

LETTER NO.1

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Dear

We Ambler Presbyterians think that you men and women in the Service are doing a grand job. We are proud to have 31 members of our church serving the Nation. Our prayers and thoughts are with you each day. We realize the sacrifice you are making and we should like to show our appreciation in some small way.

Many of your friends, including Mrs. F. O. Hoyt, President of the Steadfast Circle of the King's Daughters, feel that a monthly news letter giving local and a bit of national news, a few sport jottings, and the highlights of our church activities would interest you and perhaps bring you a bit of comfort and cheer.

The King's Daughters would like very much to sponsor such a letter. If the idea meets with your approval, will you please write, make suggestions, and tell us what type of news you are most interested to hear.

When I returned from my summer vacation in Maine, I found that the King's Daughters had conspired against me and in my absence, had designated me to be your correspondent. That is a tough break for you, however, I shall do my best, hoping at a later date to catch someone napping whom I can inveigle into carrying on.

Schools have opened once more. They face their first full war year with transportation schedules cut to minimum essentials, with athletic programs revised and with the possibility of staggering hours in many of the city schools. They will also be handicapped by a shortage of teachers. Ambler High School has opened with an enrollment of 662, which is approximately the same as last year. Through the kindness of Mr. Kerschner, I have obtained the following items pertaining to the school:

"About 150 Ambler High School Alumni are in the Military Service of the Nation. A large service flag will soon be displayed in the auditorium.

To date three members of last year's class have enlisted in the armed services, twelve have entered college, and about seventy-five others are employed in some type of defense work.

A Junior Home Room won the annual cheer and song contest. The contest was one of the best in the school's history. Competition was unusually close.

A landscaping program has been started at the high school. Beautiful pines and hemlocks add much to the appearance of the school grounds.

Due to transportation problems, an intramural program has been started in the Junior High School. More than 100 girls and about 90 boys are participating."



Most of the teaching staff remains the same. Through the kindness of Miss Evelyn Kulp, students of the commercial department will mimeograph our letters to you. We are grateful for the cooperation.

Many colleges have opened with the largest freshman class in history. Bryn Mawr and Penn State are among those. The University of Pennsylvania boasts the largest in recent history of the school.

Many high schools are making plans to introduce into their Physical Education programs, courses in Commando and Pre-flight training. Much emphasis is being placed on vocational training which will contribute a great deal to the war industries. It is interesting to note the curriculum adjustments that have been made in the schools in order that education fit the day and period in which we are living. Teachers are encouraging the students in the sale of Defense Stamps, in Junior Red Cross activities, in organization for air raid drills, First Aid classes, canteen courses, and many other activities which will aid in insuring victory for America. It is surprising to see the interest that the younger children are showing in defense activities. A little girl aged 10 recently said that she wished she could kill some Japs but since she was too young she was killing Japanese beetles in her brother's victory garden instead. That is typical of the patriotic spirit of the children today.

And now for some local news. Dr. John Hoffa and Dr. J. A. Henderson, two of our Ambler physicians have volunteered their services. Dr. Hoffa, commissioned a Lieutenant (j.g.) is stationed at the Philadelphia Navy yard. Dr. Henderson, a captain in the U. S. Medical Corps, has been at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, since his induction on August 25. Mrs. Henderson left Ambler last week to spend three weeks with her husband.

George Scherff is the newly elected president of the Ambler Trust Company. He succeeds Robert H. Anderson, Jr., who died August 23.

John J. Burton has been commissioned a Lieutenant in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

The family of Kenneth Haywood has received word from the Government that he is missing in action "somewhere in the Pacific."

Henry Bussing, Jr. has been transferred to Roswell, New Mexico.

Mary Louise Allen is a member of the Freshman class at Bucknell University.

George Cottrell has enrolled at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Johnny Jones and Dick Gifford are on volunteer patrol duty with the Coast Guard.

Buddy Jones is now a bombardier.

T. Clinton Rapp, cashier at the Ambler National Bank since its opening in 1934, has left for active duty with the U. S. Navy. He is a yeoman third class, in the Intelligence Division.

Clifford Martin, Jr. is now enrolled as an aviation cadet at the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School for pilots at Maxwell Field, Alabama.



"Hebe" Meyers, former Ambler High School Coach is now a chief Petty officer at the Naval Training Base at Norfolk, Virginia.

Forty-five draftees left September 19 for the Army Induction center at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Due to illness, James Buchanan and Joseph Lapetina were unable to leave as scheduled.

The Protestant Church Softball League pennant was won by the Mt. Pleasant Baptist team. In the final play-off, the Baptists took two straight games from the Presbyterians. The four teams having the highest standing finished in the following order:

1- Baptist      2. Presbyterian      3. St. John's Lutheran      4. Penllyn

The annual banquet will be replaced by a "get-to-gether" on October 13 when trophies will be awarded to the above teams. At a benefit game played in July, the Soft Ball Team raised \$28.00 which they donated to the Community Ambulance Association.

In the World of Sports, football seems to be the center of attraction at the present time. Many football coaches have joined the armed forces. It was only a little over a week ago that a farewell party was given by members of the Ambler High School Faculty in honor of Football Coach, James A. Lauder, who resigned to enter the U. S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. Several gifts were presented to Mr. Lauder. He is now training at Norfolk, Virginia. John W. Meyers, who has been at Shamokin High School since 1938 has been appointed to replace Mr. Lauder during his leave of absence. Ambler High opened its football season on September 26 with Lansdale. The game resulted in a Scoreless tie. About 40 boys are on the Senior High School squad. The final game of the season will be with Souderton on Thanksgiving Day. Ambrose Duckett is captain of the team.

The University of Pennsylvania opened its season with Georgia Naval Aviation cadets on September 26, losing by a score of 14-6. The Army War Show last summer ruined Franklin Field so it has been entirely resurfaced. The game on Saturday was the first meeting in this area of college under-graduates against a squad that combined former collegians and recent professional league stars. Penn's team made a fine showing in spite of the superiority of the Cadets. Between the halves 125 Naval Aviation Cadets were inducted.

Even though Coach Morrison and the Temple squad drilled intensively for their opening game, yet they lost to Georgetown 7-0 before 22,000 spectators.

Some schools including La Salle have dropped football for the duration. Each week more and more games are being cancelled due to transportation problems.

The Baseball fans are eagerly watching the most exciting pennant race in Modern National League history. For the first time since 1934, the last day of the season found the race undecided. Either the St. Louis Cardinals or the Brooklyn Dodgers will play the New York Yankees for the championship. Larry MacPhail, general Manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has resigned to join the Army. Bucky Harris has turned in his resignation as manager of the Washington Senators. He is second only to Connie Mack, in point of continuous service as a manager.

It will be impossible to cover State and National news except very briefly!



As the November election looms, people are becoming more and more interested in the political campaigns. In Pennsylvania Major general Edward Martin is the Republican nominee for Governor. The Democrats have chosen General F. Clair Ross.

Ninety-one-thousand women have taken over man-sized jobs in Philadelphia's war plants. With military service draining the city's manpower, another 17,000 will be employed in war industry during the next six months.

The new nickel is now in circulation. It is unique in that it is made without nickel. The new coin is distinguished on the outside by the letter "p" indicating it was made at the Philadelphia Mint. Since nickel is vital in the war effort, the ingredients of the new coin are copper, silver and manganese.

Henry J. Kaiser has just performed a miracle which will go down in history as one of the greatest feats of all times. Already he has shown himself a master builder in the construction of Boulder Dam, Bonneville Dam, and the Grand Coulee, the World's largest. On September 23, ten days from keel-laying to launching, the 10,500-ton Liberty freighter, Joseph N. Teal, hit the water, breaking all speed records for ship building. Mr. Kaiser promises even greater speed in the future.

Governor James' daughter, Dorothy, is to be married in November to Frank Sinon, deputy Attorney General in charge of tax cases for the State.

The Alaskan Highway will open December 1, several months ahead of schedule.

Right now the civilian army is fighting the battle of scrap metal on the home front. Individuals have been digging in cellars and attics for every available piece in order to make the campaign a success. The majority of people, realizing that every liberty-loving American has an important part to play in the Victory Program, are making real sacrifices to contribute to the war effort. They are putting a large percentage of their earnings into War Bonds and Stamps.

Gas and Tire rationing, Inflation, and Rising Taxes are a few of the problems confronting the civilians today. Fuel rationing starts in October and the rationing of meat will begin in the near future.

On September 8, staggering of hours in the central city stores and offices of Philadelphia went into effect. The system has greatly relieved the traffic congestion.

When we think of church activities and our church family, we immediately think of Mr. Platt, who has been our devoted and faithful leader the past four years. This, my first letter to you, would not be complete without a word of greeting from him. He sends the following:

" Dear Friends:

" It is a joy to have a share in this first message being sent to you this fall from the church. Although I have already moved from Ambler and am more or less settled in our new church home, I think of you often and still remember you in my prayers. What a glorious thing the fellowship of prayer is! No matter where we are, or what condition we have to face, we can always feel a common bond holding us together when we pray to a common God and put our faith in a Common Saviour.



