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Public Safety Shake-up Possible Following Tragedy

Boy Drowned in Ballardvale While Aid Is Delayed

A shake-up looms as a serious possibility in the town's public safety department as a result of last Saturday's Ballardvale tragedy in which 14-year-old George Nicoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Nicoll of Clark road, drowned in the Shawshen river after having held on to thin ice for several minutes. Aid arrived just too late.

Fire Chief C. Edward Buchan has been conducting a very thorough investigation in an attempt to find out how much avoidable delay there was and who was responsible for it. He was off-duty Saturday and was not informed of the tragedy until Saturday evening when Selectmen Hardy and Collins arrived at his home. Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday he checked into the many angles of the case and on Monday evening he made a preliminary verbal report to the selectmen. Police Chief George Dane turned in a two-page written report at the same time on the activities of his department.

On Saturday at two, there will be a closed meeting at the town house with all those from the two departments connected with the affair being called in by the selectmen to tell what they know. Town counsel and trial justice Walter Tomlinson will be present to give his assistance in trying to unearth the truth. Since the incident occurred some stories have allegedly changed, with one of the most disputed points being the time and number of telephone calls.

First Call at 3:05

Although the definite facts will not be available until after that hearing, to date this much seems

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Church Fair Closes With Prize Awards

St. Augustine's pre-Christmas Fair was brought to a successful close last Saturday night with the prize awards the final event. Those who won prizes included: \$25 war bonds, Frank C. Hughes and Mrs. Gibson Brown; ton of coal, Philip Gaudet; handwoven quilt, Andrew J. Crotty, Jr.; blanket, Mrs. William Poland; turkey, George Smith; \$5 each to Mrs. Mae Shea and Mrs. Arthur Koerner; bride doll, Jeanette Middleton; puff, Marjorie Reynolds; woolly dog, Marie Tanguay; door prizes, Thursday, Mrs. Paul Carey; Friday, Miss Helen Cussen; Saturday, unclaimed.

Christmas Seal Fund Slowly Nearing Goal

Christmas Seals like Christmas itself comes to you but once a year. Please add to your Christmas joy by buying a little more than you planned. At a Lawrence restaurant recently a stranger bought a dollars work of seals as a gift to our Andover Fund. The P. O. Booth has a marvelous sale of over \$100. The fund grows, but our aim is \$1700 and we have to show greater generosity to reach that goal. It is hoped all returns will be in before Christmas, but it is never too late to share in the year round fight against Tuberculosis.

What better way to remember His Birthday?

"And you, if Christmas comes to you,

Will know its blessings rare,
If with some other, in Christ's name,

Your own good gifts you share."

The Lorraine Cross

When you look at your Christmas Seal stamp, do you wonder what the meaning of the beautiful Lorraine Cross is? Back in the ninth century it became the emblem of the eastern branch of the Christian

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Decrease Here in Children's Diseases

An appeal for parents to have all children immunized against diphtheria as rapidly as possible was sounded today by Dr. Vlado A. Getting, state commissioner of public health, as he revealed that diphtheria cases had mounted to 28 last month—thereby doubling the seven-year median of 14 cases.

His monthly report of communicable diseases indicated that infantile paralysis showed a marked drop during November, with 35 cases reported, as compared to 99 cases during the previous month.

Scarlet fever cases showed a sharp upward increase with 777 cases occurring, as compared to the seven-year median of 594 cases. Mumps was extremely prevalent, with 916 cases occurring during the month, to top the seven-year median of 389 cases. Measles, on the other hand, showed a marked drop, with only 355 cases reported, in comparison to the seven-year level of 816.

Lobar pneumonia fortunately fell below the expected rate, with only 162 cases, as compared to the median figure of 234 cases.

A total of 50 cases of malaria was reported in servicemen returning from overseas or in servicemen suffering from recurrent attacks of this disease.

Dr. Getting issued the following cold weather tips:

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"PEACE ON EARTH" STILL TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS HOPE

Churches Expected To Be Filled With Fervent Worshippers On Birthday Of The Infant King

Christmas will be celebrated in all its solemn beauty in the Andover churches starting Sunday, when the congregations of all denominations will gather to pay homage to the new-born King.

Special Christmas musical programs have been arranged at all the churches for Sunday. A Solemn High Mass at midnight at St. Augustine's and a Midnight Service at Christ Church will celebrate His birthday with glory and splendor. The South Church will have a Christmas Day Dawn Service at 7:00 A. M.

The complete program for all church services follows:

Christ Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 11:15 P. M.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE WITH FULL CHOIR
Prelude, Carols by Choir

Proclamation Hymn

"O Come All Ye Faithful" Wade

Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Redner

Kyrie Eleison Shaw

Anthem, "God the Father from His Throne" Eng. Air

Sanktus Shaw

Benediction, Qui Venit Shaw

Communion Hymn

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Plain Song

Gloria In Excelsis Old Chant

Kneeling Hymn, "Silent Night" Gruber

Recessional Hymn

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Mendelssohn

Postlude, Variation on a Briton Nowel Benoit

Free Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:30, Church School; 11, Morning Worship

Organ Preludes, Gigout

"Rhapsodie on the Noels" "Good News From Heaven the Angels Bring" Karg-Elert

Christmas Hymns.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Junior Choir Anthem.

"When the Sun Had Sunk to Rest" Old English Noel

Senior Choir Anthem, Two Chorales.

"Brack Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" J. S. Bach

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Praetorius

Organ Offertory.

Pastorale Symphony from "The Messiah" Handel

Carol by Combined Choirs.

"While by My Sheep I Watched at Night" 17th Century

Organ Postlude, "In Dulci Jubile" J. S. Bach

South Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 10:45 A. M.

Prelude, Chorale in E major Cesar Franck

Hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful" Anon.

Response, "My Jesus, Who Didst Give" Brahms

Anthem, "Gloria in Excelsis" Cesar Franck

Offertory.

"Mighty Lord and King All-Glorious" Bach

Bass Aria from the Christmas Oratorio

Hymn, "The First Noel" Traditional

Hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" Mendelssohn

Postlude, The Hallelujah Chorus Handel

Choir and Organ

Bass, Mr. Mervin E. Stevens

Mrs. Marion Peck

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Gerard Twomey Killed in Action

Jeremiah Twomey served his country in World War I and has been serving the interests of his fellow-veterans ever since. Thursday afternoon he and Mrs. Twomey learned that they still had to give more for their country—a telegram from Washington told them that their son, Pfc. Gerard N. Twomey, one of the finest of Andover's fine boys, had given his life on the battlefields of France.

The young man, a Phillips Academy graduate, was killed in action on November 28. He had been overseas but a short time, serving with the Seventh Army in the 86th Blackhawk division. He was inducted at Fort Benning, Ga., October 22, 1943, while a student at Amherst. At Camp Livingston, La., he received the Expert Infantryman's badge, one of the highest honors given to members of the Army Ground Forces. The badge is given only to those who are first class fighting men, in top physical condition and skilled in every phase of ground fighting and close combat. Pfc. Twomey was in charge of a Brown-

ing automatic rifle. His parents saw him last at Camp Meade, Md.

His father is a past commander of the State Legion. The family home is at 20 Haverhill street. Two sisters, Madge and Mavis, also survive.

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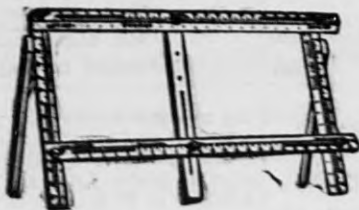
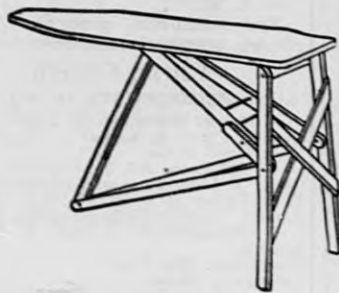
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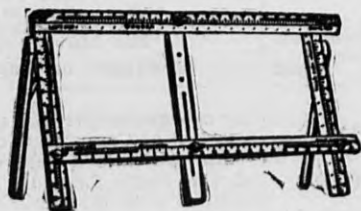
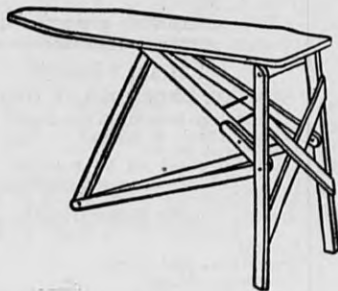
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to be certain: the first call for aid to the Central fire station came in at 3:05, the telephone company having recorded an emergency call at that time. On duty from the regular department then were deputy chief Lester Hilton, upstairs; Alexander MacKenzie and Herbert Brown, downstairs. Timothy Madden was in Boston on an ambulance call. MacKenzie reportedly ran immediately to the police station in line with the requirement that all accidents must be reported to the police department. Howard Colbath, on duty in the Ballardvale engine house, allegedly called and was told that the police were handling the case, and the Ballardvale piece with the ladders that were so desperately needed stayed in the fire house, a few minutes away from the scene of the soon-to-be tragedy. Meanwhile the police cruiser arrived at the fire station to pick up the inhalator which was immediately placed in the car. Then it is reported there followed a further delay, while it was mulled over as to who should run the inhalator. Officers Gillespie and Deyermond were with the cruiser. Firemen did not feel that they could go on the job without a definite order, and after a while officer Deyermond asked for the order and got it.

Arrive at 3:16

Fireman MacKenzie then went along in the cruiser, which, according to the police chief's records radioed back from the scene on arrival at 3:16, 11 minutes after the first call.

