed their orders for a Turkey this year.

We are very sorry and very much humiliated to tell you we will have no Turkeys for Christmas because the best poultry man in New England has just informed us he will not be able to send us any Turkey for our Christmas trade. When we placed an order with him last month for 400 Turkeys, he assured us we would be taken care of. Now circumstances over which he has no control make it impossible for him to send us any Turkeys at this time.

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Maraschino Cherries — 3 sizes bottles. 33c—59c—98c
Layer Pack Vegetables — Packed in layers! tin 23c
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Madonna Tomato Paste — 6 oz. tins. 3 for 27c
Chop Suey — 1 lb. glass — Just arrived. 39c
Bean Sprouts — 1 lb. glass — Just arrived. 29c
Blanched Sultana Raisins — bulk. lb. 29c
Loose Mixed Fruit Peels — bulk. lb. 39c

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DEATHS

The funeral of James Platt who died last Wednesday in Worcester was held Saturday morning from the Lundgren funeral home with a high mass of requiem in St. Augustine's church. Rev. Matthew F. McDonald, O.S.A. officiated, and burial was in St. Augustine's cemetery where committal services were held by Rev. Thomas J. Fogarty, O.S.A., assisted by Rev. Henry B. Smith, O.S.A.

Mr. Platt is survived by a son, Thomas H. Platt of this town.

The funeral of John T. Lord, former superintendent of the worsted division of the Pacific Mills, was held Saturday afternoon from the late home with services in the Central Methodist church, Lawrence. Rev. Gilbert W. Wieting, Ph.D., pastor, officiated. Burial was in West Parish cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Marianna (Piazza) Giaimo of 15 Enmore street, wife of Natale Giaimo, was held Saturday morning with a solemn high mass of requiem in Holy Rosary church. Rev. Anthony DiGuglielmo, O.F.M., of the Franciscan monastery, was the celebrant. He was assisted by Rev. Eugene M. Zega, O.S.A., as deacon, and Rev. Alfred M. Natale, O.S.A., as sub-deacon.

Burial was in the Immaculate Conception cemetery where Father Natale conducted the committal services.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Shorten, who died recently at the Wentworth Home in Portsmouth, N. H., was held with services at Christ Church. Rev. John S. Moses officiated. Before her illness Mrs. Shorten had lived with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mildred R. Shorten of 53 Abbot street, since 1929.

JUNIOR HIGH NOTES

Mrs. Mary Carr Baker, a public health worker of the State Department, will be the guest speaker in assembly Friday. Her topic will be about healthful habits.

A very successful school dance was held on Friday. Harold Phinney served as master of ceremonies. The Spot Dance was won by Marilyn Jaspert and Philip Wainwright. Suzzane Markey and Dana Bullen and Mary Cartier and John Caswell won the Prize Fox Trots.

Refreshments were served in the cafeteria by Diane Nowell, Joan Draper, David Batchelder, Arlene Kupia, Ernest Avery and David Vannett.

Mrs. Hartwell Abbott of Dascomb Road attended the two day Lecturers' Conference held in Worcester on Tuesday and Wednesday.

CLUB NOTES

Junior Woman's Union To Meet

The Junior Woman's Union of the West Church will meet in the vestry on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. It will be the annual Christmas Party and there will be Christmas tree and gifts will be exchanged. Refreshments will be in charge of Mrs. Theodore Peterson, Mrs. Roger Lewis, Miss Doris Johnson, Mrs. Sewall Titcomb, Mrs. Elmer Peterson and Mrs. Frank Richardson. The program is in charge of Mrs. Clyde Barlow.

Grange To Meet

Andover Grange will meet next Tuesday evening, December 18 at 8 o'clock in Grange hall. Following the business meeting the Christmas tree and entertainment will take place and the refreshments will be in charge of the men.

NOVEMBER CLUB NOTES

The Christmas meeting of the November Club will be held Monday, December 18th at 3 o'clock. The speaker for the afternoon will be Mr. Otto C. Lorenz, whose topic will be "The Rising Cost of Living and the American Home." Mr. Lorenz served in the last war and since that time has devoted his attention to the problems of consumer buying and credit for buying on the installment plan. His ideas for post-war planning in this field will be interesting and fundamentally sound.

A. P. C. XMAS PARTY

The A. P. C. Sorority of the South Church will meet on December 21 in the vestry at 8:00 p. m. There will be a Christmas program in charge of Miss Evelyn Jenkins and Mrs. Heinrich Rohrbach. Mrs. Frank Petty is chairman of the refreshment committee, assisted by Mrs. Fraser Colpitts, Mrs. Arthur Cole, Mrs. Ada Brown, and Mrs. Harold Godfrey.

LEGION CHILDREN'S PARTY

The Legion's annual children's party will take place on Saturday, December 23 from 2:30 to 5 p. m. The names of children up to 11 years must be given to the committee by next Saturday. The committee includes Mrs. Mary McCarthy, Mrs. Mary Wrigley, Mrs. Eva Muisé and Winifred Keefe.

Suggestions—

- Hockey Sticks39c, 79c, \$1.00, \$1.35
- Children's Skis, 4 ft.\$1.75
- Children's Ski Poles pr. \$1.95
- Ski Wax29c
- Lacquer 8 oz.\$1.00
- Skis—Maple, Ash, Hickory ..\$5.00 to \$25.00
- Ski Jackets from\$4.48 to \$15.95
- Ski Bindings\$2.50 up
- Sport Shirts\$5.95 and \$9.95
- Ski Caps\$1.25 and \$1.50
- Shaker Sweaters\$6.95 to \$11.95
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LIBRARY NOTES

Miss Evelyn R. Robinson, school librarian, is visiting the elementary schools at regular intervals.

Pupils in grades four through six are being encouraged to read accredited books which appear on the "State Certificates Reading List" issued by the Department of Education, Division of Public Libraries. After a pupil has read five books on his graded list he is given a small certificate signed by the School Librarian. For every five additional books read, he receives a certificate, but in place of the fourth small certificate he receives a large one with the state seal in color. The pupil not only reads the five books, but writes a brief review of the story. This is in no sense a book contest. Pupils are encouraged to read carefully and to earn the certificates. It will, however, help to encourage boys and girls to read books with which they should be familiar. The following pupils from Stowe school are assisting Miss Robinson in carrying out the program:

Marion Glennie and Elinor Mondale of grade four; Carol Stanton, John Nicoll and Anne Kiesling, of grade five, and Barbara Jean Gibson and Frank Wright of grade six.

Other representatives from other schools will be chosen as soon as the program goes into effect.

Miss Ballard, librarian of the Young People's Room at Memorial Hall Library, is working in close co-operation with Miss Robinson by sending the necessary books to the school as a part of the regular book deposit service, and by helping the boys and girls who go to the library to find the required books.

MOTHER CLUB PLANS XMAS PARTY

The Andover Mothers' Club met recently at the home of President Mrs. Fred L. Collins.

Routine business was transacted. It was voted to hold their Christmas Party at Castle Inn on Monday, December 18th. Any member who plans to go to the Christmas party is requested to take the 12:15 p. m. bus from Andover Square.

Each member is requested to bring a gift.

The committee in charge of the January meeting will be Mrs. Annie P. Davis, Mrs. Emile Dufresne and Mrs. George Symonds.

