

LETTER NO. 16

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Dear

Here it is January 1944 and we find ourselves still hoping and praying, as we did a year ago, that this chaos called war will be over before the close of the year. We realize it is an enormous job, and you're doing your part so well that you both amaze and awe us.

Amaze us because such a short time ago you were running around in the woods playing Cowboys 'n' Indians, and uproarious games which involved "good guys" and "bad guys." As you grew older the biggest thing on your minds seemed to be - how to save enough money to buy gas and take your girl to Sunnybrook on a Saturday evening. Just carefree boys. Mothers clucked and wondered when you'd ever grow up.

Then came December 7, 1941. War, which you had been led to believe would never occur again, was declared. Boys no longer, you took it all in your stride and suddenly became men. Went off to live a strange life in a service camp. Trained for dangerous activity, - on the land, in the air, on the sea and under the sea. Stories of your experiences in battle zones awe us. We will never know what you have lived through except as we try to understand from the news flashes in the movies, the photographs in magazines and newspapers, and your own personal experiences. From the normally irresponsible boys of a few years ago, you have become the men we rely on to protect us! A shiver of pride crawls down the spine as we think of it all. Forgive us if we seem sentimental - we just want you to know you're a swell bunch of fellows.

It may be considered wishful thinking -- but we wish that by this time next year it will all be over; that you will have served your part of the contract which calls not only "for the duration," but "six months thereafter" as well.

Dot Umstead will tell you what the Senior C. E. have been doing; Mrs. Powl, the Couples Club:

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society held a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve instead of Christmas Morning. Mr. James H. Little was our speaker and special organ music was presented by W. O. Samuel Worthington. On December 26, the Ambler Youth Council, made up of all the Young People's groups in the community, held their monthly meeting at the Presbyterian Church. Slides depicting the story of "The Other Wiseman" were shown. On January 2, 1944, Chaplain Freeman Sveom from the Willow Grove Naval Air Base spoke to us. He told us of the duties of the chaplains and also some of the problems which the servicemen bring to them.

The Couples Club held a Christmas party in December in the Men's Bible Class room. The room looked real Christmasy with the red leather chairs and the Christmas greens and a blazing fire in the fireplace.



The feature of the evening was a movie showing of various sports, sailing, fishing and skating, etc. The most interesting short of all was one showing the training of paratroopers. I wonder if some of you boys are in that branch of the service. It seemed to be very exciting but very dangerous work. We also packed a basket of food and clothing for a family less fortunate than we and trimmed a tree for the Beginners' Department. Of course Santa Claus came and gave us each a small gift after which we had refreshments and went home. It was fun but we are all trying to do everything we can to hasten the end of this war so you can come home and join us, then we can really have fun. Best wishes for the New Year and blessings on you all from the Couples Club.

Watch Night Service was held on New Year's Eve at the Baptist Church, Rev. Dunsmore preaching the sermon. Mary Jane Sleath has organized a Junior Choir. The death of Mr. William Andrews occurred Dec. 12th. Mr. Andrews had been ill for about a year and a half.

Gloria Simpson was home from State College for the holidays; as were the Hough boys, Charles and Bill, who attend George School. Caroline Shelly was home from Wellesley, and has announced her engagement to Robert Mack, of Cleveland, O. Mr. Mack attended Harvard and is now connected with the Harvard Research Laboratory.

Eleanor Danser and Cpl. Raymond Beaver, of Lansdale, were married December 29th. Eleanor and Ray's marriage was not a cut and dried affair, for their wedding date had been scheduled for last summer. Dresses had been bought, flowers ordered, invitations sent out. But Uncle Sam had other plans - Ray could not get home on his anticipated furlough, he had to go out on maneuvers. The day before Christmas Eleanor, feeling very dejected and blue, came up on the train from Philadelphia. Who should meet her at the station but Ray! It was the sixth train he had met, hoping that she would be on one of them. He had unexpectedly obtained a furlough. In a few days plans were buzzing again for their wedding, - the dresses gotten out of their wrappings, flowers ordered, invitations issued by phone. So, on Dec. 29th they were married in our church by Rev. Dunsmore. A few days honeymoon in New York, and Ray left again, New Year's night, for Calif.

Jimmy Claville and Betty Nice were married at Betty's home, Jan. 6th. Jimmy returned to Camp Campocell, Ky., the next day. Naomi Bauer and Sgt. Mathew Werner were married Dec. 11th, at the Trinity Church, Oxford, Phila. Naomi's husband is in the Airborne Engineers, stationed at the Army Air Base, Richmond, Va.

#### High School News

School resumed Jan. 3rd, after a ten day holiday period.

The ticket campaign for the play "Pride and Prejudice" was the most successful since "Little Women." As a result the play was presented before two packed houses on Dec. 9th and 10th. Ann Hickey, Anna Bolt and Bob Harsch played the leading roles.



A service flag, bearing 5 gold stars and the numerals 380, hangs in the lobby, and an honor roll erected beside it. The Senior Student Council sponsored the project of sending each alumnus serving his country a Christmas greeting. To those serving in this country a card with an etching of the main entrance of the high school was sent; and to those overseas a V-mail letter.

In the opening game of their basketball season, Ambler was defeated by Springfield, 32-29. In the second game, with Jenkintown, they were also beaten, 47-25. In the third game they were beaten by Lansdale, 31-15; and again by Quakertown 43-22.

William Fielder was the winner of the first award of \$15. in the essay contest on "Problems of the Post-War World" sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Sally Albertson received second award, \$10; and Dorothy Marple third prize, \$5. Five students received honorable mention, and they, together with the winners of the contest, were guests at the Kiwanians annual Christmas party.

S 1/c Irvin Woodward, 2nd Lt. William Lewis, Pvt. Horace Jones, Robert O'Brien, Dudley Deck and Willard Leh, were among the Alumni who visited the school during the month.

Members of the band are working on a merit system. They are rated upon attendance, amount of interest taken and participation at activities other than those in school. At the end of three years those who have been outstanding will receive a pin.

#### Here is some Local News:

Mr. William Slutter died Dec. 20th. He was mail carrier in Ambler for over 30 years, having retired about ten years ago. His son, Ralph, is with the Army in New Guinea. William Deuchar was re-elected president of the Wissahickon Fire Co. They have purchased a lot on Butler Ave., between the Atlantic Station and the Acme store, as the site for a new fire company building, to be erected after the war. We understand that this will include recreational facilities, - bowling alleys, etc. You will probably find it a good place to spend your free nights when you come back.