In the meantime, and here there is confusion in the reports, Fireman Colbath had allegedly received a second call from a house near the scene, and with or without calling the central station, and without or

without an order, he took the Ballardvale piece out. The time on this was apparently about 2:12 or so, for he was stopped at the railroad crossing on Andover street by the 2:30 out of Boston which, according to railroad records went through the Vale late, at 3:13. This piece arrived before the cruiser, and just after the boy had given up in his brave attempt to save his own life.

The cruiser then returned to Andover for some grappling irons, and a boat was secured from the pumping station way out in West Andover!

Body Located at 4:30

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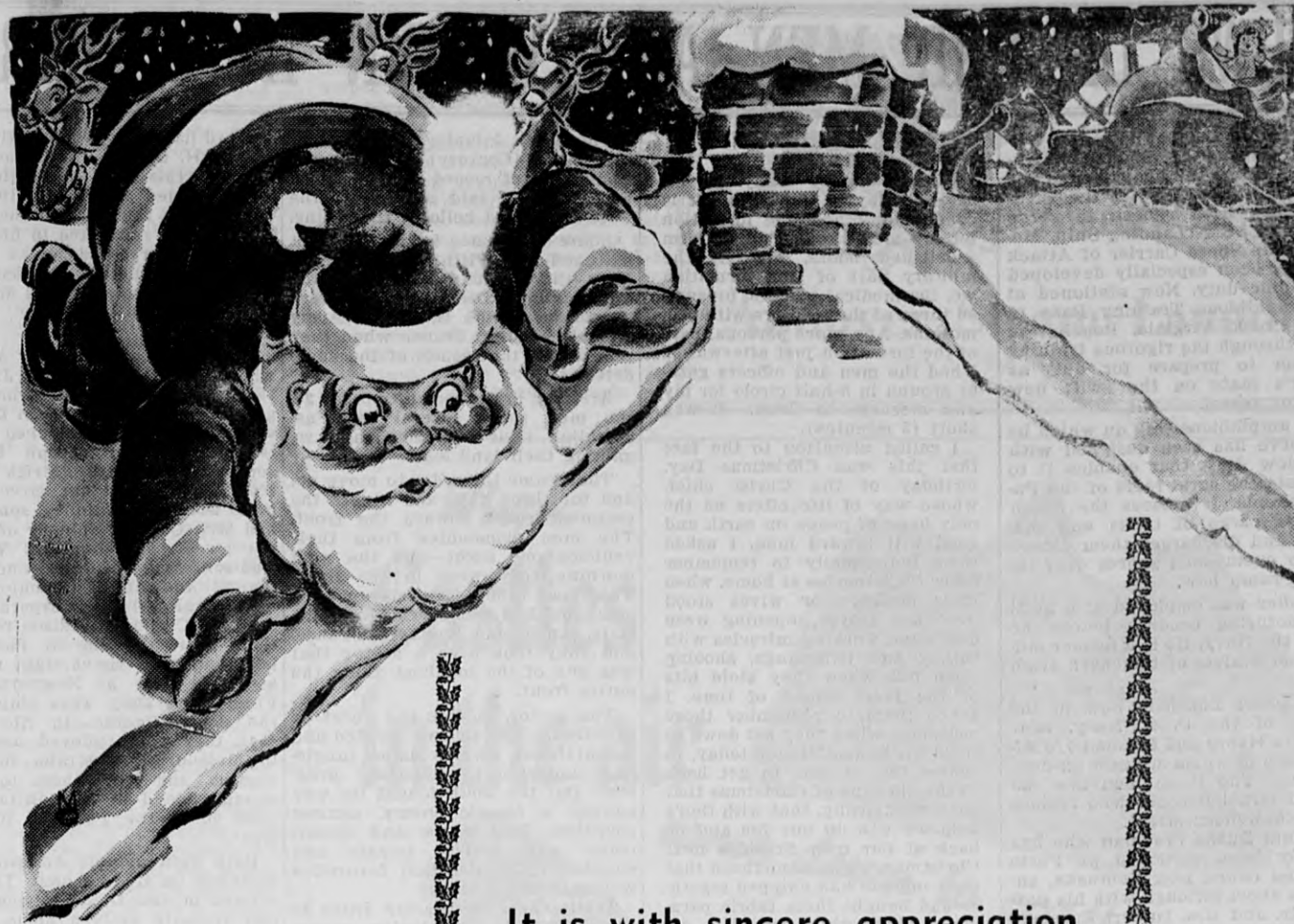
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Tragedy

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to be certain: the first call for aid to the Central fire station came in at 3:05, the telephone company having recorded an emergency call at that time. On duty from the regular department then were deputy chief Lester Hilton, upstairs; Alexander MacKenzie and Herbert Brown, downstairs. Timothy Madden was in Boston on an ambulance call. MacKenzie reportedly ran immediately to the police station in line with the requirement that all accidents must be reported to the police department. Howard Colbath, on duty in the Ballardvale engine house, allegedly called and was told that the police were handling the case, and the Ballardvale piece with the ladders that were so desperately needed stayed in the fire house, a few minutes away from the scene of the soon-to-be tragedy. Meanwhile the police cruiser arrived at the fire station to pick up the inhalator which was immediately placed in the car. Then it is reported there followed a further delay, while it was mullied over as to who should run the inhalator. Officers Gillespie and Deyermond were with the cruiser. Firemen did not feel that they could go on the job without a definite order, and after a while officer Deyermond asked for the order and got it.

Arrive at 3:16

Fireman MacKenzie then went along in the cruiser, which, according to the police chief's records radioed back from the scene on arrival at 3:16, 11 minutes after the first call.

In the meantime, and here there is confusion in the reports, Fireman Colbath had allegedly received a second call from a house near the scene, and with or without calling the central station, and without or

without an order, he took the Ballardvale piece out. The time on this was apparently about 2:12 or so, for he was stopped at the railroad crossing on Andover street by the 2:30 out of Boston which, according to railroad records went through the Vale late, at 3:13. This piece arrived before the cruiser, and just after the boy had given up in his brave attempt to save his own life. The cruiser then returned to Andover for some grappling irons, and a boat was secured from the pumping station 'way out in West Andover!

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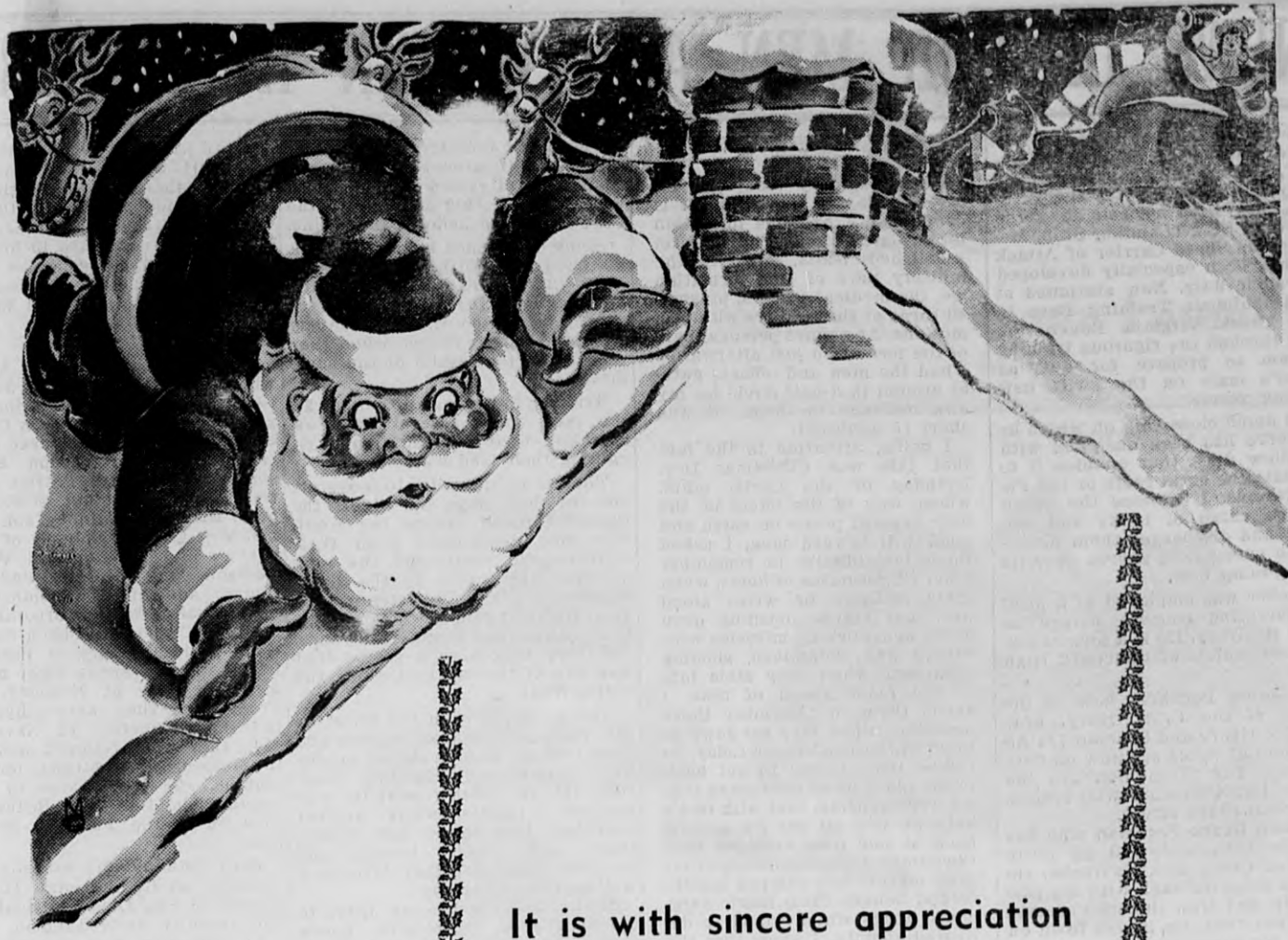
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NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

(Special to the Townsman)—**Wilfred J. Boucher**, a resident of Andover, and the third member of his family now serving with the U. S. Navy, has been chosen to serve aboard an LSM (Landing Ship, Medium), the Speed Carrier of Attack that has been especially developed for Pacific duty. Now stationed at the Amphibious Training Base in Little Creek, Virginia, Boucher is going through the rigorous training program to prepare for duty as gunner's mate on the swift new invasion vessel.

