First Issue of New Year Dedicated to Servicemen Away from Home

Lawrence M. Keeler, Editor-in-Chief

Well, well, here I am writing for the public and what’s more the public can’t see me because I am editor-in-chief. Tough on the public, I am writing to the service men because they are writing to me. I hope they keep it up and that I get twice as many letters.

"Daisy" Devlin, you write that you do not know me and so I am now saying "How DO You Do". That fixes it. We are now friends and I expect to hear from you often. Murray is flying down south and he got your letter and that’s why it took me so long to answer it. I hope your cold is better and that you are coast guard safe. Let me hear from you.

Now let us shift to the middle of the continent and pick up Eddie Nydam—Calling Eddie Nydam, calling Eddie, calling Eddie Nydam, at the U.S. Army Air Base, Topeka, Kansas. Eddie I hear you are an airplane machinist and have been known to dismantle a B-24 Bomber and reassemble it again. How about it Eddie is that true?

Pvt. Eddie Helland tells me that he is engaged to a little De-Icer named Dorothy O. Spark of Media, Pa., who is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. Their marriage is postponed indefinitely because Dorothy has joined the WAAC’s. That’s what I call the luck of both of you.

Now off to California—Hello Louis Gregoire—I most certainly will not tell you who the charming young lady is. You just trot over to Hollywood and fix yourself a date with one of the stars. Remember I have to stay here and so I will take care of the charmers around here.

Sailor Bill—I am giving your best regards to the men and the GIRLS in the shop as you asked me. Thanks for the letter.

Pvt. Francis Joel—Sally Jones wants to know how big the bass is that fights the alligators down there. That is a good tall story, almost as good as some of mine.

Jimmie—Our compliments about NEWS FROM HOME are gratefully received but don’t brag too much until the future issues have been released. We will try our best to keep it up to your expectations however.

Vasher Asadorian—Thank you for telling me about Nish Olongian. We have sent him the paper. Do you suppose he will read it in China? What a thrill I would get if he wrote back and said he had received it. Incidentally I hear you are overseas too.

Sailor Aldrich—Thanks for the compliments, but our efforts are small in comparison to the men and the maids that are in the services.

Pvt. Vermette—I told Harold Case what you said about getting in condition before getting into the service and he has given the warning to a great many of the men but to date they have not taken it seriously. They probably will wish they had eh?

Soldier Minor—You certainly get around N. Y. C. don’t you? I really thought the Yankees would win, in fact I bet five bucks that they would and lost it to Gussie Lorenz. I trust you bet on the winning side.

Seaman Couture—You are absolutely right in thinking that I am interested in our Navy. We have swell ships and what’s more swell men to man ‘em.

William Longmuir, whose 98.7 average won him a trophy for highest marks at the Naval Training School (radio) is to be congratulated. The course was a 16 week intensive course.

Hall, a Niassean graduated from the same school.

The Blothin boys’ mother and father must be proud of their boys, two Lt. Comm.’s and a Lt. (jg) is a very good record for one family.

Marriage intentions have been filed by Lincoln F. Cole, Jr. and Evelyn Alund—George Chapoles and Diana Beaudoin—Eugene Castguay and Rita Vidal.

Bill Britton took a trip up to E. Douglas and asked Lester Demody if he could borrow his rifle to go hunting in Maine. Les said, “No, he (Bill) couldn’t borrow it because he had never returned it from last year’s hunting.”

The gymnasium expects a very large crowd Jan. 30th as the Springfield College Exhibition Team will be there and they are nationally famous.

Pvt. Desplains, Lafrancis, Gagnon, Trassavon, Moran and Duhameil thank you all for the kind words about the newspaper, well let me tell you that I’ve got our paper is really a worthwhile endeavor. You all write it that it is a swell paper, will let me tell you that I’ve got a swell staff.

That’s that.

Write when you get time and tell us anything that will get by the censor boys.

Yours respectfully (and I mean it)

LAWRENCE M. KEELER, Editor-in-Chief

ATTENTION

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE A "QUESTION AND ANSWER" COLUMN SEND IN YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TOWN, SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO KNOW.