The Chapel at the Naval Air Station, Willow Grove, (Pitcairn) will be dedicated early next year in the name of Congressman Ditter who lost his life in an airplane accident in November.

We have had very cold weather - the temperature stayed under 32 for almost three weeks, just before and during Christmas week, which made the skating supreme. No rain or snow - just dry and clear, making the ice on the reservoir just like glass. A big crowd was there every day, playing hockey, figure skating - and just plain having fun.

Mr. Thomas Gillin, 90 years old, died Dec. 29th. Mr. Gillin was well known as a naturalist. Having travelled widely during his life in quest for birds and eggs, he was the owner of the largest bird and egg collection in Eastern Penna.



Mabel Ditter has received an appointment to the post of sixth assistant District Attorney in charge of juvenile cases. Mabel is the first woman in Montgomery County's history to become an assistant District Attorney.

Pvt. Lillian Springsteel, WAC, has been ill in the Station Hospital, Ft. Oglethorpe, for several weeks. Lt. Vera Haff has arrived for duty in an Army hospital in Hawaii. She says that the hospital is very well equipped, comparing even better than some of those in the states. A/C George Brumbaugh has completed his training at the Basic Flying School at Courtland, Ala. A/C Jack Nixon has arrived at Corsicana Field, Tex., for primary flight training. Paul Raser, somewhere in Africa, has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. Jimmy McKinnon, promoted to Technician 5th Grade; Buddy Rawlins, to PFC. Both boys are in the band at North Camp Hood, Tex. Pfc. Jack Tressler is now stationed in England. He is in the Army Air Force. Jesse Brownback left Dec. 27th for Parris Island for service in the Marine Corps. His wife and little son will live with Jesse's mother until his return. Henry Hopwood recently graduated from the Army Air Field flexible gunnery school, Kingman, Ariz. The D.F.C. has been awarded to Lt. (jg) Philip Wainwright, Gwynedd, for helping save the lives of eight injured fliers who bomber fell into the sea off New Britain. Yeoman 2/C Mary Dickinson, Washington, D. C., arrived home Christmas Eve. Her friends surprised her with a party to celebrate her 21st birthday. Bud Ruth, Navy, was home for the holidays and saw for the first time, his little son, born several months ago. He's quite proud that he is a papa - collected gifts for the baby while on his trip to the Mediterranean area. He enjoyed slipping into the baby's room and pushing the baby back and forth in his coach - but was slightly embarrassed when his family caught him in this domestic role.

George Cottrell; S 1/C Herbert Smith; Pvt. Donald Smith; Pvt. Bentley Smith; Ensign Alexander Knight of Cherry Point; Lt. (jg) Harold Knight of Calif.; Warren Fleck; Fred Martin; Pvt. Bill Weir, stationed at Western Maryland Univ.; Heeb Meyers, Chief Specialist at Sampson, N.Y.; Pvt. Raymond Miley, husband of the former Peggy Amey; Gilbert Huber, Marine, stationed at Penn State; Franklin Wright; Navy, stationed at Penn; Pfc. Harvey Wittman, Camp Phillips, Kan.; Donald Meng, Army Signal Corps, State College; Mildred Pierson, Marine Corps, Cherry Pt.; Lt. William Lancaster, Calif.; Francis Callahan, in the Coast Guard; Clinton Rapp, Navy - all were fortunate enough to have been granted furloughs for the Christmas holidays. During Clinton's furlough he assisted them at the First National Bank - sounds like a busman's holiday to us.

Sgt. Jack Rainey narrowly escaped injury, or worse, on Dec. 18th when an Atlantic Coast Line train, on which he was riding, piled up in a wreck near Lumberton, N.C. The accident was caused when a southbound train was derailed and sprawled across a double track. The northbound train, on which Jack was riding, plowed into the wreckage, causing the death of more than eighty people. Jack was on his way to Ft. Dix. He assisted with the injured in his bare feet, having removed his shoes a few minutes before the accident, with the



temperature at near freezing. Pvt. George Rawlins missed the railroad wreck, only because the troop train in which he was riding, was over an hour late. His train reached the scene of the accident just after it occurred. He was on his way to Miami Beach, Fla.

Robert O'Brien, 2/C Radar Technician, arrived home unexpectedly Dec. 27th, from Bizerte, North Africa. He sailed, last April, for the Mediterranean, and took part in the battles of Salerno and Sicily. He has been assigned to a new training course, covering a period of nine months, at Washington, D. C. Harold Stevens, bombardier, has been reported missing in action, according to a telegram received by his wife on Dec. 27th. He was in the European war zone. A/C William Huber reported at the A.A.F. Basic Flying School, Courtland, Ala. for the third stage in his training as cadet pilot. "Buck" Johnson, at Ft. Meyers, Fla., and Miss June Carter, Sunbury, Pa., were married Dec. 22nd down in Florida. Mrs. Hugh Lynch, has been some time with her husband, Yeoman 3/C, of the Seabees, at Gulfport, Miss., where he is awaiting embarkation. A daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz on Dec. 26th. Dr. Lorenz is with the Army, in Alaska. Dick Gump, Pharmacists mate, is in India. Walter Dummeldinger and his wife, the former Harriet Gump, came home Jan. 2nd for a week. Walter is in the Army, at Ripon, Wis. Ray Collins is with the Army at Norfolk, Va. A/C William Lunn is with the Army Air Forces at Greensboro, N.C.

Pvt. George Roney is recovering at Camp Butner, N.C., from injuries he received to his legs when a 45 mm. gun ran over him during training. Bob Davies, on duty on an airplane carrier, has been promoted to Aviation Machinist Mate, Second Class. Capt. Wolf - (you remember he sold Ford cars in Ft. Washington before the war?) has been commended for his work in keeping the aircraft of two squadrons in perfect working condition during heavy fighting. Capt. Wolf is in the South Pacific. Dick Slayton, Army Aviation Cadet, has moved from Coleman Field to Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas. Joe Gear, F 1/C of Seabees, has left Pt. Hueneme, Cal., for the Pacific. Bob Lutz, Camp Swift, Tex., has been promoted to Sergeant.

