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The Weather

Tonight, clear and cold, lowest temperature near 10 degrees; decreasing winds. Tomorrow, clear to partly cloudy; somewhat warmer, highest temperature near 30.

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THIRD ARMY ROLLS UP GAINS IN BATTLE TO SPLIT GERMAN SALIENT AT BELGIUM BULGE

Second Lt. Harry Gilhespie Twitchell, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Twitchell of Hawthorne Gardens Apartments has graduated from the officer candidate course at the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., and has received his commission in the Army of the United States.

A graduate of Tonbridge School in Kent, England, and the University of Vermont, the new lieutenant enlisted in the Army May 17, 1943 and served with the ASTP Air Corps, 87th Division, before going to officers' school. He held the rank of corporal before being commissioned.

Following a recent leave which he spent at home, he reported to the Infantry replacement training center at Camp Robinson, Ark.

Pfc. Nask Wounded

Official news has been received here from the Navy Department that Pfc. Frank Nask, Jr., of Mamaroneck was wounded in action in October. He has been overseas for the last two years with the United States Marines Corps.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nask of 360 Jefferson Avenue, he is a former Bellows High School student and entered the service two and a half years ago. He received training at the Marine training station at New River, N. C., before going to the South Pacific.

His brother, Corp. Angelo Nask, was recently promoted to his present rank in Saipan where he is also serving with the Marine Corps.

Bomber Group Cited

Sgt. John L. Datino of Mamaroneck, is a nose turret gunner in an Italian based Liberator bombardment group which has recently been cited "for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy," and is authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit badge.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Pietro Datino of 513 Fayette Street, Mamaroneck, he graduated from Mamaroneck High School and entered the service in July, 1943. He is the holder of the Air Medal.

Commanded by Col. Horace D. Aynesworth, of Childress, Tex., the group received the nation's highest organization award for an attack on the Herman Georing steel works at Linz, Austria, July 25.

In the words of the citation which accompanied the award, "Ground crews worked enthusiastically and determinedly to have their aircraft in perfect mechanical condition to insure the success of the mission. . .

"The group took off heavily loaded, with maximum tonnage, and, assuming lead of the wing formation, set course for the objective . . . Their formation was intercepted by approximately 50 aggressive and persistent enemy fighters, and, in the ensuing violent aerial battle, the enemy used rocket guns, 20 millimeter cannon, and machine guns in a desperate attaempt to disrupt this vital operation . . .

"Despite very intense and heavy anti-aircraft fire, the gallant crews battled their way through to score many direct hits in the immediate target area, causing destruction and severe damage to the enemy plant and installations. . ."

Home From Pacific

Coxswain David M. Johnson is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnson of 759 Soundview Drive, Shore Acres.

A veteran of the battles of Casablanca, Sicily, Makin, the Marshall Islands and the Gilbert Islands, he recently spent several weeks in Honolulu on his way home.

A Bellows High School graduate and former employe of the Underwriters' Trust Company in New York City, he joined the Coast Guard in October, 1942, receiving training at Manhattan Beach and in Maine before going overseas.

Returns To Duty

Corp. James H. Brennan of Larchmont, has returned to Fort Myers, Va., after spending the Christmas holidays at his home, 153 Larchmont Avenue. It marked his first furlough since he entered the service last January.

A member of the armored courier service at the Pentagon Building in Washington, Corp. Brennan has received training at Camp Upton, N. Y., and Camp Lee, Va.

Nazi Spies Spotted By School Boy

17-Year-Old Student Saw Men Landed From U-Boat Near Home

FBI REMAINS SILENT

NEW YORK, (AP).—FBI officials remained silent today as to how they picked up the trail of two alleged Nazi espionage agents who, the FBI said, slipped ashore from a U-boat Nov. 29 near Hancock Point, Me.

In the remote Maine fishing village, Deputy Sheriff Dana Hodgkins said his son, Harvard, 17, a high school student, spotted the men the night they landed walking along a snow-covered highway near his home, but Inspector Earl Connelly of the FBI said the boy's story was not relayed to authorities until Dec. 4 while the FBI was investigating other leads which Connolly did not divulge.

The men, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said, had come ashore in a rubber boat at night after their submarine had lain off the coast of Maine for a week. They were arrested several days ago in the New York area, he added.

Hoover identified the men as William Curtis Colepaugh, 26, a U. S. citizen of Niantic, Conn., and Erich Gimpel, 35, native of Germany, who was a radio engineer in South America. The arrests were made several days ago in the New York area.

Hoover said the men supplied a full story of their activities since landing at Hancock Point in Frenchmen's Bay, Me. They came ashore in a rubber boat at night. Hoover said they carried automatic revolvers, compass, camera, secret inks, and a variety of draft papers and discharges from the Navy.

Had $60,000

They had been supplied with $60,000 in American money, of which $56,574.61 remained at the time of the arrests.

Commenting on the arrests and the recent discovery of two Japanese balloons in Oregon and Montana, which he said might have carried spies instead of explosives, Hoover declared these were evidence of an espionage and sabotage offensive against the entire American hemisphere.

Hoover said Attorney General Francis Biddle would decide what charges would be placed against Colepaugh and Gimpel.

Colepaugh who once attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, also served in the U. S. Navy until discharged in 1942 "for the convenience of the government."

Two Accidents Mar Holiday Weekend Here

In spite of the slippery streets and heavy fog of the weekend, only two traffic accidents were reported in Mamaroneck during the New Year's holiday.

A car driven by Sam Goldstein of 1880 Palmer Avenue, Mamaroneck, received damages to the left side Saturday afternoon when, while stopped for a traffic light, it was struck by another vehicle operated by Joseph Heirl of New York City, backing from the curb on Mamaroneck Avenue near Palmer Avenue.

Shortly before midnight New Year's Eve, a car driven by Aaron Tarofsky of 613 East Post Road, Mamaroneck, ran into an empty lot and hit a rock near Wagner Avenue and the Post Road when the driver was blinded in the fog by the headlights of another car. He was proceeding south on Wagner Avenue ready to make a right turn into the Post Road when the accident occurred.

2 More Who Fled Camp Recaptured

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—The seventh and eighth German U-boat prisoners to be captured since 25 of them escaped Christmas eve, were taken in custody last night by a farmer.

H. R. Duffey, agent in charge of the FBI here, reported that Navy Captain Hans Werner Krauss and Helmut Drescher were caught 12 miles west of Casa Grande, Ariz.

PROOF?

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Social Security Board came out today with figures which it called "an effective answer to those who say Social Security will only encourage idleness." It reported that more than 700,000 men and women past 65 have stayed on the job and not claimed benefits to which they are entitled.

Home Front Activities Mark March Of Events In 1944; Bond Drives Yield 7 Million

MISS MYRA EDITH EAGER

A year ago today there were 300 rolls of blank, white paper waiting to be delivered to the press room of The Daily Times to carry the news of the year's procession of events which were to affect this community throughout the year.

When the old year expired Sunday night, copies of each day's paper on the shelves in The Daily Times office bore testimony to the march of time in the community, a march which, on most of the days of the year, proceeded to the tune of martial music.

The effect of the war may be seen not only in the monthly groups which marched out of the Draft Boards and the casualty lists which carried 37 Larchmont and Mamaroneck names, but in a shadow which was cast upon many other community events as well.

Nearly seven million dollars worth of War Bonds and stamps were sold in the two villages during the three War Loan drives in addition to the steady sales made day by day when the major drives were not in progress.

In the community chest-war fund drives conducted in October, Larchmont netted $33,850 and Mamaroneck raised more than $17,000 in a one-day chest drive. Both communities provided their full quota of blood plasma during five visits of the Red Cross blood bank, and exceeded their quotas in the Red Cross War Fund drive.

Appropriations for civilian protection fell off in the local budgets and members of the observation post personnel were placed on a reserve list.

During January, 1944, the two draft boards which serve the communities sent their first contingents of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers in one of the largest groups to leave for induction into armed forces.

The rationing board carried on intermittent drives against the ceiling price violators and the year marked the resignation of John V. Baum as chairman and the appointment of Edmund Pendleton to succeed him.

The political scene shifted in both villages with Frank S. Washburn being elected mayor in Larchmont to succeed Harry E. Goeckler. Three newly elected trustees took their places on the board: Andrew E. Tuck, Spencer Greason and Gail Golliday. In Mamaroneck, James Jackson and Edwin B. Dooley were reelected and John Withers became a trustee filling the vacancy caused by the retirement of Howard S. Meighan.

In two hard fought school board contests, Luther Nelson and C. Frank Jobson became members of the Town of Mamaroneck Board replacing Rocco Miggliaccio and Harold O'Callaghan while Raymond O'Connell and Edgar B. Burchell won the Rye Neck election against Edmund T. Lowery.

The tax rates in Larchmont and Mamaroneck rose $2.15 and $1.25 respectively, while the rate in the Town of Mamaroneck dropped substantially in all districts. A cut of 10 cents per thousand was effected in the Rye Neck school rate where as the rate in Mamaroneck rose about $1.10 per thousand.

Among the prominent persons who died during the year were E. W. Hammond, Larchmont sportsman; Major Frederic Simonds, a member of the assessor's staff in the town of Mamaroneck; Miss Emily Lindsley of Larchmont; Miss Eda Herckenrath, Rye Neck School nurse; Larchmont Assessor (Continued on Page Three)

Myra E. Eager Dies While On Vacation Home

Funeral services for Miss Myra Edith Eager, who died suddenly Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gifford Eager, of 8 Valley Road, Larchmont, were held today at the Gehlert and Neslage Funeral Home, Larchmont, with the Rev. Floyd E. McGuire, D. D., officiating.

Miss Eager, who was born in Chicago 32 years ago, had lived in Larchmont since early childhood. She was graduated from the Rye Country Day School and with the class of 1944 of Wheelock College in Boston, Mass., where she received her B.S. in education. While at college she was treasurer of the sophomore class and, in her senior year, house representative to the student council.

Following her graduation she was employed at the Country Day and Boarding School in St. Petersburgh, Fla., and was home for the holiday vacation at the time of her death. She had also operated her own nursery school at her home for several summers, and had formerly been active as a teacher in the Sunday Schools of the Larchmont Avenue Church of which she was a member.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a brother, Pvt. A. Gifford Eager, Jr., stationed at Tyndall Field, Panama City, and by her grandmother, Mrs. Mathilda Bedell of Larchmont.

Two-Day Drive For Paper On In Larchmont

Mrs. Herbert Rogers, salvage chairman, reminds Larchmont residents that tomorrow and Thursday are paper collection days in the Village of Larchmont and Town of Mamaroneck.

Please remember to place your bundles, properly tied and stacked, at the curb, in order to facilitate the collection of the Salvation Army trucks," she urged this morning.

Leaflets reminding commuters will be distributed this evening at the Larchmont station, under the direction of Scoutmaster John Stahr and Troop 9, Boy Scouts.

Larchmonters are asked to telephone the Consumer Center, Larchmont 2-1093, if their bundles are not picked up.

Larchmont O.E.S. Installs Tonight

William C. Driver of Larchmont, outgoing worthy patron of Larchmont Chapter No. 739 of the Order of the Eastern Star, will preside tonight at the annual installation of officers to be held at the Masonic Hall in Mamaroneck.

Mrs. William O. Skinner of Mamaroneck and Edgar A. Caffel of Larchmont, newly elected worthy matron and worthy patron, head the slate which will serve the chapter for the coming year.

Serving as marshal at the ceremonies will be Mrs. Kenneth Baxter, outgoing worthy matron, and Percy Haley. Mrs. Aloise Kuntz will act as installing chaplain.

A musical program and refreshments will follow the installation ceremonies.

VON RUNDSTEDT ILL?

LONDON (AP) — Unoffcial sources here which claim contact with the German underground said today they had received a report that Field Marshal von Rundstedt was temporarily out of action because of the recurrence of a serious stomach ailment.

2 DIE IN BLAST

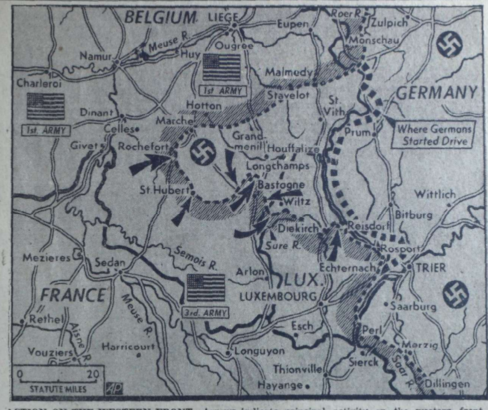
LEONARDO, N. J., (AP)—Two U. S. Merchant Marine men were killed, six injured and eight listed as missing in an explosion and fire aboard the Sun Oil Company's tanker "Sunoco" " of the New Jersey coast at 1:06 A. M. today.

Auto Rams Tree, Driver Vanishes

It was an uneventful New Year's eve for the patrolmen on duty Sunday night, at least that's how it looked on the police blotter; but when Patrolman Anthony Perri reached his home at about 8:45 A. M., there was a flurry of excitement on Highview Street.

An Oldsmobile coupe had crashed through the dead end of the street and was nosed into a tree about 10 feet from an embankment. The driver had departed.

A check of the license number revealed that the car is owned by Joseph H. Komar of 135 Rhodes Street, New Rochelle, who had loaned it to Robert Vogal of 10 May Street, New Rochelle, a member of tre New Rochelle Fire Department. Mr. Vogal told the police he had parked it on Bridge Street at 11 P. M., and, when he returned at 1 A. M., it was gone.



ACTION ON THE WESTERN FRONT—Arrows indicate principal activity on the western front (shaded broken line). Having checked German counter-attacks, Americans in the Bastogne area were driving northeastward. In the west Rochefort had been captured. In Luxembourg the Yanks drove toward Wiltz and farther east they captured Reisdorf.

Americans Take Growing Toll In Nazi Weapons

LONDON, (AP). — Escorted American heavy bombers invaded western Germany before noon today primed to meet any repetition of the Nazis' sudden New Year's Day show of aerial strength. It was the 11th consecutive day of heavy bomber activity. Revised tallies showed at least 221 German planes wrecked in Monday's widespread combats, while Berlin declared 471 Allied planes were destroyed, most of them on the ground in morning swoops on fighter bases behind the western front.

BY JAMES M. LONG
Associated Press Staff

PARIS—The Third Army has broadened to a mile and a half its arrowhead pointed across the narrow waist of the Belgian bulge north of Bastogne in the great, continuing battle to split the German salient.

American Infantry, tanks and planes exacted a great and growing toll of Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's materiel. The Germans had lost fully 110 tanks and armored vehicles, 208 planes and hundreds of other implements of war.

Below Bastogne, Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., widened to six miles the corridor feeding his main offensive threat by capturing the villages of Houmont, 5½ miles southwest, and Chenonge, four miles southwest of the road center. At last reports the Third Army was 13 miles from the U. S. First Army flanking the north side of the bulge.

Supreme Headquarters said today that two German counter-attacks were repulsed in the area of Champs, three miles northwest of Bastogne, and near Viller-La-Bonne-Eau, five miles southeast. The communique reported progress northeast of Moircy, a much exchanged hamlet.

Von Rundstedt's attacks against the U. S. Seventh Army around Bitche and eastward to and along the Rhine appearel in preliminiary appraisal to have netted little gain. These probably were the first of several strong diversionary efforts.

The German still was throwing most of his strength into the Belgian bulge. He was bracing the hard defensive St. Hubert-Wiltz line and persisting in counter-attacks around Bastogne.

The next move in the gigantic test of men, strategy and machines were not yet apparent. It was plain, however, that von Rundstedt has been hurt badly by sustained and heavy Allied air attacks which went into their 11th day.

Larchmont And Town Area Top County Safety Records Without Fatality In 1944

CORP. WILLIAM C. MORRISON of Mamaroneck, above, is completing his air corps training at the combat crew training station at Sioux City, Iowa, prior to receiving an assignment for overseas' duty.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Morrison of 610 Harold Street, Mamaroneck, he is a gunner on a heavy bomber crew. Prior to his entry into the service Aug. 24, 1943, he was a finish grinder at Pratt and Whitney aircraft in Hartford, Conn.

By THEODORE B. GOETZ

White Plains heads the list as the largest community among 21 in Westchester which went through 1944 without an automobile fatality. It was the first time that White Plains went through a year without a traffic death since detailed records were started in 1934.

Ossining Village and Town, Harrison, Rye City, Bedford, North Tarrytown and New Castle are among the larger communities which have a perfect safety record for 1944. Next in order is Bronxville, which completed five years without an auto death.

Larchmont, the unincorporated section of the Town of Mamaroneck, Tarrytown, Tuckahoe, Mount Kisco, North Pelham, Irvington, Elmsford and Lewisboro also had no traffic fatalities last year. Pelham Village has had none for four years and Ardsley and Poundridge have kept their record clean for six years.

Heading the ranking according to size of the communities which had automobile deaths in 1944 is New Rochelle, followed by Mamaroneck Town, Mount Vernon, Yonkers, Mamaroneck Village and Scarsdale. All of them had better safety records than the County as a whole which with 45 fatalities had .078 deaths for each 1,000 of population.

Buchanan and North Salem stood at the bottom of the list for 1944.

Same Order As Last Year

The average of nearly eleven years of detailed records leave Bronxville, Mount Vernon, Ardsley and North Pelham at the top of the safety rankings again this year in the same order they occupied a year ago on the average of ten years of statistics. Incidentally, Ardsley, the smallest incorporated village, with only one death in the period, proves that small size does not mitigate against a good safety record.

North Castle and Yorktown continue at the bottom of the list after eleven years with eight deaths per thousand of population in that time.

The good records of the "safer" meant a jump of four places in rank for Larchmont, and two places each for White Plains, Ossining Town, Rye City, Mount Kisco and Poundridge, which also had had only one death in eleven years.

The county in eleven years has had 970 deaths, 1.7 of each 1,000 population.

Five deaths this year in Port Chester pulled the largest village down four places in the 11-year average and Mamaroneck Village also dropped four places. Pelham Town, Pleasantville and North Salem fell three ranks, and Eastchester, Rye Town, Pleasantville and North Salem fell three ranks, and Eastchester, Rye Town, and Pelham Manor each went down two places among the 45 cities, villages and towns.

The 45 auto deaths this year compared with 52 last year and 63 the year before, a reflection of gasoline rationing and reduced speed. In the eight years before driving restrictions the yearly traffic toll in Westchester averaged 101.6.

Christmas Tree Ablaze In Home

The Mamaroneck Village Fire Department answered a general alarm shortly after 10 P.M. New Year's Eve to extinguish a blazing Christmas tree in the first floor apartment of Emanuel Williams at 699 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck. He reported that his young son had struck a match in the living room which set the tree on fire. Slight damage to the wall of the room was reported.

Companion Blamed For Tavern Wounds

Halley Mathew, 41, of 48 Center Street, Mamaroneck, was treated late Saturday night by Dr. Emil Verilli for cuts on the face which he told the police had been inflicted by a companion during an altercation in a tavern on Fenimore Road.

Fall Of Buda To Red Forces Appears Near

LONDON, (AP)—Fall of Buda, western section of Danube-straddling Budapest, appeared to be only a matter of hours today as the doomed Nazi garrison crumbled before attacking Russian forces utilizing virtually every weapon known in modern warfare.

A communique broadcast early today from Moscow said the greatly outnumbered German and Hungarian defenders had lost more than 1,000 men killed yesterday in savage street fighting and had been compressed into an area less than four miles wide and a mile deep.

(A Cairo Radio broadcast last night said all the Germans had been driven from Buda, but there was no confirmation from Russian or German sources.)

The communique also said Soviet forces had occupied 200 additional blocks in Buda yesterday, bringing to 600 the number now under Russian domination. The Russians knocked out 24 German tanks and 13 armored troop carriers and took 429 prisoners, the first big bag of captives since the Soviets broke through the western defenses of the capital several days ago.

Moscow reports said a new offensive against Austria was expected to get underway as soon as the conquest of Budapest was completed.

Town Policemen Pass Inspection

The members of the Town of Mamaroneck Police Department were inspected Saturday morning by the Town Board of Police Commissioners and Supervisor Owen A. Mandeville during the annual visit of the group to Police headquarters.

The work of the year was discussed and Supervisor Mandeville told the men they enjoyed a county-wide reputation for the smooth operation of the department. He also said the policemen as well as the town residents were fortunate to have men of such high caliber as those serving on the Board of Police Commissioners.

Jobson's Condition At Hospital Improved

The condition of C. Frank Jobson of 614 Orienta Avenue, Mamaroneck, was described this morning as "much improved" at the United Hospital in Port Chester, where he has been a patient for the last two days.

Mr. Jobson, who is a member of the Town of Mamaroneck School Board, was taken to the hospital shortly before 9 A. M. Sunday by Patrolman George Lotito, following a call to police headquarters from Mrs. Jobson, who said she was unable to waken her husband, and that he was apparently in a coma. Stephen Johnston and Edward B. Dooley accompanied them to the hospital.

PHILIPPINES RAIDED

TOKYO (Enemy Radio)—About 10 B-29's raided southern Mindanao Islands, Philippines, Dec. 30, Jap[illegible]time, the Tokyo Radio said

Dewey Orders School Aid Plan Revision

ALBANY, (AP) — Governor Dewey, on the eve of a surprise-studded annual message to the Legislature, appointed a committee today to overhaul the Friedsam Formula of state aid to schools and plan a detailed program for State-sponsored technical institutes.

Declaring "the primary purpose of our educational system is to improve the quality, character and preparation of our people," Dewey said that "if we are to continue adequately to meet this purpose over the State as a whole, the system of state aid must be altered and liberalized."

The Friedsam Formula, devised in 1926, "needs revision to recognize the many developments since that time," the Governor said.

Fifth Probes Nazi Positions

ROME, (AP)—Fifth Army patrols probed enemy positions today in the Serchio Valley sector of the Italian front, where the short-lived Nazi thrust of last week appears definitely ended.

At the same time, Allied pressure was maintained farther west in the Tyrrhenian coastal area where the Germans were last reported massing men and equipment.

Smouldering Blaze Calls Out Firemen

Smouldering fire caused by hot ashes being dumped through a chute into a clothes hamper brought the Village of Larchmont Fire Department to 18 Bayard Street, Larchmont, Sunday at 8 P. M. The fire was quickly extinguished, firemen returning 25 minutes later.

On The Home Front

MAMARONECK VILLAGE

SALVAGE NEWS

PAPER—It is still of vital importance to save paper. All newspaper is to be laid in piles and tied into tight bundles. Break down cartons, and put scrap paper in boxes or bags. The next date for paper drive is Sunday, Jan. 14. Have your contribution ready to put on the curb outside (Continued on Page Three)

LARCHMONT POSTAL AREA

SALVAGE AGAIN

This is salvage week in Larchmont. You have no doubt saved your Christmas wrappings which will greatly increase your collection. All newspapers, cartons and other paper should be securely tied and left at the curb for the Salvation Army on Wednesday. Tin cans, washed and properly (Continued on Page Three)

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The Weather

Somewhat warmer this afternoon. Occasional light snow tonight; not so cold. Partly cloudy tomorrow. High tides today at 3:18 P. M.; tomorrow at 3:53 A.M. and 3:59 P. M.

NAZI WITHDRAWAL INSIDE BELGIUM WEDGE REPORTED AS ALLIES GAIN; SUPERFORTS HIT HONSHU TARGETS

Our Men In Service

Home On Furlough

Pvt. Cliffe B. Harriman of Larchmont is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliffe R. Harriman of 36 Forest Park Avenue, following the completion of basic training at the Armored Replacement Training Center, Fort Knox, Ky. He will report to Fort Meade, Md., Saturday for further assignment.

Pvt. Harriman was inducted into the Army Aug. 16, 1944, following his graduation from Mamaroneck High School, where he was a member of the band, glee club, a cappella choir and male ensemble.

Reports To Blanding

Pvt. Wayne A. Baldwin, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Baldwin of Chatsworth Gardens Apartments in Larchmont has reported to Camp Blanding, Fla., for recruit training in the United States Army Anti-tank Corps.

A former Mamaroneck High School student, Pvt. Baldwin is a 1944 graduate of the Loomis School where he was a member of the hockey team and the football team, winning his letter in tennis. He was also a member of the Loomis Glee Club. He entered the service Dec. 14 and went to Camp Blanding from Fort Dix, N. J.

Navy School Graduate

John E. Hilpl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hilpl, 103 West Street, Mamaroneck, recently graduated from the Aviation Electrician's Mate school at the Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air Station, and was promoted to Seaman First Class (AEM) in the U. S. Navy.

Entering the Navy May 1, 1944, he received his recruit training at Sampson, N. Y., before being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center. He is now a qualified aviation electrician's mate and will probably see service with a naval air unit.

Returns From France

Fireman 1cl Robert Dworak of Mamaroneck is at home for a 30-day leave after serving for a year in France and various parts of South America with the United States Navy.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dworak of 903 West Post Road, he is a former student of Bellows High School and entered the service in January, 1941. He received naval radio training at Noroton, Conn., the spring before Pearl Harbor.

He expects to return to duty next week.

Promoted To Sergeant

Sgt. Stephen V. Porretto of Mamaroneck was recently promoted to his present rank with the 106th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron of the 7th Army in France.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Porretto of 427 Center Street, he has been in the army since March, 1943, and received training at Camp Hood, Tex., before going overseas nine months ago.

Wins Combat Badge

Pvt. Rocco De Cioccio, son of Mrs. Mary De Cioccio of 510 Fayette Street, Mamaroneck, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman badge for exemplary conduct and skill in action against the enemy.

Pvt. De Cioccio, who resides at 307 Stanley Avenue, is a member of the 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division which recently invaded the southern islands of the Japanese-held Palau group, 500 miles east of the Philippines.

Back To Sea Duty

AMM 1cl Edward G. Bascome of Mamaroneck returns to duty aboard an aircraft carrier Friday after spending a brief leave at home. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bascome of 321 Carroll Avenue.

A well known athlete at Bellows High School, where he played baseball and also served on the football and basketball teams, he entered the service in November, 1942, and has been overseas for the last year. He has participated in seven major battles.

MISSING IN ACTION

TUCKAHOE—Mrs. C. Frederic Smyth has been informed by a War Department telegram that her husband was reported missing in action Dec. 9. Private Smyth is the son of Westchester Children's Court Judge George W. Smyth, and was last heard from serving in eastern France on the Seventh Army front. He has two children

Triple Goal Attained In Bond Drive

Servicemen's Purchase Of $4,000 Worth Puts Total Over 3 Million

E BOND SALES SLUMP

Because of a credit of $4,000 allotted Saturday to Mamaroneck for bonds purchased by servicemen, the village went over the three million mark, tripling its quota for the 6th War Loan drive, according to final figures released today by Gabriel Wendel, chairman of the War Finance Committee. The $4,000 credit brought the amount of bonds purchased by servicemen during the drive up to $9,025.

"That's a remarkable record," Mr. Wendel commented, "and something everybody should recognize. In addition to spilling their blood, these boys are buying bonds to help win this war."

Including the purchase of $2,500,000 in corporation bonds by the Union Savings Bank, the final figure reached $3,003,927.50. In spite of the fact that the quota was tripled, however, the figures show that there was a slump in the purchase of E bonds by individuals of which $187,949.50 were sold, or about 90 percent of the $207,000 quota alloted to the Village on the basis of the county quota. During the 5th War Bond drive, E Bonds amounted to $198,571 but only 2,334 were sold whereas in the recent drive, 3,144 were sold in smaller denominations. In other words, 800 more E bonds were sold during the 6th, but the total sales in money were about $20,000 less than in the former drive.

The sale of E bonds brought the total of all types of bonds sold to individuals up to $640,549.50 including an out-of-town credit of $18,475. The total individual quota was $450,000.

Corporation purchases, accounting for the bulk of the total, amounted to $2,363,378, including an out-of-town credit of $87,841. When that amount is deducted from the total it may be seen that, exclusive of the Union Savings Bank purchase, corporation purchases in the Village amounted to only $25,537.

Mr. Wendel pointed out this morning that the amount of servicemen's purchases allotted to the Village was based on a proportionate share of the $486,462 credited to Westchester County.

Sales made at the various issuing agencies during the month of December were divided as follows: County Trust Company, $427,434.25; Union Savings Bank, $30,532 in addition to the bank's own purchase of $2,500,000; Federal Savings and Loan, $5,868.75; Postoffice, $7,643.25; Playhouse, $20,200 for a total of $2,741,678.25. In addition to that amount, stamps totalling $4,720.85 were sold at the postoffice.

Woman Wins Top Rank In Blue Brigade

The Blue Star Brigade in Mamaroneck now boasts of a lieutenant general, the highest rank on the list of officers, according to an announcement by Mrs. Mary Ingraham, chairman of the brigade, this morning. This honor was attained by Miss Augusta Weintraub with sales to individuals of 109 bonds during the 6th War Loan drive recently completed.

Mrs. Ingraham also announced two other raises in rank since her announcement of last Friday. These are Sue Goyne, from major to lieutenant colonel, and Judy Burchell, from 2nd lieutenant to 1st lieutenant.

"Several from Holy Trinity School have also gained rank of some sort," Mrs. Ingraham said, "but their reports have not come through yet.

"An interesting result of the publicity given the Brigade last Friday came to light the next day. A man who did not know Miss Weintraub but saw that she had almost reached the rank of lieutenant general, phoned her to say he would see to it that she had enough additional sales to reach the necessary number.

"This sort of thing speaks well not only for the splendid publicity given our activities by The Daily Times, but also for the fine spirit shown by our citizens all during the 6th War Loan drive."

Two Motorists Fined In Larchmont Court

Two Larchmont motorists were fined $2 each in Police Court last night for traffic violations. Florence E. Hoogs of 54 Clover Street was summoned for parking near a fire hydrant on Chatsworth Avenue and T. Roosevelt Allen of 91 Lansdowne Drive for parking in a restricted area at Palmer and Chatsworth Avenue. Judge John R. Cahill head the cases

MAJOR DAVID CARSE

Major Carse Finishes Duty With Air Force

Maj. David B. Carse, Jr., Orienta Apartments, Bleeker Avenue, Mamaroneck, has reverted to inactive status with the Army Air Forces and has returned to the Linde Air Products Co., New York.

Brig. Gen. H. A. Barton, commanding general of the Fairfield Air Technical Service Command, Patterson Field, O., said that Maj. Carse was subject to be recalled to active duty "if it becomes necessary in the country's interest."

Mtj. Carse was a private in the 101st Cavalry, New York National Guard from 1926 to 1929. He was commissioned a captain in the Chemical Warfare Service Aug. 20, 1942. In November, 1942 he was assigned to the chemical warfare school at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., and completed both the troop officer's course and the command and staff officer's course.

He then was assigned to the Office of the Air Chemical Officer, Hq. Army Forces, Washington, D. C. until February, 1943.

On Feb. 24, 1943, he was assigned to Hq., Air Technical Service Command, Wright Field, and remained there until reporting to Patterson Field in June, 1943. Here he was chief of the Chemical Section.

Pointing out that Maj. Carse had been on active status over two years with the Army Air Forces during the war emergency, Gen. Bartron stated: "The valuable experience which Maj. Carse brought with him into the service contributed greatly to the rapid growth and training of the Army Air Forces."

Board Refuses To Adopt Back Tax 'Pattern'

The Larchmont Village Board last night refused to adopt what Mayor Frank S. Washburn referred to as "a pattern" in the consideration of compromises of back taxes on property in the process of being sold.

The discussion resulted from a request from Thomas Conti submitted through Treasurer Edward Bracken for information about what action the board might take upon $156.74 owed from the years 1937 to 1943 upon a piece of property owned by the Hillandale Investors' Corporation which he is considering purchasing.

"We'll discuss a matter like this with the owners," Trustee Spencer Greason said, "but not with a prospective purchaser when the sale depends upon what we might do about the taxes."

Mayor Washburn agreed that any decision would be premature and added, "I don't like the idea of people inching along like this, trying to get the Village to help along with a sale when the back taxes were not taken care of in a business like manner. The Board can do as it pleases, but I don't believe in setting the pattern. We'll deal only with the owners."

Mr. Bracken was authorized to ask for bids for a tax note against the uncollected taxes for 1944. He said this morning that the amount to be borrowed will be "in the neighborhood of $13,500 or $14,500." The collection of taxes last year was "much better" than in 1942 and 1943, he added, since the tax note those years was for $20,000 and $17,800 respectively.

Upon motion of Trustee Greason, the Mayor asked Attorney William J. McWilliams to forward a resolution of condolence from the Board to former trustee Vincent Cullen upon the recent death of his daughter in the bombing of a hospital in Belgium.

The open meeting lasted 30 minutes after which the Board adjourned to executive session with Fire Chief John T. Breunich.

CORRECTION

Miss Myra Edith Eager of Larchmont who died suddenly Sunday at her home, 8 Valley Road, Larchmont, was 22 years old. Her age was incorrectly reported in yesterday's issue of the Daily Times.

90 B-29s Strike Japan's Teeming Home Island

21ST BOMBER COMMAND, GUAM (AP) — Superfortress offensive against Japan entered a new phase today when a sizeable force of B-29's, directed for the first time from Guam, rained bombs upon industrial Nagoya, on Nippon's main island of Honshu.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Marianas-based superfortresses, 90 strong by enemy account, struck again today at industrial targets on Japan, teeming home island of Honshu.

A War Department announcement of the raid was silent on the number and the exact objectives of the giant B-29's, but a Japanese communique said the aircraft center of Nagoya as well as Osaka and Hamamatsu were hit.

Acknowledging some damage from incendiaries at Nagoya and Hamamatsu, the communique added "there was almost no damage inflicted upon vital facilities and factories."

The enemy-announced number of 90 was the largest to appear in a Nipponese war bulletin.

The attack occurred by daylight, and Tokyo broadcasts said the bombardiers enjoyed almost perfect visibility.

Two big Mitsubishi Aircraft plants at Nagoya have been hit previously by the superforts. Osaka is 75 miles southwest and Hamamatsu the same distance southeast. Both are large manufacturing centers.

County Board Post Acquired By Mandeville

Supervisor Owen A. Mandeville of Mamaroneck was appointed yesterday by Chairman Richard H. Levet of White Plains, of the County Board of Supervisors, to serve on the standing committee on legislation for the coming year.

The Mamaroneck supervisor, who has been a member for the last two years of the Committee on County Officers and Departments, is one of nine members of the committee and the only one beside Richard McSpedon of Yonkers who is not an attorney.

The committee takes care of all legislative matters for the county board and promotes legislation in Albany in the interests of the county.

William F. Ranscht of White Plains is chairman of the committee and others serving in addition to Supervisors Mandeville and McSpedon are Hugh S. Coyle of Lewisboro, Joseph G. Saile of White Plains, James D. Hopkins of North Castle, Harold D. Toomey of Mount Vernon, and A. F. Grossman and Charles W. Merritt of Yonkers.

Other committee appointments were made as follows:

Budget and Appropriations: Stewart of New Castle, chairman; Barrett of Bedford, Levet of White Plains, McClelland of Scarsdale, Hughes of Mount Vernon, Halsey of Peekskill, Horan of Eastchester, Meehan and Cooke of Yonkers, Sammarco of the Town of Rye and Leonard of New Rochelle.

Finance: Downing of Yorktown, chairman; Halloway of Somers, Caruso, Winn and Snyder of Yonkers; Hildreth of Mount Vernon; Richard W. Shine of Poundridge, Taylor of Harrison and Skinner of the City of Rye.

County Officers and Departments: Doyle of Peekskill, Chairman; Miller of New Rochelle, Lambert of Pelham, Quinn of Mount Pleasant, Purdy of North Salem, Wyman of Mount Vernon, Mabie and Armstrong of Yonkers.

Miscellaneous affairs: Duell of Greenburgh, chairman; Johnson of Cortlandt, Reis and Giasi of New Rochelle, Campbell of Ossining, Scarpino of Mount Vernon, Hayduk and Dymnicki of Yonkers.

All members are Republican except Cooke, McSpedon and Winn of Yonkers; Leonard of New Rochelle and Campbell of Ossining.

Parked Car Rammed By Passing Auto

A car owned by David Solomon of 21 Fountain Place, New Rochelle, received a damaged fender and bumper while it was parked on the Boston Post Road near Larchmont Avenue late yesterday afternoon when it was rammed by another car proceding east on the Post Road. The driver of that car, Jermias N. Mota of 3 Dillon Road, New Rochelle, charged with driving with an expired chauffeur's license, was summoned to appear Jan. 11 in Police Court.

SABOTEURS' NEMESIS SHOWS WHERE TRAIL BEGAN—On the lonely shore of Frenchman's Bay in Maine, young Harvard M. Hodgkins points to the exact spot at the water's edge where footprints in the snow of a November night revealed that two men had stepped ashore only a few minutes before meeting him in the road. A high school senior, 17, and on his way home from a dance, young Hodgkins says that he wondered at strangers afoot so late on such a night. He became suspicious on noticing that their tracks emerged from some woods, and his suspicions were confirmed when—following the footprints back past the trees—he saw that they started at the water. His story is credited with having helped in the capture of William Curtis Colepaugh and Eric Gimpel, now held for trial as Nazi saboteurs landed from an enemy submarine. —International Soundphoto

SAW NAZI SABOTEURS — Mrs. Mary Forni (above) of Hancock Point, Me., is revealed by FBI men as one of the witnesses against William Curtis Colepaugh and Eric Gimpel, trained Nazi saboteurs now in the government's bag. According to the FBI, Mrs. Forni met the two men as she was driving home on the night they are said to have been landed on the Maine coast by a Nazi submarine. (International Soundphoto).

3 Prominent Residents On Peace Forum

Three well-known Larchmont residents will be featured at the discussion forum of The Larchmont Council for the Promotion of Peace Planning, Friday, Jan. 12, at 8:30 P. M. in the auditorium of the Chatsworth Avenue School.

Discussion leaders will be Miss Lisa Sergio, radio news analyst, and Frank J. Starzel, assistant general manager of the Associated Press, in charge of national and international news transmission. Mr. Starzel has recently returned from a European trip in connection with news communication.

John McKay, promotion and advertising manager of King Features Syndicate and International News Service, will act as moderator and commentator. An instructor in radio at Columbia University, he was formerly in charge of public relations at N. B. C.

Topics under discussion will include the meaning of a free press and the free transmission of news, the dangers to world peace in news control or censorship, the proposals being made to secure freedom of the news in the United Nations, and the ways in which news control in Germany, Italy and Japan aided their leaders in aggression.

Theme of the Council, which holds community meetings on the second Friday of each month, is "to promote in Larchmont an informed public opinion on the essentials of a just and lasting peace."

Dewey Would Add 150 Million To Our 'Freeze' For Post-War

Governor Also Calls For Salary Increases For All State Employes, Legislators, Continued Tax Cut

By HENRY LEADER
Associated Press Staff

ALBANY—Governor Dewey today recommended that an expected $150,000,000 State surplus be "locked up" along with an already accumulated $163,060,000 for a broadened postwar construction program, and also proposed salary increases for all State employes and legislators.

In outlining suggested expansion of a peace time public works program at the opening of the 1945 Legislature, the 1944 Republican Presidential candidate said "it would be a temptation to wait to see what Washington does and to expect the Federal Government to carry many old and new services that can better be furnished at home."

"This would be the easy way," the Governor continued, "but it is one of those easy ways that saps local responsibility and initiative and leads to danger to free government. I propose that we take the harder way and meet our responsibilities four square."

Dewey's principal recommendations:

An $800,000,000 long term highway program and a $100,000,000 departmental building program.

State completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway power project "if the Federal Administration is unable or unwilling to proceed."

Continuance of the 25 per cent reduction in State personal income tax.

Extension of women's compensation benefits to domestic employes and restaurant workers regardless of the number employed, and recodification of the Workmen's Compensation Law.

"Careful consideration" of the proposed merit rating system for unemployment insurance.

Legislation to eliminate religious and racial discrimination and provide an "adequate youth service agency to combat juvenile delinquency."

Continuance of the Soldier Vote Law and its extension to permit non-personal voting by members of the Merchant Marine, the Red Cross and similar agencies, and establishment of a permanent State Veterans' Commission.

Revision of the Friedsam Formula of state aid to schools and preparation of a program for State-sponsored technical institutes.

State-imposed ceilings on New York City commercial and industrial rents.

Cooperation with local communities and private capital to promote housing and general building construction on a broad scale.

Development of post-war business and employment programs.

Revision of the method of selecting judges.

A survey by a temporary commission to prepare a program to improve food production and distribution.

Inclusion of migrant workers in the labor and social welfare programs.

Resumption of reforestation work when conditions permit.

Unification and liberalization of the parole system.

Enables 'Confident' Planning

The reconstruction fund enables the State "to plan confidently for the future," Dewey said. "Whatever difficulties may accompany the transition from wartime to peacetime employment, we shall be able to meet them in a helpful and constructive way.

"The long depression years have left our State with many acute

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3 Men Fined For Looting Gas Stations

WHITE PLAINS—Three Bronx men alleged to have been responsible for a series of gasoline station burglaries in Pelham Manor, Mamaroneck, Greenwich, Conn., and the Bronx, were fined $500 each in County Court today.

The three, Aniello Paciullo, 21, Philip J. Pinto, 34, and Roy V. Wingertzahn, 20, were indicted for burglary third degree for the looting of the station of John Duncan at 946 East Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, on Aug. 24, while Wingertzahn and Paciullo were accused of a similar crime at the station of Fred Lurken at 4415 Boston Post Road, Pelham Manor, on Aug. 28, but were permitted to plead guilty to charges of unlawful entry.

Today Judge Frederick G. Schmidt sentenced each to serve one year in Westchester Penitentiary, but suspended execution of the sentence. He ordered that if the fines are not paid each be confined for one day for each $2.50 of the fine not paid. Relatives of the defendants were in court prepared to pay the fines.

Eggers Named To City Art Commission

Otto R. Eggers, prominent Larchmont architect and partner in the firm of Eggers and Higgins, has been appointed a member of the New York City Municipal Art Commission by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia.

Mr. Eggers, who resides at 15 South Drive, is well known for his work on the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D. C. and is responsible for many other buildings in the country including the addition to the National Museum of Art in New York City, the Fine Arts Building at Indiana University, the Silliman College Group at Yale University, the National Gallery in Washington, various hospital buildings in New York City and college buildings at Dartmouth and Syracuse University.

A native of New York City, Mr. Eggers is a graduate of Cooper Union and studied for several years in the architectural field.

The present appointment by New York's mayor is for a term of three years.

Germans Attack Along 70-Mile Saar Sector

BULLETIN

PARIS, (AP)—The American armored onslaught smashed 5½ miles northeast of Bastogne today up the diagonal railway toward St. Vith, beating into the outskirts of Michaps and into the master woods through stubborn German resistance.

LONDON, (AP)—The German communique asserted today that eight American divisions had been hurled into a supreme effort to encircle Nazi positions east, southeast and west of Bastogne and that U. S. casualties since Dec. 16, "far exceed 50,000." "The enemy gained but minor ground," the broadcast German communique said, reverting to the worn phrases of "heavy and fluctuating fighting."

By JAMES M. LONG
Associated Press Staff

PARIS — Third Army tanks reached a point four miles northeast of Bastogne today on the diagonal railroad toward St. Vith amid reports of heavy eastward traffic within the wedge, suggesting a possible German withdrawal.

The Germans lashed out at other Third and Seventh Army units along the 70-mile sector from Saarbrucken to the Rhine and at one place southeast of Bitche gained up to two miles. Enemy artillery and air activity increased in this area, although there still was no sign of a general offensive.

Behind the Siegfried Line in the Saarland and Palatinate, however, a considerable increase was noted in enemy activity and Supreme Headquarters in its communique said ominously that "German units are across the Blies River" in the sector east of Sarreguemines.

"Local Attacks"

The inclination still was to treat the German jabs along the Saar and to the Rhine as local attacks.

Three more towns were recaptured in the Belgian-Luxembourg bulge. These were Magaret, Gerimont and Mande-St. Etienne.

The Third Army had captured 7,825 prisoners since Dec. 22, when it launched its counterthrust against the German offensive.

Patrols penetrated St. Hubert but were pushed out of the Belgian traffic center which was increasingly menaced by the approach of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's main forces, closing up from the south.

German movements inside the wedge were the greatest since the Nazi westward tide was stemmed, and were mostly eastward.

There was no positive indication whether this represented an outright withdrawal of armor which Field Marshal von Rundstedt was unwilling to risk losing, or whether it was a troop shift from the badly battered southern flank to meet a possible menace elsewhere.

Patton's troops swarmed forward in gains averaging at least a mile along the whole front from west of Bastogne to St. Hubert. They broadened their striking positions on both sides of Bastogne and advanced a mile and a half more to the northeast.

Byrnes Wants Deferred Farm Boys Inducted

WASHINGTON, (AP) — James F. Byrnes called on Selective Service today to take steps for the immediate induction into the armed services of men 18 through 25 who now have agricultural deferments.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said the war mobilization director had made the request to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey "because of representations made to him by the Army and Navy that they must have men."

So, Byrnes proposed to tap this new source of manpower for the armed services. It represents the largest remaining source of young men.

Canadians Gain In Stiff Battle

ROME (AP)—Canadian troops battling toward Alfonsine on the Ravenna-Ferrara Highway have gained ground between the Fosso Vechio and the Senio River despite stiff enemy resistance, Allied Headquarters announced today.

The Canadian thrust, launched over an area ribbed with waterways, apparently caught the German forces by surprise. A number of enemy strongholds were cleared up.

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The Weather

Occasional snow flurries this afternoon. Heavier snow beginning late tonight. Snow or rain and snow mixed tomorrow, ending near nightfall.

Our Men In Service

Assigned To Sub

Thadeus Romanek, fireman first class, above, has completed basic training at the Submarine School, Submarine Base, New London, Conn., and has been assigned to duty aboard a submarine. He is the son of Carol Romanek of 4 Harrison Drive, Larchmont.

He was graduated in June, 1941, from New Rochelle High School where he was a football letter and squad man, and a member of the track squad. He entered the Navy in June and received recruit training at Great Lakes, Ill.

The submarine school, the only one of its kind conducted by the Navy, is attended by a picked group of men who must pass special physical, mental and psychological tests.

The school work takes place not only in classrooms and laboratories, but also in numerous training submarines in which students master the actual technique of operating the powerful fighting craft.

Wins Commission

Theodore Lockard Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas of 22 Glenn Road, Larchmont, has graduated from the Officer Candidate Course at the Fort Benning, Ga., infantry school with the commission of second lieutenant.

A graduate of Peekskill Military Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he was a member of the swimming team, 2nd Lt. Thomas enlisted in the Army Oct. 21, 1943, and served with the ski troops before going to officers' school.

With Leyte Invaders

Coxswain's Mate Donald C. McMahon of Mamaroneck is serving with the Coast Guard in the South Pacific area and recently participated in the invasion of Leyte. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMahon of 127 Frank Avenue, Mamaroneck, he graduated from Bellows High School in 1942 and took an engineering course at Y.M.C.A. night school in New York before entering the service in March, 1943.

He received Coast Guard training at Sheepshead Bay and at Camp Lejeune, N. C., before going overseas a year ago last Fall. He recently met Robert Egan of Mamaroneck who is serving with the Infantry of the United States Army in the South Pacific.

Anticipates Treat

T/5 Louis Pekrul of 615 Prospect Avenue, Mamaroneck, is looking forward to one particular treat when he gets home from active service in Germany: a whole church.

In a letter recently quoted in the publication "Around Our Way" sent by the Young Peoples' Society of St. John's Lutheran Church to members of the church in the armed forces, T/5 Pekrul refers to the painting and decorating of his home church, and adds, "From all reports, I won't recognize the church when I get back. It's a great job you are doing, and I wish you all the success in the world. After seeing some of the churches over here and the shape they are in, a whole one will be something different."

Pre-Aviation Cadet

Pvt. Charles H. Reinhardt of Larchmont is now stationed at Keesler Field, Miss., receiving AAF medical and psychological tests to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet. Upon successful completion of the processing, he will begin flying officer training as a pilot, bombardier or navigator.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Reinhardt of 27 Dante Avenue, he graduated last June from Mamaroneck High School where he belonged to the Thespians, the Glee Club, the A Cappella Choir, the male ensemble and the student council. He entered the service in November.

Schlierer Promoted

Third Class Petty Officer Gilbert Schlierer of 46 North Barry Avenue, Mamaroneck, has recently been promoted to his present rank in the South Pacific area, where he has been serving since April as a radioman with the United States Navy.

The son of Police Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Schlierer, he was a member of the Village of Mamaroneck Police Force before he entered the service last February. His brother, T/5 Charles F. Schlierer, Jr., is now on duty with the Army Signal Corps in the Marianas after being stationed for 18 months in Pearl Harbor. He entered the service in October, 1942.

Biermann Killed In Pacific Area

Navy Man Had Seen Action In Many Of Big Battles With Japs

MOTHER IN HOSPITAL

Gunner's Mate 3/c Frederick G. Biermann, 28, who had a "front seat" for two of the outstanding events in the Pacific war, has been killed in action, the Navy Department revealed in a telegram to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Biermann, 245 Locust Avenue, Port Chester. The notification was received late yesterday afternoon and he is the 61st Port Chester man to die in action.

His mother is a former resident of Mamaroneck, moving to Port Chester following her marriage to Mr. Biermann.

"Bud" Biermann's ship was one of those escorting Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's raiders to their "Shangri-la" for the first American air attack on Tokyo and at the time of the Philippines invasion, the USS Nashville, on which he had been serving for 30 months, was one of those taking Gen. Douglas MacArthur back to Leyte where the American commander kept his historic "I shall return" promise. Whether he still was on the Nashville was not divulged, in keeping with the Navy Department's request, but it is believed that he did lose his life in the Leyte fighting. No date was mentioned in the telegram.

Frederick G. Biermann was born in Port Chester on Dec. 24, 1916, was a graduate of Port Chester High School and a member of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, its Holy Name Society and Father John M. Grady Council, 503, Knights of Columbus. He was also active with the K. of C. bowlers in the Sound Shore League. He had been employed by the Frank L. Rockey Hardware Store before entering the Navy in January of 1942.

Biermann had only one leave after joining Uncle Sam's fleet that being for five days at home in July of 1943. Even by then he had participated in a dozen major engagements at sea.

Notification of his death came less than a week after several of his friends in this section received Christmas cards from him in the far-off Pacific battle zone.

The young hero's mother is confined to United Hospital and was to be told of the announcement today. Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Henry H. Houska and Mrs. Charles Turner, both of Port Chester.

Tax Collection In Larchmont Gains In 1944

Collection of taxes in the Village of Larchmont during 1944 improved 1.12 percent over the collection of a year ago, according to figures released this morning by Treasurer Edward Bracken.

Of the $361,554 tax levy, all but $14,577 has been collected to date, leaving only 4.03 percent.

During 1943 the levy was $365,-511 and, at this time last year, $16,819 or 5.15 percent remained uncollected.

During 1943 the levy was $365,-511 and, at this time last year, $18,818 or 5.15 percent remained uncollected.

Collection of tax arrears during 1944 amounted to $8,655, whereas at this time last year $4,237 had been collected.

The increase in the collection Mr. Bracken attributes partly to the fact that residents seem to be taking an interest in their property and are "cleaning it up," perhaps with ideas of post-war building in mind.

Fire Damages Truck Cargo

Fire originating in furniture and farm equipment on a small "pick up" truck parked in the driveway of the house at 25 Vanderburgh Avenue, Larchmont, did considerable damage to the load before it was extinguished by the Larchmont Fire Department about 7:50 P. M. last night.

The fire was discovered by an unidentified man walking along the street. He notified Mrs. Florent Zeigler, wife of the owner of the truck, who in turned phoned the fire department.

Mr. Zeigler said he had loaded the truck preparatory to taking the contents to his farm up state about 2 P. M. and covered it with a tarpaulin. He was not at home when the fire was discovered, but arrived while the firemen were fighting the blaze.

Chief John T. Breunich was in charge of the firemen. No estimate of the damage was given by him, but the loss seemed to be confined to the goods on the truck, he said.

CAPT. RICHARD NICKELHOFF

Crews Briefed By Nickelhoff Before Flight

Capt. Richard Nickelhoff, son of Mrs. Arthur Nickelhoff of 513 Alda Road, Shore Acres, was recently appointed assistant operations officer of the oldest heavy bombardment group in England.

The operations officer of an army field is in complete charge of all flying at the field. One of Capt. Nickelhoff's important duties is to brief the B-17 crews before they go out on their missions over Germany, informing them of weather conditions, fighter opposition, expected, targets, fighter escort, etc.

Capt. Nickelhoff went overseas as a second lieutenant in 1943, arriving Nov. 2. He was promoted to first lieutenant Jan. 3 and to his present rank last July. He was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and later an Oak Leaf Cluster, equivalent to a second D.F.C., was added to it. The citation of the first award is as follows:

"Richard Nickelhoff - 0-801565, first lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot of a B-17 airplane on a heavy bombardment mission over——

"On this date the number one engine of the aircraft which Lt. Nickelhoff was piloting was hit by flak immediately after leaving the target area. Attempts to feather the engine proved useless. Smoke was coming from the number two engine and Lt. Nickelhoff feathered it.

"Without hesitation he determined to return to England although the aircraft was losing 300 feet per minute. By jettisoning all movable equipment, Lt. Nickelhoff flew the airplane to the English coast, where fire broke out in the number one engine. Attempts to extinguish it were successful and the pilot continued the flight to home base.

"The safe return of the crew and airplane is attributed to the consumate flying skill exhibited by Lt. Nickelhoff. The courage, coolness and tenacity of purpose displayed by this officer reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Besides wearing the D.F.C. with an Oak Leaf Cluster, Capt. Nickelhoff holds the Air Medal with three Clusters. He also holds the only decoration to be worn over the right breast, a Presidential Unit Citation awarded to his group for a mission completed in January of this year. It is equivalent to the Distinguished Service Cross for an individual.

He was one of four American officers who served on detached duty with the RAF during the second "Battle of Britain," participating in the raids against the robot bomb launching platforms at Calais. He was on the first of these raids and later taught the technique to RAF flyers. He was also the American officer selected by the British Broadcasting Cor-

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3 Larchmont Men In Next Draft Group

Three Larchmont men will be in the group of five scheduled to leave next Thursday from the Larchmont-Scarsdale Draft Board for induction into the armed forces.

They are John A. Gary of 183 Weaver Street, James C. Raymond of Larchmont Acres and Erik Scholte Ubing of 90 Stuyvesant Avenue who has volunteered for induction into the Netherlands Armed Forces.

The group will assemble at the Weaver Street Fire House at 8 A. M. where the men will receive kits from the Lions Club and Red Cross and will then proceed to Scarsdale where they will meet the Scarsdale men and board the 8:47 A. M. train for New York City.

The Scarsdale men are Thomas J. Casey, formerly of 75 Mamaroneck Road, now a resident of White Plains; and Thomas C. Shevlin of 26 Carman Road.

CHAPLIN JURY DISMISSED

LOS ANGELES, (AP) The jury in the Charles Chaplin paternity case was dismissed today after it told the court that it was deadlocked seven to five.

YANKS DRIVE INTO BELGIAN BULGE AS NAZI PUSH HALTS THIRD ARMY; AIR BLOWS SMASH SOUTHERN JAPAN

Our Troops Make 2 More Landings On Mindoro

MACARTHUR'S HQS., PHILIPPINES, (AP)—Coordinated air blows smashed southern Japan, the Ryukus and Formosa along a solid 2,000 mile arc down through Luzon, prized island of the Philippines, as Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today his troops have made two new landings on Mindoro, his closest approach to Manila.

Hellcats, Helldivers and Avengers from aircraft carriers opened a battering ram assault Wednesday (Philippines date) on Formosa, which houses Japanese men and planes to the Philippines.

(Japanese broadcasts said that 900 U. S. carrier and land-based planes struck Formosa and Okinawa Islands, Wednesday and Thursday. Five hundred planes struck yesterday for nearly seven hours and 400 returned to the attack today.

(Japanese reports said the bulk of the planes, largely from carriers, concentrated on Formosa.

Say 20 Shot Down

Imperial Headquarters said 17 planes were shot down Wednesday and Formosa Army reported three were downed today.

Other carrier aircraft ranged into the Ryukus at a point a little over 300 miles from Japan.

The same day, the biggest force of Saipan-based B-29s yet to fly to Japan started huge fires at Nagoya, Nippon's airplane center on southern Honshu.

MacArthur has not yet reported the air activities over Luzon for Wednesday but today's communique told of bombers and fighters based in the Central Philippines ripping that island from north to south, heavily pounding Clark Field in the Manila area, and sinking or setting afire 25 ships off the west coast. These raids were Monday.

On Mindoro Island, where the Yanks landed on the southwest coast at San Jose Dec. 15 to put up an air base from which bombers now are softening up Luzon, MacArthur reported shore-to-shore landings on the east coast and just north of San Jose.

Marine Flyer Returns After 65 Missions

Marine Captain Rolland S. Mangel, 25-year-old fighter-bomber pilot, who recently returned from the South and Central Pacific where he participated in 65 combat missions and served as executive officer of the "Hell's Angels" fighter squadron, has reported to the Marine Corps Air Depot at Miramar, Calif., for further assignment.

Capt. Mangel, whose wife, the former Margaret Embury, resides with her parents at 162 Murray Avenue, Larchmont, "cashed in on his only contact with enemy aircraft" by shooting down a Jap Zero over Rabaul, New Britain last January and winning the Air Medal, according to a dispatch from the Air Depot. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Mangel of Meadville, Pa.

"During a bomber escort mission against Vunakunau—one of Rabaul's five airfields—we spotted a formation of Jap planes below us," Capt. Mangel said. "I dropped down to their level and concentrated my fire on a Zero which was making a run on a torpedo bomber. It was only a short burst but apparently that was enough. The pilot must have been hit since the plane went out of control and crashed into the water."

Operating from Vella Lavella, Bougainville and Green Islands, the Marine flyer helped neutralize enemy air power in the Northern Solomons and Bismarck Archipelago areas.

Capt. Mangel's squadron, which was converted into a bomber unit after Jap air power had been broken down, took part in the Marianas campaign. Based at Guam, he made 10 raids on Rota Island, striking at airfield installations, gun positions and supply depots.

He said that although the Japs "always put up a warm welcome of ack-ack, his Corsair planes was damaged only slightly on two raids over Rota, in the Marianas.

A graduate of Pennsylvania State College in 1941, Capt. Mangel was employed by Talon and Company, Inc., in Meadville, before entering Marine aviation in July, 1941. He won his wings and commission in March, 1942, at Miami, Fla., and was promoted to his present rank in May, 1943.

A CANOPY OF SMOKE hangs over pillboxes and gun emplacements in Bundenthal, Germany, strategic point in the Saar Basin defense system, as Yank shells pour into the town. In center foreground, one shell is seen exploding close to a group of buildings. This is an official U. S. Signal Corps photo. —International

Airborne Troops Battle German Counter Blows

LONDON, (AP)—The German High Command said today the Allied offensive on the north side of the Ardennes salient was on a large scale and was launched between Stavelot and Marche, a 28-mile front. The attack was made by American shock troops to "relieve formations engaged in a heavy struggle at Bastogne," the broadcast communique said.

By JAMES M. LONG
Associated Press Staff

PARIS—The U. S. First Army passed its initial objectives today in a powerful new offensive into the north flank of the German bulge below Grandmenil, capturing an unidentified village and key high points during a blinding snowstorm against stiffening tank opposition.

Some 15 miles or so to the south, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army advance was halted at least temporarily by violent German counterattacks north and northeast of Bastogne against the famous 101st Airborne Division. Field Marshal Von Rundstedt built his southern flank force to 10 divisions.

A dispatch from the Seventh Army front in northern Lorraine said the threatening German thrust south of Bitche had been blunted and Lieut. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's men were hammering steadily at flanks of the enemy salient, achieving some advances.

Persistent German attacks from the Saar to the Rhine, however, had forced the Americans from their holdings in the German Palatinate east of the Wissembourg gap and from all except the Saarlautern bridgehead in the Saarland.

German advances of up to four miles in Lorraine reached almost to Reipertswiller, six miles below Bitche and just two miles north of Sarverne on the Allied lifeline to the Rhine city of Strasbourg. A small force of Americans was withdrawn from a corner of Bitche itself, a bastion of the old Maginot Line.

Month-Old Son Hears Voice Of Father For First Time By Radio From Philippines

MAX GENE NOHL

Sea Explorer To Tell Club Of Adventures

Max Gene Nohl, holder of the world's deep sea diving record of 420 feet and internationally famous submarine explorer, will tell of his latest adventures on the ocean's floor in a lecture entitled, "Seeking Sunken Ships" under the auspices of the Larchmont Men's Club, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Monday night.

Mr. Nohl established a new world's record for deep sea diving on Dec. 1, 1937, when he shattered by 114 feet the record held by United States Navy diver Frank Crilley, which had stood for 22 years. At that depth, Nohl's body, clad only in a flexible rubber suit, withstood a pressure of 600,000 pounds, the weight of 200 automobiles—more pressure than ever before been withstood by a human being.

This descent was made possible through his own invention, the revolutionary new self-contained diving suit. This apparatus eliminating the treacherous air hose provides the diver with a new artificial air, a mixture of helium and oxygen, which he breathes while underwater.

Mr. Nohl is also widely known for his many other inventions and innovations in undersea equipment, including revolutionary new diving bells, a sensational diving "lung" and his patented underwater motion picture equipment.

His adventures as a deep sea diver and explorer have taken him up and down the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of both North and South America, down into the Caribbean, and into countless rivers and lakes. He has made a specialty of salvaging sunken ships, but has also spent much of his time in exploring undersea wonders. Harvesting sponge beds in the Gulf of Mexico has been another of his hazardous undertakings on the ocean floor.

Mr. Nohl was born and still makes his home in Milwaukee. His father is an attorney and his uncle a municipal court judge. Young Max was also destined for law, but instead insisted upon going to the Massachusetts institute of Technology to study engineering, which proved a sound prep-

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It was a Happy New Year for 11 full minutes Monday afternoon for Mrs. Anthony Patafio of 453 Beach Avenue, Mamaroneck, when, at 1 P.M. she tuned in on a New York radio station which scheduled G. I. New Year's greetings from the Philippines and heard the voice of her husband, Sgt. Anthony Patafio, who is on duty there with the Signal Corps of the United States Army.

Interviewed by a radio announcer, Sgt. Patafio said he had been "pushed around waiting to become a papa" and that he hoped it would be a boy. With Mrs. Patafio at the radio was his infant son, Salvatore, born Nov. 27. He has been notified of the baby's birth by cablegram, Mrs. Patafio said this morning, but apparently the message had not reached him at the time of the broadcast.

He described the invasion of the Philippines and said he had been on the ship with Gen. MacArthur when the first wave landed. At the close of the interview, the G. I.'s sang "Auld Lang Syne" and said they hoped they would be at home for their next New Year's celebration.

Sgt. Patafio entered the service March 8, 1942, and, after receiving Signal Corps training at Fort Monmouth and Camp Edison, N. J., went overseas April 21. His wife is the former Lavinia Talevi of the Beach Avenue address.

Ration Board Imposes 2nd Price Penalty

The second penalty for ceiling price violations within a week was reported yesterday by the Larchmont-Mamaroneck-Harrison War Price and Rationing Board with the settlement of a triple claim damage by Gus Glyptis of the Village Lunch, 118 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, who has paid $25 for selling food above ceiling prices.

The maximum price was established during the period from April 4 to April 10, 1943, and it was charged that the Village Lunch continued to use menus listing prices higher than were allowed.

The case follows by a few days the settlement of a $67.30 Administrator's Treble Damage Claim by Rosenthal and Wenicke, meat concessionaires of the Seymour Market at 1945 Palmer Avenue, Larchmont, who were charged with ceiling price violations in the sale of meat.

In a statement accompanying the rationing board report, this official declare that "the Board is determined to take the proper steps to protect the residents of our communities against any exchanges made by local merchants which can only result in inflationary tendencies."

TOLL REACHES THREE

AMSTERDAM, (AP) — The death toll in a fire which destroyed a farmhouse near here yesterday stood at three today. Edith Francisco, 17, died last night. State Police said human bones discovered in the ruins were "undoubtedly" those of her two-year-old brother, Emerson, missing since the fire. Their mother, Mrs. Norman Francisco, died earlier yesterday.

Harrison Wins Future Right To Tax 'Phones

WHITE PLAINS—The Town of Harrison has the right to assess omitted taxes against the New York Telephone Company but did not properly include them in the 1943 assessment for 1944 taxes, according to a decision today by Supreme Court Justice Frank H. Coyne.

The town made a levy totaling $12,678 for the six years of 1939-1944 against the 3,027 telephones and other equipment of the company in the Town and the company sued in Supreme Court contending that the Westchester Tax Law, under which the corrected assessment was made is unconstitutional and that in any event omitted taxes could be assessed for only one prior year.

Justice Coyne holds that these contentions are in error but holds that the omitted assessments were not included in the 1943 roll until after the company's time for appeal had passed. This, he holds, deprived the company of a substantial right. He then holds the town acted erroneously in including the omitted assessments, but that they may be included in a subsequent roll if any preliminary legal steps are taken.

4 At Church Forum Discuss Work In India

The "compelling reason" for their medical and missionary work in India was explained last night by four speakers at a forum on "India" at the Larchmont Avenue Church house, attended by more than 200 members and friends of the church.

Methods of teaching illiterates, the many phases of their work and the reason why each felt impelled to do the work were described by Miss Zillah Soule, a Columbia University graduate student who served for eight years as a normal school principal in Khandwa, Mrs. Robert H. H. Goheen of Miraj, the Rev. Augustine Ralla Ram, general secretary of the Student Christian Movement of India, and the Rev. Daniel Khazan Singh, chaplain to Christians in India's Armed Forces.

They were introduced by William N. Wysham, Eastern Area secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, who in turn, was introduced by the Rev. Dr. Floyd E. McGuire. Dr. Wysham presided during the question period following the forum discussion.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer in Hindustani given by Dr. Singh and the benediction was given by the Rev. Toru Matsumoto of Larchmont.

Patton Pins DFC On Gen. McAuliffe

WITH THE U. S. THIRD ARMY, (AP)—Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., commander of the U. S. Third Army, made a field visit Dec. 30 to the 101st Airborne Division, heroes of Bastogne, and there presented the Distinguished Service Cross to Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, the commander who retorted with a defiant "Nuts" to a German surrender ultimatum, it was disclosed today.

Soviets Yield Ground As Nazis Counter

MOSCOW, (AP)—Mobile warfare raged between Budapest and Vienna today as a huge German tank and infantry force, mounting the first German counter-offensive on the eastern front since October, sought to break through Russian lines to the relief of the surrounded garrison in the Hungarian capital.

In the last two days the Russians had given ground and it was probable that more would have to be yielded, although the Russians appeared to be getting the situation in hand.

The German counter-assault was sprung from the area of Komarom, a Danube river town 45 miles northwest of Budapest.

A heavy German force was thrown at Russian artillery positions. A Red Star dispatch said the artillery line had been forced back by German tanks southeast of the city but it did not state the extent of the withdrawal. The official account said merely that the Russians had given up several populated points along the southern bank of the Danube.

War Writers Protest First's News Delay

PARIS, (AP)—Protests against censorship delays in news about the new First Army offensive have come from correspondents both at Supreme Headquarters and in the field with the First Army.

The SHAEF correspondents complained that the British Broadcasting Corp. sent out news of the offensive when it was still censored at headquarters. SHAEF officers subsequently lifted the lid.

Frontline reporters protested that SHAEF scooped them by hours on the news.

A dispatch filed from the front by AP Correspondent William F. Roni at 6 p. m. yesterday was not released for transmission until today, about 12 hours after SHAEF had released virtually the same news.

DECLINE CONTINUES

OSSINING, (AP) — Sing Sing Prison's present population of 1,157 continues a steady annual decline which began with the outbreak of the war in Europe in 1939 when the number of inmates totaled 1,880.

The Daily Times

The Weather
Tonight, clear and cold, lowest temperature 10. Tomorrow, increasing cloudiness and warmer. Highest temperature near 35. High tides today at 4:46 P. M.; tomorrow at 5:32 A. M. and 5:38 P. M.

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Our Men In Service

A Small World!

Mamaroneck is well represented in the South Pacific area, according to a letter recently received from Pvt. Nicholas Perry of the United States Marines, above, son of Mrs. Emma Perry of 422 Center Street, Mamaroneck. He writes that he has met six Marines from the home town: Martin Castagna, Mathew Murphy, Armando Lancia, Anthony Ceraso, Edward Di Fiorio and Victor Salvadore; and one Seabee, Pete Ciraco.

A former Mamaroneck High School student, Pvt. Perry was employed by the Stevens Machine and Tool Company before he entered the service last Summer. He received Marine Corps training at Parris Island, N. C., before going overseas.

Goes To Bomber Base

Flight Officer Julian Gladstone of Larchmont, who was graduated last month from the AAF Navigation School at San Marcos, Tex., has reported to Gulfport Army Air Field, Gulfport, Miss., Third Air Force bomber base, for an intensive training course as a navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

Selected for this important assignment after stringent examinations, F/O Gladstone will be a member of a ten-man crew who will live and work together under simulated battle conditions. Upon Completion of training, the crew will be ready for duty on the fighting fronts.

A graduate of Mamaroneck High School, he entered the service in August, 1943, training at Duquesne University and Greensboro, N. C., before receiving pre-flight training at Santa Ana, Calif.

Joins Paratroopers

After serving overseas with the Army Medical Corps since September, Pvt. Theodore Foster Dane of Larchmont, has been a paratrooper with an airborne division in England since early November. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gerard Dane of 3 Serpentine Trail.

Pvt. Dane, who entered the service while a Freshman at Brown University, volunteered for the paratroops when a call came from the airborne troops and quickly qualified for the service. He was formerly training with the Medical Corps near Salisbury, England.

Following training at the Universities of Oregon and Illinois, as an engineering student in the ASTP, Pvt. Dane was stationed at Camp Barkley, Tex., before going to O'Reilly General Hospital in Kansas. Returning to Camp Barkley, he was sent to the replacement center at Camp Reynolds, Pa., and was last stationed at Camp Shanks before going overseas. He was graduated from the South Kent School after attending Mamaroneck High School.

Fiore Promoted

Joseph U. Fiore, 26, whose wife, Mary, resides at 181 Grand Street, Mamaroneck, has been promoted to technician 4th grade, in the India-Burma theater of war.

Members of a famed medical unit, T/4 Fiore and his buddies have distinguished themselves in caring for the Chinese and American combat troops who have been wounded fighting the Japanese in North Burma. They also treat the injured and sick among the American troops who have been forging the Ledo Road over precipitous mountains and through the jungled Hukawng and Mogaung Valleys in Burma.

Medics in Assam and northern Burma have their jobs made doubly difficult by the diseases prevalent in the area. A heavy percentage of their patients are not wound cases, but rather men with malaria, dengue, and other fevers and ailments contracted in the wet, steaming jungles in which U. S. and Chinese soldiers are fighting and working. Fiore's unit is one of the largest overseas hospitals operated by the Army Medical Department.

T/4 Fiore has been in the India Burma Theater of Operations for 20 months. He was employed by Frosham Brothers in New Rochelle, prior to entering the armed forces about three years and eight months ago. While in the United States, Fiore served at Camp Lee, Va., and Camp Claiborne, La. He is authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign ribbon with one bronze star, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Pvt. Aloia Wounded

Official news has been received here from the War Department that Pvt. Salvador J. Aloia of Mamaroneck has been wounded in action in the Mediterranean area.