The amphibious ship on which he will serve has been designed with a shallow draft that enables it to negotiate the coral reefs of the Pacific islands. It crosses the ocean with its cargo of tanks and machines and discharges them directly onto enemy-held shores over its landing-ramp bow.

Boucher was employed at a local manufacturing concern before he joined the Navy. He is a former student and athlete of Pynchard High school.

The other Bouchers now in the service of the U. S. Navy, are: **ARM 1/c Henry** and **Seaman 1/c Alfred**, both of whom are now on duty overseas. The three men are the sons of Israel Boucher who resides at 30 Shawsheen street.

Captain Duane Freeman who has recently been stationed at Porto Rico and Grand Isle, Nebraska, enjoyed a short furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Freeman of Geneva road. He leaves town on Friday for overseas duty.

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE LIBERATOR STATION, ENGLAND—S/Sgt. Sumner W. Billings was among 20 Massachusetts men who were present at the recent christening of "Massachusetts Gal," a B-24 Liberator bomber of the 467th Bombardment Group. The big bomber is not as yet assigned to any specific combat crew. Sgt. Billings, who is a graduate of Somerville High school, entered the Army in August, 1942, and has been overseas since December, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Frances W. Billings, lives at 29-A Maple avenue, Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Couture of 128 Lowell street, have four sons serving in the armed forces, three in the Army and one in the Navy. **Cpl. Roland Couture** is serving with an engineer combat battalion in France, **Pvt. Romeo Couture** entered the service in February, and is now with a medical unit in England and **Ernest Couture** is receiving training at Camp Blanding, Florida. **Seaman 2/c Leon Couture** entered the service in August, and received his basic training at Sampson, N. Y., and is at present stationed at Newport, R. I.

Corporal Mario Fischer-Galati, son of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Fischer-Galati, 105 Main street, has returned to his unit and is again on active duty. He was wounded while on duty as a paratrooper in France on September 15. He was hospitalized after receiving bullet wounds in the shoulder and leg. He has now returned to France. **Corporal Fischer-Galati** has been in the service since September, 1943. He received his training at Fort Benning, Georgia. A native of Rumania, he came to this country four years ago.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 1943

My dearest:
Christmas Day today. An off day—on day as far as work is concerned. I had one formation for my men alone. Full uniform—polished boots, etc. At the military part of this formation we, the medical officers, presented three of the soldiers with promotions. At a more personal part of the formation just afterwards, I had the men and officers gather around in a half circle for my own message to them. It was short (5 minutes).

I called attention to the fact that this was Christmas Day, birthday of the Christ child, whose way of life offers us the only hope of peace on earth and good will toward men. I asked them individually to remember other Christmases at home, when their mothers or wives stood over hot stoves, opening oven doors and working miracles with turkey and trimmings, shoeing them out when they stole bits of the feast ahead of time. I asked them to remember these occasions when they sat down to their Christmas dinner today, to reflect that it was to get back to the old type of Christmas that we were fighting, that with God's help we will do our job and be back at our own firesides next Christmas. I also announced that their officers had chipped together and bought them fabric parachute wings which would be delivered shortly. I knew that the regiment as a whole had not such official recognition of the real meaning of Christmas. There was, however, a big effort made to fill the soldier's bellies with as near to a home cooked Christmas meal as it is humanely possible to procure. The effort was quite successful—for once the cooks really put out!!

Doesn't it strike you as illogical to go to such trouble to fill men's bellies when it is their souls which hunger at a season like this? They are left to forage for that with which to satisfy their true hunger—and so few of them are satisfied—can ever be satisfied with bread alone. The flesh is truly nourished, but it is said that the flesh is weak,—hadn't we better nourish the spirit?

QUARTERS, ITALY—Corporal Cecile M. Poisson, daughter of Mrs. D. Poisson of 160 High Street, Andover, is a member of the WAC company that marked the anniversary of one year overseas on November 19 and the completion of one year duty in Italy on December 9th.

Corporal Poisson is serving as a stenographer in the G-4 (Supply) Section of this base, which is responsible for the distribution of all supplies to the Fifth Army, to all service units, to this headquarters, and some supplies to the Air Corps and Navy in Western Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia. This includes the coordination of all the services—Quartermaster, Engineer, Ordnance, Signal, Medical, Chemical, Army Exchange, and Petroleum—Oils—Lubricants—in addition to procuring real estate, buildings and furnishings needed by ground forces.

The 399th Infantry Regiment of the 100th (Century) Division set some kind of record for the speed with which it said goodbye to the East River and hello to the Rhine.

Some of the men in the regiment marched down Fifth Avenue in New York City to help inaugurate the 5th War Bond Drive, and they were in action on the U. S. 7th Army front in Eastern France when they read about the results of the same drive.

Arriving in France on October 20, the men spent several days assembling their equipment and regaining their land legs.

Then came the order to move up, and for three days and nights the regiment rolled toward the front. The men dismounted from their vehicles one night—and the next morning they were in the lines. They had relieved a veteran regiment that had seen service in Sicily, Italy, Anzio and Southern France, and they took over a sector that was one of the toughest along the entire front.

The sector, then in the Foret de Ste. Barbe, was densely wooded and mountainous, with an almost jungle-like undergrowth impeding progress. But the 399th fought its way against a fanatic enemy, against countless land mines and booby-traps, and against terrain and weather difficulties that favored a well-trenched enemy.

While the French army drove to Strasbourg in enveloping movements from the north and south, the 399th helped smash the Nazis backward toward the Rhine, and soon won a reputation for being an experienced, hard-driving, relentless fighting unit.

Two local boys included in the 399th were: **Pvt. John B. Collins**, of 35 Summer street, and **Pvt. James M. Holden** of 37 Red Spring road.

Home on leave after serving fifteen months in the Pacific is **Clifford G. Peters**, fireman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peters of Boston road.

He enlisted in March, 1943, while in his junior year at Pynchard and received his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. He was then assigned to a large aircraft carrier, and he has been serving on that ship since. He has been in nine major engagements in the Pacific.

Word has been received that **Pfc. Joseph H. Davey, Jr.**, is back in a hospital, this time in Belgium. He was wounded about July 10, while fighting in the St. Lo sector of France, and remarked in his letter that his injury was not as bad as last time. Whether he has been wounded again or is still suffering from a previous injury is not known.

Home on leave are four Marines who enlisted together in January, 1942, and now are on furlough together. They are: **William D. Pomeroy**, recently commissioned a Lieutenant, **Corporal Joseph Barrett**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Barrett of 103 Chestnut street, **Corporal Donald A. Spinney**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spinney of Chestnut street, and **Corporal William Addison**, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Addison of Chandler road.

Corporal Barrett, **Corporal Spinney**, and **Corporal Addison** received their basic training at Parris Island and then spent eight months at guard duty at Newport, R. I. From there they were shipped to the South Pacific. In November, 1942, they were relieved, and went to Melbourne, Australia for nine months, and from there to Goodenough Island in New Britain and then on to the Pelilieu invasion front.

Both **Spinney** and **Addison** were wounded on Guadalcanal. The trio arrived in San Diego November 17 and recently arrived home.

Lt. Pomeroy, who arrived home Monday night, received his commission two months ago at the Marine officers' candidate school at Quantico. He received his basic training at Parris Island with the others. He has served one year in



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All four of the men attended Punc- hard high school together and all were active in athletics. Lt. Pome- roy was captain of the football team in 1935, and Corporal Spin- ney captained the baseball team the following spring. Lt. Pomeroy played baseball two years and foot- ball three years, and he also played football while attending North- eastern University. Corp. Addison played both football and base- ball and Corporal Barrett played foot- ball and basketball. Lt. Pomeroy is glad to see his friends again, as he hasn't seen them since they all took their basic training together at Parris Island in 1942.

In a letter received from S/Sgt. Julius F. Altrowski he states that he is now convalescing at the Sta- tion Hospital at Westover Field, having been recently transferred from a convalescent home in St. Petersburg, Florida. Sgt. Altrowski now holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation and E. T. O. ribbon with two bronze stars.

Ensign George G. Brown in the South Pacific has received a Christ- mas package addressed to Sgt. George C. Brown. He states that the package was in good condition and contained the things that he wanted most.

A V-mail letter from Frank L. Nicoll, PTR 1/c, written some- where in the Pacific, contained the following item which was prepared by one of the fellows in his group in commemoration of the birthday of the Seabees:

The third anniversary of the "workingest, fightingest bunch of men" in the nation's armed forces, the Navy Seabees, will be observed on December 28 by 240,000 officers and men of the United States Naval Construction battalions.

Born just three weeks after the Pearl Harbor disaster, with an au- thorized strength of 3000, the Sea- bees won their spurs at Guadalcanal and have been with the assault troops in every major American am- phibious operation. They can now boast that they built the network



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of air and naval bases in the Pacific that pushed the Japs back 3000 miles; that they developed amphibious equipment and techniques that helped carry the day on the Afri- can, Sicilian, Italian and Normandy beachheads.

Every commissioned Construction Battalion is either currently over- seas or has completed a tour of duty; many battalions are on their second tours. Seventy-six per cent of the Seabees are now outside the continental limits of the United States; only 9000 essential men have never seen foreign service.

As General Douglas MacArthur wrote in a letter to Seabee Chief Vice-Admiral Ben Morell, "The only trouble with your Seabees is that you don't have enough of them!"