News Picked Up At "Austies"

(By Austin Lynch)

It’s Second Lt. Moosh Muradian, Jack McSheehy, and Fred Aldrich now. Nice going boys.

Virginia West is trying her best to get into the Waves. At first she couldn’t make it because of her weight but she has added eight pounds of real beef to her figure and so will go to Worcester this week for her finals. We wish you the very best of luck Virginia and the staff of this paper really mean it.

Ice cream is being rationed so severely that all the girls are beginning to look like that famous lady known as Venus.

Mike Johnson of Brook Street who once worked in the Drafting Room is going to work for Uncle Sam in South America. He is a civilian appointment but comes under the personnel of the U. S. Army.

The Alabama twins Bill Leduc and Bill Moradian have gone into the service. Bill into the Army and Bill to the Coast Guard.

Edna Putvin that used to be so active at A&P is more active now during his boot training now at Newport, R. I.

Catherine Burke of Pine Street has accepted a civil service appointment with the Navy Department and reports to Boston on Jan. 11th.

It might interest you boys in the warm climates that we have been having a very nice December. The thermometer was below zero to the score of twenty below and more for three days. With oil being rationed many of us were really cold.

Our new number plates for 1943 are up on the center part of the windshield now boys along with our revenue stamp, gas stamp and of course of periodic inspection stamp. One more and we will need a periscope for driving.

The last we heard of Ed Baldwin was that he was still climbing a pyramid in Egypt so that he could get a better look at the sand.

Owen Tatro of the Marines is enroute to some foreign port. When Owen enlisted it was a relief to Chief Cullen because as you all know Owen was a demon at the wheel and the other guy was always wrong.

* SERVICEMEN NEWS *

Ensign Edward Tuck has been shipped to the Pacific Coast fleet to await his commission.

Rex Baxendale arrived in California for Air Force ground crew instructions.

Frank Baxendale is in New Jersey for schooling in radio.

There have been few weddings around here lately but everyone is bracing themselves for the rush for marriage licenses and appointments with the clergy when all you service men return home after victory is won.
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Whispers Column

(By Augusta Winchell Lorenz, R.N.)

Once upon a time there were a great many young men in Whitinsville. In fact about 1200 more than there are now, that's about the figure that have left this little old town for the service. This of course includes the men that have left from the shop that live in near by towns. I wish this paper was big enough to print an article about each one telling you the where you are and what you are doing but it just isn't so; if anybody wants any news of anyone else just drop us a note and we will see that you get the desired information.

I must stop writing this lady-like news and get on with my not-so-lady-like column. Here goes.

The other night I went to the Whitinsville-Uxbridge basketball game or what I thought was going to be a basketball game, but it turned out to be a prize fight. I don't know who won the fight but Northbridge won the game of basketball. Both teams played a swell game and it seems too bad that it had to be spoiled by the same few thugs that always start the fights at these competitive games these two schools play.

Personally I like a good fight but there's a time and place for such fights and why not wait until after the game and then go to it. It might be a good idea to charge admission and set up a ring out of doors after all Northbridge-Uxbridge games.

Oh Boy, maybe I'd better start for parts unknown right now.

Let's see what else can I be un lady-like about.

Well, maybe I'd better not say what I was going to about this particular thing. I really don't want to be hung. I guess I'll say something nice about somebody now.

As I sit here typing, in the main office, I see and hear a young lady known as Dot Shaughnessy doing her bit in this war effort. I don't know how she keeps her wonderful disposition but if any one deserves orchids, sugar, coffee, etc., it is this young lady. I take it for granted you all know that she is the telephone operator in the front office. What a job she's got and can she take it.

Hmmm that made me feel pretty good, I think I'll take that man. Mr. Lincoln, I wonder if he ever goes to bed or if he works all night too. He is the workingest man I ever saw. He always worked hard and worked harder. Take it a little slower Mr. Lincoln. There I go forgetting I'm a columnist and not a nurse.

It will be much simpler to just say hats off to everybody that's working so hard.

There are a few (a very few) sour pusses around, but nobody pays much attention to them and is happy anyway.