Marine Lt. Col. Herbert Amey was killed in action in the Southwest Pacific Nov. 20th. The battle in which he lost his life was probably Tarawa. Sgt. Donald Leech's mother was presented with an Air Medal which was awarded him "for exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe." Donald, first reported as missing, is now a German prisoner. Staff Sergeant James Craig, is reported missing after a raid over Germany on Dec. 22nd. Norman Jones and Willard Leh, Marines, were home on boot leave, about the 13th of Jan. Spike Friel, Navy, has returned from a trip to Bermuda. Stanley Neigut is in Hawaii. Bobby Lindenfeld, reported for Naval training at Sampson, N.Y., Jan. 10th. Corp. Charles Flannagan, stationed at Laredo, Tex., had a 15 day furlough around the 10th of the month. N. A/C Jimmy Corson has completed his primary flight training at Glenview, Ill., and has been moved to Corpus Christi, Tex. At the end of his training period here, he will receive his wings and be



commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve, or a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Jimmy was home from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve. Pvt. Vernon Harp is in England. Pfc. Dick Harris has moved from Camp Swift, Tex., to the maneuver area, Shreveport, La. Donald Rorer, Engineers Airborne, has moved from Bradley Field, Conn., to the Army Air Base, Richmond, Va. Anthony Urban, H.A. 2/C, has returned to Sampson, N.Y. for further training. Previously he was located at the Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.

Seems to have been a landslide of marriages performed, and engagements announced over the holidays. Someone has said it might be better to withhold this news, that you boys might feel there aren't any girls left in Ambler. But we think you would like to share the excitement. To ease your worries -- there are plenty of girls left; and besides you must remember that Dan Cupid always seems to be a pretty busy person around Christmas time.

2nd Lt. Ed Murphy was home from Quantico for the holidays. His engagement to Jean Sandell, of Springfield, was announced.

Allison Whitcomb's marriage to Eleanor Streeper, Chestnut Hill, took place Dec. 28th, in Columbia, S.C.

Marjorie Dougherty, announced her engagement to Cpl. Charles Wagner. Charles is stationed in England with the Army Air Force.

S 1/C Jack Kayser and Betty Mann are engaged.

Pvt. Frank Wolf and Theresa McNair are engaged.

Florence Morgan, Ft. Washington, became the bride of Edwin Roberts on Dec. 17th.

Mary Louise Allen has announced her engagement to Sgt. Mel James. Mel is serving with the Army Signal Corps in Newfoundland, and was home on a 15 day furlough just before Christmas. Mary Louise is a student at Bucknell.

The marriage of Ann Mendenhall and Robert Meyser has been announced. The wedding was performed at Ft. McClellan, Ala., where Robert is stationed.

Mary Fales and Pvt. Walter MacLaughlin were married on Christmas day at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Ft. Washington. Walter is serving with the Remount Service Quarter Masters Dept., Ft. Reno, Okla.

Catherine Mitsch has announced her engagement to Paul Meyer of Philadelphia.

Eleanor Norris' engagement to Clark Moore, Ft. Washington, was announced on Christmas Day.

Catherine Smith and Richard Craft have announced their engagement and expect to be married in February.



Following are a few items of National Interest:

A new treatment for burns has been developed by two Navy physicians, a method which involves application of a medicated solution of human plasma directly to the surface of the burn. A post-war use for the flame thrower has been discovered. A pattern of this deadly weapon has been adapted to rid the farmers' cultivated land of weeds. The "flame cultivator", pulled by a tractor and which can be operated by two men, spurts a 220-degree flame groundward through four ejectors.

The Army recently disposed of a few dozen jeeps, which farmers in the western part of the country bought immediately, price about \$750. They are proving to be invaluable on those huge farms - feeding cattle on the range, towing trailerloads of grain, harrowing fields, repairing fences, reaching inaccessible parts of the farm, because it can climb hills, cross rivers, travel over mud and snow. They can even be used to hunt wolves.

Mrs. Herbert Hoover, wife of Ex-President Hoover died of a heart attack on Jan. 7th, in New York. Her death was very sudden, coming just as Mr. Hoover was bidding her good-bye preparatory to leaving for a dinner. She was 63.

Judged on the basis of movie, radio and personal appearances, Bob Hope has been rated comedian No. 1 in the U.S. Motion Picture Herald. His chief appeal as premier comedian of the day lies in his immense popularity among U.S. troops at home and abroad. In Alaska, North Africa, Sicily, Britain and camps throughout the U.S. he has provoked laughter. To those in far-away and strange places he has been a symbol of home.

Time magazine has chosen Gen. George C. Marshall as the man of the year, - he armed a great Republic. Beginning in 1938 he transformed a worse-than-disarmed U.S. into the world's most effective military power.

Winston Churchill became ill of pneumonia after the conference at Toheran, which President Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin also attended. After his convalescence at an undisclosed point, he has entirely recovered. This was his second attack of the disease within ten months. The London Daily Express nominated Mrs. Churchill as Woman of 1943, for "she did what every woman in these isles would give her soul to do; she went out to fetch her man home."

Before the President returned he visited several battle areas. Photographs appearing in the papers of his visits, showed him to be very tired, but in one picture showing him posing in a jeep, wearing a plaid cowboy shirt, he looked very snappy. Since his return he has claimed the New Deal is dead, and hopes someone will think up a catchy way to sloganize "win the war."



The Army announced that soldiers in England will soon be getting good, old American cokes and sodas. Army post exchanges are importing soda fountains, drink-dispensing machines, ice-cream freezers. Also soda jerkers who will teach soldiers and civilian workers the trade, and perhaps the lingo.

As you know servicemen who are not around on pay day, go pay-less until his records catch up with him. Recently the Navy replaced this method by a simple pay-record card to be carried, and presented by the blue-jacket to any paymaster on pay day.

The Municipal Airport in Philadelphia was suddenly and unexpectedly closed the first of the year, because the Army decided it was a militarily strategic point. Plans are being rushed to complete a half-finished airport in North-east Phila., hoping that some sort of air service can be resumed about the middle of February.

Marine Major Gregory Boyington, had just shot down his 26th plane, to tie the record of Capt. Joe Foss, Marine; and Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker in the World War I, when he and his plane disappeared.

Deanna Durbin and Lt. Vaughn Paul have been divorced after  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years of married life.

Fats Waller, famed jazz pianist died recently. He once defined swing, for a serious young woman - "Lady, if you got to ask, you ain't got it."

Gene Krupa got the greatest ovation in the history of Broadway's Paramount Theater on his first theater date since he was paroled last summer on a narcotics charge.