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LIBRARY NOTES

On Saturday evening, December 23, the library will close at 6:00 o'clock, as it has done in previous years.

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The end of the reading year finds many people aware of the fact that, along the printed way, there are many good books that they have overlooked or have been unable to secure.

For those people the members of the staff of the Memorial Hall Library have compiled the following list of books which they have enjoyed during the past year. Some are to be read purely for fun, some for thoughtful preparation for things to come, while others clarify issues and situations of the past.

Heaven Is Too High, H. M. McNeilly
Battle Hymn of China, Agnes Smedley

People on Our Side, Edgar Snow
Green Dolphin Street, Elizabeth Goudge

Long Balkan Night, Leigh White
Green Years, A. J. Cronin
Time for Decision, Sumner Welles
Again in October, Lillian Van Ness
The Outnumbered, Catherine Hutter
Mother Russia, Maurice Hindus
U.S.S.R., Walter Duranty
Endure No Longer, Martha Albrand
Supper at Maxwell House, A. L. Crabb

By Valour and Arms, J. B. Street
Gobi Desert, Mildred Cable
Kilgour's Mare, H. G. Lamond
I Never Left Home, Bob Hope
Headquarters Budapest, Robert Parker

Can Do: the Story of the Seabees, W. B. Huie

Earth and High Heaven, Gwethalyn Graham
Wild Duck Murders, Theodora Du Bois

Gals They Left Behind Them, Margaret Shea
High Tide at Noon, Elisabeth Ogilvie

Bride in the Solomons, Osa Johnson
Winter Wheat, Mildred Walker
The Groom Lay Dead, G. H. Cox
Personality Unlimited, Veronica Dengel

First Fleet: Story of the U. S. Coast Guard at War, Rex Ingraham

Amethyst Spectacles, Frances Crane

Pastoral, Nevil Shute
Unready Heart, Richard Sherman
Night Unto Night, Phillip Wylie
A Bell for Adano, John Hersey
Brave Men, Ernie Pyle
Artist at War, George Biddle

The Great Answer, Margaret L. Runbeck

Dragonwyck, Anya Seton
Esme of Paris, Esme Davis

Good Night, Sweet Prince, Gene Fowler

You Are Younger Than You Think, M. Gumpert

Handling Personality Adjustment in Industry, R. N. McMurry

Russia and the Peace, Sir Bernard Pares

Rabbit Hill, Robert Lawson
Lone Journey, Jeanette Eaton

Young 'Un, Herbert Best
The Christmas Anna Angel, Ruth Sawyer

Prayer for a Child, Rachel Field
Far From Marlborough Street, Elizabeth Philbrook

Avalanche, Kay Boyle
Fog Magic, Julia Sauer

Tangled Web, Estelle Urbahns
Great Quillow, James Thurber

The Least of These, Celia Dale
The Americas of Tomorrow, Virginia Prewett

Palestine, Land of Promise, W. C. Lowdermilk

Shape of Books To Come, J. D. Adams

Doctors in Mexico, Olive Floyd
They Shall Not Sleep, Leland Stowe

Walk in the Sun, Harry Brown
German Arciniegas, ed. Cross and the Arrow, Albert Maltz

Prejudices: Japanese-Americans, Symbol of Racial Intolerance, Carey McWilliams

Yankee From Olympus, C. D. Bowen
Mexico Speaks, Guido Rosa

Samuel Johnson, Joseph Krutch
Condition of Man, Lewis Mumford

JUNIOR HIGH NOTES

Tuesday, December 19, seventh grade girls entertained their mothers at a tea from 2:30 to 4:30. This tea was sponsored by Miss Alice Foster, home economic teacher in the Junior High school.

The Sixth War Loan Drive ended with seven hundred and fifty dollars worth of bonds purchased.

Beginning January 2, 1945, model airplanes will fly from the second floor corridor. Goals have been set of \$100.00 for each grade and when they have purchased this quota, they bomb their objective "Tokyo."

The students and faculty are saddened by the loss of their fellow friend, George Niccoll, who drowned while skating Saturday, January 16th.

The assembly Friday, January 22, will be in charge of 9-1 division, under the supervision of Miss Stevens.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM The Nicest Gift (A Play)

Grandma Cushman Polly Black
Robert Cushman, her son Richard Shaw

Jane Cushman, his wife Kay Bigelow
Sally Cushman, their daughter Jeanne Kenney

Malcolm Cushman, their son Fred Flather
Corinne Cushman, their daughter Kay Byrne

Tony, the newsboy John Pingree
Jonathan Jones and the Christmas Fairy (A Play)

Salvation Army Lassie, Zita Surette
Christmas Fairy Brenda Giles
Jonathan Jones Fred Cole

Patches, a poor boy Billy Nichols
Dumplings, his sister Joan Gallagher

Carol singers Glee Clubs
When Peace Comes (Customs in other lands)

Angels Jane Draper, Joan Draper
Norway Maureen Higgins
Russia Carolyn White

Holland Audrey Tompkins
Switzerland Eleanor Parker
China Marjorie Harshaw

Mexico Barbara Shulze
Holy Land Shirley Cairns

Stage crew: lights, Edward Morrissey, Ronald Martin; curtains, Walter Lloyd, John Davidson; properties, Dwight Killam, Robert Whitaker, Richard Baldwin.

For the section of the program "When Peace Comes," several members of 9-1 made large posters to represent each country. These girls were Zita Surette, Jeanne Kenney, Polly Black, Jane Draper, Joan Draper, Marjorie Harshaw, Joan Gallagher, Joan Capen, and Dorothy Keith.

ELAINE MacLELLAN

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neville Stent have announced the marriage of their daughter, Joan Neville, to Kerr Alexander Sparks, Jr., U.S.A., on Friday, November 24, at St. David's church, Austin, Texas.

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JUNIOR WOMAN'S UNION ELECTS

The regular monthly meeting of the Junior Woman's Union was held last Thursday in the West Church vestry. The election of officers for 1945, was as follows: President, Mrs. Ruth White; Vice-President, Mrs. Anne Barlow; Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Marland; Treasurer, Mrs. Nan Chadwick; Chaplain, Mrs. Doris Hudgins; Program Committee, Mrs. Margaret Lowe; Sunshine Committee, Mrs. Nada Morgan; Flower Committee, Mrs. Jessie Titcomb, Mrs. Phoebe Carter and Miss Ebba Peterson.

St. Augustine's Church choir will hold a rehearsal on Friday evening.

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**George Abbott
Succumbs to Illness**

Andover's flags dipped to half mast Thursday in mute tribute to George Allen Abbott, World War I veteran, who passed away Wednesday night at the Veterans' Administration hospital, West Roxbury, following a long illness.

He was very well-liked by a wide circle of friends. For the past fifteen years he had been employed at Phillips Academy as janitor and as assistant in the purchasing department.

He was a member of the South Congregational church, Andover, St. Matthew's lodge, A. F. and A. M. Andover, Andover Post 8, American Legion and Andover post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence (Larkin) Abbott; a sister, Miss Marion B. Abbott of Andover; four aunts; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon with services at 2:30 o'clock in the South Congregational Church. Rev. Frederick B. Noss, pastor, and Rev. A. Graham Baldwin, minister at Phillips Academy, will officiate. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery.

The following poem was sent by Reginald Wallace to Mrs. Robert Lockhead:

CHRISTMAS - 1944
The Ground is blanketed with
downy snow.
Imprinted with soldiers' foot-
steps, as they forward go
To the bloody battle up ahead.
Where, here and there are
strewn the dead.
The boys who yesteryear but
children were,
Tossing snowballs to and fro.
Now victims of the Nazi cur.
No Christmas do they celebrate
Upon this earth of ghastly
state;
Scorched by the demon Nazi
head;
Enrichened, where their gal-
lant blood was shed.
Their smiling faces are no
more.
Their lives they gave.
'Tis Christmas, 1944.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Deck the hall with boughs of holly;
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Rainbow Island

Dorothy Lamour, Eddie Bracken
 3:10; 6:05; 9:05

The Unwritten Code

Ann Savage, Tom Neal
 1:55; 4:50; 7:50

Walt Disney Cartoon

2:55; 5:50; 8:50

TUES., WED., THURS., FRI., SAT. — December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Casanova Brown

Gary Cooper, Teresa Wright
 3:05; 6:05; 9:10

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Children Present Xmas Programs

The following program was given in the Stowe Assembly Hall on Thursday, December 21, at 1:30:
 Carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful"

School
 Play, "Mrs. Santa Comes Into Her Own" Grade 6-A
 Characters:

Santa Claus Robert Markert
 Mrs. Santa Carlene Erickson
 Brownies

John Newall, Donald Valz, Charles McCullom, Joseph Wenik, Harold Wood, Warren Crawford, George Bernardin, Robert Hatton

Fairies
 Joan Morrison, Joan Godfrey, Patricia Michel, Polly Paradise
 Prompter Harriet Ryberg
 Sound Effects Hilton Cormey
 Recitation, "The Boys' Christmas" George Jaspert, Donald Keifer, David Stanton

Song, "Stars of December"

Marian Campbell
 Reading, "Christmas Customs in Other Countries" Sidney Tavern
 Song, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Marion White

Carol, "The First Noel" School
 Recitation, "Three Kings" by Grace Noll Crowell Grade 6-B

Clifford Lawrence, Dorothy Keating, William Peters, Shirley McCabe, Gordon Edgar
 Song, "When the Sun Had Sunk to Rest (Old English Noel)" Calvin Hatch