Well, that's about information.

Riverdale News

(By Dr. E. H. Barclay)

It gave us much pleasure to welcome the boys recently home and to have and to hear their stories of the fighting during December. Not only were we glad to see each one of you, but we were also pleased to see such changes in bearing and conduct. There is something about the uniform that makes the wearer hold his head up high, signifying that he is proud of his presentments, and as he grows older and becomes more and more a part of his service days.

Raymond Gauthier was rushed to the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va., last month, and was operated on for appendicitis. We expect him home for recuperation shortly.

Sergeant Emile Merchant, of Camp Berkeley, Texas, paid us a visit.

Oliver and Lawrence Ashton were able to get home several times in December, and Seaman Lawrence has outdone any infantryman that we have heard about in real hoofery, for arriving in Worcester after the last bus had left, set out afoot in hopes of getting a lift—but with rationing of gasoline and curtailment of riding, he soon hooked it the way to Riverdale in the wee, small hours, and did not see a single automobile until he peeked into the garage at his home. Chalk up one for the Navy.

Of the Blair boys, Jimmy was the only one who was able to get here.

Hoff Dack Larcherpele has already had a very exciting experience, riding the W. Boylston Hospital, where he was pronounced a miracle man, recovering thoroughly in such a short time.

Among others we have been able to return to the old haunts for short stays were Joe Jacques, Army; Stephen Paslak, Leo Boulanger, both of the Army; Clarence, both of the Mass. and Roy and George Poulin, also of the Army.

Your's for a victorious New Year,

The Folks in Riverdale

Fish Stories

(By Sally Jones)

We received a card from "Tom Potty" from the far west and he wants everybody to have them in the Christmas tree. Joe Topp, owner of "The Briers" was out early but did not stay late after three hours in the cold and not a bite he pulled up and went home.

Jim Ferguson of the Pattern Shop went out blasting with "Humpy" Bums and came upon a fox asleep. The fox must have been on a Bender the night before because Jim could not wake him up. After knocking on him he saw the fox look up and saw Jim. He got up stretched and walked away. Jim pulled both barrels and shot 10 feet over the fox, put two more shells in the gun and fired twice more. As far as we know it is still roaming around.

Saturday, Dec. 26, although it was very cold, people going up Meadow Road thought a thunderstorm was coming up, but it was only Sally Jones blazing Jim Gillatty for losing his favorite chisel through the ice.
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Eddie (Arch) McCabe is still in Panama in the Signal Corps. His brother Jimmy is in the Coast Guard stationed at Boston.

In the month he's been in the army Bob Parker has seen a lot of the United States. His first assignment was in Miami, Florida, and his present station is in Colorado.

Sgt. Joe Baskowski and Corporals Paul Duggan and Harry Cornell are at Camp Edwards. Harry is in cooking school while Joe is on Truck school.

Freddy Rondeau who was a star at Northbridge is now a star sailor at Portsmouth, Virginia.

Sgt. Chris Oolgovian has had a lot of action in Africa, Burma and now in China. Chris, whose Squadron is the fighter squadron takes great pride in the write-ups they've had in Life and Readers Digest.

Eddie Leach who is a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy has been sent to California after having had a ten-day furlough. Eddie and Margie Koosteria recently became engaged.

When Angus Parker entered the Navy he had a little bit of trouble with a superior officer and was discharged as the mailman. Now that is all straightened out as the Coast Guard has come to a point of understanding with Angie.

Bill (Hickey) Healey left last Friday for the army. We don't know yet where he is stationed but we'll bet the camp that has him is having a lot of fun. Whitinsville misses him.

The Morans are keeping right up with the Fitzgeraldis with the numbers of sons in the service. PFC. Murray Moran is at Camp Edwards. John Moran is stationed in England where he claims he has never seen the sun. Richard is also in the army and is stationed in the south.

Frank Boratyn and John Bosma were sworn into the Navy today. When these Northbridge athletes get into action things will really begin to pop.

Nancy Lees is home for a few days.

Al Seagrave, formerly of Lake Street and a recent groomsman is in your Uncle Sam's army and is stationed in the West.