Winter Playground

Some of Andover's children are missing a good bet, and some of Andover's parents are missing a real opportunity to provide enjoyment and healthful recreation for their children. The Andover Guild has been going a good many years now, and over those years the facilities have improved to such an extent that we can now be very proud of our winter-time "playground."

A large number of children take advantage of the recreational possibilities offered by the Guild, but more could and more should. The town is very fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Dimlich with their excellent training and experience in such work as directors of the Guild; under their capable supervision new features have been added to make the program more attractive to all children. There's something doing all the time.

Your children won't go wrong if they spend their time at the Andover Guild.

Mrs. Marion Scherner of Salem street was among 58 nurses to graduate from the basic training course for Army Nurses at Lovell General Hospital on last Saturday morning.

Post Office Announces New Postal Notes

Postmaster General Walker has announced that a contract has been awarded for the manufacture of 100,000,000 Postal Notes and efforts are being made to place this new and inexpensive type of money order on sale at all of the 1575 First Class Post Offices by approximately January 1, 1945.

"The Postal Note epitomizes what we are attempting to accomplish in the entire administration of the Postal Service," Mr. Walker said. "We want the Postal Service to be characterized by efficiency and economy. We want to incorporate in our service as many as possible of the extraordinary advances and improvements which have been realized in American business. And we want, while performing our work as efficiently as we know how to do it, to charge no more for a specific service than that service costs."

The new type of money order will be made available to post offices other than of the first class as rapidly as adequate stocks of Postal Notes come from the presses. However, from the beginning they may

be cashed at any post office in the United States.

Eighteen denominations of stamps will be issued in connection with the Postal Notes. They are 1c - 2c - 3c - 4c - 5c - 6c - 7c - 8c - 9c - 10c - 20c - 30c - 40c - 50c - 60c - 70c - 80c - 90c. There will be eleven denominations of Notes: 0 - \$1 - \$2 - \$3 - \$4 - \$5 - \$6 - \$7 - \$8 - \$9 - 10.

The United States had Postal Notes from 1884 to 1894. They were limited, however, to fixed amounts and inasmuch as they were payable to bearer, they lacked the security of the conventional money order.

The new Postal Note is designed as a safe, convenient and economical way of sending through the mails amounts of money not exceeding \$10. Simplified methods of sale and accounting makes it possible to handle the Notes at a uniform fee of 5c. The conventional money order is not being displaced by the new Note.

This is the procedure that will be followed when Postal Notes become available: A person who wants a Postal Note for \$2.93 will go to the money order window. The clerk will affix a 90c and a 3c stamp to a \$2 Postal Note, and exchange

the Note for \$2.98. There are no applications for the purchaser to fill out, no writing to be done by the clerk. The purchaser leaves the window, writes in the name of the payee on the Note, detaches his record stub on which he records the payee's name, and mails the Postal Note. The Note itself is a pre-punched calculating card form.

Postal Notes of fixed denominations, not exceeding \$10, have been authorized by law since 1911. An amendment to the law was approved June 28, 1944, which removed the limitation of "fixed denominations" and fixed two calendar months from the date of issue as the period of validity.

SIXTIETH WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor of 385 North Main street, Shawsheen Village, will celebrate the 60th anniversary of their wedding on Friday, December 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have five children, Mrs. Jane Haphey of North Andover; and Mrs. George Cilley, Mrs. Arthur Jowett and Thomas Taylor, all of Andover. They also have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Four grandsons are in the service of their country and are all on foreign shores.

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Editorials



Who's Responsible?

Oftentimes, and Andover is no exception, the trouble with small towns is not so much that the irresponsible citizens are irresponsible, but that the responsible citizens are not responsible.

We're looking ahead to town meeting, and in doing so we're looking back at other town meetings. We have of course some comic relief, for there's always somebody with not too much of value in his words who is willing to dispense those words freely. But where are the other citizens, those who do have the mental power to think a thing through to the end, those with common sense and an ability to weigh problems justly.

They're really few and far between. They're scared stiff to get up in town meeting to present their side of the case, and the result is that too often their side just isn't heard. They think town meeting's a fine institution, democratic and all that, but to take their part in that fine institution is asking too much of them. The leaders in our community life, in our business life, in our social life—they should be very much in evidence at town meeting. They're the ones who'll sit down in a cloistered meeting, formal or informal, and decide what should be done. They're the ones who sit through town meeting without putting in a single word as to what should be done. They're the ones who sit down in their informal gatherings after town meeting and cluck-cluck because that old so-and-so got up and without much weight to his argument managed to sway the meeting.

Come on, responsible citizens: show that you can shoulder your responsibility.

COMMUNICATIONS

WHOSE FAULT?

5 Morton Street, Andover
December 9, 1944

The Editor, Andover Townsman,
Sir:

It is time to tell the country who was responsible for the Pearl Harbor disaster. It was somebody's fault that on December 7, 1941, the greater part of our navy and air force were left in the most convenient possible position to be bombed. It was somebody's fault that on that day we suffered the greatest military disaster in our history. It was somebody's fault that enabled the Japanese to slaughter thousands of our fighting men without giving them a chance to fight.

The board of inquiry that was sent to Pearl Harbor immediately after the disaster placed the blame on General Short and Admiral Kimmel, who were relieved of their commands and posted for court martial. Their trials have not been

held, although they have urgently requested them. Now a new board of inquiry tells us that, after all, Kimmel and Short were not responsible.

Then who was responsible? The relatives of the men who were killed at Pearl Harbor are entitled to know. The country is entitled to know. The time when any such disclosures could help the enemy has long since passed. Congress has it in its power to dig up the facts. I am writing Congresswoman Rogers and Senators Weeks and Walsh, urging a full inquiry, and I hope that many Andover citizens will do likewise.

Very truly yours,
REEVE CHIPMAN

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CHURCHES

Baptist Church

Sunday, 9:30, Opening session of the Church School; 10:00, Adult Bible Class, taught by the Pastor, "The Prophecy of Micah"; 10:45, Morning Worship—Sermon, "In the Fullness of Time"; 6:00 Christian Endeavor Society.

Christ Church

Friday, 7:00 p.m., Girl Scouts Christmas Party.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m., Holy Communion; 9:30, Church School; 11:00, Litany, anticomunion and Sermon.

Thursday, St. Thomas' Day, 10:00 a.m., Holy Communion.

Free Church

Sunday, 9:30, Church School; 11:00, Morning Service with Major John P. Fitzsimmons, preacher—Eastern Star and State Guards as guests; 5:30, Reception to Major and Mrs. Fitzsimmons in the vestry; 7:30 p.m., Concert of Christmas Music by Senior and Junior Choirs.

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Board of Directors of the Wilson Club meet in the study to plan 1945 program.

Friday, 7:30, p.m., Annual Sunday School Christmas Party in the upper vestry.
Saturday, 2:00 p.m., Christmas Party for beginners and primary departments in the lower vestry.

St. Augustine's

Sunday, Masses at 6:30, 8:30, followed by Sunday School; 9:45, 11:30, followed by benediction; mass at St. Joseph's, 9:00.

Tuesday, 7:30 a.m., Mass for members of the parish serving in the armed forces; 7:15 p.m., High School group in Christian Doctrine.

West Church

Sunday, 10:30, Morning Worship with sermon; 10:30, Church School.

Friday, 7:15, p.m., Christmas Tree and Party of the Church School in the vestry.

North Parish

Sunday, 10:10, Church School; 10:30, Morning Service — Sermon, "Cheap Religions."