Carol, "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella" Grade 5-A

Mary Margaret Denoncourt
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Chorus
 Anne Sanborn, Miriam Demers, Warren Tyler, Raeburn Hathaway, Robert Henry, Richard Graves, Alan Parker, Nancy Penwell, Ruth Denholm, Constance Markert, Marion Noss, Roberta Johnson, Russell Johnson, Dolores Jane Bragdon, Joan Hewett, Carol Stanton

Stage Properties

Pierce Bullen, James McGrath, Richard Bramley
 Carol, "Silent Night" School Announcer Robert Savage

At the S. C. Jackson School this program was presented on Thursday afternoon, December 21, at

2:30 o'clock in the Stowe Assembly Hall:
 Carol, "Away in a Manger" School Choral Reading and Song Grades 1 and 2

Joseph Dahle, Nancy Swift, Susan Trott, James Butterfield, Marjorie Parker, John Murray, Cynthia Dantos, Nancy White, Myrtle Belle Jaques, Elbert Weaver, Margaret Johnson, Henry White

Reading, "I Must Go Back" Grade 3

Readers: David Mowry, Carol Ann DesRoches, Constance Newall, assisted by: James Curry, Marilyn Early, Mary Morse, David Glendinning, William Ryberg, Janet Gleason, Ann Smith, Lesley Jane Westfall, Robert Grant, Carl Sandberg, Ray Whitney, Dick Whitney, Nancy Gordon, Allan Wadman, David White, Patricia Sanborn

Recitation

"Do You See That Star?" Grade 2
 Robert Innes, Bruce Donovan, Paul Wennik, David Hutchinson, Alexander Gibson, Mary Alice Sullivan, Barbara McKay, Mary Anne Callahan, Ann Cleveland, Barbara Frawsell

Reading, "Santa Claus" Grade 3

Betsey Sparks, Joyce Williams, Patricia Sanborn, James Curry

Exercise, "The Music Box" Grade 1
 Trio: Danielle Johnston, Robert Brakey, Ruth Ann Frederickson; Chorus: Noel Farnsworth, Amy Glendinning, Frank Nicoll, Mary Mayo, Delight Wilson, Joan Hathaway

Carol, "Silent Night" School Announcer E. Frank Lewis, Jr., of the Stowe School



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The pupils of the Shawsheen school presented the following program at their regular Christmas entertainment:

Announcers — Dorothy Hastings and Alan Barlow
 Recitation—A Welcome
 Mary Anne Faggiano

An Invitation
 Joyce Sullivan, James Burnham
 Exercise—What Mother Goose's Children Want For Christmas
 David Best, Brooke Fisher, Sandra McKinery, Andrea MacLachlan, David Tomlinson, Lutier Bernard, Richard Davis, Barbara Anne Jackson

Christmas Time
 Audrey Tuttle, Raymond Groleau, Lois LeTourneau, Carl Ebhardt, Mary Whittaker, Loretta Merrill
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 Sticks — Robert Blomquist, Gail Thompson, Norma Howard, Vincent Gallo, George Cairns, Roy Nightingale, Joan Mealey

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 Bells — William Gens, Henry Beliveau, John Killilea, William Mooney, Maxine Wainwright, Richard Finnerty, Robert Foley, William Bird, Kenneth Hill
 Triangles — Ann Shugrue, Barbara Wright, Charles Giovinco
 Tambourine — Judith Colmer
 "Christmas Bells"

Bells and Chorus
 A Christmas Acrostic
 Harold Chart, Jane Marie Henrick, Suzanne Winters, Gerald Ryan, William Sullivan, Jr., Robert Winters, Daniel Daley, Franklin Killilea, Richard Gidley
 The Christmas Star
 Allan Vaughan, Gail Marland, Richard Foley, Mary Oliver, Priscilla Marrs, Marcia Tangney
 "What Santa Calls Him"
 Richard Berube
 Play—"Aids to a Merry Christmas"
 Grade 4

Characters:
 Mistress Mary Priscilla Gidley
 Peace Ruth Ann Morgan
 Good Will Robert Erler
 Unselfishness Sandra Guertin
 Holly Hayden Daley
 Bells Jane Ann MacAskill
 Carols Maureen McKay
 Cook Barbara Ann Doyle
 Sweets Marilyn Dickson
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 Grades 5 and 6

Characters:
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 Reuben, father of Timeus Everett MacAskill

First Shepherd Harold Gens
 Second Shepherd Peter Caswell
 Third Shepherd John Barlow
 Fourth Shepherd Alan Ganem
 Mary Judith Marland
 Joseph Edward Dean
 Wise Men
 Walter Tomlinson, Peter Miller, Jay Guertin

Passerby on Street
 Ann Merchant, Joan Pearson, Joan Barry, Connie Midelo, Herbert Nightingale
 Angel Adeline Marrs
 Poem — "The Song of the Angels"
 Jane Young

Chorus — Soloist, Peter Dunlop
 Lois Craig, Eileen Skeirik, Carole Wright, Lorraine Marcoux, Jacqueline Ganem, Catherine Anderson, Janet Thompson, Priscilla Tompkins, Frances Dunlavy, Mary Jane Merrill, Eugene Groleau, Louis Fieldier, Arthur Mooney, Charles Koza, James Baillie, Lucille Spinella, Jean Pearson, Betty Born, Jean Farrell, Priscilla Prescott

The following Christmas program was given Thursday afternoon in the Bradlee school:

Grades 1 and 2—Flag salute, "God Bless America"; "Heaven's Gift," Joan Lakin; "Old Santa," Warren Russell; "Long, Long Ago," Anne Lefebvre, Joan Jedrey, Patricia Smalley and Shirley Townsend; "To Please Santa," Richard Carroll; "Sing a Song of Christmas," Marilyn Ness, Gail Goodwin, Richard Carroll, Joan Jedrey, Joan Wilson and Cynthia Lawrence; "The Christmas Pines," Paul Bouleau; "The Golden Telephone," Cynthia Lawrence; "That Shocking Stocking," Joyce Nason; "A December Spelling Lesson," Paul Bouleau, Marilyn Ness, Willard Ferris, Patricia Smalley, Gail Goodwin, Joyce Nason, Basil Yancy, Priscilla Lawrie, Leigh Henderson; "My Bell," Thelma Sparks; "O, Come, Little Children," Joan Wilson; "The Christmas Tree Wish," Richard Nolin; "His Letter," Clifford Sharpe; "Closing Piece," Patricia Lawrie; "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manger," class, Mary A. Collins, teacher and principal.

Grades 2 and 3—Carols by class, "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manger"; recitations, "Greetings," William Townsend; "Christmas," Marjorie Davis, Nelson Townsend, Paul McFarlane, Richard Lumenello, Judith Hall, Carl Buschmann, Harold Newcomb, Donald Milligan, John MacMillan; "The Christmas Tree," James Butler; "Stockings," Priscilla Colpitts; "Secrets," Carl Buschmann; "A Ride With Santa Claus," Robert Lefebvre; "Clouds," Robert Nolin; song by class, "A Gift From Jack Frost"; recitations, "The Nicest Night," Lucille O'Hara; "A Boy's Christmas Wish," Robert Lakin; "Christmas Stars," Geneva O'Hara; songs by special chorus, "Let's Make It a Merry Christmas," soloist, Richard Lawrence; "The Holly Has a Greeting," soloist, Judith Hall; recitations, "On Christmas," Donald Ness; "After," Christopher Shaw; "Happy," Carlton Brown; "The Mouse's Letter," Herbert MacMillan; "A Little Gift," Diane Mitchell; "A Christmas Wish," James Greene; "My Candle," Margaret Perry; song by class, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; announcer, Kenneth Sparks, Mrs. Rushton, teacher.

Grades 4 and 5—Play, "The Squander Bug's Christmas Carol," characters—Dave Carston, Richard Moss; Sue Carston, Lola Castle, Carl Carston, Ralph Sharpe; first squander bug, Lucille Sherry; second squander bug, John Lawrie; German squander bug, Robert Henderson; Japanese squander bug, Joan Buckley; other squander bugs, Judith Thompson, Joanne Myers, Ann McFarlane and Raymond Nolin; songs, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," class; recitation, "Jack Frost and the Christmas Tree," Frederick Buckley, Norman Martin, Arthur Hamman, Gardiner Townsend, Warren Ferris; song, "O Come All Ye Faithful," class; recitation, "Christmas Morning," Eleanor Goff, David McFarlane; song, "Away in a Manger," class; recitation, "Christmas Bells," class; song, "Silent Night," class, Miss McCarthy, teacher.

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Our Christmas
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It's getting nearer and nearer the big day . . . you still haven't completed your shopping, and you're searching your brains to find out just what to get for those last minute gifts . . . our ample supply of fine gift toiletries rivals the variety of most of the large city stores, and the prices are the same . . . we have Lenthéric perfumes in Shanghai,

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of course is always a popular and acceptable gift . . . Blue Grass in clear cologne comes at \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$4.50, and dusting powder is priced at \$1.50 . . . the enchanting little gift bottles of Arden's Mille Fleurs perfume you can buy for \$6.00, and Mille Fleurs dusting powder at \$2.00 . . . we have a wide variety of other Arden sets . . . we are also selling a lot of Old South toiletries in attractive gift boxes at

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Grade III

How Can Anybody Sleep At Christmas Time

Delia Bolduc, Ruth Dennis, Rhoda DesRoches, Beverly Donohue, Doris Gallant, Jane Grandmont, Susan Hopkins, Georgette La Voie, Pauline Monty, Anne McCarthy, Joyce St. Jean, Betty Lou Simeone, Pauline Surette, Nancy White, Eleanor Young, Sylvia Zalla, Claire Boulanger, Albert Brouillard, Robert Banister, Harold Hayes, George Heseltine, Paul Keaney, Cornelius McCarthy, Bryan Murphy, John Polgreen, Robert Scanlon.