"I realize I am writing to folks who are in every part of the world. You are facing every kind of problem and experience. We want you to feel that we are with you and sharing as much as possible the task and responsibilities you face. When you have the opportunity, attend the Worship services provided for you. Keep in mind that wherever you are, we are all reading the same Scriptures, singing the same hymns, hearing the same Gospel preached.

"May God's blessing be upon you and the eternal truths of Jesus Christ remain firm in your hearts!"

Very sincerely,

(Signed) CHARLES A. PLATT

I know you will regret to hear that Reverend Platt has resigned to accept a call at Ridgewood, New Jersey. He preached his last sermon on August 16 and at that time five new members were welcomed into the church. He has done a fine piece of work the past four years and will be greatly missed. The church members and friends hold him in highest esteem and wish him much success and happiness in his new work.

Before leaving Ambler he and his family enjoyed a vacation in the Poconos. Several farewell parties including one by the Tuxis group and young people were given in their honor. On September 11, members of the church, Sunday School, and friends held an informal gathering at the church to bid them farewell. A very nice musical program was arranged and refreshments were served. He began his duties at Ridgewood on September 14.

On September 3 in a candle light wedding ceremony at the church, Charlotte Kriebel became the bride of Frank C. Fischer of Philadelphia. They have recently returned from a 10 day honeymoon spent at Miami Beach, Florida and are residing at the Godfrey apartments on Bethlehem Pike.

Jane Millikin Abbott and son, Teddy who have been spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Carter Millikin, have gone to Washington, D. C. to join Mr. Abbott who has recently been transferred there from Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haddon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 9.

Sara Gehman Fisher has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gehman before she and her husband, Rev. Benjamin Fisher, move to North Carolina.

The many friends of "Ned" and "Patty" Eckfeldt are happy to have them back in Ambler. They are living on Walnut Lane.

George Fortsch of Ft. Meade, Md. spent a week end at home recently.

It is nice to see Mrs. Arthur Nichols and Mrs. Joseph Haddon taking part in activities again after being confined to their homes for several weeks.

Mrs. Russell Huckel of New York City has been a recent visitor in town.

Mrs. Stuart Mac Intire has returned from a visit with her son Wilson, who is studying at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Caroline Shelly has returned to Wellesley College to continue her studies there.



Mr. Norman Kriebel, Sr. has accepted a Civil Service position with the Bituminous Coal Division of the Department of Interior. He will be connected with their Philadelphia office.

A Reunion of all delegates from this area who have attended Presbyterian Summer Conferences at Hightstown and Westtown was held at Forrest Park, Chalfont on September 19. Gertrude Vandegrift had charge of the arrangements.

Gloria Simpson who directed the Rummage Sale sponsored by the Tuxis group reported a profit of \$30.00. Gloria is a very versatile young lady. She is contributing to the war effort by making two pies each week for the "Stage Door Canteen in Philadelphia.

Harry Crockett Jr. has returned to his army camp in North Carolina after spending a week's furlough with his family.

Oscar Stillwagon, Jr. is studying radio at the Technical Naval Training Station in Indianapolis.

Roy Cramer has been transferred from Guard Duty at Puget Sound to the Parachute Corps at Camp Gillespie, San Diego where he is doing some very intensive training.

Irma Umstead has resigned her position as office secretary at the North Penn Community Centre to accept a secretarial position with the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation in Hatboro.

Julia Eckfeldt has returned to Wilson College where she is entering her Senior year.

In closing, let me tell you again that we are interested in you and think of you often. Please let us hear from you.

Today the things that the Christian church stands for and American democracy stands for are being challenged as never before in all the history of the world. We are facing new responsibilities but no matter how black these times may be, **hope, faith, and courage must prevail.**

The biggest part of our job and yours is still to come, however. We are confident that in this vital task we can not and shall not fail. You men and women who have been called to defend our nation are showing spirit and determination that will insure final victory and bring a just and lasting peace.

Your Presbyterian correspondent is now signing off until October with the words of Alfred W. Martin:

"That which constitutes the Supreme Worth of Life  
Is not Wealth, nor Ease, nor Fame, not Even Happiness,  
But Service  
Nothing at Last Counts but Service, And that Always  
Counts."

Sincerely,

*Helen R. Macomber*



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One day last summer while visiting my mother in Maine, I came across a letter which a brother of mine, while traveling in Europe a few years ago, had written home to my parents. I was deeply absorbed in its contents, reading about Constantinople (now known as Istanbul) and the Sea of Marmora, Queen Marie's summer palace at Sinait, the palaces of Budapest, swimming in The Black Sea and so on, when all of a sudden the letter ended abruptly and most unexpectedly. I don't remember that he even signed his name. But there was a postscript which read like this, "If I keep on I shall be writing as many details as Helen writes in her letters." It was very obvious that to him the minute details which I always wrote in my letters were very tiresome and uninteresting and were something to be avoided if at all possible. When Miss Kulp informed me last month that my letter comprised six typewritten pages, I was very embarrassed and could readily see that I was up to my old tricks again. In case any of you lapsed into a coma or unconscious state, while going through the ordeal of reading my September letter, please notify me at once in order that I may mend my ways and be more considerate of you in the future. Already I'm trembling for fear this second letter will be even more voluminous. Specializing in brevity is not one of my accomplishments.

You folks have written me some grand letters. I have enjoyed them immensely and value each one highly. You were too kind in your criticism which was all constructive. I am sure that my letter was not that perfect. I feel it is a pleasure and honor to be your correspondent because your letters and messages to me have been so full of enthusiasm, appreciation, and gratitude. Mrs. Hoyt and all the King's Daughters are extremely happy to know that through a monthly news letter from the church, they can render a service to you and bring you a bit of pleasure. We are very grateful for the cooperation everyone is giving us.

The last few days of September were unusually cold--one morning the mercury registered 43 and broke a 64-year record; however, October with a few exceptions has been a beautiful month. The autumn foliage has been unusually colorful and in spite of world conditions, I feel that we all have much for which to be thankful.

Practically all of the colleges and schools have re-opened. Special wartime educational committees have met to make necessary changes in courses of study and methods of procedure in order that Pennsylvania's school program may be co-ordinated with the war effort. For the duration the course of instruction at the United States Military Academy at West Point has been reduced from four to three years. War stamp corsages are supplanting the traditional orchids and chrysanthemums at high school and college affairs this season. The Temple University co-eds have set a goal of \$10,000 in the sale of stamp corsages at football games. Activities here at home are following their normal schedule as far as possible.

Mr. Kerschner has kindly contributed the following High School items:

The senior high school has selected "Quality Street" for its first play this year. The cast was chosen last week. Miss Helen Bork will coach the play. Leading parts are being played by "Dinny" Edmondson, Ann Illingworth, Ann Hickey, Bob Harsch, and George Miller.

Alumni News: Hugh Bullard is attending the University of Pennsylvania. George Cottrell entered Dickinson in September. Clarence Lucas, Dorothy Pannington, Barbara DeLong are attending night school at the School of Industrial Arts. Grant Buchanan is at the Hill School in Pottstown. William Harsch is studying engineering at Penn State. Walter Sobers is at Gottysburg College. Cynthia Perry is attending an art school in the South. Gerald Bauerle moved to the West and has entered college there. Mary Louise Allen entered Bucknell in September. Helen Hedrick is a student at Beaver College. Jean Garritt is in training at the Saint Luke's Hospital in Philadelphia, Gerry Spears at the Methodist Hospital, and Arta Snyder at the Abington Hospital. Betty Hagginbotham and June Driscoll are working in defense plants. Laura Aney is working at "Wings" Field.



Coach Hober Meyers, who was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, has been transferred to Seneca Lake, New York. He spent a short furlough in Ambler last week.

Chief Hunsicker's room can well boast of its contribution to the armed forces of the U. S. Ralph Schwager and Henry Scholz enlisted in the U. S. Marines during September. Molvin James enlisted in the U. S. Signal Corps in September and is now overseas. William Lunn is training to become cadet pilot in the Pre-Flight Navy School at Bucknell University. Roy Cramer has become a paratrooper in the U. S. Marines. He is stationed on the Pacific Coast. Walter Wyrostek and Joseph Wyrwas enlisted in the Navy. Kenny MacLaughlin recently spent a furlough in Ambler. He is now a Corporal at Fort Houston. Bill Little enlisted in the Army Air Corps this month.

On Thursday and Friday, October 15 and 16, the students of the Ambler Public Schools put on a splendid scrap drive. In two days the old parking lot at the school was filled to a height of eight or ten feet with all sorts of articles--flat irons, beds, stoves, boilers, even airplane and truck chassis. The high school pupils collected approximately fifty-two tons, the Forrest Avenue pupils seven and one-half tons, and Mattison Avenue pupils two and one-half tons, making a total of approximately sixty-two tons. Everybody was enthusiastic about the drive and both boys and girls were busy carrying scrap on express wagons, wheelbarrows, in baby coaches, baskets, and in trucks. This was really the second scrap drive of the community since the air raid wardens and other organizations had collected large piles of scrap during the previous three weeks. It took Ambler High to really find the scrap.