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NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

"The Navy's two newest recruiting programs—RADAR and Aircrewman—enable both volunteers and inductees to obtain outstanding educational opportunities," Lieut. Commander H. E. Milliken, officer in charge of Navy Recruiting and Induction for Eastern Massachusetts announced yesterday.

"The Navy recently compared the RADAR training program as the equivalent of two years of college valued at \$5,000. An Aircrewman gets one of the most thorough nine months training courses in the service," Lieut. Commander Milliken stated.

Men 17 to 50 are eligible to qualify for RADAR training and single men 17 to 26 may apply for Aircrewman training. No technical experience is necessary for either program, but applicants must qualify at the Recruiting Station prior to enlistment or induction.

All men who are interested are urged to get full information at their nearest Navy recruiting station at their earliest convenience.

The Boston Navy Recruiting Station is located in the Federal Building, Post Office Square, Boston.

A Christmas card from New Guinea proves that our boys have not lost their sense of humor even in the event that Christmas must be spent in the jungles. Johnnie Morton sent a drawing with several GIs in foxholes. Santa apparently favored Johnnie above his mates, for hanging from the palm tree overhead is a stocking well-filled with packages, candy canes, etc. We salute Johnnie and others like him, and thank him for his greeting. Christmas greetings also from John J. Timony, from the Netherlands East Indies. John is a Tech. Sgt.

Al Dix was injured in combat on November 20th, according to a telegram received by his wife. He is believed to be in a hospital in England following transfer from a German hospital. His wounds include a broken arm and facial cuts requiring stitches above the eye, but are not considered serious.

Second Lieutenant Anton Kishon, who received his commission in the Signal Corps on November 25, has returned to Fort Monmouth, N. J., following a short furlough in town. He has been in the service since February, 1944, and entered officers' candidate school after attending radio school. Lieutenant Kishon is a graduate of Bates and formerly taught at Punchard and Phillips.

S/Sgt. Charles J. Gray is enjoying a furlough at his home at 43 Elm street after 34 months in the South Pacific. He has been in the service since January 16, 1941, when the National Guard unit in which he was a corporal was made part of the Federal service. He served with a mechanical reconnaissance unit on Guadalcanal after arriving in the South Pacific, and has also served in Australia, New Caledonia, and the Fiji Islands. Later he took part in the battle of Bougainville.

S 1c Clifford Peters and Sgt. Eddie Noel are home for a few days.

Sergeant Charles O. Lang is spending a 21-day furlough at his home after almost four years in the South Pacific area. He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs attacked, and has served in Australia, New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands. He is the son of Mrs. Anna White of South Main street.

Pvt. Sherman E. Carr, father of two sons, has been slightly wounded in action, according to a telegram received by his wife, Gertrude (Fallon) Carr, last Friday. Carr was serving with the infantry in France with General Patton's YD troops. He is a graduate of Punchard, class of '36, and of Burdett College in 1938, and was an auditor for the Government Army camps before his induction in May of last year. He went overseas last month.

Pvt. John Gaudet recently spent a ten day furlough with his family.

T.M. 3c Gerry Gaudet writes home that summer is just beginning where he is in Australia. He is planning on going swimming soon.

T/Sgt. Eddie Gaudet is stationed in Belgium.

Cpl. William Auld Jr. is somewhere in Germany.

Francis P. Reilly, USN, Seaman 1/c, is stationed at San Bruno, California. He has been in the Navy since March, 1943, and took his boot training at Newport, R. I. Later he was assigned to coastal patrol work off the coast of Maine.

The three men are graduates of St. Augustine's school and attended Punchard in 1930, and his brothers both graduated from Lawrence Evening High School. They are the sons of Mrs. Mary A. Reilly of 79 Haverhill street.

Bernard L. Reilly, USN, MMM, 2/c, is at Little Creek, Virginia, with an amphibious repair unit. He enlisted in September, 1943, took his basic training at Newport, R. I., and later served at Staten Island, N. Y.

Corporal James J. Reilly has been in the service since March, 1942. He is at Saipan, a member of the Quartermasters Corps. Following training at Camp Lee, Va., he later transferred to Camp Blanding, Fla. Before entering the service he was employed at the Shawsheen Motor Mart.

Russell C. MacLeish, who enlisted in the Air Forces last February, was recently guest of honor at a party prior to his departure for Fort Devens. His sister, Sergeant Jean MacLeish, WAC, was home on leave for the party. He was presented with a watch by his parents, and received a wallet and a sum of money from his friends.

Lieut.-Col. George A. Irwin has returned after nine months service in the Canal Zone. He has been in the service since November, 1940.

His son, Pvt. George A. Irwin, Jr., is stationed in Italy with an Army Air Force unit. Following basic training which he received in Texas, he took advanced training in North Carolina before going overseas.

T/5 Frank Shiebler, and T/5 Garrett Burke, are members of a Heavy Maintenance Field Artillery Ordnance company in France which recently received a unit commendation from the battalion commanding officer, dated October 15th.

Pfc. John D. Kelly, U.S.M.C., twin brother of Sergeant William J. Kelly who was last week reported interned in Switzerland, has served 16 months in Samoa in the South Pacific. He enlisted in the Marines in September, 1942, took his boot training at Parris Island, S. C., and advanced training at New River, N. C.

He is now attending ordnance school at Atlanta, Georgia, having been returned to the States following the contraction of a tropical disease. He is a graduate of St. Augustine's school and Central Catholic high school.

A younger brother, George S. Kelly, Radioman, 2/c, U.S.N.R., is serving aboard a destroyer escort in the Atlantic. He enlisted in December, 1942, and took his boot training at Sampson, N. Y., and did short duty at Casco Bay, Maine before reporting for sea duty. He is a graduate of St. Augustine's school and Punchard High school, and later attended the Massachusetts Radio and Telegraph school in Boston.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kelly of Holt road.

Elinor M. Harden, 33, daughter of Mrs. Sara Young, 4 Stratford road, was enrolled recently at the Naval Training School (Yeoman-W) on the Iowa State Teachers' College campus, Cedar Falls, Iowa. The course of yeoman study includes shorthand, typing, Naval correspondence, records and forms, and current events.

Pfc. Vincent Mitchell recently landed in England. Also in England is T/5 Howard P. Morrison, who is with the Engineers. Morrison's father, Fred H. Morrison, who is a photographer on a carrier, is home on leave from the Pacific.

Two local men in the service have been heard from recently. Ruth B. Keith, R.N., left early this month for Devens where she is a member of the Army Nurse Corp. Mildred Buck of the WAC is now in New Guinea.

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The following pupils of the Junior high served at the Postoffice booth afternoons of the week of December 4: Patricia McLay, Joan Lefebvre, Betty Jane O'Connor, Ann Wilson, Elaine MacLellan, Marilyn McKay, Margaret Craig, Chester Dimlich, Byron Cleveland, Charles Caldwell, Barbara Parsons, Barbara Hamilton, Dana Bullen, Robert Wright, Kenneth Tomlinson, Brenda Gile, Clara Campbell, Peggy Ruel, Sally Bergeron, Marilyn Jaspert.

Mornings the booth is opened from 10 - 12 where one of the following gladly awaits your purchase of seals: Mrs. Frank L. Brigham, Mrs. Mathew W. Colquhoun, Miss Harriet Carter, Miss Helen Chickering, Mrs. Charles Cole, Mrs. Milton Day, Mrs. Floyd, Miss Helen Eaton, Mrs. Harold Harshaw, Mrs. E. Hawes Kelley, Miss Mary Bancroft.