Grade IV

Santa Is A Spry Old Man

Doris Audesse, Edyth Belisle, Doris Bolduc, Marguerite Boulanger, Shirley Chetson, Josephine Collins, Yvonne Dennis, Elaine Donahue, Elaine Dumont, Jane Dumont, Florence Golden, Alice Goudin, Gail Griffin, Anne Grover, Anne Lancaster, Gertrude Madden, Eleanor McCarthy, Norma Perry, Louise Pothier, Patricia Robertson, Marie Sullivan, Isabel Surette, Dorothy Walsh, Everett Belisle, Joseph Brouillard, Daniel Connors, William Cox, James Downey, Leonard Eldred, David Hannon, William Lench, William Lucey, Joseph Lynch, William McCarthy, Francis Reidy, James A. Sullivan, James J. Sullivan, Teddy Surette, Russell Thornton.

Grade V

Christmas Lullaby

Thomas Davies, James Eldred, Charles Lynch, Albert Middleton, George Partridge, Herve Pelletier, William Ronan, Stanley Smith, George Walsh, John Wrigley, Mary Lou Cookson, June Couture, Claire Dumont, Jo Anne Durling, Claire Grassi, Maureen Hayes, Elizabeth Hearne, Elsie Le May, Margaret Madden, Florence Monty, Rita Pelletier, Marylyn Sullivan, Anita Tellier, Maureen Collins.

Grade VI

Santa Claus Express

Robert Brennan, David Brucato, Ronald

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Grade VII

A Tribute to Mothers

Individual Speakers: Marylyn Mulcahy, Anna Furtado, Joseph Stack, Dorothy Rafferty, George Ballantyne, Joan Dumont, Frederick Connors, Cecile Dennis, Richard Hoyer, Barbara McCluskey, Mary Young, Janet Middleton, John Lynch, John Burke.
The Choral Group: Agnes McAtamney, Rita Ledoux, Claire Sullivan, Nancy Hastings, Rita Monty, Annette Richard, Alfred Davis, Richard Stevens, Joseph Rayball, Thomas Darby, Jerry Davey.

Grade VII

Nativity Play

Timothy Brennan — St. Joseph
Alice Parker — Blessed Virgin
Inn Keeper — Philip Gaudet
Kings — George Lefebvre, Philip Gaudet and Robert Chevelier.
Children of the Inn Keeper — Beatrice Golden, Helen Surette, Norma Quinn.
Angels — Grace Delamare, Margaret Abbott, Edith Berthel.
Santa and the Little Girl Who Did Not Believe in Santa — Eileen Locke and Dorothy Walsh. (A single number)
Shepherds—Charles Dwyer, Arthur White, Raymond Belanger, Frances Brennan, Norman Le May.
Carolers — Margaret McDonald, Patricia Downey, Doris Van Bunnan, Ruth Coughlin, Mary Eldred, Doris Therrien, Mary Grant, Eileen Locke, Roberta Vivvenney.

ANDOVER GRANGE NOTES

Andover Grange met in Grange Hall on Tuesday evening at 8:00. Christmas carols were sung by a quartet of the following ladies: Mrs. Doris Hudgins, Mrs. Wilma Abbott, Mrs. Helen True, and Mrs. Eleanor Hall. A Christmas tree with gifts for all was enjoyed. A report from the State Lecturers Conference, held recently in Worcester, was given by Mrs. Hartwell Abbott. Refreshments were served by the men who lost in the attendance contest of the past year.

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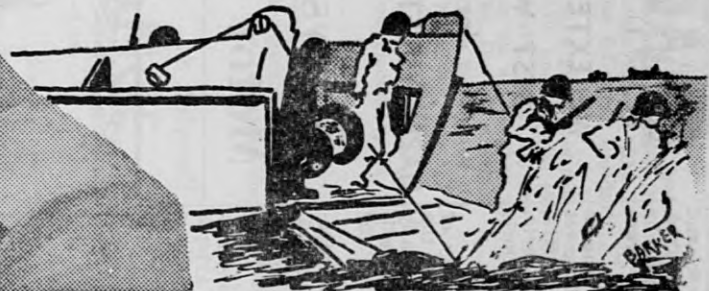
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Editorials



Too Little, Too Late

A father,—a father who two days before had pulled out of the waters of the Shawsheen river the lifeless body of his own fourteen-year-old boy—sat in the town house Monday talking with some of the selectmen. He wasn't angry. His boy had gone, and he might have been saved if the town's public safety departments had acted as promptly as they should have. But he wasn't angry. In a voice whose lowness bespoke the emotions of his mind and of his heart, he said in substance: "No, I'm not angry at anyone. I'm sorry it had to be my boy, but if my loss will mean that other boys may be saved, it will have done some good."

And the rest is up to us. George Nicoll gave his life Saturday, and it might have been saved. This Saturday a hearing is to be held, and it may then be determined what, and who, caused the delay that meant the sending of equipment to the scene too little and too late. Possibly that hearing will clarify a few impressions that Andover people can't seem to get out of their minds.

They can't see why, when there's a life at stake, there should be any question at all as to whose job it is to save that life. They can't help but feel that it's the job of both departments. They can't understand —if a drowning or near-drowning is a job that the fire department can glibly turn over to the police department—why the inhalator is kept in the fire station, and why the police department doesn't have a ladder truck if the fire department ladder is to remain idle in the fire station while a boy is losing his life. They

can't see why the town included in the ladder truck equipment a gun that throws a rope across ice, if it wasn't to be used by the fire department to throw a rope across ice. They can't see why a police cruiser should come to the fire station, miles and miles away from the tragedy to pick up an inhalator while a comparatively short distance away from the scene a fire engine with the much-needed ladders remains immobilized by a statement which said: "The police department is taking care of it!" They can't see why two police officers and two firemen should have taken time to wonder who should operate the inhalator, for they can't see why every member of both departments shouldn't be able to operate it. They can't see why there should have been any delay in the giving of an order for the one fireman who was sure of himself in running the inhalator to go along with the cruiser.

There will be other things that the people of Andover may now be better able to understand. It's too bad that it took a life to do it. Next March let's appropriate enough money to bring the permanent fire department up to the strength that it should have; and let's have a boat handily available for drowning accidents.

That's the job the townspeople will have to do. They CAN see to it that the departments have the proper quantity of men; they CAN'T do much about the quality of men, any more than they have done already by the adoption of civil service examinations. That's the job the town officials will have to do. Unfortunately town workers in many instances gradually get a magnified idea of their own importance and adopt an attitude in which the public rather than the worker becomes the servant. A weeding out every once in a while is a good thing; let's never wait again until a tragedy makes such action imperative.

There's going to be a hearing Saturday. The true facts should emerge then. The people of Andover hope fervently that those in charge will then take whatever action they may deem necessary, drastic though it may be—for there is a father down in Ballardvale who isn't angry but who hopes that his son's life wasn't lost in vain.

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REBEKAH'S HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party was held Monday evening by the Indian Ridge Rebekah Lodge. The party was held in the lodge hall in the Musgrove building after the regular meeting. An entertainment was given and community singing was enjoyed, while gifts were exchanged by those present. Refreshments were served.

The following committee was in charge: Chairman, Miss Margaret Laurie; Miss Doris Gates, Mrs. George Goff, Mrs. Donald Laurie, Miss Grace Lake and Miss Doris Goff.

T/Sgt. Karl Haartz, formerly of Camp Claiburn, La., is enjoying the Christmas holidays at the family home on High Plain road. He will leave immediately afterwards for overseas duty.

Pvt. Allan Mosher is ill with pneumonia at a hospital in Maryland, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mosher of Haverhill street.

Pfc. Alan Bjorkman of Swampscott was killed in action in France on November 27. He is the grandson of Mrs. Willis H. Tewksbury of Hidden road.



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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. William Forsythe, 38½ Maple avenue, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mildred Elizabeth, to Corporal Donald A. Spinney, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Spinney of 97 Chestnut street.

Miss Forsythe graduated from Punchedard in 1939 and attended the McIntosh Business school. She is employed in the office of Phillips Academy.

Corporal Spinney graduated from Punchedard in 1938, and entered the service in January, 1942. He has spent two years on active duty in the South Pacific. He was previously employed by the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

The couple will be married at a candlelight service in Christ Episcopal Church on December 26, at 7:30 P. M.

BIRTH

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CHURCHES

Baptist Church

Friday, 6:30, Annual Christmas Party in the Vestry. A splendid program has been planned by the Misses Helen Thompson and Beulah Dennison, co-chairmen. All are cordially invited.

Sunday, 9:30, Opening session of Church School; 10:00, Adult class; 10:45, Morning Worship—Christmas Sermon by the Pastor; "Let Christ In!"; 5:00, White Gift Vesper Service—Participants: Carol Sing led by Superintendent H. H. Otis; Scripture Reading, Raeburn Hathaway; Candle Story, Laura Thompson; Recitation, Phyllis Thompson, Margaret McLachlan; Song—"Gifts of Love," Joyce Williams, Nancy Norton, Judith Colmer; Song—"We Three Kings," Richard Woodhead, David Wetterberg, Carlton Smith; Angels, Marilyn Brown, Laura Thompson; Story—"Christmas Caravan," Mrs. Henry Birnstein.

Christ Church

Friday, 3:00 p.m., Christmas Party for Kindergarten.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m., Holy Communion; 11:00, Morning Prayer and Sermon; 5:00 p.m., Children's Carol Service; 11:15, Carols and Holy Communion (full choir).

Monday, Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m., Holy Communion and Address.

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Christmas Party for the Sunday School.

Thursday, Holy Innocents Day, 10:00 a.m., Holy Communion; 6:45 p.m., Girl Scouts.

South Church

Sunday, 9:30, Church School and The Junior Church; 10:45, Morning Worship and Christmas Sermon: "The Assurance of Christmas"; 10:45, Church Kindergarten; 11:15, Educational Motion Pictures.