The McGowan boys of Border Street are right in the fight. James is a baker first class on the U. S. S. Griffin and was last seen heading for Australia. Sammie is on board the U. S. Alabama as a fireman second class. Francis, a recent groom will be inducted into the army this month.

Little Leo (Fat) Gamelin is a Staff Sergeant and is stationed in Illinois. Leo is down to a mere 200 with his shoes on. His complexion is as red as ever but his forehead is beginning to recede.

The Forsythe twins, Jimmie and Ray of Brook Street are in the army. We do not see just where these two boys are but will give you the information in a later issue.

Charlie Wells, local manager of the A & P has been called into service. Charlie as you know had many of you boys as his clerk. Could be that perhaps some of you might be his boss in the Army. Wouldn't that be something.

Remember Allie Quinn? Well, Allie spent 6 months in the Mass. Gen. Hosp. this year and is at present recuperating at her home on Church Street. She managed to get down one day with a cast on her back that must weigh a ton. Her brother Derham is now a Staff Sergeant and is stationed in the Canal Zone. Brother Jim is in the Service and is located in Sioux City, South Dakota. Mother Quinn has taken a defense job with the W. M. W. and says that if she can't fight for Uncle Sam she certainly can work for her "Boys".

Little Adam Chiras from Plummers corner who used to make a living through draughting "giggie water" in his beverage emporium has been a victim of forced draft by your local board and is now laboring in the sheet metal dept. locally.

Duncan Ritchie who plays a mean piano is riding steers somewhere deep in the heart of Texas.

All the Gilroy boys of D Street members of the Coast Guard. James and Bill are already in and Bill is waiting his assignment. Bill is a real American combatant who has been a victim of forced draft by your local board and is now laboring in the Yardcraft division at Washington, D. C.

Buster (Insurance) Allard has been drafted by the local School board to pinch hit for the duration as principal of the Grammar School. Buster was once principal of the Grammar School way up in Grafton.

Jimmie Burke of High Street is in the Coast Artillery in California.

Sam Sahagian, formerly of Taft Grocery Store is riding herd on the cows away out in Arkansas. Some difference more than when he used to drive the store truck up and down Church Street.
“News From Home” (continued)

Brown. A 50 gallon barrel of sweet cider was used up along with nearly 500 doughnuts. The $1100.00 profit on this dance was made possible by the generosity of the following people who donated War Bonds.

Mrs. C. W. Lasell; Mrs. L. M. Keeeler; Mrs. S. R. Mason; Mrs. E. K. Swift; Miss Priscilla M. and Miss Elizabeth Lasell; Mr. Henry Bailey.

Richard Malkasian, 416 Church St., Whitinsville, Mass., has been selected to attend a school for aviation ordnance men.

Raymond E. Achorn, Jr., 42 C Street, and Abraham Dergmian, 430 Church St., have been selected for special training in the Navy and are attending 15 weeks course at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Pvt. Francis A. Joslin, U. S. Marines, 9 Maple St., here on a brief furlough, was a guest Monday night of friends and relatives at a surprise party at his home.

Robert Conlee came to visit the office Friday. He has finished his basic training at Newport and will report to a Naval school for mechanics in Michigan in a few days.

Mrs. John Lasell is now doing personnel work for the Whitinsville Machine Works.

The girls in the Production Department have organized a Glee Club. Henry Bouvier is their director. I have tried to find out what they sound like at rehearsals, but Mike Marker refuses to comment.

David Lane was successful in his campaign. He is now Representative Lane of the 3rd District. He won with a margin of 410 votes.

Sports Column

(Harold Case, pseudo Bill Cunningham)

Here we go again on a sports column but there is less to that subject this time than there was last time. You fellows may think that I’m dogging it and trying to write a short piece but it’s a fact there is very little activity around town. This time of year football is naturally the chief topic of the sport fans. Some of the older fellows are hunting but not like in the past. Ammunition is not plentiful and neither is the time.