His wife, Mrs. Nellie A. Aloia, resides at 527 Jefferson Avenue.

2 Missing In Action In Aerial War

Lt. Knight Lost Over Yugoslavia; Lt. Maggard Down Over Germany

BOTH LARCHMONTERS

Two Larchmont Air Corps men have been reported missing in action, according to messages received this week by their families. They are 2nd Lt. Oliver Maggard, Jr., and Lt. Richard B. Knight.

Lt. Knight, navigator on a bomber, has been missing over Yugoslavia since Dec. 18, the War Department notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Knight of the Brompton Apartments on Wednesday. Overseas since March, he was awarded the air medal in Italy for combat duty over European and Balkan targets. He was commissioned on Christmas Day, 1943, at Selman Field, La., after training for combat flying at Westover Field, Mass.

Lt. Knight enlisted in the Air Corps during his junior year at Yale University in October, 1942, and was called for service in March of the following year. He is 22 years old and a graduate of the Taft School.

Co-pilot in a B-24 Liberator group, 2nd Lt. Maggard has been reported missing over Germany since Dec. 17, the message received Tuesday evening by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Maggard of 42 Hillside Road, stated. The 21-year old flyer is married to the former Beth Anderson of Indianapolis who resides at the Larchmont address.

Enlisting in the Air Corps in February, 1943, while a sophomore at Virginia Military Institute, 2nd Lt. Maggard was commissioned last Summer at Turner Field, Albany, Ga. He also received training at Lincoln, Neb., and Laredo, Tex.

At Mamaroneck High School, where he was graduated in the Class of 1941, he was manager of the football team and a member of the swimming team. His brother, Jock, is an air cadet at Scott Field, Ill.

Union Savings Deposits Top 4 Million Mark

For the first time since the establishment of the Union Savings Bank in 1897, deposits at the institution have reached the four million dollar mark, according to a statement of the condition of the bank as of Jan. 1, 1945 made public today.

A total of 65 per cent of that amount has been invested in government securities, it was pointed out yesterday by Gabriel Wendel, vice president, who added, "In other words, 65 cents out of every dollar deposited in the bank is invested in the best security in the world and represents the whole hearted cooperation of the bank in "backing the attack." The depositor can rest assured that his dollars have gone to war."

An examination of the figures reveals that the increase during the last six months of 1944 was 148 percent greater than the gain during the first six months, or that $245,732.78 was added from January through June and $362,297.81 from July through December. The total gain was $608,030.59, which, when added to the $3,357,815.17 due depositors a year ago brings the present figure, including dividends for 1944 of $50,129.06, up to $4,015,974.82.

The 1944 Christmas Club of 901 members who deposited $62,530.50 was the largest club ever conducted by the bank, and Mr. Wendel estimates that the 1945 Christmas Club will exceed $100,000.

The investment account has increased $920,156.25 from $1,692,000 to $2,612,156.25, all the increase being invested in government securities.

The railroad bonds are carried on the books at $15,699.97, but are valued in the security market
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Resident Gets Post As Chief OPA Attorney

Callman Gottesman, who moved with his family to 413 Carroll Avenue, Mamaroneck, early last month, has been appointed chief enforcement attorney of the Office of Price Administration in New York City.

He has been associated with the OPA since Pearl Harbor and has served for the last three years as assistant general counsel for the organization in Washington, D. C.

A graduate of Harvard University Law School, Mr. Gottesman was associated with the law firm of Greenbaum, Wolfe and Ernst in New York City before going to Washington.

The Gottesmans have a five-year old daughter, Carol.

S/SGT. GEORGE LANGERFELD

MMM 2cl. JACQUE A. DOUGLAS

AC WILLIAM W. LANGERFELD

Pfc. CHARLES H. LANGERFELD

2nd MATE F. L. McMULLEN

Legislature Set To Get Going On Program

ALBANY, (AP)—Early introduction of several of Governor Dewey's program measures indicated today the 1945 Legislature would be off to a slam-bang start in the first weeks of the session with the verbal pyro-technics expected to continue until the final gavel falls.

Scheduling of routine sessions yesterday and today, instead of taking the customary five-day adjournment, enabled leaders to introduce several proposals embodying Dewey recommendations so that they would be on the legislators' desks next Monday night.

Eight program measures were started on their way in the first two days.

While some observers thought the spurt in initiating program legislation might indicate a move to cut down the length of the session, many predicted a long drawn out affair, particularly in view of the multi-sided agenda proposed by Dewey in his 8,700-word message.

Avowedly "militant" minority opposition was in prospect for the Republican program.

Democrats and other groups, however, were conceded to be able to provide little more than delaying action. They were expected, though, to show considerably more activity than last year and take advantage of any opportunity to hit hard at Dewey's program with an eye to the 1946 gubernatorial election.

Yonkers Woman Found Hanged

YONKERS—Mrs. Sophie Fetchko, 35, of 104 Oliver Avenue, hanged herself this morning in the bathroom of her home, according to police.

Her body was discovered by her husband, Joseph, when he investigated her absence. Fetchko told police his wife had been ill for several days and was to see a doctor this afternoon. He said he had remained home because of her illness.

Fetchko called police, who worked vainly in an effort to resuscitate her. Medical Examiner Amos O. Squire was notified.

Five In Family Serve On Land, Sea And In Air

The Langerfeld family of 225 Lawrence Avenue, Mamaroneck, is well represented in the various branches of the armed services of the United States, having sons in the Infantry, the Air Corps, the Signal Corps and the Navy, and a son-in-law in the Merchant Marine who has not been heard from since October when his ship was sunk.

S/Sgt. George Langerfeld, 27, is stationed in Saipan with the United States Army Signal Corps and has taken part in combatting several of the "nuisance raids" which the Japs have recently made against the B-29 base. S/Sgt. Langerfeld, who received Signal Corps training at Fort Monmouth, N. J., has been in Saipan since July and is in charge of the men sent to the island to set up cable communications. His wife, the former Edna Hahn, and their year-old daughter, Barbara Ann, reside with her parents at 328 Florence Street.

Motor Machinist Mate 2 cl. Jacque A. Douglas, the second son, is serving on an LST boat in the South Pacific and has participated in several invasions including that of the Palau Islands, the Philippines and Leyte. On duty in the Pacific area since May, he has been serving as ship's barber and mail clerk in addition to his other duties. He is 29 years old, a graduate of Mamaroneck High School, and was employed by Brooks Brothers in New York before entering the Navy 18 months ago. His wife, the former Joan Mahon of Larchmont, resides in Flushing where she is employed by the Eastman Kodak Co.

Aviation Cadet William W. Langerfeld, 25, enlisted in the Air Corps last January and is now receiving pre-flight training at the San Antonio Air Cadet Center in Texas. A former resident of 459 Beach Avenue, Mamaroneck, he attended Mamaroneck High School and was employed by the Homelite Corporation in Port Chester before entering the service.

Pfc. Charles H. Langerfeld, who has been in the Infantry since August, 1943, served for 45 days at the front with Gen. Patton's Army receiving the promotion to his present rank after his first taste of action when he captured three Nazi soldiers. He has recently been transferred to a hospital in England to recuperate from an attack of trenchfoot. He is a Mamaroneck High School graduate and was employed at the Mamaroneck Postoffice before entering the service.

2nd Mate Foster L. McMullen, husband of the former Edith Langerfeld, was listed as "missing at sea while performing his duty in action" last October when an oil tanker which was being convoyed to Scotland was sunk by the enemy. No further word has been received. The McMullens resided for several years at the Rockland Apartments in Mamaroneck and moved to Ridgewood, N. J., where Mrs. McMullen and their two children, Stewart, 10, and Elizabeth, 8, are living at the present time. 2nd Mate McMullen was employed by the Soundview Chevrolet Automobile Sales Corporation when the family lived in Mamaroneck.

MONTGOMERY LEADS YANKS IN BELGIAN BULGE BATTLE; BRITISH THROWN INTO DRIVE

English Marshal Takes Command Of Allied Sector

BULLETIN

LONDON, (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill conferred today with Gen. Eisenhower and Field Marshal Montgomery.

WASHINGTON, (AP).—Command of one American army and most of another on the western front has been turned over to Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery in what President Roosevelt described today as a regular field operation.

The armies are the Ninth and a major portion of the First.

Mr. Roosevelt told his news conference that the shift was made by General Dwight D. Eisenhower. He said Montgomery is not being made a deputy command to Eisenhower as a result of the change.

The President declined to go into any further detail on the subject.

Prior to his news conference the War Department had explained the shift was due to the emergency caused by the German breakthrough in Belgium and Luxembourg.

LONDON, (AP)—BBC quoted an official announcement from Supreme Headquarters today as saying that Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery had taken full command of all Allied forces on the north side of the Ardennes salient and that Lieut. Gen. Omar N. Bradley was in command of all the forces on the south side.

Filing System Helps Police Identify Cars

By PIERCE J. BUTLER
Staff Correspondent

WHITE PLAINS—A filing arrangement instituted by Sheriff Edward J. Ganter for the middle section of automobile registration slips has proved to be a valuable asset to police in Westchester in the identification of automobile owners. Sheriff Ganter announced today that the improved system will be expanded this year.

Before the new system was suggested by Sheriff Ganter, the identification of all Westchester automobile owners had to be done through the County Clerk's office. If occasion arose at night, it was necessary to ask State Police at Hawthorne who by teletype would inquire at Albany for the needed information.

Beginning last year a small stub has been added to the automobile registration blanks. When filled out this slip bears the name and address of the car owner and other identifying information. It is filed along with stubs from all other Westchester automobile registrations at the County Jail in East View where cabinets have been installed for a complete filing system.

It is now possible for any police department in the county to have a Westchester car identified from its number in a few minutes at any time of the day or night.

Sheriff Ganter said that since the start of the new system, Warden John Toucher of the County Jail reports that calls are received at the jail at all hours of the day and night to identify cars for police and other authorities in all parts of the county.

This arrangement, he adds, is not for the use of persons wanting to know whose car is parked in front of their house—or the neighbors.

Four B-29's Reported Over Jap Capital

TOKYO, (Enemy Radio)—Four American Superfortresses flew over Japan Thursday night and early today on harassing and reconnoitering raids.

The domestic broadcast said two B-29's dropped bombs and two did not.

Tokyo reported the first B-29 dropped a few bombs over Hamamatsu, about 2 P.M. Thursday. Shortly before midnight another flew over the Nara area, near Osaka, but dropped no bombs.

Bombs fell shortly before dawn on the Okazaki area, between the industrial cities of Nagoya and Hamamatsu, both of which were scouted by the fourth superfort around 10 A.M. today.

JUST RETURNED from the southwest Pacific, air ace Maj. Richard Bong is greeted in Washington by General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces. "Hap" is shown wearing his new five-star insignia of General of the Army. Air Forces photo. —International

Telephone Operators Cast Vote To Strike, 9,600-250; 220 Local Workers Involved

SAMUEL H. CUFF

Approximately 220 local and long distance telephone operators in the Port Chester, Greenwich, Rye and Mamaroneck area voted to strike early in February, and unless arbitration between the New York Telephone Co. and the Traffic Employes Association, claiming a 12,000 membership, is completed before the conclusion of the 30-day "cooling off" period, telephone service in this section as well as the remainder of the nine-county metropolitan area, will be completely disrupted.

An overwhelming 9,600-250 vote, taken by the independent union, approved the strike. Workers are asking a $5 base pay increase for all operators, whose present wage level is $20, with an increase to $34 the general rule after nine years of service.

The Company, defending its wage policy, asserts that salaries average $38.42 a week. This includes overtime.

Mrs. Marion L. Horn, Scarsdale, general executive chairman of the union, reporting the balloting, told The Daily Times today that all telephone operators in this area are members of the Association, and will strike early next month unless wage increments are instituted. The strike will also affect Rockland, Nassau and Suffolk Counties and and five boroughs of New York City.

There are about 70 operators and supervisors in Greenwich, 60 in Port Chester, 50 in Mamaroneck and 40 in Rye. Operators on the Park exchange for Harrison are included partially under the Rye total and partly under the tabulation for the Mamaroneck office.

In a statement yesterday, the Telephone Company explained that what appears to be a low rate of pay is somewhat higher when overtime work is taken into consideration. Officials placed at 25 per cent the ratio of overtime pay to base pay.

Mrs. Horn, in answer, claimed that base pay is what the employes are most interested in, and added that 90 per cent of the women give up 31 per cent of their pay at the window — 21 per cent in taxes and 10 per cent for War Bonds.

The entire area which will be affected has 2,287,000 telephones, of which 1,923,000 are in New York City; about 80 per cent of these, however, are dial 'phones.

Two Features On Program Of 'Co-Ed Dinner'

The University Club of Larchmont will be host at a "Co-Ed Dinner," Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Larchmont Shore Club, where cocktails at 7 P. M. will precede a roast beef dinner at 7:30 P. M.

Samuel H. Cuff, guest speaker, general manager of Dumont Television Station WABD, will discuss Russiian-Turkish-Anglo-American plans for peace, his talk dealing with the racial and geographic conflicts of the area, and their relation to a permanent peace.

Entertainment will be provided by Russ Harris, handwriting expert, and his assistants, who are "prepared to tell the wives present everything their husbands' handwriting reveals, without pulling any punches," according to the club's program committee. The committee adds that the experts will also "analyze the wives for the husbands" and will give private readings, as well.

Winner of last year's American Television Society award, Mr. Cuff formerly conducted a radio program entitled, "Face of the War," which is also the title of one of his books. Born of British parents, in the Near East, he was educated in Syria and England, and was held hostage by the Turks during World War I.

He served as hostage interpreter between the Turkish and German High Commands, and for some years worked with the Greek government, fostering interest in the revival of Greek culture, a movement sponsored by Princeton University.

A former consultant for the Balkan nations, Mr. Cuff is said to possess a "great fund of 'on-the-spot' knowledge of the entire South of Europe."

Members are asked to return their dinner reservations by Jan. 12, in order to facilitate the rationing difficulties attendant on the roast beef dinner.

POLISH DRIVE DUE

LONDON, (AP)—The Berlin radio reported today that the Red Army was massing troops in the Vistula bridgehead area 120 miles south of Warsaw and was again probing Nazi lines along the Polish front.

Boy Preacher To Talk For Building Fund

A 16-year old preacher will speak tonight at 8:30 P. M. at the Straight Gate Church of Christ in Mamaroneck for the benefit of the building fund drive which is now being carried on for the erection of a new church building, it was announced this morning by the Rev. John Brown, pastor.

The boy preacher is Nathan Lawson of the Refuge Temple in New York City. The meeting is open to the public.

KILLED IN FRANCE

NEW ROCHELLE—Previously listed as missing in action, Pvt. Harvey E. Garrett, 23, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Garrett, has been reported killed in action Sept. 15 in France, his parents were advised by telegram from the War Department.

Veteran Troops Score Gains All Along Front

BULLETIN

PARIS, (AP). — Veteran British Infantry and armor thrown into the Belgian bulge counter-attack by Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commanding all Allied forces on the north side of the salient, has gained up to 2,000 yards all along its front.

BY JAMES M. LONG
Associated Press Staff

PARIS—British Second Army Infantry and armor veterans of the sweep into Belgium and Holland, have been thrown into the Battle of the Belgian Bulge and have attacked, it was announced today. (The German radio reported the British force yesterday).

Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces went into action yesterday in the Marche area at the northwestern tip of the Von Rundstedt salient and have reached the village of Waha in a 1,500-yard advance that is continuing, Field Reporter Roger D. Greene said in an Associated Press dispatch today. Waha is just south of Marche.

Other British units attacked the Germans on the outskirts of newly captured Bure and Wavreille, south of Rochefort at the western end of the salient.

The British were rushed to the front at the first sign of danger to Liege when von Rundstedt launched his offensive and backstopped American lines until yesterday, when they went on the offensive.

Six Allied and German armies thus were committed to the grinding battle being fought in drifting snow, fog and miserable terrain—some of the worst fighting conditions of the war — and the Allied assault on the German north flank was broadened to 35 miles.

Field reports also announced that troops of a fourth Allied Army, the U. S. Ninth Army, had been engaged in the bulge battle, but it was not disclosed whether they still were in action. (Berlin radio also told of this move yesterday).

With slow, steady gains on a 17-mile front on the north side of the salient, Lieut. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U. S. First Army in its three-day-old attack had whittled down the German escape gap between Bastogne and Grandmenil to scarcely 12 miles.

On the south side of the salient held by three German armies, Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's third Army turned back 17 fierce German counter-attacks up to 6 A.M. today, but his front was substantially unchanged.

Japs Report U. S. Convoy In Sulu Sea

TOKYO, (Enemy Radio) — An Imperial communique today reported that Nipponese planes "sank one aircraft carrier and two battleships or cruisers" in the western Philippines Sea Thursday night.

The broadcast placed the vessels west of Panay Island in the Sulu Sea south of Mindoro.

The communique said that at dawn Thursday American convoys reached San Jose Bay off Mindoro Island, and on the afternoon a U. S. task force entered the waters west of Panay.

New Polio Case In Yonkers

WHITE PLAINS—A new case of infantile paralysis affecting a five-year-old boy was reported in Yonkers today as health authorities reported a change in the diagnosis of the last previously reported case in that city. As a result the total number of cases reported in Westchester since the outbreak of the disease last June remains at 188.

The new Yonkers case—the 52d in that city this year—is the first to be reported in Westchester this year. However, as the period of incubation of the disease may be as long as 21 days, health authorities believe the case may be a carry over from last year's outbreak. The last previous case in Yonkers, affecting a six-year-old boy, was discovered on Dec. 24. The changed diagnosis is in the illness of a 21-year-old Yonkers girl, who became ill in the week ended Dec. 16.

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The Weather

This afternoon and tonight partly cloudy and cold. Tomorrow, somewhat warmer; increasing cloudiness, followed by rain or snow.

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The Keeler brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keeler, formerly of Mamaroneck, and grandsons of Mrs. Mary Lewis and the late Thomas Lewis of Fourth Street, are both serving in the Pacific area in the United States armed forces.

Sgt. Wesley F. Keeler (upper photo) entered the United States Marine Corps in 1942, receiving training at New River, N. C., before going overseas. He is a former Mamaroneck High School student.

Seaman 3 cl Robert K. Keeler, (lower photo) was inducted into the United States Navy in 1943, and was trained at Great Lakes, Ill. A Mamaroneck High School graduate, he is married to the former Mary Trueheart of Mamaroneck.

Lt. Ladd Wins Honors

Lt. Robert D. Ladd, whose wife, the former Carol Lee Bowman resides with her parents at 4 Sackett Circle, Larchmont, is on duty as a forward observer with an artillery unit with the 26th Infantry in Germany. According to his last V-mail letter to his wife, he had not at that time received mail from home for more than two months and did not know he was the father of a baby daughter. Mrs. Ladd has tried through all available channels to communicate with him but his mail apparently has not yet caught up with him.

A native of Ithaca, N. Y., Lt. Ladd was graduated in 1943 from Cornell University where he was a member of the R.O.T.C. and went immediately to Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Bragg, N. C., where he served as an instructor.

He holds the Bronze Star for heroic achievement on Nov. 13 when he volunteered with five other men to wade through swampland under "intense enemy fire" to evacuate four wounded men and recover a radio in danger of being captured by the Germans. He has also been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in France.

Returns To Training

As Hugh Latimer of Mamaroneck returns today to Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C., where he is receiving "on the line" training preparatory to being assigned to pre-flight school. He has been at home on a brief furlough after being transferred to Shaw Field from Bainsbridge Army Air Field, Bainbridge, Ga.

The son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Claude A. Latimer of 628 Wood Street, he is a graduate of Bellows High School and enlisted in the Air Corps April 14 following his freshman year at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Before going to Shaw Field, he received training at Fort Meade, Ga., and Keesler Field, Miss.

Returns To Navy Base

Roland R. Walter, A. T. B. has returned to this naval base at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va., after spending a holiday leave with his mother, Mrs. John R. Walter of the Park Plaza Apartments in Larchmont. Following his graduation from Mamaroneck High School last June, he received naval indoctrination at the Great Lakes, Ill., Training Station and later attended the Amphibious Fireman Naval Training School on the campus of Iowa State College, Ames, Ia. This week he will report to Boston, Mass., for further assignment.

APPEALS FOR HELP

BUFFALO, (AP) — Mayor Joseph J. Kelly has issued an appeal for workers to help clean switches and railroad tracks so that war production materials, food and fuel marooned in snowbound freight cars by the recent blizzard may be released.

Bolefahr Killed In Air Battle

Flight Commander Dies As Nazis Shoot Down Plane In Belgium

HELD ARMY HONORS

Capt. Wayne N. Bolefahr, who first was reported missing in action on June 10, was killed near Antwerp, Belgium, that day when his plane was shot down, the War Department has notified his wife, the former Ruth Oliver of 41 Glenn Road, Larchmont. Mrs. Bolefahr and her son, Wayne, Jr., who was born June 25 two days after she received news that her husband was missing, reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Oliver of the Glenn Road address.

A flight commander serving with the Army Air Force in England since October, 1943, Capt. Bolefahr was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with several oak leaf clusters.

He was born in Eureka, Kan., 26 years ago, and was graduated from West Point after attending the University of Detroit. In May, 1944, he had been credited with the destruction of two Nazi fighter planes in the air, inflicting damage on a third and had completed more than 70 combat missions flying on fighter sweeps and escorting United States bombers deep within continental Europe.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and son, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Bolefahr of Grosse Point, Mich., and a sister, Miss Jeanne Bolefahr of New York City.

Smithe Serves Push On Reich In 'Duck' Unit

Member of a "duck" unit of the U. S. Army supply forces which carried mountains of supplies that helped support the drive of the Allies across France, units that are backing up the drive into Germany now, is Pvt. Walton L. Smithe, son of Mrs. Virginia Clay Smithe of 15 Shadow Lane, Larchmont.

Now serving in Belgium, Pvt. Smithe has been overseas since D-Day, having enlisted in August, 1942. A former resident of Los Angeles, Calif., where he attended Paige Military Academy, he came East with his mother four years ago, and is a former student of Harrison High School. Pvt. Smithe received training at Atlantic City, N. J., and in Massachusetts.

Under enemy fire, in fog and storms, working in mined areas along a hazardous shore, one amphibian truck company, commanded by Capt. Raymond J. Neumann, of Fort Wayne, Ind., hauled to supply dumps month after month more cargo than many ports handled in the peak months of peacetime operations.

Infantrymen in Normandy sometimes had a few minutes, in the brief pauses of battle, when they could look up to watch the blazing paths of anti-aircraft shells streaking toward enemy raiders. Drivers of the fast amphibious trucks, designated by the manufacturers as DUKW's but always called "ducks", were so busy unloading food, ammunition and gasoline for the combat men that they could scarcely glance upward at the air skirmishes.

"We landed our vehicles on D-plus-1," said First Lieutenant Peter K. Corrigan of Rye, New York, executive officer of the truck company. "We went to work immediately and have been busy ever since."

"The hardest job we had, so far as my platoon was concerned, was in finding ships at night in the Channel," said First Lieutenant Raymond L. McCabe, of Brooklyn, New York, another of the unit officers. "We'd have the number of a ship thrown at us, and then we'd have to plunge out toward the blacked-out ships in hope that we'd hit the right one. German planes were bombing and strafing our area every night for the first two weeks, and that complicated things."

While Allied armies were breaking through the German lines in France, the ducks piled gasoline for tanks, shells for guns and meat for advancing troops in huge supply dumps beyond the beaches.

CAR DAMAGED IN CRASH

A car operated by Dorothy Greenlee of 21 Stuyvesant Avenue, Larchmont, received a torn fender and body dents yesterday morning when, while parking on the south side of the Boston Post Road between Larchmont and Chatsworth Avenue, it collided with a parked vehicle owned by Ruth Lee of 29 Concord Avenue, Larchmont, hooking the fender under the bumper of the parked car.

ALTON WOOD EVANS, above, formerly of Orienta Point, Mamaroneck, graduated from the Naval air training base at Corpus Christi Tex., and was commissioner an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

The son of Mrs. H. C. Evans of Stratford, Conn., he graduated from Mamaroneck High School in 1942. He received his preliminary flight instruction at the Glenview, Ill., naval air base.

Miner To Fight Cut In Relief Residence Plan

Town of Rye Welfare Officer James S. Miner today announced he will go to Albany on Wednesday to oppose efforts to organize support for washing out residence requirements for relief in New York State that will be made at the convention of the New York State Association of Public Welfare officials. Bills again will be introduced in the Legislature to eliminate settlement regulations from the Welfare Law.

The State residence requirement for relief at present is one year. Last year the Westchester County Board of Supervisors unanimously endorsed a recommendation by Town of Rye's Supervisor Arthur J. Sammarco that settlement requirements be boosted to four years. The bill was sent to Albany but was never reported on by the welfare committee of the Assembly.

Sees Danger

Mr. Miner said that he will oppose the amendment to the Welfare Law which would eliminate the one-year residence requirements "because I think it is a dangerous thing, since it would pave the way for an influx to this area of persons who will be in need of relief after the war."

He said he was in agreement with Director of Public Welfare Blanche S. Emerson, of New Rochelle, who is making known her intentions to attend the convention and oppose efforts to eliminate the residence requirements, declared that "instead of washing out residence settlement, we should increase the requirements to four or five years, since all states around us have that requirement."

In opposing the amendment to wash out residence requirements, Mr. Miner has the unanimous support of othe Rye Town Council, Supervisor Sammarco said today.

Detective Held In Chief's Death

ALBANY, (AP) — A city detective was held today as the alleged slayer of Police Chief William J. Fitzpatrick, 57, shot to death yesterday in his office.

District Attorney Julian B. Erway said Detective John W. McElveney, 48, long a friend of the chief, had confessed shooting Fitzpatrick in the head with a service revolver, and would be arraigned on a murder charge.

Larchmont Short Of Bond Quota

Village Fails To Reach Goal For First Time In Sixth War Loan Drive

LACKS ONLY $25,000

For the first time in the recent history of money-raising campaigns in the community, Larchmont has fallen short of reaching its quota, reporting a $975,023.75 total for the 6th War Loan drive, or $25,000 below the million dollar goal.

It was pointed out yesterday by George E. Mills of the Bank of Westchester, vice chairman in charge of statistics for the War Finance Committee that, during the 5th War Loan drive when the Village raised $995,259 the quota was only $500,000 whereas in the drive recently ended, the quota was doubled.

Late allocations may bring the total up, Mr. Mills pointed out. The bulk of the amount represents E, F and G series bonds totalling $584,987.15. This represents a total of 2,860 bonds purchased at the Bank of Westchester, The Larchmont Federal Savings and Loan Association , the Postoffice and the Playhouse.

Bonds purchased elsewhere and allocated to Larchmont, including some corporate buying, amounted to $390,036.

The purchases by individuals in the Village were divided as follows among the four issuing agencies: Bank of Westchester, $513,985.25; Postoffice, $37,856.25; Larchmont Federal Savings and Loan, $30,871.25; Playhouse, $2,275.

Poem Written In Tribute To Anne Cullen

A poem entitled "To End All War," written by H. I. Phillips, well known New York columnist, to Anne Kathleen Cullen, Larchmont Red Cross worker who was killed in Belgium when her hospital was bombed, appeared in the author's column, "The Sun Dial" in Thursday's edition of The Sun.

Preceding the verse is an explanation that Miss Cullen was born while her father, Vincent Cullen, was fighting in the last war. The poem follows:

"Dear Vincent . . . It's a girl . . .
Arrived today" . . .
The father in the last war
read the news,
There on the shell-torn fields of
battered France,
Beside the crimsoned waters of
the Meuse. . . .

It gave new light and luster to
the things
That he and all his kind were
fighting for. . . .
"To end all war," kept ringing
in his ears. . . .
By day and through the night:
"To end all wars." . . .

Now in a Christmas season she
is dead,
Not far from where he once
opposed a tide:
Anne Cullen, born in that far
distant war. . . .
How long must mankind be so
crucified?

MISSING

WHITE PLAINS—A War Department telegram received by his parents reported Pvt. William J. Tskanikas, 19, of 20 Park Avenue, missing in action since the German push into Belgium.

U. S. CARRIER FORCE BLASTS 111 JAP PLANES, 95 SHIPS; NAZIS MENACE STRASBOURG

New Nazi Drive Bursts Through 7th Army Lines

BY JAMES M. LONG
Associated Press Staff

PARIS—A second German winter offensive threatened Strasbourg from three directions today as British and American troops butted against stonewall German resistance in the hard wedge driven by Field Marshal von Rundstedt's first surprise attack across Luxembourg and into Belgium.

The second German drive had burst through U. S. Seventh Army lines for 15 miles in five days southeast of Bitche in Northern Alsace.

The Americans still fought to wipe out an advance guard which had filtered into Wingen on the Moder River, 9½ miles southeast of Bitche and 28 miles northwest of Strasbourg, where the Germans were within 12 miles of Saverne, the Vosges backdoor to Strasbourg.

The enemy had landed in battalion strength at least along a seven-mile stretch on the west bank of the Rhine within seven miles north of Strasbourg, had lashed out from the northern rim of his Colmar bridgehead and driven into Neunkirch, 19 miles south of Strasbourg.

Although front line dispatches said this new offensive had been blunted, it threatened to push out a 30-mile deep Allied salient between the Saar and the Rhine which had been pointed into the Wissembourg Gap toward the German Rhine city of Karlsruhe.

The Americans were drawing back from the Wissembourg area and Allied authorities were battling to prevent the spread of panic flight among civilians in Strasbourg and Haguenau.

The slight gains, and even some withdrawals of Allied forces around the rim of von Rundstedt's Ardennes bulge, indicated that the offensive to erase the damage of that knock-through had ground to a virtual stop.

This weapon, whose nature was still a military secret, went into large-scale action near Beffe in the northwestern angle of the von Rundstedt wedge yesterday and left the ground covered with German dead, a field dispatch reported.

The continued bad weather and intensified enemy counterattacks along the northern rim of the salient slowed the pace of Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's offensive, involving the British Second and U. S. First and Ninth armies.

On the south side of the salient, Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army men, under the overall command of Lieut. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, made the most progress despite withdrawals in the Bastogne area under repeated German counterattacks.

Junior Church Sets Business Meeting

All members of the Junior Church of the Barry Avenue A. M. E. Zion Church have been requested to attend the meeting to be held tomorrow at 6:30 P. M., marking the first business session of 1945.

New appointments will be made and committees reorganized. All old and new members are asked to register for the new year with Miss Jean Mitchell, secretary.

HELLCAT CRACKS UP ON NAVY CARRIER—Piloted by Ensign F. C. Myers of Arbuckle, Calif., this Navy Hellcat plane breaks apart just back of the cockpit as it comes in for a landing on the flight deck of a carrier. Ensign Myers swam away from the wrecked plane, unscathed, after it hit the water. —AP Wirephoto from U. S. Navy

AFTER AWARDING the Distinguished Service Cross to Gen. Anthony ("Nuts!") McAuliffe (right), who commanded the U. S. troops during the siege of Bastogne, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton stops to chat with the hero of the battle. Signal Corps photo. —international Soundphoto

Volunteers Wanted To Man Trucks For Next Village Collection Of Scrap Paper

Wanted: A sound truck for touring the Village next Saturday to announce the Jan. 14 paper salvage drive in the Village of Mamaroneck.

Before all the previous one-day pickups, members of the salvage committee have travelled around the community in a regular truck with members of the Bellows High School Band aboard to summon the interest of residents in putting their paper out. But this time it's too cold to ask the youngsters to play in the open air all afternoon, Charles D. Silleck, chairman, said this morning, and he is anxious to locate a sound truck for the purpose.

So if you have one laid up in your garage for the duration or if you know where the salvage committee can get one for next Saturday afternoon, let Mr. Silleck know.

A call has been issued at the same time for volunteers to help with the truck driving and loading of the freight cars. A letter had gone out to all Village organizations asking for help, Mr. Silleck said, but more men are needed than the organizations can provide and anyone willing to work is asked to communicate with the chairman.

A boost in the weight is expected this month because of the Christmas boxes and wrappings which have been saved for the drive.

The trucks will cover the Village streets, as during former drives and then carry the bundles to the freight yards where they will be transferred to the freight cars. Residents are again urged to tie their paper securely.

Passenger Car Registration Is Up 8,000

WHITE PLAINS — Approximately 8,000 more passenger cars were licensed in Westchester during 1944 than in the preceding year, according to the report for last year made public today by Robert J. Field, County Clerk, for the Automobile Bureau.

The figures: 1944, 109,834; 1943, 101,821.

In commercial vehicles there were last year 11,476 as compared to 11,278 for the preceding year; 1,024 trailers against 838; 1,956 suburban cars as compared to 2,033, the only type to show a decrease; 912 motorcycles against 507, and 125 farm vehicles against 119.

During the year there were 4,987 vehicles on which transfers were made, 1,837 new chauffeur driving licenses issued and 2,932 renewed, 5,563 new operators' licenses issued and 17,080 renewed, 1,306 new junior licenses and 570 renewed. Of applicants seeking licenses to drive, 3,349 were rejected, along with 151 from chauffeurs and 898 from juniors. There were 7,171 learners' permits issued.

TO TELL OF FRONTS

NEW YORK, (AP)—Front line action in Europe and the Pacific will be described by Associated Press war correspondents in a broadcast of the radio program, "Vox Pop," Monday night.

Anxious World Is Awaiting FDR's Message To Congress

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
Associated Press Staff

WASHINGTON—Against a somber backdrop of military and diplomatic reverses in Europe, President Roosevelt completed today a fourth, wartime accounting of his foreign and domestic policies.

Marked specifically for the attention of Congress, the annual message was for the consumption, too, of a warring world. Lengthy treatment of international affairs made it as much a report on the state of the world as on the state of the Union.

Mr. Roosevelt stuffed the 8,000-word document into a manila envelope and started it off to Capitol Hill after the White House staff had worked into the early morning hours putting it in presentable shape. Senators and representatives arranged to hear it after counting the electoral votes which clinched a four-term for the author.

For his countrymen, the President will summarize the message tonight in a half-hour broadcast over all networks at 10 o'clock, EWT. For other peoples, short wave will distribute the radio version around the globe.

Some quarters looked for soothing Presidential pronouncements to salve Allied sore spots. But they expected declarations couched only in the most general terms—none that would spell out letter by letter a complete redefinition of American foreign policy and perhaps imperil Mr. Roosevelt's position to bargain with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

The clues on contents of the message which the chief executive himself had provided in advance emphasized touchy issues both at home and abroad—such topics as the drafting of manpower, supplies for the French and Italians, and the whole broad field of foreign policy.

To back up any fresh demands for shoving additional workers into war production, the chief executive could point to recent costly setbacks suffered on the western front by armies which once talked of victory by Christmas, 1944.

Sprinkled through his campaign speeches were presidential pledges. Legislators had an idea the annual message might be directed toward the fulfillment of some.

Americans Land On Marinduque

MACARTHUR'S HQS, PHILIPPINES, (AP)—Unopposed American invasion of Marinduque, only 100 miles from Manila, was announced today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur who said this seventh Philippine island liberated puts the Yanks in "direct contact with the southern Luzon coast."

With air and naval support, the Americans seized the little island Wednesday, the same day American carrier planes were pounding Formosa and General MacArthur was announcing fresh U. S. landings on Mindoro.

Two-Day Assault On China Coast Costly To Foe

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HQS., PEARL HARBOR, (AP) — Pacific fleet carrier planes destroyed 111 Japanese planes and sank or damaged 95 enemy ships in a daring, punishing two-day assault on China-guarding Formosa and Okinawa, Fleet Adm. C. W. Nimitz announced today.

Striking across the Pacific, many planes from Vice-Adm. John S. McCain's force winged down 500 miles of the China Coast searching for Japanese shipping, reported Associated War Correspondent Rembert James aboard McCain's flagship.

The Formosa attacks were made Tuesday and Wednesday (U. S. time). Twenty-seven ships were sunk. Sixty-eight ships were damaged.

Doesn't Mention Probing Flight

Nimitz communique did not mention the first China probing flight by Navy carrier planes, apparently because no material attack targets were sighted by pilots making their first reconnaissance of the China coast, goal of a three-year fighting advance across the Pacific.

But James significantly reported that pilots who flew over China's green mainland declared they could have flown inland to American interior air bases to refuel.

This report discloses that American carrier planes possibly could make shuttling air raids on China mainland targets in major force. After refueling and rearming at Chinese-American land fields, they could fly back to their carriers.

Following closely upon Admiral McCain's air sweeps over Japan's strategically important Formosa and Okinawa air fields, another task force of Admiral Nimitz' mighty Pacific fleet shelled Japanese bases at Haha and Chichi Jima in the Bonins Friday.

In his terse report on the Formosa-Okinawa strikes, Nimitz said 220 Japanese planes were damaged in sweeps over virtually all operating enemy air fields on the two-island bases linking Japan with the MacArthur-threatened Philippines.

"The enemy offered ineffective air opposition," said Nimitz communique.

Japs Report Three Convoys Off Philippines

TOKYO, (Enemy Radio) — The Japanese Domei News Agency said today that "three groups of enemy transports with carrier protection appeared in the Philippine waters Friday, apparently with the intention of attempting landings somewhere, probably at Luzon."

The dispatch recorded said that one convoy, comprising "about 100 landing craft and escorted by a task force" penetrated waters west of Linagyen Bay, Luzon.

Another "large group of U. S. vessels," said Domei, "together with about ten converted aircraft carriers" was reported cruising west of Panay Island.

The third convoy reported by Domei was "sighted speeding westward in waters south of Negros Island."

WASHINGTON, (AP)—American Superforts today renewed their attempts to knock out war production centers in the Japanese homeland.

Flying from China bases, the aerial giants smashed industrial targets on the island of Kyushu, which is at the base of the Jap mainland.

Secret Weapon Shatters Nazis

BEFFE SECTOR, BELGIUM, (AP)—A new secret American artillery weapon, used yesterday on a large scale for the first time, shattered German counter-attacks trying to halt the U. S. First Army drive southward in the Belgian bulge.

As a result, the snow in this area was blanketed with Nazi dead.

Details of this new weapon were held up for reasons of security, but it is something the U. S. Navy developed which was found to be of great use against the ground troops.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

BOSTON, (AP)—Christian Scientists today observed the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and a half century of religious accomplishment.

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The Weather

This afternoon and tonight, cloudy with snow flurries, followed by clearing and colder early tomorrow morning, and much colder tomorrow night.

AMERICANS SEIZE 5 TOWNS IN PUSH THROUGH BLIZZARD; GERMANS DRIVE REDS BACK

Our Men In Service

New Army Officer

Carmine Ricci, above, 26-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ricci of 625 Willow Street, Mamaroneck, has been graduated from the Officer Candidate Department of the Transportation Corps School at the New Orleans, La., Army Air Base and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

A graduate of Bellows High School and the Westchester Commercial College, 2nd Lt. Ricci was a clerk with the Boy Scouts of America in New York prior to his induction Nov. 29, 1942. Before going to New Orleans he received training at Camp Patrick Henry and Newport News, Va. After his graduation, the officer was assigned to active duty with the Transportation Corps transporting soldiers and war materials to theaters of operation.

Rests At Hospital

Lt. Milton J. Kramer, formerly of 10 Stuyvesant Avenue, Larchmont, reported last week to the Army Air Forces Convalescent Hospital at Fort Thomas, Ky., where he has been sent for a period of rest, recreation and therapy.

Lt. Kramer is accredited with having flown approximately 500 hours as a transport plane navigator in every theater of war. Prior to his arrival at Fort Thomas, he was a patient at the Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., where he was being treated for a back injury.

A graduate of Mamaroneck High School and Rutgers University, he enlisted in March, 1942, and was commissioned at Selman Field, Monroe, La. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kramer of 231 Boulevard, New Rochelle.

Croll Finishes Course

2nd Lt. William B. Croll, son of Charles L. Croll of 27 Stuyvesant Avenue, Larchmont, recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the states and combat soldiering against the enemy in Germany.

Stationed at an Air Service Command Station in England, 2nd Lt. Croll attended a series of lectures by air combat veterans which included instructions on chemical warfare defense and pertinent tips on staying healthy in a combat zone.

Before entering the service, he was employed as a dairy plant operator by the Brangle Brink Farm in St. James, N. Y.

Reports To Rutgers

Paul William Weber of Larchmont has reported to Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., for three months of academic training in the Army Reserve Corps prior to 17 weeks of basic training at Fort Dix. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Weber of Senate Place.

Pvt. Weber, enlisting at 17, entered the service shortly before the New Year, and received a special war diploma upon graduating from Mamaroneck High School last week.

At Selfridge Field

Frank M. Kaufman, former Larchmont resident, is now stationed at Selfridge Field, Mich., where he serves with the 146th Base Unit, Army Air Corps, Tow Target Squadron, with the rank of second lieutenant. He is the son of Mrs. J. L. Kaufman, who now resides in Bradenton, Fla.

Seaman Laub Returns

Seaman 2cl Gustav Laub, Jr., USNR, of Larchmont, has returned to the quartermaster school at Bainbridge, Md., after spending the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Laub of 9 Dante Avenue. A graduate last June of the Taft School, Seaman Laub enlisted in the Navy Sept. 28 and received boot training at Sampson, N. Y. before reporting to Bainbridge two weeks ago.

ROMA ABLAZE

ROME, (AP) — The former Transatlantic liner Roma, which the Italians converted into an aircraft carrier early in the war and named the Aquila, has been badly damaged and left ablaze in Genoa harbor by the U. S. 12th Air Force, Allied Headquarters announced yesterday.

BUBONIC PLAGUE

KUNMING, (AP)—A mild epidemic of bubonic plague which has been developing since last May now is being fought with mass innoculations and other preventive measures among a quarter million people inhabiting the threatened area along the Burma-China border.

Fire Rages 2 Hours In Residence

Spruce St. Home Badly Damaged When Flames Sweep To Attic

SMOKE DRAWS CROWD

Members of the Mamaroneck Village Fire Department worked for two hours through the frigid hail storm yesterday afternoon battling a stubborn blaze which originated in the basement of the residence of James Morris at 127 Spruce Street, and shot through the walls mushrooming in the confined attic area.

The blaze in the basement was quickly extinguished, but the firemen had to rip away parts of the siding of the house and the roof shingles to reach the larger fire raging there. Snow on the roof and water freezing on the rungs of the ladders made that part of the fight extremely hazardous.

Considerable damage was suffered by the house and the contents of the rooms before the blaze was reported completely out.

Dense smoke blowing in their faces hampered firemen on the roof of the sunporch in their efforts to rip off part of the roof to reach a fire burning there. At times they were completely hidden from the crowd attracted by the clouds of smoke which rolled over the Post Road and lower Mamaroneck Avenue.

The freshly fallen snow, by then turning to hail, added considerably to the difficulties of stretching hose lines. Extra precautions were taken to see to it that ladders did not slip with firemen on them.

None of the firemen were reported injured but several were temporarily affected by the dense smoke and the cold water on their hands. The only casualty of the fire was the family cat found burned to death.

Mr. Morris, who is sexton of Holy Trinity Church, was taking a nap when the fire was discovered by Mrs. Morris shortly before 5 P. M. They later took refuge in the home of a neighbor across the street.

Chief James Duggan was unable to give an estimate of the damage at the time.

Dry Cleaning Stores Must Display Prices

The OPA order requiring the posting of ceiling prices in retail dry cleaning and pressing establishments will affect about 32 stores in the Larchmont-Mamaroneck-Harrison rationing area, it was revealed at the Rationing Board this morning.

Posters were sent out about a month ago and it is required that they be placed on display on or before Jan. 15. The board will make a survey before the end of the month to make sure the regulation has been followed.

According to Daniel P. Woolley, regional OPA administrator, the poster contains a list of the 12 main cleaning and pressing services, with a blank space opposite each item for listing the ceiling prices. This posting will enable consumers to see the store's maxiimum prices for the more important dry cleaning services.

In the past, copies of ceiling prices, representing the store's highest prices in March, 1942, were kept on the premises and also filed with the local War Price and Rationing Board. The new posting regulation does not change this, but in addition, requires the posting of prices in a prominent place in the store.

The new posters list four items for men's clothing: two or three-piece suits, trousers, heavyweight overcoats and lightweight overcoats. It lists eight items of women's apparel: two-piece suits, plain dresses, plain blouses, jackets, plain skirts, sweaters, heavyweight coats and lightweight coats.

Stag Patrol Sees Center Net Game

Members of the Stag patrol of Troop 6, Larchmont Boy Scouts, celebrated their winning the second-period points championship of the troop by going to the Westchester-Wilmington basketball game at the County Center Saturday night.

Those making the jaunt were Patrol Leader Cabell Pratt, Assistant Patrol Leader Morton Lowenthal, Hal Berke, Richard Rapoport, George Bryant, Jack Yates, Scoutmaster John Stahr, Scout Dad Kasson Howe, Allen Howe, and Alan Ascher. The latter, who is patrol leader of the Lion patrol, was high individual point scorer for the troop in the second period.

Second place in patrol points went to "Flying Wolf" under the co-leadership of Jim Jaeger and Don Nichols; Moose patrol, headed by Alan Tropp, was third, and Lion fourth.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS HISTORY, Westchester now has two congressmen. Rep. Ralph A. Gamble, Larchmont, 28th Congressional District, right, welcomes the new member, Rep. Ralph W. Gwinn, Bronxville, 27th District, to the Halls of Congress.

Rye Neck Voters To Discuss Threat Of Tax Rate Boost Under School Merger Plan

Facing the prospect of having their school tax rate increased one third its present figure if the proposal to remove Greenhaven from the school district is approved by the State Legislature, the residents of Rye Neck will have an opportunity Friday night to discuss the proposed legislation at an open meeting called by the school board at the Daniel Warren School at 8 P. M.

The plan, as approved last month by the Rye City Council and forwarded to the Legislature involves the reapportionment of the school district so that all residents of Rye City will attend schools there, a plan which, if adopted, will take about 50 children, nearly all residents of Greenhaven, out of the Rye Neck Schools along with some $35,000 of the tax money, according to the 1945 assessment roll. It is estimated that the property in Greenhaven, upon which the Rye Neck District reaps taxes, is assessed at $198,782. If the plan were adopted, however, the City ofl Rye would continue to pay its share of the bonded debt.

In a statement issued today, James Jackson, president of the Rye Neck School Board, said that the board was advised of the proposed introduction of the bill Thursday night by representatives of the City of Rye.

"Should the bill be passed in its present proposed form," Mr. Jackson states, "it would mean that our district would lose about 25 percent of its revenue. The Board of Education is unable to foresee any possible way of reducing the present school budget if this change were made. In fact, it seems more likely that the budget would have to be increased.

Mr. Jackson further explained that either the tax rate would have to be increased by about 33 and one third percent or the educational facilities in the district suffer. "This latter possibility is unthinkable," he added, "and the former is a matter of gravest concern to every taxpayer in the district. It would involve not only a staggering increase of tax burden but indirectly the whole future of Rye Neck as a community."

Digests of the proposed legislation, which will be submitted to the Legislature on or before Feb. 1, 1945, will be distributed Friday night as well as other facts pertaining to the proposal. All taxpayers and qualified voters of the district are "earnestly requested" by the president of the board to attend the meeting.

Gamble Calls For Time To Study Reform

Rep. Ralph A. Gamble of Larchmont will vote to allow "sufficient time" for a committee to report on the program to streamline Congress when the Maloney-Monroney Resolution comes up for approval shortly before the 79th Congress, he indicated yesterday when interviewed by Mrs. Harvey Conover, president of the Mamaroneck League of Women Voters.

After conferring with Rep. A. S. "Mike" Monroney (D. Okla.) on the merits of the resolution, which provides that a committee be appointed to study how congressional procedures may be simplified, Rep. Gamble stated that he is in full accord with the provisions but feels that not enough time is allowed between now and April, when the committee's report would have to be filed, under the present terms of the resolution.

One of the most "pressing needs" under the heading, "streamlining congress," according to Rep. Gamble, is to supply "assistants to the members of Congress who will analyze not only the requests for appropriations for but some of the so-called 'must' legislation that the 'bureaucrats' claim is necessary."

Extension of time is one of the two amendments to the resolution called for by the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Conover said, adding that the League is also recommending sufficient funds to finance the committee.

League members have been urged to write to their senators and congressmen, asking them to withhold approval of the Maloney-Monroney Resolution unless enough time and money is allotted for "thorough functioning of the committee."

Firemen Miss Blaze When Battery Fails

Everybody misses a good fire sometime or other for some good reason but Saturday it was the Volunteer Company of the Village Fire Department that had to hear about it from someone else.

Volunteer got the call and rushed for the trucks but that was as far as they got. Cause? A dead battery.

The alarm was relayed to Mamaro, and the blaze, in the shed next to the Village garage where equipment owned by De Marco and Ciccone of White Plains is house, was extinguished. Chief James Duggan was in charge. Among the articles damaged by the fire were three power water pumps, a rubber hose and wooden horses.

A rosy glow, perhaps from the fire, was noticeable for several blocks—as far away as the faces of the members of Volunteer!

Church Fund Rally Speakers Changed

A change in the program of speakers to address the members of the Straight Gate Church of Christ this week in connection with the building fund rally was announced this morning by the Rev. John Brown, pastor.

Visiting ministers who will speak nightly at 8 P. M. are: the Rev. T. J. Garland of Mamaroneck, tonight; Elder Marion Ham of the Bronx, tomorrow; Elder George Arnold of New Rochelle, Wednesday; Elder Stephen Jones of New York City with a Gospel Feast Party, Thursday; and the Rev. C. F. A. Kirton of Mamaroneck, Friday.

5,000 Working On N. Y. Streets

NEW YORK, (AP) — The city put more than 5,000 department of sanitation men to work clearing its streets today, after 2,400 men had spent the night on the job.

Syracuse reported 79.1 inches of snow to date, surpassing by 1.4 inches the average normal snowfall for an entire winter.

At Buffalo, where ice and snow blocked railroad freight, Mayor Joseph J. Kelly ordered a survey to determine whether a declaration of a state of emergency was needed to clear the tracks.

The New York Central's north and west trains continued to run behind—from a half hour to an hour. The Pennsylvania Railroad's New England trains ran from 15 minutes to two hours late.

Republic Aviation Corporation in Nassau County and other smaller war plants canceled night shifts.

LOW BIDDER

ALBANY— Alpha Contracting Corp., 261 Broadway, New York City, has submitted a low bid to the commissioner of correction of $11,960 covering installation of new gates and operating equipment for three gates at Sing Sing Prison.

25-Mile Advance Claimed By Foe Near Budapest

LONDON, (AP).—The German High Command declared today its counteroffensive northwest of Budapest had gained up to 25 miles and that the garrison of the Hungarian capital was still holding its own.

Berlin commentators, however, said the "beginning of a major military operation" might be foreshadowed in fighting activity revived in the Russian bridgehead at Baranov and Sandomierz about 120 miles south of Warsaw where the Russians several months ago punched to within 35 miles northeast of Krakow.

Russian forces have been ousted from the key Danube bastion of Esztergom by powerful Nazi counterattacks bent on relieving the trapped Axis garrison at Budapest, 20 miles to the south, but have registered a 12½ mile gain north of the Danube in an outflanking threat to the attacking Germans, Moscow said today.

A broadcast Soviet communique said 1,400 Germans had been killed, 300 captured and 49 tanks and 16 armored troop carriers knocked out before the evacuation of Esztergom, and reported German progress had been checked below the city.

The same communique said the Red Army had crossed the Hron (Garom) River to the north and, driving along the Danube, had reached a point 10 miles from the communications hub of Komarom, west of Esztergom.

In Budapest, the Nazi garrison launched 12 consecutive counterattacks in an attempt to spring the Russian armored vise that has pressed them back to the Danube both in Buda, on the west bank of the Danube, and Pest to the east.

2 Larchmont Women Honor Slain Editor

Two Larchmont women whose husbands were victims of political assassinations are among the sponsors of a memorial meeting to honor Carlo Tresca, murdered anti-Fascist editor, to be held Thursday at 8:15 P. M. at Webster Hall, 119 East 11 Street, New York City.

They are Mrs. A. M. Rosselli of 9 Clark Court and Mrs. Marion Rosselli of 9 Concord Avenue, widows of Carlo and Nello Rosselli who were killed near Paris in 1937. Another sponsor is Mrs. Walter Liggett of Brooklyn, widow of an editor who was slain in Minneapolis in 1935.

The murders of the Rossellis, active anti-Fascists, have long been attributed to Mussolini's agents, while Walter Liggett was shot down by a gunman presumably to silence a crusade he was carrying on in his weekly paper against organized crime, which he alleged was poltically protected.

The memorial meeting will mark the second anniversary of the murder of Tresca in the New York dim-out and a bronze head of the anti-Fascist crusader will be unveiled and offered as a gift to the town of Sulmona, his birthplace in Italy.

Sculptured by Minna Harkavy, and acclaimed by art critics as one of her finest works, the bronze head of Tresca is to be unveiled and dedicated "to the cause of a free working class" by his daughter, Beatrice, wife of Dr. Attilo Canzanelli, member of the Tufts College faculty in Boston.

Rotary To Discuss Conscription Plan

The question of compulsory military training, outlined Friday for the Larchmont Rotary Club by Dr. Hugh Stewart of Mount Vernon, will be pursued at Friday's meeting by the Rotarians who will discuss the subject as outlined by Dr. Stewart.

The speaker presented both sides of the question and its probable effect upon the country, answering questions at the close of his talk.

Visitors included Rotarians Ed Davis of Mount Vernon, John C. Thomas, George W. Goodwin of Port Chester, Sylvan Schwartzreich of Mamaroneck and W. Porter West of Rochester.

BACKED BY FDR

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Roosevelt favors the general principle of legislation giving the insurance business a moratorium from the Sherman Anti-Trust Act until March 1, 1946, except for acts of boycott, coercion or intimidation.

'HOW ABOUT US, PAL?'—Packing for movement to an undisclosed forward base where his Liberator bomber will go into action against the Japs, B-24 Radioman Staff Sgt. Walter E. Dickens, Bastrop, Texas, gets a "How about us?" look from his two mascot puppies as he closes his bag after getting orders to shove off. —AP Wirephoto from Army Air Forces

Robot Bombs Likely To Fall Along Atlantic Coast Soon, Fleet Commander Warns

AN EAST COAST PORT, (AP) Adm. Jonas H. Ingram, commander-in-chief of the United States Atlantic Fleet, said today that enemy robot bomb action against New York and other Atlantic points "is possible and probable within the next 30 or 60 days, but effective steps to meet this threat have been taken."

"If such an attempt is made," Adm. Ingram told a press conference, "It would probably be limited to 10 or 12 bombs. These would not be of the 'block-buster' type. They might strike a building and destroy it, but the casualties would be nothing like those which the people of London are suffering under."

"Effective steps have been taken" to meet the threat of Nazi buzz-bombs, the admiral said, adding that meanwhile "there is no reason for anyone to become alarmed."

Asserting that he had been authorized at a recent conference with members of the general staff including "the commander-in-chief," in Washington to make a statement concerning the Atlantic Fleet and to assure the public that both Army and Navy were well prepared to ward off any robot bomb attacks, Adm. Ingram said:

"If the Germans attempt to send robot bombs against New York or Washington, the weapons will hardly be of the explosive type being used against London. This is because the weapons would carry less fuel and less explosives than are being used in the attacks on London."

Adm. Ingram said there were three possible means by which buzz bombs might be directed at New York and Washington: Airplane, submarine or surface ship. However, he said, the Atlantic ocean was under "mighty fine protection from submarine or surface ship approach.

War-Curbed Services Due, Gerlach Says

By HUGH W. ROBERTSON

WHITE PLAINS—Westchester County is in a sound finaniacl condition and plans for post-war development are well advanced, but until the end of the war there must be public acceptance of war-shortened service because of the manpower shortage, County Executive Herbert C. Gerlach this afternoon told the County Board of Supervisors in his annual message as required by the County Charter.

"While the war continues," he told the board, "each one of us must realize that we cannot expect the same services we enjoy in normal times. This is true in our homes, in business and in all municipal functions. The small sacrifices we are called upon to make, however, are nothing compared to the hardships and sacrifices of our boys in the armed services.

"When final victory comes and we enter upon the post-war period, Westchester County will be prepared to again render the same high type of service in all departments that our citizens have been accustomed to in the past."

After pointing out that the outstanding county debt is now down to $80,510,289, the lowest debt during the past 13 years, with no new bonds issued last year at all, with amortization last year of $3,391,324 and a similar drop anticipated for 1945 of $3,395,325, Mr. Gerlach went directly into what he apparently considers the County's most pressing problem, the situation at Grasslands Hospital.

Relief Bottom Is Reached

While the reduction in welfare and relief costs has steadily decreased, said the county executive, there is reason to believe the bottom has now been reached and any change in relief cases will be upward. Changes in relief legislation have transferred cases from cities and towns to the County, he pointed out, and the growing shortage of private nurses for home care means a growing need for such service in county institutions.

At Grasslands, continued the County Executive, the personnel problem is the most critical of the year, due to the shortage of nurses and all types of hospital employes.

"It is high time," he told the Supervisors, "that some voice was raised in defense of this service rendered by Westchester County, curtailed as it is at present. The care of tubercular patients is essentially a State function. Of the 55 counties in the State (outside New York City) only three other counties provide any hospital care for their tubercular patients, Nassau, Suffolk and Cattaraugus."

Similarly, he added, in the psychiatric division, where Westchester is again one of four counties providing such service, along with Monroe, Nassau and Erie, the Grasslands ward has been cut from 67 to 57, and under the law no patient can be kept there longer than 60 days.

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Auto Strikes Woman, Then Flees Scene

Miss Cornelia Dobbins of 266 Waverly Avenue, Mamaroneck, was the victim about 7:30 P. M. last night of a hit and run driver who while allegedly driving east on the left side of Waverly Avenue struck her down and proceeded on his way without stopping.

She was taken to United Hospital, Port Chester, by Police Patrolman Frank O'Donnell and treated for a fractured left ankle.

Lt. Herman Pauls questioned several witnesses at the scene of the accident, including Mrs. Mary Mendes and her son, John, 12, who reported that the car was a "small dark colored coupe" and was on the wrong side of the street proceeding in the same direction the injured woman was walking.

CLOSING ON SCHWEBO

SE ASIA HQS., KANDY, CEYLON, (AP)—British 14th Army troops are closing in on Schwebo, 46 miles north of Mandalay, and a drive has opened against Budalin, 60 miles northwest of the storied city, a communique announced today. The British are four to nine miles north of Schwebo.

First Army Wins 15-Mile Stretch Of Vital Road

By JAMES M. LONG
AP Staff

PARIS—The U. S. First Army, ploughing through snow and ice laid by the worst blizzard of the Winter, advanced up to a mile today, captured five villages and won domination of a 15-mile stretch of the St. Vith-Laroche Highway, main German route on the north side of the Belgian bulge.

The German diversionary threat to Strasbourg was described officially as apparently lessened as the Allies hurled in counterattacks against German armor which speared north upon the Rhine City from the Colmar pocket. The Allies wrested back some of the ground lost eight miles north of the city on the west bank of the Rhine.

In the Ardennes salient in Belgium and Luxembourg, a two way American attack from north and south not only cut one of the last two German supply and retreat routes in the bulge, but brought the other under close range artillery fire in the area west of Bastogne on the south.

The western third of the Belgian bulge was all but nipped off today, with one of the last two supply roads cut in three places and the other brought within easy artillery range with the capture of Flamierge, only two miles to the south.

As these hard driven wedges deepened, the hour of doom neared for three crack Panzer divisions still tied to the battleline at the "toe of the sock." Other Americans in Alsace fought around a reinforced and stubbornly held German foothold on the west bank of the Rhine eight miles north of Strasbourg.

The Germans also reinforced their Colmar pocket to the south, captured Witternheim and Friesenheim and drove north along the Rhine-Rhone Canal within 18 miles of the city, reported being evacuated hastily. Supreme Headquarters said "fighting continued north of these towns."

Withstand Allied Attacks

In Holland, a German bridgehead across the Maas (Meuse) north of Velno held firm against Allied attacks. Supreme Headquarters said the Allies were mopping up still another German unit which crossed the Maas east of Geertruidenberg, 38 miles northeast of Antwerp.

American counter-blows were declared beating back a German spearhead which last week gouged within ten miles of Saverne Pass, threatening to cut off Strasbourg.

Fighting flared fiercely against the latest German onslaughts onto the northern edge of the Alsace plain, where the U. S. Seventh Army has been pushed back eight miles through the Wissembourg Gap. At points, the Germans were within six miles of the important bas of Haguenau.

None of the German drives in the south had been beaten back and perhaps not yet stopped, but these appeared primarily diversionary—at least none showed the initial force expected of a major offensive.

South of captured Lierneaux (pop. 3,266), the U. S. First Army advanced two miles. La Falaise and Fraiture were captured and the ice-covered St. Vith-La Roche Road was cut at three spots. The attack front on the north was 30 miles wide.

The Third Army on the south increased the threat to the Germans appreciably by taking Flamierge, five miles northwest of Bastogne and a mile and a half northwest of Mande-St. Etiene. Limited gains were reported southeast of Bastogne to within a mile east of Harlange. Flamierge is close to the diagonal highway from Libramont to Houffalize to St. Vith.

Hot Fireplace Ashes Set Porch Ablaze

A small blaze, the third call the Mamaroneck Village Fire Department has answered since Saturday noon, was extinguished late this morning on the porch of the residence of George Sandors,547 Rushmore Avenue, Mamaroneck. A basket of hot ashes from the fireplace had been placed on the porch and the blaze damaged the door.

JAP FLYING BOMBS

KUMMING, (Delayed) AP) — The Japanese are using some kind of flying bomb for the air defense of China. Announcing this today, Maj. Gen. Claire L.Chennault said it had not been determined whether the bombs were launched from planes or the ground. So far they have had no great success. Fliers told of seeing "objects following or paralleling" the course of American planes.

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The Weather

This afternoon, cloudy with a few snow flurries, becoming colder. Tonight, clearing with a cold wave, lowest temperature zero; windy. Tomorrow, sunny and cold.

Our Men In Service

Post Exchange Officer

Capt. Rufus K. Allerton, Jr., of Larchmont, above, has been appointed post exchange officer for the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Asheville, N. C., it has been announced by Col. Ulric N. James, commanding officer. Capt. Allerton's wife, Ruth, and their young daughter, Jill, now residing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus K. Allerton of 74 Landsdowne Drive, will join him soon in Asheville.

Coming to this new station from Camp Murphy, Florida, where he was exchange officer, the captain replaced Lt. Gideon B. Harris, who will now be his assistance. Taking charge of the 12 Army stores in the service of the returned veterans at the Asheville redistribution station, the new exchange officer will employ his years of experience in this field of endeavor.

Entering the service in May 1942, as a first lieutenant in the reserve, Capt. Allerton was promoted to his present rank in March, 1943. He is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School, Wilbraham Academy and Norwich University, and prior to entering the service was associated with Underwood Elliott Fisher in New York.

Wins Second Cluster

Lt. James M. Purcell of Larchmont, who was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, has been decorated with a second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" on combat missions over Europe, according to word received from an Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England, where he serves as a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot in the 351st Bombardment Group.

The citation accompanying the award read in part: "His courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

The 23-year-old veteran of 18 bombing attacks on enemy installations is an alumnus of Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle and Notre Dame University. He was a special agent for the National Surety Corporation, New York City, before entering the Army August 4, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Geraldine Ryan Purcell, lives at 10 South Road, Harrison. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. James G. Purcell of 15 Monroe Avenue, Larchmont.

Sgt. Gay Visits

Sgt. Samuel Ralph Gay, formerly a resident of 1037 Orienta Avenue, Mamaroneck, is spending part of a 30-day leave at the home of Police Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph Palmer, 52 Grand Street, Mamaroneck.

A former Mamaroneck High School student, Sgt. Gay enlisted in the Marine Corps more than four years ago, and has spent two and a half years on active duty in the South Pacific area. He was recently transferred from the anti-aircraft service to the postal division and is now stationed at the main branch of the postoffice in New York City. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Gay, reside in Dorchester, Mass.

Post 90 Sends Delegation To County Event

A delegation from Mamaroneck Post 90 of the American Legion tomorrow night will attend the child welfare program at the County Center, sponsored by the County Legion Welfare Committee on Mental Hygiene, according to plans made last night at a meeting of the Post's executive committee at the new headquarters in the Bank Building.

Among those who will attend are Past Commanders Robert Mutchinson, J. Chris Schoe and James Rabe.

The meeting, designed to attract members of all County organizations interested in child welfare, takes the place of the regular County meeting of the Legion which is held the second Wednesday of each month.

An appeal was issued to all members of the post to assist with the paper salvage drive Sunday afternoon. Everyone able to help should report to the Municipal Building at 1:30 P. M., Commander James F. Hewson said.

Tentative plans were made for the sponsoring of a play April 13 and 14, to be presented by the Westchester Drama Association in Mamaroneck.

Larchmont Goes Over Quota For Sixth War Loan

Late Allocations Put Village Atop $1,000,000 Goal

Late allocations of bonds, amounting to $22,700, plus a total of $7,369 in stamps reported by Mrs. James E. Curtis, chairman of the Women's Division, have sent Larchmont over the top in its Sixth War Loan drive, with a grand total of $1,005,093.40 announced yesterday afternoon by George E. Mills of the Bank of Westchester, vice chairman in charge of statistics of the Larchmont War Finance Committee. Larchmont had previously been reported as about $25,000 short of its million dollar quota for the drive when Mr. Mills announced a total Saturday of $975,023.75.

Mr. Mills and Mrs. Curtis have both expressed their "extreme pleasure" in being able to report that the total raised represents "almost all series E, F, and G bonds," which they described as a "very healthy and wholesome way of carrying on the drive." Richard B. Bevier, chairman, is at present in New Rochelle Hospital, recovering from an appendicuomy performed there last week.

The grand drawing from ballot boxes at the Bank of Westchester where Larchmonters have been depositing their choice of names with which to honor a Larchmont boy, by naming a bomber for him, will take place Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 9 P. M. at the Larchmont Playhouse. Mrs. Curtis will draw the lucky name of a home-town boy which will be placed on a U. S. bomber.

The over-the-million-dollar total for the Sixth War Loan represents $742,119.60 raised by the Women's Division, including six organizations, three schools and the Playhouse.

St. John's Church, under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. Henry Neale, turned in $265,647.30. Other organizations and church groups raised the following amounts:

The Garden Club of Larchmont.

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Roosevelt's Budget Lowest In 3 Years

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Roosevelt sent to Congress today an 83-billion-dollar budget that might swing more than 10 billion dollars up or down.

It all depends on the war—and the President refused to predict when the shooting will stop in Europe or anywhere else.

"My only prediction," he told Congress, "is that our enemies will be totally defeated before we lay down our arms."

At a moment when "fighting all over the globe reaches a climax of fury," Mr. Roosevelt sent up his annual budget message for the fiscal year 1946 which starts next July 1.

In it he estimated total government spending at 83 billions. That would be the lowest in three years. It's nearly 17 billion below the record spending of 100 billion in the fiscal year 1945 which is now half over.

He based the 83-billion dollar figure on a guess that the military will require 70 billion dollars. The other 13 billions are for:

1. Ordinary government expenses. Those would be reduced from $3,502,000,000 to $3,266,000,000, which he called "rock-bottom."

2—Three large items which are growing fast—benefits to veterans, interest on the public debt and refunds to taxpayers.

Depends On Possibilities

Mr. Roosevelt said estimates for 1946 war costs have ranged from less than 60 billions to more than 80 billions depending on various war possibilities.

He hit upon 70 billions as a "tentative" figure, but "the rate of actual spending must depend on developments on the battlefronts."

War costs in the present fiscal year are about 89 billion dollars.

No matter what happens—even if Germany fights on for another year and a half—war spending is expected to drop after 1946.

This is because "initial equipment" for the Army and Navy is about complete, the huge war building program is nearly ended, and our long supply lines are filled with moving supplies.

Budget Director Harold D. Smith put it this way: We are shifting from a "building up" to a "maintenance" basis.

Mr. Roosevelt proposed no new tax legislation. But he estimated

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FIRST NIGHTER

PARIS, (AP)—Strictly GI from cast to music, gags and humor, a two-act musical entitled "Com Zas" (probably GI "French" for "Come Ca") opened last night to an enthusiastic audience in the Empire Theater.

CORP. WALTER N. LARSEN, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larsen of Old Post Lane, Mamaroneck, was recently at home on a furlough after completing a course training as radio operator and mechanic gunner at the Yuma, Ariz., Army Air Field. A graduate of Mamaroneck High School, he entered the service in July, 1943, and received training at Keesler Field, Miss., and Scott Field, Ill., before going to Yuma.

Escape Gap In Bulge Cut To Ten Miles

PARIS, (AP)—American infantry and tanks mushed to within a mile of the Belgian road town of Laroche today in an advance of two miles over a ghostly battlefield piled with four-foot snowdrifts which impeded equally the advance and the German escape.

Three American and one of the British Armies steadily were writing off the Ardennes wedge in the grim battle in zero weather.

The distance between the U. S. First and Ninth Army elements on the north and the United States Third Army on the south was less than ten miles. Within that deadly gantlet, all raked by artillery, there was only a single good road for German retreat and that was hidden by the snow and ice and cratered by shells.

The blizzard, comparable to those on the Russian front, slackened a bit today, but the snow still fell intermittently.

Strasbourg Threat Lessens

To the south, Lieut. Gen. Jacob L. Devers' Sixth Army Group blocked German probing for weak spots in Alsace and Lorraine. At least temporarily, the United States Seventh Army counter-attacks were plugging holes driven by the first fury of the German diversionary attacks on the Alsace Plain. The immediate threat to the French Rhine city of Strasbourg lessened, too, although headquarters said Germans 16 miles or so to the south "continued to be aggressive."

Another diversion in Holland was erased. Britons and Canadians teamed to wipe out a bridgehead across the Maas (Meuse) north of Venlo.

The enemy pulled back 1,000 yards before the British Second Army in the wild, desolate Ardennes country of wooded tracts and steep defiles southeast of Marche at the northwest tip of the Belgian salient, but a spokesman at Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters in the north said:

There is no sign of a German withdrawal from the tip, however, and Field Marshal von Rundstedt may only be pulling back to better prepared positions."

Town Awards $160,000 Note At Low Rate

A tax anticipation certificate in the amount of $160,000 was awarded this morning by Mamaroneck Town Supervisor Owen A. Mandeville to the First National Bank of Mount Vernon, the lowest of three bidders, at an interest rate of .35 per cent.

The other bidders were the First National Bank of Boston with an offer of .374 per cent; and the County Trust Company with a bid of .445.

Last year the certificate, in the amount of $200,000 was awarded to the County Trust Company at an interest rate of .44 per cent.

The funds will be used to finance the town until taxes are collected in April.

FAIR ENOUGH

SALT LAKE CITY, (AP)—E. T. Grass is in the hay business here.

993 Facing New Status For Draft

Larchmont - Scarsdale District Reveals Total Affected By Order

BOARD 750 SILENT

A total of 993 residents of the Larchmont-Scarsdale Draft Board area, now registered as 2A's, 2B's and 4F's will be affected by the new selective service order for reclassification, it was estimated yesterday at board headquarters.

No breakdown of the figures as to the division between Larchmont and Scarsdale was available but the general totals were given as follows: 2A, 253; 2B, 320; 4F, 418.