At the Memorial Hall Library you will see an exhibition of Christmas Seals from 1907 - 1944. Miss Fannie E. Davis is the fortunate owner of the collection. In 1907 the total sales throughout the country was \$3000. In 1943 the total sales were \$12,521,494.39. Remember Andover has always had a big share in the work.

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PUNCHARD NOTES

The Goldsmith selections which were given on Thursday of this week were as follows:

February from "Mrs. Appleyard's Year" by Louise Andrews Kent, given by Catherine Craig, '47; "Racing An Avalanche" by Mos Mills, given by Deighton Emmons, '47; "The Havoc Wrought By Dr. Bell," by Deems Taylor, given by Cynthia Black, '46; "The Flying Yorkshireman", by Eric Knight, given by Jackson Pillsbury, '46; "The Soul of the Great Bell," by Lafcadio Hearn, delivered by Edith Lawrence, '45; and "The Ballad of East and West," by Rudyard Kipling, delivered by Charles Hayward, '45. The judges for the contest were: Miss Fannie E. Davis,

Mrs. Edwin L. Bramley and Mrs. T. John Johnson.

The basketball schedule for the coming season begins with a game at Rockport on December 22. The rest of the schedule follows:

Jan. 3—Stoneham (home).
Jan. 5—Central Catholic (away).
Jan. 12—Chelmsford (away).
Jan. 19—Rockport (home).
Jan. 24—Academy J. V.'s (away).
Jan. 26—Methuen (away).
Feb. 2—Johnson (home).
Feb. 7—Academy J. V.'s (home).
Feb. 10—Central Catholic (home).
Feb. 16—Chelmsford (home).
Feb. 21—Methuen (home).
Feb. 23—Johnson (home).
Feb. 27—Stoneham (away).
Homer Judge has been appointed as manager.

The Senior class pictures were returned on Wednesday of this week.

The football banquet was held on Tuesday night with Mr. James Hart as toastmaster. The speakers were: Mr. Kenneth Mckiniry, assistant coach; Mr. Albert Robinson coach; Captain Collins, Co-Capt. for the coming year, Fred McCollom and Philip Markey, Mr. Edward I. Erickson, superintendent of schools and the guest speaker, Carl Lundholm, director of athletics at the University of New Hampshire. At the close of the program, movies were shown in the gym entitled "Louis vs. Conn Fight" and "Football Thrills." Mr. Lovely was unable to attend the banquet as he had to be present at a District Principals' meeting. About one hundred people were present.



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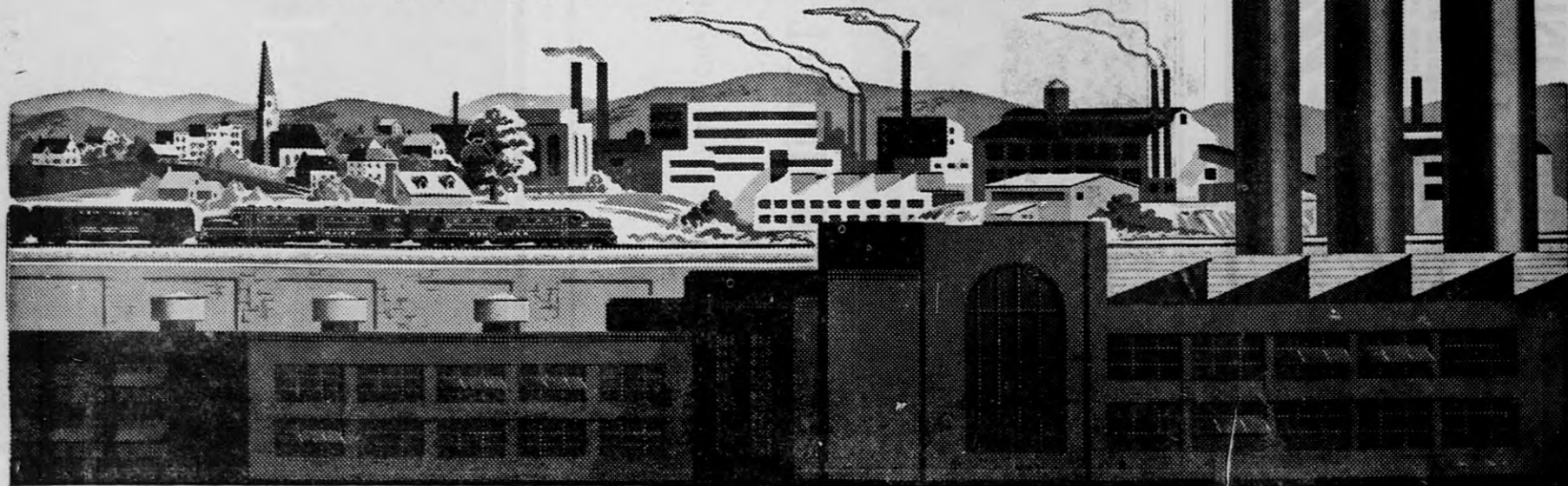
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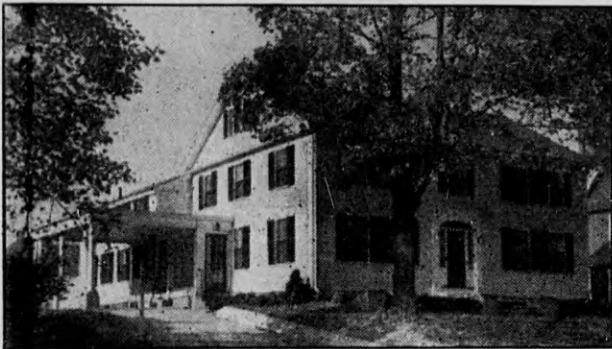


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The seals were increasingly popular so America in 1907 adopted the idea. The honor goes to Miss Emily P. Bessell of Delaware who was trying to raise funds for a tuberculosis sanatorium. She was at the time secretary of the Delaware branch of the American Red Cross. It took than a little persistence for the American Red Cross to see the value of such an undertaking but finally the Red Cross took over the work of the Christmas Seal. For ten years the Christmas Seal had the emblem of the Red Cross, but the work became increasingly great as the interest of all the people became aroused. So in 1919, the double-barred cross, the international emblem of the anti-tuberculosis campaign, was added to the seal's design.

Thereafter the National Tuberculosis Association became the sole

sponsor of the seal. Each year it has conducted a well-organized sale throughout the entire country. One year, 1918, a war year, was the exception where the seals were not sold, but given out in lots of ten. That year the American Red Cross subsidized the Association in the amount of two and a half million dollars.

Though the original message and purpose of the Christmas Seal has never been changed, its design is different from year to year. Many a well known name in the field of American art has been represented on the list. Spence Wildey is the artist of the 1944 seals.

Years ago the stamps were sold in envelopes bearing this message:

Put this stamp, with message bright
 On every Christmas letter.
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 And make the New Year better.

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JOINS ARMY NURSES' CORPS

Miss Ruth Keith, R. N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Keith of 68 Essex St., was tendered a farewell party at her home recently prior to her entry into the Army Nurses' Corps on Dec. 6. She was presented with a purse of money. Miss Lois Moses and Mrs. Elizabeth Moore provided music for the evening.