It has gotten so that deer hunters now are using bows and arrows. New York state allows this manner of hunting as well as Massachusetts. I saw in last night’s Telegram that several hundred deer hunters went out in Westchester county the other day and the only casualty was the deer were killed by autos. Damned expensive ammunition if you ask me when you can’t get gas or decent tires. When this mess is over, there will be better hunting than there is in Africa right now.

Several fellows signed up for a handball tournament which was mentioned in this issue and it will have to be run off pronto before most of the entrants leave for the service. There isn’t too many entered so far but we can’t wait. Graham and Lude defeated Fran Lash and Zeb Smith two straight to win tournament. Winners received sweatshirts for prizes.

Northbridge High has played two games since the last News and as usual has won them both. Bartlett was defeated 33-0 and Uxbridge by a score of 13-0. Saturday, November 21st they played Shrewsbury.

Holy Cross has been going to town the last several weeks after having a tough start. This week they will play Manhattan. B. C. looks like the mythical champion team for this year’s tournament. Fordham last week. You fellows who enjoyed Bill Cunningham’s sports column in the Herald would get a kick out of this one. The crucifiers have started with some of the southern sportswriters. Cunningham claims B. C. could take Georgia 28-0 easily and he has got the Southerners all hopped up. I think that the country hotter than Georgia and Georgia Tech. I’ll go out on a limb and pick B. C. the winner in whatever Bowl game they play. The games this year have been very unusual it seems. Every Saturday there are a number of upsets. I think that the fact that most colleges allow the freshman to play varsity football has a lot to do with it. No one knows too much what kind of a game a first year man will play and in a number of games they have pulled off some fancy playing and won the game for dear old Siwash. So much for football until time to pick the bowl game teams.

Most of you fellows know Lea Benton. Right now he is sitting in my office telling me how good he is at playing handball. He goes into the army Thursday, so if any of you guys bump into him while he is doing his P. E., ask him how he does “Cokes” he had to pay for while he was hanging around the Gym waiting to be called. Confidentially he st ...

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HOLY CROSS 55—BOXTOWN COLLEGE 12

P. S. Boy, do I know how the bookies felt after the Holy Cross-Boxtown College game (?) last Saturday. I hear there was a special train out of Boston for them. It was supposed to be a game but it was more like a bunch of commandos raiding a co-ed tea party. What H. C. did to the Eagles shouldn’t be. Cunningham went out way on a limb calling them the number 1 team of the country and a lot of others strung along with him. In this morning’s Herald they picked the Eagles to win. So I will pick the Eagles to win the game.

I really puts the finish on this column for this issue. May you fellows who went along with B. C. be as pleasantly surprised over some other upset in next paper as the H. C. fans are about this number one upheaval of the century.
**Sports Column**

(Harold Case, Pseudo Bill Cunningham)

The High School played its first basketball game of the season Dec. 29 and sorry to say it was lost by St. Mark's of Worcester by a score of 41-34. Their next game will be with Uxbridge January 5th. I will know the outcome of this game before the column is pressed so wait for it elsewhere. Mike Marker referred a game between Uxbridge and Hopedale and he says that Uxbridge has a good team. It all holds way was wanted from the team. The game will be a friendly game no matter who wins come January 5th. Did I hear a raspberry then? The team line-up includes Jim Cassidy, captain, Zayonc, Scott, K. Ovian, and V. Muradian. Coach Smith is carrying ten men on the second string but probably most of you won't remember the boys or else don't know them anyway so I won't list them.

I know all you fellows will be interested to hear that beginning January 5th the gym will sponsor a high school girls intramural class basketball league—no thanks fellows we have plenty of officials—which will be an affair in which each team playing three times around. There are six teams entered and women participating. These games will be played Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Within a week a similar league will be organized among the high school boys and from the way the Junior high boys are hollering there may quite possibly be another for that group. There are four teams in the boys' league and they will play on Wednesday afternoons. Of course, remember in the last issue of this column kind of rashly Lenton on his handball playing and I received a very nice letter from him today. What do you think that guy has gone and done now? He took my gloves and ran off to play on the Fort Riley court so he could make me take it all back. The sad part of the story is this:—he was asked by a captain to play in a game with him one afternoon. Les couldn't very well refuse even if he wanted to, so they went at it and Benton took the captain for four out of five games. He ended up on guard duty the next night. He says he doesn't think it was for that though. Is he right?