Officers for Senior Student Council were elected last month. Gilbert Huber was elected president; Thomas Morrison, vice-president; Ann Illingworth, secretary. The senior class officers are: President, Ralph Barnes; Vice-president, Howard Albertson; Secretary, Betty Adams. The senior high school varsity hockey captain is Nancy Brady.

Since I know that some of you are not up to date in your newspaper reading, I'll give you a few high lights from the World of Sports. The World Series opened on Wednesday, September 30, at St. Louis. The Yankees won 7-4. The Cardinals took the second game to even the series. In the third game played at New York, Ernie White, a 26-year old southpaw, whitewashed the Yankees by a score of 2-0, the first Yankee shut-out in the World Series since 1926. The fourth game was won by the Cardinals 7-6. In the fifth game, Kurowski's home run in the ninth was the deciding factor. Johnny Beasley and Ernie White will no doubt be remembered as the heroes of the Series, although much credit goes to Whitey Kurowski who broke up a nerve-racking ninth-inning tie. His home run brought in an extra run and gave the Cardinals the game 4-2. I believe the attendance for the last three games averaged 69,000. A rousing reception was given the team on its return to St. Louis. It is the first time in World Series History that a club has won four straight after losing the first game. Kurowski comes from Reading, Pa. The home town fans have done much celebrating in his honor. About one-half of the Yankee team will enter the service. Joe Gordon, Bill Dickey, George Selkirk, and Phil Rizzuto are among those who have quit baseball to join the army. Larry MacPhail is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the army. Since the new ruling eliminating special trains for sporting events, the Middies and Cadets are traveling to some of their games by steamboat. The Cardinals could not return to St. Louis by special car. Each player bought an individual ticket anywhere he could find a seat.

Manager Joe Cronin of the Boston Red Sox has accepted the offer of The American Red Cross to manage one of its overseas recreation clubs for American military men. He will return to this country to pilot the Red Sox during the 1943 season as his war service is only temporary. His appointment has no salary attached. Ted Williams and Johnny Pesky will soon begin training as Naval Aviation Cadets. Don DiMaggio has signed for service with the Coast Guard. It is rumored that Ducky Pond (Lieutenant U. S. N.) has bought a house in Hatboro. I understand that he will have charge of the physical fitness program at the Naval Training Base which was formerly the Pitcairn Airport. The Army-Navy game is to be played at Annapolis. The contest was transferred from Philadelphia because of the transportation problem.



Here are a few football scores for you:

<u>Home Team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Date</u>
Temple	V.M.I.	7-6	October 2
Harvard	Penn	7-19	" 3
Ambler	Quakertown	6-7	" 3
Yale	Penn	6-35	" 10
Temple	Bucknell	7-7	" 9
Ambler	Upper Moreland	19-0	" 10
Princeton	Navy	10-0	" 10
Notre Dame	Stanford University	27-0	" 10
Villanova	Coast Guards	13-20	" 10
Army	Cornell	28-8	" 10
Dartmouth	Colgate	27-19	" 10
Lohigh	Penn State	3-19	" 10
Springfield	Lansdale	7-25	" 10
Harvard	W & M	7-7	" 10
Penn	Princeton	6-6	" 17
Villanova	Florida	13-3	" 17
Cornell	Penn State	0-0	" 17
Columbia	Army	6-34	" 17
Harvard	Dartmouth	2-14	" 17
Navy	Yale	13-6	" 17
Ambler	Sellersville-Perkasie	postponed to Nov. 21	
Notre Dame	Iowa Navy	28-0	" 16
S.M.U.	Temple	6-6	" 23
Temple	N. Carolina P.F.S.	0-34	" 23
Doylestown	Ambler	0-13	" 23
Boston University	Bucknell	7-13	" 24
Harvard	Army	0-14	" 24
Illinois	Notre Dame	14-21	" 24
Navy	Georgia Tech.	0-21	" 24
Pennsylvania	Columbia	42-12	" 24
Princeton	Brown	32-13	" 24
Yale	Dartmouth	17-7	" 24
Penn State	Colgate	13-10	" 24
Auburn	Villanova	14-6	" 24
Wisconsin	Purdue	13-10	" 24
Minnesota	Michigan	16-14	" 24

Dick, my ten year old son, is very much interested in my letters to you and always has plenty of suggestions, ideas, and criticism to offer. He is not as diplomatic as you good folks and not all of his criticism is constructive. He told me the beginning of this letter was very uninteresting, much too personal and to find the meaning was like looking for a needle in a haystack. I imagine he is right. Dick was very disappointed when the Louis-Conn fight was called off as he had hoped I would write that up in detail. The other day when I said I wished I could think of a clever story to tell you he contributed the following. He listens to the radio a great deal and probably got it from that source--"John thought of something he wanted to tell his friend "Joe" the other evening so called him at 3 A.M. After telling his story he said he was terribly sorry to have disturbed him at that late hour. "That's okay," said Joe, "I had to get up to answer the phone anyway."

All the King's Daughters keep on the alert these days in order to get the latest news for you. This month I think it would be nice to give honorable mention to Mrs. John Ledeboer, Vice-president of the King's Daughters Circle, for she has spent much time and effort in getting news that would interest you. Beginning with this letter we shall try to get as much news as possible, therefore, our spacings, margins, and paragraphs will not conform to rules and regulations. In times like these it is necessary that we all conserve in every way possible. I am sure you will understand and overlook the cramped and restricted appearance of our letters.



Now for the local news: Clara McIlroy of Butler Ave. and Walter Pearce of Ft. Washington were married September 26th in the Upper Dublin Lutheran Church.

August E. Post is the newly elected president of the Ambler Chamber of Commerce. James Cassidy was elected vice-president.

Up to the present time over 200 tons of scrap metal have been collected in Ambler. In the event of an air raid, Ambler is equipped with two air raid shelters, one available for use is in the basement of the Ambler Trust Co. and the other protection center is located in the Ambler Post Office basement.

Mr. and Mrs. William Drake are being congratulated on the birth of a son, Peter Radcliffe Drake. Mrs. Drake is the former Miss Dorothy Allen of Forrest Ave.

Mrs. Robert J. Simpson of Highland Ave. is one of our Ambler volunteers, who is devoting a great deal of time to the "Stage Door Canteen" in Philadelphia. It is a center of much activity and each evening 1200 men including soldiers, sailors, and marines are provided with food and entertainment. Mrs. Simpson assists in serving food to the servicemen. Eight Ambler residents recently donated money for 175 bottles of milk. The second Thursday of each month the different organizations in Ambler make food and money contributions. October 8th was a red letter day for Ambler in that it was the first community to contribute enough money and food to take care of all the refreshments for one night at the Canteen. Thanks to Ambler 1232 service men were served. Mrs. Simpson hopes that in the near future, the individuals and organizations here will make large enough donations so that the Canteen can depend on "Ambler Night" each month. Mrs. Harry Weaver, Mrs. Edward Davies, Mr. and Mrs. William Rile, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Geary, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gorton, Charles Shearer and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson are working at the Canteen at the present time.

The engagement of Marie Frances Dougherty of Germantown to Henry Bussing, Jr. has been announced.

Winnie Stong and Garland Childs have enlisted in the Air Corps and are waiting to be called.

Tom Cassidy, who a short time ago was promoted to Sergeant, recently cabled his family that he had arrived safely in England. Jean Berez is in Australia and apparently is having a grand time. He has found the Australians very friendly and hospitable. Both Jean and Tom were remembered on Saturday evening, October 10th when the K and M Athletic Association held its annual banquet at the Manufacturers' Country Club. The boys were on the K and M crack Bowling Team and their friends hope that it will not be too long before they can attend the banquets again. War stamps were given as prizes this year.

Royal Mattison is an instructor of Army Flying Cadets at the air field in Pottstown. He was home for his first weekend October 10th. He was slated to go to Wing's Field as an instructor, but due to Army regulations prohibiting such activities within a given distance from the coast line, the school was moved. He has found an apartment in Pottstown so that his wife is able to be with him. Royal tells some amusing incidents about the student fliers. It is extremely difficult for a student making his first solo flight to bear in mind the boundaries outlining the Pottstown Airport. One boundary line is the Reading Pike, which is quite clear from the air, but the other boundaries are harder to find, and easier to lose sight of, from a high altitude. The boy went up for his second solo and was expected back in 40 minutes. After an hour and a half had passed, the telephone rang and it was learned that the student having run out of gas had made a forced landing in a corn field, many miles outside the boundary. Another boy who seemed to have a great deal of trouble getting his direction when in the air, went up on a solo flight. After a long time had elapsed



and the instructors had become very anxious as to his whereabouts, the telephone rang and it was discovered the boy, having run out of gas had made a landing at the Brewster air field in Hatboro, a highly restricted area. The instructors felt that disciplinary measures should be taken so while the other students enjoyed a weekend leave, this boy was assigned to remain at the Airport in confinement for the weekend. That was a hard dose to take for it was his first wedding anniversary.

Charlie Meyers enlisted some time ago. He is stationed at the Great Lakes training School. He recently spent a 9 day furlough visiting his family in Ambler.