Miss Keith is a graduate of Punchard high school and Cambridge Hospital. Her brother Joseph Keith, Seaman 2/c, is stationed on a destroyer escort in the Pacific. . . .

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John B. Keith, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Keith, Shirley Keith, Mrs. Alice Corkum, Mrs. Leroy Markert, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Corkum, Miss Grace

Lake, Miss Margaret Cargill, Mrs. Henry Boucher, Mr. and Mrs. George Philips, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moses, Mrs. Ada Stewart, Mrs. Eva Muise, Mr. and Mrs. Peter McDonough, Lois Moses, June Moses, Mildred Moses, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Misner, Miss Rita Night, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Corkum, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keith, Mrs. Louise Cheney, Mrs. Mary O'Neil, Hazel Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Keith, Mrs. Mary Hill, Mr. and Mrs. George Keith, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Keith, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, Miss Catherine Grace, and Ruth Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cole and Mrs. Ada Brown of Elm street spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bradford of Wrentham.



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Pvt. Paul E. Weamer, who has been at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., now has an APO address in New York. He is with the 289th Infantry.

MM 3/c Leo Sheibler, gets his Townsman quite regularly in North Africa. According to his letter he has met more local men than any other man we've heard from so far. He writes: "I found Jiggs Gorrie twice, in Italy and again in Southern France. Also in Italy I talked with Cecille Poisson and Dick Schriber."

"Since coming back here I have been with Art Ness on several occasions, as he's here for the present."

"I also visited Tommy Burns, who by the way, was just leaving for home. He will likely be home by the time you receive this."

PFC Kenneth E. Gordon, who was with an anti-tank infantry and had a New York address, now is with the Quartermaster Corps and has a San Francisco address.

Capt. Albert C. Morris, former rector of Christ Church and at present a Chaplain in the U. S. Army, is now stationed at Lake Placid Club, Essex County, N. Y.

F. C. Roberts, Jr., whose rank has

changed from S1/c to QM2/c, has also a change of address. He has changed from the Boston Navy Yard to FPO, New York, N. Y. Roberts wrote that he bumped into John Leitch at Fargo Barracks while he was waiting for a transfer to the ship he is now on.

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—S./Sgt. Raymond W. Judge is fighting in Italy with the 338th Infantry Regiment which has been credited with killing and wounding many hundreds of Germans and taking nearly 700 prisoners in four weeks of cold, bitter fighting in the Gothic Line.

They are called the "old timers", these men and officers of the 338th, part of the 85th "Custer" Division in Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army.

They are veterans of bloody Solacciano Ridge and the Gustav Line, Formia, the Gaeta Peninsula and Rome. They are now standing at the approaches to the Po Valley, a long haul from Minturno where the regiment entered the lines on last April 21.

"Marchons" — Let us march! is the regimental motto. Nobody marched through the Gothic Line, but the 338th got through.



Second Lieutenant Frank Zoza of Andover street, pilot on a B-24 Liberator, receiving the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in combat over Europe.

The medal was presented by Col. Lorin L. Johnson of Payson, Utah, commanding the 392nd Heavy Bombardment Group. The citation read: "For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this man on these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

The 1st Battalion led in the capture of Mount Altuzzo, 3,000 feet of "straight up" rock, key to vital Il Giogo Pass, major objective of the 85th Division. This same unit staged an amphibious landing to occupy Sperlonga above Gaeta last May.

Earlier, a company in the 2nd Battalion seized a strategic position in the Gustav Line and held it against a desperate German battalion for three days. This feat was almost duplicated by the same company in attack Mount Zanobi above Firenzuola and holding the peak all day against four Jerry counter-attacks, including two with tanks which fired directly into the GI's foxholes.

The 2nd Battalion, one of the first Allied units to enter Rome, defeated elements of the Germans' crack 4th Paratroop Division in the Il Giogo Pass drive.

Activated at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in May, 1942, the 338th arrived at Casablanca, French Morocco on January 7, 1944 and after intensive training in North Africa came to Italy with the 85th Division late in March. The regiment jumped off at Solacciano on May 11 at the start of the historic Fifth Army offensive in Italy. After helping to breach the Gustav Line, the 338th captured Formia on May 18. The amphibious trick at Sperlonga followed, then the 2nd and 3rd Battalions took Mount Nero. The entire regiment advanced northward to capture Sezze and later relieved elements of the 3rd "Marne" Division at Gori.

At Lariano, the 338th attacked the Velletri-Valmontone Line, the last defense line before Rome, held by the Herman Goering Division, and after a three-day offensive by the 1st and 2nd Battalions, the Nazis withdrew. The 3rd joined another regiment in the 85th and advanced into the Alban Hills while the 2nd moved into Rome.

After a week, the unit was re-

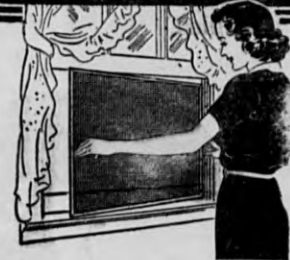
organized and in mid-September took over the main effort of the 85th, which in turn had been assigned an important mission in the Fifth Army's leading corps in the Gothic Line operation.

S./Sgt. Raymond Judge, whose sister, Miss Irene Judge, lives at 85 Summer street, is a mess sergeant with the 388th Regiment.

Corporal Phillip A. Bryant, South Main street, having displayed "exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity" since his entry into the army in July, 1943, has been awarded the good conduct medal at Muroc army airfield in California. Formerly stationed at Lemoore, California, the 20-year-old noncom reported to the Fourth air force base at Muroc in August of this year. He is in training as a heavy bombardment crew member. Cpl. Bryant at-

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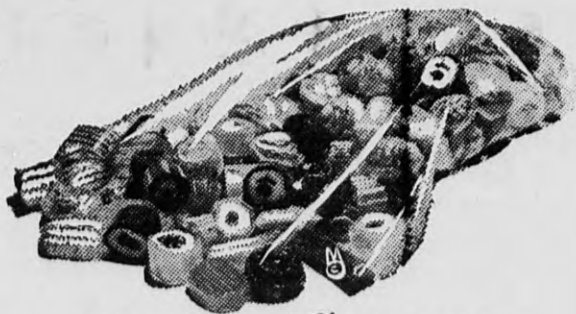
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Recreation Committee Discusses Survey

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This committee had been formed in response to a state-wide appeal for all communities to study the recreation problems of returning veterans and to control juvenile delinquency.

Mr. Charles Cameron of Brookline Recreation Committee and Mr. George R. Glendinning of Wellesley Recreation Commission were present from two communities which are having surveys made. An outline was given of their facilities and problems.

A comprehensive study of the pros and cons of a long-range recreation plan for Andover will be made by a representative town committee.

Those present were: Rev. Frank Dunn, Chairman; George G. Brown of Ballardvale, Charles O. McCullom, Roy E. Hardy, John A. Brodhead, Rev. A. Graham Baldwin, John Scherner, Benjamin F. Dimlich, Miss Ruth Westcott, Miss Miriam Putnam, Stafford A. Lindsay, Arthur R. Lewis, Mrs. Robert Hall, Miss Dorothy O'Brien, Miss Frances Collins, Charles Cameron of Brookline, and George R. Glendinning of Wellesley.