The shop bowling league is now underway with teams bowling every Tuesday night on the Pythian Alleys. The standings to date in the shop league are as follows: Chuck Job leading with the Card Office, Boaster, Foel, and Spinning Jones following in that order. Newky Wallace holds the high three string championship to date at a score of 770.

The Merchants' League bowls each Monday night on the same alleys and the standings at this writing which covers the first half of the league are listed in order: Kelso, Franks, Fluge, Lake, New Village Market, and Buffum's.

Plans are being made by Worcester sports promoters to run a pro basketball tournament in March. All games will be played in the auditorium and will feature a number of the better known "road" teams. More about this later.

Well here is the high school basketball schedule for the '42-'43 season. Home games will be played at the Gym every Friday night and games are scheduled for January 26th and February 16th. The dates and places will be announced just prior.

**Society News**

(By Nora Carr, Gladys Marshall, and Gertrude McGovern)

Happy and Victorious New Year to you all.

The old hometown spent a very quiet holiday season with Christmas carols being sung in the park on Christmas Eve and special services being held at the churches.

On New Year's Eve several parties were held in homes in various parts of the town.

Miss Eileen Brosnan of Maple Street became the bride of S/Sgt. William B. Hall on Thanksgiving Day. This most attractive wedding took place in St. Patrick's Church.

Mrs. Harry Bedford who has been receiving training at Des Moines, with the WAAO's, has been transferred to Boston, Mass., for further training.

Miss Jean Bassett of Spring Street, Whitinsville, is going to join the Waves. Nice going Jean.

**Shop Office News**

(By Mrs. Marker)

Four more of our boys have left town for the Army. Andrew McKaig, John Connors, David Buma and Richard Marcellus were the guests of honor at a stag party given at Shine's. Harry Moss was the toastsmaster. Each one was presented with a purse of money.

The first girl to leave the office and join the WAAO's was Evelyn North. Mr. Mason presented her with a check on behalf of the office force. She is stationed in Daytona Beach, Florida. She reports that she has got plenty of weather in Florida. I wish we could say the same. Christmas brought the following diamonds: Ruth Gendron received one from Roger Mooney of Uxbridge. He is stationed in California as a radio technician in the Air Corps.

Jeanette Bartlett of the Production Department has a ring from Johnny Wawrcevich.

Marion Duggan is planning to be married in February when Leroy Bohn gets his winter's leave. He is a full-lieutenant in the Air Corps.

Chappa Veau is in town for the next few days. I wish he were on the staff of the paper because he has the best nose for news of anyone in town. Buzz Harvey used to call him the "Town Crier."

**Music**

(By Ray Adams, Concert Editor)

The Messiah given by the combined choirs of our various churches proved to be so successful that they are planning to make it a yearly event.

The Rainbow Girls held a formal dance the night after Christmas with music by Johnny Evans' orchestra. There was a fine crowd and a good time was had by all.

A charming hit for you boys—Barsey is now rehearsing at the Gym with his band composed of members of the fair sex. It won't be long now before they are ready to play for you when you are home on leave.

The concert by Rubino, that the Kwanis Club sponsored, was a big success. Rubino played at the schools in the morning and gave a children's concert in the afternoon at Memorial Hall.

**Rockdale News**

(By Gerry Gaudette)

Here we go again boys:

Writing this makes me think of the girl who writes to the editor by writing to 225 fellows in the service. Wonder if she does like the man who writes one letter and sends carbon copies to 50 others. We don't know but it sure is a big order either way.

You guys who are stationed in the sunny south have sure had a break so far. We're all concerned. The first part of December was really cold. I looked at my thermometer one morning about 7 o'clock and it registered 26 degrees below zero. That thermometer hasn't worked right since and for that matter neither have I. We have had snow on the ground since the latter part of November.