Henry (Gus) Scholz, Ralph Schwager, Charles Kammerer, and Eddie Steer have enlisted in the Marine Corps. They are in training at Parris Island.

Barney Dickinson has enlisted in the Navy.

"Dave" Hellings is with the Merchant Marines. His mother last heard from him on August 22nd when she received a cable from Scotland saying that he was safe and happy. Quite recently she has heard through his steamship company that his boat is safe and that he is well.

"Bill" Davis of Hartranft Ave. has completed the initial step in his training as a naval aviation cadet at the Navy Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill, N.C. and has been transferred to the Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Philadelphia for primary flight instruction. Bill was one of 158 to be graduated from the school after 3 months of intensive training. He faces 3 months of primary flight instruction and then 3 months of advanced training before winning his wings in the Navy's Air Service.

"Bob" Flury returned to camp October 12th, after having had a 10 day furlough. He is a Military Police, stationed with the Signal Corps, at the Army Air Base, Richmond, Va.

Edward Sage has enlisted in the flying cadets and is now waiting to be called. Meanwhile he is continuing with his position in the engineering department of the Allen Wood Co. in Conshohocken.

Donald Betz has also enlisted in the flying cadets. Until he is called he will continue his work in the sales department of the Brom Instrument Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haff have announced the engagement of their daughter Pauline to Clifford Martin Jr.

More than 100 persons attended the "Got Together" sponsored by the Church Soft-ball League on October 13th. The Baptists received the trophy as the top team for 1942. Second place went to the Presbyterians and the third place was a tie between the Penlllyn Baptists and the St. John's Lutherans. Leonard Pennington presented the trophies. The guest speakers included Hal Wagner, catcher with the Philadelphia Athletics, John W. Meyers, Ambler High School football coach and Dr. S. B. Smith, Ambler dentist and well-known tennis player. American League baseball pictures were shown and refreshments were served. William Amey, president of the Church League presided.

Mrs. Herbert Amey, whose son "Ed" recently enlisted in the Army Air Corps was notified by the government a short-time ago that she should be very proud as he had passed every test with high honors. He is stationed at San Antonio, Texas where he is training in the Pre-Flight School at Randolph Field. "Ed"'s brother Herbert is at Camp Elliott, California. He received his commission as Major in August and is one of the youngest Majors in the Marine Corps. John Amey, a cousin of "Ed" and "Herb" has been promoted to Sergeant. He is stationed with a mechanized unit in Pittsburgh.



He was home for three days a short time ago, to visit his Mother, who intends to go to Florida to live.

Ralph Slutter, who was with the Deens Electrical Store for many years, has arrived safely in Australia.

Mr. Clarence E. Morgan has announced the engagement of his daughter Miss Jane Morgan to Midshipman William J. Bruckel, U.S.N.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome J. Bruckel, of Avon, New York.

"Bud" Jones is located at Ft. Bragg, N.C. He is with the Parachute Division and has been demonstrating jumping in Biloxi, Miss. for thousands of Boy Scouts. His picture was in the August issue of the Liberty Magazine and in the Evening Bulletin Magazine "This Week" on October 10th.

Major Hugh A. Hamilton of Spring House is in England as an engineer attached to a bomb squadron.

Franklin Pledge has enlisted in the Marine Corps and is in training at Parris Island.

Jack Rainey is stationed at Moultrieville, S.C. where he was promoted to Sergeant six weeks ago. He was married in August. His wife is living at her home in Wyndmoor, however, she expects to join Jack in a few weeks.

Jack Meyers has enlisted in the Navy.

"Bob" Davies, seaman, first class, arrived home October 16th to spend a 30 day leave with his parents. When he returns he will receive the rating of Petty Officer, 3rd class. He is stationed on the aircraft carrier "Wasp". He proudly wears three ribbons, one designates he is a veteran of foreign wars, another denotes service before Pearl Harbor and the third with two stars shows that he is a member of an expeditionary force. My description of these is not in technical terms, however, you will probably be able to guess what I mean. Bud Stone, who is stationed on the same aircraft carrier as Bob is also home on a 30 day leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Russell are being congratulated on the birth of a son on October 19th.

Lieutenant John Hoffa has been transferred to Norfolk, Va. for duty with an amphibian squadron of the U.S. Navy.

On October 14th Dr. John Stewart, well known dentist of Ambler, received a cablegram from his son, Lieutenant John Elkin Stewart, a flight leader with the U.S. Army Air Forces in England, telling him to listen to the March of Time program on October 15th. At 10:30, Thursday evening, Dr. Stewart heard his son's voice coming from London, telling about the heavy air raid on Lille, France on October 9th, in which he participated. Lieutenant Stewart and his crew were credited with shooting down five German planes and possibly two others during the raid. His account of same has received wide publicity in the United States. He gave a very realistic and detailed account of the bombing. Up to that time the raid was the largest in which U.S. Army Air Force bombers in Europe have participated.

For the benefit of you folks who have little time for reading and listening to the radio, I'll mention a few items from our State and National news: It interests me to find that Montgomery County ranks third in the State in the number of persons enrolled in the Civilian Defense Corps. 35,340 are actively engaged in Civilian Defense Activities. Bud Abbott and Lous Costello of movie fame in 34 consecutive days visited 78 cities and sold \$78,000,000 worth of bonds. President Roosevelt



has named Supreme Court Justice James F. Byrnes as the Nation's economic dictator with power to control wages, salaries, prices and rents to head off run away inflation. There is no question but what "Business-as-Usual" is over for the duration. The entire population has been put under the bridle of the war. Times have certainly changed. While looking over the "Want Ads" recently in The Philadelphia Inquirer, I came across the following: "Wanted: young lady to learn to operate grease rack in auto repair shop". Such a notice would have been unbelievable a year ago. Shipyards of the United States are going to need at least 150,000 women workers in the coming year. With a few exceptions they will do welding and light machine work. One of the things which greatly impressed President Roosevelt on his recent trip was the increased employment of women in all kinds of plants including Navy Yards. He was also impressed by the high morale of the war workers. You may not have heard that he left Washington, September 17th, to make a secret inspection tour of war activities from border to border and coast to coast. He traveled 8754 miles in 2 weeks through half the states. He visited 11 private war plants, 8 Army, 7 Navy, and 2 Marine Stations. <sup>He found war plants operating at 95% efficiency with both labor and management traveling maximum output.</sup> He witnessed the launching of Henry Kaiser's Liberty Freighter at Portland, Oregon. Never has any American President undertaken such a wartime journey. The Press and Radio demonstrated their patriotism and cooperation by keeping all details of his trip a secret until his return. Secretary Morgenthau announced that the September sale of war bonds totaled \$838,250,000 well above its quota. The U. S. expenditures for the present fiscal year are estimated at 80 billions. The day is not far distant when women will be operating street cars and buses. Already in Washington the transit company has started to train women in the operation of street cars. The Supplee Milk Co. now employs women milk wagon drivers on day routes. The milk ladies are allowed to take their choice of trucks or horse drawn wagons. They begin their duties after a 2 week training period. Their attire consists of maroon ski suits trimmed with gray and with lots of pockets. The suits were designed by Mrs. Waters, fashion stylist, who with her models staged the Fashion Show for the King's Daughters on October 6th. You probably already know that many filling stations are now employing women attendants.

In the recent nation wide Scrap Metal Drive, Pennsylvania was given second place in the National Standings. Wyoming came first with 104 pounds per capita. Pennsylvania netted a total of 509,125 tons.

Tire inspections start December 1st. The 5 tire limit will now force owners of passenger cars to sell all tires above that number. The Government will purchase the excess tires at ceiling prices to be set by O.P.A. On October 18th, 4000 men, women, and children were moved out of Camden, New Jersey by land and water in the greatest test evacuation in the Nation's history. They were taken out of the "bombed" city in a flotilla of ferryboats, tugs, Coast Guard Patrol, and Dispatch boats. They were taken to 8 neighboring communities in trucks, buses, bakery wagons, and laundry wagons. Nearly 17,000 civilian defense workers participated in the dramatic test.

Wendell Wilkie, President Roosevelt's emissary, has returned from a round-the-world tour of the war theaters which took him to fighting fronts in the Middle East, Russia, and China. He visited 17 countries and territories and covered 31,000 miles. He went as an ambassador of good will to assure the United Nations of our friendship and to guarantee our outmost assistance. In China and Russia he received the greatest ovation ever extended a foreigner.

May Robson "grand old lady" of the screen, who spent 59 of her 78 years as an actress died October 20th. She was beloved by Hollywood probably more than any other character actress since the late Marie Dressler.

Beginning in December, 18 and 19 year old youths will be drafted into the Army.



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt arrived in Britian on October 23rd, after flying the Atlantic and was greeted by King George and Queen Elizabeth. The object of her visit is to gain first hand knowledge of British Women's war activities and to visit United States forces in Great Britain.

Church activities are running normally and smoothly even though we are without a regular pastor. Several from our church have called on Reverend and Mrs. Platt recently and report that they are nicely settled in their new home which is most attractive. They are happy in their new surroundings and are being received most graciously by the members of their church in Ridgewood.