BOY SCOUT NOTES

Troop 72, Boy Scouts, met Friday night and its court of review passed Donald Whyte to the rank of first class scout and Gregory Arabian to second class scout. Thirty-five boys were present at the meeting which was held in the Free Church. The officers' council met after the meeting and discussed plans for a Christmas dance and a camping trip.

Hugh A. Ewing, former local resident, died at his home in Southbridge Tuesday following a heart attack. He was an inspector for the Raytheon company, and former proprietor of the Andover News Company.

The funeral was held from the home of his sister Mrs. Dorothy E. Cornwall, of Salem, N. H.

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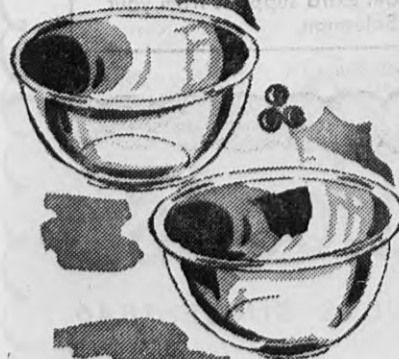
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Class 2-B: Necessary in War Production—George Thom, Richland, Wash.; Charles A. Stillwell, No. Andover; James P. Tammany, River St., Ballardvale; Joseph M. Lane, No. Andover; Merton E. Sylvester, Brookline; Francis P. DeNault, Salem Depot, N. H.; Max Pearl, Boston; Walworth Johnson, 103 Chestnut St.

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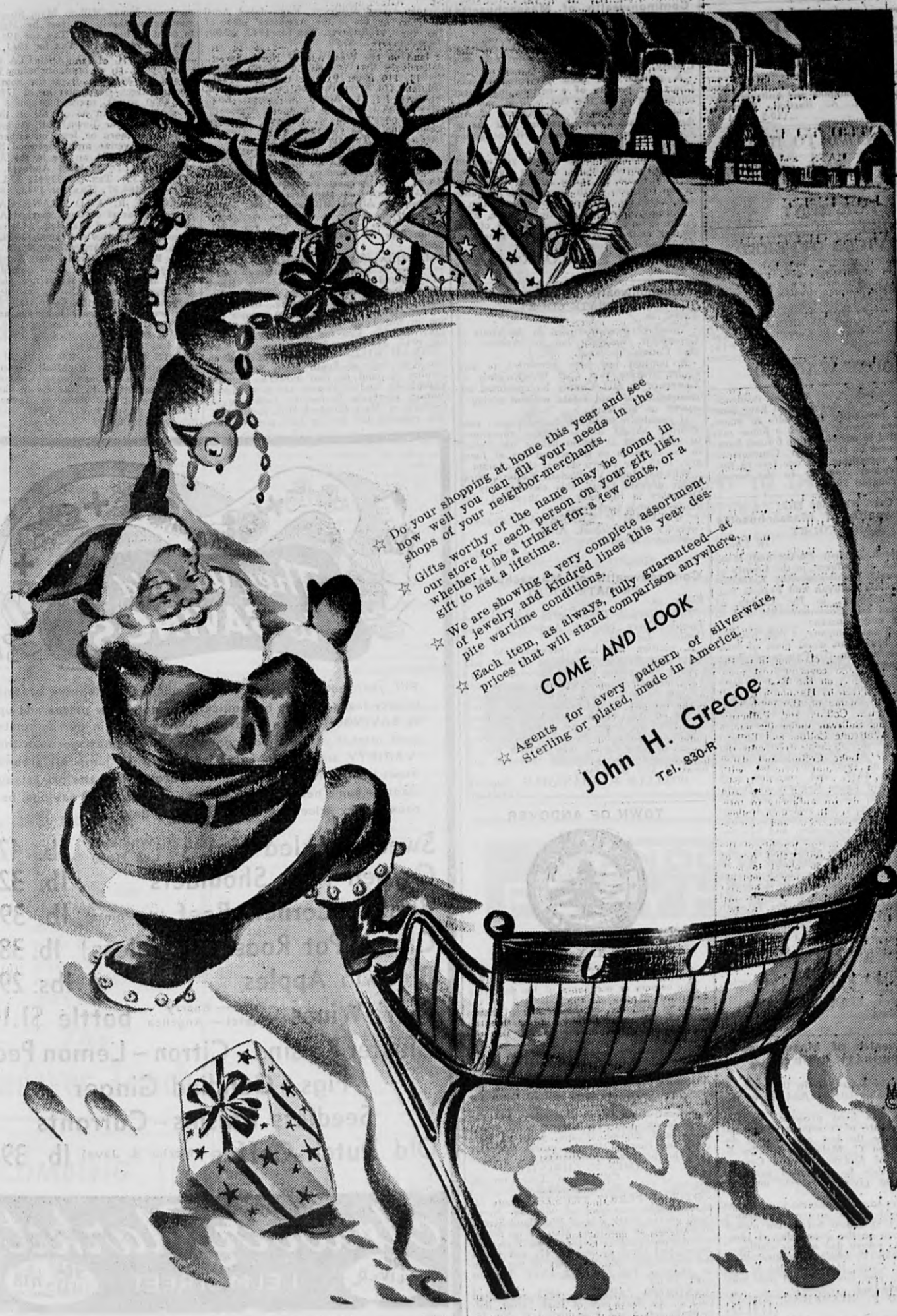
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Case, No. 8508 Misc.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
LAND COURT

(SEAL) In Equity
To Hannorah Rayball Porter and Mary Agnes Collins, of Andover, in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth; Katherine Waltrude Collins Sullivan and Francis Sullivan, of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester and said Commonwealth; and to all whom it may concern:

Arlington Trust Company, a duly existing corporation, having an usual place of business in Lawrence, in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth, claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in said Andover, on the Easterly side of Union Street, given by Hannorah Rayball Porter under the name of Hannorah Rayball, Mary Agnes Collins and Katherine Waltrude Collins Sullivan under the names of Katherine Waltrude Collins and Katherine W. Collins as administratrix with the will annexed of Luke Collins and dated December 13, 1937, and recorded with North District of Essex Registry of Deeds, Book 612, Page 320, has filed with said court a bill in equity for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the fifteenth day of January, 1945, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, John E. Featon, Esquire, Judge of said Court this thirteenth day of December, 1944.
ROBERT E. FRENCH, Recorder.
Harry R. Lawrence,
826-7 Bay State Bldg.,
Lawrence, Mass. (14-21-28)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of Anna F. Cumming 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 C. Malone and Miles S. Malone, both of Andover in said County, praying that they be appointed executors thereof without giving a surety on their bonds.

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 second day of January, 1945, the return day of this citation.

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

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register.
(14-21-28)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of Harris Richardson 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 Theresa W. Richardson 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 second day of January, 1945, the return day of this citation.

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

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register.
(14-21-28)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of George R. Knightly late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court praying that Carl W. Knightly of Lawrence in said County be appointed administrator of said estate 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 Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the second day of January, 1945, the return day of this citation.

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

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register.
Sweeney and Sargent, Attys.,
Lawrence, Mass. (14-21-28)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT

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

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said deceased.

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 second day of January, 1945, the return day of this citation.