The number includes men 18 through 37 years old classified both for limited service and rejected for military service. All men in 2A and 2 will be reviewed for possible induction and the 4F's reclassified for either war jobs or limited service.

It was stressed that all men in the 2A and 2D classifications who have left one war job for another or for a post in civilian business since Dec. 12 without permission from the Board, will immediately be reclassified as 1A and ordered for induction. The only men exempt from that ruling are veterans with honorable discharges.

The Mamaroneck-Rye Draft Board 750 refused to divulge the number in the three classifications, James A. Gillies, chairman, claiming that, although the information is available by law to anyone "who wishes to come up and dig it out", there is no regulation which says the board may give out the totals.

Village Board Votes Renewal Of Tax Note

The Mamaroneck Village Board, in one of the briefest open meetings on record, last night decided to authorize Treasurer-Clerk Frederick H. Bull, Jr., to advertise for bids for the renewal of a $67,000 tax note for the term from Feb. 23 until May when the amount, which represents the unpaid portion of taxes, will be placed in next year's budget.

Mr. Bull pointed out that the amount to be renewed will be less than $67,000 by as much as be paid in taxes before the date of renewal. The County Trust Company holds the note at the present time at an interest rate of one percent. The advertising will be authorized by resolution at a subsequent meeting.

The Board accepted an offer of $975 from Eleuterio Andreoli of 111 Palham Street for a piece of property on Willow Street, subject to the approval of the Town of Rye. Village Manager Johnson said the offer represents one-third the assessed valuation of the property.

A letter commending the Police Department for services rendered Dec. 16 at the Playhouse in connection with the production of "Hansel and Gretel" was received from Mrs. Lucille V. Acampora, the producer.

E. H. Wessels was reappointed to serve another three-year term on the Board of Electrical Control.

Permission was given Police Chief Arthur W. Martensen to attend the Kiwanis Club convention Jan. 27 and 28 in Albany. Chief Martensen is president of the Mamaroneck club.

In an hour's conference prior to the meeting, the Board discussed with two officials of the Third Avenue Transportation Company the possibility of having the benefit of a five-cent fare on the White Plains-Mamaroneck bus from Harbor Island to Harbor Heights and still maintaining service when and where it is needed. No decision was reached but the matter was referred to the village manager for further consideration.

Rifle Club To Elect New Officers Tonight

The annual meeting of the Mamaroneck Rifle Club will take place tonight at 8:30 P.M at 137 Mamaroneck Avenue. Officers will be elected to serve the organization for the coming year.

SECOND U. S CONVOY JOINS ASSAULT ON LUZON BEACHES, JAPS REPORT; TOKYO RAIDED

SILHOUETTED AGAINST A BLEAK WINTER SKY are three members of the Village of Mamaroneck Fire Department shown above fighting a blaze which raged for two hours Sunday afternoon at 127 Spruce Street, severely damaging the contents as well as the building. Another trio may be seen in the foreground mounting another ladder to the roof where the blaze shot through the walls from the basement. The house is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Morris.

—Photo by Anthony Foccia

Old Ships Hold Scant Salvage, Diver Reveals

Salvaging of fabulous old Spanish galleons does not offer very profitable under water expeditions, Max Gene Nohl, holder of the world's deep sea diving record, last night told members of the Larchmont Men's Club at their January meeting in St. John's Episcopal Church house.

But there is fortune aplenty at the bottom of the ocean for all who care to venture forth in search of the wreckage of modern vessels — victims of submarine warfare — which now litter the depths of the sea, he declared.

Mr. Nohl is already directing salvage operations aimed at rescuing from the ocean's floor valuable cargo which went down as the result of modern warfare, he revealed after showing colorful movies of less profitable expeditions in search of old Spanish galleons in West Indies waters.

After three years of such deep sea exploration Mr. Nohl discovered, in fact, that there is more wealth to be found in rich deposits of sponges off the Florida coast.

Using this search for sponge beds as a pretext for what he hoped would be more profitable exploration for sunken ships, Mr. Nohl organized a crew of enterprising Greek sponge divers, which operated out of Tarpon Springs, Fla. Here they found the richest deposits of sponges ever located.

With him in these expeditions were the No. 1 diver, Yonno and Angelo, another Greek diver, 68 years old, "who had put in half a century under water"; a huge Negro, Snowball, who served as line tender; Theopolis, the cook; and Sponerman, whose floor was five feet, one inch was the only thing which gave him a resemblance of Napoleon."

A chart on which located the positions of sunken ships but which failed to yield priceless cargoes, Mr. Nohl said, was later found that sponges for which

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Thieves Ransack Post Road Garage

A scene of havoc greeted Patrolman Joseph Tolve's eyes at 1:15 A M today when he found a door open at the Burd and Ruff garage at 661 West Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, and walked in to see what was wrong.

Empty oil cans were lying on the floor, desk drawers pulled out, papers and desk articles scattered far and wide on the floor and other objects knocked or pulled over. The intruders had apparently been looking either for money or gas coupons but found neither, according to the police.

The case is being investigated by Detective Samuel Bryant.

Our Planes Blast Formosa - Ryukyu Island Line

SURE SIGN

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HQS., PEARL HARBOR, (AP) — A sure sign that something big is brewing in the Pacific war is the just disclosed meeting between Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. It was the third get-together of the war between the two. After each previous meeting major blows were struck against Japanese positions by Navy-supported amphibious troops.

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

A second American invasion convoy was reported to have joined the assault on Luzon Island's Lingayen Gulf today as Superforts and carrier planes blasted Japan's Formosa-Ryukyu Island reinforcement line to the Philippines. Other strong B-29 forces bombed Tokyo.

Contradictory Japanese broadcasts reported successively that 15,000 Yank soldiers failed in a landing attempt at Lingayen, 110 miles north of Manilla; that 70 bombarding U. S. warships turned and fled; that a "second enemy convoy" reached the Lingayen "combat zone" and its escorting warships joined the "first enemy convoy" in shelling coastal fortresses.

Double Size Of First

Tokyo said 150 transports were in the second convoy, more than double the size of the first. A third 130 ship convoy was reported on the way.

Tokyo Radio reported U. S. warships, which began bombarding Lingayen last Saturday, were slackening their fire, "evidently due to the loss of regular aircraft carriers."

Earlier the Domei News Agency said U. S. warships steamed away Monday morning, with Japanese planes in hot pursuit. It said some warships were sighted in flames west of Manila.

Japanese propagandists poured out their confusion of reports at Vice Adm. John S. McCain's fast carrier forces combined with B-29's in a day long raid on Formosa and Nansei, the most important Ryukyu Islands. It was their second strike within a week.

Shut Off Air Reinforcements

These strikes were in strategic support of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's report operations on Luzon, shutting off Japanese air reinforcements which might replace those destroyed in a two-day, round-the-clock bombardment of Luzon by U. S. sea-borne and land-based planes.

An early morning Pacific fleet communique told of the new strike at Formosa, supply point for Nipponese armed forces in the Philippines, and major air fields in the Ryukyus, which link Formosa with Japan proper. Carrier pilots swept over Okinawa, Ishigaki, Miyako Jima in the Ryukyus. Okinawa was raided in last week's attack by Formosa strike which heralded intensified activity in the Philippines.

Details were not available, indicating the strike was continuing.

Japanese army headquarters on Formosa reported 450 carrier planes attacked the islands for nearly ten hours, beginning at dawn and continuing until late afternoon. The Nipponese communique claimed 13 raiders were definitely shot down and four probably.

Superforts from China also hit Formosa while B-29s from Saipan bombed Tokyo. A Japanese Imperial communique said 60 Superforts swept over the Imperial capital in waves in mid-afternoon.

Japanese propagandists were obviously worried as to where Gen. Douglas MacArthur's major blow would fall in the Luzon invasion which Tokyo Radio has been ballyhooing for nearly a week.

Civilian Protection Staffs Ordered To Remain On Alert For Buzz Bomb Emergency

MISS LISA SERGIO

The procedure adopted by the Civilian Protection organizations in Larchmont and the Village and Town of Mamaroneck for test blackouts in the community will be followed in the event of a buzz bomb attack, it was disclosed this morning by the three local deputy directors of civilian protection.

Deputy Director William H. Johnson issued a statement this morning to all members of the CP personnel notifying them that they will be expected to report to their posts at once in the event of an attack and that the 1—1—4 signal will be given on the fire whistle instead of the air raid siren alarm.

Police Chief Paul A. Yerick, who serves as deputy director in the unincorporated area of the Town, said that, unless other orders are received from county headquarters, the blackout procedure will be followed in case of a buzz bomb attack and that all members of the organization will report as they did during the tests.

In Larchmont, Deputy Director Arthur Richards said that the Army Command would notify White Plains where the alarm would be relayed to each community. The red signal would be operated as it was in the air raid tests, he added, and all wardens and other members of the organization will be expected to go on duty at once. He advised civilians to take cover immediately and avoid hysteria.

Mr. Johnson's statement on the subject follows:

"At the last regular meeting of our War Council, the possibility of a buzz bomb attack was discussed and the question of what to do in case of attack was raised.

"According to a radio release yesterday, it was officially disclosed that Admiral Ingram had made the positive statement that the United States could expect such an attack within the next 30 to 60 days.

"It was further reported that the War Department was fully prepared to protect our shore from such an attack, that in case of attack the enemy would use either surface craft submarine or aircraft, and that the bombs released would be small.

"It is easy to comprehend the reasoning back of the enemy plan to bomb our country by simply considering the fact that we have been able to bomb distant Tokyo and Berlin practically on the round-the-clock basis, and the peoples of these countries are no doubt counting the minutes and the buzz bomb is the only means of retaliation.

"Therefore as long as this attack has been forecast by our leading military authority, it be-

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Peace Forum Guests To Air News Opinions

Although the three speakers scheduled to discuss "Freedom of News — A Necessity for Peace" Friday evening at the Chatsworth Avenue School, for the January forum of The Larchmont Council for the Promotion of Peace Planning, are in accord as to the desirability of such freedom, they have widely divergent views concerning "how much freedom of news we are going to get, as well as how and why we will get it," according to William J. McWilliams, executive chairman.

Miss Lisa Sergio, radio news analyst, whose appearance at the December meeting was unavoidably cancelled when she was called to confer with the Secretary of State, has now become affiliated with WQZ on a nation-wide hook-up, in addition to her analysis of the news on WQXR. Formerly engaged in news service duties with the Italian Government, prior to her dramatic break with Mussolini and flight from Rome, Miss Sergio will discuss the topic in relation to radio news.

A "vigorous airing of opinion", augmented by comments from the floor by several prominent local editors, is promised by Mr. McWilliams, who said this morning that Friday night's forum "will more than meet the usual standard of the Peace Council."

Gas Stamps Worth 3,200 Gallons Stolen

NEW ROCHELLE — Ration stamps good for 3,200 gallons of gasoline were stolen last night in a burglary of the service station of Calvin Gerhardt, of 646 North Avenue. The theft was discovered by a policeman at 10 p.m., three hours after the station had been closed for the night. Entrance was gained by removing a pane of glass from a rear door. The thief took the A, B and C coupons and some small articles, but did not disturb a quantity of valuable automotive equipment.

On The Home Front

MAMARONECK VILLAGE

RULES TO REMEMBER

1. No sirens will sound.
2. Four rounds of 114 on Fire Whistle will sound.
3. All civilian protection personnel will respond to their posts. Await further orders from headquarters.
4. Air raid wardens—stay at your Post and warn people that they are under attack.

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LARCHMONT POSTAL AREA

JUST IN CASE

The deputy director of civilian protection has sent out the following instructions for civilians in case of a robot bombing:

1. Obey the orders of local authority including civilian defense personnel.
2. These bombs may fall without warning. Be on the alert.
3. If a bomb is seen or heard

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Blanket Sets Fire To Car In Driveway

Weaver Street firemen answered a call at 8:35 P. M. last night at 95 Palmer Avenue, Larchmont, where a car was on fire in the drive way of the Beecher residence. Fire is beleived to have started when a blanket covering the motor ignited. No damage was reported.

MethodistsElect Johnson Trustee

C. R. Johnson was elected last night to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Mamaroneck Methodist Church to succeed Lambert G. Mapes. Re-elected to the board were Dr. Irving A. Marsland and R. P. Brewer whose terms expired at the close of the year.

The meeting was held at the Church House prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Official Board of the Church. Burton C. Meighan, president of the Board of Trustees, presided for the election.

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The Weather

This afternoon, partly cloudy and cold. Tonight, mostly cloudy; not so cold; temperatures near 12. Tomorrow, cloudy and warmer.

Our Men In Service

Wins Pacific Citation

Seaman 1cl Harry B. Soper, above, of Larchmont, is the recipient of a citation "for excellent service" during two Summer battles in the South Pacific where he is serving with the United States Navy.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley B. Soper of 54 Wendt Avenue, he is a former Bellows High School student and received his Naval Training at Sampson, N. Y, and Solomons, Md. The citation, awarded by Admiral R. A. Spruance, reads as follows:

"For excellent service in the line of his profession as a member of the crew of a landing boat on June 15, 1944, and July 24, 1944, during the assault and capture of enemy-held islands. By his initiative, energy and devotion to duty which under heavy enemy fire, he contributed materially to the success of the landing operations. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the naval service."

Ensign Burger Home

Ensign James J. Burger of 225 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, is at home on a brief leave after serving on Atlantic convoy duty with the Merchant Marine.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Burger, he is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School and attended Maritime Officers' School at New London, Conn. He has been going to sea since Pearl Harbor and is rated as a third engineer.

Back From Sea Duty

Home on a brief leave from sea duty with the United States Merchant Marine is 4th Engineer Robert W. Kearfott of Mamaroneck who has been on convoy duty in the Atlantic area for the last year.

A graduate of Mamaroneck High School, he also attended Hampton Sidney College in Virginia and Columbia University before volunteering for service in the Merchant Matine. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Kearfott of 624 Hall Avenue.

New Paratrooper

Pvt. Richard Forlano of Mamaroneck has won the right to wear "Wings and Boots" of the United States Army Paratroopers having completed four weeks of jump training at Fort Benning, Ga. During the training period, he made five jumps the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

A former Mamaroneck High School student, Pvt. Forlano entered the service in October, 1942, and served overseas with the Coast Artillery before returning to take the paratrooper course. The son of Mrs. Louise Forlano of 259 Mamaroneck Avenue, he has three brothers serving in the armed forces.

Engineer Visits Rome

Pfc. Leon J. Johnson of Mamaroneck, a member of an Engineer unit constructing bases for Allied air power in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, recently visited home.

The son of Mrs. Edna Johnson of 633 Mamaroneck Avenue, and a veteran of 22 months overseas duty, Pfc. Johnson enjoyed five days at the rest camp maintained by the Army Air Forces in Rome. While there he visited the Vatican City, St. Peters Cathedral, The Pantheon, Monument of Victor Emanuel, Colossum, Catacombs, and Mussolini's former office.

Prior to entering the service he was employed by Buster & Virginia's "Beauty Salon, South Main Street, Port Chester.

Engine Company 1 To Hear Reports

Engine Company No. 1 of the Larchmont Fire Department held its first regular meeting of the year at 8:15 this evening in the company room in the Municipal Building.

Wesley M. Messersmith, Jr., chairman of the committee in charge of the company's Christmas party, will make his report. The membership committee, headed by Thomas Brennan, will present several applications.

Many letters have been received by the company from its 33 members in service, in appreciation of the money orders sent by the committee headed by Treasurer Clarence B. Stein.

COMMANDER

ROME, (AP)—Maj. Gen. Otto L. Nelson, Jr., of Omaha, former assistant deputy chief of staff of the War Department in Washington, has been appointed deputy commander in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, it was announced today.

3 Wounded, One Missing In Europe

4 Casualties Reported To Larchmont Parents By War Department

TWO INJURED TWICE

Three Larchmont have been wounded in action on the European front and another is missing, according to word received by their parents from the War Department.

Those reported wounded are:

Second Lt. George H. Yonkers, Jr.

Pfc. Frederick E. Evans, Jr.

Pvt. James C. MacDonald.

Missing In Germany

Pfc. Maurice Sabot, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabot, of 18 Cornell Street, Larchmont, has been missing in action in Germany since Dec. 3. The War Department notified his parents, Dec. 26.

"Even though it is five long weeks, we have not given up hope," his mother said yesterday.

Overseas since September, Pfc. Sabot had been serving with the Infantry. He entered the service upon his graduation from Mamaroneck High School with the Class of 1943, and received basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. After a course of study under the ASTP at Pratt Institute, he was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., before going overseas.

His brother Henry is on sea duty as a radio operator with the Merchant Marine.

Wounded Christmas Day

Pfc. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Evans of 38 Mayhew Avenue, Larchmont, was wounded in action in Luxembourg on Christmas Day, his parents were notified yesterday by the War Department. He had previously been wounded in action Aug. 15.

A graduate of Mamaroneck High School and former Columbia University student, he went overseas in July, following basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He entered the Army in February, 1943, while associated with his father in the florist business. His wife is residing in Yonkers.

Two brothers are also serving overseas with the armed forces. Sgt. James Evans in Alaska and Corp. Ross Evans in the South Pacific area.

Wounded In France

Pvt. MacDonald, formerly of 25 Oak Avenue, Larchmont, was seriously wounded in action in

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Bus Facilities Discussed By School Board

A survey of the school bus situation affecting students in the Town of Mamaroneck, will be made to determine what outlying sections are not receiving bus service, and what the cost would be of providing it, if the suggestion made last night by President Philip O. Moynahan of the Board of Education is followed.

An extensive discussion of the bus facilities available to students followed the reading by Superintendent T. James Ahern of a letter from Mrs. John F. Devine of 9 Bonnie Briar Lane, who stated that unless bus service is provided during the Winter weather for the dozen or so pupils who reside in the Rouken Glen section, absences would be likely to occur which would affect their scholastic standing.

Trustee Luther Nelson asked if the school were obligated by law to provide bus service and Superintendent Ahern replied, "Only for High School students who do not live within three miles of the school and for elementary pupils who do not live within two miles."

"Then we are not obligated in this case," Mr. Nelson commented.

President Moynahan pointed out that transportation is provided from Harbor Heights although that section is within three miles of the school and added that the real difficulty in Rouken Glen is that the regular Scarsdale bus to the station is "jammed to the doors" with commuters at that hour in the morning."

Mr. Ahern said he had communicated with the Scarsdale Bus Company to see if arrangements could be made to issue transfers for the Community Transportation bus which could be boarded on the other side of the station, but they replied that they are now carrying students as far as the station for five cents and could not do so for two and a half cents, and that what the issuing of transfers would mean.

Trustee Theodore Riegel consulted the school district map and asked why the residents of that area could not walk to Forest Avenue and Weaver Street and take the County Transportation bus from there. Trustee Charles Pease estimated that it would be about a half-mile from their houses.

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STANDING BESIDE THE BODY of a dead German tankman, Cpl. George E. Gearhart, gunner, of Danville, Pa., is shown examining a smashed German tank which was knocked out by his battalion near Heiderscheid, Luxembourg. The unit kayoed four German half-tracks and two tanks in the same battle. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. —International

Coal Supply Running Short With Residents Exceeding 48 P. C. Season Allotment

FRANK J. STARZEL

AP Executive To Speak On Peace Forum

Frank J. Starzel, assistant general manager of the Associated Press, in charge of national and international news transmission, will share the forum platform of The Larchmont Council for the Promotion of Peace Planning Friday evening at the Chatsworth Avenue School with Miss Lisa Sergio and John McKay. The subject under discussion will be "Freedom of News—A Necessity for Peace."

Engaged in newspaper work all his life, he grew up in Iowa, where his father was a newspaper publisher, and was graduated from the University of Iowa in 1924. After serving on the staffs of the Iowa City Press Citizen, the Des Moines Register Tribune and the Bloomington, Ill., Pantagraph, he joined the AP in 1929, and has served in nearly every capacity, from salesman and reporter to editor and assistant general manager, his present post.

Mr. Starzel recently returned from a European trip in connection with his duties of handling the transmission of all national and international news. He has been a resident of Larchmont for several years, making his home at 1 Forrest Court.

Officers Renamed By Savings Bank

The officers of the Union Savings Bank in Mamaroneck, yesterday, were reelected by the Board of Trustees to serve the organization for the coming year.

They are Charles E. Cornell, president; William E. Hare, first vice president; Gabriel Wended, 2nd vice president and secretary; James V. Fastigi, treasurer, and Charles M. Baxter, Jr., counsel.

George E. Baldwin was reelected to the finance committee for another three-year term and Joseph J. Bigano was elected to the examining committee, succeeding Charles De Vinne.

Lutheran Pastor Goes On Radio Tomorrow

The Rev. Theodore O. Posselt, Jr., pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be the speaker at 9 A. M. tomorrow on the regular Thursday program, "The Church and You", sponsored by the Westchester County Lutheran Minister's Association over WFAS in White Plains. Mr. Posselt will speak on the subject: "The Eternal Christ."

A warning this morning was issued to all coal-burning households in Mamaroneck that, whereas only 48 percent of the Winter coal season has passed, most persons have used more than 50 percent of their coal allotment.

Issued by the Solid Fuel Administration through Village Manager William H. Johnson, the statement points out that, unless extreme economy is exercised at once, customers must be prepared to use such substitutes as pea-size coke, soft coal or wood.

Allotments are based on the amount of coal used during the basic period between April 1, 1942, and April 1, 1943, and each household is allowed seven-eighths of the amount of coal used that year. When the householder moves, the allotment still applies to the house. Customers are not obliged to buy from any one dealer, it was pointed out, but the dealer who served the house during the basic period is obliged by law to provide the house with the seven-eighths.

The statement concludes: "Dealers regret that at the present time deliveries are behind and urge that customers be patient and less demanding. If a dealer has not fulfilled his obligation, it is because he has not received his own allotment. He will offer substitutes temporarily but will put all orders on file to fill as soon as his supply has been replenished."

Mercury Drops To 8; Slight Relief In Sight

The United States is a cold place today with sub-zero and near-zero temperatures recorded throughout the midwest, New England and New York, and even parts of the South experiencing below-freezing temperatures. Cities in Michigan recorded temperatures as low as 20 degrees below zero. At Elmira, the thermometer registered 10 below.

In this section eight degree temperature was noted at 6:00 A. M. today but, rising slowly, reached 17 by noon. The Weather Bureau predicted the cold spell in the East would fall again tonight to a low of 12 above.

Frozen snow presented an obstacle for street-clearing crews, hacking away at ice formations in the gutters of the main thoroughfares.

AMERICANS INVADING LUZON DRIVE ON TOWARD MANILA; U. S. TANKS WIN IN BULGE

Road Hub Seized After 30 Hours Of Violent Fight

PARIS, (AP)—Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army won the biggest tank battle of the Belgian Bulge campaign today, capturing the secondary road center of Samree after 30 hours of violent fighting in deep snow which included an all night artillery barrage. On the south of the salient, now less than nine miles wide at its neck, the seasoned American Third Army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., gained up to a mile and a half in an advance along a 20-mile front above Bastogne.

His 101st Screaming Eagle Airborne Division moved to within four and a half miles of Houffalize, key road center near the center of the buige.

The American First Army on the north drove into Vielsalm, nine miles west of St. Vith, and fought into the second day of a deadly tank battle for the secondary road center of Samree, three miles northeast of La Roche. The Americans entered Samree's outskirts. British units moved to within a half mile of La Roche.

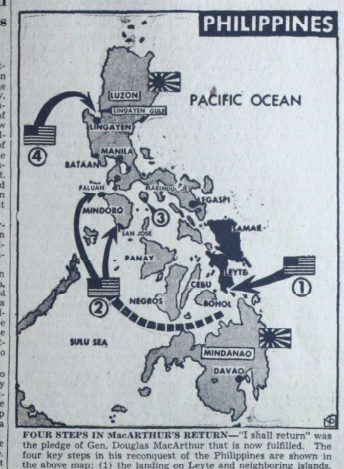
The Germans were declared to have started "a measured, step by step withdrawal" from the western tip of the bulge, where the British Second Army scooped up five villages in an advance of a mile or more.

The neck of the Belgian bulge was less than nine miles wide. Patton struck north into that neck above Bastogne on a 20-mile front extending into Luxembourg almost to the German frontier.

Far to the south, however, diversionary enemy attacks struck to within 14 miles south of Strasbourg through the French First Army. By dogged fighting, the Sixth Army Group of Lieut. Gen. Jacob L. Devers slugged back into the Rhine bridgehead town of Gambsheim, nine miles northeast of the ancient Alsatian city.

Deep snow and bitter cold hampered operations against the bulge, but Allied forces "continued to make progres," Gen. Eisenhower's communique said.

Troops and tanks of Lieut. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army posed a grave threat within three miles of the last good road within the salient, the St. Vith-Houffalize highway.



FOUR STEPS IN MacARTHUR'S RETURN—"I shall return" was the pledge of Gen. Douglas MacArthur that is now fulfilled. The four key steps in his reconquest of the Philippines are shown in the above map: (1) the landing on Leyte and neighboring islands, all now torn from the Jap invaders; (2) the landings on Mindoro, where little resistance has been encountered; (3) the Marinduque landing, a threat to southern Luzon; and now (4) the Lingayen Gulf landing on Luzon, most important of all the islands, where Philippines government centers at Manila. Our return to Luzon hits the Japs a heavy blow just two years, eight months and four days after the fall of Corregidor. —International

$2,200 Quota Set In Polio Fund Campaign

A goal of $2,200 was set at the organization meeting of the March of Dimes Committee last night at the office of Peter C. Doern, Jr., chairman of the drive in Mamaroneck again this year. The meeting was attended by chairmen of all the sub committees as well as several sub-committee members.

"With the recent epidemic of infantile paralysis barely over," Dr. Doern said, "and with many of the little sufferers still in hospitals undergoing the treatments which have been developed by such splendid people as Sister Kenny and others and taught to still others through grants by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, there seems little reason to fear that the March of Dimes campaign in Mamaroneck will not far exceed its mark of $2,200 reached last year."

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Showdown Fight For Philippines Gets Under Way

MACARTHUR'S HQS ON LUZON, Philippines, (AP)—Tens of thousands of American troops, landing with Gen. Douglas MacArthur yesterday in Lingayen Gulf on Western Luzon Island, drove tank-led spearheads south across flatlands toward Manila today in the climactic showdown fight for the Philippines.

Manila was less than 120 miles away through low, dry country excellently suited for the enormous quantities of mechanized equipment landed with the veteran fighting men from an 800-ship convoy which stretched out for 70 miles.

Twenty-four hours after the initial landings, made against amazingly light opposition at 9:30 A.M., the Sixth Army Yanks still were pouring ashore and over the same crescent of sand dunes the Japanese invaders used three years ago.

Losses 'Very Light'

Landing losses were officially reported as very light.

General MacArthur, wading ashore with an assault wave, established headquarters on the island where his outnumbered men fought valiantly in defeat at Bataan and Corregidor.

With the support of a blistering dawn naval and air barrage of shells, bombs and rockets, Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army veterans landed along 15 miles of Lingayen Gulf, found the beaches virtually cleared of defenders and quickly pushed inland.

The beachhead extended from near Lingayen City on the southern shore eastward to San Fabian.

Japanese defenses ashore were woefully inadequate. Some trenches were only a foot deep.

Of momentous importance in tightening a military noose on Japan, the invasion was orderly. There was no bloody battle on the beaches. The Americans merely ploughed up the invasion ground with a fearsome preliminary barrage of hundreds of tons of metal and swarmed ashore calmly. At one point only 11 snipers could be found in an hour's search.

Jap Supply Lines Cut

General MacArthur triumphantly announced the landing had severed Japan's lines of reinforcement and supply, forcing the enemy to fight with such resources as he has on the island.

Before the landing, the huge invasion armada weathered the most deadly air attack the Japanese could mount dating back to Jan. 5. The enemy had the convoy under observation from the time it started, but waited until it approached Luzon past enemy-held islands before attacking with the fury of desperation.

American interceptor pilots and antiaircraft guns knocked down at least 79 planes. MacArthur's communique acknowledged some loss and damage, but a high Seventh Fleet officer said it did not impair the efficiency of the striking force.

Reported Missing In Italy On Nov. 21, Pvt. Sarlo Safe, He Informs Wife In Letter

PVT. DONALD JAMES FRASER of Larchmont, above, recently completed his basic training at the Armored Replacement Training Center at Fort Knox, Ky., and has reported to Fort Meade, Md. for further assignment with an armored unit. He spent the New Year's holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fraser of 75 Harmon Drive. A 1944 graduate of Mamaroneck High School, he entered the service Aug. 16. He is 18 years old.

Reported missing in Italy Nov. 21, Pvt. Dominick L. Sarlo of Mamaroneck has been located and is "safe", according to a letter received from him by his wife, the former Marie Elaine Bouchard, who resides at 317 Tompkins Avenue.

No further information was given in the letter, Mrs. Sarlo said this morning except that he knew he had been reported missing and wanted her to know that he was all right and had returned to his unit.

He saw Clare Boothe Luce when she toured the battle front and "had quite a talk with her," he said, and she assured him that, upon her return, she would call on his wife and two-year-old son.

Pvt. Sarlo, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sarlo of 417 Delancey Avenue, entered the service last February and received training at Camp Upton, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Meade, Md., before going overseas last July. He is a former Mamaroneck High School student.

Free Library Renames Staff Of Trustees

The annual meeting of the Mamaroneck Free Library Association was held in the Library last night to receive the reports from President Charles M. Baxter, Jr., Treasurer William F. MacDonald, Jr. and Eleanor L. Merrow, librarian.

The following trustees were reelected to serve for two years each; Charles M. Baxter, Jr., Dr. J. N. Martin, William Roy Halsey and Mrs. Margaret E. Foshay, Jr.

President Baxter reviewed the progress of the Library during the year, and announced the gift by Mrs. Edward Lebeis of a vase for the library garden which had been designed by her late husband.

Treasurer MacDonald presented the financial reports for the general fund, the Van Amringe fund and for the Kreutler and Remond funds all audited by Leo Orsino and Alexander Finson.

A budget of $13,192.00 was adopted, covering anticipated expenses of the library for the coming year.

Mrs. Philip D. Wesson, chairman of the garden committee, reviewed the work done on the library garden and announced her plan for a garden of perennials in the Spring, adding that gifts of plants would be welcome. More ambitious plans are intended after the war, she stated.

Author Talks On Children To Lions Club

The author and illustrator of children's books, if he would make them interesting, has no easy job, according to Mrs. John T. Molloy of 205 Melbourne Avenue, Mamaroneck, who addressed the Lions Club luncheon at the Elks Club yesterday. And even though such work may seem far removed from the war effort, it is important, she pointed out, because children must have proper historical background if they are to handle the "tough job" they will have dumped in their laps."

Hunter Meighan, of the welfare fund committee, said it had been decided that the club should hold a Ladies Night at which gifts donated by various members would be auctioned.

Rev. Frank Dean Gifford urged each member to "get out and do his share" in the paper salvage drive, Sunday.

He also called attention to the annual pancake luncheon at St. Thomas's Community House which it has been the custom of the Club to attend.

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Russians Claim More ThanHalf Of Budapest

MOSCOW (AP)—Red Army assaults within Budapest were reported increasing in fury today while German relief columns, now menaced by a vast outflanking drive north of the Danube Bend, had failed in attempts to break through to the besieged garrison.

In the 13th day of street fighting, the Russians claimed control of more than half of the once beautiful Hungarian capital.

Northwest beyond the Danube, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's armor and infantry were massing rapid strides toward Komarom, northbank communications hub which was one of the springboards for the German rescue offensive.

In advances of three miles or more, his troops yesterday captured the riverbank town of Itza, little more than 3½ miles east of Komarom, and Kemend, a dozen other communities to the northeast in a wheeling movement that could carry around the big German base an don toward Bratislava, the Austrian border and eventually to Vienna, 87 miles away.

MRS. CROSBY BETTER

HOLLYWOOD, (AP) — Mrs. Bing Crosby, 33-year-old wife of the crooner and mother of his four young sons, was reported in an improved condition early today at St. Vincent's Hospital where she was taken yesterday after collapsing at her home with a respiratory infection. Mrs. Crosby is the former Dixie Lee of the films.

On The Home Front

MAMARONECK VILLAGE

SALVAGE

It would be difficult to say which of the three important items on the salvage list for 1945 —paper, tin cans and waste fats is the most vitally needed to win the war. Each is highly essential and not one scrap of paper, not one tin can, not one drop of fat should be wasted, says the salvage committee of the Westchester County War Council.

If you, as Mr. and Mrs. Public, do your salvage duty in 1945, you will save eight pounds of paper per person per month (35 pounds for a family of four) three tin cans per person per month (12 tin cans for a family of four) and one pound of waste fat per month for a family of four. Multiply this by 12 and you will soon realize that in 1945 you will be doing a substantial and patriotic war service.

RED CROSS CALENDAR

Thursday, 9:30 to 4 — Sewing Room, Methodist Church House, 325 Palmer Avenue.

Thursday, 3:00 to 4—Home service and foreign inquiry in Mamaroneck Free Library.

LARCHMONT POSTAL AREA

SIX DEPOTS.—There are now six depots for collecting magazines for the Seamen's Institute. They are Consumers' Information Center at 6 Chatsworth Avenue, the Stonecrest Apartment under Mrs. Sheppard Butler, Chathsworth Gardens under Mrs. William Clifton Lawton, Larchmont Acres under Mrs. Margaret Barnes, St. Augustine's School under Sister Regina Clair, and St. Augustine's Academy under Sister Rose Alma.

Thanks to the cooperation of these chairmen and Dr. Fred Fasuncio who is in charge of the program, 2,600 pounds have already been collected. The Seamen enjoy the magazines so much that the Consumers' Center has had requests from more and more Seamen's Institute bases from where the magazines are sent out to the ships.

HELP.—We need someone with a car who can help one day a week for an hour or two, collecting the magazines from the depots and taking them to the Center. This person may have gas and the help of Boy Scouts—all we need is his

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The Daily Times

The Weather

Clear tonight and continued cold, lowest temperature 5 to 10. Warmer tomorrow. High tides today at 10:26 P. M.; tomorrow at 10:28 A. M. and 11:07 P. M.

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TANK BATTLES RAGING ON LUZON; U. S. FORCES EXTEND BEACHHEAD; ALLIES GAIN AS BULGE COLLAPSES

Our Men In Service

Fighting In Germany

T/5 Alrich Brandt of 156 Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, above, is now fighting in Germany with the 86th Division of the 26th Infantry, the outfit whose exploits were graphically described in the Dec. 25 issue of Newsweek.

After entering the service July 7, 1941, T/5 Brandt received training at Camp Wolters, Tex., Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind., Camp Atterbury, Ind., Camp Breckenridge, Ky., and Camp Shanks, N. Y. He went overseas last March.

His wife, the former Ruth Renaud of Larchmont, and their seven-month old son, Gerald, reside at the Post Road address.

Awaits New Duty

S/Sgt. Richard W. Borton of Larchmont has reported to the AAF Redistribution Center at Atlantic City, N. J., following a holiday furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil W. Borton of 10 Woody Lane, on his return from 10 months of overseas service in the European theater of war.

Gunner on a Liberator bomber, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, Sgt. Borton is credited with 32 combat missions.

He entered the service Oct. 1, 1942, receiving combat training at Wendover Field, Utah. He is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School and a former student at Norwich University.

Before he leaves the Redistribution Station for his next Air Force Assignment, the sergeant will be examined by doctors and interviewed by personnel specialists to determine where he can best fit in the AAF set-up.

Corp. Kent Discharged

Corp. James M. Kent, formerly of Larchmont, has been honorably discharged from the Army, after eight years of service, and is now residing with his mother, Mrs. Florence C. Kent at the Hotel Sevillia in New York City.

Attached to the First Infantry Division, stationed with the Medical Corps, he was wounded in North Africa during the closing days of the African campaign.

Ends Boot Training

S 2/C Henry Maxson Legler, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Legler of 5 Sackett Circle, Larchmont, is spending a leave at home, on completion of boot training at Sampson, where he will report Monday. He entered the Navy Oct. 28. 1944. after attending the Solebury School, New Hope, Pa., and the Todd School at Woodstock, Ill.

His brother, S 2/C Ross Legler was last stationed at Wright Junior College in Chicago, where he has been attending the Navy's radio technician school.

Aviation Cadet Home

Aviation Cadet Charles Benjamin Lindner of Larchmont, is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lindner of 70 Echo Lane. At the end of his furlough he will report back to Freeman Field, Seymore, Ind., for further assignment.

A/C Lindner was graduated as an honor student from New Hampton Academy in New Hampshire, and had completed his freshman year at Lehigh University, where he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity, before entering the service. He received basic training at Keesler Field, Miss.

Back From Panama

Pfc. Alfred Larsen of Mamaroneck is at home on furlough from Panama visiting his family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larsen of Old Post Lane.

Inducted into the Army Oct. 7, 1942, he received training in the Coast Artillery before going to Panama more than two years ago. He attended Mamaroneck High School and was employed by R. G. Brewer & Co., before entering the service.

Returns To Duty

Ph. M. 2/C Thomas Parker, U. S. Merchant Marine, has returned to Sheepshead Bay, where he is stationed with the Medical Corps, after spending the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Parker of 24 Pinebrook Drive, Larchmont. His twin brother, Robert, is a Navy V-12 trainee at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.

3 Wounded On Europe War Fronts

Two Paonessa Brothers Listed Among Latest Local Casualties

ALL ARE RECOVERING

Three Mamaroneck men, two of them brothers, are today in the news of men wounded in action in the European area.

Sgt. John Paonessa is reported "coming along nicely" in a hospital in France where he is recovering from wounds received serving with the Gas and Chemical Warfare Division of the Army. He entered the service nearly two years ago and received training at Fort McClellan, Ala., before going overseas. The brother of Miss Louise Paonessa of 160 Waverly Avenue, he was formerly associated with his brother, Sam Paonessa of 119 Villa Avenue, in the plumbing business.

His brother, Corp. Frank Paonessa,received a severe nose injury when he was shot while fihting with the infantry in Italy. After a plastic surgery operation, he has sufficiently recovered at the hospital to assume various duties there. He received infantry training at Camp Livingston, La., and Camp Gordon Johnson, Fla., before going overseas.

Pvt. Carlo C. Faillace, whose brother, Anthony, resides at 650 No. Barry Avenue, is reported "much better" and back with unit after being hospitalized in France where he received treatment for wounds received in November. A former student in Mamaroneck schools, he entered the service nearly two years ago and has been overseas with the infantry since last June. His mother, Mrs. Marie Faillace, resides with her daughter in Harrison.

Bonnie Briar Wins School Board Refund

The Mamaroneck Board of Education had some bad news Tuesday night which the trustees took as stoically as possible since it was a stroke of luck which hits every tax receiving administration some time or other.

The news was of a refund of $1,271.83 which must be paid to the Bonnie Briar Holding Corporation because of a decision made by the Appellate Division in November granting a reduction of more than $107,000 in the assessed valuation of the property.

The case was appealed by the Town of Mamaroneck following a decision in October, 1943, in Westchester County Supreme Court in favor of the country club. It is estimated that the club will receive "somewhere in the neighborhood of $7,500 or $8,000" in refunds of taxes paid under the previous assessment. Of that amount the town and county share will amount to about $6,000 and the town will assume payment, billing the county for its share of the refund on next year's county tax bill.

Although the case applied only to the year 1943, the Town board voted last month to settle the 1944 taxes on the same basis, so the school district will be in line for another refund of about the same amount.

Formerly assessed by the town at $369,500, the Bonnie Briar property has been reduced by the court to $261,590. The $65,000 assessment on the building remains the same.

Intruder Pays $15 Fine For Entering Home

Charges of unlawful entry and assault in the third degree were lodged in Mamaroneck Village Police Court this morning against Hans Leichert who gave his address as 535 Alda Road, Shore Acres. He pleaded guilty and was fined $5 on the first charge and $10 on the second by Judge Patrick J. Hughes.

It was alleged by Mrs. Ann Marie Cariker of 301 East Post Road that he forced his way into her house by breaking a pane of glass in a window about 9:15 P.M. last night and struck her daughter, Jean, 13, who tried to stop him from entering.

Another fine levied by Judge Hughes was against Frederick Kleber of 3 Hillcrest Avenue, Larchmont, who was summoned by Patrolman Otto Verschoor for failing to observe a full stop sign on Palmer Avenue. He paid $3.

SHWEBO COMPLETELY HELD

KANDY, CEYLON, (AP) — Shwebo, the last large Japanese bastion in Upper Burma north of Mandalay, has been completely occupied by Allied troops and British 14th Army units have advanced south of the town, an Allied communique announced today. Shwebo is 46 miles north of Mandalay.

LT. DONALD CANNAVARO of Larchmont above), whose plane, "Begin the Beguine," was one of the first heavy bombers to drop bombs on Berlin. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cannavaro of 1815 Palmer Avenue the former B-24 pilot, holder of the Air Medal and former deputy lead pilot of his group, is now serving in East Anglia with the Intelligence Section of the Second Bomber Division, Eighth AAF. Overseas in combat duty more than a year, he was commissioned April, 1943, at Stockton, Calif.

Earlier Start Set For Paper Drive Sunday

Because of the short Winter afternoons when darkness begins to close in between 5 and 6 P.M., the hour for the beginning of the paper salvage drive in Mamaroneck Sunday afternoon has been pushed ahead.

Instead of setting an exact time, the campaign committee, under the direction of Charles D. Silleck, chairman, has asked that all trucks report to the Municipal Building as soon after noon as possible and, instead of waiting for the entire fleet to assemble, they will dispatch each truck on its route as it reports for duty.

"During the last one-day pick-up, we were loading the freight cars long after dark by the light of automobile headlights," Mr. Silleck stated today, "and there's no reason why we can't get started an hour or so earlier and finish the job by daylight."

The Red Cross Canteen Committee will again serve hot coffee and doughnuts on the freight platform at the station.

More volunteers are needed to help with the loading and anyone willing to assist the committee is asked to report to the freight yards "by 1 P.M. if not sooner."

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and wardens will cover their respective neighborhoods Saturday afternoon or early Sunday morning to remind residents to put their paper, securely tied, at the curb in time for the collection.

Tax Collection Here Sets New High Record

The best collection of taxes in the history of the Village of Mamaroneck was chalked up in Treasurer-Clerk Frederick H. Bull's office as the penalty-free period ended with the close of the old year's last week.

Continuing the upward trend which has shown on the books every years except one since the inception of the two-payment plan, the present figures reveal that, of the levy of $606,401 in 1944, a total of $522,842 or 86.22 per cent has been collected.

Explaining that only $83,558 remains unpaid at the present time, Mr. Bull said that the balance is less than the Village has ever had outstanding at the beginning of a tax lien sale and that naturally a portion of that amount will be paid before the sale which takes place in March.

The 1944 payment of taxes is more than 4.62 percent higher than the 81.6 percent of 1943 taxes at the end of last year, the total collection at that time amounting to $504,919 of the $618,755 levied.

Except for the year 1941 when the tax collection dropped three tenths of one percent, each year has shown an increase since the adoption of the two-payment plan. Since 1940, the percentage collected has been as follows: 1940, 80.24 percent; 1941, 79.94 percent; 1942, 80.42 percent; 1943, 81.06 percent; and 1944, 86.22 percent.

Blaze Breaks Out In Motor Of Truck

A blaze caused by excess gas flooding the crankcase and exploding when the motor started, broke out in a truck yesterday morning in the rear of Johnnie O'Neill's Gas Station on Halstead Avenue, Mamaroneck. The vehicle is owned by L. C. Harriott Sons. Halstead Manor Company answered the call under the direction of ex-Chief Stephen Johnston.

Nazis Withdraw; British And U. S. Troops Move Up

BULLETIN

PARIS (AP)—British patrols stabbed 10 miles into the collapsing western end of the Ardennes salient today and reached the vicinity of Champion, on the north-south road between Laroche and St. Hubert.

PARIS (AP)—American and British troops have advanced more than three miles into the collapsing western side of the Belgian bulge from which Field Marshal von Rundstedt quickened his skilled and orderly withdrawal.

Signs today were that the Nazi commander hoped to establish a new line 15 miles or so west of the German border between Vielsalm, already entered by the U. S. First Army, Houffalize and the Bastogne sector.

A dozen or more towns fell.

By latest reports, von Rundstedt has pulled out of the toe of the Ardennes sock with all possible speed. But there was no sign of a stampede such as that in which Field Marshal von Kluge's German Seventh Army was partly destroyed in the Falaise Massacre in Normandy. Snow and mist gave the Nazis cover.

(The German Radio said today that Canadian troops had launched an attack against German positions south of Nijmegen in Holland.

(The German communique announced a withdrawal from the area west of the steep banked Ourthe River, which flows through by-passed Laroche, "in order to secure the deep flanks of the front in the Ardennes." St. Hubert was evacuated, the communique added.)

The enemy claimed to have "liberated" several towns in Alsace-Lorraine, including Rimling. The communique said encircled troops had been annihilated south of Erstein, 10 miles below Strasbourg, and that 300 were captured.

Shore Acres Residents Get Meeting Call

Members of the Shore Acres Property Owners Association have been advised by Ivan Anderson, president, of the imminent increase of 33 per cent in the school taxes if the City of Rye withdraws from the school district and are urged to attend the open meeting Friday at 8 P. M. at the Daniel Warren School, when the Board of Education will discuss the matter.

Explaining that the City of Rye is endeavoring to get the current session of the Legislature to amend the city charter to permit withdrawal of Rye residents from schools not in the city limits, Mr. Anderson states in a letter sent to all members of the association, that, if "forty odd thousand dollars per year now received from owners of property in the City of Rye" were lost to the district, "either we would have to make it up or curtail our school facilities accordingly."

This letter contains an urgent appeal to all members to attend the meeting, concluding, "By all means, come to this meeting, be the weather fair or foul! Take the opportunity to inform yourself and to contribute your ideas to the solution of a problem with which we are all seriously concerned."

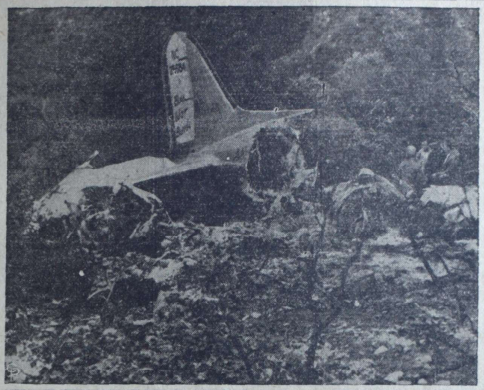
Litchfield's Firm Awarded Contest Honor

In the nationwide architectural contest in which ten of the leading architectural firms submitted plans for the expansion of West Point, the firm of Alfred Hopkins Associates, with which Clarence Litchfield of 835 Grove Street, Mamaroneck, is associated won third place.

The plans were submitted for several new buildings including an auditorium. The winner of the contest was the firm of Delano and Aldrich in New York.

Of the 10 competitors, six were in New York, two in Boston, one in Philadelphia and one in Chicago.

Mr. Litchfield, who is chairman of the sub-committee of architects on the Mamaroneck Village Post War Planning Commission, recently completed a prospective plan for improving the appearance of Mamaroneck Avenue which, along with the work of three other architects on the committee, will be considered as a possible post-war project.



AIRLINER WRECKAGE IN WHICH 24 DIED—Shattered remnants of the American Airlines passenger plane out of New York that carried 24 persons to death are pictured strewn through the mountain woodland where the big liner chased in a fog, five miles from the Lockheed air terminal at Burbank, Calif. A portion of the tail, crushed and torn, is shown at the left. Rescue workers (right) found no one to save, as all hands aboard—the crew of three and the 21 passengers—died in the disaster. The passengers were members of the armed services, and their names were withheld until next of kin could be notified.. —International Soundphoto

Morrison Named Director Of Larchmont Youth Council; Date Of Opening Dance Set

T. J. Morrison, Jr., a resident of Larchmont for 20 years, active in Boy Scout Cub work and other young people's organizations, has been appointed director of the Larchmont Youth Council, which announced the date of its big opening dance Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Center, on the second floor of the building at Palmer and East Avenue.

Although the Center is still in a state of disorder, the Council expects to have it in condition for a full program of activities after the opening date. A committee, headed by Mrs. H. G. Nichol, is working on decorations in a blue and cerise color scheme, with stencils at the window. Professional painters have been called in to paint the ceilings.

Mrs. C. Norman Stabler, chairman of the senior committee, who is donating $5 to be awarded for the suggestion of the best name for the Center, reminds members that a deadline, Jan. 5, has been set for the contest.

Financial assistance has come from the following contributors: Junior Assembly, Larchmont Rotary Club, Virginia B. Nichols, Rex Wadman, Henry B. Ziegler, Georgette B. Allan, Virginia R. Halloway and Mary W. R. Miller. Articles have been donated by Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. George McIntosh, Mrs. Bert McCullough and Mrs. E. S. Quimby.

"So many others have contributed their services that I don't know how to thank them," said Mrs. Stabler, adding that card tables, occasional chairs and games and cards are still needed.

JOHN MC KAY

News Expert Serves Forum As Moderator

Promotion and advertising manager of King Features Syndicate and International News Service, John McKay of 84 Lookout Circle, Larchmont, who will participate in Friday night's discussion forum of the Larchmont Council for the Promotion of Peace Planning, will next month begin a course of lessons in radio and publication, to be given by him at Columbia University Extension.

Mr. McKay, a Larchmont resident for the last four years, will serve as commentator and moderator for the Council's program on "Freedom of News—A Necessity for Peace."

In charge of public relations work at N. B. C. since 1940, Mr. McKay grew up in California, where he was graduated from the University of California in 1915. Until 1925 he was on the staff of the San Francisco Bulletin, famous crusading paper of the West Coast, serving as its political editor for many of the stormiest years. He is known as a leading authority in the news field in both press and radio.

Larchmont residents expected to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion include Harry Shaw, editorial manager of Look Magazine; Edward M. Gundy, business manager of King Features; Walter K. Belknap, assistant circulation manager of Time, Life and Fortune; John R. Wood, Jr., business manager of The March of Time; William Glasgow Thompson, in charge of international communications for A. T. and T., recently returned from a European trip for the purpose of establishing communications; and H. Richmond Campbell, general manager of The Mamaroneck Larchmont Publishing Company, Inc.

Bedenkapp Is GOP Chairman

ALBANY (AP)—Glen R. Bedenkapp stepped into the role of "travelling salesman" for the Republican Party following his election, with Governor Dewey's blessing, to the State Chairmanship.

The 54-year-old six-foot Niagara County leader and State Tax Commission member, who was Dewey's choice to replace the resigned Edwin F. Jaeckle of Buffalo, was named unanimously by the G. O. P. State Committee late yesterday. He also succeeded Jaeckle as head of the group's executive committee.

The Bedenkapp boom originated three weeks ago, apparently in Albany, after Thomas E. Broderick, Monroe County Chairman, reportedly had declined a Dewey invitation to take the helm.

Mrs. Lottie Dillon of Larchmont, state committeewoman from the Fourth District, was among those attending.

564,351 CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Secretary of War Stimson disclosed today that Army casualties have reached 564,351, exclusive of losses suffered in the German counter-offensive launched Dec. 16 on the western front.

Witschief Dies; Supreme Court Judge 16 Yrs.

NEWBURGH—Supreme Court Justice Graham Witschief died today.

Justice Witschief, who would have been 70 on Feb. 20, had been ill since March, 1943, when he last presided in court. Last July he spent several weeks in St. Luke's Hospital here, and then returned to his home at 379 Grand Street, where he passed away at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

A memorial service will be held in the Union Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'click, the Rev. Seth C. Craigh offciating.

The remains will be cremated and burial will be at the convenience of the family, at Port Jervice, where Justice Witschief was born.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Farnum Witschief; a son, Capt. Graham Witschief, Jr., who is on duty in Belgium, and two daughters of Mrs. John W. Wood, of Washingtonville, and Mrs. Charles H. Wood of Schenectady.

Senior Trial Jurist

Justice Witschief was the senior trial jurist of the Supreme Court, Ninth District, which comprises Westchester, Orange, Dutchess, Rockland and Putnam counties. He was first elected to the bench in 1929, and in November, 1943, was reelected. Under the law providing for the retirement of Justices at the end of the year in which they reach the age of 70 he would have retired on next Dec. 31.

When his 14-year term expired in 1943 there was some question of whether he would seek reelection. Justice Witschief, after long deliberation, allowed his name to be presented for the two-year term and he was endorsed by both Republican and Democratic organizations throughout the five-county district, being elected without opposition.

Under the State law, Governor Dewey will appoint a successor to Justice Witschief to sit during the remainder of the year. Reports from Orange County, where the appointment undoubtedly will go, are that Charles Sneed, corporation counsel of Newburgh, who has been expected to be selected by the Republican organization as Justice Witschief's successor this Fall for the bench, will be selected by Governor Dewye for the vacancy.

Resident Summoned To Answer Charge

The New Rochelle Police Department sent this morning for Benny Myres of 205 Center Avenue, Mamaroneck, upon warrant of Judge Rubin for failing to appear in New Rochelle City Court last November to be sentenced on a charge of petty larceny. The complainant in the charge was Robert McKensie of New Rochelle. Myres was located by Detective Samuel Bryant of the Village of Mamaroneck.

Americans Push Inland From 4 Key Towns

TOKYO, (ENEMY RADIO— Japanese ground forces on Luzon are "engaging a considerable number of American tanks in violent fighting following the initial landing."

(An Australian Radio broadcast recorded in London also told of fighting and said the battle in the north Luzon plain already had started with a violent artillery engagement).

By C. YATES McDANIEL
Associated Press Staff

MACARTHUR'S HQS., LUZON, (AP) — Manila-bound American infantrymen stretched their beachhead over 22 miles of Lingayen Gulf and drove inland from four key towns today toward impending major battles with Japanese reiinforcements struggling north over bomb-cut roads.

Only damaging opposition came at sea where night-attacking Japanese planes and torpedo boats hit several ships in a convoy bringing up 14th Corps reinforcements.

We Win Airfield.

On land, the Yanks seized 20 towns and villages, captured Lingayen airfield and pushed their advanced spearheads to a little more than 100 miles north of Manila. Nowhere was serious resistance reported.

Thursday's communique announced the doughboys overran the towns of San Fabian, Lingayen, Mangaldan and Dagupan in the first 24 hours and pressed inland for an average advance of four miles. Patrols were well ahead of this average penetration.

A field dispatch from Fred Hampson, Associated Press war correspondent, disclosed units of the 14th Army Corps pushing west along the coast from Lingayen were within two miles of Port Sual. This broadened the base of the American drive to cover 22 miles of the southern Lingayen coastline. (It would also put the 14th Corps across the mouth of the winding Agno River.)

More Troops Pour Ashore

The Seventh Fleet continued to pour troops, armament and supplies onto the beachhead while Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita pulled his scattered Japanese divisions together, as MacArthur did in 1941 in his withdrawal to Bataan Peninsula.

(Japanese broadcasts today declared American forces had attempted a new landing on Luzon yesterday at Labon, 10 north of Fabian, but were beaten off.

Hampson said reconstruction of bridges to facilitate the drive toward Manila already is under way. The enemy appears to have pulled well back to inland bases.

Hungary Battle In Final Stage; Foe Desperate

MOSCOW (AP)—The battle for Hungary entered what appeared to be the final stage today, with the Germans making an all-out effort to reach the collapsing Nazi garrison in Budapest before being outflanked by the westward Russian advance north of the Danube.

Repeated German counter-attacks northwest of Budapest have been smashed and Soviet forces threatening to cut the Nazi left flank have driven to within a mile and one-quarter of Komarom, the Soviet communique disclosed.

The eight-day Nazi drive to break the Soviet arc around Budapest and reach the Nazis inside the capital has cost the Germans 625 tanks and more than 14,700 men, the Russians said.

Post 347 Shifts Meeting Place

The January meeting of Larchmont Post 347, American Legion, will be held in the Patrol Room of the Village Firehouse, Tuesday at 8:30 P. M., instead of at the Post Clubhouse, which is undergoing changes in rebuilding.

Committee reports will be submitted, followed by a discussion of the work of the Post. "If there is anything on your mind, this is the meeting in which to relieve yourself," according to the program committee.

STRONG TAX STRUCTURE

WASHINGTON, (AP—Treasury Secretary Morgenthau said today he favors maintaining a "strong tax structure" after the war to speed retirement of the national debt.

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The Weather

This afternoon, cloudy with occasional rain; warmer. Tonight, cloudy with rain, clearing by morning; not so cold. Tomorrow, partly cloudy becoming much colder in afternoon.

Our Men In Service

Promoted To Captain

Arthur H. Daniel of Larchmont, above, has been promoted to the rank of captain, it has been announced in France, where he is serving with Headquarters of the Ninth Air Force. His wife, the former Phyllis Rancke, and their 18 months' old son, Harrison Wakefield Daniel, reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rancke of 8 Kilmer Road.

Serving with the armed forces for five years, Capt. Daniel has been overseas for 15 months. He enlisted with the 29th Division of the National Guard, and was commissioned in December, 1942 at Fort Benning, Ga., upon graduating from Officers Candidate School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Daniel of Blackstone, Va., where he attended schools before entering the service.

After being commissioned, Capt. Daniel was stationed with the 26th Division at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S. C., Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga., and Camp Campbell, Ky.

Loses His K Ration

When an enemy "88" shell landed about 12 feet away from the fox-hole where Corp. William Eussner of Larchmont was preparing his "K" ration supper, late one afternoon north of Perriers, he emerged "without a scratch," according to a news dispatch from headquarters of the European Theater of Operations.

Shrapnel tore through his "K" ration and cartridge belt and fired all around him, and in a few minutes the corporal appeared demanding "Well, who has an extra 'K' ration?"

Serving with the Eighth Infantry Division in France as a switchboard operator, Corp. Eussner was employed for many years by Owen A. Mandeville, who said this morning, "It sounds just like him. He's a great guy and has certainly been doing a great job in this war."

Corp. Eussner, whose wife resides at 27 Murray Avenue, entered the service in August, 1942, receiving basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and further training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Before leaving for overseas duty in December, 1943, he was stationed in Arizona for six months of desert training. He served in the North of Ireland before being sent to France in June.

Brewer Now Captain

Promotion of Munn Brewer of 33 Fernwood Road, Larchmont, to the rank of captain was announced today at Air Technical Service Command headquarters at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, where he is assigned to the Organizational Planning Office of Management Control. He is now on leave of absence from his post as councilman for the Town of Mamaroneck, according to the regulations of the military law.

An attorney before he entered the service, Capt. Brewer was connected with the firm of Montross and Brewer in White Plains.

He was graduated in 1927 from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, and obtained his law degree in 1930 at the Harvard School of Law. Capt. Brewer had been assigned to the Infantry, at Camp Craft, Spartanburg, S. C., before being transferred in 1943.

Sills Commissioned

David Lawrence Sills of Larchmont was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States on Jan. 6 upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate Course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga.

Second Lt. Sills is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Malcolm Sills of New York City. He enlisted Sept. 16, 1942, and served with the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment before going to Officer Candidate School. Before being commissioned, he held the rank of corporal.

The new officer is a graduate of Hamden High School in Hamden, Conn., and Dartmouth College where he was a member of the Dartmouth Outing Club. He is spending his leave with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gould of 34 Myrtle Boulevard, Larchmont, who are residing in New York for the Winter.

B-29's OVER HONSHU

TOKYO, (Enemy Radio)—Marianas-based Superfortresses appeared singly over Central Honshu at 10:30 P.M., 1 A.M., and 3:30 A.M. and "after dropping incendiaries" retired "without inflicting any damage."

Ex-Resident Killed By RadioBomb

Ensign Cassell Meets Death In Action Off Coast Of Normandy

GRADUATE OF M. H. S.

Word has been received here of the death of Ensign Clement L. Cassell, U.S.N.R., former Larchmont resident, who was killed instantly in August by a radio-controlled bomb, off the coast of Normandy. The 21 year-old Navy man was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Cassell who formerly resided at the Park Plaza Apartments, and are now living in Philadelphia, Pa.

Ensign Cassell was graduated in 1940 from Mamaroneck High School where he belonged to the student council and the Spanish Club. He was a student at Columbia University when he enlisted in the Navy, receiving his commission at the Columbia Midshipman's School in New York.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his wife; and a sister, Mrs. Charlotte Cassell Davidson, now engaged in special Navy work at Miami, Fla.

Mary E. Blain Dies; Leader In Recreation

PORT CHESTER — Mrs. Mary E. Wood Blain, chairman of the Westchester Recreation Commission and widow of Thomas J. Blain, founder and until 1928 publisher of The Port Chester Daily Item, died at 4:35 yesterday afternoon in United Hospital.

Mrs. Blain was to have presided at a meeting of the commission yesterday afternoon and when she did not appear and sent no word, other members telephoned Doris Russell, recreation director of the Port Chester Recreation Commission, of which Mrs. Blain was also chairman.

Miss Russell went to Mrs. Blain's home and when she discovered the morning paper still lying on the porch called Dr. T. W. Bennion. They found Mrs. Blain in a coma in bed in her room and took her to the hospital where she died without regaining consciousness.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Blain attended a meeting of the Youth Service Committee of the Port Chester Council of Social Agencies, and talked with friends during the evening.

Mrs. Blain was one of the original members of the County Commission when it was incorporated on Jan. 1, 1924, and became chairman shortly after the resignation of Mrs. Eugene Meyer of Mount Kisco, in February, 1942. She was long actively interested in civic and public affairs in Port Chester, particularly in recreation and in the United Hospital, of which she was a member of the board of managers. She was president of the Board of Trustees of Port Chester Public Library, and a member of the Community Chest, Girl Scouts and the Red Cross. In World War 1 she was a Red Cross ambulance driver and active in the Liberty Loan campaigns. She was an associate member of the Recreation Executives' Association of Westchester. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 P. M. Sunday at St. Peter's Church, Port Chester.

Corp. Sulzbach Recovering From Wounds

Corp. Technician Frank H. Sulzbach, Jr., of Larchmont, a medical corpsman attached to an infantry outfit with the United States Army, is now hospitalized in Europe recovering from wounds received in France last month. It was his second injury, the first having occurred in October. He holds the Purple Heart and the oak leaf cluster.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Sulzbach of 6 Gerlach Place, he volunteered for service Jan. 8, 1941, received basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. and further training at Camp Claiborne, La., Washington, and Camp Polk, La., before going overseas last September.

At present he is being treated for a severe hip and leg injury received while he was aiding the wounded on the battlefield. His letters are full of praise for the skill of the doctors and nurses at the hospital, his mother said yesterday.

Firemen's Benevolent Association Elects

Two trustees last night were elected at the annual meeting of the Firemen's Benevolent Association of the Village of Mamaroneck to serve the organization for a four-year term. They are Edward Donnelly and Stephen Johnston.

A NAZI SWASTIKA FROM HOLLAND is the trophy taken from ex-German headquarters by 2nd Lt. Robert L. Taylor, of Mamaroneck, second from left above, and his crew, part of the U. S. Troop Carrier Forces which form the air component of the new First Allied Airborne Army. The son of Mrs. Mary R. Taylor of 467 Barry Avenue, 2nd Lt. Taylor was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for "outstanding achievements" in a combat glider mission into Holland. The Mamaroneck flyer made the following comment about the missions: "The Germans had our landing area zeroed with 88's, infantry and panzer units, and flak was flying all around my glider, tearing and ripping the fuselage like a thunderous hail-storm in mid-summertime. However the Dutch with the patter of their wooden shoes and the waving of their flags presented a picture that I will never forget."

Lt. Kane, Dive Bomber Pilot Returns With Honors After Scoring Hits On 4 Jap Ships

Lt. Joseph E. Kane, U.S.N.R., one of six sons of Mrs. Peter F. Kane of Larchmont, and the late Mr. Kane, is serving with the armed forces, who recently returned from a tour of combat duty in the Pacific, has reported to the Naval Base at Alameda, Calif., for further assignment.

The 27-year-old Navy airman, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Gold Stars in lieu of second and third awards, has been serving as pilot of a dive bomber, based aboard a large carrier of the Essex class. Attached to the Navy's Air Group 14, Lt. Kane piloted a Curtiss-Wright Helldiver (SB2C) in 37 combat missions.

Bombs from Lt. Kane's Helldiver scored hits on four Japanese ships, including two heavily-armed destroyers. On missions over Japanese airfields he destroyed a parked Jap plane and damaged four others with machine gun fire.

Two brothers are serving with the Navy and three with the Army. Vincent Kane, mail specialist 2/c and Lt. Peter Kane, Jr., are both at sea. Corp. John Kane is on duty in India, Pvt. Charles Kane is stationed in England, and Mr. Paul Kane is receiving training in New Orleans, La.

The Navy Helldiver flyer entered the service four years ago, while associated with the Royal Typewriter Company. He is a graduate of Iona School and Fordham University.

He won his wings at Jacksonville, Fla., and received elimination training at the Naval Reserve Air Base in Brooklyn. Before reporting for overseas duty he was based at Wildwood, N. J., and Quonset, R. I.

Lt. Kane's wife, the former Grace Cailler of Larchmont, and young son, Joe Junior, are residing in New York with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cailler.

Air Group 14 fought in every major action in the Pacific from May until November. Her pilots destroyed 158 Japanese planes in the air and scores on the ground. Its fighter, bomber and torpedo planes sank 92 enemy ships, totalling 238,000 tons, and damaged 200 others, including two battleships.

During the second battle of the Philippines, the flyers of Air Group 14 struck at a Japanese battleship task force, sending bombs and torpedoes into at least two of the enemy vessels.

The Air Group had its combat indoctrination with raids on Marcus and Wake Islands, but the war really began for the airmen when they were assigned to the pre-invasion softening up of the Marianas. Later they had the job of supporting our forces ashore.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded Lt. Kane for "heroism and extraordinary achievement" while participating in aerial flight as pilot of a carrier based dive-bombing airplane in action against the enemy fleet in the vicinity of the East Philippines June 20, 1944.

"During this engagement," the citation reads, "he directed his division in a devastating attack against a force of enemy oilers and destroyers. With vigor and determination he pressed home a damaging attack on an enemy fleet oiler in the face of intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire with utter disregard for his own safety.

"His courage and skill were at all times inspiring and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The citation accompanying the Gold Star award records Lt. Kane's "extraordinary heroism" while participating in aerial flight as pilot of a carrier-based scout bomber plane on July 4, 1944, when as division leader in an attack against Japanese shipping, he scored a direct hit on an enemy destroyer which sank, in the

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Court Adds $25 Fine To $15,000 Loss

As a personal liability, the $25 fine Harry Rosenthal of the Fairchester Packing Company had to pay in Mamaroneck Village Police Court this morning was only a drop in the proverbial bucket compared with what had already gone with the wind before he appeared before Judge Patrick J. Hughes.

Said wind, it seems, blowing past the nose of Jerome A. Barry, sanitation inspector for the County Health Department, carried an unmistakable trace of tomatoes which had come of age at some distant time in the past and, when the inspector followed the scent to Mr. Rosenthal's door, found that, having paid $4.75 per ton for 3,000 boxes of, to put it nicely, overripe fruit, the dealer was offering the merchandize for sale.

He was ordered to demolish the goods, if that's not too complimentary a term for what the boxes contained, immediately, which he did and then was taken before Judge Hughes on a misdemeanor charge of offering for sale food which was "decomposed, unwholesome and unfit for human consumption."

Since Mr. Rosenthal had appeared two years ago on the same charge of violating the sanitary code, the Judge might have fined him a maximum of $50, but was obviously touched by the fact that the defendant had obeyed the order of the health officer to demolish the tomatoes and that, no matter what the court fine was, it couldn't match the $15,000 he had already paid for the large quantity of what had once, before they left its starting point in Mexico, resembled tomatoes.

New Officers Of Men's Club To Take Posts

Officers of the Men's Club of the Mamaroneck Hebrew Institute will be installed by Rabbi M. Elias Black, spiritual leader of the Woodmere, L. I., Temple Sons of Israel, Sunday at a joint meeting with the Sisterhood in the vestry, Rabbi Black will be introduced by Rabbi Irving Koslowe.

The slate includes Reuben Sirlin, president; Lewis Ginsburg, vice-president; Samuel Quittman, recording secretary; Dr. L. Howard Katz, financial secretary, Edward Margolius, treasurer; Irving J. Tuller and Barney Epstein, trustees for three years.

The installation at 9:30 will follow business meetings of the Sisterhood and the club at 8:30. At 10:15 refreshments will be served by Chairman Fred Rubin, assisted by Abe Chulew and Martin Lee. The public is invited.

V.F.W. Post To Serve Spaghetti Dinner

A spaghetti dinner is being planned by the David Potts, Jr., Post 1136 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for Jan. 27 at 7 P. M. at the post headquarters on the Boston Post Road.

The committee which will be in charge of the affair in cooperation with the ladies' auxiliary is headed by Nicholas Leon, chairman, assisted by Commander Julius Smith, Frank Anderson, Louis Savone, Jack Soriano, James Amoruso and Patsy Croce.

ALLIED ARMIES SHEAR OFF 7 MILES OF BELGIAN BULGE; AMERICANS GAIN ON LUZON

10 Miles Of Key Railroad Seized In Steady Push

BY C. YATES MCDANIEL
Associated Press Staff

MACARTHUR'S HQS., LUZON, (AP).—Rapidly advancing Sixth Army invaders at Lingayen Gulf have seized more than 10 miles of the San Fabian-Manila Railroad, overrun 50 miles of road networks commanding the north ends of four main highways to Manila and turned what could have been the flank of a good Japanese defense line behind the Agno River.

These are developments for the first 48 hours since Tuesday's invasion, MacArthur reports to be disclosed.

Today's communique, covering action up to Thursday morning, reported advances in strength during the previous 24 hours of seven to nine miles—generally in the direction of Manila a little over 100 miles south.

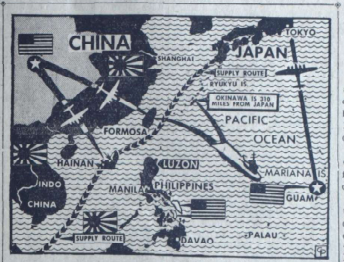
Those advances, which added five towns to the more than two dozen communities captured, were limited more by caution and supply lines than by the Japanese.

Contact Near San Fabian

The width of the beachhead along the gulf, originally 15 miles, now is 25, with the first real combat contact with the enemy reported on the left flank nine miles southeast of San Fabian.

From Lingayen to Manila, American planes ranged over the central Luzon plains where great tank battles soon may be fought. They cratered airfields in and around Manila, blew up bridges over which enemy reinforcements are trying to move, wrecked trains and scattered columns of artillery and supply.

American war planes hammered at Luzon targets, meeting sporadic Japanese air opposition but heavy ack-ack in the vicinity of Clark Field,



AS AMERICAN INVASION forces on Luzon stormed through enemy towns toward Manila, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that in preparing for the invasion the enemy's supply line to the Philippines had been cut and the Japs will have to depend on such resources as are on hand. The above map illustrates how this isolation has been achieved through constant raids on Formosa, the China Coast, the Ryukyu Islands and the Japanese mainland. Scores of Jap supply ships have been sunk in Manila harbor and other waters while Yank planes range the waters off the China coast with patrol-like regularity, constantly knocking out many vessels from the East Indies and Formosa.
—International

Larchmont Man Found Dead While On Temporary Duty With Coast Guard Reserve

Clark Tait Brown of 35 Orchard Road, Larchmont, was found dead late yesterday in a building near the Coast Guard Station at Tompkinsville, S. I., where he was serving on temporary duty as a member of the Coast Guard Reserve. There was a bullet hole in his head which Tompkinsville police said had apparently been inflicted by his service revolver.