The committee, appointed to find Mr. Platt's successor, is working very hard. At this time I can tell you nothing definite except that progress is being made and no doubt an important announcement pertaining to same will be made before long. The church members are anxiously awaiting the arrival of a permanent pastor. We all hope that in the near future we shall find someone who will be happy to come to Ambler to lead and direct us in our church activities. Next is news of our church family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haddon left on October 1st to pass the winter in Pasadena, California. We hope that Mrs. Haddon's health will be greatly benefited by the California sunshine and dry climate.

Harold Worth is recuperating at his home after spending three weeks at Hahne-mann Hospital where he submitted to an operation.

Roscoe Smith who is stationed at the Receiving Station of the Philadelphia Navy Yard has been promoted to Second Class Pharmacist's Mate, U.S.N.

Sam Worthington writes from Camp Atterbury, Indiana that he is chief clerk in the adjutant general's office supervising seven departments employing seven commissioned officers and 24 enlisted men. It is his job to see that all incoming communications and reports get proper response, action, and distribution. Among other avocations he finds time for his music-occasionally plays for a wedding and every Sunday plays for two chapel services-one a Lutheran and one a Presbyterian.

"Bob" Cassel is located at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla.

Approximately 200 people attended the Fashion Show sponsored by the King's Daughters on October 6th, in the church assembly hall. We learned among other things that "women" are the nicest things being shown in men's clothes this season.

Oscar Stillwagon Jr. has been transferred from the Indianapolis Radio School to the Submarine Base at New London, Conn. He is learning submarines from the bottom up and finds his work most interesting. After passing a very severe physical exam, he was put in a pressure chamber with a pressure of 50 lbs. per square inch built up inside. That is equal to water pressure outside the hull at about 110 ft. below the surface. After that he started tank training. When I last heard he had come up 18 feet on the escape line with the Monson Lung and still had a 50 and 100 ft. dive to make. He does his training on an "O" boat- (a 172 ft. sub which is used merely for training purposes). Each man has to acquaint himself with every detail about it so that he can take any position on the boat and be able to operate it. The work is not all theory-the men have a chance to actually operate. They average four dives a trip and ordinarily get two trips a week. After a 4 week study of the "O" boats, a 2 week course is given on the 1500 ton boats-they are the latest design in subs and it is on these that the boys will put to sea. Oscar expects to be sent



to advanced radio and sound school after the completion of the six week basic sub course, so in all probability will be located in New London until the first of the year.

Private Harry Crockett of Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Mrs. Crockett are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son, their second child.

Wilson MacIntyre has been transferred from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station to the Radio School for Instructors at Memphis, Tenn. He is doing some very intensive training as they are required to do 5 months work in 2 months. The camp is very new in fact not all the barracks are as yet completed. At the present time there are 2000 sailors there but 17,000 are expected within the next two months. The boys are being trained to become radio operators in large bombers.

Bill Little has enlisted and was inducted into the Army Air Corps on October 12th at New Cumberland, Pa. He expects to work with the ground crew until there is an opening for him to train for cadet flying.

The Missionary Society, headed by Mrs. Norman Kriebel, president, recently sponsored a two-act play entitled "Healing Hearts" which depicted life among the Navajo Indians. It was given in the church Assembly Hall. It was very well done and most enthusiastically received.

In an air raid test on October 14th, while speeding to his post on his motorcycle, Charles Willox skidded on the slippery road and crashed into the Oreland Fire Truck. Charles was taken to the Chestnut Hill Hospital. Two arteries were severed, one below and one above the knee. He suffered severe lacerations of the face and left arm. It looks as if he would be laid up for some time. It is a little too early to know how the accident will affect his future plans. "Chic" tried to get into the Marines but was a quarter of an inch too short. "Stretch your neck, son," the sergeant at the enlistment station told him. Charles informed him that he had already stretched as hard as he could and it just wasn't any use. "Go home and grow just a little bit" the sergeant told him, "then come back." Charles enlisted in the Air Corps instead and at the time of his accident was waiting to be called.

"Bill" Hayward recently spent a few days with his parents. He is now a Staff Sergeant and has been transferred from Camp Shelby, Mississippi to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

"Bob" Davis, Second Lieutenant is located at Fort Eustis, Virginia-where he has been transferred to the Personnel Division. He was home for a few days the week of October 19th when he and Marion celebrated their wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Taylor are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on October 23rd.

Mr. Sailer's pet squirrel was run over recently. He was usually a guest at meal time so is greatly missed.

Harry Hutchison Jr. is located at Camp Pickett, Va. He has recently been promoted to Staff Sergeant. He spent the week end of October 23rd with his parents.

The Young People's Society and the Tuxis Group had a covered dish supper at the church Sunday evening, October 18th at 6:30 o'clock.

Mr. William Andrews of Andross Ave. celebrated his birthday on October 18th. Many of his friends sent him a post card shower. Some of you may not know that he has been confined to his bed since June 10th.



Rev. Van Duesen, who recently returned from China on the S. S. Gripsholm delivered a very timely and inspiring sermon on Sunday morning, October 18th. He was a Japanese prisoner of war for 5 months and gave a most interesting account of his experiences.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wind are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on October 16th.

When I learned that Roy Cramer had won his certificate of proficiency in parachute packing, ground training and jumping from a plane in flight, I knew you would want to hear the details. Surely he has had some thrilling experiences. In a letter written home to his parents on October 15th, he described his first jump as follows: "This past Tuesday morning I made my first jump! I'll admit, and so will every one else who jumped, we were scared as heck. We all lined up, with our chutes on, and then marched into the transport. The plane took off, and circled over the field. The next thing, we heard the jump-master say "stand by." We stood up and hooked on our static lines. Every one's legs were shaking. I wondered, while we were getting ready to jump, whatever made me join this suicide outfit. We could see ~~left~~ of the plane, out the door, the ground rolling by a couple of thousand feet below. Wow!!

Then the jump--master said "go." I saw the ground way far below and got a sickening feeling in my stomach. We fall about one hundred feet before the chute opens, and the opening shock we get from the chute is terrific, too. It certainly is a relief to look up and see the canopy has really opened!

Then we drift down, oscillating like anything, (that's a pendulum like movement of the jumper, with the canopy relatively fixed), and soon hit the ground, pretty hard, too.--one mis-step and a broken leg! We tumble, spill the air out of the chute, unharness,--and it's all over. What a thrill!

Now!!--Prepare yourself for some real good news. Today, the captain picked out six men from our platoon and I was amongst them. We were picked to be inside instructors, or "riggers" <sup>as they are called</sup>,--and guess what!! I'll be there about four months, and will be able to come home every other weekend. I'll be home for Christmas! --But I have three more successful jumps to make yet."

In a letter written October 19th, Roy informed his family that he had made those jumps successfully, and had received his coveted wings for parachuting. He also told them that he had, at the same time, been promoted to Private First Class.

I have had one request for Mr. Platt's address. Perhaps that rest of you would also like to know that it is 33 Brookside Ave., Ridgewood, N. J. If you want the addresses of any of your friends or church acquaintances, kindly let me know and I will send them to you.

In closing, let me remind you that your activities are of vital interest to us back home. Don't forget to tell us how you are and what you are doing. Be sure to keep us informed of any change in rank or address. The church members are praying for you who are serving the Nation. We wish to keep in touch with you always.

In times like these we realize as never before the true worth and value of the church and what it means to us. In it we find both moral and spiritual support and we know that it has the answer to the problems facing us today. In no institution in the world can we be assured of such faith, comfort and strength, christian fellowship and warm spirit of friendliness. The supreme task of religion today is to destroy war. The spirit of Jesus expressed in love and brotherhood in the hearts of men is the only foundation for peace.

And now your Presbyterian correspondent signs off until November with the words of Browning:

"All Service Ranks the Same with God  
There is no Last nor First."

Sincerely, Helen R. Macomber



LETTER NO. 3

92 Bethlehem Pike  
Ambler, Pennsylvania  
November 30, 1942

Dear

Even though I move about very stealthily these days, lurk in the most obscure places and appear unexpectedly at the different church gatherings, yet I have been neither sly enough nor shrewd enough to catch any of the King's Daughters napping whom I can inveigle into taking over my job as correspondent. Apparently this is a piece of work few people covet for up to the present time, no one has tried to get it away from me; so, here I am again, saying "Hello" and bringing greetings from the King's Daughters and the various church organizations. I wish that you might know how often and how many of us in the church think of you, talk about your activities and pray for you. We do not forget the sacrifice you are making for us back home.

Armistice Day this year held for us a deeper and more significant meaning than ever before. As in the last war, we are fighting for our homes, our freedom, our civilization. The last Armistice did not assure lasting peace as we had hoped, so now it is necessary for all of us to do everything in our power to preserve America in order that some day not too far away there will be another Armistice when peace will come and the kind of peace that will be worth these years of horror, of sacrifice, and of work. We must make the world a better place in which to live.