Monday, 7:00 a.m., Christmas Dawn and Carol Service.

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Formal Promenade, Junior King's Daughters at the Crystal Ballroom.

Wednesday, 7:00, The Church Choir.

Thursday, 10:00, All-day Sewing Meeting, Women's Union.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coon of 407 Andover street, Ballardvale, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Eleanor Ames Coon, to Reginald Clarke Day of Westerly, R. I.

Miss Coon is a graduate of Punchedard and attended the Massachusetts School of Art. Mr. Day is employed by the Hamilton-Standard Propellers concern in Westerly.

Art work by Marjorie F. Ruth, of 28 Wolcott avenue, who is a sophomore in the College of Fine and Applied Arts is included in the 10th annual exhibit of the University of Illinois College of Fine and Applied Arts.

The exhibit, which includes examples of work done by students in art, architecture and landscape architecture, is being displayed in high schools throughout Illinois.

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Grocery Department

We cannot advertise as we have done in other years about Christmas specialties. The reason for this is obvious. However, we can tell you very quickly whether or not we have in stock what you may be planning to use for your Christmas dinner. One thing we would like to stress: Please be patient if someone is ahead of you being waited upon at our store—we are extremely short of experienced help (as is every store-keeper in America) and as your turn comes every consideration will be given to your order. We have no chairs for you to sit down on, but there's plenty of room for you to walk around and observe what a first-class grocery store of this type really carries in stock.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

The annual Christmas party of the West Parish Sunday school, will be held in the vestry on Friday evening at 7:15. A program of stunts and a Christmas tree with Santa Claus, and a distribution of gifts and carol singing will be enjoyed.

Mr. Brodhead's class of Young People will hold a party tonight. If conditions permit a skating party will be enjoyed, otherwise it will be held in the vestry.

Disease

(Continued from Page 1)

Keep in fighting trim the rest of the winter by eating plenty of the seven basic foods daily . . . and eat regularly. (Basic foods include green and yellow vegetables; citrus fruits, tomatoes, raw cabbage and salad greens; potatoes, other vegetables and fruits; milk and milk products; meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dried beans, peas, nuts and peanut butter; bread, flour and cereals; and butter and fortified margarine.)

Keep good hours by sleeping at least eight hours . . . in bed.

Keep your house, office or car aired and heated properly at a constant temperature of about 68 degrees. Sleeping quarters should be even lower . . . but be sure to avoid drafts.

Keep away from anyone suffering with a cold . . . to the point of risking your popularity.

Dress sensibly, seasonably and comfortably. Proper clothing, especially if you're one of those individuals peculiarly sensitive to drafts, can greatly help reduce unnecessary colds.

Keep clean. Maintain good hygiene and grooming by using plenty of soap and water.

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And if you do come down with a cold:

Go to bed and stay there. Don't be a false patriot. The wise time to care for a cold is at the beginning—when it can be controlled with the least absenteeism, money and damage to health.

Avoid risking your health and wasting money on cold vaccines and expensive vitamin pills—unless specifically advised by your doctor.

Colds spread when you sneeze or cough. Cover them up with a hankie. Most colds might be prevented if cold sufferers showed a little consideration for others—especially in crowds and public conveyances.

If your cold does not become better, call a doctor or visit him during regular office hours. If you must call him to your home, phone him about eight-thirty in the morning so he may prepare his schedule of calls for the day in advance.

Don't forget, pneumonia and sinusitis start from little colds—and influenza is often mistaken for a cold.

The Andover Board of Health has announced that the situation here is slightly better than average. There are four scarlet fever cases, but these are all original cases, not contacts.

Miss Barbara Hart recently took a leading part in the Nativity play presented by the Radcliffe college freshmen. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hart of Salem street.

Church Music

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 7:00 A.M.
 (CHRISTMAS DAY DAWN SERVICE)
 Prelude, "Weihnachten" Max Reger
 Hymn, "Joy to the World" Handel
 Choir, Christmas Day Fantasy on Old Carols Gustav Holst
 Junior Choir Carols:
 "Lay Down Your Staff" French
 "Silent Night" German
 Choir, "Cherubim Song" Borntniansky
 Choir, Coventry Carol English
 Offertory Solo, "Rest, Lord Jesus, Rest" Walter Howe
 Mrs. Mervin E. Stevens
 Choir, "Gloria" Cesar Franck
 Postlude, Fugue in D major ("Joy Fugue") Bach
 Mrs. Marion Peck, Piano
 Mr. Weston L. Brannen, Director of Music and Organist
 Rev. Frederick B. Noss, Minister

North Parish Church

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DEC. 24
 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, 4:30 P. M.
 Musical Pageant, "A Festival of Carols" by the Church School. The morning service will be omitted for the occasion.
 Prelude
 Mrs. Fred D. Whittier, Organist
 Voluntary Carols by the Choirs
 Responsive Service—For Christmas
 Hymn—"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
 Scripture Reading
 Anthem The Senior Choir
 Prayer
 Response by the Choirs
 Announcements and Offering
 Hymn—"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
 Pageant—"A Festival of Carols"
 The Church School
 Hymn—"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
 Sung by the members of the Pageant
 Cast and the Audience
 Benediction
 Postlude

West Parish Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 10:30 A. M.
 Prelude, "Noel" D'Aquin
 Hymn, "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"
 Anthem, "There Dwelt in Old Judea" William H. Griggs
 Anthem, "Light a Torch, Jeanette" Old French
 Solo, "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam
 George A. Lowe, III
 Offertory, Choral—"Sleep, Holy Babe" Kreckel
 Anthem, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" J. P. Scott
 Hymn, "The First Noel"
 Hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
 Response, "Lo, How a Rose" Praetorius
 Postlude, Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah" Handel
 George A. Lowe, Director
 Miss Marion L. Abbott, Organist

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24,
MORNING WORSHIP, 10:45
Prelude, Choral from the Gothic Suite
Boillman
Processional Hymn
"O Come All Ye Faithful"
Call to Worship
Unison Prayer
Lord's Prayer
Anthem, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Redner
Responsive Reading
Gloria
Reading of the Scripture
Anthem, "Jesu Bambino"
Pietro Yon
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Offertory Anthem, "O Holy Night"
Adam
Doxology
Hymn, "Joy to the World"
Handel
Sermon, "The Stable and the Star"
Prayer
Hymn, "Silent Night"
Gruber
Postlude, "Christmas Postlude"
Best
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE, 4:30 P. M.
Prelude, Pastoral Symphony from
"The Messiah"
Handel

Processional Hymn
"O Come All Ye Faithful"
Salutation
Anthem, "Break Forth, O Beauteous
Heavenly Light"
Bach
Reading of the Scripture
Carols
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" 14th Cent.
"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"
Old French Carol
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
by Night" (from Esté's Psalter)
A Christmas Poem
Anthem, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
Praetorius
Offertory Solo (violin solo) "Largo" Handel
Anthem (Junior Choir) Hallelulah from
music of Bethlehem"
Faber
Congregational Singing
"Joy to the World", "Silent Night"
Meditation
Anthem, "Jesu Bambino"
Pietro Yon
Christmas Story, "Our Lady's Tumbler"
Carols
"God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen"
"What Child Is This"
Old English
"The First Noel"
Traditional
Recessional Hymn, "Hark, the Herald
Angels Sing"
Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Postlude, Overture to "A Child Is Born"
Bach
Guest Organist, Miss Margaret Hadley,
from First Baptist Church of Methuen
Violin Soloist, Mr. Henry Kelly,
of Phillips Academy

St. Augustine's Church

Very Rev. Thomas Fogarty, O.S.A., Pastor
Mary F. Lanigan, Organist and Director
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 11:30 P.M.
Chimes—Traditional Carols
"Joy to the World"
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
"Silent Night"
"Jesu Bambino"
Pietro Yon
"O Holy Night"
Abbie G. McLaughlin
Louise M. Stacy
"Night of Nights"
Jeanne Wirtz
Vanderwatter
MIDNIGHT — SOLEMN HIGH MASS
"Kyrie"
Gounod
"Gloria"
Mozart
"Credo"
Korman
Offertory, "Adeste Fidelis"
Traditional
James Sheard, Soloist
"Sanctus"
Gounod
"Benedictus"
Gounod
"Agnus Dei"
Gounod
Communion, "Birthday of a King"
James Sheard, assisted by Choir
Soloists: Abbie G. McLaughlin, Jeanne
Wirtz, Louise M. Stacey, James Sheard
CHRISTMAS DAY, 9:45 A.M.
"Birthday of a King"
Barbara Carley
"O Holy Night"
Jean Lefebvre
CAROLS AT 11:30 A.M., sung by Combined
Choirs

Baptist Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1944
MORNING SERVICE
Organ, "Christmas Prelude"
Covelli
Organ, "Chorale"
Bach
Introuit, "Custance"
Anthem, "Joy to the World"
Marzo
Choir, assisted by Mrs. Bedford Wood,
Soprano, and Miss Beulah Dennison,
Contralto
Praetorius Response, "Custance"
Offertory Anthem, "O Holy Night"
Adam
Soloist—Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, Soprano
Postlude, "Procession"
C. Franck
VESPER SERVICE
Organ, "Pastoral Symphony"
Handel
Carols by Choir
"Sing Noel"
Old French
"Holy Night"
Barnby
Solo, "The Star of Bethlehem"
Adams
Festal Postlude"
Rinck

PUNCHARD NOTES

The school sang Christmas carols with Barbara Hill as their accompanist at a Christmas assembly held during the last period on Thursday under the direction of Mr. Stevens.

Two films: "Problems of the Working Girl" and "Nursing" were shown at a special assembly for the girls during Thursday morning. This assembly was another of the projects undertaken by the Guidance Department to acquaint the students with the problem of choosing a career and how to defeat the many problems that arise in regard to them.