A native of Montana, Mr. Brown was 42 years old and was a graduate of the University of Montana. For the last year he had been an attorney with Paramount Pictures, Inc., with offices in the Paramount Building in New York City. He and his family formerly resided on Rockingstone Avenue, and purchased their home on Orchard Road last October.

He had been a member of the Larchmont Coast Guard Flotilla for the last two years and served a day each week at the Staten Island Station.

He is survived by his parents and a sister of Missoula, Mont., his wife, Mrs. Winnifred Brown; two children, Clark, Jr., 9, and Barbara, 4, of Larchmont; and another sister, Miss Margaret Brown of New York City.

Drivers Strike, Babies' Milk Deliveries Stop

NEWARK, (AP). — Alfred S. Cook, sales director of Walker-Gordon Laboratories, Inc., said today he expected momentarily that union milk drivers would halt deliveries of the company's special milk for babies in all of Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The tieup spread from New Jersey yesterday to parts of Westchester County and Stamford, Cook said, and continued today, affecting 1,000 babies in Westchester.

Cook said Henry W. Jeffers, Walker-Gordon president, had been turned down by the union Monday in his request for additional time to consider demands that the company sign a contract covering its employes at its Painsboro, N. J., dairy.

The contract, he said, called for wage increases of 50 per cent.

The Westchester Medical Society today urged that means be found to resume deliveries.

"Without regard to the merits of the controversy and without prejudice to either the employer or the employes, as president of the Westchester Medical Society," said Dr. Lawrence D. Redway, "I urge, on behalf of the physicians of Westchester, an immediate resumption of delivery of this essential food for babies and an uninterrupted delivery pending settlement of the dispute."

Five-Year Tax Cut Reviewed By Sammarco

"Our tax rate has traveled a consistent, sharp downward trend during the past five years. I see hope to make it as low as possible . . . and keep it there," Town of Rye Supervisor Arthur G. Sammarco told members of the Port Chester Forty-Forty Club yesterday.

The statement was greeted with considerable approval by members of the Club, all of whom occasionally are forced to "dig deep" for tax money. They plied Mr. Sammarco with questions.

In answer, the supervisor said, "No, we haven't cut down on activities and services to the community. Every department is functioning well; our employes are on the job, and efficient.

"We are," he said, "in healthy financial condition."

Mr. Sammarco pointed out that on a basis of a population in Port Chester of 23,075, the individual average amount paid in taxes in 1944 was $63.08. He noted that for each $1,000 of assessed valuation on a real estate parcel, the owner paid about $33 to the city office—$14 to the Village, $11 to the schools and $8 to the County, State and Town of Rye.

Taxes during the past year, levied against property within the limits of the Village, netted $1,455,290.61, of which approximately $573,000 went to Port Chester, $513,000 to the schools and $368,000 to the State, County and Town.

Big Naval-Air Battle Raging?

By LEIF ERICKSON
Associated Press Staff

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HQS., PEARL HARBOR—A tremendous naval-air battle likely is raging today off French Indo-China between Adm. William F. Halsey's Third Fleet and Japanese warships escorting reinforcements seeking to smash Gen. Douglas MacArthur's invasion army on Luzon in the Philippines.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz called in war correspondents on short notice last night and stated cryptically:

"Carrier aircraft of the Pacific fleet are now attacking the general off the coast of French Indo-China between Saigon and Camranh Bay."

That was all he would say.

All the circumstances of location and responsibility of Halsey's powerful fleet—he has been handed the job of keeping the Japanese away from MacArthur's men—suggest that an enemy convoy, escorted by warships, was intercepted en route to Luzon, 1,000 miles from Saigon.

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Greek Truce Called For Pact Parley

ATHENS, (AP)—A truce has been reached in this country's long and bloody civil war to enable left-wing ELAS representatives and the Greek Government to discuss their fundamental differences, British headquarters announced today.

"At the request of ELAS representatives hostilities will cease at 1 A.M. on Jan. 15 (7 P.M., EWT, Jan. 14)," said an official statement.

The agreement was signed at 10:30 last night by Lieut. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, and four ELAS delegates after two days of conferences.

By terms of the truce all ELAS forces will withdraw from designated areas, including Athens and Salonika, the ELAS will surrender all military prisoners they hold in exchange for an equal number to be released by the British, and all British civilians now detained will be turned loose.

The prisoner exchange provisions do not apply, however, to any Greek civilians held by the EAM (National Liberation Front), civil police, the official announcement said.

Clare Luce's Brother On Casualty List

Second Lieut. David F. Boothe, of New York City, and Lucas Point, Old Greenwich, was seriously wounded on Morotai Island in the Pacific on Dec. 23, it was revealed yesterday by his sister, Rep. Clare Boothe Luce. He was an Air Force officer.

A year ago this month, Mrs. Luce's only daughter, Miss Ann Clare Brokaw, was killed in an automobile accident, and when the War Department telegram arrived recently Mrs. Luce was en route to the grave of her daughter at Monck's Corner, S. C.

Lieut. Boothe, holder of the Air Medal, had been a vice president of Canadian Colonial Airlines before entering the service. He enlisted as a private.

He was married in June, 1939, to the former Miss Nora Dawes of Montreal.

Sound Truck Tour Spurs Paper Drive

After diligent searching for several days, the Mamaroneck Village Paper Salvage Committee has located a sound truck in which to tour the community tomorrow afternoon publicising Sunday's one-day paper pickup, Charles D. Silleck, chairman, declared yesterday.

No equipment was available in the Village, but the committee was informed by Bradford Ricketts, county paper conservation chairman, where one could be obtained in Tuckahoe and the truck will be in Mamaroneck for two hours tomorrow afternoon.

All collection trucks will be asked to make an early start for the drive Sunday in order to complete the work before dark.

New German Blows Against Budapest Fail

BULLETIN

LONDON, (AP)—The German Radio said today that the Russians had opened an offensive on a broad front in southern Poland, striking from the Vistula bridgehead west of Baranow toward Krakow.

MOSCOW, (AP).—The last stark chapter of the siege of Budapest was being written today in a narrow strip of Pest, on the east bank of the Danube, with the Nazis squeezed into an area approximately two miles long and one mile wide.

Savage German attacks on the Soviet arc west of the Danube to relieve the desperately struggling Nazi garrison there again, Russian Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin was reported to have strengthened his positions and there appeared little likelihood of any German breakthrough.

In ten days of fighting to relieve the German capital, the Germans have sacrificed 16,000 men killed and approximately 650 tanks, on the basis of Russian accounts.

Official and unofficial Russian reports produced the impression the German garrison was on the verge of collapse.

Russian assault guns have penetrated the last quarter of the city—some 3,466 blocks of which have been cleared by Soviet shock troops.

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The Weather

Tonight, clearing and colder, lowest temperature 15 to 20. Tomorrow, increasing cloudiness with rising temperature followed by snow at night, highest temperature near 25.

Our Men In Service

Flies 50 Missions

Lt. Stewart Farnham of Larchmont, 26 year-old pilot in a B 25 bombardment group operating from Corsica, in the Mediterranean theater of operations, has flown more than 50 combat missions, according to an announcement from Twelfth Air Force Headquarters in Italy. He is the son of Benjamin King Farnham of 78 Harmon Drive.

Lieut. Farnham has been awarded the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters for "meritorious achievement — courage, coolness and skill," for his participation in numerous bombing attacks with his group.

Since arriving overseas in April, 1944, the Larchmont pilot has skilfully operated his B-25 Mitchell bomber on many of the toughest aerial attacks carried out in this theater of war, and has seen many vital enemy targets blasted skyward in the Allied search for peace.

A graduate of Pelham High School and a former shoe salesman in St. Louis, Mo., Lt. Farnham entered the service three and a half years ago. He received his commission and wings at La Junta, Col., in November, 1943. Last Summer he sustained several injuries when his plane crashed during his training period in California, and he spent eight months in a Santa Ana hospital.

Wins Army Medal

Sgt. John V. Staats, whose wife, Mrs. Rose L. Staats resides on Fifth Avenue, Larchmont, has qualified as sharpshooter with the Carbine rifle, and has received the Sharpshooter Medal at Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Ga., a base of the U. S. Army Air Forces First Troop Carrier Command, it has been announced by the Commanding Officer.

Sgt. Staats entered the AAF in August, 1942.

The First Troop Carrier Command, with headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind., is the branch of the air force charged with transporting men, supplies and equipment in battle areas throughout the world. Flying Twin-engine C-47 cargo planes, they carry paratroopers, tow gliders and deliver vital materials to America's fighting men. Equipped with stretchers and medical supplies and carrying flight nurses, they also fly wounded men from the front back to base hospitals.

Ready To Bomb Nazis

Flight Officer Robert M. Price, 20-year-old bombardier on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has completed an overseas phase of training in preparation for participation in Eighth Air Force bombing attacks which are softening up Nazi resistance for the Allied armies' thrust through the German homeland.

F/O Price is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Price of 1103 Park Avenue, Mamaroneck, and was a student at the University of Alabama before joining the Army Air Forces.

The bombardier is a member of the 94th Bomb. Group which was cited by the President for its historic bombing of the Muhlembau aircraft assembly plant at Brunswick, Germany. This group also participated in the Third Bombardment Division attacks on Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany, in August, 1943, for which the entire division was awarded a Presidential Citation.

In Public Relations

Lt. Alberic de Laet has been assigned to the Public Relations Office at Olmsted Field, Middletown, Pa., the largest Army Air Forces installation in Pennsylvania.

Prior to entering the service in 1942, Lt. de Laet was radio time salesman for WFAS Radio Station at White Plains.

He resided at Orienta Apartments in Mamaroneck.

Lt. de Laet was in Sicily, Africa and USAAF/NW.A (United States Army Air Forces Northwest Africa). He completed 50 missions and wears the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with Seven Oak Leaf Cluster, European-American Theater Ribbon and the Presidential Citation.

Draft Quotas Hiked 30% For February

ALBANY, (AP)—New York's February draft quotas will call for a 50 per cent increase over those of last month.

Brig. Gen. Ames T. Brown, state Selective Service director, announced yesterday that next month's quotas will take 30 per cent more men than those of January, up 20 per cent over December's.

The movement is part of the program to induct 900,000 of the country's men by July and is expected to exhaust many of the state boards' 1-A lists.

Before drawing up next month's examination lists, some boards are awaiting possible changes in classification regulations in order to meet their calls. They will review present deferments, officials indicated, upon completion of the War Manpower Commission's revised list of essential jobs.

SCENE AS GERMAN SURRENDER IS ARRANGED NEAR BREST—A German Army major (center), a Navy captain (left) and a Marine chief petty officer (second from right) are led blindfolded under white flags to their own lines after a conference on surrounder terms with officers of the U. S. 9th Infantry, Second Division, near Brest, France. Signal Corps says this photo was made Aug. 10, 1944. Brest fell September 20, 1944. This picture was released Jan. 12, 1945 in Washington.
—AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps

Rye School Plan Branded 'Unfair'; Citizens Committee Named To Seek Adjustment

After hearing a thorough explanation of the proposal about to be put before the State Legislature to divorce the City of Rye from the Rye Neck School District, 125 residents of that area expressed the unanimous opinion last night that the bill, if passed, would be "unfair and inequitable to the interests of the school district" and proceeded to appoint a citizens' committee to try to work out an adjustment with the City of Rye. If that effort fails, the committee is authorized to recommend a procedure to oppose the passage of the bill in the State Legislature.

Since the taxpayers and parents who attended the open meeting were in agreement as to the hardship which would be suffered if $40,000 were lost to the district in taxes, there were no fireworks and, except for a few flurries such as Malcolm D. Brown's remark, "I'm here to see them prove it," when informed that the Rye Education Commission suggested that the Rye Neck educational standards aren't up to those in the City of Rye and E. S. Murthey's hint that the powerful political interests behind the move would make the fight a difficult one, the evening's business was conducted calmly under the expert hand of Henry Hormidge who was asked by James Jackson, president of the School Board, to act as chairman of the meeting.

A preliminary explanation of the problem was presented by Judge Henry D. Holden, counsel for the School Board, who explained that he and Superintendent Alvin W. Hicks spent Thursday in Albany in an attempt to clarify the matter for presentation to the taxpayers.

Judge Holden recalled that, when Rye was incorporated and became a city, it was plainly stated in the charter that the school district boundaries would not be interfered with.

A few months later, Livingston Platt, who is now chairman of the Republican County Committee, appointed a committee to study the school situation in Rye and a voluminous report has been issued of which the suggestion to remove children from outlying districts is only a small part. The bill now up for passage, if enacted into law, will not affect any school district boundaries in any way, it was explained.

Judge Holden explained that the usual procedure in changing school district boundaries is for the superintendents of the districts affected to form a commission with the supervisors and town clerks and make the decision which might be appealed by the taxpayers. The present bill is within the power of the Legislature to pass, he said, in spite of the fact that the usual procedure is being bypassed. In answer to a question later from Mr. Hormidge as to whether there were any reason for not submitting to the method as prescribed by the Department of Education, he answered that, in the present case the question of changing boundaries is not by any means the main part of the report but only a very small part of it. When boundaries are changed by the superintendent and supervisors, they are handling that question without regard to any other, he said.

Judge Holden further explained that he and Dr. Hicks had consulted Dr. Brind, state commissioner of education who said he had not been advised of the effect the legislation would have upon the Rye Neck District and that

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REV. C. W. SOUTHWORTH

New Assistant To Aid Rector At St. John's

The Rev. Constant W. Southworth will assume his duties as assistant to the Rev. Francis J. H. Coffin, rector of St. John's Church, Larchmont, on March 1 it was announced today. He expects also to begin his studies at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary toward a degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

For five years, Mr. Southworth has been rector of St. Stephen's Church, New Hartford, N. Y., a suburb of Utica. He was born in Omaha, Neb., son of the Rev. and Mrs. George S. Southworth, of Indianapolis, Ind. He was graduated from Holderness School, Plymouth, N. H., and attended Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, graduating from Butler University with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

In 1936 Mr. Southworth was graduated from the Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. and was ordained deacon June 21, 1936. He was advanced to the priesthood Oct. 18, 1937 and was vicar of St. Stephen's, Detour, Mich., and All Saints Church, Newberry and Fairview, Mich., during 1936 and 1937. He became priest-in-charge of St. Alban's Manistique; St. Paul's Nahma and Trinity Church, Gladstone, Mich., in May. 1937. He went to New Hartford from Trinity Church, Connersville, Ind., and Trinity Church, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Mrs. Southworth, the former Ruth M. Buehler, is a graduate of Butler University. They have two sons, David and Richard, and a daughter, Nancy.

Police On Lookout For New Jersey Car

The police between Mamaroneck and New York are on the lookout for a man driving a New Jersey car who yesterday attempted to sell tires and car batteries at Nicholl's Gas Station on the Boston Post Road.

William Livingston, the attendant, telephoned Mamaroneck Village Police at 1:20 P. M. that the car which had just left there headed for New York contained two tires and three batteries. The driver was described as between 30 and 40 years with a Southern accent, short, wearing a tan coat and light soft hat.

Tomorrow's Paper Pickup Starts Early

All drivers of trucks for tomorrow's one-day paper salvage drive are asked to report at the Mamaroneck Municipal Building promptly at 1:15 P. M. in order to be dispatched by Leo Heithaus, chairman of transportation, at 1:30 P. M.

Charles Silleck, chairman of the drive, said this morning that if all trucks leave at that hour for their rounds, the half-hour head start should make it possible to completed the job of loading the freight cars before dark. The other drives have started about 2 P. M. and were finished by the light of automobile headlights.

Because of the cold weather, the Red Cross canteen committee will move from the freight platform into the office of the E. J. Connor Coal Company to serve hot chocolate and coffee to the workers. The canteen will be conducted by Mrs. Ronald Yocum, Mrs. Isabel Newburger, Mrs. T. W. Greenway and Mrs. Mervyn H. Connor.

All residents are urged to have their paper securely tied and at the curb before noon since the trucks cover each street only once and will miss bundles which are late.

Volunteers are still wanted to assist at the freight yards, Mr. Silleck said this morning, and are asked to report there before the first truck returns from its first tour of the Village streets. The auxiliary police will direct traffic at the railroad tracks.

Holy Trinity Men Observe Church Feast

A Day of Recollection to commemorate the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus tomorrow will be held by the men of the Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity Church with the Rev. Joseph H. Sheehan giving the conferences at the invitation of the Rev. Thomas B. Kelly, pastor.

The order for the day is as follows: 8 A. M., Mass and Holy Communion; 4 P. M., Conference; 5 P. M., Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Meditation; 6 P. M., Supper Catholic Hour Program; 7 P. M., Conference; 7:45 P. M., Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Silence will be observed from 4 P. M. to 8 P. M.

Edward F. O'Reilly, president of the society, announced today that many of the men who plan to make the Day of Recollection will work on the Village paper drive until 4 P. M.

The supper will be prepared and served by the members of the Ladies' Guild.

In addition to Mr. O'Reilly, the officers of the society are: Father Kenny, moderator; Joseph Warren, vice president; James J. Durgin, corresponding secretary; Thomas Gronberg, financial secretary, and James J. Keefe, treasurer.

Restaurant Worker Cuts Hand On Glass

James Pantazopoulos of 87 Post Road, Larchmont, an employe at the Pal Mar Restaurant, early this morning was treated at New Rochelle hospital for a severe finger laceration of the left hand received when he slipped and fell in the kitchen of the restaurant. He had gone to the icebox for a glass of milk, according to the police, and dropped the glass. When he leaned down to pick it up he slipped, striking the broken pieces with his hand.

NAVY ASSAULT STILL RAGES AGAINST FOUR JAP CONVOYS; ALLIES DRIVE INTO BULGE

1st Army Perils Last Of German Escape Roads

PARIS, (AP)—U. S. First Army troops drove more than a mile through snowbound forests today toward Houffalize, heart of the Germans' shrunken bulge into Belgium, while Third Army forces on the south battled within five miles of that highway strong hold.

The First Army vanguards sliced to within less than six miles of Houffaize, menacing the Germans' last escape road and narrowing the waist of the enemy salient to less than 11 miles in the American nutcracker clamp.

Ousted from 100 square miles at the tip of the bloody salient, Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt already had fallen back to within two to three miles of the Ourthe River. The new blows menaced any German hopes of holding a line through Houffalize east of the river.

By unofficial estimate, von Rundstedt had lost the equivalent of 20 divisions—perhaps 200,000 men—in his break-through drive. But he had rescued the bulk of his far-reaching armor, in strength still constituting a striking threat.

60% of Territory Rewon

The tip of von Rundstedt's drive had been bent back 23 to 25 miles from its nearest approach to the Meuse River, and American and British Armies had rewon 60 per cent of German-overrun territory.

Soldiers of the First Army showed 2,000 yards through forest lands south of Langlir, seven miles above Houffalize, reaching to within three miles of the all-important Houffalize - St. Vith Highway. Germans fought back violently.

First Army patrols which stabbed east of the Salm River already were within nine miles of St. Vith. And the latest Third Army punch up through northern Luxembourg was only six miles from Vianden. At both these danger spots the Germans appeared to be putting up their stiffest resistance.

Dimes March Off To Early Opening Here

The March of Dimes Campaign in Mamaroneck opens officially today, according to an announcement from Peter C. Doern, Jr., chairman of the campaign here. Many have already "jumped the gun," he said, by making contributions during the period this week the collection boxes have been making their appearances in stores and business houses.

Leon Epstein, in charge of putting out the collection boxes, announced that practically every advantageous spot in Mamaroneck now has a collection box.

The special gifts committee under Hunter Meighan has started its work among those who may want to make more substantial gifts.

"Any one desirous of making gifts other than contributions in the box," Mr. Doern added, "will assist the committee by getting in touch with Mr. Meighan at 106 Mamaroneck Avenue or with me at 120 Mamaroneck Avenue."

Mrs. Helen O'Donnell, in charge of women's activities, reported that Mrs. Charles Spero solicited at the Union Savings Bank and Mrs. Joseph O'Neill at the County Trust Company this morning. She also arranged to have her daughter Helen and Joan Cunningham, Camp Fire Girls, at the railroad station.

"I am deeply indebted to Mrs. Henry Boak, president of the Womans Club, for her fine cooperation and assistance," Mrs. O'Donnell continued. "Workers until late Thursday night and most of Friday morning, Mrs. Boak arranged to have both banks covered by the members of that club all next week."

Mrs. O'Donnell also announced that she had arranged for six girls to be at the Playhouse Sunday afternoon and six more Sunday night.

Edward Margolois, chairman of the executive committee, stated that he was "doubly pleased" with the cooperation of the chairmen of the various committees, and particularly with the "splendid cooperation" of the business men.

Police Conference Holds Dinner Here

WHITE PLAINS — Feature of the two-day session of the Westchester Police Conference, at which various matters affecting forces throughout the county will be discussed, is to be a dinner on Feb. 8, at 8:30 P. M. at Lawrence Inn, Mamaroneck.

PUP ARRIVES FROM NEW GUINEA—Two-year-old Marilyn Diana Schwartz hugs a brown and white pup that was given to her by an unknown donor in Papua, New Guinea, at her home in Jersey City, N. J., after the puppy had made a 13,512-mile air trip in military planes.

Free Dissemination Of News Indispensable For World Peace, Forum Speakers Say

Free dissemination and exchange of news, indispensable for world peace, is dependent upon an educational level for all peoples at a degree high enough to teach them understanding, news experts told a large audience at the January forum of The Larchmont Council for the Promotion of Peace Planning Friday night at the Chatsworth Avenue School.

"The methods used by the dictators should not let us forget the important truth that people have to be educated to the value of freedom, with a degree of education that gives them the desire to know all sides of the question," Miss Lisa Sergio, declared. The radio commentator and news analyst shared the platform with Frank J. Starzel, assistant general manager of The Associated Press, and John McKay, advertising manager of King Features Syndicate, for a discussion on "Freedom of News—A Necessity for Peace."

Emphasizing that the proposal for freedom of information "does not agree with it any implication that there is to be imposed on other nations of the world any particular system of government, through use of public education, or method of news collection and distribution," Mr. Starzel said that the peace treaty should "enunciate and proclaim worldwide freedom of the press and of information."

Such a provision, while not a panacea, would sound the deathknell of the government controlled monopoly agency, he went on, and would be a "first step in behalf of world peace by guaranteeing to all the people of the world the right to receive news from whatever source they choose."

Describing freedom of speech and of the press as "blocks of stone in the foundation of this nation, indispensably necessary to our liberty," Mr. McKay expressed the opinion that "the blackout of news is going to continue for a long time, provisions in the peace treaty to the contrary notwithstanding."

He called his point of view "realistic" and deplored his inability to share the idealism of others on the subject, notably Kent Cooper of the A. P.

"If the news associations of the rest of the world operated on a basis akin to that of the three great press associations in the United States, A. P., International News Service and the United Press, we would not be now discussing the need for true and unbiased international news," he said.

In review of the "situation in some other parts of the world that makes it possible for a government to impose a perpetual blackout on world information," Mr. Starzel discussed Reuters, great news agency of the British Empire, once suspected of engaging in propaganda, today an outstanding example of the objective, factional organization; Germany's DNB; and the Stefani agency of Mussolini, with their government-created monopoly for distribution of domestic and foreign news in their respective countries, distorting the news and misleading the people.

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Ration Panels Urge Caution In Use Of Oil

Fuel oil panels of all ration boards in this section today reported an increasing number of applicants for extended ration, and reply that it is "not so much a matter of whether we will be able to comply with the requests, but whether there will be enough oil to go around." Stock shortages at this time are more critical than they have been since rationing began, officials said.

Careful calculations, in consideration of the fact that this has been a "normal heating season," reveal that home-owners who use oil for heating purposes should have consumed as of today only 43 per cent or less than half, of the amount they anticipated using at the outset of the season.

Ration panels urge that householders check to see whether they have surpassed this figure. In either case, extreme care should be used and conservation of oil should be practiced diligently.

Some Helpful Hints

Boards suggest an inspection of burners to make sure they are in good operating condition. They advise that radiators in rooms not in use be turned off and that the thermostat be set no higher than 60 degrees during the night hours.

They repeat the advice to keep blinds, drapes and shades drawn at night, and caution that if oil is used to heat water, extreme care should be taken to check leaking faucets and excessive use of hot water.

A 65-degree temperature is considered healthful; persons accustomed to a higher mean temperature should attempt to learn to live in a comparatively cooler home, it is suggested.

"The oil situation is very very critical," one panel member emphasized. "Be sure that you do everything you possibly can to see that your ration allowance is carefully spent."

Fifth Meets Stiff Fight

ROME (AP)—American Fifth Army patrols digging deep into German positions south of Bologna have encountered vicious enemy resistance, Allied Headquarters announced today.

On the Adriatic sector, British Eighth Army troops tangled with German forces on the Comacchio Spit north of Ravenna, captured 40 Germans and killed 20.

Field Marshal Albert Kesselring continued to slip patrols across the Senio River north of Faenza. One SS raiding party in company strength made a crossing near Fusignano, about 10 miles north of Faenza. An Eighth Army counter-attack, however, forced the Germans to withdraw.

38 Enemy Ships Smashed Along Indo-China Coast

By LEIF ERICKSON
Associated Press Staff

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HQS., PEARL HARBOR — A furious assault on four huge Japanese convoys massing along the French Indo-China coast still roared on, according to latest Navy reports, with Third Fleet planes pouring down more of the bombs, rockets and torpedoes which already have smashed 38 enemy ships.

A 5,000-ton cruiser, several destroyers and 12 transports loaded with troops intended to be thrown against Gen. Douglas MacArthur on Luzon in the Philippines were among 25 ships sunk Thursday, first day of the attack. Thirteen other ships were damaged.

Navy accounts to date report no damage to the American fleet.

Raid Saigon Too

Suggesting the vulnerability of the Asiatic mainland to invasion from the Pacific, Adm. William F. Halsey's fleet even defied Japan's continental land-based air power by moving in close enough to send raiders inland. They set off big fires around the city of Saigon, 1,000 miles west of Manila.

It now can be disclosed that Halsey's battleships, cruisers, destroyers and aircraft carriers swept to the current action between Saigon and Camranh Bay across the South China Sea after sinking or damaging more than 100 Japanese ships and knocking out 98 enemy planes at Formosa last Monday. It is more than 1,000 miles from Formosa to Saigon.

The crucial Indo-China assaults, aimed at breaking up a big enemy effort to strike in behind MacArthur before the convoys can even get underway, caught the Japanese by surprise.

That was attested by last night's communique pointing out that six loaded transports were sunk at Saigon and six more were sunk in the harbor of Qui-Nhon, 250 miles to the northeast.

No Big Boys?

The fact a light cruiser was the biggest warship so far bagged indicated Japan is so hard hit in the higher categories that her admirals are forced to send a boy to do a man's job.

By way of emphasizing that possibility, Admiral Nimitz yesterday confirmed the sinking of Japan's 45,000-ton super-battleship, the Musashi. He said conclusive evidence shows she "blew up and sank as the result of damage inflicted on her by aircraft attacks" last Oct. 24 during the second battle of the Philippines Sea.

The Musashi and a sister ship, the Yamato, damaged in the same action, were the two most powerful battleships in the Japanese fleet.

Pvt. Feldman Missing On French Front

Pvt. Milton Feldman of Larchmont has been reported missing in action in France since Dec. 21, according to a telegram received Friday morning from the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Feldman of 1880 Palmer Avenue.

Overseas for four months, Pvt. Feldman was serving with the Infantry in France, after being first stationed in England. His last letter home was dated Dec. 6.

Pvt. Feldman entered the service in June, 1943, at the completion of his sophomore year at Penn State. He was graduated in 1942 from Mamaroneck High School, where he was a member of the basketball team.

Following basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., he was an A.S.T.P. student at Auburn Polytechnical Institute in Alabama, and before going overseas was stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind., where he was radio operator and motor pool member.

Driverless Auto Shatters Window

When Charles Lortscher of 75 Echo Lane, Larchmont, went into a store about 7 P. M. last night, he parked his car nearby on Palmer Avenue — or thought he did. When he returned the car had rolled under its own power down the hill, across the street, over the sidewalk and into the store window of Atom Electrical Shop at 1922 Palmer Avenue, shattering the pane of glass. The car was reported undamaged.

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The Weather

Snow in the late afternoon or tonight; continued cold. Snow tonight occasionally mixed with sleet and rain. Snow tomorrow morning; continued cold.

ALLIES CHASE FOE FLEEING TO SIEGFRIED LINE FORTS; LUZON TROOPS HURDLE AGNO

Our Men In Service

On French Front

Serving with the 397th Infantry Regiment of the 100th (Century) Division of the Sixth Army Group in France, one of the newest units fighting on the U. S. Seventh Army front in eastern France, is Pvt. John A. Barnes, son of Mrs. Margaret Barnes of Larchmont Acres, Larchmont.

Pvt. Barnes enlisted in the service at 17, in August, 1943, following his graduation from Mamaroneck High School, where he was a member of the A Cappella Choir, and successfully passed the A. S. T. P. examination in April of his senior year.

After basic engineering training at Harvard University, he was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Jackson, S. C., Fort Breckenridge, Ky., and Fort Bragg, N. C., before going overseas last October.

Members of the 397th Infantry have an important part in the "squeeze play" so thoroughly applied to the German 19th Army.

While French troops spearheaded drives through the Saverne Pass in the north and Belfort Gap in the south, both routes leading to Strasbourg and the Rhine, the principal part of the 7th Army fought relentlessly against the thousands of Nazis caught in the middle. With the French holding the enemy in on the sides, the 397th—and other units of the 7th Army — drove piston-like against the middle.

Gunnery Graduate

Pvt. John S. Breckenridge of Larchmont has been graduated from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Panama City, Fla., one of the largest schools of its kind in the AAF Training Command.

The son of John S. Breckenridge of 7 Concord Avenue, he is a former Exeter Academy student and entered the service in December, 1943.

After his graduation from Tyndall Field, where he was trained in the operation of .30 and .50 caliber machine guns both on the ground and in the air, he received a pair of silver wings signifying that he is ready to become a member of the combat crew of an AAP bomber.

Home On Furlough

Pvt. John Guadagnolo of Larchmont, stationed at Scott Field, Ill., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Guadagnolo of 82 Murray Avenue. He received basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., entering the service in March, 1944. Pvt. Guadagnolo is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School, class of 1943. Three brothers are also serving with the armed forces, Michael, Jr., Anthony and Joseph.

Beach Life 'Too Tame'

Corp. Augustine Celestino of Mamaroneck, is a member of a combat engineer battalion which, after operating the beaches for the infantry during the landings at Salerno, "found beach life too tame' 'and transferred to the infantry.

The son of Mrs. Frank Celestino of 149 Elm Street, Corp. Celestino was a student at Mamaroneck High school, and well known as a musician before entering the service in February, 1942.

Although he and the other men in his group had been trained as engineers, infantry training started immediately after they transferred and they are now on the line in the Sixth Army group sector in France. The 179th Infantry Regiment took one crew of engineers and taught them how to fire mortars, so that these engineers claim to have the only mortar squads in any engineer organization in the world.

Back From Pacific

T/Sgt. Charles A. Moran of Larchmont has returned from overseas duty in the South Pacific area and is spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Moran of 18 Alden Road. Overseas since July, 1943, he has been serving as aerial radio operator-gunner with the 13th AAF., and holds the Air Medal with several Clusters. At the end of his leave he will report to Miami, Fla., for further assignment.

His brother, Corp. Warren A. Moran is also home on leave from Muskogee, Okla., and is in Brooklyn, where his wife resides. Another brother, Lt. Howard J. Moran, is in France with the Third Army.

T/Sgt. Moran entered the service in June, 1942, following his graduation from All Hallows Institute in New York. Last May he was promoted to his present rank from staff sergeant.

Sgt. Bohan Death Mystery Cleared After 3½ Years

Hit-Run Driver Is Identified As Army Corporal

The veil of mystery which, for three and a half years, had covered the identity of the occupants of the death car which struck and killed Police Sgt. William Bohan the night of July 3, 1941, on the Boston Post Road, was cleared away yesterday, after a New Rochelle man, one of the passengers in the car, walked up to a patrolman and began to tell the story, saying he wanted to clear his conscience.

The possibility of immediate prosecution under the statute of culpable criminal negligence, hit a snag immediately, however, because the driver of the car, Victor Cucolo of 4415 Furman Avenue, the Bronx, is serving in Luxembourg as a corporal in the United States Army.

According to the statements given to Police Chief Arthur W. Martensen and Detective Samuel Bryant, who were called to New Rochelle Police headquarters Saturday night when Tony Donald Gorgoglione of 305 Sickles Avenue, New Rochelle, made the confession, the death car left the Blue Haven Inn shortly after 11 P. M. with Cucolo, Gorgoglione and two girls, and drove down the Post Road toward New Rochelle. When they felt the jolt as the car struck the two men, Cucolo stopped and the four occupants got out of the car, looked at the body of Sgt. Bohan and at Neill Mahoney, his companion, who was seriously injured, and then, as the two girls became hysterical, returned to the car and drove away.

They were observed at the time by two soldiers, who witnessed the accident, and who told police that the car drove off in the excitement before they could get the license number.

Gorgoglione said yesterday that Cucolo told the girls at the time that he would take them home and then come back. He drove the car to the Bronx where he lived and then returned to New Rochelle for the night. The four met the following afternoon, went out to get a paper to read about the accident, according to the statement, and Cucolo again said he would give himself up the next day.

Gorgoglione, who was a resident of Worcester, Mass., at the time and in New Rochelle only for a short period, said he left for Worcester within the next few days and then went to California returning to New Rochelle

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PVT. JOSEPH P. ALOISI of Mamaroneck, above, is serving on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands as a cook with the 10th Army Headquarters Company of which he has been a member since Sept. 1, 1943, when he went overseas.

His parents reside at 130 Dubois Avenue and his wife lives at 5 High Street, East Port Chester. Before going overseas, Pvt. Aloisi received training at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

2 Alarms Call Firemen Out In Snow Storm

Two full alarms within three hours took the Larchmont Fire Department out in yesterday's snow storm. The first one, shortly after 2 P. M. originated in an ash dump. The second saw valuable red points go up in greasy smoke.

The ash dump, into which inflammable matter had been dropped, filled part of the house at 15 Shadow Lane with smoke and fine ash. Through a small opening the fire spread to wrappings on steam pipes and proved difficult to reach, Chief John T. Breunich said. The house is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Byrne. Mrs. Byrne gave the alarm.

At 5 P. M. Mrs. John Hogan called Fire Headquarters and said that her oven was ablaze. She lives in apartment 2-A in the building at 1 Addison Street. When firemen arrived, they found a steak burned to a crisp. The blaze was quickly extinguished and the steak consigned to the garbage.

Guard Rail Cables Avert Bus Plunge

ARMONK—A bus with 40 passengers of the Flying Eagle Line which operates between Hartford and New York City skidded and crashed through a guard rail on Route 22 south of here Saturday at 11:15 p. m. The guard rail cables prevented the vehicle from falling down an embankment. No one was injured.

'S NO JOKE!

POMPEY, N. Y., (AP) — Roy Clark, one of a gang of shovelers attempting to clear a road of drifts ranging from six to 17 feet in depth, was asked how long it would take to complete the job. "We ought to fetch it by Spring," Roy answered. "I figure we're about down to the 1942 layer now. There shouldn't be more than two years' snow under that."

Dimes March Boxes Filling Rapidly Here

Coins fell in March of Dimes contribution boxes in Mamaroneck Saturday as the 1945 drive to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis officially got under way. Coins dropped noisily, bills dropped soundlessly, Peter C. Doern, Jr., chairman of the drive said, and many of the boxes indicated by their weight that Mamaroneck residents are giving more generously than ever before.

The coin box in a meat market on Mamaroneck Avenue seemed to be almost half full early in the afternoon, one member of the drive committee reported. This is the same store that turned in the highest amount during the drive last year.

Camp Fire Girls with contribution boxes were on hand at the postoffice and later on Mamaroneck Avenue. Other girls were soliciting coins at the railroad station Saturday afternoon and at the Playhouse Sunday afternoon and evening.

A full report of committee activities will be made in a day or so, Mr. Doern said, when reports of all committees have been received. In the meantime he urged that the wave of giving, apparently inspired by the "second worst epidemic in the country last year", continue so that ample funds will be on hand should another epidemic start at any future time.

Members of the Womans' Club of Mamaroneck are on duty at the banks during the week, Mrs. Helen O'Donnell, chairman of womens activities, announced.

Sirlin Becomes New President Of Institute

Reubin Sirlin, newly elected president of the Mamaroneck Hebrew Institute, was installed last night by Rabi Elias Black of Woodmere, L. I., to serve the institute for the coming year. The slate also included Lewis Ginsburg, vice-president; Samuel Quittman, recording secretary; Dr. L. Howard Katz, financial secretary; Edward Margoulis, treasurer; Irving J. Tuller and Barney Epstein, trustees for three years.

A testimonial parchment was presented to Barney Epstein, retiring president, "in appreciation for his successful administration during the last two years. Samuel Stearman made the presentation on behalf of the Institute.

Following the installation ceremony, refreshments were served to the group of 250 persons by a committee composed of Fred Rubin, chairman, Dr. N. L. Herman, Martin Lee and Nat Rosenblum.

Mr. Sirlin's installation followed by exactly 16 years the installation of his father, the late Nathan Sirlin to the same post.

TAX REFUND GRANTED

Among the refunds of federal taxes paid for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1944, as announced today by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, was one to the estate of the late Marie Twomey of Larchmont amounting to $3,-249.

Day's Paper Drive Nets 43 Tons

19 Trucks Comb Village In Snowstorm; Pickup Tops October Total

COLLECTION SPEEDED

If the weather man has anything up his long sleeve which can stop the Village of Mamaroneck Paper Salvage Committee, it is certainly not a minor annoyance like a six-inch, blinding snowstorm, because when the fleet of 19 trucks finished their mushing through the streets yesterday, without benefit, incidentally, of dog teams or steel runners, two and a half freight cars were full of waste paper ready for shipment to the mill for salvage.

The amount filled a half-car more than during the last drive and was estimated today by Chairman Charles D. Silleck to be about 43 tons, one more than was collected in October.

Because of the early start, the loading was completed by 5 P.M., before darkness overtook the workers and there was no need to make use of the auxiliary system offered by Charles Stenman.

All three cars were open at the same time with three separate crews working and, as the trucks came into the yard, there was room at each door for two, making it possible for six to be unloaded at once. Because of the dispatch with which the trucks entered and left the yard, the workers had time, between loads, to indulge in several vigorous snowball fights in which the Boy Scouts under the direction of Melvin Doty were anything but disinterested spectators.

Because of the storm, many residents apparently thought the drive would not be held and failed to have their paper out when the trucks came through. When they saw them, they began to trudge out with it, Mr. Silleck said, and the trucks therefore made many duplicate trips to pick up the late bundles.

As each truck reported to the Municipal Building, it was dispatched by Leo Heithaus to a special territory and he remained on duty during the afternoon with Mrs. Mary Ingraham at the Volunteer Office to take all incoming calls and supply information by telephone.

The Red Cross canteen, under the direction of Mrs. Ronald Yocum, Mrs. Israel Newburger, Mrs. T. W. Greenway and Mrs. Mervyn H. Connor served coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts in Connor's Coal Company office. The supplies were procured by Ralph Mann.

Of the 19 trucks engaged in the collection, one each was provided by Swift Gleaners, Leo Jubb, Suburban Ice Company, E. J. Connor and Mitchell Oil; two by Goodliffe and the Village of Mamaroneck; three by Individual Laundry, and seven by Happiness Laundry.

Mr. Silleck said today that the date for the next one-day drive is tentatively set for March 11 and added, "Tell everybody right now, that the drive will take place no matter what the weather happens to be."

He expressed appreciation to the pastors of the local churches who announced the drive yesterday at their morning services.

Snow Slows Traffic; More Due Tonight

Under clear skies that made the six-inch snowfall pretty although it slowed traffic and jammed busses, the Weather Bureau today persisted in forecasts of more snow mixed with sleet this afternoon and tonight and tomorrow morning.

The forecasters had been accurate on the all-day snowfall yesterday and the falling temperatures which let none of it melt. The cold wave is to continue at least through tomorrow.

Municipal crews worked around the clock to keep main roads fairly clear. The light weight snow churned by traffic was scraped to the edges of thoroughfares, leaving a packed surface for vehicles to negotiate without chains.

Patients Exceed Limit At Hospital

NEW ROCHELLE—Bed-space is at such a premium in New Rochelle Hospital that it was necessary last week to place three adult women patients in the children's ward. At the hospital it was said that excluding the maternity ward, there are now 249 patients, while 225 is regarded as the desirable limit. In addition there is a present waiting list of 20 prospective patients.

QUITE A BOY

ST. LOUIS, (AP) — The Comfort Printing and Stationery Co., isn't a bit worried about their new office boy being taken by the draft. He is 82 years old.

Manila 88 Miles Off; Americans Widen Beachhead

MACARTHUR'S HQS, LUZON, (AP).—U. S. Sixth Army troops crossed the formidable but virtually undefended Agno River 88 miles from Manila and overran scattered Japanese to expand their Lingayen Gulf beachhead 30 miles to a total of 45, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

The infantrymen in their fifth day of the invasion hurdled the Agno, where the enemy had been expected to make a stand at Bayambang, 22 miles from the gulf. They continued south at a pace limited only by the ability of supply columns to keep up with them.

Mangatarem was captured by the westernmost spearhead in an eight-mile advance brushing through two enemy skirmishing parties of 150 men each. The eastern flank had more difficult going but approached Catablan, 20 road miles inland, in a five-mile gain.

On this front the Yanks ran into small arms and artillery fire from an enemy position of foxholes and dugouts. Eighty-two Japanese and a few Americans were killed.

Extension of the beachhead took in the important rail and highway junction of Damortis on the north and approached Alaminos on the southern side of the crescent-shaped arc.

Capture of Damortis, where the Americans found little more than sniper fire, seals off Japanese troops on the northwest coast from the only highway leading into the Benguet Mountains. Some Japanese military leaders are believed to be in these mountains at Baguio, Summer capital of the Philippines.

The sweep westward to Alaminos included seizure of Port Sual after a short, sharp fight. Associated Press War Correspondent Fred Hampson reported the Yanks captured a quantity of equipment there—the first instance of materiel abandoned by the Luzon Japanese.

Hampson said the Japanese apparently did not plan to offer a defense along the Agno, the strongest natural barrier since the landing. He said the unit he accompanied "met 100 Japanese not far from the Agno, but they were lightly armed and put up little fight."

Anne Cullen Killed While Ill In Hospital

Anne Kathleen Cullen of Larchmont who was killed Dec. 17 when a bomb hit a hospital in Belgium, was a patient at the hospital at the time and the only person injured by the blast, according to a special story to The New York Sun written by Judy Barden, staff correspondent.

Describing Miss Cullen as "one of the prettiest and most vivacious Red Cross girls," the story states that she had been sent to the hospital only a few days earlier to recover from a bad cold.

Miss Barden's description of the tragic casualty and of the military funeral which was held appeared in Friday's edition of the Sun and reads as follows:

"The concussion following the shell's explosion blew her down the hall of the hospital, causing internal injuries of which she died two hours later. She was the only person injured by the blast. Everything humanly and medically possible was done for her at the hospital.

"Kathleen, an ardent Catholic, had the solace of a Catholic chaplain who was called to her side and who remained with her until she died.

"She was buried on Dec. 21, with full military honors in the American military cemetery at Henry la Chapelle. Her coffin was draped with the American flag. Father Dempsey, the corps Catholic chaplain, read the service. Attending the funeral were Capt. Eliza King, her group officers; Field Supervisor Virginia Ellis; two close friends, Ruth Hayes and Betty Hitchcock, and corps officers.

"At noon Christmas Day in a quiet Belgium town, the entire group attended a Mass said for Kathleen by the Catholic chaplain of one of their divisions.

TWO MORE GONE

TOKYO, (Enemy Radio)—Two more Japanese admirals are dead, Domei reported last night. The deaths of Vice Adm. Sadamichi Kajioka and Rear Adm. Minegoro Kameyama brought to 82 the number of Japanese admirals reported to have died on active duty since May, 1944.

THE SIZE of a B-29 can be judged by the men shown working on the tail assembly of one of the big ships at its base on Saipan in the Marianas. Although the enemy has launched many attacks against our base here, the Superfortresses continue to blast industrial targets in the Jap homeland. This is an official U. S. Air Forces photo. —International

Sgt. Eccleston Returns Home With 1,368 Other Heroes From European Battlefields

Among the 1,368 men who filed down the gangplank last week as their ship brought them in from the battlefields of Europe for their first sight of home in many months was Sgt. Eric Eccleston of 1622 Urban Street, Mamaroneck, holder of the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Bronze Star for "heroic achievement in action against the enemy" in Normandy last July.

Sgt. Eccleston entered the service in January, 1941, and received infantry training at Fort Bragg, N. C., before going overseas in December, 1942.

He participated in the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns and entered operations in Normandy shortly after D-Day. He is a member of the 47th Infantry, the 9th Division regiment which cut the Cherbourg Peninsula, later drove into the City of Cherbourg and constantly distinguished itself during the liberation of France and other occupied countries.

It was an exciting scene as the men from Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Sicily stepped ashore on their way through the country to Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah and points north, south, east and west, according to the following Associated Press dispatch:

The interval in between—the first day those 1,368 men had spent on American soil in anywhere from six months to three years—was a crazy kaleidoscope of sights and sounds and emotions.

It was the ruddy-faced lieutenant colonel on the train to Camp Shanks who fumbled for official words to describe how it felt to be back in America and then broke into a little-boy grin and exclaimed: "I wish I could sing."

It was the way a soldier looked at a huge T-bone steak in the Camp Shanks mess hall and half screamed, "Jesus Christ!" so that it sounded like a prayer.

And it was the bitter, steely eyed look on the scarred face of one infantryman who said hysterically, "I don't want my biography in no papers. I just don't, that's all."

The 1,368 men comprised the largest group of non-casualties yet to be sent back from the combat zones. They were from the 12th Army Group and had served with the First, Third and Ninth Armies.

All had been decorated, some as many as 10 or 12 times. They were hand-picked for 30-day merit furloughs according to their length of service and number of decorations, evacuations and wounds.

Some will be discharged, for dependency reasons, for medical reasons, for Army reasons. Others will be shipped back to combat duty. The majority will be labeled for "T.D."—temporary duty within the United States.

ENVOY TO TURKEY

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated Edwin C. Wilson, veteran American diplomat, to be Ambassador to Turkey.

Civic Leaders Seek Plan For Consolidation

Civic leaders, representing the interests af four communities in this area, will discuss the problems of overlapping government this evening at 8 in the home of Mrs. Harvey Conover, president of the Mamaroneck League of Women Voters, 1251 Flagler Drive, Mamaroneck.

Citizens of the Town of Rye, unincorporated section, Village of Mamaroneck and Village of Larchmont who are members of the committee plan to meet every second week at Mrs. Conover's to reach a common ground on which to base community action.

"Although many members of the group have worked on the question of overlapping government, the League Board feels that there has never been a committee in which all points of view of various sections were represented," Mrs. Conover states.

"It therefore seems healthy that they be brought together and that plans for doing away with overlapping government be studied," she concluded.

Among those invited to attend are Supervisor Owen D. Mandeville, of the Town of Mamaroneck, Village Manager William H. Johnson and Mayor B. J. Santoro of the Village of Mamaroneck, Mayor Frank Washburn and Engineer Arthur Richards of the Village of Larchmont, Mrs. Isidor Greenwald, president of the Larchmont League of Women Voters, Bert McCulloch, former supervisor of the Town of Mamaroneck.

Jane Cornell, Maureen McKernan Ross, Mrs. S. F. Coneybear, Mrs. Lester Ilgenfritz, Mrs. James Helming, Arthur H. Haaron, Gifford Plume, R. Richmond Campbell, Luther Nelson, John V. Baum, Ivan Anderson, Henry Hornidge and Judge Wesley Messersmith.

Former Larchmont Resident Wounded

Official word has been received here from the War Department that S/Sgt. Benjamin F. Banta III, formerly of 618 Revere Road, Larchmont, was wounded in action shortly before Christmas in the European area.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Banta, Jr., reside at 644 Riverside Drive, New York.

Yonkers Wife Heads Blue Star Brigade

YONKERS—The head of the Blue Star brigade is Mrs. Cherrie Orloff of Yonkers, who sold $345,-980 worth of bonds in the Sixth War Loan, more than any other woman. In all the drives Mrs. Orloff has sold more than $1,000,-000 worth of bonds

1st Army Storms Communication Center

PARIS (AP) — First Army tanks and infantry stormed at the approaches of Houffalize today and the fall of that communications center in the flattening Belgian bulge appeared imminent.

The Germans, apparently withdrawing all the way to the Siegfried Line, attempted to stiffen their defenses to save both Houffalize and St. Vith. Lieut. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges troops were within 6½ miles of St. Vith.

Fog gave way to clear weather early this morning and tactical planes went to work again to add to the ruin inflicted yesterday.

The American First and Third Armies linked up south of La-Roche forming with the British Second Army a solid Allied front accelerating the German retreat.

Foe Counters Against First

North of St. Vith, the enemy mounted a series of counterattacks against the U. S. First Army around captured Thirimont, touching off a violent tank and infantry battle. Despite snow and ice, the Americans made general gains of 1,000 yards on the northeast flank of the bulge between Stavelot and Malmedy.

The First captured 15 places overnight, biting deeper into the shoulder of the salient, and striking final blows to liquidate the western tip of the bulge, where the Third Army contact was established.

Overnight, two dozen or more towns, including Tettingen, three miles inside Germany's Saarland opposite Luxembourg, were captured.

Nazis Reinforce Saar

Supreme Headquarters said the enemy was pouring reinforcements into the middle Saar and upper Alsace plain battlefields, where their earlier offensive thrusts had been brought to a standstill.

The First Army took Dinex on the Liege highway two miles north of Houffalize.

Between Malmedy and Stavelot along the northeast side of the bulge, the First Army captured Ligneuville, 6½ miles northwest of St. Vith and four south of Malmedy. Beaumont was reached and Coulee, six miles northwest of St. Vith, was taken.

Near German-held Bovigny, ten miles northeast of Houffalize, the Americans captured Baclain, Mont-Le-Ban and Halconreux, all in an arc around the larger town. The Houffalize-St. Vith highway, last major traffic artery in the bulge, was cut yesterday and being overrun today.

Tavern Owner Acquitted Of Police Charge

P. Joseph Amodio, proprietor of the Tumble Down Shack, Fenimore Road and Center Street, Mamaroneck, was acquitted this morning in police court of a charge of allowing his place to become disorderly contrary to the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act.

Justice Patrick J. Hughes found evidence insufficient to convict Mr. Amodio of the charge brought by Lieut. Herman Pauls of the Mamaroneck Police Force.

The charge grew out of a New Year's Eve altercation at the tavern in which Matthew Halley of 40 Madison Street sustained a laceration of the face for which six stitches were required. Halley, who refused to prefer charges against his assailant, was a witness at this morning's hearing with James Stroud of 517 Center Street, who was at the place during the disturbance.

PSC Will Review Bus Design Rules

NEW YORK—The Public Service Commission will make a study of the desirability of a revision of its existing rules relative to the design of buses to be applicable to equipment acquired by bus companies after the war.

The Commission's transportation division will confer with company officials, and manufacturers of buses, equipment and fuel. One of the principal points of the survey will be a consideration of more extensive use of hydraulic and air-operating devices, air-conditioning, fume elimination and lighting.

ONLY IN NECESSITY

ALBANY, (AP)—The Medical Society of the State of New York asked doctors today to refrain from employing nurses of military age, except when necessary.

The Daily Times

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The Weather

Tonight, clear and colder, lowest 10 to 15 degrees. Tomorrow, mostly clear and continued cold. High tides today at 2:20 P. M.; tomorrow at 2:50 A. M. and 3:10 P. M.

RUSSIAN TROOPS CAPTURE WARSAW

Our Men In Service

Mother Gets Citations

Citations awarded Pfc. Randell Dobbs, Larchmont paratrooper who was killed in action Nov. 27 in Leyte, have been forwarded by the War Department to his mother, Mrs. Donald K. Dobbs of 17 Addison Street.

The citation accompanying the Purple Heart award was presented "for military merit and wounds received in action resulting in his death."

The second citation reads as follows: "In grateful memory of Pvt. Randell Dobbs who died in the service of his country in the south Pacific area on Nov. 27.

"He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live and grow and increase its blessings. Freedom lives and through it he lives in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men."

Pfc. Dobbs was 19 years old.

Seaman Greenall Home

Seaman 2c1 John H. Greenall, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Charles H. Greenall of 67 Hillcrest Avenue, Larchmont, is spending a seven-day leave at home following completion of apprentice seaman training at the Sampson, N. Y. Naval Training Center.

A graduate of the New Hampton School for Boys in New Hampshire, Seaman Greenall entered the Navy in November. At the end of his leave he will report back to Sampson for further assignment.

His father is stationed at Frankfort Arsenal, Philadelphia, where he serves as director of the research laboratories for the Army Ordnance Department.

New Year's Reunion

New Year's Eve on a Pacific island may not have offered the bright lights of Times Square, but it was anything but a dull evening for five Mamaroneck men who held a reunion to watch the old year out.

In a letter to Joseph Huber of the Hof Brau Restaurant in Mamaroneck, Sgt. Herman L. Wrede writes that he met Herbert Westphal, Fred Langham, Robert Squillace and Roy Talgo, all of whom are stationed near him at his Pacific base.

Sgt. Wrede, whose wife resides at 433 Beach Avenue, was inducted in March, 1943, and has been overseas for a year.

Home From Overseas

After seven months of overseas service, in France, Belgium and most recently in Holland, Sgt. John J. Farrell, has returned to his home in Larchmont for a 30-day furlough, before reporting to Fort Dix for further assignment. His wife, the former Virginia Tierney of Larchmont, resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Tierney of 1880 Palmer Avenue.

Sgt. Farrell, who served for nearly three years as a medical aid man with the reconnaissance troops prior to becoming tank commander in a Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron with the Seventh Armored Division, holds the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars and the Oak Leaf Cluster.

Entering the service three years ago, he trained at Camp Polk, La., and received desert training in Arizona and California before being stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. He is a graduate of New Rochelle High School.

Returns From Pacific

Lt. Arthur E. Long, USMCR, has returned to Larchmont after two years of service in the South Pacific area and is spending a short leave with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Long of 1 Seton Road. He will report next week to Oakland, Calif., hospital for treatment prior to his next assignment.

Lt. Long, who is a veteran of three major campaigns, entered the Marine Corps three years ago, receiving boot training at Quantico, Va., and further training in California. He is a graduate of Mount Hermon School and Colgate University.

His wife, the former Lois Lutz of Abington, Pa., will accompany him to the west coast.

Promoted To Sergeant

Armando G. Scilingo of Mamaroneck, radio technician with a 7th AAF heavy bombardment squadron in the Marianas, has been promoted to sergeant.

Sgt. Scilingo, a veteran a 19 months' overseas service, was graduated from Potsdam State Teachers College in August, 1942, before entering the Army in April, 1942.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scilingo, live at 130 DuBois Avenue. A brother, Orlando, is a corporal in the AAF somewhere in New Caledonia.

Most Of The World's Bathtubs Are In U. S.

BUFFALO, (AP). — Hal A. Bergdahl, sales manager of the Crane Co., Chicago, says there are 24,606,000 bathtubs in the world, 21,600,000 of which are in the United States.

In an address at a meeting of the Home Planners Institute, Bergdahl suggested these safety measures: Don't have locks on the bathroom door; install a "grab bar" near the bathtub and don't place electrical objects within reach of the bathtub.

AFTER BEING PROCESSED in Boston following their arrival from Europe, these Nazi prisoners of war are shown aboard a train as they headed toward a permanent camp somewhere in the U. S. Included in the group were a number of officers. Signal Corps photo. —International

Allies Push To Fringe Of Germany

British Take Dieteren After Crossing Roode At Two Points

BULGE IS DWINDLING

PARIS, (AP) — Bayonet-wielding Britons of the Second Army drove today into the Dutch village of Dieteren, between the Maas (Meuse) and Roer Rivers 23 miles above Aachen, in advances up to 1,000 yards in a resumption of Gen. Eisenhower's Winter offensive.

The rested troops crossed the little Roode River at two places and pushed steadily on over glassy roads and snow-drifted farmlands on the fringe of Germany. The attack was aimed at straightening the Allied line to the upper Roer, whose west bank is held by the U. S. Ninth Army from Linnich to Schmidt.

The U. S. First Army, further reducing the Belgian bulge, drove to within five miles of St. Vith, last major road center which the Germans held in the salient.

Inside Germany to the south, an undisclosed number of enemy troops were trapped near captured Butzdorf by Third Army tanks.

The British forces progressed in an icy ground haze.

Their attack, started with a massive artillery barrage — Field Marshal Montgomery's military trademark — apparently caught the Germans napping.

The little Dutch town of Dieteren is 4 miles from the German frontier and six north of Sittard.

In the Maginot Line battle north of the Hagueneau Forest, the U. S. Seventh Army had withstood three days of an increasingly powerful German attack against the village of Hatten and was slowly beating the Nazis back from the town. Three fourths of it was in Allied hands; some 2,000 Germans with flame - throwing tanks were in the other fourth.

The cross-Rhine German stand north of Strasbourg was under two-way attack by Lieut. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's troops for the first time. The Seventh Army gained a mile at both ends of the pocket despite German reinforcements which built Nazi strength to 2,500 men and a dozen tanks.

In the Belgian bulge, the American First and Third Armies joined up in captured Houffalize, 15 miles west of the German frontier.

WESTCHESTER SIGNED FOR COMMERCIAL OPERATION of its new Rye Lake Airport yesterday over a period extending 15 years after the war's end. Left to right, Edward C. Rowe, of Hamilton, president, North American Airport Co., concessionaire; Public Works Commissioner James C. Harding, County Executive Herbert C. Gerlach, seated; Supervisors' Chairman Richard H. Levet and Milton N. Weir, Great Neck, L. I., assistant to the president, Gulf Oil Company, financial sponsor of the concessionaire company.

City Freed By Soviet Offensive

First Capital Seized By Germans Early In War Finally Liberated

REDS DRIVE FORWARD

LONDON, (AP)—The battered Polish capital of Warsaw was captured today by Russian armies of Field Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov storming up into the ravaged city from two bridgeheads over the Vistula River from the south.

The city of 1,300,000 was the first European capital to fall to the Germans in this war. It was the 16th to be liberated.

Marshal Stalin announced the momentous victory in a ringing order of the day. The Polish Provisional Government at Lublin first announced the liberation of Warsaw.

The ravaged capital of Poland, once a proud and beautiful city of 1,300,000, fell to the First White Russian Army Group.

Great sections of the city lay in ruins. It was the tomb of thousands of Poles killed since the battle for the capital started last July.

Other Armies Gain Too

While Warsaw was freed from the Germans for the first time in more than five years, other Russian armies were driving on other sections of the 600-mile battlefield from the Baltic to the Balkans.

Troops stormed into the defense works of Krakow, ancient capital of the Polish kings. Nearest Russian vanguards were 10 miles to the northeast.

German Silesia itself, a great German coal and steel region vital to the enemy's ability to make war, was within 38 miles of Field Marshal Ivan Conev's Ukrainian Army group driving on Krakow.

Only 15 Miles from Silesia

A Berlin broadcast, however, declared the Red Army offensive below Warsaw had plunged to the eastern outskirts of Czestochowa, only 15 miles from the frontier of German Silesia.

Below Warsaw, the German bastion of Radom, 14th largest Polish city of 78,000, toppled yesterday and the Russians were reported far beyond.

Moscow was silent on a German-reported drive in East Prussia which Berlin said had overrun the fortress town of Schlossberg.

C.Y.O. Youth Center Opens Saturday At Holy Trinity; Three Weekly Events Slated

FLIGHT OFFICER Frank K. Gurrier, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gurrier of 38 Rockland Avenue, Larchmont, received his wings as a navigator in the Army Air Forces Dec. 30 at Ellington Field, Tex. Following his graduation, he spent his first leave at home since he entered the service July 13, 1943.

His younger brother, Robert L. Gurrier, is now receiving recruit training in the United States Navy at the Sampson, N. Y. training center. Both men are graduates of Mamaroneck High School.

A Catholic Youth Center, to be operated three nights each week at Holy Trinity Church in Mamaroneck, will have its formal opening Saturday at 8 P. M., according to an announcement made yesterday by The Rev. Thomas B. Kelly, pastor.

The center to be known as the Catholic Youth Organization of Mamaroneck, will be under the direction of Alexander D. Grob, a graduate of Fordham University, who is at present serving as physical training instructor and football coach of Cardinal Hayes High School, New York City. A committee of the laity from the various church societies will assist him with the youth activities.

The feature of the program for the opening night will be an exhibition basketball game between Cardinal Hayes High School and Blessed Sacrament School. The match will begin at 8 P. M. and there will be dancing between the halves as well as after the game.

Planned as an extension of the church youth program under the Archdiocesan CYO, the center will offer religious, educational, athletic and social activities for the girls Wednesday nights and for the boys Thursday nights. A basketball game and dance, open to the older people as well as the youth group, will be held every Saturday night. Friday nights have been left open, Father Kelly explained, in order not to conflict with other community and school activities.

Terming clubs, parks and athletic activities "simply the dessert that should come after the nutritious food," Father Kelly said today that while those agencies play an important part in beating juvenile delinquency, they are not enough.

"Thinking that these activities can wipe out this evil is like believing that rubbing a sweet smelling salve on a cancer will cure it," he declared. "It is like sweeping the dust under the carpet and deluding ourselves into the belief that the room is clean. We must get at the root of the evil and fight it with the best weapon we possess to defeat it. That weapon is the Ten Commandments. Rarely do we find anyone stressing to the delinquents that not only are they committing misdemeanors and crimes, but they are committing sin. Rarely do we find anyone pointing out that delinquents are violating not only the laws of the state, but also the laws of God which are embodied in the Ten Commandments.

"In a recent survey of Sunday church attendance in all schools in a typical American town of 8,500, it was found only 40 percent attended Sunday services. Failure is laid upon the consciences of their parents. No wonder the moral conditions among large groups of young people are alarming.

"In spite of the cry that it is unwise to allow any religious training to be given in our schools, would it not be cheaper to arrange for schools to introduce religious teaching than to wreck the lives of so many young people morally and besides have to pay the enormous sum of law enforcement due to juvenile crime?

"If unbelievers object to paying taxes for the support of schools in which religion is taught, with how much more reason might not Christian parents refuse to pay

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Piano Needed For Larchmont Youth Center

An upright piano heads the list of furnishings needed by the Larchmont Youth Center, now engaged in decorating headquarters at 2 East Avenue, corner of Palmer Avenue in Larchmont. Other articles "urgently needed" are bookcases, wicker chairs, card tables and records.

Donors are asked to call Mrs. Horace Nichol, Larchmont 2-4503, who will arrange to call for any articles donated.

Betty Riegel of the Senior High School and Robert Riegel of the Junior High School are conducting a membership drive in preparation of the opening dance Saturday Jan. 27. Teenagers are required to pay $1 for six months. Membership cards will admit members to the dance, and tickets may also be obtained at the door for 35 cents stag, and 25 cents a couple.

Committee chairmen elected Sunday, when Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morrison were received by the group, included Betty and Robert Riegel, membership; Ann Woodbridge, posters; Iris Litt, publicity; Sally Rapaport, newspaper articles; Virginia Warren, program; Sally Pierce, furniture, and Arthur Chadbourne, decorations. Jeff Brown presided and announced that new committee chairmen would be appointed "as needed" next week.

A student decorating committee has painted the Center, doing the walls in a contrasting color scheme of aquamarine blue and light fuschia.

Annual Chest Meeting Set For Jan. 24

Notices of the annual meeting of the Mamaroneck Community Chest, Inc., to be held at 8 P. M. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Mamaroneck Public Library were mailed to 1,200 donors of $5 or more today and a legal notice also appears in another part of this paper, Arthur Dunn, Jr., president of the Chest, announced today.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors to replace those whose terms expire, to fill vacancies and to elect officers for 1945.

"The idea of the letter notice," Mr. Dunn said, "was proposed by Samuel Untermyer. He argued that the Chest is now firmly established in the community and as many persons as possible should attend the meeting.

"I hope the idea turns out as good a crowd as it is good as an idea. Last year the number at the annual meeting was very disappointing. Only two persons, other than the Directors, attended. We urge that as many come out as possibly can. It is your Chest. You who have contributed $5 or more are entitled to vote."

Variance Sought On Orienta Point

At a public hearing scheduled for Friday at 8 P. M. the Mamaroneck Village Zoning Board of Appeals will consider an application from Mrs. Marion Batterson of Orienta Point for a variance of the ordinance concerning side-yard restrictions.

Mrs. Batterson, who resides near the intersection of Sylvan and Claflin Avenues, wishes to convert an accessory building on the property into a cottage. Since the building is nearer the property line than the ordinance allows for residences, a variance would have to be granted before the conversion could proceed.

Mamaroneck Falls Far Short Of 1944 Goal For Tin Cans; Increase Urged Next Week

Larchmont Exceeds 1944 Tin Can Quota

Although more than half of the towns and villages in Westchester County were more than 50 per cent below their yearly quotas in tin can collection for 1944, Larchmont went over the top by 1,483 pounds, collecting 37,483 with a quota of 36,000 and the Town of Mamaroneck fell only 1,000 pounds short of its quota of 48,000 pounds, turning in a total of 47,000 pounds.

The annual figure for Westchester County, released this week by Mrs. James Henle, salvage chairman, shows that the county has fallen behind on tin can salvage and an urgent appeal has been issued to bring the record up during 1945.

The Village of Mamaroneck enters the new year with over-the-top records in all branches of salvage collection except the collection of tin cans. In that campaign, the Village turned in less than half the yearly quota during 1944 and, with the first monthly collection scheduled for next week, Charles M. D. Reed, chairman of tin can salvage, issued a strong appeal this morning for a swift increase in the number of cans turned in.

The monthly quota for the Village is 6,000 pounds, or about three cans per person, making a yearly quota of 72,000 pounds. During 1944, only 28,150 pounds were collected in 10 months, no drive having been conducted during January and December. That figure was nearly a 30 percent drop from the collection in 1943 when 47,000 pounds of cans were turned in.

Residents are asked to prepare the tins, place them in cartons or packages, and leave them out for the garbage collectors who pick up the tin cans each morning as they go the rounds of the Village with the trucks.

In spite of the fact that New Yorkers were told they do not need to prepare the cans, it was stressed today that that regulation does not apply to Westchester County. The cans are to be washed thoroughly, with both ends removed, and must be flattened for packing.

"The fact that Mamaroneck has fallen behind in tin can salvage along with Westchester County, New York State and the rest of the country, should be no comfort when we realize how much our help is needed to provide tin for war weapons," Mr. Reed declared today. "The Village of Mamaroneck must lead the way, not trail along."

Mr. Reed further pointed out that only a minute amount of tin can be salvaged from each can, and that our armed forces require vast supplies of tin to carry out their extensive campaigns in both hemispheres. The only source of this tin, aside from going into our country's diminishing stockpiles, is through even more energetic salvaging efforts, he pointed out, adding, "Mamaroneck must do its part."

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Westchester Christian Endeavor Union announced that its 52d annual convention will be held Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday, in the Park Hill First Reformed Church, Yonkers. Elizabeth Winkler of Ossining is program chairman. A completely parade convention will be held at the same time at South Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, for Junior C. E. societies.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

SCARSDALE — A robin, traditional herald of Spring apparently undaunted by the snow, sleet, rain and high winds of the past 24 hours, was reported seen by Mrs. W. N. Engler, 118 Evandale Road, yesterday afternoon.

PLENTY OF SNOW

OLD FORGE, (AP)—A total of 159 inches has fallen here this Winter.

Quick Reports To Lions On Teen Canteen

A complete report on the activities leading to the opening of a youth center in Mamaroneck coupled with a plea for furniture was made by Earl Quick, adult president of the Teen Canteen, at the luncheon meeting of the Lions Club at the Elks Club yesterday. His report was supplemented by a short description of the decorative scheme the teen agers have decided upon, given by Arthur Dunn, Jr., in charge of publicity.

Charles Silleck reported on the paper salvage drive Sunday and made by Earl Quick, adult president of the club who worked all afternoon. He said that some "probably didn't put paper out because of the weather," and added that it should help during the next drive.

Edward Margolulis, chairman of the executive committee of the March of Dimes drive, urged that "contributions be heavy." He asked that the club make a donation and the matter was referred to the Board of Governors.

Discussing the Teen Canteen, Mr. Quick said that it would open for "business" Saturday night with a painting party and be open every Friday and Saturday night from that time on.

"Our real need is furniture—tables, chairs, old rugs, a bookcase table with mirror for the powder room, ping pong tables, games of any sort that will amuse teenagers," Mr. Quick said. "I ask you as a fellow Lion to look around your own homes and ask your neighbors. Anything that would be acceptable in a home can be used by the Teen Canteen."

Leo Heithaus offered to transport any such items.

SMOKE — BUT NO FIRE

The Larchmont Fire Department with Chief John T. Breunich in charge responded to a call to 29 Stuyvesant Avenue at 10:20 A. M. today after Mrs. Leslie Croll who resides there, reported a smell of smoke in the basement. A thorough examination of the premises revealed no fire.

Plows Work All Night To Clear Streets

The snow plows were out all night in Larchmont and were still at work at noon today struggling with the 13 inches of snow which fell on the community Monday, yesterday and last night.

When the snow and sleet stopped about midnight, the greatest driving hazard, frosted windshields, was removed, but vehicles still had plenty to worry about on side streets and hills.

The elementary schools in Mamaroneck and Rye Neck, closed yesterday afternoon because of the storm, were open for their regular full day schedules this morning and most of the county buses were back to normal.

Driving and walking were worse, if anything, today than yesterday. The two-inch overnight snowfall had been blown by stiff winds and packed into yesterday's ruts in the streets and into shoveled walks and driveways. The Weather Bureau Monday had forecast accurately yesterday's storm, but had said it would end by late afternoon or early evening. Many householders did their shoveling for nothing. For the sleet turned to snow in the evening and it continued to fall until midnight.

The trains ran on time as it was not cold enough to freeze snow in the switches. Radio Station WFAS again broadcast school information at 7:30, 7:45, 7:55, 8:15 and 8:30. The only schools which telephoned said there would be regular schedules today.

State police reported that some side roads up-country were blocked but that all main roads were open and no cars were stuck to impede traffic. The parkway police had to tow one car out of the snow on the entire system and reported all parkways open.

The colder weather forecast left no prospects of an early thaw and snow removal budgets are not large enough to cart away the mountainous piles along the curbs.

A second death in the area was attributed to the snow. John B. Quasnoicsky, 56, of Old Greenwich, Conn., collapsed and died while on the way to work in driving sleet and snow yesterday. A 75-year-old Yonkers man died yesterday while shovelling his sidewalk.