Another Thanksgiving Day has come and gone--it was unusual this year in that the forty-eight states observed the same date. In my opinion this Thanksgiving season of 1942, when most of the world is suffering from war, we Americans should pause and give thanks for our many blessings. At times it may seem that we have little for which to give thanks, however, we still are living in a land of plenty and are truly thankful for the privilege of sharing it with others, of helping those men, women, and children in Europe who are suffering hardship, torture and starvation. We give thanks for the ideals, the spiritual values for which our country stands, the freedom of thought and action: and so Thanksgiving takes on a new significance as a symbol of the traditions and heritage we are fighting to preserve.

Now for some High School news, thanks to Mr. Kerschner and Miss Gear:

The senior play, "Quality Street," coached by Miss Helen Bork, will be given on December 17 and 18. Ann Illingworth and Bob Harsch have leading roles. Ann Hickey, a promising newcomer, plays the lead, Phoebe. Other members of the cast are Barbara Chappell, Agnes Rourke, Anna Bolt, Eileen Urban, George Miller, Margaret Heath, Charles Baker, Kay Breslin, Henry Deens, Jean Nixon, Ralph Banes, and Alvin Neigut. Fourteen students from the junior high school are taking part. They are Molly Tompkins, Minnie Haywood, Mary Ann Deckman, Helen Scheifer, Barbara Smith, Joan Craft, Esther McPhail, Betty Joan Snyder, John Betz, Perry Selheimer, Billy Albertson, Vincent Benzenhafer, and Robert Gump.

Russell Benigno and Wilfred Bytheway left for camp last week. William Pierson, of the Army Signal Corps, is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Mrs. Bessie Graffin recently returned for an afternoon's visit at the high school. She was given a royal welcome and was invited to the classrooms.



### Recent Visitors

Irwin Woodward reported to the Customs House last week to enlist in the United States Naval Reserve. Coach Jimmie Lauder was home on a furlough the week of November 16. He is stationed at Norfolk, Virginia. Lieutenant William Maxon and his sister Miss Faith Maxon visited at school last week. Lieutenant Maxon is enjoying the first furlough he has had since his enlistment a year and a half ago. Faith is attending college in North Carolina. Donald Leech has enlisted as a gunner in the Air Corps. Terrence Cassidy was a visitor at school last week. He has been transferred to Pitcairn Field. Walter ("Barney") Dickinson and Jack Myers have been enjoying their first furlough. "Barney" is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station and Jack is at Newport, Rhode Island. Bob Davies has returned to duty. He is now stationed in the state of Washington. William Lunn has just completed his preflight training at Bucknell University. Warren Patterson, who is in the Air Corps in Louisiana, has recently visited the High School.

I am omitting the Football scores which Mr. Kerschner sent as I have already given them to you.

### Cross-Country

Coach Angelo Menna's Cross Country Team has had a very successful season. Ambler won four meets and lost two. The scores are as follows:

27	Ambler	--	Lower Merion	28
29	Ambler	--	Central High	26
24	Ambler	--	Lower Merion	31
32	Ambler	--	Norristown	23
15	Ambler	--	Media	40
21	Ambler	--	Jenkintown	34

District 1 Meet--PIAA Championships--Ambler won first individual place and second team place in ten schools.

The Cross-Country Team Includes:

#### First team

Herbert Williams  
Wesley Kerns  
Thomas Fedele  
Edward Leech  
Herman Ashton  
William Marano  
James Finore

#### Other members

Ralph Graziano  
John Speers  
Robert Thompson  
Charles Pletscher

The Cross Country Team won second place in the District One Championships. The next meet will be held at Marcus Hook.

Before I give you the local news, I want to express my appreciation and gratitude for the wonderful letters you have written to me. Knowing how full your days are and how weary you must be at the end of each day, I marvel that you find time to write. You help to boost my morale more than I can ever tell you. I get discouraged sometimes when I think of my assignment and wonder why I could not have been blessed with cleverness, wit and originality. How nice it would be for you if I were a Cornelia Otis Skinner! I thank you for your letters of encouragement.



We, the King's Daughters, are happy to know that you approve of our project and we are glad that each month we can send you news of the church and your friends. You would be amazed to know how many people are interested in our project. Everyone is enthusiastic and your friends outside the church as well as those who are affiliated with it are only too happy to co-operate in every way in order that we may send our news letters to you.

Dr. "Jim" Shelly, who has your welfare at heart, has given us a generous money donation to help defray expenses. Ralph Drew has kindly donated enough paper to take care of three or four letters. I could go on mentioning many others who are eager to do everything possible to bring you a bit of pleasure.

The Football Season is fast drawing to a close. There has been a decline of 25% in attendance at college football games this season. Sports like everything else must take a back seat until the end of the war. The Penn-Army and Penn-Navy games were very well attended. Saturday, November 7, 831 midshipman arrived in Philadelphia by steamer to see the Navy triumph over a favored Penn team--74,000 persons witnessed the game. It is rumored that West Point will retire from all inter-collegiate competition when the football season is over. Its athletic program will center around intramural sports for the duration. The army's coach "Red" Blaik will return to active practice after being under treatment for spinal arthritis at the Mayo Clinic for several weeks. Branch Rickey has been named president and general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers. He succeeds Larry McPhail and has signed for five years at a salary of \$40,000, plus a bonus. The new Brooklyn boss has never watched a ball game on Sunday. Leo Durocher will be playing manager. Mort Cooper, 28-year old St. Louis Cardinals' pitcher was named the most valuable player of 1942 in the National League. Joe Gordon was named the most valuable in the American League. Talking about baseball players reminds me that I saw "Pride of the Yankees," the Lou Gehrig movie, a short time ago. It is a wonderful picture and whether or not a baseball fan, I know you would enjoy it. I recommend it very highly--be sure to see it if you ever have the opportunity. Pennsylvania had a disastrous day on November 14. It was a cold, blustery, day and strong, adverse winds may have been responsible, however, Penn State defeated the heavily favored Quakers 13-7. The same day unbeaten Boston College took Fordham 56-6 and Michigan slashed Notre Dame 32-20.

Here are some Football Scores for those of you who are interested in the game:

<u>Home Team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Date</u>
Wisconsin	Ohio State	17-7	Oct. 31
Georgia	Alabama	21-10	" 31
Pennsylvania	Army	19-0	" 31
Boston College	Georgetown	47-0	" 31
U. C. L. A.	Stanford	20-7	" 31
Ambler	Springfield	0-13	" 31
Villanova	Manhattan	32-0	Nov. 1
Harvard	Princeton	19-14	Oct. 31
Notre Dame	Navy	9-0	" 31
Temple	Michigan State	7-7	" 31
West Virginia	Penn State	24-0	" 31
Dartmouth	W. & M.	14-35	" 31
Minnesota	Northwestern	19-7	" 31
Bucknell	Lafayette	13-7	" 31
Michigan	Illinois	28-14	" 31
Duke	Georgia Tech.	7-26	" 31
Yale	Brown	27-0	" 31
Villanova	Iowa State	32-7	Nov. 1
Boston College	Temple	28-0	Nov. 7



<u>Home Team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Date</u>
Army	Notre Dame	0-13	Nov. 7
Michigan	Harvard	35-7	" 7
Yale	Cornell	7-13	" 7
Princeton	Dartmouth	7-19	" 7
Penn State	Syracuse	18-13	" 7
Ohio State	Pittsburg	59-19	" 7
Iowa	Wisconsin	6-0	" 7
Hatboro	Ambler	18-12	" 7
Georgia Tech.	Alabama	7-0	Nov. 14
Navy	Columbia	13-9	" 14
Temple	Holy Cross	0-13	" 14
Cornell	Dartmouth	21-19	" 14
Yale	Princeton	13-6	" 14
Ohio State	Illinois	44-20	" 14
Ambler	Jenkintown	6-20	" 14
Ambler	Sell-Perk	7-0	Nov. 21

On November 21, in one of the greatest upsets of the football season, a hard fighting Auburn eleven defeated the invincible Georgia 27-13 and shattered its hopes for their first perfect season in 44 years. The Army crushed Princeton 40-7. Yale won from Harvard 7-3 and Ohio State overpowered Michigan 21-7. Notre Dame beat Northwestern 27-20. Penn State triumphed over Pitt 14-6. Dartmouth defeated Columbia 26-13.

The King's Daughters are a courageous, fearless and determined group of fighters, on the home front who are devoting their efforts and talents to the job of obtaining news for you. Ambler residents keep their doors barred at all times and scarcely appear on the streets in the day time lest they be attacked by some King's Daughter and forced to tell all the family news. As a result of their effort, I have the following Local News for you:

Dr. T. A. Henderson, a captain in the U. S. Medical Corps, has been transferred from Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He recently spent a seven-day furlough with his family. Robert J. O'Brien, U. S. N. R. arrived home on October 24, on leave, having completed a course in radio code at the University of Chicago. Frank and George Hague have enlisted in the Army Air Corps and are stationed in South Carolina. They expect to graduate from their training school on December 9. Tom Cassidy, who is stationed with the Army in England, was promoted to Staff Sergeant on September 1. Buddy Wynkoop is fighting in the Solomons. His family now lives in Scarsdale, New York.