A plan for rotating combat troops is proposed in Washington. Combat troops, soldiers in Alaska and the Caribbean areas with more than two years of overseas service will, "under ordinary conditions," be returned to the states. In the North African area, certain numbers of those with more than 18 months overseas service, also will be returned. Some of those serving in the South and Southwest Pacific probably will be returned in the spring.

A lumber salesman, John C. Huff, was arrested in Philadelphia recently, after running up 81 traffic violations, and causing the police a five month search for him. He was the type of driver who thought traffic lights were always green, like Christmas trees; that the space in front of a fire plug was reserved just for him; that traffic policemen passed out tickets just to prove they could write. His accrued fines totalled to \$2227.50, which he couldn't pay. The magistrate sentenced him to sell his car and walk for the rest of his life.

Groucho Marx let a "beautiful young lady" out of his sedan in Los Angeles and drove into a telephone pole. Treated at a hospital



or bruises and a possible rib fracture, he explained: "I was looking at her in the rearview mirror, or rolling up the windows, or something."

William Collard, a dreamer who had plans for developing a tunnel under the English Channel, died the end of December. Although his idea when launched, was received enthusiastically, the British were grateful that the plans had ultimately fallen through when the Germans reached Calais in 1940.

On Sat. Dec. 18th, for the first time in its history, except in blackouts, there was no light in the tower of City Hall, Phila. The clock still doesn't run, and no priorities can be obtained to get the parts for repairs.

Recently Gloria Vanderbilt DiCicco filed an account that her yearly allowance of \$135,000 was not enough for her needs and she had had to pawn some of her jewels for \$1,800 to pay her bills. A small group of soldiers at an Eighth Air Force fighter station raised \$2.05 to hold her out - the 5¢ for a cup of coffee!

Now, for some Sports News:

Herb Pennock the great southpaw pitcher of the Yanks of a decade ago, now general manager of the Phillies. Fred Fitzsimmons is field manager. He was one of regular pitchers with the Giants for years and later with the Dodgers. He was brought to the Phillies as manager in mid season last year when Cox then the controlling owner fired Bucky Harris. Cox was new to baseball, took on the Executive duties of the Phils Club at the beginning of last season. He did the Club a lot of good, bought and swapped players, had the Club up in the running for a time and was rewarded by drawing the crowds. Beginning in mid season with his sudden dismissal of manager Bucky Harris his troubles started and ended in November when Judge Landis barred him from baseball for life, for betting on the Phils. Pennock always popular with the fans will no doubt continue to improve the team. He is backed with plenty of financial aid by Carpenter, the new owner.

The Athletics bought Bob Newsome; you baseball fans know Bob. He's the pitcher that can pitch when he wants to pitch. He's been with seven or eight major league clubs, both National and American leagues. He moves fast, with the Dodgers last year, the leading pitcher, in the National League he quits, sulks, fights, swapped to tail end St. Louis Americans, not so hot, sold to Washington and now Connie Mack buys him. Well if they can get him in the mood, mad enough or make him believe they don't believe he can do it, the "A's" will win some games.

Great discussion as to whether they will have enough men to play this year. General consensus of opinion of baseball men is that the regular schedule will be played. Connie Mack says they will play if nothing but school boys and 4 F's are available.



Forgot to tell you, the Phils have already made one buy that looks good, Babe Phelps the former Dodger catcher, he's been out of the game for a season or two, also supposed to be hard to get along with, but always first rate receiver and batted around 350.

St. Louis Cards who won National League championship had five pitchers with outstanding records. Mort Cooper led the League with 21 wins 8 losses. Max Lanier, Howie Pollet, Alpha Boozle and Harry Brecheen all made records, sorry not space enough to give details. Johnny Vander Meer of Cincinnati struck out the most, 174, also gave most bases on balls, 162. Rip Sewell of Pittsburgh, who they say "divebombed" batters with his high arched specialty pitch completely pitched the most games, 25.

Horse owner pays \$2000.00 for a dead horse plus \$10.00 to cart away the carcass. Miss Laura Froelish won the draw to buy the prize. The horse very much alive, started in the claiming race, at which time the purchase at such affairs is made, broke her neck when she fell at the finish. The horse was called, "The Duck". Maybe should say \$2010.00 for a dead duck.

When Temple basketballers played Oklahoma A & M on Dec. 18th, really tall men played center. Bill Budd for Temple 6 ft. 6 in. and Bob Kurland for Oklahoma 7 ft. Okies won 42-37.

Chicago University won a basketball game early this month. Mention this because previous to this win they had lost 45 straight. Last week they lost again.

Penn University has a winning basketball team this year and is near the top in standing among the colleges.

Fritzie Zivic the old 150 lb. fighter knocked out Bulldog Harris in last round of 10 round bout. Zivic has been in the ring 14 years. Jim Braddock former heavy weight champion is now a Captain in the Army attached to the Brooklyn base.

The Swedish star Gunder Hoegg and Arne Anderson have declined invitation to compete in this country this year. Greg Rice the great distance runner is an Ensign in the Navy, but Gil Dodds and Bill Hulse, the two boys who chased Gunder the Wonder all summer are expected to better the indoor mile record. Chasing Gunder, Hulse ran a 4.06 mile, the fastest ever run by an American and Dodds ran a 4.06.1 mile. They expect to beat the indoor record this winter, which is 4.07.4.

Gunder Hoegg was voted "The Athletic of the Year" in this country. Spur Chandler the Yankee pitcher whose 20 victories won him the American league's "Most Valuable Player" award was second. Chandler led his league. Pitching average, 833, 20 wins, 4 defeats.



700 points is perfect in the U. S. Army's physical fitness tests, known as the seven event or suptathlon grind. 690 was scored by Lt. Ed Allen, 6 ft. 1 in. tall 195 lbs. Allen set up these scores: 18 pull ups, 16 Burpee movements in 20 secons, 72 squat jumps, 44 push ups, 84 sit ups, 37 sec. for 300 yard run, 16.5 seconds for 100 yard run while carrying 195 lbs. Entire test conducted over 90 minute period. Allen was football and track star at Penn.

Jug McSpaden of Philadelphia won the Los Angeles Open. He broke the Wilshire Country Club record in the process. 66 in his final round, for a total of 278 for 72 holes. Eighteen hole for the course is 71. Johnny Bulla of Atlanta was second with 281. Three others tied for third with 283. Sammy Byrd, who set the pace for the first two rounds, finished with 287.