Mrs. Trottier's Brother Killed In Germany

News has been received by Mrs. Harold Trottier of 1512 Pine Knolls Lane, Mamaroneck, of the death of her brother, Pvt. Joseph Arthur Durivage, Jr., who was killed in action Nov. 23 in Germany.

A resident of Toledo, Ohio, Pvt. Durivage spent his last furlough in Mamaroneck with Mrs. Trottier before leaving for overseas duty in September. He was 32 years old.

Pvt. Durivage entered the service last March and received training at Camp Fannin, Tex., and Fort Meade, Md.

Surviving, in addition to his sister, are two sons Louis and Harold Durivage, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Durivage of Toledo.

Only Four Men From Here In January Draft

The tide of rising draft quotas has not yet reached Mamaroneck, Judging by the size of the group scheduled to leave here Friday for induction into the armed forces. Only four Mamaroneck men will be included in the group of 11 from Draft Board 750 which covers the Rye-Mamaroneck area.

The men will meet at 7:45 A. M. at the Barry Avenue School for roll call and instructions and will proceed from there to the Mamaroneck station where they will take the 8:57 A. M. train for New York. Another group will accompany them for pre-induction physical examinations.

The following Mamaroneck men will leave: Harold Urich of 283 Mamaroneck Avenue, Otello A. Velardi of 234 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Arthur S. De Fosses of 205 Union Avenue and Alfred R. Citrone of 1110 Franklin Avenue.

700 'Heavies' Hit Nazi Oil, U-Boat Plants

LONDON (AP)Seven hundred U. S. heavy bombers battered oil plants and submarine workers in the greater Hamburg area today a few hours after 1,200 bombers had struck three oil refineries and the industrial center of Magdeburg.

Some 350 fighters escorted the U. S. Eight Air Force Flying Fortresses and Liberators bombing the Rhenania Oil Refinery at Harburg, just south of Hamburg, several oil installations and U-boat construction facilities in oft-bombed Hamburg itself.

Other bombers struck at freight traffic at Paderborn and other transportation objectives in northwestern Germany, an official announcement said.

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The Weather

Tonight, increasing cloudiness and cold, lowest 10. Tomorrow, cloudy and a little warmer. High tides today at 3:10 P.M.; tomorrow at 3:43 A.M. and 4:04 P.M.

NAZIS FLEEING TO REICH BORDERS AS REDS ROLL FORWARD IN POLAND; BRITISH TAKE 4 GERMAN VILLAGES

Our Men In Service

Wins Bronze Star

The award of the bronze star for ". . . the performance of outstanding service" has been made to 1st Sgt. Charles P. Taylor of 329 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Mamaroneck, it has been announced by his commanding officer. He is assigned to a P-51 Mustang Fighter Squadron at an 8th Air Force Fighter station in England.

Before going overseas a year ago, Sgt. Taylor established a record of high standard and efficiency both as supply sergeant and first sergeant. In the language of the award order, "the zeal and effort displayed by Sgt. Taylor . . . has contributed greatly to the excellent morale of the organization which now exists."

Amico Gets Rating

Seaman 1cl Joseph M. Amico of Mamaroneck has received a rating of radio technician third class at the Chicago Navy Pier School where he has been receiving radio training.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore M. Amico of 519 Rushmore Avenue, he entered the service last April. A 1942 graduate of Mamaroneck High School where he was a member of the Honor Society and manager of the football and basketball teams, he is a former student at New York University School of Engineering. He belongs to the Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity.

23 Months Overseas

Sgt. Charles A. Baudouine, whose aunt, Mrs. John F. Baudouine, resides at the Carleton Court Apartments in New Rochelle, is now in his 23rd month of overseas service at a large General Hospital along the Ledo Road in Assam, India. Sgt. Bauduoine, former Larchmont resident and graduate of Mamaroneck High School, is a member of the Receiving and Evacuation section, and has admitted hundreds of G. I.'s to the large jungle hospital not far distant from the Northern Burma battle front.

It was here that elements of Merrill's Marauders, famous American fighting team, were evacuated for battle wounds as they drove through the Hukawng and Mogaung Valley to capture the Jap-held rail and supply center of Myitkyina, Burma. Baudouine and his buddies worked long hours checking in the wounded and sick men flown from the front.

News of the war's progress is eagerly anticipated in this remote, isolated spot, and Baudouine instituted the announcing of news reports to troops gathered for the outdoor movie showings in this area.

Aboard Fighting Ship

A former Larchmont resident now serving in the Mediterranean aboard the USS Woolsey is E. E. Larson, motor machinist third class, whose home is in Southport, Conn.

The Woolsey is well-known in the Mediterranean as a fighting ship.

According to Larson, the long siege of Anzio was the toughest assignment the Woolsey has had, and every other man on the ship feels about the same. Another hot time was two days after D-Day in Southern France, when the Woolsey was called upon to go into the German-held Cannes and draw fire from the shore batteries so cruisers standing farther out to sea could knock them out. The Woolsey went in and around the harbor but her guns weren't idle. She hit and knocked out three of the four German guns which opened up, so the cruisers didn't have much to do.

Serving In Italy

Pfc. Michael J. McChrystal of 24 Plymouth Street, Larchmont is now serving with a Station Hospital at Peninsular Base Headquarters in Italy, following previous Army duty in North Africa.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John McChrystal of County Derry, Ireland, Pfc. McChrystal has been overseas for 21 months. He entered the service more than two years ago.

An "impressive record" has been made by the hospital where he serves, during almost two years of service overseas, according to the Public Relations Office of the Base. During that time the total number of patients taken care of is somewhat over 300% of the rated bed capacity of the hospital.

Luce Not After Seat In Senate

Clare Boothe Luce closed the door yesterday on speculations that she would be a possible candidate for the U. S. Senate to succeed the late Senator Francis Maloney.

"I have no senatorial ambitions, period," she said. "I would not welcome another campaign which promises to be even more bitter and savage, especially as it would be on a state-wide basis."

She commented that Senator Maloney was a "very fine man," and that he always was ready to aid and counsel new members of Congress, irregardless of party.

APPOINTED DEPUTY

ROME, (AP)—Maj. Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer has been appointed deputy chief of staff of Allied headquarters, succeeding Maj. Gen. Lowell Rooks, it was announced today.

Town Saves $37,644 In 1944 Costs

Surplus Reported By Mandeville In Savings And Added Revenues

DEBT CUT $265,500

In the matter of municipal finances, governing bodies are apt to receive shocks from time to time, especially in a day of rising costs, rising salaries and lowered assessments, but rarely does a board get the kind of jolt that the Mamaroneck Town councilmen received last night.

According to a statement handed them by Supervisor Owen A. Mandeville, the Town of Mamaroneck will have a total surplus from last year's operations estimated at $37,644.

That amount includes savings in expenditures totalling $20,700 and additional revenues, above those anticipated in the budget, of $19,604 less an advance of $2,660 to the special assessment fund to pay 1944 debt service.

When Councilman Edward C. Griffin read the report, he exclaimed, "There's something that ought to be published. There's something that ought to be right on the front page! It's a very fine report for a councilman to receive."

"It was a very pleasant thing to be able to send to you, Mr. Griffin," the supervisor replied.

Included in the list of departments showing a saving in expenses is the supervisor's department, $1,300; the assessor's department, $900; the public welfare (net), $8,200; garbage incineration, $1,500, park department, $1,200; interest on temporary loans, $600; miscellaneous departments, $2,000. In addition, the item of $5,000 in the contingency fund was unexpended.

In addition, the following excess of revenues, over the estimates, is anticipated: income tax, $10,000; mortgage tax, $6,624; beverage tax, $2,000; interest and penalties, $987.

"Our tax lien certificates outstanding Dec. 31, amount to $135,000," the supervisor stated, "and at this time it seems probable that, between the appropriation of $120,000 in the 1945 budget and the collection of tax arrears and town-owned property sales, this can be liquidated by June 30, 1945, leaving the Town on a one-year basis as far as tax lien borrowings are concerned. This is a very decided improvement over the situation existing for the last several years."

The report further points out that the bonded indebtedness was reduced by $265,500 last year and that no bonds were issued. The outstanding indebtedness at the end of 1944 was $3,308,000.

It was also reported that all bills which had been presented and approved were paid by the end of the year, that highways and sewers have been properly maintained and that "complaints have been fewer than ever and have immediately been investigated and rectified if justifiable."

The supervisor's final comment was, "We have endeavored to give the taxpayers every service they received in the pre-war period and it can safely be said that we have done that and more despite the abnormal conditions of labor and materials under which we have been working."

Man Arrested 4th Time On Policy Charge

Rocco Cotroneo of 115 Andrews Street, Mamaroneck, arrested Tuesday on a charge of possessing policy slips, has been released on $500 bail and will appear before Police Justice Patrick J. Hughes Monday morning.

Cotroneo, who was taken to headquarters by Patrolmen Robert Clark and Charles Hanna after they searched him in a restaurant, has been arrested three times before on the same charge. In 1934, the case was dismissed, in 1936 he paid a fine of $50 and in 1942 he was fined $150. He served a year and a day in the penitentiary in 1928 on a charge of counterfeiting and last year he was turned over to the federal authorities for operating an unlicensed still.

Joseph Brown Dies; Pelham Educator

PELHAM — Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. tomorrow in Huguenot Memorial Church, for Joseph Clifton Brown, superintendent of Pelham Schools, who died Tuesday night at New York Hospital, New York City, at the age of 65. Burial will be in Piqua, Ohio.

JUBILEE PROGRAM

The senior choir of the Mamaronec Straight Gate Church of Christ tonight will sponsor a program of music to be presented by the Christian Light Jubilee Singers of New Rochelle at 8 P. M.

PVT. WILLIAM S. JAMES

Pvt. James Recovering From Wounds

Pvt. William S. James, of Mamaroneck is in a hospital in England recovering from wounds received during the December campaign in Germany. A letter from the hospital chaplain has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney James of 424 Beach Avenue, that he is "getting along very well and asks you not to worry." The chaplain says he is getting good care and adds, "he is a grand boy and we are proud of him and you too."

Formerly a resident of New Rochelle where he attended Holy Family and Roosevelt schools, Pvt. James graduated from Mamaroneck High School and entered the service in March 1944, receiving infantry training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Fort Meade, Md., before going overseas last September. Before entering the service, he was employed in the engineering department of the Ward Electrical Company in Mount Vernon.

His brother, Pfc. Henry James, who has been in the service for more than two years, also went overseas last September and is serving with the Air Transport Command in Egypt.

4 Residents Reelected As Bank Officers

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Westchester held Tuesday in Yonkers, four Larchmont residents were reelected to serve another term as officers of the institution. They are Edward C. Griffin, vice president; George E. Mills, vice president and secretary; and Agatha J. Blasi and Milton S. Billmire, assistants.

Mr. Mills in manager of the Larchmont Branch of the bank.

Other officers re-elected were Henry F. Freund of Mount Kisco, president; John Howard, Jr., of Yonkers, Frederick A. Freund of Mount Kisco and Harry Tannenbaum of New Rochelle, vice presidents; William Rathgeb of Yonkers, vice president, treasurer and trust officer; and the following assistant secretaries and treasurers: Elliott C. Siebert of Yonkers, Margaret K. Murphy of Mount Kisco, Mark Lellek of Yonkers and Thomas Weir of Yonkers. Vera Kinnally, also a resident of Yonkers, is assistant trust officer.

The following 15 members of the Board of Directors were re-elected Jan. 10 at the stockholders' meeting at the main branch of the bank in Yonkers:

James Robert Bleakley of White Plains, N. Russell Cronquist, Frank B. Devlin, Harold T. Garrity, Thomas N. Kennedy, Edward J. Murray, John D. Reilly, Jr., Thomas M. Tobin, all of Yonkers; Frederick A. and Henry F. Freund of Mount Kisco; Mr. Griffin, Mr. Mills, Owen A. Mandeville, and James G. Purcell of Larchmont, and Mr. Tannenbaum of New Rochelle.

M'Arthur Gains On Both Sides Of Beachhead

MacARTHUR HDQS., LUZON, (AP)—Gains right and left of the expanded Lingayen Gulf beachhead were reported by Gen. Douglas MacArthur today as his main spearheads pointing toward Manila approached the important city of Tarlac, fighting nothing much worse than mosquitoes and heat.

On the right the Yanks advanced 17 miles up the thumblike Bolinao Peninsula to capture the city of Bolinao, at the northern end, after a short skirmish with a weak enemy rear guard.

The western part of the drive extended the Lingayen Gulf beachhead to approximately 60 miles.

On the left flank the Sixth Army cut the main Luzon-Baguio Highway in two new places and sent patrols into Pozorrubio, around which the most stubborn resistance of the invasion has been encountered. The Americans now have five wedges along this important highway.

English Invading Reich Soil At New Point

BULLETIN

PARIS, (AP) — British troops advanced almost three miles into Germany today to near Hongen, center of a Reich district jutting into the Dutch panhandle.

PARIS, (AP) — British troops invaded Germany at a new point today in a 2½ mile advance from Holland toward the Roer River, sweeping through four villages and reeling the Germans back with shellfire and bayonets.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army launched a new drive on the south side of the Ardennes Salient. Elements of the 4th and 5th Infantry divisions crossed the Sure River beginning at 4 A. M. in the Diekirch area, 15 miles north of Luxembourg City and 18 southwest of the Siegfried Line stronghold of Bitburg. The crossing was forced despite heavy mortar, machinegun and small arms fire.

In the Ardennes salient to the south, the U. S. First Army attacked less than four miles from St. Vith, which is four miles from the Reich. The Third Army mopped up Nazi trapped before the Siegfried Line in Germany near Nenning, 12 miles south of Luxembourg City.

But above Strasbourg, the reinforced and increasingly aggressive Germans lengthened their narrow cross-Rhine bridgehead to nine miles and captured Statmatten and Dengolsheim, 15 miles northeast of the Alsatian captital. The U. S. Army, however, won adjacent Sessenheim, fought into the streets of Herrlisheim and beat down attacks at Hattan.

In Eight Miles From Roer

The white-caped Britons of Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's Second Army captured Susteren, Echt, Overeind and Overhaven in the Dutch panhandle. They swept on across the frontier in a book shaped tip of Germany northeast of Sittard in an area about eight miles from the Roer, 24 from Munchen Gladbach and 38 from Germany's 11th city of Dusseldorf.

County Trust Shows Profits Of $200,783

At the annual stockholders meeting of the County Trust Company yesterday afternoon at White Plains, Andrew Wilson, Jr., president, stated that the operating earnings for the year 1944 amounted to $200,783.32. This was equal to $6.66 a share on the 30,000 shares of capital stock outstanding in 1944, or to $3.40 per share on the 59,000 shares of new $10 par stock to be outstanding upon completion of the present recapitalization program which was ratified by the stockholders at the meeting. Of the 59,000 new shares, 12,375 shares are to be market publicly through Hayden, Stone & Mo., of New York.

The report also disclosed additional profits for the year of $64,462.24 from the sale of securities and other holdings and net recoveries on loans and other assets amounting to $48,551.41, making a total of $313,796.97.

Of this amount $45,003.95 was paid out in dividends; $112,195.66 was added to undivided profits and the balance was transferred to various allocated reserves.

Surplus and undivided profits at the beginning of the year amounted to $1,204,712.81 and at the end of the year to $1,316,908.47. The capital funds of the bank, as of Dec. 31, 1944, amounted to $2,266,908.47. Reserve for contingencies amounted to $125,000.

The deposits of the bank at the end of 1944 were $41,773,703.23, compared with $34,285,504.33 at the beginning of the same period.

Total assets were $44,354,202.35, as compared with $36,709,802.11.

The following directors were re-elected:

Charles C. Fenno, Thomas F. Foley, Warren L. Ward, Raymond R. Beatty, Warren W. Cunningham and Wilfred L. Richardson.

At the directors meeting which followed that of the stockholders, John J. Irish of White Plains was promoted from assistant treasurer to be an assistant vice president, and Harry Klingler of Pleasantville was appointed assistant trust officer. Mr. Irish started his banking career with the Central Bank of Westchester on leaving the Navy in 1919 and has been connected with the County Trust Company since 1933. Mr. Klingler was for many years a member of the staff of the First National Bank of Pleasantville, which was consolidated with the County

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TIN CANS, TIN CANS AND MORE TIN CANS are expected to start for the war salvage next week as the Village of Mamaroneck launches a campaign to meet a monthly quota of 6,000 pounds. Many Village residents "beat the gun" and put their cartons of cans out immediately when they read that Mamaroneck fell behind in the 1944 collection. Lloyd T. Rice, left, and George Perschke are shown above emptying the first load yesterday. Residents are asked to wash and flatten the cans and leave them out for collection by the garbage trucks every day next week. —Staff Photo

Town Board, Shifting Policy, Decides To Appoint Agent To Handle Property Sales

Clerk Payne Rates As Best In County

After Supervisor Owen A. Mandeville was commended last night for the savings effected in Town government last year, he said, "Well, gentlemen, while the bouquets are being thrown, I'm going to throw one myself."

He then explained to the board and, more particularly to Town Clerk Robert D. Payne, that at a recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Commissioner of Elections was discussing several complaints he had received in the county on election procedure in several places.

He asked the commissioner, Supervisor Mandeville said, if there had been anything the matter in Mamaroneck and his reply was, "None at all. There are two town clerks absolutely above criticism in this county and you have the best of the two."

The Mamaroneck Town Board last night pulled the old problem of town-owned real estate out of the hat and, after renewed consideration of the policy tentatively adopted earlier this season to deal with prospective buyers without benefit of brokers, reversed that policy and decided to appoint one agent to handle the property at an overall commission of two percent above the regular five percent commission for each sale.

As a result of the original policy of "brokers—hands off", delegations from the Larchmont and Mamaroneck Realty Boards appeared before the board last Fall "not at all to protest", as Peter C. Doern, Pr., spokesman for the group, claimed the following day, "but to express our utter amazement" at such a policy.

The idea of an agent to represent the town developed last night from a suggestion made by Supervisor Owen A. Mandeville to the councilmen and was approved during the discussion.

"It'll be all right if we can get somebody who's really interested," Councilman Edward C. Criffin said, "not somebody who will just sit around and do nothing."

"I think if there's one man on the job, he'll really work on it," the supervisor declared, pointing out that all other brokers could work through the assigned agent.

Councilman Monroe Stiner remarked that the government handles it that way for the sale of HOLC homes and that "it works all right."

Supervisor Mandeville said he has no one in mind for the job and that his mind "is not closed on the subject." He asked the members of the board to bring suggestions to the next meeting prior to the appointment of an agent.

Reporting for the Park Commission, Councilman David Embury said the Honor Roll is nearly full of names "only about one space remaining between the A's and B's." With the speeding up of the draft, it may soon be necessary to enlarge the roll, he said, adding that a consultation would be held with Otto Eggers, the architect.

He also reported that a new oil burner has been purchased for the Weaver Street Police Station at a cost of $250 "to come out of the Police Department budget for 1945."

Upon recommendation of Councilman Stiner, the board voted to change two DPW employes from a per diem pay basis to an annual salary basis of $2,500. They are George Osborn, general repair man, driver and yard foreman; and Edward Bohan, automotive mechanic. Councilman Stiner said the salary would amount to less than the wages the men received last year, but that they would rather be on a more secure basis where they would not "lose out" for vacations or illness.

Councilman Griffin reported bank deposits of of 9 A. M. yesterday as follows: general funds of $15,595.42 and impounded funds of $33,588.88, making a grand total of $189,184.30.

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Work Or Fight Bill Speeded By Congress

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Spurred by a new plea from President Roosevelt and Army-Navy heads and by disclosure of heavy army personnel losses, the House Military Committee began whipping into shape today a work-or-be-drafted bill.

It hopes, said Chairman May, to reach agreement on the limited national service proposal by nightfall and to clear the way for actual House consideration by the middle of next week.

There was almost unanimous agreement as the committee concluded more than a week of public hearings yesterday that some form of action is imperative immediately.

The President, General George C. Marshall and Admiral Ernest J. King reduced to writing their requests for action.

"The urgent need" for legislation "has not lessened but has increased since the sending of my message" to Congress on Jan. 6, the President wrote May.

While not a complete National Service Act, the President wrote, May's bill which the committee has under study "will go far to secure the effective employment in the war effort" of all draft registrants between 18 and 45.

The legislation provides for the induction into Army-Navy work units of men between 18 and 45 who refuse to follow the directions of their local draft boards and to accept and retain jobs in the war or war-supporting industry.

Marshall and King underscored the "acute need" for young and vigorous Army-Navy replacements.

Police Locate Bohan Death Car In Bronx

The death car which ran down Police Sgt. William Bohan July 3, 1941 and escaped from the scene before the identity of its driver could be established was located last night shortly before midnight in the Bronx by Chief Arthur W. Martensen who had spent a two-day vigil with Detective Samuel Bryant and Lt. Herman Pauls in an attempt to locate the owner.

When Tony Donald Gorgoglione of New Rochelle revealed to the police Sunday that Victor Cucolo of the Bronx had driven the car the night of the fatal accident, the police immediately began to trace the car which had been sold since that time.

They discovered yesterday during a visit to the Cucolo home at 4415 Furman Avenue, the Bronx, that, although the father had financed the vehicle, it was registered at the time of the accident in the name of Victor's brother, Leonard Cucolo. Both brothers are now serving in the armed forces.

The father at first refused to give any information, Chief Martensen said, but, by tracing the registration they determined that it is now owned by Frank Santolla of 4427 Furman Avenue, a neighbor of the Cucolos and is kept in a garage in the Bronx. When Santolla was questioned, he said he knew the car had been in an accident when he bought it, but did not know the nature of it.

The district attorney's office has been notified that the car was located, the chief said this morning, and will let him know if any action is to be taken.

The sight of the car confirmed the report of the FBI after examination of the frosted glass from the broken parking light; it is a 1940 Pontiac.

Civilian Travel Schedules Cut

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Some railroad passenger schedules are being temporarily discontinued to expedite the movement of war freight.

Shortly after the ODT announced this policy the New York Central system curtained some passenger car and train services.

A spokesman for the carrier said the schedule changes were ordered to speed war traffic under "the worst weather conditions encountered for a good many years" and to conserve coal and relieve manpower shortages.

ODT mentioned severe weather conditions in its statement, saying railroads wherever necessary should discontinue passenger service where such action is needed to keep war freight moving.

Carriers operating in New York State, Ohio, Upper Pennsylvania and Indiana particularly are affected.

OLAV IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, (AP).—Crown Prince Olav of Norway arrived in this country to confer with American authorities on the liberation of Norway.

Soviets Nearing Industrial Area Of Silesia

BULLETIN

LONDON, (AP) — Marshal Stalin announced today in an order of the day the capture of Modlin, 15 miles northwest of Warsaw, and 1,000 other populated places.

Modlin, a German strongpoint guarding the southern border of East Prussia, fell to Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's Second White RussianArmy, Marshal Stalin said.

LONDON, (AP) — Russian troops, rolling forward with massive momentum in Marshal Stalin's greatest Winter offensive, may already have crossed the German frontier into the coal and industrial region of Silesia.

One Moscow dispatch said it was believed Germany was now fighting on her homeland soil on both the east and west fronts.

Berlin broadcasts said German troops were "disengaging themselves" all the way from Slovakia to the Polish plains in the face of a "ten-fold Russian superiority." Their next natural line of defense is the Oder River, which farther north runs within 30 miles of Berlin.

"The liberation of Warsaw announces the forthcoming fall of Berlin," proclaimed the Moscow press.

Berlin Admits Confusion

Berlin, admitting confusion in the face of the smashing onslaught, said Tomaszow, 30 miles southeast of Lodz, Poland's greatest industrial city, had been evacuated, and said Breslau, Germany's chief industrial city in Silesia, was "directly in the danger zone."

The Lublin Radio said Krakow, city of Poland's ancient kings, also had been captured.

The forces of Marshal Gregory Zhukov, which took Warsaw, and of Marshal Ivan Konev were converging on Lodz from the east as well as the south.

Zhukov, after taking Zyrardow, 25 miles west of Warsaw, struck southwest toward Lodz, 46 miles away. Zhukov was 288 miles from Berlin.

Konev's First Ukraine Army, which captured Czestochowa, the Catholic center known as the "Polish Lourdes," struck for the German frontier 15 miles distant.

It was Konev who was closest to Berlin, 260 miles at Czestochowa.

Churchill Sees Nazi Offensive Cutting War

LONDON, (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill in a war review which ranged from Balkan politics to all the fighting theaters of the world told the House of Commons today that the present Russian drive was part of a coordinated victory plan to keep all fronts "in constant flame until the final climax."

He gave American fighting men complete credit for stopping the "costly sortie" by Field Marshal von Rundstedt in the west and he once again endorsed the Allied demand for the unconditional surrender of Germany and Japan.

Observing that "Marshal Stalin is very punctual" in keeping his obligations to the Allies, Churchill said he would not attempt to "set limits to the superb and titanic events" unfolding on the eastern front.

He declared von Rundstedt's Winter offensive was more likely to shorten the war than lengthen it.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's "recovery of the Philippines," the prime minister continued, was a "fearful warning to the Japanese of their impending defeat and ruin."

"Unconditional surrender was proclaimed by President Roosevelt at Casablanca. I endorsed it there and then on behalf of this country. I am sure it was right at the time it was used. I am clear that nothing should induce us to abandon the principle of unconditional surrender or to enter into any form of negotiation with Germany or Japan under whatever guise until the act of unconditional surrender has been formally executed."

Apparently in answer to criticism that Germany's will to resist was being strengthened, he declared he and President Roosevelt had repeatedly made clear that unconditional surrender "in no way relieves the victorious powers of their obligations to humanity."

Churchill said he and Marshal Stalin had reached an agreement on dealing with the Balkans to prevent future wars. He said President Roosevelt had been kept "constantly informed."

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The Weather

This afternoon, growing warmer. Tonight, cloudy with sleet and freezing rain, changing to rain; lowest temperature near 30. Tomorrow, rain and continued mild, highest temperature near 35.

RUSSIANS DRIVE INTO LODZ, LAUNCH FOURTH OFFENSIVE; BRITISH 3 MILES IN REICH

Our Men In Service

Reunion In Naples

Two Larchmont servicemen, classmates at Mamaroneck High School, are now enjoying their "pass days" together in Naples, Italy. Sgt. Paul Rickenback, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rickenback of 30 Pryer Lane, overseas 19 months, has been joined by Corp. Charles Miller, Army Air Forces, whose unit was recently moved to Italy. Corp. Miller, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morton C. Miller reside at 9 Byron Lane, has been overseas for more than two years.

Sgt. Rickenback was graduated from Penn State in 1942, after attending New York University. Enlisting before graduation, he received basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Corp. Miller, who is a graduate of Bluefield College in Virginia, received basic training at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., and further training at the Air Depot at Oklahoma City, Okla. Prior to being stationed in Italy, he served in India, Egypt and Africa.

Three Win Citation

Pvt. Vito T. Aloisi, of 139 East Prospect Avenue; Pvt. Carlo Corsetti, of 731 Old White Plains Road, and Pvt. Joseph Dellaposta, of 903 Howard Street, all of Mamaroneck, are all members of an Engineer Boat Regiment which has recently been inactivited in the Italian theater but prior to its disbanding achieved a superb record which won it the following commendation from Col. Francis H. Oxx, commanding officer of the Base Section, which is the vital supply and services organization for the Fifth Army:

"The splendid record that has been achieved and the traditions and esprit which have been built in the twenty-eight months of the organization's existence are an example to all in this united effort to defeat our enemies. The regiment has operated in twenty-five ports in the British Isles, Africa, or on the European continent and its islands. The task under such conditions of dispersal has been exceptionally difficult operationally, administratively, and particularly in regard to the welding of an esprit and pride of organization which every man of the Regiment possesses. The personnel of this command will go forward to join other units and carry on new missions, but they may all know that their former unit stands out among combat and service regiments alike as having performed an exceptionally meritorious service to its country and the Allied cause."

Weekend At Home

Pvt. Stephen Hirschman of Larchmont, stationed in Philadelphia with the Army Signal Corps, will spend the weekend at his home, 58 Chatsworth Avenue. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon V. Hirschman.

Pvt. Hirschman returned last Summer from nine months' service in North Africa. He entered the Army in June, 1943, while a student at Lehigh University and is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School.

Pvt. Johnston Home

Pvt. James Johnston of Larchmont has returned from Scott Field, Ill., and is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Johnston of 17 Bonnett Avenue.

He entered the service in 1943 following his graduation from Mamaroneck High School where he was vice president of the Senior Class and a member of the Student Council.

Pvt. Johnston is deputy master of Phi Alpha Sigma Fraternity and a member of the Larchmont Yacht Club.

Chairmen Named For Realty Board

Eleven members of the Larchmont Realty Board met last night at their new headquarters, 131 Larchmont Avenue, and heard the appointment of committee chairmen for the coming year following a talk on the tax situation in Larchmont by Assessor Frank E. Barnes.

Committee chairmen appointed by President Emil Zvirin who presided were: Percy M. Bibas, arbitration committee; B. F. McGrath, membership committee; Thomas B. Sutton, constitution and by-laws; Helen Jones, subscribers' committee; Arthur Sanford, auditing; Elizabeth Gerken, office committee; Manfred Goldschmidt, sign committee; Mildred Sanford, publicity committee; B. George Adler, listing blank committee.

Jackson Replies To Rye Mayor

School Board Head Says Sewall Sent Memo As Basis For Discussion

3 PROPOSALS STATED

James Jackson, president of the Rye Neck School Board, replying heatedly this morning to Mayor Grenville Sewall's charge that a proposal he made for financial settlement by the City of Rye for Rye Neck's financial problems was withheld by President Jackson at the school meeting last week, said that the memo handed him by Mayor Sewall had been characterized merely as a basis for discussion and that the Mayor said it was not for publication.

Disclosing the contents of Mayor Sewall's memo, Mr. Jackson said this morning that the following note was written on the paper: "The foregoing is intended as a basis for discussion. I have had no opportunity to present or discuss the figures with the city council, the school boards or any member of either."

The memo, Mr. Jackson said, states three proposals: 1, Have the pupils continue in attendance in District 1 schools for one year with Rye paying its usual full share of taxes; 2, Transfer the pupils to the Rye schools at the beginning of the second year and have Rye contribute $20,000 to the budget of District 1 for that year; 3, In the third year have Rye contribute $10,000 to the District 1 budget ceasing to contribute thereafter."

Mr. Jackson called special attention to Mayor Sewall's phrase, "ceasing to contribute thereafter."

He and Judge Holden plan to discuss the proposal later today, he said, and will be prepared to offer it to the Citizens' Committee for further consideration when the committee meets with the school board.

$300 Raised At Start Of Polio Drive

More than $300 has been raised to date by the Larchmont Committee of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for 1945, according to William A. Ten Eick, chairman.

Although no goal has been set, Mr. Ten Eick said yesterday that "our aim is to top the $2,800 raised last year."

"I am very confident that we will do it," he said, pointing out that last year's sum was higher than in 1943, when $2,174 was raised.

In a letter sent to Larchmonters last week by Mr. Ten Eick, it is emphasized that "the results so far have warranted the expenditure of nearly $40,000 by the Westchester Chapter." Mrs. Sterling C. Sherwood of Larchmont serves as Chapter vice-chairman.

"The county has been fortunate in having but four deaths," the letter states. "The dread disease has reached into Westchester homes and the toll has now passed 184 cases, more than 80 per cent being children under 14 years of age.

"But our funds are exhausted."

Co-chairman with Mr. Ten Eick is Mrs. George H. Stott, in charge of coin boxes. Miss Agatha Blasi serves as secretary and Edward C. Griffin as treasurer.

Town Firemen Elect Officers Of Companies

The four companies of the Town of Mamaroneck Fire Department held their annual election of company officers Monday naming the following to serve for the coming year:

Engine Company No. 1: William Fordyce, captain; Theodore Tuck, 1st lieutenant; Emil Torre, 2nd lieutenant; Robert Johnston, warden for two years.

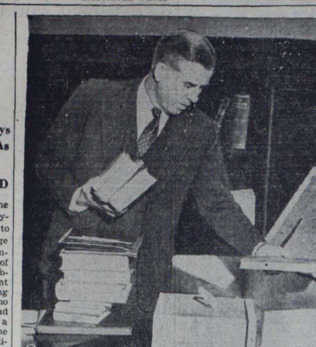
Engine Company No. 2: Fred Dodenhoff, captain; Henry Butterfield, 1st lieutenant; Carl Tortorella, 2nd lieutenant; Dominic Ianello, warden for two years.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 1: Henry Mangles, captain; Charles Deshensky, 1st lieutenant; Carl Carpino, 2nd lieutenant; Hans Schmidt, warden for two years.

Patrol Company: Harold Thomsen, captain; H. M. Everitt, 1st lieutenant; Joseph Mastociolo, 2nd lieutenant; John Forrar, warden for two years.

READY?

TOKYO, (ENEMY RADIO).—The Japanese Domei News Agency broadcast a report today that the Japanese Navy has been "quietly reorganizing its forces" and is "lying in wait for another opportunity to annihilate the backbone of the enemy task forces."



VICE PRESIDENT of the United States, Henry Wallace, is shown packing up his personal belongings in his office in the Senate Office Building in Washington, D. C. Senator Harry Truman who will take over the vice-presidency will not move into Wallace's old office. The vice president-elect will retain his present office. — International Soundphoto

Rye Neck School Criticism Branded Unfriendly Action In Protest By Mrs. Brown

A spirited protest against the charge made by the Rye Education Commission that educational facilities in the City of Rye are superior to those in Rye Neck has been made by Mrs. Malcolm D. Brown of 111 Florence Street, Mamaroneck, in a letter addressed to Mayor Grenville Sewall of Rye, in which she declares that, in addition to robbing the district of a substantial portion of its income if the Greenhaven section is withdrawn, the commission is "also trying to destroy our character."

She claims that the criticism of the Rye Neck Schools contained in the lengthy report of former Mayor Livingston Platt's commission is "a most unneighborly, unfriendly action" and adds, "as a Rye Neck taxpayer and parent of school children, I deeply resent it."

Her letter, a copy of which has been forwarded by her to the Rye Neck Board of Education, recalls the fact that, at the time the formation of the City of Rye was under consideration, Mr. Platt assured Rye Neck residents that their school system would not be tampered with. She describes the Barry Avenue, Daniel Warren and Bellows High School buildings and their teaching staffs and asks what Rye has to offer the children of Greenhaven when their "overcrowded" schools are

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Doern To Lead Fight Against School 'Steal'

Peter C. Doern, Jr., Wednesday night was elected to serve as chairman of the Citizens' Committee of the Rye Neck School Board, the members of which were appointed Friday night to recommend a method of procedure to oppose the removal of Greenhaven from the Rye Neck School district. Dominick Santomenna was appointed secretary.

Resolving to "fight the proposal to cripple the Rye Neck Schools by seizing one third of the district" all the way to the governor in Albany, if necessary, the committee took particular exception to the claim of the Rye Education Commission that the Rye Neck schools suffer in comparison with surrounding schools.

It was pointed out at the meeting that "in their own report the commissioners admit that the Rye High School suffers from the lack of uniformity of preparation in the pupils coming to it 'as evidenced by the abnormally high mortality rate in the eighth grade' among students who had their grammar school education in the Rye schools."

The committee will meet with the members of the Rye Neck School Board within the next few days to make plans for future procedure.

Welfare Load Rises Slightly In December

The case load carried by the Town of Mamaroneck Welfare Department remained the same in December as during the preceding month, 25 cases, but the number of individuals served rose from 43 to 48, according to the monthly report submitted Wednesday night to the Town Board by Councilman Edward C. Griffin.

The expenses also increased during the month from $1,264 spent in November, to $1,417.95.

The December figures show a general decrease since December, 1943, however, when there were 30 cases on the books involving 58 individuals, 10 more than last month. The cost of administering the welfare in December, 1943, was $1,421, only about $3 more than the expenses last month.

Councilman Griffin pointed out that the decrease in expenditures was not in proportion to the decrease in the case load or the individuals served, but added, "Everything costs more this year."

Carriero Named Town Patrolman

The Mamaroneck Town Board Wednesday night approved the appointment by the Board of Police Commissioners of a new patrolman who assumed active duty with the Police Department Jan. 15, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Fred Bernabie.

He is Patrolman Daniel V. Carriero of 54 Sixth Street, New Rochelle. In a letter to the board, Chief Paul A. Yerick explained that the new member of the force is an honorably discharged veteran of the present war.

Co-Ed Dinner Speaker Calls For 'Realism'

Americans were urged to "face historical facts with realism," and not be blinded by idealism and sentiment, by Samuel H. Cuff, general manager of Dumont Television Station WABD and former consultant for the Balkan nations, who shared Thursday evening's program of entertainment with Russ Harris, handwriting expert, at the "Co-Ed Dinner" of the University Club of Larchmont at the Larchmont Shore Club.

Mr. Cuff and Mr. Harris were introduced by Dr. Edgar Ernst, program chairman, following a welcome by Ross Daggett, president. More than 100 members attended the ladies' night dinner meeting.

The Polish boundary dispute, the Balkan troubles, the Chetniks, and the present Greek revolution were discussed by Mr. Cuff, who pointed out that Russia "takes a very realistic view of conditions," and that we, too, should be realistic and "draw our conclusions from the facts."

The London government in exile is not a true representative of the people, he commented, being primarily interested in "saving their own skins."

He spoke of the difference in Allied Command strategy, commenting on the Battle of the Bulge after our soldiers had entered German soil and come face to face with a hostile people, suggesting that "while it may take longer now to effect destruction, at the same time it is cheaper in the long run. By taking the time for utter destruction now, we may be preventing the seeds of another war in 25 or 30 years' time," he said.

Mr. Harris and his assistant, using small blackboards on the platform, entertained members with analyses of their handwriting, which he said "is not governed physically, but is the instrument of the brain and the body." He also gave private analyses of handwritings, following the dinner.

3rd Army Takes Border Town Of Rosport

PARIS, (AP)—German armies were on the defensive today from the Holland Panhandle to lower Luxembourg as British troops captured Hongen, three miles inside the Reich, and the U. S. Third Army took the border town of Rosport, six miles from heavily gunner Trier.

Between those forces, U. S. First Army troops were blocked four miles north of St. Vith, key to the road chain through which Field Marshal Von Rundstedt first struck into Belgium through the snowy Eifel and Ardennes Moun tains.

Above Strasbourg, however, the Germans were able to link up their cross-Rhine bridgehead with the Karlsruhe corner northeast of Haguenau by capturing Dalhunden, Stattmaaten and Dencolsheim, the U. S. Seventh Army announced. This provided the attacking foe with a narrow Rhine corridor along which he could shift and reinforce his divisions. It was a sharp setback for the Americans.

The Seventh Army lost its toeholds in Herrlisheim and Sessenheim, 11 and 16 miles north of Strasbourg, but captured Auenheim and Leuterheim below Hatten in the area where the Maginot line closes up to the Rhine.

Any of the thrusts by the three Allied armies in the north and center might burst at any moment into a full force onslaught, endangering Germany from the west as the Russians endangered her from the east.

(The German Radio said the Allies had opened a broad offensive on the southern flank of the Belgian salient between Wiltz and Wallendorf.

("Very heavy and bitter fighting is raging in the sector," the enemy dispatch said. "The Americans succeeded in crossing the Sure at several places and made some gains.")

Young Guest Goes Calling Via Windows

A 15-year-old boy, visiting Wednesday in Mamaroneck from the Bronx, decided to take a little excursion in the vicinity of Pelham Street and, borrowing his host's hat, he left his own with a comic book at the host's house and set out.

But it seems, as luck would have it, the first two persons he "called" on were not at home so, being a determined lad not to be deterred by a mere locked front door, he wound his way in through a window.

The call came to the police about 6:20 P. M. from Mrs. K. Yizar of 206 Pelham Street who said the people next door were not at home but there was a man in the house. Patrolman Joseph Tolve was detailed to Pelham Street where, in the meantime, the intruder had entered another house on the same street.

Patrolman Tolve found footprints in the snow outside the kitchen window and followed through the window. He found the closets and drawers open and the borrowed hat on the icebox in the kitchen, but no intruder.

It was later learned that a boy had taken a taxi to the station, boarding the 7:27 P. M. train for New York. The police learned the boy's name and address from his hostess and notified his mother to take him to Mamaroneck Police headquarters when he reached home.

They called on Chief Arthur W. Martensen yesterday and the boy was paroled in the chief's custody pending his appearance in children's court. The occupants of the buildings where he "called," were not sure yesterday afternoon whether anything was missing or not.

Resident Exhibits In N. Y. Art Show

NEW YORK—Norman Kent of Mamaroneck is showing a water color in the 78th annual show of the American Water Color Society at the National Academy Galleries here. His work is entitled "The Swayback Barn."

The show opened yesterday afternoon with a private view for members and exhibitors, and will remain open through Feb. 7. Nearly 400 examples were accepted by the jury of admission, composed of two officers of the society and 15 artists.

The large exhibition, which includes the work of leading water colorists from all parts of the country, is the outstanding water color event of the year in the art world here.

IN A TERRIFIC NEW SMASH north of Warsaw, following the liberation of the Polish capital, one arm of the Red Winter offensive is moving steadily below East Prussia (1) in a determined effort to outflank and completely cut off Junkerland while, following the Krakow victory, a second major drive (2) is at the very gate of the Reich outside Silesia. Czestochowa has been taken and smash to Breslau appears on. —International

Two Men In Garb Of Nazis Land From Rubber Boat On Shores Of Edgewater Point

Anyone who happened to be walking yesterday in the vicinity of Edgewater Point in Mamaroneck and who chanced to glance across the beach at exactly 2 P.M. witnessed an incident which might well have sent him scurrying for the nearest telephone to summon the FBI.

Shortly before that hour a small rubber boat, the type carried on submarines, was seen approaching the shore carrying four men, two of whom, in the garb of German soldiers, were rowing.

When they reached the shore the two who had been crouching in the boat with their caps pulled down over their eyes, glanced stealthily around and then, after a final word to the sailors, jumped from the boat and ran across the beach toward a hiding place in the rocks. The other two pulled away from shore and rowed back toward the open sound.

That's the way it happened, allright, and anyone who doesn't believe it can go to the RK0-Pathe film series, "This is America," when it is released, and see it for themselves.

The picture, managed and directed by R. Henry Beach of Larchmont, simulated the recent landing of the German saboteurs on a beach along the coast of Maine, the ones who were apprehended following the testimony of a small boy.

The actors in the "short" taken yesterday were Frederick Tillinghast, Harry Peterson, Bruce Brighton and Allen Schrader, all of New York City.

The picture marked the third one of the documentary series to be taken in Mamaroneck, the first, "Hot Money" having been shot last Summer on Mamaroneck Avenue and the second at Emelin's Pharmacy several weeks ago. The latest film was taken within a long stone's throw of the home of N. Peter Rathvon, president of the company.

The rubber boat, in case you're wondering if it escaped to the open sea, was rowed out of camera range and then returned to shore where the "sailors" hopped out, deflated it and took it with them back to their station wagon.

Students Want Lake Flooded For Skating

In anything but frigid January weather, one of the discussions which occupied the Mamaroneck Town Board for several minutes Wednesday night would have been classed as carrying coals to Newcastle. It was the subject of flooding the Larchmont Gardens Lake.

Before anyone could ask, "Isn't there enough water in it already?" it was explained by Councilman David A. Embury that the student council at the Murray Avenue School wanted the Fire Department to spray a new layer on the old ice to provide skating for the youngsters in the vicinity.

Mr. Embury, the board's representative on the Park Commission, explained that it was more than a Fire Department problem, since it would require the services of the Highway Department to clear the ice of snow and debris before the flooding could take place and also the Police Department to keep the skaters off until the new layer could become thoroughly frozen.

He indicated that the cooperation of the public would also be welcome, not only in refraining from cracking the surface before it is ready for skating but also in refraining from pulling branches from bushes and trees for building fires.

The matter was referred to the board to Councilman Embury with the suggestion that representatives of the three town departments get together and consider what can be done to accommodate the skaters.

Basketball Booth Aids Dimes Drive

A special collection for the March of Dimes Drive in Mamaroneck will be made tonight at the Bellows-Harrison game at Bellows High School, Harold Saunders, chairman of sports events announced today. The collection will be made at a booth as spectators enter.

"We believe that a collection at a booth," Mr. Saunders explained, "will be more practical than the method employed last year, when we tried passing the boxes between halves of the game.

"The booth outside the door should be more practical, easier for those handling the collection and reach more persons, most of whom will want to donate to this worthy cause."

Two girls will be in charge of the booth, he said. They are Peggy Grennan and Barbara Saunders.

Sparkman Named Museum Curator

Drake H. Sparkman, of 2 Byron Lane, Larchmont, has been elected curator of the Marine Museum of the City of New York.

Mr. Sparkman is president of Sparkman & Stephens, naval architects, of New York City, and has been prominent in international yachting circles for many years. He is vice-president of the Seamanship's Training Corps, and was chairman of the Coast Guard Committee for the enrollment of yachts and personnel for their Picket Patrol in the early part of the war.

Nazis Withdraw Across Danube In Budapest

BULLETIN

LONDON (AP) — Marshal Stalin's forces captured the 1,200-year-old city of Krakow, 47 miles from Germany's Silesian border, today and the Germans said the Red Army had battled into Lodz in a mighty sweep of Western Poland.

LONDON, (AP)—The German High Command announced today that Russian troops had driven into Lodz, Poland's greatest industrial city, and foreshadowed the complete liberation of Budapest by declaring the German garrison had withdrawn across the Danube in the Hungarian capital.

At the same time Marshal Stalin announced a fourth Russian offensive in the Carpathian fringe of Southern Poland had scored a breakthrough to a depth of 50 miles on a 38-mile front. The fourth Ukrainian Army led by Gen. Ivan Petrov, hero of Odessa and Sevastopol, captured Gorlice, 65 miles southeast of Krakow; Jaslo, 15 miles northeast of Gorlice; and 400 other towns, Stalin said.

His order of the day indicated, moreover, that the Russians in this drive south of Tarnow and west of Sanok, had advanced much closer to Krakow by forcing both the Wisloka and Dunajec Rivers, north-south tributaries of the Vistula. The Dunajec is about 35 miles east of Krakow.

Russian cavalry was thrown into the Soviet sweep of Western Poland that has covered 70 miles from Warsaw to Lodz in two days.

Berlin admitted that several key towns shielding the German border had been evacuated and hinted that a general withdrawal inside the German border was under way.

A mighty frontal drive on Berlin is beginning to take shape, said Moscow dispatches. Lodz is 250 miles from the German capital.

Red Air Force Helps Too

The Red Air Force, out in the strength of 30,000 sorties in the last 72 hours, was reported master of the skies and was sweeping German airdromes just inside the Reich's border with massed raids.

The Germany High Command said a battle of the "greatest ferocity" was raging all along the Polish line from Krakow and Czestochowa to Lodz and Kutno.

Moscow dispatches confirmed German reports that Heinrich Himmler's Home Guards, the Volkssturm, had been encountered on the frontiers of Silesia, but so far Berlin was the only source of reports that Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian Army had actually stormed to the Reich's border at the southern end of the Polish front.

Highway Town Won In Luzon's First Big Fight

MacARTHUR'S HQS. LUZON, (AP)—American mobile guns, mortars and armor, smashing a cleverly concealed concentration of Japanese tanks and artillery in a 24-hour battle, captured the number three highway town of Urdaneta early yesterday in the first bitter fight of the Luzon invasion.

Seizure of the key town on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's left flank opened the northern section of the main Manila-Baguio highway to the Yanks.

Meanwhile an American column 20 miles south along the same vital Highway 3 captured the road and railroad junction of Paniqui in a five mile gain and pressed on toward the important city of Tarlac, 70 road miles from Manila. Another infantry force approached Tarlac obliquely down another road from Camiling.

All advances were supported directly by American warplanes operating off the Lingayen airdrome. Formosa and even parts of the China coast are now within reach of long-range fighters.

(The Formosa Domestic Radio warned today that large scale enemy air raids "will be intensified henceforth." The Formosa announcer said "the ferocity of the war now raging is unprecedented in war annals of the world, and the Japanese Empire is really facing a crisis.")

THE ROADS TO BERLIN
By The Associated Press

1. Russian Front: 250 miles (from Lodz).
2. Western Front: 301 miles (from near Duren).
3. Hungarian Front: 364 miles (from Hron River).
4. Italian Front: 544 miles (from Reno River).

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The Weather

Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow. Continued cold tonight, lowest temperature 15 to 20. Somewhat colder tomorrow, highest temperature near 30.

SOVIETS 205 MILES FROM BERLIN, DRIVE TO CUT OFF EAST PRUSSIA; BRITISH CROSS MAAS UNOPPOSED

Our Men In Service

Leads Fighter Group

Capt. Arthur E. Roberts of Butternut Ridge Road, North Olmstead, Ohio, was recently assigned to the China Theater to take command of a Fighter Control squadron in the 14th AAF Fighter Wing commanded by Brig. Gen. Russell E. Randall.

The son of Mrs. Carolyn A. Roberts of the Park Plaza Apartments in Larchmont, Capt. Roberts is no stranger to the Orient having shipped out as a petty officer to catch a glimpse of the world following his graduation from New York City's High School of Commerce. The war choked off his chances to revisit familiar places such as Java, Manila, Singapore, Rangoon, Canton, Hongkong, Shanghai, Borneo and Tokyo but now he's back to do an important job and eventually "to pay another visit to Tokyo."

Dapper, trim-moustached Capt. Roberts looks like the kind of man who would have adventures, like the mutiny that occurred during his first trip as a seaman. The ship was seized by the Italian government, the mutinying crewmen set it afire in the night and sank it, and Roberts and his fellows were shipped back home as destitute seamen.

Back in New York, the captain joined the Batten Advertising Company, a concern which since has become Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborne Co. He also joined the Seventh National Guard Regiment of New York, and became a corporal.

Later he went to work for Fawn Art Studios of Cleveland, Ohio. He opened a subsidiary studio in New York, was its manager for two years before returning to Cleveland.

In August, 1942, he was appointed a first lieutenant in the Army and was assigned to fighter control work.

Capt. Roberts married Helen Adair Farnsworth, of Berea, Ohio. With a daughter, Arden Adair Roberts, 12, Mrs. Roberts resides at 27 Josepha Avenue, Parkmerced San Francisco.

Lt. Yonker Returns

Lt. George H. Yonker, Jr., who was seriously wounded in action on Dec. 2 in Italy, arrived Thursday at Mitchel Field where he is receiving treatment for injuries to hip, stomach and kidney, at the New Cantonment Hospital. His wife, the former Nonette Rancke of Larchmont, is with him.

The son of Mrs. George H. Yonker of Larchmont Acres, and the late Mr. Yonker, Lt. Yonker went overseas in July serving with the 88th Division of the 5th Army. He was previously wounded on Oct. 14 and has been awarded the Purple Heart.

He entered the service two and a half years ago while attending Westminster College and was commissioned in the infantry at Fort Benning, Ga., upon graduation from Officers' Candidate School. He is a graduate of Western Military Academy in Alton, Ill.

Boot Training Ends

Seaman 2cl Earle E. Snell, Jr., has completed his recruit training at the Naval Training Center in Sampson, N. Y., and will arrive Tuesday to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle E. Snell of 24 Dante Avenue, Larchmont.

A former student at Mamaroneck High School, he entered the Navy in November.

2nd Son Joins Navy

Asa Joseph Lawrence, son of Mrs. Eleanor Lawrence of 427 Barry Avenue, Mamaroneck, enlisted in the Navy and left Wednesday, for Sampson, N. Y., where he will receive boot training

He graduated in June, 1944 from Bellows where he was a member of Alpha Iota Epsilon Fraternity and captain of the 1943 football team.

William Asa, his brother, is a pharmacists mate 3/c, in the Navy now at San Bruno, Calif.

Japanese Hint Yank Invasion Below Manila

TOKYO, (Enemy Radio) — The Japanese Domei news agency said today an American invasion of Luzon Island south of Manila may be developing.

Domei said "enemy air forces are conducting reconnaissance operations in the southern Luzon area, indicating the possibility that the enemy is intending to avoid our powerful forces north of Manila and, instead, attempt to land troops at some other fresh point."

Japs Open Drive On Railway Gap

CHUNGKING (AP)—A Chinese field dispatch said today the Japanese had opened a drive apparently aimed at closing the Chinese held gap at the Canton-Hankow Railway betw[illegible] points south of Hengyang and [illegible]th of Canton.

The dispatch [illegible]aid severe fighting flared when several Japanese columns, based principally at the railway town of Leiyang, 35 miles below Henyang, launched a smash southward Thursday.

PVT. STANLEY LAURICH

JOSEPH LAURICH

SEAMAN RICHARD LAURICH

3 Brothers On Duty In 3 War Services

Three Laurich brothers, sons of Mrs. Frances Laurich of 230 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, are serving in three different branches of America's war effort.

Pvt. Stanley Laurich has been stationed for two years in Panama with the United States Army. A former Mamaroneck High School student, he was a tree surgeon employed by the Davey Tree Company before entering the service in October, 1942. Before going to Panama, he received training in New Orleans, La.

Joseph Laurich is a third class aviation ordnanceman with the United States Navy. A former student at Mamaroneck High School, he entered the service in June, 1943, and received training at Sampson, N. Y., before going on duty in the Atlantic area aboard an aircraft carrier. He is now in training at Boca Chica, Key West, Fla., to become an aerial gunner. Well known as a jockey before he entered the service, he worked for about four years with the Mackey stables on Long Island.

The third son, Seaman Richard Laurich, has been serving with the Merchant Marine for the last year and has been on convoy duty to England and France. He also attended Mamaroneck High School and was employed by the Walker Forbes Company before entering the service.

Youth Groups Held Curb To Delinquency

Religious training and hard work were stressed as the solution for juvenile delinquency last night by A. W. Taiano, senior probation officer of Westchester County, who last night addressed the Masonic Club of Larchmont on the subject,, "Wayward Boys."

Describing the work done by neighborhood groups especially the "Y" Rangers' Boys' Club of White Plains of which he is director, he said that such clubs encourage honesty, sportsmanship and industry and declared, "neighborhood groups under proper supervision compose one of the greatest single factors in combatting delinquency, with emphasis on adequate religious training and industry is The organization of such groups bringing to light a solution to a very complex social problem."

Mr. Raiano, who has devoted many years to the handling of wayward boys and now works directly under Judge George W. Smyth of the Westchester County Children's Court, told the Masons that the majority of cases in Westchester County are confined to truancy due to the lure of jobs at high salaries.

Delinquency raises sharply in industrial areas, he added, pointing out that this county therefore enjoys an enviable record for a low delinquency rate.

Waldo Operer, club president, presided, and the speaker was introduced by James Hewson, retiring president, who, as chairman of the entertainment committee, was in charge of refreshments served at the close of the meeting.

4 Mamaroneck Men Leave In Draft Group

Included in the group of 11 men who left Draft Board No. 750 yesterday morning for induction into the armed forces were four residents of Mamaroneck.

Members of the group, all of whom were from the Rye-Mamaroneck area, met at the Barry Avenue School at 7:45 A. M. for final instructions and roll call and proceeded from there to the station where they boarded the 8:57 A. M. train for New York.

Another group left at the same time to take pre-induction physical examinations prior to being classified for possible future induction.

Because of the size of the group, no ceremonies were held and no formal address made to the men.

Included in the Mamaroneck contingent were Harold Urich of 283 Mamaroneck Avenue, Otello A. Velardi of 234 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Arthur S. De Fosses of 205 Union Avenue and Alfred R. Citrone of 1110 Franklin Avenue.

Only three men were in the group which left from Larchmont early this month. They were John A. Gary of 183 Weaver Street, James C. Raymond of Larchmont Acres and Erik Scholte Ubing of 90 Stuyvesant Avenue who volunteered for induction into the Netherlands Armed Forces.

Smoke Leads To Full Alarm In Larchmont

Flames again pursued two of the victims of the pre-Christmas fire in Larchmont, but the pursuit ended short of its goal.

Shortly after 2 P.M. yesterday, Officer Harry Peer of the Larchmont Police Department detected smoke between the buildings at 102 and 104 Chatsworth Avenue. Investigation revealed smoke in the tailor shop at 104 Chatsworth Avenue.

A full alarm brought out the fire department and the blaze was discovered in the sill of the building. Deputy Chief F. M. Taylor, in charge of the firemen, said that it had apparently been started by a blow torch used to thaw out an outside drain pipe. The fire was quickly extinguished.

The building is owned by Apa and Bruno and is occupied at 104 by the Franklin Cleaners and at 104-A by the Franklin Tavern. Mrs. Bruno lives upstairs.

The cleaner and shoe repair victims of the previous fire, temporarily housed in the two adjoining buildings, appeared relieved that the fire had been halted short in its pursuit.

Orienta Resident Denied Variance

After hearing protests from several Orienta Point residents whose property adjoins that of Mrs. Marion Batterson, the Mamaroneck Village Zoning Board of Appeals last night denied her application for a variance to the Village side-yard restrictions.

The applicant wanted permission to convert a structure on her property to a cottage, but it is nearer the boundaries of her property than is permitted by the zoning law for residences in that area. Harold J. Kennedy, Mrs. Batterson's father who owns adjacent property, spoke for the application. Conrad C. Henne, chairman of the Zoning Board, presided.

Youths May See Selves In Movies

Several youthful residents of Mamaroneck, including the members of two Scout cub packs, may see themselves in the movies tonight if they view the Grantland Rice sports' short, "Rhythm On Wheels" at the Mamaroneck Playhouse.

The pictures were taken late last Summer of a number of roller skaters near the residence of Roderick M. Warren on Knollwood Avenue. Mr. Warren and Jack Eaton of Larchmont were in charge of the production.

English Widening Push Into Dutch Panhandle

BULLETIN

PARIS, (AP) — Three successive German attacks from the center of the Cross-Rhine Corridor have smashed the Seventh Army's defense line back almost five miles from the Village of Weyersheim, 8¼ miles above Strasbourg.

PARIS, (AP) — British troops jumped the Maas (Meuse) River below Roermond unopposed last night, widening the Second Army's push in the Dutch panhandle which is forcing the Germans back on the Roer River line 38 miles west of Dusseldorf.

At the southern end of the western front, Americans fought up to 10,,000 Germans linked in a solid bridgehead over the Rhine at one point only seven miles above Strasbourg.

Just below the British operations,, U. S. First and Third Army troops drove in upon St. Vith, highway stronghold in the diminishing Belgian bulge, and advanced north of captured Diekrich, 30 miles to the south in Luxembourg.

British assault troops crossing the Maas by boat seized Stevensweert, seven miles southwest of Roermond, without opposition. The crossing added about two miles to the seven-mile assault arc of white-camouflaged tanks and troops into German lines within eight to 10 miles of the Roer River.

British troops advanced up to 1,500 yards in mop-up operations, and pushed beyond Hongen, a mile from the German-Dutch frontier.

Farther north, German parachute troops in a sudden assault seized Zetten, six miles north of Nijmegen and four miles below Arnhem, but Allied counterattacks drove them back in night street fighting.

The Germans apparently were strengthening armored forces poured into the Rhine bridgehead above Strasbourg.

Union Protests Water Works Board Delay

Local 545 of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO, representing the employes of the Mamaroneck Joint Water Works No. 1, has protested the undue delay on the part of the Board of Trustees in arranging for a conference on the employes' wages, hours and working conditions.

In a letter to the board, Michael Garramone, district representative for the Union, wrote that "the employees of the Water Works have had their patience sorely tried" and "have come to the inevitable conclusion that despite its vague promises the board is deliberately trying to deny them their reasonable request for a conference on matters which vitally affect their welfare."

Citing a record of numerous efforts, including letters, telephone calls and visits made by the Union since June, 1944, to obtain a conference, the letter adds that the "reasons for the delay advanced by the board are contradictory and evasive" and lead the employes to the unanimous opinion that "they are being given the 'run around'."

The letter points out that the Board has "a responsibility to the taxpayers as well as to the employes to provide a fair and effective machinery for the adjustment of personnel problems and grievances." A continuance of present methods will only "aggravate the situation," the letter adds.

The letter concludes with a request to the Board for a conference with the Union by Jan. 25.

The Water Works provides water for the Town of Harrison and parts of the Town of Mamaroneck. Copies of the letter have been sent to the three Trustees, Town of Harrison Supervisor Benjamin I. Taylor, Town of Mamaroneck Supervisor Owen A. Mandeville and Mamaroneck's Mayor B. J. Santoro. In the letter this summary of efforts made in the past eight months to secure the conference were reviewed.

June, 1944—The Union communicated by telephone with Board Chairman Benjamin I. Taylor, requesting a conference. Mr. Taylor indicated that such a meeting could be arranged.

July 11, 1944—Since no further notice was received from the Board, the Union addressed a letter to the Board requesting a conference.

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AS MacARTHUR WENT ASHORE AT LINGAYEN—Seeming eager to get about the business of cleaning all Japs out of Luzon, General Douglas MacArthur strides alertly through the shallows toward dry land on Lingayen beach. A few minutes later he was setting up on the invasion beachhead his advanced headquarters as commander of Allied forces in the western Pacific, and before the sun went down his forces had begun their steady advance toward Manila. Members of the party shown with Gen. MacArthur are not identified. —International Soundphoto

No Adjustment Can Be Fair To Rye Neck School System, Jackson Replies To Sewall

Disputing the contention made by Mayor Grenville Sewall of Rye that, in the proposed legislation to remove Greenhaven from the Rye Neck School District, the City of Rye wishes to be "completely fair" with its neighbors, James Jackson, president of the Rye Neck School Board, declared today that the only way the city can be "fair" is by leaving the Harrison and Rye Neck areas out of the picture.

"No adjustment," according to Mr. Jackson, "can leave us other than crippled" and he adds, "The City of Rye school report practically concedes this; anyone who examines the situation will determine that this loss would be irreparable so far as Rye Neck is concerned."

In a statement issued to The Daily Times, the president of the Rye Neck board claims that with everyone devoting his time and energies to war activities, "this is no time for us to be obliged to engage counsel and appear before legislative committee in an endeavor to prevent the taking away of territory we have held for many years."

He appeals to the neighboring municipality to drop the matter at least until after the war when "500 odd members of the armed forces from Rye Neck" may have a voice in the matter. He concludes with the question: "Is it fair that this vitally important matter should be disposed of while they are still in the foxholes and at the fronts?"

Mr. Jackson's statement, in full, follows:

"I wish to refer to the statement recently issued by Mayor Sewall of the City of Rye regarding the matter of the proposed annexation of Greenhaven section by Rye School District.

"It seems to me that the basic difficulty in this matter is that Mayor Sewall and his associates assume that they have a vested right to the Greenhaven district and all that remains to be done in the matter is the adjustment of how much the City of Rye will do by way of partially ameliorating the injury to Rye Neck. As one of these gentlemen expressed it, 'This is a horse-trade.'

"The Rye Neck Board and residents are unable to accede to this point of view. We cannot understand why the incorporation of the City of Rye should give it a right to take into their school system property which has belonged to our district for nearly a century. This too, in view of the fact that the formation of the City was predicated on the idea that school systems would be left in status quo.

"Mayor Sewall seems to take for granted that now Rye City may reverse the field and take the educational systems into its scope of operations and incidentally seriously harm our district.

"He states a desire 'to be completely fair with our neighbors.' The simple fact is that it is impossible for the City of Rye to take over this territory and revenue with any semblance of fairness. No 'adjustment' can leave us other than crippled. The City of Rye school report practically con-

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Teen Canteen Opening Set For Tonight

Paint and more paint is the order of the night at the official opening of the Teen Canteen in Mamaroneck tonight in the former bank building at Mamaroneck Avenue and the Boston Post Road. Unlike most inaugurations where party clothes are required, the inauguration of the Canteen calls for work clothes.

The opening is scheduled for 7 P. M. Miss Frances Rentschler of the art department of the Mamaroneck High School will advise and suggest, but otherwise the teen age painters will go ahead themselves and create the sort of atmosphere they have planned. The first floor is to be the Marine Room and the lower floor Davey Jones Locker.

A juke box has been obtained and will be ready to provide the necessary "jive" to spur the young painters.

The only real problem that has arisen, Howard Smith, director of the Canteen, said this morning, is that of the Snack Bar. But the teen agers are tackling it in their usual enthusiastic way, he said, and cokes and donuts are to be the refreshments tonight.

All teen agers in the Village are invited and the membership committee will be on hand to accept applications for membership from those who can qualify. All who come are urged to wear clothing that cannot be ruined by paint, and they should also bring small pails and brushes if possible, the committee announced.

Another Month For Tax Reports

ALBANY. — State personal income tax withholding agents have been granted a blanket extension of time to March 15 for filing returns and payment of withheld taxes for 1944, Rollin Browne, president of the State Tax Commission announced today.

The extension was granted by the State Tax Commission in a ruling which took notice of the fact that Governor Dewey has recommended continuance of the 25 per cent reduction in the state income tax.

The withholding agents are employers of non-residents of the State who are subject to the State income tax on their New York income. Ordinarily, the withholding returns, Forms 102 and 103, and the withheld tax are due Feb. 15.

Commissioner Browne pointed out, however, that no extension of time is granted for filing of reports of information on salaries and other compensation. Information reports are due Feb. 15.

OPEN BIDS TUESDAY

NEW YORK, (AP)—New York City will open bids next Tuesday on $75,000,000 in serial bonds, including $14,700,000 additional funds for the projected Idlewild Airport on Long Island.

Durable Peace Called Our Aim By Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt began his fourth presidential term today with a pledge that "we shall work for a just and durable peace as today we work and fight for a total victory in war."

"We can and we will achieve such a peace," Mr. Roosevelt in probably the shortest inaugural address in history said after taking the oath in an unprecedented ceremony on the south portico of the White House. Before him the smallest inaugural crowd in years had scuffed a light snow off the White House lawn. About him on the portico were gathered the Government's top leaders — including the new vice-president, Harry Truman of Missouri.

Praying to God for vision to see the way that leads to a better life and world peace, the President said:

"We shall strive for perfection. We shall not achieve it immediately—but we still shall strive. We may make mistakes—but they must never be mistakes which result from faintness of heart or abandonment of moral principle."

"You will understand and, I believe, agree with my wish that the form of this inauguration be simple and its word brief,," the President declared.

"We Americans of today, together with our Allies, are passing through a period of supreme test. It is a test of our courage—of our resolve—of our wisdom—of our essential decency. If we meet that test—successfully and honorably—we shall perform a service of historic importance which men and women and children will honor throughout all time."

"As I stand here today," he continued, "having taken the solemn oath of office in the presence of my fellow countrymen — in the presence of our God—I know that it is America's purpose that we shall not fail.

"In the days and in the years that are to come we shall work for a just and durable peace as today we work and fight for total victory in war.

"We can and we will achieve such a peace.

600 Japs Die In Flank Fight

MACARTHUR'S HQS, LUZON, (AP)—Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger is winning the important battle of the left flank.

His Sixth Army is smashing Japanese tanks, silencing artillery concealed in caves and going after enemy soldiers in tenfoot-deep holes with flamethrowers. It is the first real fight since the Yanks landed at Lingayen Gulf Jan. 9.

Twenty Japanese tanks have been knocked out and 600 Nipponese killed—some of them 23d Division troops from Manchuria —in a three-day period along the left flank.

Reds Penetrate Within 62 Miles Of Danzig Gulf

BULLETIN

LONDON, (AP). — Soviet Russia, the United States and Britain have signed an armistice with Hungary's Provisional Government, the Moscow radio announced today.

LONDON, (AP).—The Russians, driving to cut off East Prussia, have penetrated within 62 miles of the Gulf of Danzig in the Junkers Province and have smashed to within 205 miles of Berlin in the southwest, the German communique disclosed today.

The Germans told of fierce battling against a rolling Red Army tide of 3,000,000 men everywhere along a blazing 800-mile front as Moscow broadcasts indicated a fresh series of victory announcements might be forthcoming tonight from the Kremlin.

Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian Armor reached the area of Kepno (Kemper) in a 20-mile advance from Wielun northwest of captured Krakow. German Home Guard battalions, the Volkssturm, were battling to stop the smash along the Upper Silesian border, Berlin said. Kepno is only nine miles from the frontier and 38 miles northeast of Breslau, the chief industrial center of German Silesia. Only 204 miles lie between Kepno and Berlin.

Northwest of Warsaw, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army reached or crossed the southwestern border of East Prussia on a 35-mile front and stabbed to Gilgenburg, 62 miles from the Gulf of Danzig.

Gilgenburg is only five miles from Tannenburg, where the memorial to von Hindenburg's victory of the Masurian Lakes in the first World War was erected.

The Russians also reached Neidenburg, eight miles inside East Prussia, and Chorzelle on the East Prussian-Polish border, the Germans announced.

In the center of the blazing front Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army was pouring toward the Polish Corridor between the Vistula and Warta (Warthe) in new break throughs, and the Germans said fighting was raging against the onrushing line of Red Army tanks.

The Russians had reached the area of Plock, Vistula River fortress 125 miles from Pomerania.

Black Market In Poultry Hit By Six Arrests

MOUNT VERNON—With the arrest in Mount Vernon of six Bronx poultry dealers, a substantial part of the New York poultry black market was disbanded, Regional OPA Administrator Daniel B. Woolley has announced.

The arrests were made Thursday night by OPA officers as a result of information furnished by Chief Inspector Michael Silverstein of the Mount Vernon police. They are alleged to have operated in Mount Vernon during the past two weeks.

One of the men arrested is Henry Panish, 43, of 780 Pelham Parkway in The Bronx, who had been conducting a black market poultry wholesale slaughter house at 10 South Sixth Street in Mount Vernon, Mr. Woolley said.

Panish was arraigned yesterday, charged with selling poultry at above ceiling prices before U. S. Commissioner Isaac Platt and held in $500 bail.

The others arrested, retailers according to Mr. Woolley are, Max Sanghaus, 46; Morris Gross, 49; Isadore Biogger, 42; Mason Schiedrich, 59, and Max Alter, 45, all of the Bronx.

Mr. Woolley said Chief Silverstein informed him $80,000 changed hands in the group.

The OPA official said the five men spent Thursday night in the Mount Vernon Jail and were arraigned yesterday before City Judge Jacob A. Bernstein. Mr. Woolley said they were charged with violating the State Emergency War Powers Act in that they violated OPA regulations. They were held in $25 bail each for hearing Monday.

THE ROADS TO BERLIN

By The Associated Press

1. Eastern front: 205 miles (from Kepno, a gain of 96 miles in four days.)
2. Western front: 301 miles (from near Duren.)
3. Hungarian front: 364 miles (from Hron River.)
4. Italian front: 544 miles (from Reno River.)

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The Weather

Intermittent snow or rain beginning in the late afternoon, becoming all rain tonight. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy and not much change in temperature.

GERMANY ISSUES FRANTIC APPEAL AS REDS PUSH ON IN EAST PRUSSIA; NAZIS FLEEING ARDENNES SALIENT

Our Men In Service

Lidstrom Promoted

Promotion to first lieutenant of Herbert F. Lidstrom, AGD, separation-classification officer of Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif., a former Mamaroneck resident, has been announced by Col. W. H. Allen, MC, commanding officer of Dibble, effective as of Jan. 10.

Lieut. Lidstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl John Lidstrom, 209 Morgan Place, Westbury, L. I., reported to Dibble July 9, 1944 to organize separation-classification at this large Ninth Service Command general hospital.

Before entering the service in March, 1942, Lieut. Lidstrom served for 14 years as dean of boys and as head of industrial arts at Bellows High School in Mamaroneck. He attended State Teachers' college in Buffalo, New York from 1926 to 1928 and in 1932 received his BS degree in education at N. Y. U.