Buddy Robinson, Sheldon Meyers and Mickey Marincola are all stationed with the same unit in Hawaii and see each other nearly every day. They enjoy the wonderful climate and scenery. Sometimes they manage a fishing trip together. The fish are so beautiful, however, they don't have the heart to keep them, so throw them back into the water again. Bill Geddes has enlisted in the Army Air Corps and left on October 21 for Nashville, Tennessee, where he is to be stationed temporarily. Jack Rainey's wife is now living near him at Camp Moultrieville, South Carolina. Bob Farrington, who enlisted in the Navy and was studying radio at Bedford Springs, Pa., has been transferred to Rhode Island for further training. Lester Jones has been inducted into the Army and left for Camp Meade on November 24. Winfield Stong left on October 22 for training in the Army Air Corps. P. F. C. John Fluck has returned to Camp Gordon, Georgia, after spending a five-day furlough with his mother. Supply Sergeant Edward Murphy, Jr., U. S. M. C., spent the week-end of October 31 visiting his parents before leaving for his new station at San Diego, California. Thursday, November 12, was another "Ambler Night" at the Stage Door Canteen in Philadelphia.



On Sunday, November 8, at 2:30 P. M. the citizens of Upper Dublin held dedication exercises in honor of the 185 men and women who have entered the armed forces from its township. A very fine program was arranged with three different bands assisting.

Selby T. Foutty, manager of the Ambler F. W. Woolworth store, has been transferred to the Tacoma Park store near Washington, D. C. Miss Marion Compton of Park Avenue, Ambler, is replacing him as manager. Grace Danser of Fort Washington has been made cashier.

Joe Lapetina is stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Joe Flury has been inducted in the Army and will leave very soon. Ralph Bishop, former Ambler High football star, enlisted in the Army Air Corps in August. He is stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas. His mother hopes to visit him for the Christmas holidays. Jimmy Corson has enlisted in the Navy Air Corps. He has passed all his physical and intelligence tests, but has a little trouble with one of his eyes. As soon as this gets straightened out, he expects to leave.

Bob Davies was on the aircraft carrier "Wasp" when it sank. Forced to abandon ship, he jumped sixty feet into the water where he stayed for an hour and a half until he was rescued by a destroyer. He saved the life of a fellow shipmate, who was unable to swim, by keeping him afloat until he was picked up by the destroyer. Johnny Jones left a week ago to begin training in a tank corps. Bob Broughton left November 10 for Bainbridge, Maryland, for eight weeks' training in the Navy. Sidney Broughton is continuing his work at Buffalo, New York.

Bill Maxson surprised his parents by arriving home on November 1 on an eight-day furlough. He brought his wife with him, a Texas girl, whom he married last February. Bill is an instructor flying bombers at Lubbock, Texas, and has just recently been promoted to first lieutenant. He has had some hairbreadth escapes just teaching advanced flying. One day one of his pupils made a bad landing and had to ascend into the air again. Bill noticed that something was wrong with the landing gear and discovered that it would be necessary to make a single-wheel landing. He radioed the ground crew to tell them of his difficulty but they didn't feel that could be the answer to his trouble. After flying around a good while and knowing that they couldn't remain in the air any longer, Bill and his pupil held their breath and started down. They saw down below the ambulance, the fire truck and the wrecking crew waiting for them, but fortunately they landed with little damage to the plane.

Nathaniel Groton, son of Rev. N. B. Groton has been inducted into the service. Up to the present time, he has been working in Washington plotting flights for the Army. During the past two weeks 114 draftees have left Ambler for Fort Meade, Maryland. Among those were Jack Schoenberg, Ralph Davies and Philip Blank. Since May 9 each draftee leaving the Legion building has received a kit containing cigarettes, chocolate and chewing gum. The idea originated with Mrs. W. W. Quarles who organized a group of Ambler women to carry out the project. Although the gift is small, yet it is a token expressing sincere good wishes and appreciation to those men who are leaving for military training. More and more individuals are cooperating with the group to give the boys a friendly send-off.

It is a little difficult to know just what you like in the way of State and National News. Don't hesitate to make suggestions at any time for I am anxious to send the type of news in which you are most interested.

The Republicans came through with flying colors on election day, November 3. General Edward Martin was elected Governor of Pennsylvania by a majority of 218,000. The Republicans gained 43 seats in the House and 9 in the Senate. Thomas Dewey was elected Governor of New York State, thus ending twenty years of democratic leadership in the Empire State. G. O. P. gains were nation wide.



Coffee Rationing began November 29, allowing one pound every five weeks for each person over fifteen years old. Up to the present time people have often lain awake nights from drinking coffee. Now the tables are turned and the same ones lie awake wondering how they will get it. The new Universal Ration Books will be in the hands of the public about the first of the year. One hundred fifty million copies will be printed and will be designed to handle any ration program which arises. The books will require three million pounds of paper and seventy-five hundred gallons of paste.

The small game hunting season got off to a poor start in Pennsylvania, judging from the number of hunters in the fields on October 31. According to reports, many of the popular hunting spots seemed almost deserted even though there was plenty of game.

George M. Cohan, the "Yankee Doodle Dandy" of the American stage, and one of its most beloved figures died on November 5 after a long illness. He was sixty-four years old.

The Dionne Quints have joined the "Waves"--they have their first permanent.

Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt's pace has astounded Britain. The Englishmen are incredulous over "the eternal stamina" of the woman. Reporters, her Scotland yard escorts, Mrs. Oveta Hobby, director of the WAAC'S and Mrs. Winston Churchill are among those who have nearly collapsed from exhaustion trying to keep pace with her on her jaunts around London. She returned home November 17.

Edna May Oliver, the character actress and comedienne died November 9 on her 59th birthday. Eddie Rickenbacker has done it again. Twenty-four days after he and a crew of seven disappeared in the South Pacific on a secret flying mission for the War Department, the Navy announced on November 14 that he had been found alive and in good condition on a rubber life raft six hundred miles north of Samoa. All have been rescued except one who died of exposure and was buried at sea.

Next comes news of our Church and Church Family: In these critical times it is encouraging to know that our church is open every day and many evenings of each week providing special activities to meet the needs of our people. Each one of us feels a personal responsibility in its welfare and progress now that we have no regular pastor. Mr. Sailer, loyal and faithful, never fails to extend a cordial welcome to all church members and is always on hand to assist those who need his services. The various church organizations find it impossible to serve a meal unless Mr. Sailer makes the coffee. His coffee is the envy of all the Presbyterian culinary experts.

Because of the Christmas vacation next month, the Commercial Department at the High School will be unable to get out our next news letter until the first of the year. We shall try to have it ready for you as soon as school re-opens. At that time I hope that Mr. Millikin, Chairman of the Pulpit Committee, will have some definite information for you regarding our new pastor. We are all looking forward to that announcement with great anticipation.

"Bill" Hayward is attending Officers' Training School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Arthur Nichols is in the Officers' Training School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Some time ago Norman Kriebel wrote to his parents, saying that the Conscientious Objectors had volunteered their services for war relief, rescue and reconstruction in danger zones, but up to that time had not been permitted to perform such services. In a recent letter, Norman stated that through Paul Furness, Director of Friends' Civilian Public Service, the C. O.'s had learned that in the near future the first contingent would be sent to the Belgian Congo to serve in cooperation with the Army Medical Corps. These men will probably be chosen by lot. They are trying to



arrange for a medical attachment of 25 to 30 C. O. 's to serve there. At the present time Norman is located at Dog Valley Camp in the Mono National Forest--it is fifteen miles northwest of Reno, Nevada, but is actually across the border in California. Norman is working as radio operator. With their battery powered set they are able to keep in touch with other stations in the forest, the farthest of which is two hundred miles away. The primary purpose of the camp is fire-fighting, but because of the cool weather and rainy season, the fire hazard is lessening. The twenty boys in the camp along with Norman work daily from 7:30 A. M. to 5 P. M. When not on fires, they are kept busy on an erosion control project in the valley. The boys live in tents, use wood stoves for heat and Coleman gas lanterns for light. The water comes from a nearby spring and hot water is obtained by filling a tub over an open fireplace. The temperature drops below freezing every night. Norman had a three-day furlough the week end of November 7 which he spent with Rev. and Mrs. Ewing in Fresno, California. He had a wonderful time--they received him with open arms and he had a delightful visit, the memories of which he will cherish for many a day. Mrs. Ewing is recovering from a delicate and very serious operation on her left eye.

Ralph Priest has been promoted to Private first class and has recently been transferred to Camp Pendleton, California. He is in Colonel Roosevelt's Regiment and is working in the Sierras. George Cramer has enlisted in the Marines and will leave November 30.

The Young People's Society of the church sponsored a dance on Saturday evening, November 7, at the Frank Pierce barn on Loch Alsh Avenue near the reservoir. All the Young Peoples' Societies of Ambler were special guests. Those attending wore farmer costumes or old clothes. Helen Flower, Gertrude Vandegrift, Naomi Bauer, Robert Kriebel and Richard Schuler were in charge of the affair.

Nancy Walker, who has been with the Contingent Unit at John Wanamaker's since her graduation from Ambler High School in June, left October 23 to enter the first-year class of the American Academy of Dramatic Art at Carnegie Hall located at 57th and 7th Ave., New York City. Nancy has always been popular with the younger set and will be greatly missed by her Ambler friends as she has always given freely of her time and talent. She is fortunate in being able to enter the school of her choice and we know that she will make good for she has exceptional dramatic ability. Nancy is living at the Three Arts Club located at 340 West 85th Street.