Helping (and we do mean helping) with the Christmas rush at the Post Office this year are Norman Bendroth, James Christie, Donald Coleman, George Collins, William Dole, Donald Dane, Homer Judge, William Lowe, John McGrath, Bill Westcott, Tom Williamson, and James Ryan.

The first basketball game of the season will be played tonight at Rockport.

School will be in session again on January 2nd of next year.

RUTH GREGORY

A daughter, Priscilla Margaret, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Newton of River Road, on December 7, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lowell.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Arsenaunt, 4 Juliette street, on Thursday at the Clover Hill hospital.

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25, 7:00 A.M.
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Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of Anna E. 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.

**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.

**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 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)

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT**

Essex, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of Elizabeth Shorten, 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 Mildred R. Shorten 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 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 fifteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register. (21-28-4)

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS



You are hereby required on or before March 1, 1945, to destroy Brown Tail nests and the egg clusters of the Gypsy Moth and Tent Caterpillar on your property in this town.

This notification is in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, which requires the destruction of the eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests of the Gypsy Moth, Brown Tail Moth and Tent Caterpillar under heavy penalty for failure to comply with the provisions of the law.

The Gypsy Moth egg clusters, wherever found, should be destroyed with creosote. Brown Tail Moth nests should be cut off and burned. The egg bands of the Tent Caterpillar, found mostly on the twigs of fruit trees and varieties of the wild cherry, should be cut off and burned. For further information on these insects, consult the local moth superintendent, G. R. Abbott.

ROY E. HARDY
J. EVERETT COLLINS
EDWARD P. HALL
Selectmen of Andover

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 ninth day of January, 1945, 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 21, 1944.

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Luke Collins and Nora Collins, husband and wife, both of Andover in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Arlington Trust Company, a banking corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having an usual place of business in said Lawrence, dated January 23, 1925, and recorded with the North District of Essex Registry of Deeds, Book 508, Page 314, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions contained in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction at 2 o'clock P.M., Eastern War Time, on Wednesday the twenty-fourth day of January, 1945, upon the premises therein described all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Two certain parcels of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the Easterly side of South Union Street in Andover, and bounded as follows:
FIRST PARCEL: Beginning at a point in the granted premises on the Easterly side of said South Union Street 244 feet Northerly from the wall marking the Northerly boundary line of one Donald's land; thence Northerly by said South Union Street 148.75 feet; thence at right angles Easterly 395 feet by other land of the Grantors; thence turning at a right angle Southerly 148.75 feet by other land of the Grantors; thence turning again at a right angle Westerly 395 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.35 acres.

SECOND PARCEL: Beginning at a point in the granted premises on the Easterly side of said South Union Street, sometimes called Union Street, 392.75 feet Northerly from the wall marking the Northerly boundary line of one Donald's land; thence Northerly by said South Union Street 150 feet; thence at right angles Easterly 395 feet by other land of the Grantors; thence turning at a right angle Southerly 150 feet to other land of the Grantors, being the first parcel herein above described; thence turning again at a right angle and running Westerly 395 feet by said other land of the Grantors to the point of beginning.

Except so much as shall have been heretofore released.
The premises will be sold subject to all conditions and restrictions of record, unpaid taxes and other municipal liens.
Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale and balance of the purchase price to be paid within ten days thereafter.

ARLINGTON TRUST COMPANY,
By Frederick A. Weiss, Treasurer,
Harry R. Lawrence, Atty.,
825-6-7 Bay State Building,
Lawrence, Massachusetts

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Hannorah Rayball, Mary Agnes Collins and Katherine Waltrude Collins,

and Katherine W. Collins as the Administratrix with the will annexed of Luke Collins, all of Andover in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Arlington Trust Company, a banking corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and having an usual place of business in Lawrence in said County of Essex, dated December 13, 1937, and recorded with the North District of Essex Registry of Deeds, Book 612, Page 320, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions contained in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction at 2:15 o'clock P.M., Eastern War Time, on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of January, 1945, upon the premises therein described all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land with all the buildings thereon, situated on the Easterly side of Union Street, sometimes called South Union Street, in said Andover, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Easterly side of said Union Street 244 feet North from the wall marking the Northerly boundary of one Donald's land; thence turning and running Easterly by land of said Mary Agnes Collins and Katherine Waltrude Collins 395 feet to a point; thence turning and running Southerly by other land of the Grantors 44 feet to a point; thence turning and running Westerly, partly by other land of the Grantors and partly by land now or formerly of Louis C. Cyr, 395 feet to said Union Street; thence turning and running Northerly by said Union Street 44 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with the right to use that part of the driveway on the land of said Cyr for the purposes of entering the house and premises to the rear of the house of the Grantors in the same manner as it is now used in connection therewith.

This mortgage is subject to the right to use the driveway over the above described premises under the terms and conditions and for the same purposes as set forth in a deed from the Grantors herein to Louis C. Cyr, dated July 8th, 1937, recorded with the North District of Essex Registry of Deeds, Book 609, Page 423.

Being part of the premises conveyed by Charles G. Hussey, by deed dated December 10th, 1902, recorded North District of Essex Registry of Deeds, Book 200, Page 172, to our parents, Luke and Nora Collins, as

joint tenants, both of whom are now deceased, and being part of the premises devised to us under the will of the said Luke Collins which was duly probated and allowed in the Essex County Probate Court April 6th 1937.

In addition to the foregoing the Grantors hereby grant unto the said Corporation the right of way to pass and repass over the following described tract of land:—

Beginning at a point on the Easterly side of said Union Street 542.75 feet North from the North bound of Donald's land; thence turning and running Southeasterly 399.98 feet; thence turning and running Northerly 40 feet; thence turning and running Northwesterly 400 feet to said Union Street; thence turning and running Southerly by said Union Street 40 feet to the point of beginning.

This mortgage is given to correct the description in a mortgage given by Luke and Nora Collins, both of whom are now deceased, to the Grantee herein which said mortgage is dated January 23rd, 1925, and is recorded with the North District of Essex Registry of Deeds, Book 508, Page 314, so that the above described mortgaged premises shall be included in and become a part of the mortgage given as aforesaid by the said Luke and Nora Collins to the Grantee herein.

The premises will be sold subject to all conditions and restrictions of record, unpaid taxes and other municipal liens.

Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, balance of the purchase price to be paid within ten days thereafter.

ARLINGTON TRUST COMPANY,
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(21-28-4)

Andover National Bank

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

Payment has been stopped.
Book No. 7762.
CHESTER W. HOLLAND, Treasurer. (21-28-4)

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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)

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)

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)

THE MELROSE HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES

Applications for the February class received now. School is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration, the American College of Surgeons, the American Hospital Association, the Regents of the State of New York, and for the United States Cadet Nurse Corps. Address Melissa J. Cook, Superintendent, The Melrose Hospital Association, Melrose, Mass.



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WEST PARISH

Gordon Ramsay, son of Lieut. and Mrs. Winton Ramsay, is ill at the Lawrence General hospital.

Mr. Harold Dowding of Lowell street, is undergoing treatment at the Deaconess Hospital in Boston.

Sgt. Clyde Fore is at his home on Reservation road for the Christmas recess. He is a student at the New York Military Academy.

Robert Waugh is enjoying the Christmas holidays at his home on Williams street. He is a student at Governor Dummer Academy.

Mrs. Harold Dowding is spending several weeks with friends in Mattapan.

Miss Jean Batal is at home on Williams street, from the Walnut Hill School, Natick, Mass.

Mrs. Sydney Batchelder visited with friends in Arlington and Belmont the early part of the week.

Miss Jean Hardesty, junior at Burnham School for Girls, Northampton is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Hardesty of Dartmouth street.

Mrs. Karl Haartz entertained a party of friends at her home on Saturday evening. A Christmas dinner was served by the hostess.

The members of the Hawthorn Club held their Christmas Party on Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Maria Fairweather, Abbot street. A chicken dinner was served by the hostess, and this was followed by the exchanging of gifts by the members.

BIRTHS

A son, Michael Ralph Doyle, to Lieutenant and Mrs. Patrick J. Doyle, on December 9, at Carlisle, Pa. Lieutenant Doyle is stationed overseas with a medical unit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick F. Doyle of 137 North Main street.

The following poem was written by Arthur W. Basset, sexton of the South church:

CHRISTMAS CARDS

I like to look at Christmas Cards
That I receive from friends.
It gives a happy feeling;
An atmosphere it lends
Of joyful expectation,
And gladsome greeting, too.
It brings up fond remembrance;
It warms one, thru and thru.

And as I look upon each card
From friends both far and near,
It seems to bring them back again
With all their right good cheer.
It seems that I could see them now;
Each likeness I could trace;
That I could speak to them again
And grasp each hand from space.

What would we do without our friends?
Without their love and cheer
T'would be a place both lone and sad;
Old Earth would be most drear.
And so I look for Christmas Cards
That I receive from friends,
And think of all the joy and love
That to my heart they lend.

WHAT KIND OF A RECEIPT DO YOU GET?



When you pay bills by check you have a valid receipt in the handwriting of the payee.

When you pay in person you may or may not get a receipt and you may not be able to find it when you need it.

Receipts are more important than ever in these days of short-handed billing and accounting departments, forced to use inexperienced help.

Any one of the three types of checking accounts affords you a receipt; on our regular checking account, our ThriftiCheck plan and our registered check.

Our regular checking account is best for the business house or business man who can maintain good balances. The ThriftiCheck is ideal for the individual who draws a comparatively few checks a month and does not wish to maintain any fixed balance, while the registered check is for the person who writes a check once in a great while. It is like a postal money order only the average cost is less.

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Andover, Massachusetts

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