From there he went on to earn his master's degree at N. Y. U. in 1939, followed by graduate work at Cornell. Besides being a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, and Pi Epsilon Tau, honorary educational fraternities, he was also active in the Westchester County Industrial Arts club, Westchester County Schools Men's club, on the board of governors of the University Club of Mamaroneck, and the Westchester Guidance and Personnel association.

For three summer sessions, Lieut. Lindstrom was an instructor in education at the school of education of New York University, and, under direction of the New York State supervisor of industrial arts, assisted in preparation of a course of study to be used in senior high schools of the state. He was also a member of the industrial arts steering committee of the New York State Vocational association.

The officer was inducted into the Army at Camp Upton, Long Island, March 12, 1942, and served as an enlisted man for a year, reporting on March 12, 1943, to the Adjutant-General School at Fort Washington, Md., where he took the classification course.

He was commissioned second lieutenant June 2, 1943, and assigned to ASTP for work at University of Pennsylvania, University of Utah, and Sacramento Junior College, Calif. He also served on two separate surveys in reference to classification made by the Ninth Service Command prior to his assignment at Dibble.

Pvt. Lombino Wounded

Shrapnel from a German shell wounded the right ankle of Private Salvatore Lombino, 19, of 119 Bradford Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York, in the bitter fighting near Aachen. He is now recovering at the 104th United States Army general hospital in England.

Pvt. Lombino is progressing rapidly and will soon be returned to the United States for further treatment," according to his ward surgeon, Major Howard H. Curd of University, Virginia.

An assistant tank gunner, Pvt. Lombino said his unit had smashed through the Siegfried Line and were attacking a woods.

"The Germans laid down a heavy artillery barrage and a shell exploded nearby," he said. "A medic dressed my wounds and sent me to an aid station."

Pvt. Lombino is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lombino of the Bradford Avenue address.

Promoted To Corporal

Jack T. Adler of Larchmont has been promoted from private to corporal in New Caledonia, where he has been stationed for more than a year with the 90th Army Airways Communications Service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. George Adler of 38 Hillcrest Avenue.

Corp. Adler enlisted in November, 1942, while a sophomore at Penn State and was called the following June. He received basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., before going overseas. He is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School.

Pilots Marauder

Lt. Dayton Browning Herrick of Larchmont, formerly co-pilot, is now serving as pilot of a Marauder bomber in France with the 9th Air Force. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton E. Herrick of 31 Seton Road.

A graduate of Mamaroneck High School in 1942, Lt. Herrick enlisted in the Air Corps on February, 1943, while a student at Lehigh University where he was majoring in mechanical engineering. He received initial training at Miami, Fla., and further instruction at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.

Following advanced training in flying at Pampa, Tex., where he received his wings, Lt. Herrick was stationed at Laughlin Field, Del Rio, Tex., and Barksdale Field, La. He also trained at San Antonio, Tex., Tulsa, Okla., and Coffeyville, Kas.

CONTINUE RETREAT

NEW YORK, (AP) — Stocks, bonds and commodities continued their retreat in today's markets as short-war psychology persisted as an argument for shelving commitments in the mores peculative groups.

MISSING

NEW YORK—Pvt. John P. Ebbett, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy J. Ebbott, of 825 Fifth Avenue and Crow Hill Road, Mount Kisco, has been missing in Belgium since Dec. 23, the War Department has notified his parents.

A MAMARONECK OFFICER MEETS THE EX-CHAMP IN FRANCE—Chief Petty Officer Bernard Lancia is shown above, second from left, with the great Jack Dempsey who, as a commander in the U. S. Navy, recently paid a visit to a base near the coast of France. He "put on a pair of gloves" with one of the men, Officer Lancia reported, and, when he tapped his opponent on the chin in a friendly bout, the Navy man obligingly toppled over. Officer Lancia, who has been at home on a 30-day leave, has been based in England for 13 months following active service in Attu, Kiska, Italy and Sicily. His wife resides at 829 Halstead Avenue.

Christmas Eve 'Celebration' In Foxhole Follows Pilot's Air Crash In Philippines

LT. HARRY C. GIFFORD

Christmas Eve in a foxhole with a Tommy gun and a Christmas dinner the following day consisting of a box of K rations and a cup of coffee was the holiday fare "enjoyed" by Lt. William D. Lawson, formerly of 1 Dundee Road, Larchmont, who has the distinction of being the pilot of the first plane to land troops on Guam when the island was taken by the Americans.

Pilot of a plane with the 374th Troop Carrier Group of the 6th Squadron of the First Army, Lt. Lawson was on a mission two days before Christmas and cracked up at "our most advanced base in the Philippines" and spent the seven nights between Christmas and New Year's without sleep, "due to active air work by the Nips," according to a letter received by his parents who reside at Mill Farm, Harrison.

He was rescued the eighth day and was sent back to the same base two days later.

He graduated from Mamaroneck High School in 1942, and began his training as an Air Corps cadet soon afterwards. He received his commission at Blythsville, Tex., and served for six months as an instructor at Cortland, Ala., before going overseas last May. He was sent first to New Guinea where he was immediately assigned to the Troop Carrier Command and is now stationed in the Dutch East Indies.

The flight of his army transport to Guam is described in a publication of the 374th Troop Carrier Command as follows:

"To the Sixth Squadron last week went the distinction of flying the first army transport to land on Guam since that island was taken by the Japs in the first days of the war.

"On Nov. 19, the sixth ship left for Finschaven on a routine mission going from that base to Momote in the Admiralties. Upon landing at Momote, a passenger was picked up and flown to Ponam later in the day. It was at Ponam that the plane and crew were commandeered under an order from Admiral Halsey of the United States Navy to fly 21 Navy pilots to their aircraft carrier at Guam. On the morning of the 20th, the ship piloted by Lt. William B. Lawson made its way to Guam by way of Peleliu unloaded its personnel and prepared for the trip home.

"Beside the first Army transport to land on Guam since it was retaken by our forces, the 6th crew logged the most hours in flight probably ever logged in a single mission from this base. In three days they logged 29 hours and 45 minutes flying time."

TANGERINE PRICES

The ceiling prices for tangerines, as announced today by the Larchmont-Mamaroneck-Harrison War Price and Rationing Board are 12 cents for one pound and 38 cents for five pounds.

And Here It Is—
Season's First Robins

When the red, red robin comes bob, bob, bobbin' along, someone is certain to call our attention to it.

Sharp-eyed Mrs. Andrew G. Hubel, Manursing Lodge, Rye, today saw the first robins of the year. She said she knew it was unusual, but she hoped we'd believe her—she was positive, "absolutely positive." (Robins always travel in couples, so no one ever really sees the first, just the first couple.)

Mrs. Hubel could not explain it, and neither can we, what with Spring two months away, the radiator hissing and the scrape of a shovel on the sidewalk far more pronounced than the twittering of the birds.

But Mrs. Hubel saw them, and a school teacher friend stands ready to substantiate her.

Lt. Gifford Wins Citation In Germany

The Bronze Star Medal accompanied by a citation for "exemplary conduct and undeviating devotion to duty" during combat operations from Oct. 19 to Nov. 22, has been awarded to Lt. Harry C. Gifford of Mamaroneck for his services as a medical officer.

Lt. Gifford, who is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Dean Gifford of 347 Prospect Avenue, went overseas last July and is serving in Germany with the 95th Infantry Division. A graduate of the Kent School and Yale University, he entered the service in June, 1942, received his commission at the Medical Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and had further training at the School for Medical Administrative Corps Officers at Camp Barkley, Tex., before going overseas.

The citation, awarded by command of the Division Commander reads as follows:

"During the combat operations of the 378th Infantry Regiment from 19 October 1944 to 22 November 1944 First Lieut. Gifford by unceasing effort and brilliant planning facilitated the successful evacuation of casualties under the ever changing circumstances of battle.

"First Lieut. Gifford's exemplary conduct and undeviating devotion to duty reflect distinct credit on him and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service."

Baseball Star's Talk To Open Scout Week

The Boy Scouts of Larchmont are marking a red star on their calendars for Feb. 8, because that night at 7 P. M. at St. Augustine's Church, the famous Hank Greenburg, former star of the Detroit Tigers and now a captain in the Army Air Forces, will be guest of honor at the Father and Son banquet which will launch 1945 Boy Scout Week.

The day will mark the 35th anniversary of the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America. It was recalled this week by the Larchmont Committee that, thanks to the introduction of scouting in America by W. D. Boyce, the organization was founded in England by Lord Baden-Powell, a British general who believed men should have scouting experience in their early youth.

Scout Week activities will include the banquet, a Court of Honor to follow, plus the public burning of caterpillar eggs and the signing of a scroll, relayed by the Scouts, by all the mayors from Port Chester to Pelham.

Berlin Exhorts All In Nation To Join Holy Battle

LONDON, (AP)—A call went out over the German armed forces radio today for everyone in the nation to join this "holy battle for liberty" as Russian forces sweeping into Silesia drove to a point six hours by fast express from Berlin.

"Damned be our enemies. This soulless, bestial, overwhelming mass of onslaught must be held at all costs," the announcer shouted. He demanded that "every man who can carry any kind of weapon, in fact anybody who can shoot," join in defense of the Reich.

The Nazis themselves in home broadcasts did not try to conceal that "the hour of greatest peril to the fatherland has struck." For the first time they admitted that Berlin itself is threatened by the Russian offensive.

"If the Russians capture Posnan (in Western Poland) then the threat to Berlin enters the acute stage," said a Berlin dispatch to the Stockholm Aftonbladet passed by Nazi censorship.

This correspondent quoted German military spokesmen as admitting the Russian had succeeded in bringing masses of infantry forward "faster than expected" and that reserves thrown into the battle are "mainly Volkssturm (homeguard) formations."

Indicating the confusion caused by the rapid Red Army advance, a German commentator said: "German listeners, I cannot tell you where the front runs, where our reserves are, or where the Volkssturm are thrown in."

Another commentator's description of scenes inside Berlin indicated rumors were sweeping the capital and hysteria growing.

"Everybody in Berlin talks of news from the eastern front," he said, and told of workers' concern for their families evacuated to East Prussia.

Appealing for patience, he urged Germans to listen only to the "official communique couched in careful terms in these critical times," adding this was the "most reliable" source of news and was "issued by the fuehrer himself."

In the past, Nazi broadcasts beamed overseas have been amazingly frank—sometimes obviously to create undue optimism in allied countries—but seldom have German reports to their own people displayed such anxiety.

Dimes Drive Goes Ahead In Mamaroneck

There will be a meeting of the general committee in charge of the March of Dimes Drive in Mamaroneck at the office of Peter C. Doern, Jr., 120 Mamaroneck Avenue, drive headquarters, 5:15 P. M. on Thursday, it was announced Saturday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting is to hear committee reports and lay plans for the final eight days of the drive.

"So far," Mr. Doern said, "we are progressing nicely. The Woman's Club took over the two banks last week and did a fine job. Mrs. Hugh O'Donnell was in charge of this activity. She will announce the names of the organizations taking over the banks this week at the meeting.

"Camp Fire girls have been on Mamaroneck Avenue and in and out of the stores both Saturdays of the drive, and their work has been well done. Boxes in the retail stores, offices and factories are filling up very well.

"It is hoped that Harold Saunders, in charge of sport activities, will have an announcement to make regarding a special activity by his committee.

"Based on responses, every committee chairman is expected to be present."

Rotary Continues Military Debate

Members of the Larchmont Rotary Club Friday continued the discussion of compulsory military service begun a week before with speakers presenting both sides of the problem.

Most members agreed that some sort of compulsory training for young men is "a necessary evil" although there were various opinions expressed as to how and at what age in the boy's life the program should be executed.

Visitors at the meeting were Rotarians Stanley Lehigh of Mamaroneck; Arthur Saunders and Edward Davis of Mount Vernon; Porter West of Rochester; also William Campbell and Charles Jennings of Larchmont.

2 Allied Armies Tighten Pressure On Both Flanks

PARIS, (AP)—Allied warplanes caught 3,000 German vehicles, the bulk of transport of an entire army, in an attempted sneakaway from the Ardennes Salient through the Siegfried Line to the Rhine and tore them to pieces today in a ruinous daylong attack. The planes attacked with bombs, rockets and machine guns.

PARIS, (AP) — The Germans plodded back toward the Siegfried Line today in an outright withdrawal from the Ardennes Salient, while British and French Armies tightened pressure at opposite flanks of the snow drifted western front.

The U. S. Third Army fought into the Luxembourg road center of Wiltz, southern anchor of receding German lines southward from St. Vith. The achievement marked a mile advance across the Wiltz River during the night.

The U. S. First Army closed within 2¼ miles of St. Vith. Gen. Eisenhower's communique listed 14 captured towns, nearly all in Belgium and Luxembourg, where the deflated bulge was now less than 150 square miles.

The British moved within 35 miles of Duesseldorf and within five miles of the Roer River in a fresh two-mile advance through northwest Germany.

The French First Army driving up the Rhine Valley and through the Vosges from Mulhouse was slowed by deep snow. German attacks north of Strasbourg, powered by five or six divisions, and in the dormant Saarlautern area across the Saar River were declared repulsed.

Kiwanis Week Set Aside By Proclamation

Commending the community service activities of Kiwanis International, founded in Detroit 30 years ago this month, Mayor B. J. Santoro of Mamaroneck today issued a proclamation setting this week as Kiwanis anniversary week in Mamaroneck.

The Mamaroneck club will observe the anniversary Wednesday at a dinner meeting at 6:45 P. M. at the Methodist Church House, Chief Arthur W. Martensen, president, announced today.

Highlights of the program will include the reading of a message from Ben Dean of Grand Rapids, Mich., president of Kiwanis International and an announcement of the organization's objectives for 1945. According to President Martensen, the administrative theme for the year will be "Win the War—Build for Peace."

Mayor Santoro declared in his proclamation that the community has not faltered in the face of the supreme tests of World War II and credited Kiwanis with helping to provide much of the moral stumulus. The Mayor urges "all citizens to further strengthen the community and promote the war program by supporting activities such as those carried on by the Kiwanis Club."

Kiwanis International, according to the proclamation, now has a membership of 180,000 in some 2,250 clubs in this country and Canada. Last year members of the service organization purchased and sold War Bonds valued at more than $1,000,000,000.

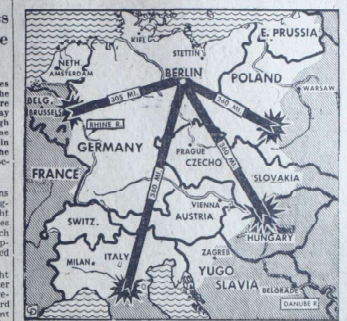
Records also show that they donated 25,000 pints of blood, hundreds of millions of cigarets for soldiers overseas, served on draft, ration and other emergency boards, established canteen and entertainment centers, and kept in direct touch with about 2,000,000 servicemen and women.

Woman Drives Car Home After Injuring Ankle

Miss Sylvia Birch, 32, of 92 Stuart Avenue, Mamaroneck, sustained a fractured ankle Sunday when she fell as she was walking on Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, to board a train for her home.

She went on to Mamaroneck, drove her car from the station there to her home with great difficulty, and then summoned a doctor. It was then that she learned her ankle had been fractured.

Miss Birch said she slipped on some ice in a driveway.



AS THE GIGANTIC Russian offensive rolls forward unchecked on the eastern front and Allied forces chop off gains in the west, the once-sprawling Nazi holdings diminish rapidly. Tighter and tighter draws the noose on the Reich capital as it and its armies fall back before strong blows thrown at her from varied directions. On the map are shown the approximate distances from four fronts to Berlin. —International

Two Youth Centers Open; One With Decorating Spree, Other With Game And Dance

More than 400 high school students of Mamaroneck turned out Saturday night to inaugurate the youth centers which opened simultaneously at the Teen Canteen in the former National Bank Building and at the Holy Trinity School where the Catholic Youth Organization held its first village program.

Scheduled as a painting party to music both "jive" and "sweet," the program at the Teen Canteen was a decorating spree and, before the last teen-ager left about midnight, the first coat of paint was on both the Marine Room and the Davey Jones Locker. Several groups of painters will finish various touching-up jobs this week so that the decorative schemes for the two floors can be started Friday night.

The feature of the evening at Holy Trinity was an exhibition basketball match between the teams of Cardinal Hayes High School in New York City and the Blessed Sacrament School in New Rochelle. About 225 youngsters crowded and nearly 75 adults, including visiting members of the clergy and representatives of various church organizations who directed the serving of refreshments.

At the Teen Canteen where Howard Smith directed the activities during the evening, the membership committee reported sufficient members on the books at $1 for six months to announce that, beginning this week, the rooms will be open to members only.

The painters took time out, between dances to the juke box music, to buy up all the cokes and doughnuts at the snack bar. Cementing upon the amount of work done, Mr. Smith said, "It is doubtful if as much area has ever been painted in this village in one evening as was done during those five hours."

The exhibition game at Holy Trinity was a tight match with the Blessed Sacrament team winning out the opponents to win. The spectators enjoyed dancing between the halves and at the close of the game with a juke box providing the tunes.

Sandwiches and cake and cocoa were served to the visitors by members of the Ladies' Guild and the teen-agers purchased soft drinks. The youth program will be continued Wednesday for girls; Thursday for boys, and Saturday when another basketball game and dance will be held. Albert D. Groh, formerly of New York City, is in charge of the program.

Those who attended the opening included William Miley, county director of the CYO, and the following members of the clergy: the Rev. James J. Walsh, and the Rev. Hugh Hart of the Blessed Sacrament Church in New Rochelle, Brother Chapman, principal of the Blessed Sacrament school, the Rev. Matthew Peters, director of the Cardinal Hayes team and the Rev. Henry Lavin of Cardinal Hayes High School; also the Rev. Charles G. McManus, James J. Lynch, Sabastian Fialko, C. P., and the Rev. Bartholomew J. Singleton of Holy Trinity. The Rev. Thomas B. Kelly, pastor, was host to the out of town group.

3 From Here Helped Crack Gothic Line

Three Mamaroneck men are members of the 339th "Polar Bear" Regiment of the 5th Army which recently shattered the vitals of the vaunted Gothic Line, taking Italian peaks as high as 3,300 feet east of Highway 65 and Futa Pass.

They are Pfc. William E. Snyder of 109 Spencer Place, a rifleman; Pfc. James P. Mancini of 131 Elliott Avenue, truck driver; and Pvt. Mario Squillace of 130 Grand Street, also a rifleman.

Before going overseas they trained for 18 months participating in maneuvers in Mississippi, Louisiana and California, landing in North Africa in the Fall of 1943. After a training period there, they reached Italy March 15, 1944, and were in the first unit of the 85th Division in the line when it was committed to action the following day.

Under command of Col. Brookner W. Brady, Los Angeles, Calif., the "Polar Bears" have repeatedly captured strong cores of enemy resistance, rocky mountain peaks above the cloud level and strongpoints nestled behind curtains of intense fire, minefields, barbed wire and earthworks.

When the Fifth Army offensive opened up May 11, the 339th raced ahead on the Tyrrhenian Sea coast, shattering its objective in the Gustav Line. Having passed through Pecuri, Formia, Itri and Fondi in rapid succession, the 339th, supplied by mule and human pack trains, passed 12 miles undetected over rugged mountain terrain and surprised the strongly fortified hillside town of Sonnino. The Sonnino garrison was completely cut off and Highway 7 thus sealed off south of the Pontine Marshes.

The 339th passed through Rome June 5, crossed the Tiber River and took a brief rest. It went back into the line to hold a stretch along the Arno River near Florence.

In crossing the Gothic Line, the 339th broke through at some of the most densely held points, moved on to capture Mt. Frena and Mt. Colorieja, dominating Firenzuola, and subsequently took Mt. La-Fine, Mt. Ribele and Castlevecchio.

Bulletin

WASHINGTON, (AP). — The House Military Committee wrote an anti-closed shop amendment into manpower legislation today and refused to specify agriculture as a critical industry. The amendment, which members said was approved 14 to 10 in a closed session, stipulated that no man taking an industrial job at the request or direction of his draft board shall be required to join a union as a condition of employment.

Insterburg Falls With Twin Drives 77 Miles Apart

LONDON, (AP). — Russian troops driving into East Prussia from northeast and southwest were only 77 miles apart today in a twin offensive to wipe out the old provincial stronghold of German militarism before resuming the drive on Berlin.

Marshal Stalin announced the capture of Insterburg, 90 miles from the capital of Koenigsberg.

Berlin called for a defense of the Reich by all Germans who can handle a weapon. Marshal Stalin's five great armies, smashing along an 800-mile front from the Baltic to Budapest, bore down on Berlin from 194 miles at one place, 196 at another, and rolled over many German towns and villages in Silesia 28 miles from Breslau, Adolf Hitler's ninth city.

Only a square of northwestern Polish territory about 150 miles wide and 160 miles long remained as a buffer between Stalin's massed forces and the length of the German frontier.

The German communique inferentially admitted the Soviet capture of Tannenberg, East Prussian military shrine, by announcing that Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army was piling up pressure in the Deutsch Eylau-Allenstein area in the southwestern part of East Prussia.

Deutsch Eylau in East Prussia is only 45 miles from the Baltic and 64 miles southeast of Danzig.

Allenstein is 30 miles southeast, as 30 miles inside East Prussia and the fighting in that area represented the deepest penetration of the province from the frontier.

It was evident that the Russian offensive was rolling on unchecked in East Prussia for the deepest penetration previously announced by Moscow was about 19 miles.

A city of 40,000, Insterburg is 37 miles inside East Prussian and 16 miles northwest of Gumbinnen which fell yesterday. Five railroads meet at Insterburg which lies at the confluence of the Angerrap and Inster Rivers.

Marshal Grezory R. Zhukov's First White Russian Army struck nearest to the heart of the Reich from the Warta River area near captured Kolin, due west of Warsaw, in another day of spectacular Soviet successes in all sectors. Berlin and Zhukov already had moved along the trunk railway to Konin, 195 miles from the Nazi capital.

Cotroneo Pays $300 Fine For 3rd Offense

A fine of $300 and an urgent suggestion from Judge Patrick J. Hughes to leave the Village of Mamaroneck were the penalties imposed this morning on Rocco Cotroneo of 115 Fenimore Street who appeared in Police Court charged by Patrolman Robert Clark with having policy slips in his possession.

It was the third fine paid by Cotroneo for the same offense. In 1936, he was fined $50 and in 1942 $150. A similar case in 1934, was dismissed. He served a year in the penitentiary in 1928 on a charge of counterfeiting and last year was turned over to the federal authorities for operating an unlicensed still.

Patrolman Clark, who was the arresting officer, said Patrolman Charles Hanna searched the defendant Tuesday in a restaufant in the Village. He was released on $500 bail pending his appearance in court today.

William Dias, 41, of 170 East Fourth Street, Mount Vernon, arrested by Lt. Herman Pauls last night, pleaded not guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated and is being held on $100 bail for a hearing in Police Court Wednesday.

Pleading not guilty to a petit larceny charge, Michael Marolfy of 7 Thompson Place, Larchmont, asked for an adjournment until Friday upon payment of $50 bail. He was charged with taking $2.50 from the pocketbook of Theresa McDermott of 112 Spruce Street, Mamaroneck, in Joe's Bar and Grill at 217 Halstead Avenue.

THE ROADS TO BERLIN

By The Associated Press

1. Eastern front: 194 miles (From Konin).
2. Western front: 301 miles (From Duren).
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The Daily Times

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The Weather

Tonight clear and colder, lowest temperature 20 to 25 degrees. Tomorrow, mostly clear, little change in temperature, highest 30 to 35 degrees.

REDS FIGHTING IN POZNAN, ONLY 137 MILES FROM BERLIN; YANKS SMASH INTO ST. VITH

Our Men In Service

With LST On Seine

Among the men from New York state serving aboard the U.S.S. LST 517 in the English Channel, is Francis J. Mahoney, quartermaster first class, U.S.N.R., whose wife, Mrs. Martha Mahoney resides at 12 Shadow Lane, Larchmont.

A former attorney-at-law, he entered the Navy in April, 1943, and was advanced from quartermaster second class to his present rating last November. He is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Mahoney of Roe Park, Highland Falls.

Like all other U. S. Navy ships still in European waters, the 517's job just began on D-day. She churns continuously back and forth across the treacherous channel delivering more war supplies and men to the battle grounds of France and Germany.

Recent trips of the 517 have given the crew members their first glimpses of the French countryside, for the ship is now operating to the reopened inland waterway ports along the River Seine.

In 5 Major Invasions

Participation in five major invasions in a 50,000 miles sweep through the Pacific in the last 11 months are some of the experiences of Coast Guardsman Donald C. McMahon, Coxswain, son of Mrs. Donald McMahon, 127 Frank Avenue, Mamaroneck.

The amphibious attacks include those on the Marshall Islands, Emirau, Guam, Peleliu and the recent historic landing in the Philippines.

"We got our baptism in action during the invasion of Eniwetok in the Marshalls last February," said McMahon. "From there we took Marine Raiders into Emirau Island off New Guinea. Guam was our next pay-run and one of the toughest. It was particularly rugged for the crews of our landing barges. Two of the men were wounded by mortar fire."

"The Marines we took in on our next operation at Peleliu caught hell", continued the Coast Guardsman. "On our ship we were at our battle stations for three days and three nights solid, but we saw only one Jap plane the whole time. We were in the first attack force to hit Leyte in the Philippines, and again it was pretty tough going for our boat crewmen. Two of our landing barges were sunk by mortar fire and another was hit by enemy artillery. All hands in both barges were rescued, but one of our boat officers were wounded. Actually, though, we ran into more trouble when we went back to Leyte the second time with reenforcements. There were Jap torpedo planes and Jap bomber attacks, but again we were lucky . . . our ship came out without a scratch."

Promoted To Corporal

Robert L. Schnurr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Schnurr, of 1 Thompson Place, Larchmont, was recently promoted to the grade of corporal at the McCook Army Air Field, Nebraska, where he is stationed as a gunnery instructor.

Prior to his induction into the Army he was a student at Iona College, and is a graduate of the Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.

'Round the clock Superfortress crew training for 'round the clock overseas bombing is the keynote of the McCook Army Air Field. A combat college of the air that is rich with both overseas and specialized instructors, McCook Army Air Field and its men play a vital part in the Second Air Force Very Heavy Bombardment Training Program.

Air Field Instructor

Capt. Robert E. Merrill of Larchmont has been assigned to Courtland Army Air Field, Ala., where he will go to work as an instructor.

Capt. Merrill, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Merrill, of 28 Homer Avenue, entered the service Dec. 24, 1940, and has tine to Courtland from Maxwell Field where he also served as an instructor. Previous to his enlistment, the captain was a student at Cornell University where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is a graduate of Manlius School.

Police To Honor Retiring Officer

The Police Benevolent Association of the Village of Mamaroneck tomorrow night will hold a testimonial dinner in honor of Lt. Maurice Thomas, police department veteran, who retired from duty the first of the year. The event is scheduled to take place at the Orienta Beach Club at 7 P. M.

Village officials and heads of municipal departments will attend the dinner in addition to members of the department and the Benevolent Association.

In charge of the affair are Patrolmen Joseph McNamara and Michael Ciraco, chairmen of the entertainment committee. Patrolman James Hughes, president of the association will preside.

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Capt. Ameno Killed On War Front

Mamaroneck Officer With Armored Division Dies In Belgium

WED 7 MONTHS AGO

Official notification of the death in action of Capt. Robert Louis Ameno of Mamaroneck has been received by his wife, the former Laura Walker, who is residing in New York with her parents, Postmaster General and Mrs. Frank C. Walker.

Capt. Ameno, who was the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Louis Ameno of 616 Sylvan Avenue, Mamaroneck, was killed Dec. 30 in Belgium, the adjutant general of the Army informed his wife.

He tenered the service in January, 1942, and had been serving as company commander of the 11th American Armored Division. He received training at the Armored Force School at Fort Knox, Ky., and received his commission in July, 1942. Capt. Ameno went overseas with the 11th Armored Division early last Fall following further training at Camp Cooke, Calif.

A native of New York City, he was a 1937 graduate of Fordham University. He and Mrs. Ameno were married June 3 at the Church of St. Ignatius Layola in New York City.

Capt. Ameno was reported missing in action last Sunday but subsequent advices from the War Department yesterday stated that his death in action on the Belgian front Dec. 30 had been confirmed.

In addition to his wife and his parents, he is survived by a brother, Lt. Jules Ameno of the United States Naval Reserve.

Allen Renamed Shore Humane Society Head

T. Roosevelt Allen of Larchmont was reelected last night president of the Westchester Shore Humane Society at the annual meeting of the organization held at 159 Larchmont Avenue, Larchmont. Also named on the slate for the coming year were Mrs. Harry Goeckler, first vice president; Willis B. Rice, second vice president; Mrs. Irving Weinz, secretary, and Miss Mabel Vermilya, treasurer.

Presenting his report of the year's work, Mr. Allen said that a total of 2,000 animals were cared for during 1944 and that homes have been found for many of them.

Elected to the Board of Directors were Miss Anne Batchelder, D. M. Myers, Mr. Rice, Mrs. C. De Witt Rogers, Mrs. W. I. Shuman, Mr. Allen, Mrs. H. P. Donnell, Mrs. Goeckler, Mrs. J. S. Serling, Mrs. W. A. Hoffman, Mrs. A. P. Deacon, Mrs. J. Henry Neal, Mrs. Earl R. Van Sickle, Mrs. Weinz and Miss Vermilya.

Frank M. Gagliardi and Judge Wesley M. Messersmith were named legal representatives for the organization.

Four Bills Give Increased Aid To Localities

ALBANY, (AP)—Four bills to give more state aid to localities were before the Legislature today as the reply of Erie County Republican lawmakers to a Democratic assertion that the GOP was ignoring municipalities in freezing the 1944-45 surplus into the post-war fund.

The measures, introduced by Senators Walter J. Mahoney and Charles O. Burney, Jr., and Assemblymen Frank A. Gugino, Justice C. Morgan and William J. Butler, would:

Increase from 40 to 100 per cent the state reimbursement to localities for home relief.

Distribute gasoline tax money to localities for snow removal on basis of $1 per capita.

Permanently relinquish to cities the 2 per cent state tax on public utilities.

Increase from one-third to two-thirds the municipalities' share of state corporation franchise ta.revenues.

Another bill would permit a high school student entering the armed forces in his senior year to be graduated and receive a "war diploma," entitling him to enter college without further regents or other examination (Senator Pliny W. Williamson and Assemblyman Theodore Hill, Jr., Westchester Republicans.)

PASSAGE DUE TODAY

ALBANY, (AP)—Passage of legislation imposing state control over commercial rents in New York City was expected today following receipt of a promised message from Governor Dewey stating emergency action was necessary.

FRANK M. TOTTON, of Larchmont, vice president of the Chase National Bank, who was yesterday elected president of the Young Men's Christian Association of New York City. Mr. Totton, who lives at 139 Rockland Avenue, has been for the last eight years chairman of the business committee of the board of directors, which supervised activities in 1944 involving more than $3,500,000. Mr. Totton is the twentieth president of the association.

Truck Wrecks Two Vehicles; Driver Injured

Five minutes after a truck headed East with a Ford coupe in tow stopped on the Boston Post Road near Alden Road at 4 A.M. today because of engine trouble, an International truck went through Larchmont in the same direction and, skidding on the icy pavement as the driver stamped on the brake, plunged into the rear of the coupe, completely wrecking the two parked vehicles and sending the driver of the coupe to the hospital in a serious condition.

Fred Annuziato, 27, of Bridgeport, Conn., driver of the International, told the Town of Mamaroneck Police that he did not see the other vehicles until it was too late to avoid them. He was held on a charge of technical automobile assault and for driving with an expired license.

Joseph Melrose, 29, of 853 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, driver of the coupe, was taken to the New Rochelle Hospital where his condition today was described as critical. He was reported suffering from possible fractures of the leg, hip and hand, multiple lacerations and internal injuries.

Annuziato and Edward W. Lewis, 41, of 535 Third Street, Mamaroneck, driver of the towing truck, which is owned by Short Brothers Transportation Company of New Rochelle, were uninjured.

The wrecked cars and the International, which was also badly damagedw, were towed to Jubb's Garage in Mamaroneck.

Senate Fights Giving Wallace Lending Rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate rustled with revolt against turning the Government's huge lending agencies over to Henry A. Wallace today as a 19-man committee began consideration of his appointment as Secretary of Commerce.

Opposition among southern Democrats and Republicans was strong. The only apparent possibility of averting a bitter fight over confirmation seemed to lie in a proposal to strip the Commerce Department of those agencies and make them independent once again.

This was advanced by Senator George (D-Ga.) in a resolution which, if approved, would leave the former Vice-President only the routine responsibilities of the commerce post.

Chairman Bailey (D-N. C.) called the Commerce Committee into a locked-door session to discuss both the Wallace nomination and the George Bill.

Publishers Offer Victory Program

NEW YORK, (AP).—A "Press for Victory" program offered the N. Y. State Publishers Association today included a statement urging "the free flow of news and information between nations to build international good will."

The program also pledged recognition of "the true function of the press so that the people may continue to be honestly and accurately informed by the printed word."

The program was presented by a committee composed of Frank E. Gannett, publisher of the Gannett Newspapers; James E. Stiles, publisher of the Nassau Daily Review-Star, Rockville Center, and Wallace Odell of the Westchester County Publishers, Inc.

Lt. F. P. Motz Loses Life In Belgium

Larchmont Officer Of Infantry Unit Killed In Action Overseas

MARRIED LAST JUNE

Lt. Fred P. Motz, Jr., of Larchmont is the latest of Larchmont's service men to become a member of the Gold Star Honor Roll. He lost his life Jan. 8 in Belgium, according to a War Department telegram received Sunday by his wife, the former Margaret Colbert of the Chatsworth Gardens Apartments.

Lt. Motz was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry in June, 1942, upon his graduation from Georgetown University where he received his degree in Science, Business and Public Administration. He received his previous schooling at Riverside Military Academy and the Iona School in New Rochelle.

Before going overseas last August, Lt. Motz received infantry training at Fort Benning, Ga., and navigation training at Coral Gables, Fla. He was promoted to first lieutenant last April.

He is survived by his wife, whom he married last June; his father, Fred P. Motz, and a sister, Miss Catherine Motz of 3 Bayard Street, Larchmont.

There will be a Solemn High Requiem Mass Thursday at 10 A.M. at St. Augustine's Church in Larchmont.

Bowling Match Slated To Aid Dimes Drive

At a meeting yesterday of the full committee in charge of the March of Dimes drive in Mamaroneck, Harold Saunders, in charge of sports events, announced that arrangements had been completed for an exhibition bowling match Saturday night at the Mamaroneck Recreation Center, the entire proceeds to go toward the goal of $2,200. In addition, contribution boxes will be passed among those in the audience, he said.

The feature attractions will be Jimmy Smith, ex-champion and twice winner of the A.B.C. All-Events championship. It is planned to have another ex-champion as his competitor, Mr. Saunders said. He announced that he is also arranging a match between a team from Mamaroneck and one from Port Chester. Tickets are on sale at the Union Savings Bank, March of Dimes headquarters at 120 Mamaroneck Avenue and several stores throughout the Village. Special bleacher seats will be erected at the end of the alleys and chairs set up along the sides, thus assuring plenty of seating space, Mr. Saunders said.

Edward Margoluis, chairman of the executive committee, announced that contribution boxes will be passed through the audience at The Playhouse every evening beginning Thursday and also Sunday afternoon. Arrangements have been completed through Charles Gaa, manager of the theater. Mrs. Helen O'Donnell has arranged to have several girls on hand at each performance to handle the collection.

Reporting for the special gifts committee, Hunter Meighan announced that several checks have already been received in response to the letter sent out last week. Another letter will go out shortly he said, and will be followed by a telephone campaign. Checks may be mailed to him, or to Peter

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Third Shop Fined On Price Charge

An Administrator's Treble Damage claim of $50 has been paid to the United States Treasurer by Joseph La Rocco of the Prospect Market, 143 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, for violations of ceiling price regulations, it was disclosed today by the Larchmont-Mamaroneck-Harrison War Price and Rationing Board.

The overcharges involved were made on bacon, lettuce, bananas, meats and onions.

The case marks the third penalty imposed in this area within the last five weeks.

Nazi Withdrawal From Ardennes Now A Rout

PARIS, (AP). — First Army tanks plunged into St. Vith at down today and American fighter bombers for the second straight day continued relentless attacks on German columns in rout from the Ardennes Salient.

St. Vith apparently was evacuated during the night. The Seventh Armored Division was expected to capture that last Belgian road center from the Germans momentarily.

St. Vith is the hub of seven highways and two railroads and the Germans until yesterday fought desperately to hold it, their last stronghold of any consequence in the last five to six mile strip of the bulge.

The whole perimeter of the Ardennes Salient was under attack and the Germans rushed up tank elements in an effort to hold back the attackers while pulling out the last of their infantry and supply columns.

Advance Up To Five Miles

On the southern flank of the Ardennes, Third Army troops pulled up to within a mile of Vianden and the German border in advances ranging up to five miles.

The British to the north, now three miles from the Roer River, menaced the last major German road center west of the stream by moving to within two miles of Heinsberg.

The Germans still were pressing against the U. S. Seventh Army in northern Alsace, but Supreme Headquarters said that the front from Bitche to Haguenau to Strasbourg remained substantially unchanged with actions limited to local engagements. There was no confirmation of a Berlin declaration that the Germans had captured the major base of Hauguenau, 15 miles north of Strasbourg.

Appeal Granted In Manor Park Tax Roll Case

The Appellate Division yesterday granted the motion of Larchmont and the Town of Mamaroneck for leave to appeal the Larchmont Manor Park Society assessment case to the Court of Appeals in Albany, giving the municipalities the chance to argue the case before the highest court in the State.

The Larchmont Society has claimed that the Manor Park property is illegally assessed, as complete parcel with a portion marked off as exempt instead of in sections with the exempt portions indicated on the assessment map. The contention has been upheld by the Supreme Court in White Plains and by the Appellate Division in Brooklyn.

Yanks 54 Miles From Manila, Near Airfield

MACARTHUR'S HDQS., LUZON, (AP)—Only 54 airline miles from Manila and 11 miles from big Clark Field by Monday, a veteran Yank war machine powered its way over central Luzon today with five divisions, a regimental combat team and a battalion of specialists in close quarter fighting.

Even if Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold's 14th Army Corps only partially matched the speed of its advance covered in official reports for 24 hours extending into Monday, by no wit could have penetrated Pampanga Province and posed an immediate menace to Clark Field.

LEMON PRICE LISTED

The Larchmont - Mamaroneck-Harrison War Price and Rationing Board announced today that the maximum price which may be charged for lemons is 14 cents per pound.

WHAT THE RUSSIAN DRIVE had accomplished within seven days of the time the huge Winter offensive began rolling westward, is shown in the above map. On Jan. 14, the big push got under way along a front indicated by the heavy line. The white area shows the territory they had covered when the week ended. Tannenberg and Tilsit had fallen and East Prussia (1) was being encircled. To the south the spotlight was on the breakthrough toward Breslau (2). —International

Ex-Mayor Lyon Challenges Legality Of Village Board's Action On Tax Note Renewal

CORTLANDT F. AMES, Jr. manager of residential building materials for Johns-Manville Corporation and one of the best known personalities in the building materials industry, who died of a heart attack Jan. 18, at the Seaview Country Club, Absecon, N. J. Mr. Ames, who was 50 years of age, resided at 41 Edgewood Avenue, Larchmont, N. Y. Born in Chicago, Mr. Ames started his career in the building industry with the Barrett Company in 1912, after brief service as an advertising solicitor for The Chicago Daily News. During the World War he served as a lieutenant in the U. S. Naval Reserve on submarine duty. Long an ardent yachtsman, he was a member of the Larchmont Yacht Club.

Former Mayor William E. Lyon last night again challenged the Mamaroneck Village Board on a question of legality of procedure, charging that the resolution adopted to authorize the treasurer to advertise for bids for the renewal of a tax note "does not comply with the provision of the statute."

He commended the board for adopting the policy of receiving public bids but protested sharply in the present instance, claiming that the holder of the note should be invited to renew it, according to the municipal law.

In a letter to the board, dated Jan. 18, Mr. Lyon also claims that the Village treasurer "exceeded his authority or powers in stating at the last meeting of the board that the balance due on the tax note would be placed in the 1945 village budget.

Replying to Mr. Lyon's protest, Mayor B. J. Santoro pointed out that the resolution had been prepared by Vanderwater, Sykes and Galloway, bonding attorneys, and added, "We respect your opinion, Mr. Lyon, and appreciate your interest, but we have our own opinion and expect to abide by it tonight."

Claiming that the board was resolving to do one thing but in reality "doing another" according to the phraseology of the resolution which allows for renewal of the note, Mr. Lyon said if he had known the resolution was to be adopted at the meeting without consideration or study he would not have "spent one minute" of his time making the journey to Mamaroneck.

"I thought I was dealing with gentlemen with open minds," he added.

His letter to the board reads, in part, as follows:

"In a recent issue of The Daily Times, the official newspaper of the village, it appears that your honorable body passed certain resolutions purporting to authorize the village treasurer to advertise for bids for the renewal of a certain tax note and that the village treasurer had stated that the balance due after certain payments had been made would be put in next year's tax budget. If this remark is correct, I am of the opinion that the village treasurer exceeded his authority or powers in making the statement attributed to him.

"I also know of no authority from a legal standpoint to adver-

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Autos Damaged In Two Crashes

Dented fenders resulted yesterday from two traffic collisions in Larchmont, one involving a village garbage truck.

The truck, operated by William Benton of 6 Fifth Avenue, Larchmont, was passing the Chatsworth Avenue School about 3 P. M. when it caught the fender of a car operated by Dorothy P. Orton of the Chatsworth Gardens Apartments pulling out from the curb.

About an hour earlier a car operated by Robert P. Hunter of 144 East Brookside Drive, Larchmont, parked on Chatsworth Avenue near the Post Road received damaged front and rear fenders when a car operated by William McCoy of 95 Laurel Avenue, Larchmont, collided with it.

TRANSFERRED TO EAST

STOCKHOLM, (AP)—Col. Gen. Lothar Rendulic, named two weeks ago commander-in-chief of German forces in Norway, has been transferred to the Russian front.

Government To Cut Costs Of Clothing

WASHINGTON, (AP). — The Government today announced a drastic textile and clothing program designed to cut consumer costs six to seven per cent and to increase supplies of low and medium-priced essential garments.

Soviets Battling In Streets Of Big Polish City

BULLETIN

LONDON, (AP)—Red Army men have captured Bromberg, 65 miles northeast of Poznan, and the entrance to the Polish Corridor, Premier Stalin announced tonight. This push cut a vital supply line to German armies in East Prussia.

LONDON, (AP).—A Berlin dispatch to Stockholm today declared Soviet troops had broken into Poznan and were fighting in the streets of the big Polish city just 137 miles from Berlin.

A German broadcast meanwhile said the Russians to the south might have "temporarily" reached the Oder River in the heart of Silesia, but had been knocked back from that greater water barrier crossing Eastern Germany.

Moscow radio placed the Red Army 150 miles from Berlin. The German High Command admitted Marshal Gregory Zhukov had reached the area east of the city, more than halfway from Warsaw on the direct route to Berlin.

Other Soviet armies driving to seal off East Prussia were reported within 37 miles of the port of Elbing, in the northwest corner of the Junkers Province on the Bay of Danzig. The capital of Koenigsberg was menaced with encirclement.

15 Miles From Breslau

In German Silesia, the Nazi communique said Russians were attacking heavily on a line within 15 miles of Breslau, but claimed these blows were checked. Breslau lies on the Oder River.

Berlin placed the Soviet attacks between Oels, 15 miles northeast of Breslau, and Namslau, 28 miles due east.

Moscow dispatches said Marshal Ivan Konev's forces had broken into the first defense line in Silesia, which runs from Oels to Namslau to Breslau at five places, and were within sight of the Oder, shelling enemy fortifications on the opposite bank of that last big river barrier before Berlin. The Oder flows through the heart of Silesia and Brandenburg Province joining the sea at Stettin. It bulges within 40 miles of Berlin.

Luce Wants More News Of Italian Front

NEW YORK, (AP)—The press has been "over-optimistic about the battlefront and over-pessimistic about the home front" in the opinion of the average American soldier, Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R., Conn.) declares.

"When he comes home and sees we are all eating well, he wonders about those stories in the press," the Greenwich woman said last night at the 24th annual meeting of the New York State Publishers Association.

More news of the Italian theater of war, which she called "one of the forgotten fronts," should be printed, she added.

"The "blackout of news" of the Fifth Army in Italy, which she described as "one of the greatest armies in our history," has had a "demoralizing effect" on the troops, the congresswoman asserted.

With the British Eighth Army, the Fifth is pinning down 25 German divisions, Mrs. Luce declared, adding:

"With the needs of the Russian front so great, Hitler could not keep 25 divisions on the Italian front if they were not bitterly engaged and if he did not feel it was a strategic front."

Mrs. Luce visited the Italian war theater during her recent tour of European battle areas with a Congressional party.

Maj. Gen. Frank O'D. Hunter, cvommanding general of the First Air Force, declared "the Germans are smart and efficient, but the Japanese are tougher," adding that "we were fighting geography and climate" in the Pacific as well as the Japanese.

He said the "battle of the bulge" opening was timed for bad weather, which handicapped Allied superiority in the air.

Hunter also urged expansion of aviation and research to maintain "our present dominating air position."

HERE TO PROVIDENCE

The Russians are as far in airline miles from Berlin as Providence is from Mamaroneck.

The Americans on the western front are as far away from Mamaroneck is from Shenandoah Valley, Va.

In other words, if Providence were Poznan, then Mamaroneck would be Berlin and the Shenandonah would be the Roer, west of Cologne.

On The Home Front

MAMARONECK VILLAGE

RETURNS TO DUTY

Mrs. Charles Howard, staff executive of the Volunteer Office, will return to her duties tomorrow following a leave of absence caused by a broken ankle.

We wish to thank Mrs. John Sullivan and Mrs. John Spader for the additional time they have given to the office.

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LARCHMONT POSTAL AREA

BOOKS—An appeal for books has been issued by the Marine Hospital in Staten Island and all residents are asked to gather any volumes they wish to contribute and leave them at Consumer Center headquarters between 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. any day this week. The hospital will send a truck to collect the books. Magazines are also acceptable. Anyone who can-

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The Daily Times

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The Weather

Tonight, clearing and much colder, lowest temperature 10 to 15. Tomorrow, mostly clear and High tides today at 10 P. M., tomorrow at 10:28 A. M. and 11:04 P. M.

SOVIETS BATTLE IN STREETS OF PRIZE SILESIAN CITIES; YANKS POUND FLEEING FOE

Our Men In Service

Plenty Of Fireworks

The recent layover of LST 375 before its 24th trip to France from England brought a period of well earned rest to the members of its crew among whom is Lt. Nathan Zingesser, USNR, 34, of 727 Bradley Street, Mamaroneck, first lieutenant aboard the ship.

The 375 has seen, as Lieut. Zingesser puts it, "all the fireworks" or no less than three major beach assaults against Hitler's Europe.

Lieut. Zingesser and his shipmates have dodged plenty of shot and shell since D-day, but they talk most of something that happened to them in the Mediterranean. During a surprise air attack an enemy plane caught the 375 perfectly, spilling a bomb that arced down for a square hit on the main deck aft. The missile pierced the unarmored top deck, the next compartment below, and continuing its path, dropped completely through the ship—without exploding!

One man suffered a sprained wrist when his bunk was sheared off its tricings as the bomb whizzed downward. Otherwise, none was hurt.

Another close call came after an air attack when an inspecting officer discovered a small hole through the tank deck and hull. Repairs were made and the 375 continued in service. But when time came to make permanent repairs, a 250-pound unexploded bomb was found in the punctured comparement where it had been rolling around for almost seven weeks. It was promptly eased over the side into deep water.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Zingesser, the officer's parents, reside on Palmer Avenue, and his wife, Mrs. Martha Zingesser lives at 727 Bradley Street.

In civilian life, Lieut. Zingesser was a lawyer with the firm of Zingesser & Zingesser, Mamaroneck, having previously attended Syracuse University Law School.

Family Reunited

The Kramer family, of Larchmont and New Rochelle, was reunited recently for the first time since the war when Lt. Milton J. Kramer, A. A. C., and his brother, Lt. Norman M. Kramer, U. S. N., were both home at the same time.

Milton, transport plane pilot, now receiving treatment for a back injury at the AAF Convalescent Hospital at Fort Thomas, Ky., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kramer, of 231 Boulevard, New Rochelle, formerly of 10 Stuyvesant Avenue, Larchmont. Norman, Navy pilot stationed at Solomons Island, Md., spent last Sunday at home.

Before entering the service the brothers were associated with their father at Kramer's Stationery store on the Post Road in Larchmont.

Huepper Promoted

Promotion of Francis J. Huepper of Larchmont to the rank of technician fourth grade in the Headquarters Detachment of the Panama Mobile Force and Security Command was announced recently by Mobile Force Headquarters.

Huepper entered the army in September 1943, and, after finishing basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., went to Panama for foreign service in February last year. Upon completing six months service in a jungle infantry unit, he was assigned to his present duty as public relations representative for the Mobile Force and Security Command.

The Larchmont soldier attended Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., and New York University. Prior to entering the Army, he was employed as an advertising writer for the Lord & Thomas Advertising Agency in New York, and more recently, as an historian for the Remington Arms Company in Bridgeport, Conn. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Stark Huepper, and two children, Steven and Nancy, live at 35 Mayhew Avenue.

Mass For Capt. Ameno

Low Requiem Mass was said this morning by the Rev. Bartholomew J. Singleton at Holy Trinity Church in Mamaroneck for Capt. Robert L. Ameno of Mamaroneck who lost his life Dec. 30 in Belgium.

Those who attended were Dr. and Mrs. Louis J. Ameno, his parents; Mrs. Ameno, the former Laura Walker; Mrs. Frank C. Walker, Mrs. Ameno's mother; Lt. Jules Ameno, his brother; and several close friends of the family.

Drunken Driver Loses His License

William Intas, 41, of 117 East Fourth Street, Mount Vernon, paid a fine of $50 and had his license revoked this morning by Judge Patrick J. Hughes in Village of Mamaroneck Police Court on a charge of driving a car while intoxicated. He was arrested Sunday night by Lt. Herman Pauls.

A fine of $3 was paid by Howard J. Schramm of Ozone Park, N. Y., who was summoned by Patdolman Otto Verschoor for failing to observe a full stop sign.

RELIEF SUPPLIES ARRIVE

TOKYO, (ENEMY RADIO).—The Japanese Domei News Agency announced today that the vesedsel Hoshi-Maru which left Moji, Japan, Jan. 8, with a cargo of relief supplies for U. S. prisoners of war in occupied China, has "completed its mission."

Lt. Twombly Killed On French Soil

Former Larchmont Man Died In Action Jan. 6, Family Notified

IN ARMY SINCE 1943

Lt. Richard William Twombly, 23-year-old son of Major and Mrs. Claude M. Twombly of New York City, formerly of Larchmont, was killed in action in France on Jan. 6, the War Department has notified 's parents.

A graduate of Coeur d'Alene High School in Idaho in 1940, Lt. Twombly entered the service in 1943, following his graduation from Virginia Military Institute. His family resided for many years at 129 North Chatsworth Avenue, and Lt. Twombly formerly attended the Murray Avenue School.

He was commissioned at Fort Knox, Ky., after graduation from Officers' Candidate School, and assigned to the 232nd Infantry, 42nd Division. Before going overseas, he served with the mechanized cavalry division, and had attended the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kas. He received advanced training at Fort Benning, Ga.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a sister, Mrs. Ernest St. Clair of Toronton, Can., and a brother, Major John Fogg Twombly, III, overseas with the 10th Mountain Division.

Lt. Twombly was a nephew of Mrs. Frank L. Hubbard of 52 Wildwood Road, Larchmont, and a grand-nephew of John Fogg Twombly, of the same address.

His father is stationed at Governors Island, with headquarters of the Second Service Command.

Mrs. Comeaux Stresses Need For Plasma

A total of 100,000 pints of plasma and 6,000 pints of whole blood are needed weekly if the needs of the armed forces are adequately met, Mrs. C. Stewart Comeaux, chairman of the Blood Donor Service of the Larchmont Branch, American Red Cross, told a group of staff assistants yesterday at a special meeting, preparatory to the next Blood Bank at the Larchmont Yacht Club, Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 1-6 P. M.

"No turn the war may take now or in the future will lessen Red Cross responsibility," she warned adding that plasma will be needed for hospital treatment of veterans long after the cessation of hostilities.

"All donated blood is processed in one of nine laboratories, the largest being at Pearl River, N. Y., which is operated without profit by one of the country's leading chemical companies and where all employes have a member of their immediate family overseas," she continued. "Speed is essential in handling blood so that the donor centers can be no more than 200 miles distant from the processing laboratory, thus placing the duty and privilege of blood donations on relatively few sections of the country."

Describing the process, she told how the blood is first separated, then frozen, and last the dry plasma is packed for shipment. "Freezing must occur within 72 hours," she explained, adding that less than ½ of 1% of the blood need be discarded as contaminated.

"The Larchmont quota remains at 180 to 200 pints and many more registrations are needed if this number is to be reached." Urging immediate registration, she requested donors to call La 2-3443 for an appointment.

FDR Rejects Resignation Of Miss Perkins

WASHINGTON (AP)—The resignation of Francis Perkins has been turned down by President Roosevelt and she will continue as Secretary of Labor.

It was learned authoritatively today Miss Perkins had intended her resignation—submitted as a formality—to "stick" and that she had been preparing to leave Washington after the inauguration.

Mr. Roosevelt rejected the resignation orally last Saturday—Inauguration Day—and followed through with a letter.

Miss Perkins, who served as New York State Labor Commissioner for 13 years before her appointment to the Cabinet in 1933, has been under fire throughout most of her stay in Washington.

'BLUE STAR DRIVE'

TRENTON, N. J., (AP).—The five-mile stretch of Route 29 between North Plainfield and Mountinside, which is being lined with flowering dogwood trees, has been officially designated as "The Blue Star Drive" in honor of New Jersey members of the armed forces.

SOLEMN HIGH REQUIEM MASS will be held tomorrow at 10 A. M. at St. Augustine's Church in Larchmont for Lt. Fred P. Motz, Jr., above, who lost his life in France Jan. 8. He was the husband of the former Margaret Colbert of the Chatsworth Gardens Apartments, and the son of Fred P. Motz of 3 Bayard Street, Larchmont.

Ex-Education Head To Aid Rye Neck Fight

Dr. Ernest E. Cole of Albany, former commissioner of education for the State of New York, has consented to serve the Rye Neck School Board in an advisory capacity in its fight against the proposed removal of Rye City property from the school district, according to an announcement made last night at a joint meeting of the board and the Citizens' Committee planning the opposition campaign.

The former commissioner conferred with the board here Monday night, President Jackson reported, following a conference in Albany two weeks ago with Mr. Jackson and the board's attorney, Judge Henry Holden.

Dr. Cole was quoted last night as saying that, in his opinion as an educator, the removal of Greenhaven from the tax rolls would cripple the school district, adding that the City of Rye is attempting "to short circuit all normal procedures of the general education law by presenting this bill to the Legislature instead of submitting the proposal to the Department of Education."

At the invitation of President Jackson, a delegation of four residents of Greenhaven attended the meeting and heard a spirited defense of the school system. It was pointed out by Peter C. Doern, Jr., chairman of the Citizens' Committee, that there are no measurements of educational standards among public schools and that the Rye Education Commission has "cast disparaging remarks about the school system but has not offered a particle of evidence to substantiate its claims."

The members of the Greenhaven committee told the board that they wanted to know which district offered the best educational advantages for their children and would attend a meeting soon of the Rye education officials.

Mr. Doern appointed the following sub-committee chairmen: Mrs. Alfred M. MacKenzie, Parent-Teacher Associations; John B. Holland, circularization of petitions; Kenneth E. Black, contacts with public officials; J. Stanley Hare, service clubs; K. H. Savage, publicity.

Point Is Added On Margarine For February

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The red point cost of margarine is going up from 2 to 3 points a pound, beginning Sunday, and previously point-free fat pork cuts will require a point a pound.

Otherwise, the OPA announced today, red point values will remain unchanged in February, and there will be no changes in present blue point values for processed foods.

The agency said the three-point value for margarine — one point above lard, shortening, and salad and cooking oils, recently returned to rationing—is intended to continue its availability for bread spreads and, in effect, discourage its use for cooking.

Plate and jowl bacon, pork fat backs and clear plates, jowls, jowl butts or squares, and regular plates are the fat pork items which will require a point a pound.

Points are being restored for these pork items, OPA said, because the wholesale cuts from which they are made are also used in the production of lard, now back on the ration list.

Butter at 24 points a pound tops the unchanged red point list.

Supplies of meats to be available to civilians in the five-week February ration period will be smaller than in January on an average weekly basis, it was estimated.

Supplies of beef, veal, lamb and mutton, and pork all will be smaller on an average weekly basis.

Motor Shot From Plane, Pilot Safe

Capt. Greene, Larchmont, Lands B-29 On Saipan After 15 Hours

COMPLETES MISSION

BAUE, SAIPAN, (Via Navy Radio) (AP).—A B-29 piloted by Capt. Philip M. Greene, Larchmont, N. Y., lost the No. 2 engine over Nagoya yesterday while being attacked by 20 to 25 fighters and limped home after 15 hours and 45 minutes.

Capt. Green said that the shot-out engine windmilled wildly for two hours and turned red hot and then flew out like a rocket striking the No. 1 propeller shearing four inches off one blade. That propeller started vibrating and he thought for a while he would lose it, too.

"When the windmilling prop got red hot, right outside the window," he said, "I moved so far over to the other side of the plane that I practically sat in my co-pilot's lap. The navigator also decided he could do better work over on the far side of the plane by the engineer."

Capt. Greene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. Greene of 50 Kane Avenue, Larchmont.

Enlisting in the Air Corps in 1941, while a student at Colgate University, he served as an instructor at Lockbourne Army Air Base in Columbus, Ohio. He was later stationed at Great Bend, Kans., where he learned to fly the B-29. Last Summer he spent a brief leave at home before leaving for overseas service.

His two brothers, Braddock and Jeffrey, are also serving with the armed forces.

Savings-Loan Assets Exceed Million Dollars

For the first time in the 55 years of its history, the Mamaroneck Federal Savings and Loan Association reports assets in excess of $1,000,000 with accounts, as of Dec. 30, 1944, totalling 996, according to the financial statement issued by Albert Wilson, executive officer of the association.

At the close of the year, the total assets of the association reached $1,065,635.14, an increase of $134,012.68 or 14 per cent over the Dec. 30, 1943 record. The assets are made up of loans, real estate, investments, office building, cash and reserves.

Loans made during the year numbered 225, making a total balance of $891,110.19, an increase of 33 or 17 per cent over 1943 with an increase of $160,903.67 or 22 per cent in the balance. A total of 49 new loans were made during the year and 16 old loans were paid up.

The number of account members increased 123 or 14 per cent during 1944 and, since the first of the year, the 1,000 mark has been passed.

Deposits of all types as of Dec. 30, 1944, total $929,764.03, an increase of $122,432.27 or 14 per cent over 1943. Net earnings for the year totalled $28,261.81, an increase of $4,345.33 or 13 per cent over the year before.

Dividends paid or credited at the rate of two percent per annum totalled $16,003.90, an increase of $995.61 or seven percent, marking the 109th consecutive dividend paid or credited by the association.

The association owns four parcels of real estate totalling a book value of $45,757.25, three of which have been sold on a lease option basis and must be carried on the books as R.E.O. The association actually owns, therefore, one parcel with book value of $12,180, a reduction since Dec. 30, 1943, of $71,483.79.

United States bonds sold during the year totalled $42,125 par value.

Advances from Home Loan Bank amounted to $67,200 which, since the first of the year has been reduced to $35,950. These advances from the home bank are used for the making of new loans when conditions so require and the present balance, according to th statement, "is the lowest for many years."

Cash on hand at the end of the year amounted to $91,684.09, a total which has since been reduced by new loans, payments on advances and dividends, standing at Jan. 15 at approximately $60,000.

The report further states that the association "is prepared to aid veterans in all their home requirements according to U. S. Government regulations."

BRINGS $7,600

NEW YORK, (AP).—A bid of $7,600 by Charles Scribner Sons, New York publishers, bought an autographed two-volume first edition of James Fenimore Cooper's "The Spy" at a public auction sale of the Frank J. Hogan Library at the Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., last night.

Germans Rushing Men From West To East Front

PARIS—Masses of German troops were spotted deep in Germany today, apparently rushing to the faltering Eastern front from the ashes of the Ardennes salient in Belgium, virtually erased by the American capture of St. Vith.

In two days, British pilots have attacked 165 packed troop trains on three lines northeast from Dusseldorf to Hanover.

Highways from the Ardennes, choked full of eastbound traffic, also were under violent, continuing American aerial assault which in two days accounted for thousands of vehicles.

The Russian communique at midnight noted a fifth German division shifted from the Western to the Polish-Silesian front.

The American First and Third Armies pushed their pursuit of the withdrawing Germans from the Ardennes toward the original line from which Field Marshal von Rundstedt started his drive almost six weeks ago. Gen. Eisenhower's communique listed 11 towns captured.

Fight Into Heinsberg

Opposite the Maas (Meuse) River, the British Second Army fought into Heinsberg, last important German road center west of the Roer.

Third Army infantry advanced 2¼ miles across the headwaters of the Clerve River in Luxembourg, capturing Binsfield, 4½ miles from Germany. Father south along the main hill line of the Clerve, the 90th Infantry and Sixth Cavalry encountered the enemy dug in on the east bank.

Vianden, the south anchor of German lines in the Ardennes, was entered.

A front dispatch said the French advanced several kilometers north of Colmar and crossed the Ill River, a Rhine tributary, at several points. North of Strasbourg, German 280 - millimeter shells were dropping into Hauguenau and Brumath, six miles southwest.

The U. S. Seventh Army "made a limited withdrawal in the general area east and north of Haguenau," Supreme Headquarters announced, yielding most of the Haguenau Forest but "no large towns."

White Collar Group Plans Unionization

Scorning the high pressure drives for members used by paid organizers of labor unions, the United White Collar Majority Inc., at their meeting in Larchmont last night, agreed to go into the homes and offices of the county to interest workers falling within the white collar group in unionization.

A Westchester steering committee, headed by Arthur Richards of Larchmont, representing the southern part and Emily H. Hahn of Chappaqua, the northern part, was appointed to head the membership crusade in the vicinity. The co-chairmen will coordinate the work of all temporary committee chairmen appointed by the acting president of the organization with headquarters at 220 Broadway, New York City. Each chairman is a volunteer worker from the ranks of the employers and employes currently classified as "white collar."

Tentative plans were made for a report meeting to be held during February or early in March and a rally of all Westchester members and their friends during April. Communities represented at the meeting were New Rochelle, the Bronx, Yonkers, White Plains, Larchmont and Chappaqua.

Center To Start Girls' Program

The first week-night meeting of the youth center at Holy Trinity Church is set for tonight at 6:45 P.M. when a recreation program for girls will be inaugurated under the direction of Albert D. Groh.

The younger girls will attend at that time and the older group will begin its activities about 7:30 P.M. The program, which will include ping pong, basketball, shuffle board, badminton, checkers, chess and other games, is scheduled to last until 10 P.M.

A similar program has been arranged for the boys tomorrow night.

Mr. Groh will be assisted by a committee of women from the parish.

WITH BENT KNEES, the body of an unidentified American colonel sprawls beside his tank in Luxembourg as Yank soldiers (left) march forward to meet the enemy over a snow-covered street. This is an official U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto.
—International Soundphoto

Larchmont's Youth Center All Cleaned And Decorated For First Dance Saturday

By IRIS LITT

Armed with brooms, shellac, brushes, paint, and a spirit of cheerful cooperation, about 50 teenagers have cleaned and decorated their Youth Recreation Center at 2 East Avenue, Larchmont, getting the room into shape for Saturday evening's opening dance. The decorating committee, headed by Student Chairman Arthur Chadbourne and Mrs. H. G. Nichol, consulting director, has been at work daily, and the 50-foot second floor room has been buzzing with the activity of blue-jean clad teen-agers.

After a general clean-up, walls were painted in contrasting turquoise and light fuchsia. Wicker chairs and tables, donated in response to the appeal for furniture recently sent out by the canteen, were painted in the same color scheme, while walls and window frames were decorated with stencils and cartoons done by artistic committee members. A cloak room partition is being erected and a snack bar installed; Larchmont teen-agers are invited to drop in any day this week to help complete the decorations, since workers are needed, particularly those who have worked with stencils.

A further appeal has been sent out for records, ping pong sets, card tables, chairs, and more wicker furniture. Donations may be made through Mrs. John Woodbridge, Larchmont 2-4010.

Under the chairmanship of Jeff Brown, administrative committees have planned and publicized the opening dance, slated for Saturday evening from 8 to 12 o'clock. Admission prices have been set at 35c for couples who have not purchased membership tickets, and 50c for stags who are not canteen members, but teen-agers who have purchased their membership cards at $1 for six months will be admitted free. Amy Lee's five-piece orchestra will supply music. Mrs. Bernadette Pearse has directed the dance committee.

A membership drive is being carried on this week, under the chairmanship of Betty and Bob Reigal. Young people between the ages of 13 and 18 may obtain their membership cards at the Junior High School and also at the Canteen, 2 East Avenue, all this week.

Canteen leaders have expressed surprise and gratification at the spirit shown by all concerned. One driver of the city truck, who had helped install furniture until 9 P. M., long after his regular hours, refused to take money for his services.

"Nope," he said. "This is on us. We all want to help. We like kids."

Lions Oppose Move To Split School System

The Lions Club of Mamaroneck at its luncheon yesterday unanimously approved a resolution offered by Peter C. Doern, Jr., chairman of the citizens committee, disapproving the acquisition of part of the Rye Neck School District by the Rye City School System, calling such action "a serious detriment to the educational advantages of the inhabitants of Rye Neck" and stating that it "would add an almost unbearable increase in the present tax burden of the Rye Neck School District."

The resolution in full reads as follows:

"Resolved, that the Lions Club of Mamaroneck strongly disapproves the proposed legislation which would take from Rye Neck School District a substantial portion of its area and revenue and add the same to the proposed City of Rye School District, in as much as such action would constitute a serious detriment to the educational advantages of the inhabitants of Rye Neck, with no corresponding advantage to those in Rye District, and, furthermore, because such legislation would add an almost unbearable increase to the present tax burden of the Rye Neck School District."

3 Days Remain For January Tin Collection

Only three days are left this week for the January collection of tin cans in the Village of Mamaroneck, residents were reminded today by Charles M. D. Reed, chairman of the drive.

The collection is being made each night by the drivers of the Village garbage trucks and the weight of the loads collected will not be estimated until the end of the week.

Residents are again urged to wash and flatten all tin cans and pack them in cartons or packages, leaving them out where the garbage collectors will see them.

A drive will be held one week each month this year in an effort to meet the Village quota which, at three cans per person, amounts to 6,000 pounds monthly. The Village fell far short of its goal last year.

GREATEST IN HISTORY

WASHINGTON, (AP). — The Association of American Railroads said today that preliminary estimates indicated that 1944 was marked by the greatest volume of freight traffic in the nation's railroad history.

THE ROADS TO BERLIN

By The Associated Press

1. EASTERN FRONT: 137 miles (From Poznan).
2. WESTERN FRONT: 310 miles (From Duren).
3. ITALIAN FRONT: 544 miles (From Reno River).

Russians Ready For Crossing Of Oder River

BULLETIN

LONDON, (AP).—Russian troops have scored a new breakthrough in Czecho-Slovakia, Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

LONDON, (AP). — Russian troops battled today through the streets of the prize Salesian cities of Oppeln and Gleiwitz and hacked out advances near Brieg and Cosel, Oder River towns above and below Oppeln, a late Moscow dispatch declared.

This direct Associated Press dispatch written at 5 P. M. (10 A. M., EWT) said "there were no indications yet that Marshal Ivan Konev's men had crossed the frozen Oder."

An earlier Reuters dispatch from Moscow, however, said Konev's men had "established at least one bridgehead across the Oder," last great natural barrier protecting the heart of Germany, presumably near Brieg.

Brieg lies on the west bank of the Oder midway between Oppeln and Breslau on the river to the northwest, and Cosel is 27 miles below Oppeln.

The Germans threw People's Army troops into battles to stop the Soviet push on Breslau but the Russians were massing along 50 miles of the Oder and heavily shelling a wide area on the west bank of that last natural defense of the heart of Germany.

Push On Elbing Too

In East Prussia, Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Army battered in the outer perimeter of the defense zone guarding Elbing on the Baltic Coast, whose fall would slice the Junkers Province off from Germany.

An unconfirmed report said Konigsberg had been entered by other Russians sweeping in from the east.

One of the Red Army's sternest battles appeared looming in Poland in the Poznan area where Marshal Gregory Zhukov fought on the direct line to Berlin, a Moscow dispatch said. Poznan is 137 miles from Berlin.

Oppeln (Pop. 44,000) is the capital of Upper (southern) Silesia. The industrial city of Gleiwitz (Pop. 111,000) lies 41 miles to the southeast. The German High Command said Russian attacks on the cities had failed. Berlin broadcasts, however, reported fighting in the streets of both cities.

Yank Patrols Push Toward Clark Field

MacARTHUR'S HQS, LUZON, (AP)—Yank patrols operated today near Clark Field whose 13 highly-prized airstrips are less than 10 miles beyond the front lines of the Manila-bound 14th Army Corps.

Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold's columns took cover at times while enemy artillery positions were silenced on the approaches to Bamban Town, already smoking from American air and field gun attacks.

Six miles beyond Bamban is the maze of runways, hangars, shops and barracks which constitute one of Luzon's biggest military prizes. Spencer Davis, Associated Press war correspondent with the 40th Division, said in a field dispatch that "waves of American infantrymen" were moving cautiously across vegetable fields toward Bamban.

He said the Yanks crossed "the small stream south of Capas" and then "sped" south. Inasmuch as the stream is less than four miles from Bamban, this suggested columns may be at the town's outskirts.

Last Stand On Bamban River?

The Japanese may make their first stand along the natural defense line of the Bamban River, last barrier to Clark Field. That is at a point 58 miles south of the Jan. 9 landings by five Yank divisions and other elements along Lingayen Gulf, and well over half way to Manila.

Tuesday Griswold's men slowed their big southward push while they fanned out around burned and captured Capas.

Curate Resigns At St. Thomas's

The Rev. Marion L. Maticks, Jr., curate of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church in Mamaroneck, has presented his resignation to the rector, the Rev. Frank Dean Gifford, it was announced today.

Rev. Mr. Matics, who has served as curate since Sept. 1, will take a position in Detroit.

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The Weather

Tonight, mostly clear, continued very cold, lowest temperature 5 below; diminishing winds. Tomorrow, increasing cloudiness, not so cold, highest temperature near 25.

RUSSIANS CRACK ODER RIVER LINE, CUT OFF EAST PRUSSIA; NOW 125 MILES FROM BERLIN

Our Men In Service

Flyer Wins Air Medal

The air medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight" has been awarded 2nd Lt. Henry J. Sullivan, Jr., 21-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Sullivan, formerly of Cambridge Court, Larchmont, now residing in Havana. Lt. Sullivan was assigned last August to a veterans' 15th Air Force P-51 Mustang fighter group in Italy having more than 400 air victories to its credit.