Dick Hoyt is an instructor in the Army Air Force Technical Training Command, at the Rising Sun Aircraft School in Philadelphia. He instructs men in the instrument course where they receive their basic training as ground crewmen before being sent to schools where they specialize in various types of aircraft and aircraft parts. With no vacations in sight for the duration, Dick alternates on the following shifts 6 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. and 2:30 P. M. to 11 P. M. According to Dick, there is little social life due to the scarcity of girls. He declares that the girls are true to the boys in the service. I know that you boys will be relieved to hear that.

Frank King was inducted into the Army on November 11 and is now in Alabama. His brother Harold was sworn into the Army on Armistice Day. A large parade was held in Philadelphia at which time newly enlisted boys were inducted as part of the ceremonies. He is now in the Army Air Corps and stationed at Miami Beach, Florida. Charles left for induction on November 25.

While employed in<sup>a</sup> nearby defense plant, Harvey Heath recently had a very serious accident. He was working on one of the more complicated machines when his hand was drawn into it. The surgeons at Abington Hospital worked four hours tying the tendons and nerves in order to save the four fingers which were badly mutilated. Bones were broken and ligaments severed. After he learned what had happened, one of the first things to distress him was the thought that for a long time he would be unable to play ping-pong with his friends at the church.



Harry Landis has enlisted in the army and left November 23. Buddy Ziegler is in New Zealand. Sam Worthington writes that now so many recruits have arrived the church attendance has improved and the singing in proportion. At the request of the man, starting November 8, a weekly song and devotional service with a short message will be arranged. The boys apparently enjoy singing hymns so no doubt the service will be well received. "Chic" Wilcox is making a fine recovery from his recent accident. Knowing him as you do, it isn't difficult to picture him making the best of his misfortune. He is proudly displaying a cast which was autographed by his nurses while in the hospital. Bill Little is now stationed at Nashville, Tennessee.

Wilson MacIntire writes that since the Navy does not begin to have as many radio operators as it needs, they are being put through an advanced aviation radio-man's course in eight weeks, a course which used to take five months. Their days are very long and busy. Sunday the boys usually go into Memphis, enjoy a hot shower, a good meal or two and see a movie. Wilson's courses consist of machine gunnery, radio code, blinker code, semaphore, flag hoist, use of all radio equipment, aviation procedure and radio physics. He is in the Navy Air Corps so will soon see active duty with a flying squadron and will fly in everything from fighters to large bombers. He expects a very active and exciting life.

Dr. William Wefer, executive Secretary for Presbyteries of Philadelphia and Philadelphia North preached an excellent sermon on November 8, in which he told how the Presbyterian churches are serving those of its members who are in the armed services. Nearly 10% of the members of Presbyterian churches are serving the nation. At the present time, there is but one chaplain to every 1200 persons. It is unbelievable what these few are doing in the way of administering to the spiritual needs of those in service.

Mrs. Joseph Haddon has been confined to the hospital since her arrival in California. We are all happy to hear that she is gaining each day. In a recent message to the Sunday School she wrote as follows: "I want you to know, dear young folks, how God has answered your prayers in my behalf. I am coming along nicely and trust I may be able to continue to keep improving--'Remember now Thy Creator in the days of thy youth.' Keep close to God and He will keep close to you, and any promise He has made to you, He will always keep. He is a wonderful friend. Now, Boys, don't forget your hymn--'Shine, Shine, Shine Just Where You Are'."

On November 20, Rev. Paul Lux collapsed at 13th and Market Streets, Philadelphia and passed away in an emergency patrol en route to Hahnemann Hospital. He was 79 years old and has been a resident of the Mercer Home for the last six years. During that time he has been a faithful and devoted member of our church.

Since we have no regular pastor, I thought you would like to hear from the Session. Mr. Eckfeldt, as representative of that group sends you the following message:

"Mrs. Macomber has suggested that with the resignation of our Pastor, it might be nice to have a letter from the SESSION. Please do not think that this is too formal, but just a little note giving you some of the story of what is going on in our church life.

Naturally we miss Mr. Platt very, very much and some of the work which he did reverts to the members of the Session. Of course, for our preaching services, we have been getting supply ministers and although some of them are very good, it is not like having your own pastor in the pulpit. As chairman of the Pulpit Committee, I will give you a little resume of the work that has been done so far in getting a new minister.



Early in October we learned that Rev. Platt was going to have his formal installation at the Ridgewood, New Jersey, church on Thursday evening, October 8, so we hurriedly sent over a little note reading in part as follows:

"The officers and members of the Ambler Church wish to congratulate the Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood in their choice of a new spiritual leader and all good wishes go to him who has left the Ambler Church to take up the pastoral duties in Ridgewood. We trust that the new relationship will be one of great blessing and spiritual advancement for the Kingdom of God."

We received a reply from Mr. Platt which reads in part as follows:

"The letter which you sent in behalf of the church and Session was most thoughtful. I cannot tell you how much I appreciated it and what a profound effect it had on the people here. It surely indicates the kind of Christian spirit which pervades our churches in these trying days. The situation here in Ridgewood is opening up very nicely. The more I see the situation here, the more I am convinced that the move which I made was a significant one. There is so much to be done here along lines which I feel by God's grace I have been given the talent to do, not that I wish to set the world afire but there are just some jobs that everyone can do better than some other tasks."

We also received a very nice acknowledgment from the Clerk of their Session.

All of our folks here in Ambler seem to be doing a splendid <sup>job</sup> in carrying on through this period and we are very happy to state that we are still trying to maintain our old ideals and landmarks even though they must be modified to meet present demands. Possibly this could be summed up in the words of Dr. Stuart Nye Hutchinson, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, as follows:

"It is my duty to place before you the obligations confronting your church. Need has risen like a tide, until we, too, must rise to great heights, if we are to meet it."

Possibly it will be Christmas time before some of you receive this letter and therefore the Church sends its greetings and you may be assured it is remembering you in its prayers."

To those of you, who are overseas, this is my last opportunity to extend Christmas greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year. We shall be thinking of you this Holiday Season. Let us not lose confidence that there is a divine purpose beneath all human affairs.

Your Presbyterian correspondent is now signing off with the words of Longfellow:

"God is not Dead; nor Does He Sleep!  
The Wrong Shall Fail, the Right Prevail,  
With Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Sincerely,

*Stelen R. Macomber*



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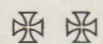
of

The Reverend Norman McCowan Dunsmore

as minister of

The First Presbyterian Church

Ambler, Pennsylvania



Tuesday Evening, May Eighteenth

1943







## ORDER OF SERVICE

7:45 P.M.

ORGAN RECITAL—Mrs. Charles H. Korn

"Grand Offertoire in E" ..... *Batiste*  
"A Song without Words" ..... *Raff—Shelly*  
"Sarabande from Suite XI" ..... *Handel—Orem*  
"Nocturne" ..... *Barrett*  
"Cathedral Shadows" ..... *Mason*

8:00 P.M.

Doxology

Invocation ..... REV. P. DELLA LOGGIA

Scripture Lesson ..... REV. GEORGE TEAZ JAMIESON  
*Minister, First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Flouertown*

Prayer

Sermon ..... REV. J. GARRETT KELL  
*Minister, Central Presbyterian Church, Norristown, Pa.*

Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation" ..... 304

The Installation ..... REV. HAROLD P. MELCHER  
*Moderator, Presbytery of Philadelphia—North*

The Charge to the Minister ..... REV. EARL L. DOUGLASS, D.D.  
*Minister, Summit Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia*

The Charge to the People ..... REV. GEORGE J. CRIST  
*Minister of this Church, 1910-1927*

The Installation Prayer ..... REV. ORRIN G. COCKS, D. D.

Hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" ..... 196

Benediction (The people seated) ..... REV. NORMAN M. DUNSMORE

Postlude, "Theme from Symphonie No. 1" ..... *Brahms—Orem*

### RECEPTION

Everyone is cordially invited to the reception for Mr. and Mrs.  
Dunsmore immediately following the Installation Service.



### Ministers of The First Presbyterian Church of Ambler

Rev. William Allen, Jr. ....	1892-1894
Rev. W. F. S. Nelson ....	1895-1900
Rev. Nathan T. Brown ....	1900-1906
Rev. Edwin I. Stearns ....	1907-1909
Rev. George J. Crist ....	1910-1927
Rev. Joseph Marquis Ewing ....	1928-1938
Rev. Charles A. Platt ....	1938-1943
Rev. Norman M. Dunsmore ....	1943-

### The Pastoral Committee

Mrs. Norman F. Kriebel ....	The Congregation
Miss Lorna Luttgen ....	The Congregation
Miss Josephine Little ....	The Young People
Elder B. Carter Millikin ....	The Session
Elder Fred W. Eckfeldt ....	The Session
Mr. Ralph H. Drew ....	The Board of Trustees
Mr. W. Edmund McKinney ....	The Board of Trustees