Right in the middle of one snow storm the town dedicated a service flag that flies proudly from the flag pole on the common near the soldiers monument. It gives
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**ROCKDALE NEWS**
(continued)

us at home a lift to see the "Stars and Stripes" and the new flag whipping out in the breeze. Note that alone, in the middle of the service flag for all to see, is the number 210 and that ain't bad considering the size of this section.

The boys who have been able to get home since the last issue. This may sound trite but I have yet to see any of the boys who do not look sound as a bull for being light or frolic. It must be the vitamin pills they feed you or is it?

Among some of the boys who were home last week were Bertone and Beppe at Camp Edwards. He dropped in to see me and thanked me for the paper. It really makes us feel that the result is well worth a subscription. Also home was Bill Latvia from Portland, Me. Leo Boulinger home from Atlantic City after graduating from Army school as radio technician. E. G. Fontaine home from Coast Guard Station, Boston and being transferred to Philadelphia upon return. Coast Guardsman Herbert Ferris home from New Bedford to visit his sister and family, I think the longest trip was made by Pvt. Henry Podsalio who was home from Camp Hood, Texas. Also home was Henry Pontier, from the U.S. Navy, returning from Spratt home from Rome, N. Y. Freddy McNeil left the Georgia peaches long enough to come home and spend a few days with his folks. Pvt. Raymond Poulin, from Savannah, Ga. Pvt. "Pete" Roberts was able to get home and spend a few days with wife and family. Leo (Sweet Fea) Lussier and Lowell Bulter from Hardscraddle, Mass. also home from Navy.

Hear tell that Pvt. "Chucky" Lachapelle was married in New York last week. Best wishes to all and a happy marriage with it. Congratulations are in order to Lt. William Murphy and Alice Martel who were married latter part of November and are now stationed at Camp Barlup, near Palestine, Tex. Pvt. Albert Laffash, Navy, promoted to 2/c AMM and now stationed at Memphis, Tenn., where he is instructing on motors. Roland Beaulieu has returned to Coe, Idaho and is stationed at Goldsboro, N. C. Keep up the good work boys and would appreciate your advising me of any promotions you receive.構成结成 we are all very much interested.

Taking a hurried look through our notes we find that Charles Lawrence is in Seattle. Ed. Emil Laiberty in Camp Pickett, Va. Roger Caya is keeping Emil company at Camp Pickett. Clarence Roy in San Diego, Calif., Danny Nobler at Santos, and Eugene Laggis at Camp Chrowder, Mo., after being at signal school in Boston. Raymond Tetreault at Camp Edison, N. Y. William Lussier at Camp Fort and also Danny Citreone is having a swell time in San Diego. John Paulavalle at Camp Hook, and brother Chic at San Antonio, both deep in the heart of Texas, while brother Chic at Alaska. Jessie Criper in England and Homer Lortie is still in Asia. Chic Adams got his call to report for the Naval Air Cadets after waiting months and is now stationed at Mt. St. Mary's College, Md.

Got a nice letter from Lt. (Dr.) Alfred Blouin. He is stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas. He is with the Field Artillery and finds his work very interesting though far removed from private practice. Says it was disconcerting to say the least to set up a field hospital and have 78 millimeter shells gone overhead at the same time. But like everything else he soon got used to it. I must confess that it has not been easy for us at home to get used to being without you. We think of you very much. Our loss is definitely the army's gain.

I am going to sign this off by thanking once again of all the personal letters since the start of this paper. I appreciate them very, very much. I only wish that I was something like the typewriter in this oth's umm but will have to admit that it looks as if it will be quite a while before I can answer all of them, however, please do not let that stop you from writing me any bits of news you may have and just to hear from you is news. So long till next month.

**Linwood News**

(BY J. Harold Baszner)

Hello Boys: Here we are again to see if we can't give you some of the highlights of the past month. I'll try to follow events as they come along and make this business as interesting as possible.