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

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register.
(14-21-28)

TOWN OF ANDOVER



OFFICE OF TAX COLLECTOR

JAMES P. CHRISTIE
Andover, Mass., December 7, 1944
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 Saturday, the twenty-third day of December, 1944, 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

OTIS H. PERRY, TRUSTEE—Lots 25, 26, and 27, consisting of 9600 sq. ft. of land, on the South side of Woodland Street, Shawshheen, as shown on Map 69 on file in the Assessors' office at the Town Hall, Andover, and listed as lots 46, 47, and 48 on the real estate valuation lists of the Town of Andover. Tax for 1942, \$7.25; Tax for 1943, \$7.00.

ANDREW CARLSON—5775 sq. ft. of land on the North side of Park Street, Ballardvale, lots 8 and 9 on plan L.C. No. 13, 110 River Park on the Shawshheen, addition

No. 1, Alfred Millhouse, Eng., dated April 1, 1929, on file in the Assessors' office of the Town of Andover. Tax for 1942, \$2.90; Tax for 1943, \$2.80.

BEATRICE SHAPLAND—8136 sq. ft. of land on the West side of North Street, Ballardvale, lots 10 and 11 on plan L.C. No. 13, 110 River Park on the Shawshheen, addition No. 1, Alfred Millhouse, Eng., dated April 1, 1929, on file in the Assessors' office of the Town of Andover. Tax for 1940, \$3.00; Tax for 1941, \$2.90; Tax for 1942, \$2.90; Tax for 1943, \$2.80.

AARON WRIGHT, HEIRS (EDWIN J. WRIGHT AND FLORENCE W. DAVIS)—4500 sq. ft. of land on the North side of River Park Avenue, Ballardvale; lots 10 and 11, Block 2 on plan River Park on the Shawshheen, Alfred Millhouse, Eng., dated April, 1928, on file in the Assessors' office of the Town of Andover. Tax for 1941, \$2.90; Tax for 1942, \$2.90; Tax for 1943, \$2.80.

MATILDA HARWOOD, HEIRS—About five acres of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the West side of River Street, Ballardvale, as shown on plan No. 101, Clinton F. Goodwin, Eng., dated December, 1942, on file at the Assessors' office in the Town Hall, Andover. Tax for 1941, \$27.55; Tax for 1942, \$27.55; Tax for 1943, \$18.90.

SARAH HILL—7500 sq. ft. of land on the West side of South Main Street, Shawshheen, lot No. 58 on plan of Oakland Park, John Franklin, C.E., on file in the Assessors' office of the Town of Andover. Tax for 1941, \$2.90; Tax for 1942, \$2.90; Tax for 1943, \$2.80.

merly of James Hill to Main Street, thence running southerly 50 feet by Main Street to point of beginning. Tax for 1941, \$2.18; Tax for 1942, \$2.18; Tax for 1943, \$2.10.

GEORGE R. AND LORETTA CAIRNS—40,950 sq. ft. of land, including lots 6, 7, 8, and 31, 3980 sq. ft. at the South end of George Street, triangular lot of 3780 sq. ft., and 4000 sq. ft. marked proposed way, all as shown on map 86 on file in the Assessors' office at the Town Hall, Andover. Also 2.02 acres, more or less, on either side of Princeton Avenue and Edgewood Street, as shown on Map 71 on file in the Assessors' office at the Town Hall, Andover. Tax for 1940, \$79.35; Tax for 1941, \$73.37; Tax for 1942, \$84.97; Tax for 1943, \$82.04.

GEORGE R. AND FRANK CAIRNS—A certain parcel of land, marked Area "A" on plan of lands of Maurice J. Curran, dated January, 1924, revised June, 1939, D. W. Clark, C.E., recorded in North District Essex Registry of Deeds, plan No. 1184, excepting those lots and street named Lincoln Circle as shown on acceptance plan for a portion of Lincoln Circle, on file in the Assessors' office at the Town Hall, Andover, plan drawn by Morse, Dickinson, and Goodwin, dated June, 1941. Tax for 1940, \$21.75; Tax for 1941, \$34.02; Tax for 1942, \$29.00; Tax for 1943, \$33.04.

JOHN NOBILE—3400 sq. ft. of land on the South side of Highland Street, Shawshheen, lot No. 58 on plan of Oakland Park, John Franklin, C.E., on file in the Assessors' office of the Town of Andover. Tax for 1941, \$2.90; Tax for 1942, \$2.90; Tax for 1943, \$2.80.



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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT**

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

The administrator of said estate has presented to said Court for allowance his first account.

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-sixth day of December, 1944, the return day of this citation.

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

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register.
(7-14-21)

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT**

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the trust estate under the will of William M. Wood, Jr., late of Andover, in said County, deceased, for the benefit of Edith R. Wood (now Porter) and others.

The trustee of said estate has presented to said court for allowance its tenth to twelfth accounts inclusive.

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 December, 1944, the return day of this citation.

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

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register.
(30-7-14)

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT**

Essex, ss.
To William B. Coles of Rochester, in the State of New York.

A libel has been presented to said Court by your wife, Lillian A. Coles, of Andover, in the County of Essex, praying that a divorce from the bond of matrimony between herself and you be decreed for the cause of desertion.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court within twenty-one days from the twenty-ninth day of January, 1945, the return day of this citation.

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

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register.
Michael J. Batal, Esq.,
700-700A Bay State Bldg.,
Lawrence, Massachusetts.
(30-7-14)

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF WATERWAYS**

100 Nashua Street, Boston, Nov. 30, 1944
Notice is hereby given that The Colonial Beacon Oil Company has made application to the Department of Public Works for license to lay and maintain one 4-inch pipe line in Merrimack River in the towns of Andover and Dracut, as per plans filed with said application; and Tuesday, the 12th day of December, 1944, at 2:30 P.M. and this office, have been assigned as the time and place for hearing all those interested in this petition.

For the Department,
HERMAN A. MacDONALD,
Commissioner of Public Works

Case No. 8507 Misc.
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
LAND COURT**

(SEAL) In Equity
To Mary Agnes Collins, of Andover in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth; Katherine Waltrude Collins Sullivan and Francis Sullivan, of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester and said Commonwealth; and to all whom it may concern:

Arlington Trust Company, a duly existing corporation, having an usual place of business in Lawrence, in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth, claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in said Andover, on the Easterly side of Union Street, given by Luke Collins and Nora Collins to the plaintiff, dated January 23, 1925, and recorded with the North District of Essex Registry of Deeds, Book 508, Page 314, has filed with said court a bill in equity for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the fifteenth day of January, 1945, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, John E. Fenton, Esquire, Judge of said Court this thirteenth day of December, 1944.

ROBERT E. FRENCH, Recorder.
Harry R. Lawrence,
826-7 Bay State Bldg.,
Lawrence, Mass.
(14-21-28)

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT**

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of Lorrain M. Duncan late of Andover in said County, deceased.

The administrator of said estate has presented to said Court for allowance his first and final account.

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 second day of January, 1945, the return day of this citation.