Connie Mack, Jr., youngest son of Old Boy Connie, is 31 years old, 6 ft. 6 inc. high. He was held at New Cumberland Induction Center. No clothes to fit. Sleeve length 37½ inches. Trousers leg 37 inches. Shoes, size 13. He is Treasurer of the "As", is married and has four children.

Jimmy Foxx, the former home run slugger, now is leather goods salesman called by draft board for physical. 36 years old. Married. Two children. With the "As" for years, then Boston Red Sox for about 5 years, then Chicago Cubs until he retired from baseball 2 years ago.

The Yankee ball club, the papers say, may change ownership.

New Year's Day Bowl football games attended by large crowds. In the Rose Bowl, played this year by two Western teams, was a surprising upset. Southern California has never lost a Rose Bowl game and although their opponents, University of Washington, was the 2½ to 1 favorite in the betting, the final score was Southern Calif. 29, Washington 0. This is the seventh time Southern Calif. has played in the Rose Bowl, and they have won all. Dazzling passing coupled with rugged defense was what they dished out.

In the Sugar Bowl Tulsa in second quarter lead 12 to 0 but Georgia Tech won 20 to 18. They travelled 89 yards in last quarter for final touchdown.

Sun Bowl - Southwestern 7; New Mexico 0  
Cotton Bowl - Texas W. 7; Randolph Field 7  
Orange Bowl - L.I.U. 19; Texas Aggies 14.

Our Ace Reporter, Jackie Ledeboer (12 yrs. old) contributed much of the above information. He knows his sports.

Returning from a visit to her doctor, the husband asked his wife what the doctor said.

Wifey: As soon as I showed him my tongue he said I needed a stimulant.

Hubby: What! He said that needed stimulating.



Continuing with News of our boys: --

With most of our boys away from home on this most important time of the year when families want to be together, we rejoiced that many parents were able to have their sons with them for Christmas. Tech. Sgt. Charles King was home from Camp Maxey, Texas. He remarked that seeing so many of his friends around Ambler made him think it was Old Home Week. Tech. Cpl. Dick King, Camp Butner, N. C. was also home, and this was the first time the brothers had seen each other for fourteen months. Just a few days before Christmas we happened to be in Kings' store when two packages arrived from Harold King, North Africa. When the boxes were opened we beheld beautiful pieces of carved ebony, ivory, mahogany, brass; bracelets and silk hankies for his sisters -- all very carefully wrapped to prevent breakage. Actually Harold is now minus a bath towel, for he sacrificed this important piece of bathing equipment to wrap around a piece of delicately carved ivory.

Ensign Oakley Hoyt, Patuxent, Md. sent his mother a telegram that he would be home for Christmas, and surprised her still further by walking into the house an hour after the telegram was delivered. Norman Kriebel, Mt. Weather, Va. was able to be home. Mr. Kriebel, who works in Washington, and Norman came up on the same train from Washington but neither of them knew it until they met at the front door of their home. Lt. Macomber, Charleston, S.C. came home the day before Christmas and stayed until New Year's. Cpl. Donald Gerhart, Ft. Bragg, S.C., 2/C P.O. Charles Meyers, Perk Della Loggia, Coast Guard, Manhattan and S2/C Allen Taylor, Coast Guard, Newport, R.I., were home for the holidays. Allen's mother had a few busy hours, madly rushing around the town trying to locate a film for her camera. No luck in any of the stores, she finally found a friend, from whom she borrowed both the film and the camera.

Cpl Chic Willox, Camp Walters, Texas, arrived home a few days before Christmas and remained until New Year's Eve. It was the first time he's been home, since he entered the Army 9 months ago. Strange as it may seem, Chic didn't seem to miss his motorcycle. But he has a little skirt interest in these parts - and a motorcycle would not have suited his fancy anyway.

Staff Sgt. Gerry Davis, gunner engineer on a B-26, has been awarded another Oak Leaf, his third. Gerry evidently is going to town - German Towns, no doubt. He deserves our heartiest congratulations. By the way, just a few days ago his mother received a letter from him saying that he had completed his 24th mission! The English people, he said, were especially kind to American soldiers at Christmas. He became acquainted with an English family who invited Gerry and his buddy to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at their home. Then extended the invitation to include New Year's too. We heard from another source, also, that the English did their best to make the Yanks feel at home - even to having saved portions of their fat coupons since August, in order to make plum pudding and tarts for Christmas Day.



Kelsey Tompkins' parents have recently received a card from him, dated August, stating that he had just gotten the first letters and a box, since he has been in a German prison camp. Pvt. Harold Moore has been moved to Pittsburg, Cal.

Cpl. Ralph Priest, Marine, has been commended for his work in the Southwest Pacific. His father received a letter from Maj. Gen. Griswold, in command of the New Georgia campaign, in which Ralph was praised for "efficient and untiring performance of duty on New Georgia Island and for courageous services against the Japanese." He was in action in radio communications for 60 consecutive days; has now been appointed "materielle man" in charge of all repair and maintenance work on all communications equipment. Ralph has been overseas since Feb. '42.

Pvt. Dick Schuler, Army Air Corps, is now at Miami Beach, Fla. Harvey Eisenhard was home just before Christmas. He has been transferred from Purdue Univ. to the De Gaussing School at Norfolk, Va. Just been promoted to F 1/c, too. Congratulations, Harvey.

Bob Stevens, S 1/C, is stationed at the P.T. Base in San Bruno, Cal. He recently met John Roach. Pfc. Frank King is reported to be in Ireland. Bob Cassel, assigned to the U.S.S. Robt. E. Perry, was home the weekend of Jan. 8th. Pvt. Dan Stevens has been moved from Gulfport, Miss. to the Air Corps Technical School, Keesler Field, Miss. AMM.F. 3/C Bob Broughton has been hospitalized somewhere on the Hawaiian Islands. His illness was caused by an infection.

A/C Bob Simpson has successfully passed his Naval training at Chapel Hill, N. C., and has been moved to Glenview, Ill. We sincerely congratulate Bob, for he had many difficulties to overcome to enable him to be advanced with his class. For three weeks he had been in the hospital with an injured knee. This meant that a great deal of extra work had to be assumed when he recovered in order to keep up with his group. Lt. Bill Hayward recently met Pat Patterson in England. Pat, who is a graduate of 1934, Ambler High School, is a co-pilot on a Liberator. Pvt. Harry Landis, Camp Swift, Tex. had a recent furlough.