I received a letter from Pvt. Edward Gorman (Pvt. will be stationed at Fort Logan, Colo. as Quartermaster Corps and is studying to be a good clerk. Well, Uncle Sam, we'll lay our dough on the line that you won't find a better clerk and a finer worker than I. Eddie worked with us in the Traffic Dept. of the Whitin Machine Works. I'm sure some of your boys from Linwood will be glad to hear about Ed. and if not near him, probably could drop a line to him. Keep pushing, Eddie old boy. I'm sure that your folks Mr. and Mrs. James Gorman of Linwood Avenue, No. Uxbridge, are proud of you, and I'm glad to add that are your friends. Good luck Eddie!

Robert Couture, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Couture of School Street, has been promoted to a clerk and is stationed at Miami Beach, Fla. Another son, Albert E. Couture, enlisted in the Navy in October and is at Wentworth Institute, Boston.

Pvt. Harvey Roy of Fort Devens spent the week-end at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Roy, Main Street.

Pvt. Joseph Leonard of Camp Shelby, Miss., after spending a 15 day furlough at his home on Providence Road.

Men recently inducted are now stationed at the following camps: Pvt. Raymond J. Lariviere, Pvt. Paul Grenon, Pvt. John B. Lemire stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and from Emile Laliberte at Camp Pickett, Va.

Pvt. Ernest Courteau has returned to Camp Edwards after spending short furlough on Lincoln Street.

Pvt. Edward Rosasco has returned to Camp Gruber, Okla., after spending a furlough at his home on Union Street.

The boys who are home from Fort Devens for furlough in this month was the celebration, by the pastor and parishioners of the Good Shepherd Church, of Father Gagner's birthday. Rev. Geo. Gagner, S. J., as usual opened with a solemn high mass on Sunday, Dec. 21. He was assisted by Father Dutil of Attleboro as deacon, and Father Charles F. Dupuis of Westwood. Rev. Joseph Boutin, former pastor, came back to preach the sermon. In the evening, a reception was held in the parish hall followed by a musical by the junior choir of the church, and the Trio Savaria of Worcester under the direction of Mrs. Marie Comeau. Father Gagner was at this time presented a chalice by the members of his parish. Many priests were present from surrounding towns as well as those who had been associated with him in former work.

Father Gagner has been especially faithful to the boys in service in his spiritual offerings and it gave his parishioners great satisfaction at this time to be able to show their admiration for him on this very special occasion.

And now for those lucky ones who somehow managed to get leaves for the holidays.

Pvt. George Guerin was here from Camp Kilmer, N. J.; Pfc. and Mrs. George Poulin of Atlanta, Ga.; John Lemire of the Navy, stationed at Chicago; Roland J. Dion, also a Navy man, straight from the Norfolk Navy Yard, Va.; Second Lieut. P. Oscar Picard from Harrisburg, Penn.; Raymond Marshall all the way from Camp Butner, N. C.; Lieut. Col. Rowland O. Huddleston of Fort Bliss, El Paso, Tex.; Sergt. Emil Marchant, stationed at Camp Barkeley, Tex.; and Albert E. Couture, of the Navy, now on duty in Boston.

Mrs. Vernon Liberty and Mrs. Robert Linsenmayers of School Street turned the tables and bought their Christmas to New London, Conn.

Pvt. Walter Pouliot, from New London, Conn., had a week-end furlough. Pvt. Raymond Remillard and Pvt. George Remillard of Fort McKinley, Me., were both at the home of their parents. Pfc. Philip Morrel came from Sioux Falls, S. D. Raymond Hamel had a thirty day furlough from the Navy. Jock Nicholsen also from the Navy is at home on School Street and Don Pouliot had a week-end furlough from the Coast Guard station at South Portland, Maine.

Well so long fellows until next month, but before I do we all want you to know that with all the fussing, howling and hawing made by a lot of people back here at home, all you have to do is ask for a little thing or anything and you'll find them falling all over each other trying to get it to you. That's a democracy and we're happy to be living in it and I think we all have common sense enough to know that only through your own efforts wherever you are, doing the job you're doing so splendidly, can we have this wonderful thing — Democracy, Freedom and Happiness. In our own humble way we're praying that God will give us all a Very Merry Christmas next year, that once again there will be PEACE ON EARTH TO MAN OF GOODWILL.

A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy Successful New Year

J. HAROLD BASZNER