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

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register.
(14-21-28)

CASE NO. 8476 MISC.
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
LAND COURT**

(SEAL) In Equity
To Hanorah Rayball Porter and Mary Agnes Collins, of Andover, in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth; Katherine Waltrude Collins Sullivan, of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester and said Commonwealth; and to all whom it may concern

Arlington Trust Company, a duly existing corporation, having an usual place of business in Lawrence, in said County of Essex, claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in said Andover, on the easterly side of Union Street, given by Luke and Nora Collins to the plaintiff, dated January 23, 1925, and recorded with North Essex Deeds, Book 568, Page 314, and thereafter, the description in said mortgage being erroneous and the said Luke and Nora Collins having died, the defendants, Hanorah Rayball Porter under the name of Hanorah Rayball, Mary Agnes Collins and Katherine Waltrude Collins Sullivan under the name of Katherine Waltrude Collins and the said Katherine Waltrude Collins as administratrix with the will annexed of Luke Collins executed and delivered to the plaintiff a Confirmatory Mortgage containing a correct description of the property intended to be described in the first mortgage and dated December 13, 1937, recorded with said Deeds, Book 612, Page 320, has filed with said court a bill in equity for authority to foreclose said

mortgage in the manner following by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the eighth day of January, 1945, or you may be forever

barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, JOHN E. FENTON, Esquire,
Judge of said Court this sixth day of December, 1944.

ROBERT E. FRENCH, Recorder.
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SUNDAY, MONDAY — December 17, 18	
Music in Manhattan	Anne Shirley, Dennis Day 3:20; 6:35; 9:10
One Mysterious Night	Chester Morris, Janis Carter 1:55; 4:50; 7:45

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY — December 19, 20, 21	
Duke of West Point	Louis Hayward, Joan Fontaine 2:45; 5:50; 8:55
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BIRTH

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bellia, 80 North street, on Tuesday at the Clover Hill hospital.

BUY WAR BONDS

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

The Andover Baptist Church will hold its annual Christmas party on December 22 at 7:00 p. m. in the vestry. Beulah Dennison and Helen Thompson are co-chairmen of the affair.

On December 24th, the Baptist Church will sponsor a Vesper White Gift Service which will start at 5:00 p. m. in the Auditorium. The planning committee includes: Mrs. Henry Birnstein, chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, Emily Livingston, Sarah Wiss and Rev. Elton Smith.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Martha Smart late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court praying that Annie S. Angus of Andover in said County be appointed administratrix of said estate 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 Lawrence before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the eighth day of January, 1945, the return day of this citation.

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

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register.
(14-21-28)

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ABBOT ACADEMY NOTES

On Wednesday night the group of students who have been studying present day problems held an open forum on the subject "The Place of the Negro in the World Today". The main speakers were Barbara Beecher of Biltmore, North Carolina; Martha Boynton of Newton Centre; Nancy Burns of New Haven, Conn., and Carol McLean of Duluth, Minn. In connection with this study there is currently on display in the John

Esther Gallery an exhibit of pictures by negro artists, and this afternoon (Thursday) A. Graham Balwin commented on this exhibit in an informal gallery talk for faculty and students.

Party for Children

The Abbot Christian Association party for Andover children will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. One of the features this year will be a one-act play by members of the Junior and Preparatory Classes on their own initiative, without faculty aid. It is rumored

that Santa Claus himself is making plans to be present.

"Christmas Carol"

On Saturday evening, according to custom, Bertha Morgan Gray will read Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" to faculty and students who will gather after dinner in the McKeen rooms for this popular treat. The traditional Christmas Vesper Service will take place in Davis Hall on Sunday at 7:30 o'clock, and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend. Last classes of the year will be held on Monday.

That night there will be a festive Christmas dinner at which plum puddings and original vacation jingles will be featured, followed by carol singing in which the whole school participates. At this time carols of many lands and in many tongues will be sung. On Tuesday faculty and students will scatter to their various homes from Colorado to Panama. After that Abbot Academy will await, in patient solitude, the return of the school family on January 9th, 1945.

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"The incident which I am telling you about now and those that followed which I shall not bother you with were part of the Japs' ill-fated attempt to inflict damage with their long-idle fleet. We weren't even supposed to be there, but my sudden case of enlarged heart told me we weren't at the corner of Broadway and 42nd, or for that matter, at the corner of Main and Morton.

"The circumstances were not right for transferring passengers, and so we became a part of the carriers' screen. It was not until an eventful day and a half later that we got rid of our airmen guests—a nice bunch of lads, by the way, with interesting stories to tell.

"We were then released to continue on our way to the port from which this is written. The battle against the Jap fleet was over and the Southard was the only World War I destroyer to have had a part in it. Remarks about innocent bystanders and hornets' nests were the order of the day.

"Two days before we left the States (God bless 'em), the full responsibility of the job of gunnery officer on this old can was suddenly thrust upon me. It's been hectic since then. I've had to learn a heck of a lot, and I've had to teach a bunch of green American kids how to shoot guns. Me, who was the most inaccurate kid with a peashooter that you ever saw!

"I've come along a little way now

I've actually gotten so I can give the command, 'Commence Firing!' without sticking my fingers in my ears.

"Now please be patient. After discussing three more items I shall conclude. The items:

"1. My unusual (for me) openness in discussing naval activities is the result of a partial and pleasantly surprising relaxation of censorship restrictions by a certain distinguished admiral following the Philippine battle. A fine lad, the admiral!

"2. Our activities since retiring from the Philippines have been restful. We have been getting the

old tub ship-shape, logisticking, training, and all that sort of thing. On top of that we've had a chance to relax with some fair-to-fine movies, a moderate amount of beer, and more softball games than I'd played in five years previously. The officers on here have engaged the officers of other ships in our squadron five times in softball and have won four games. (Only my innate sense of decency prevents me from mentioning the dishonest umpire in that other game.)

"3. Finally, let me speak briefly of my wounds. Please don't anyone who reads this tell my family about them, or they will worry needlessly.

But I do have scars to exhibit: a big one just below my left knee, a lesser one on my left hip, and one on my right elbow. Brother, don't let anyone ever tell you that softball isn't a rugged game!

Yours,
MEL"

Miss Barbara J. Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hart, Salem street, will play the part of the Angel Gabriel in the freshman Christmas play at Radcliffe college.

Miss Hart, who entered Radcliffe only six weeks ago, has also recently been chosen as freshman representative in her dormitory.

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WEST PARISH

Winthrop Boutwell of Shawsheen Road and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Newell of Newport, N. H., left town Tuesday for Deland, Florida, where they will spend the winter months.

Mrs. Edwin Strain of Melrose spent the week-end with Mrs. Karl Haartz, High Plain Road.

Pvt. Tom Carter, whose APO address is now New York, spent Sunday at the family home on Lowell street.

William Stewart of Highplain Road is spending the week in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

Friends in the parish will be pleased to know that Seaman 1/c William S. Barnard, formerly of Lowell street is now located in Del Monte, Calif., where he is taking a Navy radio course.

T/5 Betty Buchan of the U. S. Signal Corps, Washington, D. C., is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. John Lowe of Lowell street.

Mrs. Roderick Mealey is resting comfortably at her home on Canterbury street following a recent illness.

RED CROSS NOTES

Through the courtesy of Lawrence Chapter of the American Red Cross, Mrs. Doris Reney, the newly appointed nutritionist, repeated her lecture "Protective Foods Protect Him" and exhibited five "Prisoner of War" packages at the Andover Red Cross headquarters, Tuesday, December 12.

Miss Esther Belair of Essex County Agricultural College will direct another cooking and modified nutrition class beginning Friday evening, January 5 at Red Cross headquarters. The class will be limited to 16 members and anyone desiring to take advantage of this opportunity should register without delay. Call Andover 1496.

Surgical dressing rooms will be closed Wednesday evening Dec. 13 until Tuesday, January 2nd.

The groups that have been making surgical dressings in the West Parish vestry on Monday afternoons and evenings will be discontinued until Monday, January 8.

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