Naval A/C Bill Singer has been moved from the University of Penn to Chapel Hill, N. C.; Army A/C Bruce Singer from Syracuse, N.Y. to Craig Field, Ala. S 1/C Gordon Jervis has been assigned to the U.S.S. Bennion.

Staff Sgt. Albert Volpe has been moved from the Alachua Army Air Field to Montbrook Air Field, Williston, Fla. Pvt. Fred DiSantis is at Camp Edwards, Mass.; Pvt. Mike Lepore at New Cumberland, Pa. Ralph Vandegrift has joined the Navy Service Repair Unit, with a P.O. rating. This is a brand new Naval unit and Ralph is awaiting call until a battalion can be made up. Valdo Dragani is in New Guinea. His talents with a harmonica has claimed the interest of the boys in his unit. They have made up a list of 210 favorite songs. When evening comes, they gather round and sing the whole repertoire of 210 songs, with Valdo accompanying them on his mouth organ. This sounds interesting. We can just imagine those boys looking forward to the song fests every evening - a regular Hit Parade.



Pfc. Russell Benigno, with the 13th Armored Div. Band, has moved from Camp Beale, Cal., to Camp Bowie, Tex. Congratulations to Roscoe Smith who has just been promoted to Ph. M 1/C. He has been moved from Camp Bradford, Norfolk, to Ft. Pierce, Fla. where he is training in amphibious work on landing barges. He is mighty pleased with his new assignment. Roscoe was home over New Year's day.

Capt. J. E. Stewart, who made such a name for himself with his bombing missions over Germany, is now with a training unit at the Army Air Base, Casper, Wyo. After having been assigned to only temporary units since his return to the States, and living in hotels and boarding houses, he has found a very comfortable bungalow where he and Mrs. Stewart live. He deserves a good break, for he has certainly fulfilled his duty well.

We hear that Pvt. Hampy Moore is still seeing a great deal of the southern part of the country by plane, having flown over the most dangerous mountains in the world. He is Aviation Maintenance Man.

Roscoe O. Brady, Jr., has started a Medical Course at Harvard University. He has completed his Pre-Medical course at State College, Pa.

Pfc. George Camburn has arrived safely in North Africa. Pvt. Bob Kern has been moved from Miami Beach, Fla. to the A.A.F., Amarillo, Tex. to study the mechanics of flying fortresses. Lt. Andy Dressler was in Ambler on Jan. 6th. He had been in the Pacific for a long time.

We found an error in our December letter. In telling about Stanley Biggert, we should have said Stanley was ninth in a class of 160 men when he graduated from a Naval Air Gunners school.

If a laugh a day keeps the doctor away, we hope these will have some influence in keeping you out of sick bay:

A passenger boarded a streetcar, and apologetically gave the conductor a \$5. bill. "I'm sorry," he said, "I haven't a nickel." "Don't worry, mister," grimly comforted the conductor. "In a minute you'll have 99 of them."

At no time is freedom of speech more precious than when a man hits his thumb with a hammer.

"You look fed up, Mr. Jones."

"Yes, I've had a trying day. My office boy tried that old gag about wanting the day off to attend his grandmother's funeral. I thought I'd teach him a lesson and go with him."

"Not a bad idea. Wasn't it a good ball game?"

"It wasn't a ball game. It was his grandmother's funeral."

"You look sweet enough to eat," said the soldier to the girl.

"I do eat," she replied. "Let's go."



At a ball game last summer, a soldier noticed when the National Anthem was being played, that the man in front of him failed to remove his hat. The soldier tapped the man on the back and asked, "How about that millinery?"

"Oh, I forgot," was the reply. "You see I am pretty sensitive about being bald."

"You're in good company," the soldier reminded him, "So is the American eagle."

"A father received a letter from his soldier boy abroad. It read: "Dear Dad: I'm now in Jerusalem where the Lord was born. I wish to the Lord that I was back in Brooklyn, where I was born."

A boy recently being examined for induction, noticed the draft board examiner actually turned pale before he exempted him. "Is something serious the matter?" the boy asked anxiously. "Oh, nothing much," said the doctor vaguely, "but if I were you, from now on I wouldn't bother to begin any serial stories."

"I hope you have learned to get up promptly in the morning", wrote a mother to her son in the Army, "and don't keep the whole battalion waiting for breakfast."

Then there's the irate farmer who thought the Army was spoiling his son by letting him sleep until 6 A. M.!

Heard on the Radio Hall of Fame: Discussion between Gracie Allen and George Burns. Gracie has a new idea. Her brother has just been accepted as a bombardier and she knows just what to give him as a farewell gift -- a bucketful of kiethen fat!

Geo. - Why you can't make bombs out of that !

Gracie - Yes, I know, but he can drop that on the streets of Berlin and hundreds of thousands of Germans will slip and fall.

Geo. Why, I don't understand.

Gracie - Sure. My, won't those Heinies be sore!

A government official asked a tough Marine Sergeant what he thought of the Four Freedoms.

"The Four Freedoms are all right," answered the sergeant, "but the one I m for is the seventh."

"Didn't know they ran that high," replied the official. "What is the seventh/"

"Freedom from what," said the sergeant.

A poem with a moral, written in the 17th Century, by a Dutch poet - Jacob Cats:

"When the Hun is poor and down,  
He's the humblest man in town.  
But once he climbs and holds the rod,  
He smites his fellow men and God."

We can't help but wonder what has become of the South Sea Island cannibals we used to hear so much about. Stories we've heard and read all seem to indicate that the natives are very friendly and helpful. Was the cannibal just a myth after all?



Oscar Stillwagon, in Australia, asked if we would include in our letters songs on the Hit Parade. We are very glad to do this. Although we may not be able to listen in regularly every Saturday night, we will do the best we can.