Lt. Sullivan has flown 11 missions which have taken him on hazardous flights over enemy territory and has shot up several enemy trucks.

He began his pilot training in September, 1943, and completed advanced training at Eagle Pass, Tex., in January, 1944, when he received his wings and commission as second lieutenant.

A graduate of Mamaroneck High School, Lt. Sullivan attended the University of Notre Dame for three and a half years. His father is associated with the Sinclair Oil Company in Havana.

Promoted To Corporal

Pfc. Frank S. Langham of Mamaroneck has been promoted to corporal at an advanced island base in the southwest Pacific. At the present time he is on duty as a dispatcher in the automotive section of an ordnance maintenance company, having served, until recently, with a medical detachment in an infantry unit.

Cpl. Langham entered the service August, 1942. During his 23 months overseas he has been stationed on Bougainville, Fiji and other islands.

Prior to entering the army, Cpl. Langham graduated from Bellows High School, and worked as a carpenter's helper for Reynolds Brothers in Norwalk, Conn.

Cpl. Langham wears the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with one battle star. He has also been awarded the Good Conduct medal. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Langham, reside at 1522 Park Avenue.

Returns To Hospital

Following a 30-day furlough at home, S/Sgt. Charles Gailhard of Mamaroneck has returned to the Army and Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, Ark., where he is receiving treatment for shrapnel wounds in the knee received during the invasion of Guam. He was in combat for five months in the Pacific area before returning to this country.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gailhard of 265 Washington Street, S/Sgt. Gailhard is a member of the 77th Division of the 307th Infantry. On Jan. 13 he married the former Mary Piacitilli, who resides at the Washington Street address.

Lt. Bibas Earns Rest

Lt. Frank Percy Bibas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy M. Bibas of 134 Palmer Avenue, Larchmont, recently enjoy a recess from aerial warfare at an Air Service Command Rest Center at an English seaside resort after completing 40 missions over Nazi-dominated Europe.

A former Mamaroneck High School student and a graduate of Winnwood Preparatory School, Lt. Bibas attended Brown and Columbia Universities before entering the service in September, 1942. He received his pilot training at the Greenville Army Flying School in Greenville, Mass.

Ready For Combat

Second Lt. Ronald A. Cargill of Larchmont, recently completed an orientation course at an air service command station in England designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in Germany.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian U. Cargill of 58 Van Ryne Road, he was a student at Norwich University in Northfield, Vt., before he entered the service.

At the air service command station he attended a series of lectures given by veterans, including instructions on chemical warfare defense.

Home From Pacific

Home for a 10-day leave after spending nearly two years in the Pacific area is Pfc. William Herlyn Carr of Mamaroneck, a United States Marine Corps aircraft gunner aboard a carrier.

A graduate of Bellows High School, he entered the service Dec. 16, 1943, and received training at Parris Island, S. C., where he also served as an instructor on the rifle range for 14 months with the rating of corporal. He then went to Norfolk, Va., for sea duty training before leaving for the South Pacific, where he has served in more than six major engagements. Pfc. Carr is the son of Mrs. Louise Hoddinott of 213 Soundview Avenue.

'Mass Unrest' Fills Prague

LONDON, (AP)—The Moscow Radio said today that "mass unrest has broken out" in Prague, old Czechoslovak capital, and the Germans announced that a stage of siege had been clamped on the city.

A state of siege was imposed on other eastern cities of Czechoslovakia, Berlin disclosed as Russian armies drove to within 70 miles of Prague from the Oder River sector.

The Germans said they were retreating in Slovakia.

Sgt. Smith Joins Gold Star Roll

Larchmont Boy Killed While In Action With Infantry In Belgium

IN ARMY SINCE 1943

Staff Sgt. William H. Smith, 19 years old, of Larchmont, formerly of New Rochelle, was killed in action Jan. 11 in Belgium, according to a War Department telegram to his father, H. Carmichael Smith of Larchmont Acres Apartments.

Staff Sgt. Smith entered the Army in September, 1943, under the A.S.T.P. at Harvard University. When this was disbanded he was sent to Fort Benning, Ga. for basic training and from there to Fort Jackson, S. C. for advanced training.

He had been overseas since October of last year, serving in the 85th Division Infantry of the Third Army and had seen action in Germany, France and Belgium.

He graduated from New Rochelle High School and attended Columbia University until joining the Army. He was well known in high school and Westchester County swimming circles.

He is survived, besides his father, by his sister, Mrs. Jefferson van Heusen also of Larchmont Acres Apartments.

Consolidation Bill Approved By Rye Council

Unanimous approval of Rye's amended proposed school consolidation bill was given by the members of the Rye City Council at a special session called last night by Mayor Grenville S. Seeley.

In making public the form of the bill which he said he thought probably would be introduced in the Legislature on or about Feb. 13, Mayor Sewall said that he was authorized to announce that the bill is acceptable in principle to the Rye school boards, although individual members of the school boards have not had the opportunity to study it in detail.

"It is my hope that in the next three weeks there will be widespread discussion of the bill in Rye," the Mayor said, "and if as a result of such public discussion changes seem to be necessary or advisable, there will be an opportunity to make them either before or after introduction of the bill into the Legislature."

As a result of conferences and further consideration since the issuance of the School Consolidation Commission's report, the bill differs in some respects from the Commission's recommendations, the Mayor pointed out.

The provisions requiring submission of operating budgets to the City Council for review have been eliminated and operating budgets and capital expenditure budgets which do not require the issuance of bonds become final when ap-

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Lt. Maggard, Missing Pilot, Back In Italy

2nd Lt. Oliver Maggard of Larchmont who was reported missing over Germany Dec. 17 is back in Italy "safe and sound," according to V-mail letters written Jan. 16 and received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Maggard and his wife, Beth, of 42 Hillside Road.

The same mail brought them a letter written several weeks earlier by his commanding officer stating that there was no further news of him.

The B-24 Liberator co-pilot, who is 21 years old, wrote that he had some hair raising experiences during the last month which he was not able to describe at the time. "Some day I'll tell you all about them," he wrote.

Lt. Maggard enlisted in the Air Corps in February, 1943, while attending Virginia Military Institute and was commissioned last Summer at Turner Field, Albany Ga. He also trained at Lincoln, Neb. and Laredo, Tex. He was graduated from Mamaroneck High School with the Class of 1941, serving as manager of the football team and a member of the swimming team.

His brother, Pvt. John R. Maggard, was recently graduated from the radio school of the AAF training command at Scott Field, Ill.

Dinner To Feature Annual Church Rally

A spaghetti dinner featuring the annual Spring rally of the A.M.E. Zion Church in Mamaroneck will be held Saturday from 5:30 P. M. on at the home of Mrs. Eugene Craigmiles, 633 Mamaroneck Avenue.

The dinner will be served under the direction of Mrs. Craigmiles and Mrs. Ethel Stith.

SGT. GUY J. WOODWARD

Sgt. Woodward Wins Citation On Italy Front

Sgt. Guy J. Woodward of 151 Fenimore Road, Mamaroneck, serving in Italy with the 15th Army Air Force is a member of a Bomber Group that was recently awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. He also wears the Good Conduct Ribbon and European Theater of War Ribbon with two battle stars.

Sgt. Woodward received training at Atlantic City, N. J. and Camp Lee, Va. and aerial gunnery training at Camp McCook, Neb. He has been serving overseas for 11 months.

Prior to his induction in Feb. 1943, he owned and operated the Club Woodward Restaurant on Mamaroneck.

The award of the Distinguished Unit Badge was made by Brig. Gen. Charles F. Born, Chief of staff of the 15th Air Force, to the 465th bombardment group for its outstanding performance on a mission against the Floridsdorf oil refinery at Vienna, Austria on July 8, 1944. At that time, the 15th Air Force group commanded by Col. Charles A. Clark, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas, was in the midst of a concentrated drive to knock out vital German oil centers. The Floridsdorf refinery was feeding a considerable amount of oil and gas to the Nazi Wehrmacht and Luftwaffe.

The 465th bombers battled their way through a savage enemy flak barrage to launch a devastating attack upon the target. Their bombs scored direct hits on many units of the refinery.

The citation reads in part: "Forty to fifty enemy planes viciously attacked the formation. In a running fight which lasted for twenty minutes, the group succeeded in driving off the enemy fighters after destroying seven and damaging others. Later reconnaissance showed that as a result of this attack, the Floridsdorf area was rendered non-operational at a time when the European War was approaching a critical stage."

Local Woman's Firm Acquires N. Y. Building

The eight-story building at 588 Fifth Avenue, New York, between 47 and 48 Streets, has been sold by the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, trustee, to Tourneur Beauty Products, Inc., of which Marie K. Neary of Mamaroneck is president.

Miss Neary, who is known in private life as Mrs. Thomas M. Amendola, resides at 580 The Parkway, Shore Acres. She has been president of the firm since 1934.

Tourneur will occupy the entire building after extensive alterations, plans and preparations now under way are completed. The ground floor and second floor will be used for make-up salons and display and the balance of the building for executive offices.

Commenting on the transaction, Miss Neary, who was represented in the sale by Anthony Sansone of Mamaroneck, stated that it is one of the moves in a well-way expansion program. The concern, which was founded in 1928, has offices at 382 Park Avenue and in prominent department stores in throughout this country and England.

Short Circuit In Car Causes Still Alarm

A short circuit in the generator of a car at Larchmont Avenue and the Post Road caused a still alarm to be sounded at 10 A.M. today. The fire was quickly extinguished and slight damage reported by the Larchmont Fire Department. The car, a seven-passenger Plymouth sedan is owned by the Yellow Cab Company of Larchmont.

MEETS LUBLIN POLES

LONDON, (AP). — Premier Stalin met yesterday with representatives of the Lublin Polish regime to discuss Polish-Russian relations and the relief and restoration of Warsaw, the Moscow Radio said today.

Heithaus Elected To Head Chest

Stearman Named New Executive Director At Annual Meeting

TOTAL NOW $24,794

Leo Heithaus was elected president of the Mamaroneck Community Chest at the annual meeting of the membership last night at the Mamaroneck Public Library. Other officers for 1945 were also elected with directors for full three year terms and others to fill vacancies. It was also announced that a total of $24,794.16 was raised in cash and National War Fund credits during the one-day drive last Oct. 15.

In breaking down the total raised, Earl Nelson, executive director of the 1944 drive, stated that credits to date from the National War Fund totalled $2,790.40 or about $500 more than had been anticipated. The balance, $21,-994.76, was raised in the 14 districts into which the Village was divided. Four of the districts went over their quota figures before receiving credits from the National War Fund and other miscellaneous sources not credited to any one district, but these were not announced due to the absence from the meetings of the captains of the districts.

"In short," Mr. Nelson said, "we exceeded our quota of $23,500 by almost $1,300; and when the rest of our National War Fund credits have been received, I feel certain that we will exceed that amount."

Other officers elected besides Mr. Heithaus were: first vice-president, William F. MacDonald, Jr.; second vice-president, Luther Nelson, treasurer, Gabriel Wendel; secretary, Mrs. Pierre De Baun; executive director, Samuel Stearman.

Mrs. De Baun is a new member of the Board, having moved recently to Mamaroneck. Mrs. De-Baun has had several years experience in Community Chest work in Nassau County where she previously lived. Her services were used during the 1944 campaign.

Members of the officers have served in various capacities during the last four years of the Chest. Mr. Heithaus has served as an officer, on various committees and last year, in addition to his duties as vice-president, was chairman of the special gifts committee. Mr. MacDonald was treasurer of the Chest during the first twenty minutes, the group succeeded in driving off the enemy fighters after destroying seven and damaging others. Later reconnaissance showed that as a result of this attack, the Floridsdorf area was rendered non-operational at a time when the European War was approaching a critical stage."

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Youth Center Receives $52 P.T.A. Check

A check for $52.41 "to further the good work which you and others in the community, are doing for our young people" was received yesterday by William F. MacDonald, treasurer of the Teen Canteen in Mamaroneck from the Mamaroneck Junior High School P.T.A., Earl Quick, adult president of the Canteen, announced today. The money received is half of a fund set aside in 1941 for a Boys' Club, which did not materialize, and has now been divided between the Teen Canteen in Mamaroneck and the Youth Center in Larchmont.

"This money is greatly appreciated," Mr. Quick said, "and will find many good uses. With expenses at this time of the organization higher than they will be in the future, it will be put to the best possible use and will most certainly fill the objects for which it was originally intended."

The letter, signed by Richmond S. Barton, treasurer, reads in full as follows:

"In 1941, when Mrs. Harvey Conover was president of the Mamaroneck Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association, $100 was set aside by the association for a boys' club of Mamaroneck Junior High School. The boys' club did not materialize, but the money remains. The canteen Union savings Bank.

"At a recent meeting of the Board of the Association (Mrs. Richard I. Land, president) it was voted to donate the money, plus interest, half to the Mamaroneck and half to the Larchmont Youth Centers. I am, therefore, enclosing our check for $52.41 to further the good work which you, and others in the community, are doing for our young people."

PART OF THE COST OF OUR LUZON LANDING—Wounded Yanks who fell in securing Lingayen beachhead are given emergency treatment ashore by Coast Guardsmen while awaiting transfer to hospital ships in Lingayen Gulf. Casualties have been relatively light in the Luzon campaign so far, despite the steady pace at which MacArthur's forces have expanded their invasion area and thrust their lines toward Manila. Coast Guard photo.

Soviets Fighting On The Edge Of Konigsberg

LONDON, (AP) — Red Army forces have broken the Oder River line in southeast Germany and are expanding their breakthrough while in the north they apparently have cut off East Prussia, Soviet field dispatches announced today.

Moscow broadcasts said the thunderous Soviet Winter offensive had rolled to a point little more than 125 miles from Berlin and that Red Army units were fighting "on the edge of Konigsberg," capital of East Prussia.

Fall of Breslau, capital of lower (northern) Silesia and most important industrial city in the eastern Reich, appeared imminent as Marshal Ivan Konev moved his First Ukrainian Army rapidly west of the Oder to encircle the city.

Konev's forces, vanguards of the Russian avalanche, stormed across the broken ice of the Oder in the heart of Silesia at a point southeast of Breslau, Soviet front line reporters said, and shoved on toward the mountains of Bohemia in Czecho-Slovakia.

Konev was fighting for yet other crossings northwest of the Oder-straddling city, and Berlin said he already had secured a bridgehead at Steinau, 32 miles northwest of the city and 138 miles from Berlin. Berlin indicated a further advance toward Glogau put the Russians 125 miles southeast of the Nazi capital).

Germans Open New Offensive On West Front

By EDWARD KENNEDY
AP Staff

PARIS — The Germans have opened a desperate new offensive against the Western Front in Northern Alsace, it was announced late today by Supreme Headquarters, possibly in a supreme effort to win back the whole northeast France province.

Attacking on a 20-mile front from Haguenau northwest into the Vosges Mountains, the enemy crossed the Moder River at places 15 miles below the Reich frontier.

Far to the north, the British Second Army drove under guns of the Siegfried Line to within a mile of the Roer River, where the fixed defenses begin. Seven towns within 30 miles of Dusseldorf fell to the Tommies.

Gen. Hasso Von Balck opened the drive with a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, while other Germans to the north were conducting a great eastward exodus from the Ardennes salient. Roads and rails were so littered in the north that the Germans rerouted to routes in the center.

The British Second Army closed within a mile of the Roer River in northeast Germany, fighting close to the Siegfried Line. At no point were the British more than three miles from the Roer, which the U. S. Ninth Army to the south guarded from Linnich to below Duren.

The German offensive in Alsace was in an area where the Seventh Army had plenty of rugged space to trade for time in which to reinforce. It was by no means on the scale of the Ardennes offensive of mid-December.

AP correspondent, Robert C. Wilson, said the Americans were inflicting "heavy losses" and had destroyed at least five tanks and 14 armored vehicles in early hours of the drive.

The First and Third Armies captured nine more towns in the Ardennes salient, now reduced to about 120 square miles. The British Second Army to the north captured four more just west of the Roer River and moved to within 30 miles of Dusseldorf and three of Roermond.

FDR Nominates Son Elliott To Be Brig. Gen.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated his 34-year-old son, Col. Elliott Roosevelt, to be a brigadier general in the Army Air Forces.

The proposed promotion went to the Senate in the midst of a controversy over the Army's air priority system which gave a dog owned by Colonel Roosevelt precedence over three servicemen.

16 DIE IN CRASH

DYERSBURG, TENN., (AP)—Collision of two Flying Fortresses about five miles from their Dyersburg base caused the death of 16 Army airmen yesterday. Four others parachuted safely.

Temperatures 40 Degrees Warmer Here 100 Years Ago In Case You're Interested

Anyone who says we don't have the cold winters we used to have "in the good old days" had better consult a document in possession of Fred Bent at the Opportunity Shop on the Boston Post Road in Mamaroneck before he begins to swap storie sabout the cold snaps "way back when."

As the mercury hovered around the zero mark this morning with frigid gales blowing in from Long Island Sound, Mr. Bent consulted the diary of Joseph H. Beale, one of the early residents of Harrison, and found that, on Jan. 25, 1845, exactly 100 years ago today, the temperature at 8 A.M. was 40 degrees. It went even higher at 2 P.M. to 48 degrees and fell again at 8 P. M. to 34. The comment written on the margin by Mr. Beale was, "mild with showers."

Maybe it was a freak year, however, because 101 years ago in 1844, the thermometer registered zero at 8 o'clock in the morning.

• High wind that brought the cold wave approached the force of the September hurricane in gusts. La Guardia Airport reported blows at 71 miles an hour, just under the hurricane mark.

Wind last night drifted the "snow flurry" which really was a brief blizzard yesterday into piles three feet high in Cortlandt and plows were called out there and in Bedford. An interstate bus froze up at Bedford where it was 6 below this morning and the passengers had to wait while it was thawed out in a garage.

Many other motorists found their anti-freeze level wasn't low enough for the bitter, wind-whipped cold and hundreds of cars were frozen this morning. Drivers whose radiators didn't freeze found the grease so stiff in transmission, differential and wheels they could scarcely operate.

It was the coldest night and day of the season, although no records were broken. One break was in urban temperatures were lower than those up-county where it often is 10 degrees colder than in the cities.

The thermometer at Radio Station WFAS atop the Roger Smith Hotel in White Plains registered an even five below for an hour from 7:30 to 8:30.

Other unofficial below zero marks around the county:

Armonk, 12; Yonkers, 10; Saxon Woods and Briarcliff Manor, 9; Bedford, 6; Mount Vernon, 5; Port Chester and North Tarrytown, 4; New Rochelle, 3; Scarsdale, 1.

Back Firing Burner Blows Furnace Open

A back firing burner yesterday afternoon blew the door of the furnace open at the Gronberg residence at 116 Elm Street, Mamaroneck, calling the Mamaro Company of the Village Fire Department with Assistant Chief Edward Livingston in charge. No damage was reported but the basement was filled with smoke.

Public Health Nursing Day Proclaimed

Proclamations issued by Mayor B. J. Santoro of Mamaroneck and Mayor Frank S. Washburn of Larchmont have designated Public Health Nursing Day, tomorrow, a local as well as national occasion to pay tribute to nurses serving on the home front.

Citizens of Mamaroneck and Larchmont are reminded of their community public health facilities by Mrs. J. F. Auer, president of the Board of the Mamaroneck Health Center, Inc., and Mrs. F. M. E. Schaefer, president of the Board of the Larchmont Visiting Nurse Association. Both agencies in cooperation with the Westchester Department of Health offer a complete generalized service, including bedside care for the patient in the home.

"In these days of acute nurse shortage, with the attendent strain on hospital facilities, the role of the public health nurse takes on a new importance" Mrs. Auer and Mrs. Schaefer state. "Always a key person in the community health program, she is now called upon to supplement hospital nurse care, with patients coming home from the hospital much sooner than they would ordinarily."

Four nurses, serving Larchmont and Mamaroneck, available every day from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., visit the home, give treatment, carry out doctor's orders or give help and advice on health education, such as pre-natal care, supervising infant and pre-school health, communicable disease control, tuberculosis and social hygiene control. No phase of public health nurse is left uncovered.

At the Mamaroneck Health Center, 234 Stanley Avenue, open daily from 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M., residents may request a private interview or attend a clinic conducted weekly. Social hygiene clinics take place every Monday; infant and pre-school, Tuesday; chest diagnostic clinics, first and third Wednesdays; whooping cough, Thursdays; orthopedic, once every three months, all under the direction of specialists in each field. Additional information may be secured at Mamaroneck 183.

The Larchmont Health Center on the second floor of the Municipal Building, corner of Larchmont Avenue and the Boston Post Road, is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and later by appointment. Nurses are available to all residents; clinics are conducted monthly. Infant and pre-school clinics are given the fourth Wednesday. The next chest clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 27 at

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Officials Pay High Tribute To Lt. Thomas

His 34 years of service in the Mamaroneck Police Department were extolled last night by village and police officials at a testimonial dinner to Lieut. Maurice Thomas at the Orienta Beach Club.

Mayor B. J. Santoro, who said Lieut. Thomas had "served the village conscientiously and well for 34 long years," presented him on behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff at the Municipal Building a War Bond "as a symbol of the strength and fidelity" which typified the police officer's devotion to duty.

Other tributes to Lieut Thomas's service were paid by Police Justice Patrick J. Hughes, Trustee Edwin C. Dooley, who said he was "proud of the way the police officer has served this village with honor, integrity and distinction"; Trustee Edward J. Kohn, Police Chief Arthur W. Martensen, Jack Edwards, Village Treasurer Fred H. Bull, Corporation Counsel Anthony Sansone, Village Assessor Barney Epstein, Reuben Sirlin, Village Engineer Guy Vroman, Trustee John Withers, Fire Chief James Duggan and Assistant Chief Edward Livingston.

"When you dig into the files and pull out the service record of a man who has served 34 years, seven months and three days without a blemish, it is something to be proud of," Chief Martensen declared.

Detective Sgt. William O'Neill and Lieut. Louis Giancola reminisced about incidents in the career of Lieut. Thomas.

Patrolman James Hughes, president of the Police Benevolent Association of the Village of Mamaroneck, which sponsored the dinner, presided, calling on Village Manager William Johnson to serve as master of ceremonies. Patrolman Hughes also presented a gift to Lieut. Thomas on behalf of the P. B. A.

In charge of the affair were Patrolmen Joseph McNamara and Michael Cirace, chairmen of the entertainment committee.

Man Fined $10 On Wife's Charge

Louis Francella, 33, of 172 Myrtle Boulevard, Larchmont, paid a fine of $10 last night in Mamaroneck Police Court after pleading guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct. A sentence of six months in the Westchester County Penitentiary was suspended and he was placed on probation for six months. He was arrested Jan. 20 at his home on complaint of his wife.

Judge Wesley M. Messersmith also fined two motorists $2 each for parking violations. They were Bernard Swartz of Larchmont Acres and Ira Rosen of 2 Acorn Lane.

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Our Men In Service

Wins Citation In India

An Air Medal Oak Leaf Cluster has been awarded Capt. John C. Lawrence of Larchmont, at an Air Transport Command Base in India, it has been announced by Brig. Gen. William H. Tunner, commanding general of the India China Division. Capt. Lawrence is the son of Capt. and Mrs. Joseph I. Lawrence of Larchmont Acres.

The citation accompanying the award, given for the period of service between July 24, 1943 and Aug. 31, 1944, on completion of 450 hours of operational flight on transport aircraft, reads as follows:

"Flying at night as well as by day, at high altitudes over impassable mountainous terrain through areas characterized by extremely treacherous weather conditions necessitating long periods of operation on instruments . . . requiring courageous and superior performance of his duties to overcome, he accomplished his mission with distinction . . ."

Capt. Lawrence, reported missing since last May, returned safely to his base in India 18 days later. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Presidential citation group emblem.

A graduate of Mamaroneck High School, he was commissioned in the Air Corps in 1942.

Ready For Overseas

Pvt. Bruno Condro of Larchmont, who recently spent a week's furlough at home on completion of basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., has reported to Fort Meade, Md., where he is awaiting overseas orders. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Condro of 98 Chatsworth Avenue.

A graduate of Mamaroneck High School, where he was a member of the basketball and baseball teams, Pvt. Condro entered the service in September. His brother, S1/c Peter A. Condro, is serving with the Navy in the Pacific.

Reports To Meade

Pvt. John William Heinsohn of Larchmont, has reported to Camp Meade, Md., after a five-day furlough at home. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. F. Heinsohn of 95 Laurel Avenue, Larchmont, he is married to the former Doris Colville of Ohio who resides at Larchmont Gables Apartments with their children, Jeffrey and Jock.

Formerly associated with the Aluminum Company of America at Norwalk, Conn., Pvt. Heinsohn entered the service in August, and received boot training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School, Class of 1938.

Returns To Duty

Reed P. Tompkins, gunner's mate 3c1, USN, has returned to active duty after spending a 10-day leave at home with his wife, the former Lucille Radcliffe and their two sons of 433 Beach Avenue, Mamaroneck. It was his first visit home in 11 months.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tompkins of Ossining, Gunner's Mate Tompkins entered the service more than two years ago and has been on duty in the Pacific area for the last six months.

Marine Recovering

Pfc. Kenneth J. Watson of the United States Marine Corps, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Watson of 738 River Street, Mamaroneck, is in Quantico, Va., recovering from an attack of malaria. He recently spent a 30-day furlough at home after more than two years' service in the South Pacific area where he was wounded in one of the battles.

A former Bellows High School student, Pfc. Watson entered the service in February, 1942.

2 Briefs Take Opposite Sides On Merger

NEW YORK, (AP) — Two briefs, one supporting and the other opposing the petition of the Consolidated Edison Company for approval of its application to merge with five of its affiliates, were filed with the Public Service Commission yesterday.

Public hearings were held recently on the petition.

The supporting brief was filed by Jacob H. Goetz, company counsel, holding that the proposed merger is in the public interest and that fair prices have been offered to minority stockholders of the subsidiaries.

The objection was filed by A. G. Berse, preferred stockholder of the New York Edison Corp., one of the affiliates, questioning why the merger was not accomplished before if it is as advantageous as the petitioner maintained.

In addition to the steam corporation, other affiliates in the proposed merger with the parent company are the Brooklyn Edison Company, Inc., New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Company, Westchester Lighting Company and the Yonkers Electric Light & Power Co.

HIT PEIPING

LONDON, (AP)—The German Radio broadcast a Tokyo dispatch today saying that about ten American bombers attacked Peiping in Japanese-occupied northeast China Thursday morning.

Petitions Protest Rye School Plan

Many Join Opposition To Proposal In Appeal To State Legislators

50 CIRCULATE PLEA

Under the leadership of John B. Holland, signatures are now being secured throughout Rye Neck to petitions addressed to the state senators and assemblymen expressing opposition to the proposed partition of the Rye Neck school district by the City of Rye.

More than 50 volunteer workers are circularizing the petitions which read as follows:

"We, the undersigned, being qualified voters of the Union Free School District No. 1, Town of Rye, N. Y., do hereby register our disapproval of the proposed legislation which would cut off from District No. 1, Town of Rye, approximately $4,000,000 of assessed valuation representing about one-fourth of our school revenue, an act which would strike an irreparable blow to the education facilities and cause undue hardship to the population of said district. We petition our legislative representatives to use all their efforts to oppose the same."

Mr. Holland has urged all workers to complete the canvass as soon as possible and asks all qualified voters who are not called on before Monday to communicate with one of the following workers:

Mrs. Alfred M. MacKenzie, Mrs. William B. Sullivan, Mrs. Walter Mills, Everett T. Houghton, Matthew Healy, Mrs. K. H. Savage, Robert Montgomery, Mrs. Alvah R. Small, Mrs. Paul Fraas, Mrs. John A. T. Kammerer, Mrs. Kenneth Black, D. R. Santomenna, Edward Margoluis, Mrs. Edward Kuhn, Mrs. George Hahn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Macri, Bartholomew Haviland, Mrs. Ivan Anderson, George D. Perschke, Mrs. Lloyd Harriott, Mrs. Fred Palenius, Mrs. Harry Primrose, Mrs. James Minnerly, Mrs. Walter Morrell, Stewart Halsey, Gerard Reda, William O'Connell, Mrs. Charles Perschke, Mrs. Russell Niles, Mrs. A. Lamont, Mrs. M. Addelman, Mrs. Clayton Rawson, Mrs. Arthur Tag, Mrs. Morris Stern, Mrs. E. B. Burchell, Mrs. George A. Milliot, Mrs. James Weatherly, Mrs. Thomas Cluck, Miss Senta Eckert, James Clooney, Albert Schwartzky, Mrs. N. Ihan Hinck, Charles D. Silleck, Mrs. Arthur Verdon, Mrs. Claude A. Latimer, Mrs. John Dallenger, Hans Wendell, Mrs. Charles Stoudt, David Britt.

Harold Saunders, Mrs. H. D. Holden, Mrs. D. H. McGahie, Clarence R. Litchfield, Stanley Hare, Mrs. Rufus Andrews, Mrs. Aylmer R. Hatch, Mrs. Eric Snell, Everett Rushmore, J. O. Hagans, Mrs. Harold Saunders, Vito Palazzolo.

Cold Wave Due To Moderate; Fuel Scarce

BULLETIN

ALBANY, (AP). — Mayor Frank S. Harris declared a fuel emergency today in Albany and ordered all amusement places and educational institutions to close Sunday until further notice.

The order included schools, libraries and museums, as well as night clubs, theaters and bowling alleys.

Sun in an almost cloudless sky smiled today on a briefly frozen Westchester and a Weather Bureau prediction that the cold wave would moderate today.

Temperatures were four or five degrees higher this morning than yesterday, except in the northern section which regained its reputation of being 10 degrees or more colder than the lower part of the county. It was 16 below zero at Armonk, compared with 12 below yesterday. White Plains registered 1 below atop the Roger Smith Hotel, against 5 below at the same time yesterday.

Mount Vernon, chief distributing point for the area, reported a total shortage of both coal and fuel oil. Dealers said supplies would be exhausted if the cold continued another day, causing increased rates of consumption of fuel.

No oil or coal was arriving in Mount Vernon where ice in Eastchester Creek prevented movement of tankers and barges.

The second night of cold froze water pipes in many houses which survived the first sub-zero night.

Another by-product of the cold wave was the rapid deterioration of certain kinds of synthetic or reclaimed automobile tires. With the mercury around zero light trucks and other cars with rationed tires were leaving long black smudges on the packed snow and ice, especially when the brakes were applied.

CAPT. JOHN J. HILLSLEY

CAPT. FREDERIC HILLSLEY

Hillsley Twins, Both Captains Separated By Pacific Ocean, Maintain Contact By B-29

Although they are separated by the distance between Saipan and Colorado Springs, the 24-year-old Hillsley twins of Larchmont, who stuck close together throughout their school and college days, are again united in their war time activities through the medium of the B-29.

Capt. Frederic Hillsley, ordnance officer with the Second Aircraft Repair Unit, (B-29's) on Saipan since October, is associated with many of the men who trained with his brother, Capt. John J. Hillsley, Jr., at Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kans., and at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo., where John is now stationed as ordnance officer with the 314th Bomber Wing (B-29's). The twins are sons of Dr. John J. Hillsley of 164 Murray Avenue, and Mrs. Henry W. Johnson of Jackson Heights, Long Island.

Both are graduates of Newtown High School, Elmhurst, L. I., with the Class of 1937, and of Cornell University in 1941, receiving the degree of B. S. in administrative engineering, with special reference to mechanical engineering, and were honor graduates of Cornell's R. O. T. C. Both attended Cornell on full scholarships, and were members of the college swimming team.

They were elected to Tau Beta Phi, honorary engineering fraternity. Frederic served as president. John was president of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity during his senior year. Frederic, also a member of Phi Epsilon, was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, another honorary fraternity.

Commissioned second lieutenants upon graduation, the twins were called into active service Aug. 13, 1941, while John was employed by Ingersoll Rand in New Jersey, and Frederic was associated with Continental Mills in Philadelphia. They were first stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. where John became assistant director at the Ordnance School and Frederic was an instructor in small arms at the school. They received their captaincies during the Winter of 1943, having been promoted to first lieutenant July 15, 1942.

Now awaiting overseas orders, which he hopes will be labelled "Saipan," John formerly served at headquarters of the 20th Bomber Command at Smoky Hill, after more than two years at Aberdeen. His engagement to Miss Nell Ray La Roache was recently announced by her parents.

After a year at Aberdeen, Frederic joined the First Special Service Force, composed of Canadian and American mountain para-ski troops, training for a year at Helena, Mont. His first overseas mission was to Kiska, in July, 1943, from which he returned in September. After reporting to Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont, he transferred to the Air Service School at Robins Field, Macon, Ga. He received further training at the Army Air Forces Applied Tactics School in Orlando, Fla.

The Hillsley twins are members of the Larchmont Avenue Church.

CORP. JOSEPH J. LANZA

Corp. Lanza's Company Wins Service Plaque

Corp. Joseph J. Lanza of Mamaroneck is a member of the 6289th Provisional War Administration Company with the Fifth Army Group in France which was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for its outstanding work in rehabilitating Italian prisoners of war.

The 21-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Lanza of 7 Staub Court, Corp. Lanza has been in the service since February, 1943. He went overseas in October, 1943, after receiving infantry training at Camp Swift, Tex., later being transferred to an administration school where he was assigned to a POW camp in North Africa to interpret French and Italian. He is a Mamaroneck High School graduate and former employe of the Hartford Insurance Company in New York City.

Italian service companies formed by the 6829th are now working in support of Allied soldiers in many theaters of operation. Their work, which consists mostly of manual labor, has been rated as excellent, and in North Africa they contributed substantially to the success of the Southern France invasion by loading the invasion ships in record time.

After the fall of Mussolini, many Italian soldiers captured in North Africa, Sicily and Southern Italy volunteered their services when they were asked to cooperate with the Allies by Marshal Pietro Badoglio. The 6829th, commanded by Maj. Joseph S. Goldware of Omaha, Nebr., organized these men into efficient service units, each commanded by Italian officers. An American officer and four enlisted men worked with each company in an advisory capacity.

Arts Museum Proposed As War Memorial

A War Memorial in the form of a three-story structure to house a combined youth center and arts and crafts museum has been proposed by Edward Ely Hoxie, director of the Museum of Arts and Industrial Crafts, at 49 Edgewood Avenue, Larchmont.

In tentative plans sent by Mr. Hoxie to organizations in Larchmont and Mamaroneck, the idea of a stone building containing a memorial entrance hall, a gymnasium, swimming pool, auditorium, class rooms and sheet metal shop among other facilities has been suggested.

"The site proposed for this youth center," Mr. Hoxie states in his outline of the plan, "is the corner of Weaver Street and Palmer Avenue including the Town Yard, the two corner properties and the plaza opposite. This will require cooperation of several persons including the Town Board. The location may be unobtainable and other sites must be considered. Possibly someone will donate a site in the vicinity as a memorial."

ALLIES CLEAR ROER BANKS FOR ATTACKS ON RHINELAND; SOVIETS NEAR BRANDENBURG

Red Tanks Close To Frontiers Of Berlin's Province

LONDON, (AP)—Russian tanks were placed by German broadcasts today close to the border of Brandenburg, Prussian province of which Berlin is the capital.

Today's German communique said Russian tank formations had driven "farther to the west and northwest on both sides of Poznan." It reported bitter fighting was in progress for Poznan, Bydgoszcz and Torun.

The Russians announced the capture of Bydgoszcz (Bromberg) three days ago.

Presumably the Russian forces reported near the Brandenburg border were the same units mentioned by the German communique as driving west and northwest of Poznan. Northwest of Poznan in the direction the Russians are heading, the Brandenburg frontier is about 120 miles from Berlin. At some points the frontier is as much as 150 miles from Berlin.

As the German Radio announced the threat to Brandenburg, the Red Army newspaper Red Star asserted "We have reached the last road—the road we have dreamed about for three long years."

91 Miles At One Point

At the nearest point the Brandenburg border is within 91 miles of the German capital, but the German broadcast did not place the Russian spearheads exactly. Moscow reported yesterday that Red Army forces were little more than 125 miles from Berlin.

Moscow placed the Russian forces within five miles of Poznan and a German broadcast reported they had driven past both sides of this key city in reaching the vicinity of the Brandenburg frontier. The broadcast said the tank vanguards had been destroyed.

Two other capital cities of German provinces were being threatened. The Russians announced that all direct communications with Breslau have been cut off, and the Germans declared the Red Army had launched an all-out drive for Konigsberg.

A Red Star dispatch reported that German defenses along the Oder River line were "cracking under iron pressure."

One Pat A Day 1945 Outlook For Butter

CHICAGO, (AP).—The nation's civilians face a 1945 ration of less than one pat of butter a day, spokesmen for the industry said today as they announced they had urged "immediate" Federal action to relieve the butter "crisis."

In telegrams to governmental food production and pricing agencies, the spokesmen, representing the over-all butter industry committee, "urgently requested" measures "to encourage not discourage butter production."

At a special meeting here the committee, representing the American Butter Institute, National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation, and the National Creameries Association, advocated increasing the base price of butter by six cents a pound and increasing the production payment of butterfat sold for butter.

The committee said production payment per pound of butterfat sold as cream now approximates in most areas one-sixth of the production payment fixed for 100 pounds of whole milk. It recommended a payment of at least one-fourth of the production payment for whole milk. It also proposed extending limitation orders to cover all sales of cream.

Says Output 'discouraged'

Dr. H. A. Ruehe, institute secretary, said government policies now in effect "discourage" production and that the loss in butter output last year was 322,000,000 pounds, more than all the butter taken for the armed forces and Lend-Lease—297,000,000 pounds. He said the 1944 output of creamery butter was 1,478,000,000 pounds, as compared with a normal output of 1,800,000,000 pounds.

Last year's trend is continuing this year, Dr. Ruehe said, "requiring action at once to reverse it and provide more butter for American tables."

Owen M. Richards, manager of the American Dairy Association, said "millions find it hard to understand why they are being deprived of so much butter when milk production is the highest in history."

The butter that is being allocated for civilians this year will provide only about two ounces per person per week—less than a pat of butter a day.

Richards Lists White Collar Group's Aims

The United White Collar Majority, Inc. is "in no way a labor union nor does it function as such," according to Arthur Richards, Larchmont Village engineer in a statement yesterday intended to clarify the accounts of the recent meeting of the organization's executive board. Mr. Richards serves as temporary chairman for the Southern Westchester steering committee of the group.

In an effort to set up a county unit to further the development of the "White Collar Movement", executive board members met Tuesday evening in Larchmont for an organization meeting. "This is only a beginning," Mr. Richards pointed out. "The most encouraging thing about it is the attitude and caliber of its members. They are thinking of the good of the country as a whole, not of personal gain."

Larchmont members include Jack Egemeier, Layton E. Herrick, Alexander Martin, Albert Winston, W. A. Payne, H. T. Byrne, Robert Brown, William C. Dickson, and John H. Andrews.

Organized last May as a "national, non-profit membership organization," under the laws of New York State, the United White Collar Majority, Inc., offers as the framework of its purposes and objectives the "welfare of the nation through the protection and the economic, political and social betterment of the great middle class majority." It represents an effort to "put a stop to the pressure from capital, labor and politics," Mr. Richards pointed out.

Purposes and objectives, according to Mr. Richards, include the following: to protect workers who do not belong to national labor unions; to obtain immediate relief for underpaid white collar employes; to represent white collar interests at War Labor Board and other government hearings; to advocate the incentive system for individual accomplishment and an earlier retirement age; to establish equal pay and business status for women.

Also, to obtain inexpensive but effective medical care; to seek honest, sincere government coop-

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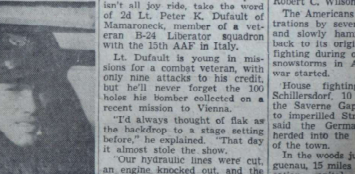
FORMER SCHOOLMATES in New Rochelle, S 1/C Tony Cesario, second from left who was wounded in Normandy invasion, greets S 1/C Michael Denicola, second from right at St. Albans Hospital in New York where they are patients. At the left is S 1/C Jack Skipper of Spartanburg, S. C., also injured in Normandy. At the right is Marine Pfc. Dean Potter of Bloomfield, N. J., wounded in battle for Mumda.

Lt. Dufault Returns To Base With 100 Holes In Bomber After Mission Over Vienna



2nd LT. PETER K. DUFAULT of Mamaroneck, is shown above in the front seat on the co-pilot's side of a B-24 Liberator with the 15th AAF in Italy.

The life of a bomber co-pilot isn't all joy ride, take the word of 2d Lt. Peter K. Dufault of Mamaroneck, member of a veteran B-24 Liberator squadron with the 15th AAF in Italy.

Lt. Dufault is young in missions for a combat veteran, with only nine attacks to his credit, but he'll never forget the 100 holes his bomber collected on a recent mission to Vienna.

"I'd always thought of flak as the backdrop to a stage setting before," he explained. "That day it almost stole the show.

"Our hydraulic lines were cut, an engine knocked out, and the whole fuselage was peppered with holes. A bomber just ahead blew up."

Both Lt. Dufault and his pilot had hits on their flak helmets, but the "tin hats" saved their lives.

"We thought we had a flat tire, too," he continued, "but luckily the tires weren't hit. Our engineer repaired the hydraulic lines, so we had brakes for landing."

Lt. Dufault spent a busier-than-usual co-pilot's afternoon, checking gas gauges, oil gauges, and watching for enemy fighters.

"That's the worst mission I've flown yet," said the 21-year-old former Harvard student, "and it's good they don't all come like that. When the pilot and I got our hits on the helmet, we each looked at the other, neither sure who was the worse off."

Overseas since August, Lt. Dufault is assigned to a veteran Liberator group which has flown more than 175 missions and which holds two presidential citations.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland H. Dufault, live at 539 Oakhurst Road.

Coal Deliveries Restricted By Freight Curb

BULLETIN

NEW YORK, (AP) — The Regional Office of the Solid Fuels Administrator for war ordered fuel dealers in New York City, Long Island and Westchester to limit deliveries of coal and coke to customers who have less than five days' supply on hand.

SYRACUSE, (AP)—Restriction of coal deliveries and curtailment of the use of solid fuels for places of amusement in the Great Lakes area affected by a freight embargo was recommended today in a directive from the Solid Fuels Administration for War.

James Farrell, regional SFAW representative, said he had representative, said he had received a directive prohibiting every retail dealer and lidewater dock operator from delivering any solid fuel to any consumer in the area "unless such consumer has on hand a five-day or less supply of useable fuel of any kind."

The order affects deliveries in Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, District of Columbia and the northern portions of Virginia and West Virginia.

TWO M. P.'s MISSING

ROME, (AP)—Two members of the British Parliament—J. D. Campbell and Capt. R. H. Bernays—were missing today on a plane flight from Rome to Bari, Italy.

Brachelen Taken By Americans In Night Attack

By JAMES M. LONG
Associated Press Staff

PARIS—American Ninth and British Second Army troops cleared the entire west bank of the Roer River for 40 airline miles from Holland to below Duren today, achieving a strategic springboard for attacks against the industrial Ruhr and the Rhineland.

Flame-throwing infantry of the Ninth Army advanced more than a mile in a limited night attack, capturing Brachelen, 27 miles southwest of Dusseldorf, and 97 Siegfried Line pillboxes. The German survivors withdrew completely to the east bank of the river.

"British patrols just north reported they reached the Roer on a front of several miles without contacting the Germans," AP correspondent Wes Gallagher reported from the Ninth Army front. "This clears the Second Army sector west of the Roer and liberates the Sittard sector of Holland."

On the opposite flank of the western front, Lieut. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army appeared to have brought the new German offensive in north Alsace to a standstill, AP correspondent Robert C. Wilson reported.

The Americans sealed off penetrations by seven Nazi divisions and slowly hammered the line back to its original positions in fighting during one of the worst snowstorms in Alsace since the war started.

House fighting continued in Schillersdorf, 10 miles north of the Saverne Gap, Allied lifeline to important Strasbourg. Wilson said the Germans were being herded into the southeast sector of the town.

In the woods just west of Haguenau, 15 miles north of the Alsatian capital, the Americans were mopping up Germans who crossed the Moder River between Rupt and Schweighouse.

Yanks Capture Clark Field, Push On South

MACARTHUR'S HQS, LUZON, (AP)—Clark Field, with its 17 airstrips within striking distance of the China coast, was firmly in American hands today along with adjacent Fort Stotsenburg. Triumphant Yanks rolled on south against such light opposition that combat officers expressed doubt the Japanese would make a determined fight short of Manila, some 40 miles south.

Vast Clark Field, most highly developed aviation center in the Philippines, with its extensive network of landing strips, shops and other installations, was captured early Thursday by Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold's 14th Army Corps.

Clearing Foe From Hills

The main body of Japanese was being hounded by American artillery. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said "our forces are engaged in clearing enemy troops from the nearby hills."

Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th Division overran the field and Fort Stotsenburg, a large military installations before the war, and then advanced patrols five miles south to Angeles on a main Manila highway.

Meanwhile the 37th Division of Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler sent patrol screens across the valley to the left of the corps flank. This unit reached the highway town of Magalang, 10 miles east of Clark.

At Magalang the Americans flanked Mt. Arayat, where the Japanese had been expected to put up a defense against Yank columns moving down the eastern side of the central Luzon plain.

Heaviest fighting of the Luzon campaign still was north and east of the Lingayen Gulf beachhead.

Maj. Gen. Innis P. Swift's First Corps had to fight for every inch of ground.

Servicemen Invited To Dine With V.F.W.

All service men, including the members of the United States Merchant Marine, now at home on leave or furlough are invited to be the guests tomorrow at 7 P. M. of the David Potts, Jr., Post 1156 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at a spaghetti dinner to be served at the post headquarters on the Boston Post Road.

Past Commander Nicholas Leon heads the committee in charge of the dinner.

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The Weather

Today, windy with clear skies, highest temperature 28. Tonight, clear diminishing winds, lowest temperature 15. Tomorrow, mostly clear, somewhat warmer, highest temperature 35.

REDS PUSH 95 MILES FROM BERLIN

Our Men In Service

Awarded Air Medal

2nd Lieut. Irving Bugg, of Larchmont, has recently been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat.

Lt. Bug, bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress heavy bomber, has participated in 10 daylight bombing assaults against the Nazi war machine in Europe.

On a recent mission to Merseburg, Germany, the plane in which Lt. Bugg was flying was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire. A piece of flak whizzed through the plane and struck him full on the chest. Thanks to the heavy protective armor of his flak suit, Lt. Bugg was not injured, although the flak suit itself was torn and dented.

Prior to his entrance in the AAF Jan. 28, 1943, Lt. Bugg was employed by the Sperry Gyroscope Company as a test foreman. Since his arrival in the European Theatre of Operations July 3, 1944, he has been serving with the veteran 305th Bombardment Group.

Lt. Bugg is the 27-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bugg, of 87 Hickory Drive.

Wins Commendation

The dependability of Corp. Jack Adler of Larchmont, and his cheerful performance of any job asked of him" have been commended in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. George Adler of 58 Hillcrest Avenue from the Commanding Officer of the 71st Army Airways Communications System Group in New Caledonia, where Corp. Adler is stationed with the Army Air Forces.

A graduate of Mamaroneck High School, Corp. Adler enlisted in November 1942, while a student at Penn State. He received basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

The Commanding Officer's letter reads as follows: "Your son Jack has just completed 13 months of duty overseas. Because of his dependability and his cheerful performance of any job asked of him, he has been rated by his immediate superior as one of the excellent men in the organization.

"I want you to know that I am as proud of Jack as you are. It is the effort of all men like him which brings homecoming nearer, not by the year but by the day. Your son will be able to claim with justice that he made a real contribution to victory."

Home From Hospital

Pfc. Charles L. Chambers of Mamaroneck, is at home on a brief furlough from the Crile General Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is receiving rehabilitation treatment following several months' service in England, France and Belgium with the United States Army.

He returned to the United States Jan. 4 and went first to the Edgewood Annex of the Mason General Hospital in Brentwood, L. I. He went overseas March 1 and served as a cook of the 15th General Hospital, leaving there two weeks before it was demulished by a robot bomb on Nov. 24.

Pfc. Chambers, whose wife, the former Caroline Diamond resides with her parents at 354 Mamaroneck Avenue, entered the service Nov. 21, 1942, and received training at Halloran Hospital in Staten Island and at Fort Dix, N. J., before going overseas. He was formerly employed at the Village Lunch and at the Annex Restaurant in Mamaroneck. He is the son of Mrs. Bertha Burke of Erie, Pa.

Ensign Trovato Home

Ensign Raymond Trovato of Larchmont is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Trovato of Larchmont Acres, following his graduation Jan. 24 from the Midshipmen's School at Cornell University. He will report next Wednesday to the Communications School at Harvard College.

A graduate of Mamaroneck High School, Class of 1942, Ensign Trovato entered the Navy during his freshman year at Duke University, where he received his apprentice seaman training. Before going to Cornell, he was stationed for six weeks training at Ashury Park, N. J.

Promoted To Corporal

Lewis M. Osterweis of 16 Villa Road, Larchmont, has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the United States Marine Corps, in the South Pacific, where he is serving with the Second Marine Regiment. He is the son of Mrs. Ruth E. Osterweis of New York, and a nephew of Mrs. Irving Sherwood of the Larchmont address.

Corp. Osterweis, who was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on Saipan, entered the Marine Corps three years ago, while attending preparatory school in Chicago where he formerly resided. He spent a year on duty in Iceland and last Christmas visited for a month at Mrs. Sherwood's home. During the Summer he participated in the campaign for Tinian in the Marianas Islands.

TELL AGAIN OF BATTLE

CHUNGKING, (AP).—The Chinese Army newspaper Sao Tang Pao again published reports today of a Japanese-American naval battle Tuesday off the Chekiang coast of China, but American authorities here said they knew nothing of such a conflict and expressed doubt that it had occurred.

Fuel Crisis Not Likely In Schools

Coal Shortage Critical With Next Shipment Of Fuel Here Uncertain

PATIENCE IS URGED

With the fuel situation described in Larchmont and Mamaroneck as "extremely critical," the emergency has extended so far only to private residences as all municipal buildings and schools are "sufficiently supplied at the present time," according to village and school officials.

Householders were urged this morning by Mervyn Connor, who serves this area as a member of the Solid Fuel Advisory Board, to have patience and not bother the dealers, once an order has been placed.

"The dealers are doing the best they can," he pointed out, "and everybody must have patience. If you are expecting a delivery of coal, see that the driveway is shoveled and the cellar window open. Get out in the street and help push the truck, if necessary. The dealers need all the cooperation and sympathy they can get!"

When the next shipment of fuel will reach this area was unknown this morning and Mr. Connor said any statement he could make would be "all profanity" adding that "the big boys" are sending "order after order and directive after directive telling us exactly what to do with what we haven't got."

The municipal buildings in both Larchmont and Mamaroneck are in no immediate danger, according to Mayors Santoro and Washburn and it is not anticipated that the Solid Fuel Administration order authorizing mayors to shut down schools and heaters will have to be resorted to.

Coal shipments embargoed for three days beginning at midnight this morning are expected to bring a fuel crisis to Westchester early next week.

Mayors, representatives of the health departments and coal dealers are holding a series of conferences to take stock of the situation and lay plans to meet the emergency.

Central Westchester's supply during the embargo period will depend on whether a large shipment consigned to a wholesaler gets through. The shipment was supposed to be on the way yesterday, and under the terms of the embargo was to be allowed to come through. The wholesaler was in town with the railroad to make efforts to see that the consignment is not seized by New York City authorities or officials of some other distressed community along the way.

Mount Vernon and Yonkers are virtually out of coal.

The State Education Department has wired school superintendents to resist closing of the schools.

Mayor Chauncey T. S. Fish of White Plains, Mayor John Starkweather of Scarsdale, Sanitary Inspector Richard McLaughlin of the County Health Department, and Gustave Wecke, coal dealer on the White Plains area advisory committee, met this morning to discuss the situation in the White Plains-Scarsdale area.

Sports Editor To Talk Feb. 5 For Men's Club

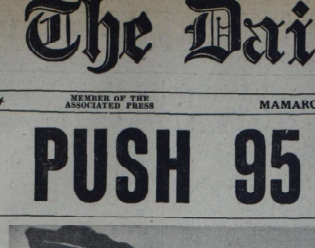
Harry Grayson, NEA Service veteran sports editor, will appear before the Larchmont Men's Club at St. John's Church at 8:15 Monday, Feb. 5, according to announcement by Robert S. MacCallum, chairman of the program committee.

Mr. Grayson has spent his 30 years as a newspaperman covering sporting events exclusively. He has traveled throughout the world.

During his career he has had many notable scoops. In Los Angeles he benefitted with having "broken" the story about the Black Sox World Series scandal six months before it received national attention. He picked Gene Tunney to take the heavyweight crown from Jack Dempsey in their first fight. He has many official decisions affecting the sports world before they were actually put on paper. His knowledge of the world in which he works is the result of his years of intimate experience with its leaders.

He is the author of a book entitled, They Played the Game" which is now in its third printing. Mr. Grayson is considered a master story-teller

Refreshments will be served after Mr. Grayson's talk.



"FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT IN AERIAL FLIGHT," the Air Medal has been won by 2nd Lt. Robert R. FitzGerald of Larchmont. He is shown above at right receiving the award from his commanding officer. He is stationed with the 15th AAF in Italy.

Larchmont Mustang Flyer Wins Air Medal In Italy For 'Meritorious Achievement'

The Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight has been awarded 2nd Lt. Robert R FitzGerald, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ogg FitzGerald of 7 East Boston Post Road, Larchmont, combat flyer with a veteran P-51 Mustang fighter group, with the 15th AAF in Italy.

The citation accompanying his award reads, "For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy between the dates Oct. 16 and Nov. 15, 1944."

Entering the Army Air Forces in August, 1942, Lt. FitzGerald was awarded his pilot's wings on Dec. 5, 1943, after completing his advanced training courses at Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga.

He left the States for foreign service in September and has completed five successful high altitude heavy bomber escort missions from an Italian base.

A graduate of Mamaroneck High School, he was employed by the Door Engineering Co., Inc., in New York, before entering the service.

Mother Lauds Care Of Child Polio Victim

Peter C. Doern, Jr., chairman of the March of Dimes drive in Mamaroneck, made public today the contents of a letter written by a grateful Mamaroneck mother, in which she praised the fine work done by the polio unit at Sunshine Cottage for victims of infantile paralysis during the recent epidemic. A copy of the letter was sent to Mr. Doern by the Westchester Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"This letter is such human, moving document," Mr. Doern said, "that I believe it should be read by every person in our Village. It expresses better than any of us possibly could the important part contributions made during the March of Dimes drive play in the fight to stamp out dreaded poliomyelitis and to provide the best possible care and treatment for those who have been afflicted."

The letter in full reads:

"I want you and all the workers in the polio unit at Sunshine Cottage to know how grateful Mr. C and I are for the excellent care A— received, resulting in her remarkable recovery. You all have reason to be very proud of the splendid work you are doing in these difficult times, especially in the care of a disease that requires so much and such detailed treatment. Please give our thanks and sincere appreciation to all your workers. I want to thank you, too, for the kindness and courtesy I received during my many anxious and probably too frequent telephone calls. It is indeed remarkable that you manage to give the patients such splendid care and at the same time be always considerate of the worried parents. We can well understand how Grasslands has acquired its excellent reputation.

"A— is doing very nicely and you may be sure we will take every care to see that your fine work is not undone."

Harold Saunders, chairman of sports events, announced that a bowling match was held last night at the Larchmont Bowl between teams representing the Mamaroneck Fire Department and the New York Telephone Company. Following the match, refreshments were served in the rooms of the Mamaro fire house.

"This affair," Mr. Saunders said, "was especially arranged for the benefit of the March of Dimes drive. Assistant Chief Edward Livingston and Ex-Chief Frank Cunningham of the Fire Department and John Lang and Frank Mother of the Telephone Company were the committee in charge and made the arrangements.

"There are still a few tickets left for the exhibition match tonight at the Mamaroneck Recreation Center. Those not purchased before the exhibition will be on sale at the door. The entire proceeds of this event will go to the March of Dimes drive.

THEFTS AT HOSPITAL

NEW ROCHELLE—Two overcoats belonging to doctors were stolen yesterday from the doctors' room of New Rochelle Hospital for the second time in three weeks. A hat and a pair of gloves was also stolen from the hospital yesterday.

Annual Costs Of Incinerator Still $12,700

An annual budget of $12,700, covering the full operation of the incinerator plant was approved last night by the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Joint Garbage Commission meeting at the Larchmont Village Hall. The budget is the same amount as last year.

Arthur Richards, superintendent of the commission, reported that the daily average amount of garbage delivered to the incinerator during 1944 was 12.26 tons as against 12.48 tons for the previous year but it was pointed out that this is due to the elimination of ashes from the garbage collection in line with general improvements to the plant's efficiency.

Of all garbage delivered to the plant during 1944, 54.11 percent came from Larchmont Village and 45.89 percent from the unincorporated area.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Frank S. Washburn, who presided as chairman; Supervisor Owen A. Mandeville; Edward Bracken, secretary--treasurer; and Mr. Richards.

Seizure Of Ward Plant Held Illegal

CHICAGO, (AP) — President Roosevelt's order for Army seizure of 16 Montgomery Ward and Company properties on Dec. 28 was declared illegal today by Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan.

"I am of the opinion that the President was without authority either under Section 3 of the War Labor Disputes Act, or under the war powers conferred upon him by the Constitution as commander in chief of the Army and Navy to take possession of the plants and facilities of Montgomery Ward and Company," the court asserted.

New Ceiling Prices Listed On Lettuce

The Larchmont - Mamaroneck - Harrison War Price and Rationing Board has announced new ceiling prices in effect in this area for trimmed lettuce as follows: under 10 ounces, 11 cents per head; 10 to 13 ounces, 13 cents per head; over 13 ounces, 15 cents per head.

Americans Erase Last Of Bulge

Third Army Gains Up To Three Miles On Front In Luxembourg

OUR RIVER REACHED

By JAMES M. LONG
Associated Press Staff

PARIS — U. S. Third Army troops striking on a 20-mile front in Luxembourg and Belgium gained up to three miles today and reached the Our River barrier to Germany.

The Third's roll-up to the Our River frontier, wiping out last vestiges of the Ardennes Bulge and clearing almost all of Luxembourg, came as the American Ninth and British Second Armies in the north consolidated their hold along the west bank of the Roer River inside Germany, with in 25 miles of Dusseldorf.

Allied troops held the initiative all along the winding Western front, and the German's offensive in Alsace had dwindled out.

American 90th Division patrols reached the Our River at a point 4½ miles northeast of Clervaux in northern Luxembourg, a front dispatch said. They met no resistance. Troops of the 17th airborne DIVision punched forward three miles at a point seven miles below St. Vith.

They and three other divisions were astride or across the "Skyline Drive" highway running north to St. Vith on a 1,500-foot ridge overlooking the Our and the Germans' Siegfried Line guarding the Reich. The 26th Division drove ahead 2½ miles above Wiltz, and the 80th and 5th Divisions advanced from half to one mile. The Third Army bagged 591 prisoners yesterday.

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State Orders 'Brownout' Be Enforced

ALBANY, (AP) — The State War Council has ordered state enforcement of the War Production Board's "brownout" order curtailing use of electric power for non-essential purposes effective Feb. 1.

Under the WPB order, prohibited uses of non-essential power include outdoor advertising, promotional lighting, display lighting except where necessary for the conduct of business and decorative and ornamental lighting.

Also banned: show window lighting except where necessary for interior illumination;

Marquee lighting in excess of 60 watts for each marquee;

Street lighting in excess of the amount determined by local public authority to be necessary for public safety;

Outdoor sign lighting except for directional or identification signs required for fire and police protection, traffic control, transportation terminals, hospitals or any similar essential public services and the lighting of which is specifically authorized to be necessary by local public authority and except directional or identification signs using not more than 60 watts per establishment, for doctors and for hotels and other public lodging establishments.

Ration-Free 'Odd Lot' Shoes On Sale Feb. 19

WASHINGTON, (AP) — OPA has authorized a ration-free "odd lot" sale of men's and women's shoes, beginning Feb. 19 and ending March 4.

The agency estimated that more than 4,500,000 pairs of shoes will be sold during the two-week ration holiday. This represents only about 3 per cent of rationed shoes in wholesale and retail stocks.

The sale price for shoes from a retailer's stocks must be at least 25 per cent below the regular price. The retailer's markup on shoes purchased from another dealer must not exceed 33 1/3 per cent.

FIVE HURT

MOUNT VERNON — Five passengers were slightly injured and hundreds of others shaken in the collision of three trolley cars during the height of the 6 o'clock rush last night. The accident involved cars of the Yonkers, New Rochelle and Bronx routes and caused delays for an hour and a half.

PROSPECTS OF BIG BUSINESS give Barbara Ann Martin, three, of Yonkers, her serious look as she examines her dog Blackie for fleas. The price of three cents per flea has been offered by Dr. J. H. Standen, bio-chemist for the B. F. Goodrich Company, who is doing experimental work in flea control at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research at 1086 North Broadway, Yonkers.

Staff Photo

His Courage In Furnishing Supplies Under Fire Wins Citation For Major Harrison

MAJ. WILLIAM R. HARRISON

A citation for "exceptionally meritorious conduct" while furnishing supplies under fire to "widely separated companies" in Tunisia and Italy has been awarded to Major William Reginald Harrison of 19 Lyons Place, Larchmont, by command of Brig. Gen. Young.

A member of a tank destroyer battalion with the American 7th Army now fighting in the southern Saar Basin of Germany, Major Harrison was recently promoted to his present rank from captain. He has been in the service since 1941 when he was commissioned a second lieutenant upon his graduation from Cornell University and is now serving as battalion executive.

The citation reads as follows:

"William R. Harrison, captain (then first lieutenant) Field Artillery, 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Italy from Nov. 24, 1942, to June 6, 1944. As battalion motor officer and, in addition, transport quartermaster, Capt. Harrison displayed great resourcefulness and undaunted courage in overcoming the hazards and obstacles created by stubborn German resistance, as well as the adverse weather and terrain, to furnish supplies to widely separated companies. In establishing a hard-hitting tank destroyer unit, it was necessary for Capt. Harrison and his company to expose themselves to continual enemy aerial bombing and artillery fire. By his knowledge and foresight in estimating future requirements, Capt. Harrison maintained a steady flow of supplies and material to the units of the battalion and at no time during the intense operations in Tunisia and Italy did the battalion lack essential supplies. His outstanding services are in the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States."

The son of Mrs. John R. Harrison of Bantam, Conn., Major Harrison graduated from Litchfield, Conn., High School and, while at Cornell, he belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and the ROTC.

He received Army training at Fort Sill, Okla., where he attended Battery Officers' School. Fort Devens, Mass., Camp Blanding, Fla., Fort Benning, Ga., and Indian Town Gap, Pa. He went overseas Aug. 1, 1942, going first to England and then to North Africa. He was promoted to his present rank on May, 1943. Major Harrison is married to the former Betty Goffe of Larchmont.

His battalion went into Southern France on D-Day and took part in the chase of the German 19th Army north through the Rhone Valley. When the Germans made a stand in the Vosges mountains, the battalion turned the heavy guns of its M-10 tank destroyers against the strong points and played a large part in the drive that smashed the Nazi line and drove them out of Alsace.

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Veterans' Data Available To Returning Men

Members of Reemployment Board No. 743, covering the Larchmont-Scarsdale district, yesterday visited the Veterans' Information and Service Center in White Plains at the invitation of Miss Helen Clark, office manager representing the War Manpower Commission, to investigate the material available for study by veterans who have been discharged from the armed forces.

The committee made the visit under the direction of E. F. Quinn of Larchmont, chairman of the Reemployment Board for this district, and consisted of the following members: Frank N. Tierney, William H. Fernschild, Joseph Johnston and Jack Edwards of Larchmont, and Thomas E. O'Donnell, Albert W. Press and Henry Bloch of Scarsdale.

The board will have for distribution all material displayed at the White Plains office including publications of the U. S. Manpower Commission, Senate documents, New York Board of Regents documents dealing with educational opportunities and all booklets explaining the legal rights of veterans regarding compensation and other rights and benefits.

The headquarters of the district are located at the Scarsdale High School but any discharged veteran who wants information may communicate with the members of the board, each of whom has been officially appointed to his post by the president.

Mr. Quinn announced yesterday that the next meeting of the Reemployment Commission will take place Feb. 26 at the Scarsdale High School.

Russians Advance To Obra River

Two Soviet Spearheads Reported At Frontier Of Brandenburg

POZNAN OUTFLANKED

LONDON, (AP) — Red Army spearheads have advanced to German positions on the Obra River in Brandenburg Province the German High Command announced today. This river runs 75 to 95 miles east of Berlin.

German accounts indicated that two prongs of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's drive, outflanking Poznan in Central Poland, had reached or crossed the border of Brandenburg, which at its nearest point is 91 miles from Berlin.

The Nazi High Command said one arm of this drive advanced between Leszno (Lissa) and the Netze River, which winds northeast in Eastern Germany, touching the border at Schneidemuehle, 133 miles northeast of Berlin.

The Russians were halted in front of German positions on the Obra, the German communique said. The location of the drive as given by Berlin, between the Netze and Polish Leszno, indicated that the spearhead was storming across the shortest route to the German capital. The Obra, at its nearest point, is about 75 miles from Berlin. It bulges Eastward and forms the Brandenburg border for a short distance about 93 miles from the capital.

The northern arm of the drive speared to the border "east of Schneidemuehl," said Transocean, a Nazi agency. The Germans said this spearhead reached the northern bank of the Netze.

The German High Command also said the Russians made "several major penetrations" of German lines in the Upper (southern) Silesian industrial area south of the Vistula River.

Meanwhile, the north a force of perhaps 200,000 Nazis was trapped in East Prussia and faced destruction. Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's brilliant drive to the Danzig Bay area split the Junkers Province, breeding ground of German militarism, while Zukov's right wing advanced beyond the Bromberg Canal and widened the breach between East Prussia and the rest of Germany.

Wallace Hopes To Salvage Half A Loaf

WASHINGTON, (AP).—Henry A. Wallace's Cabinet membership goes to an uncertain fate in the Senate Monday, hearing a "rejected" label from the Senate Commerce Committee.

But in the face of this unprecedented rebuff, Wallace moved swiftly today in an effort to salvage half a loaf—a commerce portfolio without binding authority—for the 56-year-old man who stepped down from the vice-presidency just a week ago.

Senators Lucas (D-Ill) and Maybank (D.-N.C.), Wallace backers, announced support for a committee-approved bill to separate from the Commerce Department the vast money-spending agencies built around the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which Jesse Jones managed for 12 years.

Pepper Sure of Passage

Senator Pepper (D.-Fla.), gerrymandering of the former vice-president's forces, virtually conceded the bill would pass. The inference was plain that he and others thought Wallace might be confirmed if the Senate had some assurance that the monetary powers would not go along with the Cabinet job from which the President fired Jones.

Pepper said he interpreted the Commerce Committee's action yesterday as giving a sort of priority to the legislation, which the senator George (D.-Ga.), when both matters come up from action, possibly Tuesday. Unless the rules are suspended, bills and nominations must lie over a day after the committee formally reports.

Vote Is By 14-5

In a two-hour session behind closed doors the committee members voted 14 to 5 against a motion to report Wallace's nomination favorably.

Six Democrats joined with eight Republicans to rebuff the man who had presided over the Senate for the last four years. Five Democrats voted for the motion.

Just a few minutes earlier the committee voted 15 to 4 to report the George Bill returning the lending agencies to the control of a federal loan administrator and specifically prohibiting the President from transferring them elsewhere.

That would make two jobs of the one Jones held.

Our Men In Service

The Daily Times

The Weather
Tonight and tomorrow, partly cloudy, cold and windy, lowest temperature near 15, highest near 25. High tides today at 1:17 P. M.; tomorrow at 1:43 A. M. and 1:47 P. M.

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RUSSIANS SURROUND RAIL CENTER FOUR MILES OVER REICH BORDER; FIRST ARMY GAINS ON WEST FRONT

Has Narrow Escape

Capt. Philip M. Greene of Larchmont, above, was the pilot of the B-29 which last Tuesday lost an engine over Nagoya while under heavy enemy attack. The plane returned to its base on Saipan after 15 hours and 45 minutes.

Capt. Greene, who has been in the service since 1941 when he enlisted while a student at Colgate University, served as an instructor at Lockbourne Army Air Base in Columbus, Ohio, before going overseas.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. Greene of 50 Kane Avenue, he has two brothers also serving in the Air Forces. 2nd Lt. Braddock Greene is the pilot of a C-47 combat cargo plane flying the Hump on the China-India-Burma route, and Air Cadet Jeffrey Greene is in the final stage of his advanced flying training at Hondo Army Air Field in Texas. He expects to receive his wings as a navigator in April.

Two Become Ensigns

Among the men who were recently commissioned ensigns in the U. S. Naval Reserve upon graduation from the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Abbott Hall, Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill., were two Larchmonters: Theodere Nierenberg and William S. Scofield. They have now been assigned to duty with the fleet as deck officers.

Ensign Nierenberg, 19-year old son of Mrs. E. K. Nierenberg of 76 Vine Road, residing temporarily at Beechmont Towers in New Rochelle, was graduated from Mamaroneck High School with the Class of 1941 and entered Williams College after a year at the Loomis School. Following Navy V-12 training at Williams, he attended pre-midshipmen's school at Asbury Park, N. J., before going to Northwestern.

Ensign Scofield also went to Northwestern from Asbury Park following Navy V-12 Training at Cornell where he was a member of Theta Xi fraternity. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Scofield of 137 Beach Avenue, he was recently married to the former Elisabeth Buechling of Larchmont. He is 20 years old and a graduate of Mamaroneck High School, class of 1943.

Home From War Fronts

Jerome Aaron Steiner, quartermaster, second class, USN, has returned from a year's active service in the European and Mediterranean areas and is spending a 12-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Steiner of 35 Forest Park Avenue, Larchmont.

A veteran of the last European invasions, he previously saw action in other theaters of war. He entered the Navy two years ago receiving recruit training at Sampson and was then assigned to sea duty. A graduate of Mamaroneck High School where he was captain of the hockey team, he was a post-graduate student for a year following his graduation.

His brother, T/Sgt. Ralph Steiner, is serving with the photographic division of the 8th Air Force in England.

Returns To Duty

Seaman 2/c Rudolph C. Wahlig, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wahlig of 11 Ellsworth Road, Larchmont, returned today to Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I., after a 10-day leave at home. A member of the 139th battalion of Seabees, he is stationed at the Naval Construction Training Center at the Rhode Island camp.

Seaman Wahlig entered the Navy Aug. 16 and received recruit training at Sampson. He was graduated in 1943 from Mamaroneck High School, where he played hockey and football.

Mrs. Stork Injured In Fall On Street

Mrs. William Stork, Jr., of 22 Linden Avenue, Larchmont, was treated Friday at United Hospital, Port Chester, for a fractured ankle, according to a report made yesterday to the Larchmont police by Dr. John P. Foland who was called to her assistance when she fell on the street near her home.

Man Dies In Plunge From Hospital Window

NEW YORK, (AP) — Meylert Bruner, Jr., 46, Pleasantville, yesterday fell to his death from the window of his seventh floor room at Manhattan General Hospital, police reported.

Police said the fall occurred a few minutes after a nurse had left Bruner's private room. No notes were found, they added.

Larchmont Coal Supply Held Ample

Richards Appeals For Residents' Assistance In Facilitating Work

CENTER AIDS CRISIS

There is enough coal available for all residents if Larchmonters will cooperate in facilitating the work of placing and delivery of orders, according to Arthur Richards, village engineer, who has been appointed by Mayor Frank S. Washburn to represent Larchmont in matters pertaining to the Solid Fuels Administration for War during the critical fuel situation.

Mr. Richards, who announced Sunday that he will work through the Consumer Center on Chatsworth Avenue, met this morning with Mrs. Herbert Rogers, its chairman, to set up plans for the functioning of the work.

Residents are asked to telephone the Center, La2-1093, "when they have less than 10 days supply of coal on hand." These cases will then be certified to coal dealers, who will deliver as promptly as possible.

Urging residents to copperate during the emergency by telephoning "only once," Mr. Richards emphasized the necessity for calling the Center only when faced with less than a 10-day supply.

"Don't keep calling again and again," he warned. "Once the report has been made and the order placed, repeated telephone calls only serve as a very serious hindrance."

In cases of "dire emergency", Mr. Richards stated that coal would be delivered promptly after proof has been furnished to the Center. "But remember, one call is sufficient," he reminded.

Coal cannot be delivered under any circumstances unless driveways are cleared of snow and ice, he pointed out, urging cooperation so that drivers can deliver the coal directly to the coal bin entrance, avoiding the wasting of valuable time. Also, arrangements must be made for a cellar window to be left open, if no one is to be at home when coal is delivered, he stressed.

"These are important things to keep in mind," he said. "It is absolutely essential that both are taken care of, other wise coal will simply be dumped on the sidewalk and the householder will then have to remove it to the bin himself."

"There is plenty of coal in Larchmont to meet everyone's needs," he said, "certainly for the time being, provided residents permit it to be delivered by doing their part in cooperating."

Reasons given for the lack of prompt service on the part of coal dealers, according to Mr. Richards, include the difficulty of repairing trucks, with old equipment breaking down more frequently, and the shortage of help, both at the coal yards and on the trucks, where lack of help includes drivers and their assistants.

If the help situation does not improve, the village will take some means of assisting drivers, he added.

Mr. Richards also cautioned householders to "take whatever kind of coal is delivered."

"Don't be fussy as to the type and size of the coal," he said.

Declaring that the oil shortage is more critical at present than the coal shortage, he urged users

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Blaze Averted By Removal Of Burning Pram

Speedy action on the part of William Scelia, owner of The Larchmont Print, 7 Addison Street, Larchmont, in removing a burning baby carriage from the hall-way of the building at 8:30 P. M. Saturday was responsible for preventing fire from spreading through the building which also houses The Larchmont Times office and the insurance office of Thomas B. Buhler as well as three families in the second floor apartments.

The fire, of undetermined origin, completely demolished the carriage, the property of Mrs. George Hamilton of Larchmont Avenue, who had lent it to a friend at 7 Addison Street. Damage to the building was confined to the wall between the hallway and Mr. Buhler's office.

Joseph Stout of 12 Chatsworth Avenue assisted Mr. Scelia in removing the carriage and extinguishing the fire.

$10 Fine Imposed On Fish Processor

A fine of $10 was imposed this morning on Leonard Chase, fish processor, of 905 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, for violating a Village ordinance by allowing merchandise to remain on the sidewalk.

He pleaded guilty to Judge Patrick J. Hughes in Police Court. Lt. Herman Pauls was the arresting officer.

WATCHING BREECHES BUOY operations in European combat waters, Lt. (sg) Richard E. Forbes, of the Coast Guard, formerly of 40 Mohegan Road, Larchmont, is shown above aboard a Coast Guard manned destroyer escort. Lt. Forbes' ship is engaged in convoying men and materiel and in reducing Axis subs and surface shipping. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Forbes, now reside in Spring Lake, N. J.

Teen Canteen Marine Room Takes Shape

The decorative scheme in the Marine Room and Davey Jones Locker of the Teen Canteen in Mamaroneck has progressed to the point where the layman can figure out what the final result will be, an inspection of the two rooms this morning reveals. With two evenings devoted to painting and extra work during afternoons and Saturday by special groups, great progress has been made.

The Saturday night party was attended by 160 members and their guests, the committee in charge announced. The membership committee stated that the total paid membership to date stands at 192.

The committee in charge of the Snack Bar was better supplied both Friday and Saturday nights and no one went away hungry.

Earl Quick, adult president, said this morning, "the youngsters are making excellent progress. In a short time, both rooms will be finished, a permanent Snack Bar installed, and enough furniture will be on hand to accommodate everybody.

"But we do need more furniture. We have two ping pong tables and they are in continuous use. We need chairs, tables, rugs, and almost anything that is useable in a house. Arrangements are being made this week to pick up articles already donated. Included among them is a pin ball machine. Games are especially welcome."

Village Drive Launched For Used Clothing

Village officials and members of four lodges in the community yesterday met to discuss the organization of a campaign to collect clothing in Mamaroneck for shipment to the liberated countries abroad and voted to cooperate with the national drive headed by Henry Kaiser.

As originated in the Village by The Allesandro Manzoni Lodge, the plan at first was directed toward Italian relief but, with the announcement yesterday of the national drive, the committee voted to cooperate with the War Council for the shipment of clothing to the distressed people of all liberated countries. Drop-depots will be stationed at various places in the community where clothing may be deposited and it is expected that the collection will begin just prior to the national drive.

Paul Bono, president of Manzoni Lodge, presided at the meeting, stressing the necessity for shipping clothing abroad and describing the outline for the proposed campaign here. The motion to offer the services of the committee to the Volunteer Office for the collection was made by William F. MacDonald and seconded by Henry Hornidge.

Mr. Bono appointed Barney Epstein to direct the placement of the collection depots.

Those who attended the meeting were Mayor B. J. Santoro, Mr. Hornidge, James A. Gillies, Mrs. E. B. Ingraham, Anthony Sansone, H. E. Block, Mr. MacDonald, Village Manager William H. Johnson, Leo Heithaus, Mr. Epstein, Arthur Dunn, Jr., and the following organization members:

Allesandro Manzoni Lodge: Domenico Trifiletti, Salvatore Giglio, Vincent C. Marcellino, Joseph Casale, Thomas Calzone, Stefano Stestito, E. Brondoli, Fiermonti Falco, John Moretti, Carmelo Santoro, John Alflisio, John Iacovelli, Vito Petruzzi, Pietro Abbete and Vito Sinopoli.

Vittorio Lodge No. 3: Antonio

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Allies Continue Steady Advance In All Sectors

BY JAMES M. LONG
Associated Press Staff

PARIS — Veteran divisions of the First Army pushed their snowplow attack northeast of St. Vith to within a mile of Germany and the beginning of the formidable Siegfried Line defenses today.

American and French troops advanced more than two miles to a point on the Colmar Canal barely more than a half mile from the outskirts of Colmar, historic capital of Upper Alsace. Colmar is 38 miles southwest of Strasbourg.

The Third Army reached the German-Luxembourg frontier on an eight mile stretch of the Our River.

North of the First Army, the U. S. Ninth and British Second were up to the Roer and through the Siegfried Line in many places, potentially threatening the Rohr and Rhineland and their great cities.

To the south, the Third Army was either near or across the border all the way to Saarbrucken.

Thus Gen. Eisenhower's forces were deployed along or beyond 200 miles of the Siegfried Line all the way from Holland to the south part of the Saarland. The slow reversal of the Ardennes bulge had squeezed perhaps 20 American divisions from the straightened salient, allowing them rest for the next battle.

From dusk last night until dawn today Allied planes swept over German areas behind the West Wall, disrupting continued German movements from the Ardennes. Mosquitos took up where 2,000 bombers left off at night-fall.

Icy Streets Lead To Three Crashes Here

Slippery streets were responsible during the weekend for three traffic accidents in the Village of Mamaroneck resulting in bent fenders and body dents but no injuries.

Late yesterday afternoon a car operated by James J. Maher of 701 Hall Street, Mamaroneck, skidded near Prospect and Palmer Avenues, colliding with a vehicle owned by Philip Quadrini of 1314 Sherman Avenue, parked at the curb. The car driven by Mr. Maher is owned by William G. Draddy of 540 Palmer Avenue.

A car operated by Beatrice M. Dolan of 1411 Park Avenue collided Saturday on Halstead Avenue near Union Avenue with a vehicle driven by Anthony Russo of Maple Avenue damaging the front of both cars and on Friday a similar accident occurred when a car operated by Arthur Haviland of 425 Florence Street, proceeding south on Barry Avenue skidded into a car driven by Werner Cohrs of 1125 Knickerbocker Avenue, driving in the opposite direction between two rows of cars parked at the curb.

Thieves Take Cigarets But Leave Jewels

Silverware and jewelry seem to have lost their pre-war standing as traditional burglar's loot, judging by the ransacking done Saturday night by a marauder who entered the home of John Hickey at 722 Forest Avenue, Larchmont.

When the family returned home about midnight after an absence of about five hours, the silver, jewelry and other valuables were intact but missing were two cartons of cigarets.

Entrance was apparently gained by the forcing of a storm door at the rear of the house, according to the police, and the breaking of a pane of glass in the kitchen door. Closets and drawers were opened and the premises in general disorder. In addition to the cigarets, the thief made off with a bottle of whiskey and $2.50 in quarters.

Detective Chauncey Smith of the Town of Mamaroneck Police Department is investigating the case.

Floor Beams Burned In Basement Blaze

All Village of Mamaroneck Fire Companies responded yesterday morning to a call from Max Huhn's residence at 435 Barry Avenue, Mamaroneck, when a blaze broke out in the oil burner. Damage was confined to the basement where the floor beams were scorched.

THE STORY OF BEFORE AND AFTER at the Larchmont Youth Center, which opened last night with a markedly successful dance, is indicated in these pictures. Above, taking stock of the general disorder several weeks ago, are, left to right, Harriet Fisher, Madeline Maiolino, James Shaffer and Arthur Chadbourne. In the picture below, taken last week, left to right, Gay Gayger, Kay Gondy, Arthur Chadbourne and Joseph Ciser enjoy the gracious, comfortable setting created by dint of soap and water, paint and elbow grease. —Staff Photos

60 Turned Away As 300 Fill Larchmont Youth Center On Opening Night Of 'Casbah'

The sounds of teen age exuberance, mingled with the aroma of fresh paint, jive band noises and an atmosphere of "It's all ours," filled the second-floor rooms at 2 East Avenue, Larchmont, Saturday evening between 8 and 12, as the Larchmont Youth Council got under way with the opening dance, after weeks of preparation and work by the teen agers. The crowd present for the opening of the Youth Center was so large that members of the adult advisory board expressed the opinion that the fears of those who had doubted the need and appeal for a Youth Center in Larchmont, should have been quickly dispelled.

By the time 10 o'clock had come, more than 300 Junior and Senior High School students had put in an enthusiastic appearance, many of them standing in line long before the doors opened; more than 60 couples had been regretfully turned away due to lack of space; the contents of 240 bottles of coke had disappeared, and Roy Zicht, high school junior, of 54 Edgewood Avenue, was richer by $5, the prize awarded for the "best name" for the Center, "The Casbah," chosen by popular applause from nearly 20 names suggested by students during the previous week.

With Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Morrison, Jr., directors, on hand to supervise activities and assist when needed, a conga line formed spontaneously to the accompaniment of Amy Lee's Scarsdale orchestra, ping-pong fans tried their skill in one corner of the room, and the coke bar did a thriving business.

Donations of furniture, blue and crimson paint, elbow grease, stencilled window decorations and an original "jive mural" by Joe Cisar had transformed the barren room into "The Casbah," and its occupants Saturday night thoroughly enjoyed the fruits of their labors and the generosity of local merchants. The opening of the room represented a dream of many years standing, come true for a group of civic-minded Larchmont women, mindful of the needs of youth, and determined to find a way to "do something about it." The room will be open again Friday night, and will continue to function as a teen age meeting place every Friday and Saturday night, according to the present schedule.

Adult advisory board members present to greet teen agers included Mrs. C. Norman Stabler, chairman; Mrs. John E. Woodbridge, in charge of refreshments; Mrs. Bernadette Pearse, dance committee chairman, and Mrs. Horace Nichol, chairman of the decorating committee. On their shoulders fell the work of help-

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Recent Visitor Tells Club Of Life In London

An eye-witness account of present-day life in London was given the members of the Larchmont Rotary Club Friday at the luncheon meeting of the organization at the Candy Box Grill.

Edward R. Southouse of Larchmont, a native of Australia, described his experiences on a recent business trip to England, picturing the hardships endured by the people during the recent bombings. The destruction and suffering "have hardened the British spirit against the German people," he said.

He was "rather nervous," he told the club, when the bombs fell during his stay, but he was advised as follows by one of his friends: "Why worry? If it doesn't hit you, you needn't worry, and if it does hit you, you still needn't worry." That comment seemed to sum up the attitude of the British people, he added.

Visitors at the meeting included Lt. Augustine Gironda and Charles DeMenna.

Dimes Campaign Nearing Climax

A short meeting of part of the general committee in charge of the March of Dimes drive in Mamaroneck has been called for 5:15 P. M. today by Peter C. Doern, Jr., chairman. The meeting will be held in Hunter Meighan's office at 100 Mamaroneck Avenue.

"The bowling Saturday night was a great success," Mr. Doern said. "A total of $127 has been counted so far. Additional money was placed in contribution boxes and will run the final total even higher.

"The only part of the campaign running behind compared to other years is the special gifts. Two letters have been sent out and some follow up by telephone has been in progress.

"On behalf of the special gifts committee, I urge every one to send checks to the March of Dimes either to Hunter Meighan, or to my office, 120 Mamaroneck Avenue. Such checks sent in now will facilitate the work of the committee."

Frozen Pipes Give Workers Busy Weekend

The sub-freezing temperature which persisted in Mamaroneck and Larchmont during the weekend kept the employes of the Westchester Joint Waterworks out all night Friday and Saturday and on the job most of the day yesterday as distress calls came from householders with frozen water pipes.

Altogether, there were about 25 freeze-ups, according to William E. Thrasher, superintendent of the Waterworks, among the most serious being the pipes leading from the street to St. John's Lutheran Church on Fenimore Road in Mamaroneck.

The heating system at the Mamaroneck Methodist Church House was frozen yesterday morning, causing the sessions of the kindergarten and primary departments of the Sunday School to convene in the main church building.

There seemed to be no immediate danger of floods this morning although the curbs are still snow packed and officials said if the mercury rises suddenly well above freezing, drains and brooks will be overtaxed trying to carry off the surface water.

The fact that the temperature stayed up today prevented one of those "silver freezes" that pull down tree limbs and telephone and power wires.

The freezing slush made hazardous driving, particularly in the north county and in nearby Connecticut. Walking was sloppy and passing cars threw globs of slush on ankles of pedestrians.

The Weather Bureau said the day would be mixed with snow flurries, snow showers, freezing rain and rain, with clearing tonight, and continued cold; fair and cold tomorrow.

Sutton Entertains Village Officials

Thomas B. Sutton of Larchmont was host Saturday afternoon to Mayor Frank S. Washburn, trustees of the Village of Larchmont, and members of the Republican Committee of Larchmont at a party at his offices on the Boston Post Road.

Guests included Harold Bozell, Major Andrew E. Tuck, Gail Golliday and E. Spencer Greason, village trustees; Rudolph S. Nelson, chairman of the Larchmont Republican Committee; Mrs. John Coffinbury, vice chairman; and Mrs. John T. De Mott, secretary.

Also S. Mills Harris, Mrs. Margaret H. Campbell, Joseph Beolchi, Mrs. Robert Goffe, Mrs. Thomas J. Morrison, Jr., Burton C. Meighan, Jr., Judge R. Cahill and Joseph Johnson.

Flash Of Soviet Guns Now Visible In Berlin

LONDON—The Russians have surrounded the Prussian rail center of Schneidemuhl, four miles inside the German border, a German spokesman announced today and Swedish eyewitness reports said flashes from Marshal Stalin's guns already could be seen from Berlin in the night skies over the eastern battlefront.

German officials were moving their offices from the threatened capital and 20 trains evacuated part of the populace, said a Swedish national just come from Berlin. Foreign diplomats were making preparations to leave and foreign correspondents were ordered to depart, he said.

Encirclement of Schneidemuhl, a city of 41,000, cut the main Berlin-Danzig Railway at a point 135 miles northeast of the capital, but directly east of Berlin. German reports placed the Russians much closer, about 95 miles.

Latest official Russian announcements said the Russians in their bee-line drive on Berlin were 109 miles to the east, but Moscow dispatches said it was believed Marshal Gregory Zhukov's tanks had spurted farther ahead and had crossed the frontier of Brandenburg, the province of Berlin, at several points. Nearly all of Poland except the area southwest of Danzig, was cleared.

While Zhukov's front, by official Moscow report, was spread on a 50-mile arc within 100 miles of Stettin on the Baltic and 77 miles from Frankfurt on the Oder, Russian forces in East Prussia virtually surrounded Konigsberg, regal capital of the Prussian military caste.

Russian siege artillery poured a steady stream of fire into that stronghold, into besieged Breslau, Silesian bastion on the Oder, and into Poznan and Torun in Poland where encircled Nazi suicide garrisons were believed on their last legs.

Liquidation of the final fourth of East Prussia still held by the Germans was proceeding in close-in fighting while the Dabrowa coal fields and most of the industrial centers of Silesia had been overrun.

German broadcasts declared that Zhukov's frontal drive on Berlin had been temporarily stopped in the last 24 hours, but the German communique told of continued fighting along the Obra in the frontier area 95 miles from Berlin.

Berlin Riots Reported As Officials Flee

LONDON, (AP) — The Paris Radio, quoting Stockholm reports, said today that "serious riots have broken out in the eastern and southern districts of Berlin and police and SS troops were called out to quell rising waves of unrest in the Reich capital."

The Paris Radio also asserted today that all high Nazi officials had left Berlin for Munich and declared the latter city henceforth will be "the center of German resistance."

The Brussels Radio said refugees arriving in Halle and Frankfurt on the Oder staged demonstrations when they found no food.

In Leipzig SS men fired on a crowd demonstrating against the sending of Volkssturm units to the fronts, the Brussels report said.

No Confirmation

There was no confirmation of these reports.

Dr. Rudolf Semmler, Nazi commentator on the Home Service Radio, said "rows" had developed in the handling of thousands of Germans in flight before the Russians and that there was considerable confusion within the Reich.

Declaring that the migration was one of the greatest in history, the commentator said "it was unavoidable at the beginning that disorganization and rows ensued owing to incompetence."

The fear and suffering of the refugees was described by Semmler who said "never before has such a peoples migration from east to west taken place under such difficult circumstances."

Allied radios in German-language broadcasts told the German people of the futility of their fight.

MOROSO IN HOSPITAL

NEW ROCHELLE—John A. Moroso, Associated Press war correspondent and resident of 18 Kingsbury Road, is in New Rochelle Hospital for observation of an injury to his left eye.

The Daily Times

The Weather
Tonight, partly cloudy, lowest temperature 20 degrees. Tomorrow partly cloudy, lowest 25 to 30.

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REDS PUSH 85 MILES FROM BERLIN; NAVY GOES INTO ACTION IN WEST; AMERICANS ENTER MANILA GATEWAY

Our Men In Service

With Army In France

S/Sgt. Charles J. Gronberg, son of Mrs. Winifred Gronberg of 116 Elm Street, Mamaroneck, is serving in France with the 94th Division of infantry of the United States Army.

Well known in Mamaroneck as a sportsman, he was the manager of the All Stars' softball team and organized night games at Harbor Island. At Mamaroneck High School, of which he is a graduate, he managed and played on the baseball team. He was a Republican leader in the 3rd election district and was employed at the General Sand and Stone Corporation before he entered the service on Nov. 27, 1942.

He received infantry training at Camp Philips, Kan., and Camp McCain, Miss., before going overseas last August.

At Air Cadet Center

A member of the present class of air cadets receiving 10 weeks of training at the San Antonio, Tex., Aviation Cadet Center is William Wallace Langerfeld of 225 Lawrence Avenue, Mamaroneck.

The 25-year-old cadet enlisted in the service a year ago and is now receiving training in preparation for aerial instruction and duties as an aircrew member in the Army Air Forces.

The future flyers at the center are subjected to a rigorous program of instruction covering physical, academic and military training. They study maps and charts, aircraft identification, small arms and other subjects while being conditioned physically for the long training period ahead. Bombardiers, navigators and pilots receive the first five weeks of preflight instruction as a group, then are separated for specialized training.

Returns To Training

A/S Alfred De Cicco, U. S. Merchant Marine, has returned to the Merchant Marine School at Sheepshead Bay following a leave spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie De Cicco of 34 Wendt Avenue, Larchmont.

A/S DeCicco, who became ill while home on his first liberty since entering the service, has now recovered from the throat infection which delayed his return to the Merchant Marine school.

He entered the service on New Year's Day following his graduation from Mamaroneck High School where he served on the Student Council and was a member of the football team. He was also a member of the Glee Club and the "M" Club.

His brother, 2nd Lt. Michael De Cicco is now stationed at Rapid City, S. D., receiving combat crew training with the army air corps. He was commissioned last month at Selman Field, Monroe, La.

Wanted—Some Snow!

Pvt. George Lee Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Potter of 214 Rockland Avenue, Mamaroneck, in training with the United States Marine Corps at Parris Island, S. C., recently wrote his parents that he is "roasting to death" in the South and would "gladly shovel all the snow in Mamaroneck", to get away from the hot sunshine and dust in South Carolina.

The 18-year-old Marine graduated last June from Mamaroneck High School, where he was a member of the football team in 1943 and 1944. He also played on the baseball team and was an expert swimmer, working as a life guard at Playland.

He enlisted in the Marines last August, and was called for training Jan. 12.

On Special Duty

2nd Lt. Richard T. Morris, formerly of the Alden House Apartments, Larchmont, is stationed for a short time at Eglin Field, Fla., on special duty with the Signal Corps of the United States Army. He will return to his base at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, and then expects to be transferred to Fort Dix, N. J.

A graduate of Colgate University, he entered the service two and a half years ago and, after basic training at Camp Crowder, Mo., received his commission at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Seaman Cohn Home

Seaman 2cl James Cohn is spending a seven-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Cohn of 21 Orchard Road, Larchmont, following the completion of recruit training at Sampson, N. Y. At the end of his leave, he will return to Sampson and will be assigned to radio technician training.

Following his graduation from Mamaroneck High School last June, Seaman Cohn was a Summer student at New York University and entered the Navy in November. His high school activities included membership in the orchestra, Glee Club, choir and traffic squad.

Suspect Denies Guilt In Gas Station Theft

William Gallegan of 228 East 95th Street, New York City, pleaded not guilty to a charge of burglary this morning in Mamaroneck Village Police Court, waived examination and was held for the Grand Jury. He was arrested last night on warrant of Judge Patrick J. Hughes for his alleged part in the burglary at the Rainbow Gas Station, 412 East Port Road, several weeks ago.

Schroeder Gives Life On Leyte

Mamaroneck Infantry Lieutenant Killed In Pacific Invasion

MARRIED YEAR AGO

LT. JOHN F. SCHROEDER

Official word was received last night by Mr. and Mrs. John F. M. Schroeder of 117 Delancy Avenue, Mamaroneck, that their son, Lt. John Francis Schroeder, was killed Dec. 20 during the invasion of Leyte.

The family had not heard from him since Dec. 14 and believed he was in the second landing made in the north to trap the Japs.

Born in Mamaroneck 27 years ago, Lt. Schroeder attended schools here, graduating from Mamaroneck High School and from New York University where he was a member of the ROTC. He received his commission in 1940 upon his graduation from NYU.

During the month of March, 1942, he was on temporary duty with the U. S. Army in New York City and then went to Camp Croft, S. C. for infantry training. He also received training at Camp Pickett, Va. before going overseas with the 77th Division.

Lt. Schroeder was active in Boy Scout work and in the various activities of St. Thomas's Church. He was married there just a year ago to the former Marguerite A. Sterling, who is residing with her parents in Paterson, N. J.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by his sister, Ethel, of Mamaroneck, and two aunts, Miss Wilhelmina Schroeder and Miss Anna Schroeder, who make their home at the Delancey Avenue address. His father is chairman of the Village of Mamaroneck Republican Committee.

Masonic Club Visions Active Year Ahead

An active year was prophesied for the Masonic Club of Larchmont by President Waldo H. Operer at a recent meeting of the organization in the Larchmont Village Hall, marking the beginning of the 25th anniversary of its founding.

Commenting on the fact that the club was organized in 1925 with Henry J. White as the first president, Mr. Operer said that, during the coming year, it will continue to be prepared "for activities in tune with current world events," and urged all Master Masons "to come out and join the festivities."

Among the members of the club are Mayor Frank S. Washburn and former Mayor Harry E. Goeckler of Larchmont, Mamaroneck Village Manager William H. Johnson, Larchmont Fire Chief John T. Bruenich, Judge Wesley M. Messersmith, Lt. Col. George H. McClelland, former Postmaster Harry W. Brown.

V.F.W. Issues News Letter To Servicemen

A Home Town News Letter, made up of condensed news stories from The Daily Times, has been issued by the David Potts, Jr., Post 1156 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, for distribution to men and women from this area serving in the armed forces.

It is planned ta make up the news letter twice each month including news of servicemen, activities of the post and other local items of interest to the home town boys.

Dr. L. Howard Katz said this morning that anyone wishing to obtain a copy to send a serviceman or woman may obtain it at one of the following praces: Marcellino Barber Shop, 321 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck; Finger's Stationery Store, 18 Chatsworth Avenue, Larchmont; Free Parking Gas Station, Palmer and Chatsworth Avenues, Larchmont.

The first issue, ready for distribution today, consists of two 14-inch pages of single-spaced, mimeographed news of about 20 service men and women, a wedding, the Kiwanis Club Anniversary, the installation of officers at the Hebrew Institute and an account of the spaghetti dinner held by the VFW Post Saturday night.

F. A. Benson Becomes Episcopal Vestryman

Frank A. Benson was last night elected a member of the Vestry of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, Mamaroneck, to succeed the late Harold Pennington. A memorial prayer was offered for him by the Rev. Frank Dean Gifford, rector, who presided at the special meeting.

Mercury Rise Relieves Fuel Supply Crisis

Although Mamaroneck has had no large shipment of coal this week, the fuel crisis is not so crucial as it was several days ago, largely because of the milder weather, according to Mervyn Connor, representative of the SFA in this area.

"The warmer weather is the biggest ally we could have," he said this morning, and added that, even last week, many customers were not in as serious straits as they thought they were.

"We have one test for people who call up and tell us they are all out of coal," he said, referring to his own coal yard. "We tell them we have a poor grade of soft coal and will be glad to send them some to tide them over. If they say they can't burn soft coal, we tell them it's certainly better than nothing, and then they usually say, 'Well, we have enough to last us another day or so'."

"It was learned here this morning that there are two carloads of coal in Port Chester headed for Mamaroneck, but Mr. Connor said he had no personal knowledge of it, that it was probably directed to one of the wholesale distributors.

He has been asked by the chairman of the county advisory committee to ask for a daily report from the community committees in his jurisdiction as to the amount of coal on hand each day so that the New York office of the Solid Fuels Administration will know where to order emergency supplies sent. Mrs. E. B. Ingraham will handle the reports in Mamaroneck for Mayor Santoro, Mr. Connor said, and Arthur Richards in Larchmont.

Vandalism May Curtail Hours At Postoffice

A warning has been issued by Postmaster Frank L. Egger of Larchmont that "unless the parents of the boys who are causing damage at the postoffice are able to make them refrain," he will be forced to close the lobby at 6 P. M. and residents wishing to call for their box mail after that time will be unable to do so.

For several months, he reports, children have been entering the lobby, stealing pens, cutting window cards and generally causing damage to postoffice property. Three times the electric light bulbs on the rear platform have been smashed by the young vandals, he said.

The matter has been reported to Larchmont police and Chief William J. Keresey said this morning that his men have been stationed there from time to time to "chase the children away": however, he pointed out, it is "impossible to keep a man there at all times when the children are around, to watch them."

The chief suggested that the children's parents "might lend a hand and check their evening whereabouts and activities."

Postmaster Egger said he would be "extremely sorry" to have to deny boxholders the privilege of collecting their mail after 6:00 o'clock but that, unless the damage can be stopped, "there is nothing else I can do about it."

Hopkins Sees Pope Pius

ROME, (AP)—Harry Hopkins, personal advisor to President Roosevelt, had an audience with Pope Pius today.

Hopkins arrived in Rome yesterday for conferences with military, political and diplomatic leaders in which he intended to gather information for Roosevelt prior to the President's Big Three meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

BANANA CEILING PRICES

The Larchmont - Mamaroneck - Harrison War Price and Rationing Board announced today that the ceiling prices now in effect in this area for bananas are: 11 cents per pound for Cuban, Haitian; and 12 cents per pound for all others.

6th Army Rolls Toward Calumpit Unchecked

MacARTHUR'S HQS., LUZON (AP)—Armored Sixth Army units, rolling past captured San Fernando along the narrow, swamp-fringed home stretch to Manila, sped unchecked Monday toward Calumpit, only 25 air miles from the commonwealth capital.

General Douglas MacArthur, announcing the seizure of San Fernando in his communique today, said his advance forces were "operating well in advance and to the flanks" of that second city of Luzon and "gateway to Manila."

Yanks in the north, meanwhile, made progress toward Baguio, the Summer capital of the Philippines and likely Japanese staff headquarters. They repulsed two enemy counter-attacks less than 15 miles from Baguio.

MacArthur announced Japanese casualties on Luzon had exceeded 25,000

San Fernando, provincial capital 34 air miles from Manila and 40 by road, fell virtually intact to the liberating Yanks Sunday noon. The mechanized 37th Cavalry reconnaissance troop knocked out an enemy roadblock several miles north of the city and entered to be greeted by cheering Filipinos in one of the most colorful celebrations of the Luzon campaign.

Without stopping, armored units plunged past the vital highway junction and speared toward Calumpit on the Pampanga River 10 miles to the south.

Larchmonters Take Peak In Gothic Line

Two Larchmonters are serving with the 337th "Wolverine" Regiment in the 85th "Custer" Division, part of the Fifth Army in Italy. They are Cpl. William B. Abbott and Pfc. Albert W. Packard. Their regiment recently took the 3,000 foot Mt. Pratone in the Gothic Line, digging German soldiers out of elaborate concrete pillboxes and earth-works on its forested slopes.

Pfc. Packard, recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal, is the son of Mrs. Frieda H. Packard of 358 Weaver Street and the late Nathan Packard. He was born in Syracuse and graduated from the Franklin Preparatory School as valedictorian of his class. He was captain of the basketball team and a member of the baseball team. At Yale University where he graduated magna cum laude at the age of 20, he was a member of the Freshman westling team and active in other student sports. For nine years he was a furniture buyer with R. H. Macy and Company in New York and, at the time he entered service Nov. 22, 1942, was the owner of the Roadside Furniture Shop in Larchmont. He is also a graduate of the Berkeley Irving School in New York where the family formerly resided.

Following the basic training in Shelby, Miss., he was sent to the West Coast, where he received desert training in California, and sailed for North Africa on New Year's Day in 1943. He has been serving in Italy since last Spring.

Cpl. Abbott was also previously stationed in North Africa, attached to the Communications Corps, in which he now serves as code clerk. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Abbott of 5 Acorn Lane.

A graduate of Florida Military Academy, Class of 1939, Cpl. Abbott was sergeant major of his class, and formerly attended the Irving School in North Tarrytown. He entered the Army in May, 1942.

The regiment's first battle was its toughest. It won all its objectives when it struck out for Tremensuoli in the Gustav Line last May 12, but in this battle lost a quarter of all the casualties it has suffered in seven months of warfare in Italy. At this time, one company captured a hill and held it against desperate German counter-attacks

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3rd Army Drives Mile Into Reich, Seizing Village

SHAEF, PARIS (AP)—An Allied naval force is now engaged "in active though small scale operations against the enemy" among Dutch islands north of Walcheren, Adm. Sir Harold M. Burrough said today.

The new Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief added significantly of future operation possibilities:

"The coasts of Germany and the remainder of Western Europe still occupied by the enemy offer opportunities for the use of sea power, such as the assault on Walcheren, which turned the key to the port of Antwerp."

PARIS (AP)—Troops of the Third Army drove nearly a mile into Germany today, capturing Wechenhausen and widening its new snow-drifted invasion bridgehead over the Our to two miles.

Elements of a whole division were thrown into the fresh invasion, a little more than a dozen miles from the Siegfried pivot of Prum. Nearby Stupbach in Belgium also was taken.

Well to the north, the Germans were executing a fresh withdrawal from Holland. Berlin said the Canadian Army was heavily shelling their lines east of the Hollandsch Diep, which courses 14 miles south of the great Dutch port of Rotterdam.

(Berlin said the British Second Army was trying to force the Roer River 27 miles southwest of Dusseldorf with major attacks.)

In Outer Fringes Of Line

The little German village of Welchenhausen is eight miles south of St. Vith and was taken against stubborn resistance. The Third Army already was across the narrow, shallow Our River and in the outer fringes of the Siegfried Line, the main works of which are two to three miles east.

The rugged terrain, deep snow and absence of east-west roads precluded any spectacular gains in that area.

To the north the First Army had fashioned its own bulge into the last bit of German-held Belgium, beyond the line from which von Rundstedt launched his offensive Dec. 16.

Twin attacks by the American First and Third Armies drew up close to or into the fringes of the Siegfried Line along 40 miles of the Ardennes front, where the Wehrmacht was sapped dangerously thin to bolster its smashed Eastern front. At two places, the Third Army invaded Germany anew.

Allied air forces hurled their destructive bomb weight into the balance yesterday with nearly 4,000 sorties. The last 10 days of roadside slaughter have accounted for 5,000 vehicles destroyed, and 4,500 damaged, 250 tanks and armored vehicles ruined, and approximately 1,500 rail cars destroyed and 2,000 damaged. Some 1,261 were disabled in the St. Vith area alone yesterday.

Income Tax Experts Offer Aid At Banks

Managers of the banking institutions in Larchmont and Mamaroneck reported this morning that representatives of the Office of Internal Revenue Service-Treasury Department, will be available next month to assist taxpayers in the preparation of their federal income tax returns for 1944.

George E. Mills, of the Bank of Westchester in Larchmont announces that the tax advisor will be there during banking hours, Feb. 5 and 6, the same days that a representative will be on duty at the County Trust Company in Mamaroneck, according to word from William F. McDonald.

The dates to receive advice at the Union Savings Bank in Mamaroneck, according to Vice President Gabriel Wendel, are Feb. 8 and 13. The tax expert may be consulted free of charge at any time between the hours of 9 A.M. and 3 P. M. those days.

WAVE MOIRA WHITING, of Larchmont, is pictured above with senior officers who participated in the dedication of a plaque in honor of her father, the late Capt. Kenneth Whiting, USN, at Whiting Field, largest of the auxiliary air stations at Pensacola. Others (left to right) are Commodore L. H. Hundt, USN, commander of the Pensacola Naval Air Training Bases, Rear Admiral Charles A. Pownall, USN, chief of naval air training, and Commander S. L. Mead, USN, commander officer of Whiting Field. —Official U. S. Navy Photo

Daughter In Waves Uniform Unveils Plaque In Honor Of Capt. Whiting, Navy Aviator

A bronze plaque in honor of the late Capt. Kenneth Whiting, USN, Naval Aviator No. 16, was unveiled Jan. 12, by his daughter, Miss Moira Whiting of Larchmont, specialist, third class, of the Waves, in ceremonies at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Whiting Field, Pensacola, Fla.

Rear. Adm. Charles A. Pownall, USN, chief of naval air training, paid tribute to the pioneer airman in the dedicatory address:

"His fine character and great personality are deeply imbedded in our hearts and memory," he said. "I had the great privilege of being his close friend and shipmate. The results of his pioneering efforts have contributed greatly to the telling blows our naval aviators of the fleet are inflicting on the enemy today."

Commodore L. T. Hundt, USN, commander of the Pensacola Naval Air Training Bases, which include Whiting Field, and Commander S. L. Mead, USN, Whiting commander officer, also spoke in tribute to the officer.

The plaque, set in a piece of granite taken from the wall built in 1837 around the old Pensacola Navy Yard, bears the inscription: "Whiting Field, named in honor of Capt. Kenneth Whiting, U. S. Navy, Pioneer in Submarines and Aviation, Naval Aviator No. 16, Father of the Aircraft Carrier in our Navy, Died on Active Duty April 24, 1943."

Miss Whiting is attached to the Novel Air Station, Patuxent River, Md. Her mother, Mrs. Edna M. Whiting of Larchmont, who has been ill, was unable to attend the ceremonies.

Capt. Whiting, a native of Stockbridge, Mass., was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1905. He was commanding officer of the first American aeronautical unit to reach continental Europe during the World War, arriving in Bordeaux on June 6, 1917. After the war, he helped to convert the USS Jupiter into the USS Langley, the United States' first aircraft carrier, and served aboard her as executive officer. Of his many contributions to the field of aviation, Capt. Whiting is credited with the development and perfection of the arresting gear used aboard carriers.

Placed on the retired list of the Navy in 1937, he was recalled to active duty in 1940, and at the time of his death was commanding officer of the Naval Air Station, Floyd Bennett Field, New York.

This Winter 6% Colder Than Last

Fuel budgeters can take heart today in learning that almost three-fifths of the coal weather has passed.

Up to yesterday 57.5 per cent of the heating season had gone, compared with 54.2 per cent at this date last year and 52.7 in a normal season.

Thus on the temperature figures this season so far has been 6 per cent colder than last year and 9 per cent colder than a normal Winter up to now.

Citizens Group Maps Plan For School Fight

Plans for the opposition being organized in Rye Neck to the proposed legislation partitioning the school district will continue tonight at a meeting of the Rye Neck School Board and the Citizens' Committee at the Barry Avenue School.

Petitions which have been circularized in the district during the last few days will be turned in by John Holland and prepared for forwarding to the legislators in Albany.

Peter C. Doern, Jr., chairman of the committee said this morning that residents of Rye Neck "are beginning to understand exactly what this thing will mean to them in dollars and cents" and that a storng spirit of protest has been crystalizing since the petitions have been distributed.

"At first it seemed to many people in the district like merely another vague political dispute," he said, "but all of a sudden they are waking up to the real significance of the matter. After all, when one-third of the territory in a district and one-fourth the assessed valuation are taken away it's bound to have a terrible personal effect on everybody who lives there. They realize it and they are ready to put up a strong, rousing fight."

Tokyo Claims Raid On Luzon By 36 B-29's

TOKYO, ENEMY RADIO).—A broadcast today said 36 American Superfortresses bomber northern Luzon Island in the Philippines.

Lone B-29 raids were reported on Osaka and Kyoto in the home islands of Japan, and on Korea.

Osaka was twice bombed during the early morning hours. Tokyo Radio said, while a third plane over the area in daylight dropped no bombs. It was probably taking photographs.

Kyoto was raided last night.

Senate Confirms Greenbaum For Post

ALBANY, (AP). — The Senate confirmed today these ad interim appointments to the State Board of Social Welfare: Neil D. Callanan, Buffalo; Lawrence S. Greenbaum, Mamaroneck, and William O. Riordan, New Rochelle.

NEW RECORD BAG

CHUNGKING, (AP). — American fliers destroyed 152 locomotives on Japanese operated railroads in China during the week of Jan. 18-25, breaking all records for any one-week period, 14th Air Force Headquarters announced today.

3-Pronged Drive Goes Forward In Raging Blizzard

NEW LEADER?

LONDON, (AP).—The Paris Radio reported without confirmation today that Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, German chief of staff and commander-in-chief of the eastern front had been replaced by Col. Gen. Lothar Rendulic.

LONDON (AP)—Soviet armored spearheads fighting forward in a blizzard drove today to within 85 to 90 miles of Berlin in a huge, three-pronged Red Army assault toward the Reich capital, Moscow dispatches reported.

A German broadcast declared the Russians had launched a heavy armored offensive on a 42-mile front inside the border of Eastern Germany on a bee-line for Berlin, and that "the first onslaught gained appreciable ground."

The broadcast said the first objective was the communications center of Kustrin on the Oder and Warthe Rivers 42 miles from Berlin.

An earlier direct Moscow dispunche d five to eight miles inpatch said the Russian columns side Brandenberg Province due East of Berlin, and 15 to 20 miles inside Pomerania in a push striking northeast of the German heart city.

South of these blows by Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Army Group, tanks and infantry of the First Ukrainian Army were striking westward from bridgeheads flung over the Oder River in Silesia.

The Pomeranian and Silesian offensives threatened a great pincers from north and south on Berlin, in addition to Zhukov's offensive beating in from the east in Brandenburg, said Associated Press Correspondent Eddy Gilmore in Moscow.

Today's German communique declared Zhukov was attacking heavily on the Obra River sector due east of Berlin, and said the Soviets had made "further gains to the north" around encircled Schneidemuhl.

The bulletin said counter-attacks in lower Silesia had broken through to the Russian-surrounded garrison in Steinau on the Oder's west bank 32 miles northwest of Breslau.

In East Prussia, it added, Germans fighting westward trying to break out from a Russian pocket reached the Elbing bridgehead after a 19-mile gain. German naval forces were thrown into the defense of Konigsberg, East Prussian capital, and helped stem Soviet attacks, the Berlin communique said.

In Berlin, Nazi leaders implored Germans to rise and save the capital. Zhukov's troops had cut the main Danzig-Berlin superhighway and trunk railway at several places. Other Red Army units pushing northward into the Polish Corridor to secure his upper flank seized Pruszcz, 68 miles southwest of Danzig, and Komiefowo, seven miles to the west.

Allies Scatter Pamphlets On Surrender Plan

PARIS, (AP)—On the eve of the widely-heralded Big Three conference, the Allies have begun showering German lines with leaflets explaining the "unconditional surrender" goal announced at Casablanca, it was disclosed today.

Unconditional surrender, the pamphlets declare, "would not mean that Germans who surrender would be at the mercy of the victorious side." On the contrary, they would "be under the protection of the Geneva Convention and would be treated with fairness."

The pamphlets, one of the first direct attempts by Allied propagandists in recent months to drive a wedge between the German people and their rulers, also say:

"It is the wish of the Allies to give the German people the possibility for normal peaceful development as members of the European family of nations."

The announcement said "individual Germans who had nothing to do with the crimes committed by war criminals will not be taken to account for those crimes."

MISSION BAND TO MEET

Out of town visitors have been invited to attend the meeting of the Missionary Band of the Straight Gate Church of Christ at 128 Madison Street, Mamaroneck, tonight at 8:30. A Father in Israel is scheduled to address the meeting.

MAJOR TUCK BACK HOME

Major Andrew E. Tuck has returned to his home at 80 Chatsworth Avenue, Larchmont, following his recent illness at the New Rochelle Hospital.

On The Home Front

MAMARONECK VILLAGE

HEITHAUS REPORTS

Leo Heithaus has made the following annual report to the Westchester County War Council.

"Since my appointment to this position in midsummer, I have found this work both interesting and instructive. The position of administrator is, to more or less coordinate between the Albany office of War Transportation, and

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LARCHMONT POSTAL AREA

SALVAGE NEXT WEEK

Because Feb. 1 falls Thursday, all collections of tin cans and paper will be made next week, Feb. 7 and 8. Please do not put your collections out this week, but wait until Tuesday night, Feb. 6 to get them ready for the two days following.

ENTERTAIN THE BOYS

Even though you are unable

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The Weather

Tonight, clear, windy and cold, lowest 10 to 15. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and continued cold, highest 20 to 25.

Our Men In Service

Harris In Pacific

Richard G. Harris, former Daily Times reporter now serving as a war correspondent with the United Press, is writing news stories from a baby carrier in the vicinity of the Philippines.

"So far, my part of the show has been with the Navy," he writes. "It's all right with me, I love the sea. I'm afraid, however, that I may soon have to join MacArthur and his Invincible Legions."

Mr. Harris, whose Mamaroneck residence is the Carolyn Court Apartments, is on his second overseas assignment for United Press. He adds that he has been "close enough to see the coastline of Britain, a thrilling experience, indeed."

Promoted To Corporal

Antonio D. Bivas of 15 Rocky Road, Larchmont, was recently promoted to corporal at the Seymour Johnson Air Field in North Carolina.

He was employed for 14 years as a gardener at the home of Mrs. David Sands at the Larchmont address and, before his induction into the service in August, 1942, was associated with the Wallace Silver Company.

Before going to Seymour Johnson, he received air corps training in Miami, Fla., and Atlantic City, N. J.

Awarded Service Star

T/4 Walter D. Rickert of Mamaroneck has been awarded a bronze Service star and is entitled to wear it on his European-African Middle Eastern Theater ribbon by virtue of his assignment to duty with an evacuation hospital which was awarded battle participation credit for the Northern France Campaign."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rickert of 223 Valley Place, T/4 Rickert entered the service Dec. 17, 1942, and went overseas last February. He has visited England, France, Germany and Holland and is stationed in Belgium at the present time.

To Enter Service

Frank Felice, son of Joseph Felice of 81 Taylor Place, Larchmont, who will receive his diploma Thursday at graduation ceremonies at Mamaroneck High School, will report for induction into the armed forces Feb. 14.

His two brothers, Louis and Santo, serving overseas with the Army, were reunited last Summer in a hospital in England after Santo was wounded in D-Day action in France.

Marine On Furlough

Corp. Vincent Vitti is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vitti of Washington Street, Mamaroneck. At the end of his furlough he will return to Norman, Okla., where he is stationed at the U. S. Marine base.

The Marine corporal was graduated from Mamaroneck High School in 1943 and entered the service soon afterwards. Following recruit training at Parris Island, S. C., he trained at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Peace Council Group To Air Race Problem

Practical, local implications of the facts outlined by Dr. Otto Klineberg, anthropologist, at the last Library discussion group of the Larchmont Council for the Promotion of Peace and Security will be followed up tomorrow at the Larchmont Public Library at 8:30 P. M. when the Rev. Fred Ford, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church of New Rochelle and member of the Mayor's Committee on Intercultural Relations, will lead the discussion on "Is Democracy Safe with Us?"

Joseph C. McLain, principal of Mamaroneck High School, who will preside, promises a "down-to-earth" discussion and consideration of local problems and their solution. "This meeting will be really close-to-home in the matters to be considered," he said this morning.

Rev. Mr. Ford grew up in California, becoming familiar at an early age with the race problems involving the Japanese. He spent three years in the Philippines and has also lived in China and Japan.

Before going to New Rochelle, he held pastorates in several New England churches. He has taken an active part in his community toward the development of understanding among New Rochelle's several cultural groups.

Moroso To Enter Army Hospital

John A. Moroso, Associated Press war correspondent, a former Larchmont resident, left yesterday for Phoenixville, Pa., where he will enter the Army's Valley Forge General Hospital for further medical attention to his left eye for which he has been receiving treatment in New Rochelle Hospital.

Mr. Moroso, who lives at 18 Kingsbury Road, Woods of Larchmont, returned some months ago from one of his numerous overseas trips. He covered the landings in Casablanca and Sicily, as well as the invasion of Normandy. An ailment in his eye is believed to be due to an injury.

LT. COURTNEY M. WEAVER

Son Receives Col. Livesey's Scout Honor

A ten-year old Mamaroneck cub scout last night stood with three veteran scout leaders and, pinch hitting for his father who is serving overseas on the German battle-front, received the highest honor which may be paid to a volunteer scout leader. He is Bailey Livesey of the Evelyn Court Apartments. He will keep the award for his father, Lt. Col. Herbert B. Livesey, Jr., until his return from overseas.

Lt. Col. Livesey, who served the cause of scouting for many years is a well known leader in the Bronx Valley Council where he formerly resided. The presentations were made last night at the Diefendorf Auditorium of the Chester Hill Methodist Church in Mount Vernon, the other recipients being E. Louis Holtermann of Yonkers, chairman of the executive board of District 7, Daniel H. G. Matthaei of Tuckahoe, council member-at-large and sports' coach of the Bronxville schools, and Fred V. Martelon of Mount Vernon, member of the executive board of the council and chairman of District 8.

The ribbon holding the medal was placed around Bailey's neck and his mother received the certificate which accompanied the award. A member of Cub Pack 2 in the Village of Mamaroneck, Bailey wore his cub uniform. He will be ten years old tomorrow and is in the 5th grade at the Barry Avenue School.

A native of Chicago, and former student at the University of Illinois, Lt. Col. Livesey served for 13 years as executive secretary of the Merchant Tailors and Designers Association of America. He entered the service in September, 1942, and graduated from the chemical warfare school at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., in April, 1944, serving later as an instructor at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

He resided in Tuckahoe and, for seven years, in Larchmont before moving to Mamaroneck. He served as war coordinator of the Boy Scouts of America in Westchester before going into the service.

Lt. Col. Livesey is now serving with the 106th Infantry which stood off the Germans during the break through Dec. 16.

Local Villages Fail To Meet Paper Quotas

In spite of the excellent record made by the Village of Mamaroneck during the five one-day pickup drives for waste paper and the monthly campaigns carried on in Larchmont by the Salvation Army, neither community is among those in Westchester County to go over the top during 1944 on their respective quotas, according to official figures released yesterday by the County War Council.

The monthly goal in the Village of Mamaroneck is 90,000 pounds per month and the total amount reported officially last year was 812,508 pounds, or about 75 percent of the quota. Mrs. James Henle, county salvage chairman, said that there are "several gaps" in the monthly reports and that the record therefore is incomplete, adding that she had "no doubt" that both Mamaroneck and Larchmont "did much better than the figures indicate."

Charles D. Silleck, chairman of paper salvage in the Village, said that the weight of paper collected during the year was far in advance of what the official report indicates since most of the figures forwarded to the county included only the one-day drive totals. This year, he added, a monthly report of the results will be published to make it clear that the residents of Mamaroneck "can and will" meet the quota assigned to them. A large portion of the paper shipped after the January drive two weeks ago, Mr. Silleck said, was paper actually collected during December but could not be credited to the 1944 record.

In the Larchmont postal district, Mrs. Fred Buxbaum, salvage chairman, reported a paper collection of 940,789 during the year, of 78 percent of the quota of 1,200,000. More paper was collected, however, she added,

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Lt. Weaver Added To War Dead

Former Proprietor Of Larchmont Restaurant Killed In Belgium

IN ARMY TWO YEARS

Lt. Courtney M. Weaver who, with his brother, operated Weaver's Restaurant on the Post Road near Larchmont Avenue, Larchmont, for several years, was killed in action Jan. 7 in Belgium, according to a War Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Weaver of 60 Treno Street, New Rochelle.

A 1934 graduate of New Rochelle High School, Lt. Weaver entered the service in September, 1942, and was immediately sent to Panama where he specialized in anti-aircraft control until he was sent to Officer Candidate School at Camp Davis, N. C. in October, 1943. He graduated from Camp Davis at the head of his class, receiving his commission last February as a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery.

He received further training at the Infantry at Fort Benning, Ga., and served as an instructor in automotive weapons at Fort McClellan, Ala., before going overseas.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Lt. Albert W. Weaver, now on duty in the Navy submarine service.

150 Needed To Fill Blood Bank Quota

A total of 150 more donors are needed if the 200 pint quota is to be reached on Tuesday, Feb. 13, when the mobile unit visits the Larchmont Yacht Club for the tenth time, Mrs. C. Stewart Comeaux, chairman of the Blood Donor Service of the Larchmont Branch, American Red Cross, announced today.

"When soldiers stand in line waiting their turn to give blood for their wounded buddies, as shown in recently released pictures, civilians should not hesitate to do their part."

Reminding her hearers that Secretary Stimson twice during the month had spoken of the heavy casualties, greater than D-Day, occasioned by the recent German offensive, she pointed out that here was an opportunity for every man and woman between the ages of 21 and 60 to make a priceless contribution to the war effort without cost or inconvenience to themselves.

"At the last Block Bank we had more than 50 first-time donors; let us do as well again," she urged.

"Housewives and local businessmen should ask for early appointments, leaving the later hours for commuters," she suggested, adding that in many instances the commuter might be able to arrange his work in advance and take an earlier train.

All appointments should be made at Red Cross Headquarters, 1953 Palmer Avenue, or by calling La2-3443.

10 Committees Aid Sells In Rail Emergency

ALBANY, (AP)—Acting swiftly to surmount the statewide transportation crisis, Public Works Superintendent Charles H. Sells of Pleasantville, today designated ten district committees to cope with serious fuel and food shortages.

Sells, named by Governor Dewey to mobilize and direct all available forces after the Governor had proclaimed a statewide emergency, issued orders to curb hoarding and chiseling.

He decreed that all requests from individuals for emergency allotments of coal, food or feed must be investigated by welfare authorities in cities and State Police in rural areas.

Meanwhile Sells scheduled a meeting of executive and emergency committee comprising Commerce Commissioner M. P. Catherwood, State Police Superintendent John A. Gaffney, Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Earl Foster, Harold Schaff, executive secretary of the War Council, and Lawrence E. Walsh, assistant counsel to the Governor.

They were to chart detailed plans to coordinate activities of the ten committees with state agencies.

Each of the ten sectional committees, which will operate 24-hours a day, is headed by a district state engineer and includes a representative of the Agriculture and Commerce Departments, the State Police and the War Council.

EARL R. VANSICKLE

E. R. Van Sickle Named Head Of Trade Society

Earl R. Van Sickle of 119 Murray Avenue, Larchmont, has been elected president of the Merchant Tailors' Society of New York, one of the oldest trade associations in the city.

A resident of Larchmont for 33 years, Mr. Van Sickle was one of the original incorporators of the Trust Company of Larchmont serving on its Board of Directors for several years.

Mr. Van Sickle built his first house on Murray Avenue in 1913 when there were not more than a dozen houses in the vicinity. He occupied it for 11 years and then erected the "Towers" on Weaver Street, a replica of a small French chateau near Compeigne in Normandy, France, where he and Mrs. Van Sickle spent a weekend during one of their trips abroad. After living there for 17 years, they returned to their first house on Murray Avenue three years ago.

He recalls that when he first came to Larchmont the section between his Murray Avenue house and Chatsworth was "practically an underbrush with shacks where tenants raised pigs and chickens." In those days there was only a handful of commuters at the station each morning, most of whom were acquainted with one another.

Mr. Van Sickle is a tailor and importer with offices at 601 Fifth Avenue, New York. The firm, established in 1909, is the New York agent for Pope and Bradley, Ltd., of London.

Elks To Honor Past Rulers At Dinner Friday

Friday night will be Past Exalted Rulers night at the Mamaroneck Elks' Club when 17 former heads of the local lodge will be honored at a dinner, according to an announcement today from Exalted Ruler Hugh R. Grace.

All members are urged by Mr. Grace to attend the dinner meeting which will include an initiation and a program.

Past exalted rulers who will be the guests of the lodge for the occasion are William J. Kuhn, Frank McLean, Joseph LaRocco, Thomas P. Hollingsworth, Edmond Griffith, Bernard J. Engesser, Gustave J. Burrell, Thomas E. Stephen, Henry D. Holden, B. J. Santoro, John Di Sesa, Joseph H. Muller, Gabriel Wendel, Tory G. Miner, Walter J. Maher, James A. Gunn and R. J. Diforio.

All Elks who wish to attend have been asked to make their reservations before 9 P. M. today.

2 Parochial Schools Take Week's Recess

Larchmont's two parochial schools, St. Augustine's and the Dominican Day School, and the Holy Trinity School in Mamaroneck which closed after yesterday's sessions will reopen Monday, according to announcements from the schools.

The Larchmont schools are closed today to permit the teachers to correct examinations and all three schools will remain closed tomorrow and Friday in observance of Purification Day, authorized by the Diocese of New York.

The principals reported this morning that the fuel supply on hand is adequate at the present time.

Ration Board Lists Veal Chop Prices

Ceiling prices effective in the Larchmont-Mamaroneck-Harrison area for AA or choice veal chops have been announced by the Rationing Board as follows; the lower price in stores in Groups I and II and the higher price in Groups III and IV:

Loin chops: 48 cents and 45 cents per pound; rib chops: 42 and 40 cents; and shoulder chops, arm or blade, 32 and 30 cents.

RUSSIANS PLUNGE 55 MILES FROM BERLIN; SECOND LUZON INVASION SEALS OFF BATAAN

8th Army Races Toward Juncture With Sixth

By C. YATES McDANIEL
Associated Press Staff

MacARTHUR'S HQS., LUZON—Landing unopposed from 150 ships 60 miles northwest of Manila strong U. S. Eighth Army forces blasted any hopes the Japanese may have held for a large scale withdrawal to Bataan by driving swiftly east today toward a junncture with the Sixth Army which would seal off the historic peninsula.

This second invasion of Luzon, timed with a Sixth Army push now within 30 miles of Manila, was disclosed in today's communique of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The 38th Division and a combat team of the 24th, which fought so heroically on Leyte in the Central Philippines, were put ashore Monday on Zambales Province in the 10 miles between the Santo Tomas River mouth and San Antonio without the loss of a man, plane or ship.

The Yanks of Lieut. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger posed an immediate menace to prized Olongapo Naval Base in Subic Bay by racing 11 miles inland the first day past flag-waving Filipinos, occupying such towns as San Felipe, San Narciso, San Antonio, San Marcelino and Castillejos, and seizing an airfield—the 23rd airbase won on Luzon.

The Monday maneuver gives the Americans control of both ends of a 60-mile road, the only one leading into Bataan. The Eighth now holds more than 10 miles of the west end.

Lions Urged To Back Drive For War Fund

An appeal to Mamaroneck business men to donate liberally to the Red Cross drive starting in about a month was made by Lawrence Quinlivan, chairman of the special gifts committee, at the luncheon yesterday of the Lions Club of Mamaroneck. The club was also asked in a letter from Henry Hornidge, co-chairman of the drive, to solicite organizations again this year as it did last year.

In his appeal, Mr. Quinlivan pointed out that the members of the Lions Club represent the majority of the 33 firms in Mamaroneck which appear on his list. By appealing to them at the luncheon, he added, he could save considerable time both for himself and the members of his committee.

Mr. Quinlivan said he had been bothered from time to time by an apparent "distinct cleavage between the commuter class and the business men of Mamaroneck. Since the success of local enterprises bears directly on all of us, he said, it seemed to him that there should be a more sympathetic understanding between the two groups.

"Mamaroneck cannot prosper," he said, "unless we live closer as neighbors and understand each other's problems. A merger of the efforts of service clubs with those of commuters might bring about better understanding and closer cooperation."

Speaking of the needs and activities of the Red Cross, Mr. Quinlivan stated that "our men are sustained by the belief that we are with them heart and soul at home."

"Last year," Mr. Quinlivan concluded, "you men did your share. We of the Red Cross will be happy if you will do it again, or better still, if you will do more. An increase would be an inspiration to the community."

The Rev. Frank Dean Gifford announced that Sgt. Frank Carr, a member of the club several weeks ago, after receiving a medical discharge following considerable battle experience, has volunteered for Red Cross foreign field service and expects to leave shortly for overseas work.

New members introduced included August Rahm, William Reed and Al Stueber. The membership now stands at 52, President Charles Reed announced, which is an all time high."

In answering the roll call with middle names, such interesting spelled out initials as Fillmore, Ferdinand and Julius were uncovered.

The Rev. Mr. Gifford announced that his "strong suspicions" of the last meeting had been confirmed: the bowling team now stands in second place. He appealed to the better bowlers in the Club to come out again so that first place can be regained.

A report from the Camp and Hospital Service of the Red Cross disclosed that nine organizations and many individuals

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AMONG THE GI "DADDIES" FOR A DAY" shown above at a Christmas party held at an 8th Air Force Fighter Station in England is 1st Sgt. Charles P. Taylor of 329 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Mamaroneck, left, feeding ice cream to a young guest held by Pfc. Donald E. Angels of New Albany, Ind. More than 300 English orphans and buzz-bomb evacuees of both sexes and all ages from infants to 14-year-olds were invited to the party, run by enlisted men and officers of the 361st P51 Mustang Fighter Group. The kids saw Santa Claus arrive by plane, were given a half-hour show of movie cartoons and were treated to a dinner at which ice cream was the piece de resistance. Each child got a stocking full of sweets and a present of a toy or doll made by the service squadron shop men. 1st Sgt. Taylor is the father of Charles A. and George W. Taylor who live with his sister, Mrs. Chris Steinert of 16 York Avenue, Rye. Watching the proceedings from the sidelines at the right is Corp. Saul Kalt of Detroit, Mich., a bachelor.

1,800 Express Opposition In Petition Protesting Move To Split School District

Savings-Loan Assets Exceed Million In 1944

The Larchmont Federal Savings and Loan Association closed the year 1944 with $1,105,654.14 in assets, as revealed by the statement of condition published in January 1945, it was announced today by Agnes H. Devereux, secretary. At its inception in 1924, this association had only $300 on its books, but it has had a steady continued growth since then and attained its first million dollars during the nineteenth year of service to the community.

The institution has $832,101.54 invested in first mortgages and has $101,238.77 cash on hand and in banks. It has invested for its own account $140,000.00 in government bonds, thus doing its part to help finance the war.

At the beginning of 1944 the association had $90,237.41 in real estate on its books and this is now $23,216.33.

Savings and investment accounts now total $1,054,894.38. During the year the association paid or credited $19,406.43 in dividends to its members. The association has no borrowed money. Although the sale of real estate necessitated losses during the year, the reserves and undivided profits show a total of $46,188.38.

The prospects for the year continue to be bright, and if the war in Europe should end during the coming year, more applications for financing new home building will come to the association," Donald C. McGeachin, president, said today.

"Veterans' home loans are the newest and perhaps the most conspicuous service the war has called upon this association to make. Although the program, incorporated in the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, did not swing into action until the middle of November, this association has been busy getting the ground work laid for helping the veterans who need, want and should have loans under this program."

The officers are: President, McGeachin; vice president, Orson A. Rayner; secretary, Agnes H. Devereux; treasurer, Gilbert W. Merrell; assistant secretary, Barbara P. Walters.

Dr. Dixon Ryan Fox Dead; Union College President

SCHENECTADY (AP) — Dr. Dixon Ryan Fox, 57, Union College president and author, died here last night. He was former president of the New York State Historical Association and former president of the Scarsdale Town Club.

FIVE MORE GONE

TOKYO, (Enemy Radio) — The death of five more Japanese Army generals was announced by the Tokyo Domei News Agency today in a broadcast.

More than 1,800 Rye Neck signatures have been obtained during the last week to petitions expressing opposition to the proposed amendment to the Rye City Charter which, if passed, will partition the Rye Neck school district and remove about $4,000,000 of assessed valuation from the tax rolls, according to a report made last night by John Holland, chairman of the petition committee, at a joint meeting of the Rye Neck School Board and the Citizens' Committee appointed to organize the fight against the passage of the bill.

Commenting upon the fact that there are 2,651 registered voters in the district, Mr. Holland said all the petitions are not yet in and anyone who has not yet signed one is asked to communicate with him or a member of the circularizing committee. Credit for the initial success of the campaign, he said, should go to the 50 workers "who trod the streets in fright weather, snow and slush to ring their neighbors' doorbells" and added that the large number of signatures obtained so far testifies to the "interest and concern the community has in defeating this proposed legislation."

Mr. Holland also expressed appreciation for the assistance of Everett T. Houghton, Mrs. Alvah Small, Mrs. Alfred MacKenzie and Mrs. Walter Miller in organizing additional volunteer workers.

Peter C. Doern, Jr., chairman of the Citizens' Committee, reported that both Senators J. R. McGovern and Pliny Williamson have been informed of the feelings of the Rye Neck residents and that meetings will be arranged with these men within a week.

"Senator McGovern is our elected representative in the State Senate," Mr. Doern told the group, "and when he is fully informed of our problem, can be relied upon to carry on our fight in the Legislature. Senator Williamson is the other Westchester senator who will be vitally interested in defeating this bill since he represents that portion of the Town of Rye School District No. 6 which also is opposed to its passage. Senator Williamson has, during his many years of service in the Legislature established a reputation for being a strong, fair minded legislator and his opinions will carry a great deal of weight if this ever reaches the State Senate."

Judge Henry D. Holden reported that he has informed Dr. Ernest Cole, former commissioner of education now serving the Rye Neck District in an advisory capacity in this dispute, of the progress of the committee's fight during the last few days and said Dr. Cole is expected to confer with the board and Citizens' Committee next Tuesday night.

Mr. Doern said it is obvious "that we would not oppose any proposal to consolidate the present school districts that are wholly within the City of Rye but any attempt to tamper with the Rye Neck school district will be fought to the finish."

Soviets Advance To Zielenzig In Sustained Push

BULLETIN

LONDON, (AP)—Red Army troops have captured Landsberg, 68 miles east-northeast of Berlin, Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

Marshal Gregory Zhukov's plunge toward Berlin also toppled Meseritz, Schwiebus, and Zullichau, southeast of Landsberg.

LONDON, (AP) — Russian troops plunged to Zielenzig, only 55 miles due east of Greater Berlin, the German radio said today, and indications mounted that the Germans were preparing to fight street by street for their queen city.

Zielenzig, only 22 miles short of the Oder, is 62 miles from Berlin's city limits.

A German broadcast at noon said infantrymen of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's racing first White Russian Army were keeping up with armored spearheads driving toward Berlin on a wide front.

The closest that Moscow has put Zhukov from Berlin is 73 miles at captured Stolzenberg, 25 miles northwest of Zielenzig and on the opposite side of the Warthe River.

Fierce battles are raging, said Berlin, in the bend formed by the Oder and Warthe Rivers which merge at Kustrin, 22 miles northwest of Zielenzig. Zielenzig is 24 miles northeast of the Oder River fortress city of Frankfurt.

Huge Soviet flank drives increased the peril to Berlin.

A German broadcast said Zhukov's northern wing had reached to Soldin, only 36 miles from Stettin on the Baltic. A push to Stettin would cut off all northeastern Germany and put Zhukov in position for a drive on Berlin from the north. Moscow said another Soviet column was 60 miles from the Baltic port of Koeslin, about midway between Stettin and Danzig.

Zhukov also was striking southwestward and reached the Oder at a point about 38 miles southeast of Zielenzig. Here his troops were close to a linkup with the First Ukrainian Army of Marshal Ivan Koney, which has stormed over the Oder at points on a long front in German Silesia.

Today's German communique said Russian attacks from their bridgeheads across the Oder in Upper Silesia were stopped, and in the center declared "our troops engaged in heavy battle against enemy infantry and tank forces pushing to the west in the Oder-Warthe Bend."

High Nazis already have pledged a fight "before, in and behind" Berlin, and reports to Swedish newspapers said the German High Command would formally declare Berlin a fortified city to be defended "stone by stone."

Robert Young, Ex-Harrison Man, Missing

Cpl. Robert Young, 21, of 110 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, formerly of Harrison and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Calhoun, of Harrison Avenue, Harrison, has been reported missing in action in the European Theater of War, according to a War Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester F. Young.

Cpl. Young entered the Army on July 7, 1943, and was attached to the 232nd Infantry Regiment. He had served with the Air Forces but was transferred to the infantry.

The War Department notified his parents that he had been missing since Jan. 5. The Youngs had last heard from their son on Christmas Day, from "somewhere in France."

Cpl. Young is a Pelham High School graduate where he starred in football and track. He was attending Mercersburg Academy, a preparatory school in Pennsylvania, at the time of his induction.

Cpl. Young has a sister and brother residing in Bronxville, Chester R. Young and Mrs. Fred G. Neubert.

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TOKYO, (Enemy Radio) — Dr. Hideji Yago, president of the Japanese Board of Technology, advised the Germans today that "there is no cure for pessimism" because of the Russian drive. A broadcast quoted him as saying that the Russians themselves were "able to stand against onslaught and retrieve the situation" when the Germans approached Moscow.

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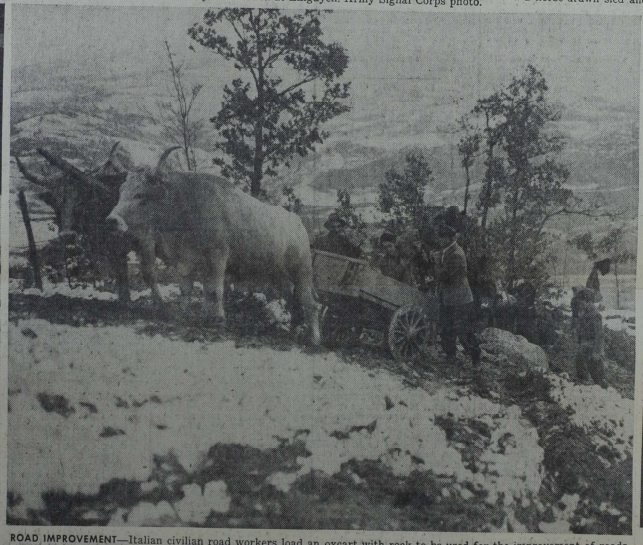
JUST CALL HIM TED—In full tribal regalia, he is Nauchanegee-Pushamahata, which means "Treacherous Water Falling From a Great Altitude." Privately, he is Ted Davis, a resident of Long Beach, Cal., and a grandson of Geronimo, Apache chief.

AN AMERICAN TASK FORCE PANORAMA—Planes of the Seventh Air-Sea Rescue Squadron watch over an American task force as it enters Lingayen gulf on Luzon island in the Philippines during the historic invasion of the important island. Today these planes are flying from a U. S. air base already established at Lingayen. Army Signal Corps photo.

SLEDDING TO THE STORK—If you didn't know before, be informed now that there is a taxi shortage in New York. But that fact failed to bother Movie Star Una Merkel, who chartered a horse-drawn sled and slid up to the Stork club, smoothly and photogenically.

WARDROBE TROUBLE—Lt. Betty J. Davis, Huntington, W. Va., empties the glass and dirt out of her shoe that was blown into it from a window shattered by a German 1,000-pound bomb landing 30 feet from the evacuation hospital where she is stationed. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.



ROAD IMPROVEMENT—Italian civilian road workers load an oxcart with rock to be used for the improvement of roads on the Fifth Army front in Italy, where Army construction engineers are hard at work. Army Signal Corps photo.

GLORIOUS GLORIA—Star of the skating vanities of 1945, Gloria Nord is shown here in one of her graceful and artistic routines. She's known as Sonja Henie of roller skates.

WAVES CROSS WAVES

SAILING into port at Pearl Harbor, T. H., the first large contingent of WAVES, including 10 officers and 203 enlisted members, received the traditional Hawaiian "Aloha" from American sailors stationed at the 14th Naval District headquarters there. These are official United States Navy photos.

WITH NEARLY AS MUCH SECRECY as surrounds the embarkation of armed troops for overseas duty, the first large continent of Waves set sail recently from a west coast port. Capt. J. F. Danneberg and Capt. Walter F. Lafrenz inspect the group as its boards ship.

A WELCOME SIGHT to the American sailors at Pearl Harbor was the one when the first contingent of Waves came down the gangplank of their troop transport which carried them across the Pacific to their overseas assignment in the 14th Naval District.

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FAINT HEART ne'er won fair lady and these sailors are not waiting until the Waves leave the bus to put in their bids.