- | <u>Dec. 18th</u>                       | <u>Jan. 1st</u>                  | <u>Jan. 14</u>                  |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. My Heart Tells Me.                  | 1. My Heart Tells Me.            | 1. My Heart Tells Me            |
| 2. Oh, What a Beautiful morning.       | 2. White Christmas               | 2. Shoo, Shoo, Baby             |
| 3. Paper Doll                          | 3. I'll Be Home for Christmas    | 3. Paper Doll                   |
| 4. People Will Say We're In Love       | 4. Paper Doll                    | 4. People Will Say              |
| 5. Pistol Packin' Mamma                | 5. Shoo, Shoo, Baby              | 5. Oh, What a Beautiful Morning |
| 6. They're Either Too Young or Too Old | 6. Oh, What a Beautiful Morning  | 6. For the First Time           |
| 7. For the First Time                  | 7. People Will Say We're in Love | 7. Speak Low                    |
| 8. Speak Low                           | 8. For the First Time            | 8. Either Too Young or Too Old  |
| 9. My Ideal                            | 9. Pistol Packin' Mamma          | 9. Star Eyes                    |

Frank Sinatra sings many of these heart-throbs; For the First Time; People Will Say We're in Love; Shoo Shoo Baby; Pistol Packin' Mamma. He's been dubbed the "Swoon crooner" (Swoonatra) - probably due to the fact that most of the females in the audience swoon when he croons. Judging from the o-o-o-o-h's and a-a-a-a-h's one hears as he sings, the little ladies are having a terrible time. Think he's become popular because the girls have no one to croon over them, their boy friends are all in the service --- those who remain at home are "Either too Young or Too Old!" By the way, Sinatra has just been rejected by the Army because of a broken ear drum, which he says may have been caused by a mastoid in childhood. Can't help but think his ear condition is caused by the eruptions of his audience when he sings on the Hit Parade!

We said in a previous letter that we believed Pvt. Davis McKinnon was located farther away than any of our boys. He received his Newsletter #13, which was his first, and promptly wrote to us from "Somewhere in China." We are more than thrilled to hear from him. He wants to say "Hello" to everyone and sends his best regards. His letter is very interesting. David says he traveled 40,000 miles to reach his destination, nine tenths of the way by water. He touched five different ports and only two were in the same country. He says the mountains of China remind him of those in Pennsylvania. David started his Army career with Pfc. Charles C. Shisler, Jr. of Harleysville, Pa. They were separated in India and are now together again, sharing the same room. David says their job is to "Keep them Flying". David also claims his outfit is the "best in the service". Who will deny him that?

Congratulations to Sam Dailey who has just been promoted to Sgt. He is also "Somewhere in England". Like all the other fellows in England, he is struggling with the blackout. At the time Sam wrote, he had not seen his brother Bud, but we hope they have met by this time.

Congratulations to Bob Davies who made his next rating and is now



A.M.M.2/C. We have 2 letters from Bob, both written from the U.S.S. Coral Sea, "At Sea".

Pvt. Daniel W. Stevens writes to tell us of his change to Keesler Field, Ill., where he is getting his schooling for Airplane Mechanic. He hopes, when he finishes there, to go on and become a Flight Engineer. He looks forward each month to receiving his Newsletter and trusts it will follow him wherever he goes.

Robert W. Gerhart S2/C writes his appreciation of the Newsletter. He was not home for Christmas but hopes to come very soon. Bob, as you may remember, is in an interesting branch of the Navy. He is at the "Lighter than Air" Base, at Elizabeth City, N. C.

P. Della-Loggia, W. S. Coast Guard, writes from Manhattan Beach, N.Y. where he is having his Basic Training and says "Hello" to all his friends. Perk is learning seamanship and hopes to go on to some other schools.

A/C Bruce Singer wrote to tell us about his change. He was at Syracuse University, then went to Nashville, Tenn. and was classified as pilot. Now he is at Craig Field, Ala. working on the flight line and taking, as he says, "that only too well known P-T and drill, with a few lectures and education movies to take the rough spots out and give us time to relax". We wish him lots of good luck and wonder if he sees Lt. Clifford Martin who is an instructor at Craig Field.

Pvt. Frank T. Fertsch received his first Newsletter and wrote us immediately. We appreciate this very much. He is having his Basic Training in the Army Air Force at Miami Beach, Fla. He hopes to go on to a school for technical training. Frank, also, tells us they have church services every Sunday morning on the beach, weather permitting. Frank speaks very highly of the Air Force Chaplains and says they are real friends.

Sgt. Thomas E. Weaver writes that "the censorship is really rugged these days." Tom is in the Pacific area and heretofore has been able to send us many interesting letters, so when Tom doesn't write, we miss it. However, we hope Tom will continue to drop us a line whenever he can.

We are very glad to hear from Cpl. Robert Roane again. He says he had turkey and everything nice for Thanksgiving. Also, after dinner they had a nice song service. He, too, says they have a fine Chaplain. Robert is in the Southwest Pacific, and is very interested in watching the natives, whose customs are so different from ours. Perhaps some day, he can tell us more about it.

Cpl. Peter Gironde writes from Camp Rucker, Ala. that when they were coming from maneuvers they arrived at Ft. McClellan the night of Armistice Day. They stopped for gas and food and Pete was lucky enough to spend three hours with Phil Benigno.



Pvt. Paul Moneglia has received his first Newsletter and writes to tell us he appreciates it and is happy to read about his buddies. He is "somewhere in England" and we hope he meets some of the Ambler boys who are near him.

A/C Donald S. Betts, has, also received his first Newsletter and is happy to be on our receiving list. Don is completing the last phase of his pilot training at Moody Field, Valdosta, Ga. He is training for his Wings in twin-engine ships and after graduation expects to go into Light or Medium Bombers. Don expects to graduate on Feb. 8th and we wish him the very best luck.

Paul B. Jones, S1C of the "Seabees" wrote to tell us he had moved to Port Hueneme, Cal. and they had three days of "unusual" Cal. weather - "rain and more rain". Paul has joined the Battalion Band and has carried his own cornet with him all this time. We are also glad to congratulate Paul on receiving his S1/C rating.

Robert J. Broughton, A.M.M.F. 3/C, writes from a Navy Hospital someplace in the Hawaiian Islands that the Newsletter "was as welcome as pay day and everything stopped until it was read from start to finish." Bob says there were several Pennsylvania fellows there and one had been stationed at the Willow Grove Station, so Bob and he had lots to talk about. We hope Bob has recovered by this time and we are waiting for his new address.

Since writing this, we hear Bob has recovered and is on his way again to some Naval Base in the Pacific.

Pvt. Charles P. Veia wrote to give us his new address. We certainly appreciate this and the letter arrived just in time. This is a wonderful help to us, and means that the Newsletter will reach Charles promptly. He is now "Somewhere in the Aleutians."

W.O. George J. Deens sends greetings from the Southwest Pacific and says he had a pleasant reunion with Tom Pottson Guadalcanal Thanksgiving Day.

Bob Gerhart, S2/C added a note with his Greetings and said they were having a blizzard down there in the sunny south.

S/Sgt. Gerry Davis added his appreciation of the Newsletter and said "Keep them coming."

Capt. Earl Matson and his wife, Dottie (Deck) sent their appreciation and said some very nice things about us.

Woody Woodward visited us, and told how much he enjoyed the newsletter and how gratefully he received it while overseas. He had just returned from the Mediterranean area: Bizerte, Oran, Sicily, where he saw action as a gunner on a Liberty ship - plenty of action. He had been granted a 25 day furlough from about Thanksgiving time to almost Christmas. Since his furlough, the Navy has been giving him a rest - for the first few weeks at Haverstraw on the Hudson; later at Deland, Fla. The boys were entertained at Haverstraw on Christmas Day by Milton Caniff, cartoonist of Terry and the Pirates. He gave



each an autographed picture which he had drawn.

Your greetings and appreciation were extended to the King's Daughters at our meeting this past Tuesday night. The girls were thrilled and love to hear from you.

Rev. Dunsmore sends the following message:

Fellows, as we enter a new year, what thought will we carry with us? In thinking of you and what each is doing, many things came to my mind -- such as the need of faith and hope. But the thought came to me that we all ought to consider that which is most practical -- service. I like to remember Jesus said that He came not to be served, but to serve. He has brought us this great challenge to do things for others wherever we are, under any and all conditions.

The favorite title Paul used for himself was "Servant" or "Bond-servant". He also recognized his life was not his own; it belonged to his Lord. When he wrote to the Christians in Galatia he told them they were made free in order to serve others; and Peter told his readers to be humble so that they might serve one another with unselfishness and kindness. Paul, too, said we are not to serve with resentment, but with good will.

Let us all make this resolution for the New Year: "I will take every opportunity to serve -- not sullenly, but cheerfully."

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When Lt. Macomber returned to Charleston the first of the year, after his furlough, Mrs. Macomber and Dick accompanied him. They expect to remain for the month of January. Mrs. Macomber has asked us to relay a message: She wishes to thank you for your very nice cards and letters, which she will answer upon her return.

Best wishes for a happier New Year. ---

Sincerely,

The King's Daughters.

P.S. After reading this letter you know Mrs. Macomber is away. Most of this letter is the work of Mrs. Ledeboer. Dot Umstead and Mrs. Powl wrote the Church Items and Mr. Hoyt, the Sprts News.



LETTER NO. 17

92 Bethlehem Pike  
Ambler, Pa.  
Feb. 12, 1944

Dear

February has a variety of interests - Ground Hog Day; Valentine's; there are twenty-nine days in the month, this being Leap Year; the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln.

Washington and Lincoln symbolize courage, fortitude, valor. They recognized their duties and saw that they were fulfilled. Could Marshall or MacArthur have done more at Valley Forge? Who but Lincoln would have dared divide a union in order to unite it? They were leaders, heroes.

It is not possible for all to be such. But you fellows who have had to leave at home wives, babies, sweethearts, families, unfinished educations -- you, who face danger almost wherever you turn -- are just as great heroes as the actual leaders. Officials and generals plan the strategies, but wars are won by the common soldier who carries the ball over the goal. That requires courage, fortitude, valor -- guts is what we mean.

Anne Campbell has expressed it just right:

He's a First-class Private!  
Everyone can't be  
A Captain, a Major  
In the Infantry!  
But a General even  
Sets the highest store  
By these First-class Privates  
Who will win the war!

School News

Ambler High's first issue of "X-ray" is out. This is a six-page array of current events, sports, faculty notes, jokes and gossip. Issues will be sent to all former pupils of Ambler High serving in the armed forces. Arthur Bolton is editor-in-chief.

Four seniors left for induction into the service: Joe Wallace, Ernie Smith, Calvin Ashton, now in Camp Lee, and Bobby Lindenfeld, in naval training at Sampson.



Lt. Dewey Bardwell explained to the 17-year old students the offer made by the Army Air Corps for a \$30,000 education to young men as aviation cadets. Applicants who qualify will receive basic training, be sent to a college for a 5 months course of preparatory training; then to a classification center where tests showing their aptitude will be given. Upon passing these tests they will receive a rating as aviation cadet.

Ambler won their 7th basketball game with Hatboro, 28-23; lost the 8th with Sell-Perk, 51-33; lost the 9th with Springfield, 22-19; lost with Jenkintown, 33-13; ditto with Doylestown 73-37. Bob McCracken is captain of the team.

"Buy a Plane" with war bonds drive began Jan. 17th, to continue for about a month. A quota is set for each home room. Donald Lapetina, Peter Guiliano, Steve Jones, Michael Mastromatto, Herbert Luxton, Glaude Rawlins and Stew Davis, of the Army; Heeb Meyers, and William Marano, of the Navy; Luther Coles, Marines; were some of the alumni who visited the school during the month. Mr. John Meyers, former coach; and Mr. Angelo Menna - both with the Red Cross, also were visitors.

Here is some Local news:

The groundhog saw his shadow Feb. 2, at 9.37.05 to be exact!

On Sun. Jan. 23rd, the J. William Ditter Memorial Chapel at the Naval Air Station (Pitcairn) was dedicated. The chapel, with a seating capacity for 250, was named in honor of Congressman Ditter, who was instrumental in obtaining funds for the construction of the \$25,000 building. You will remember that Mr. Ditter was killed in an airplane accident in November.

The engagement of Rose Forte to Pfc. Joseph Organski, stationed at Camp Butner, N.C., has been announced. Miss Kathryn Meyers and Ralph Michener were married Jan. 30th in the Lutheran Church. They will live in Seattle, Wash. Jan. 29th, at St. Paul's Reformed Church, Ann Theel and Pfc. Courtland Ross were married. June Brister Dufur, who has posed for prominent artists, won first place at an exhibition of paintings held at Gimbel's store. Capt. Ivan Dufur, her husband, is serving overseas. Mr. Daniel Marple, 77, died on Jan. 19th.

A tractor-trailer tanker, carrying 35,000 gals. of motor oil, rolled backward on Bethlehem Pike, near Hague's Mill Road, and crashed into the creek. The driver jumped to safety when the clutch and air-brakes gave out as he was going up an incline. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but it took longer to get the tanker out, than it took to get into the creek - 5 days.



Down at Brenneman Brady's neat little drug store,  
Red Vitamin pills are sold by the score -  
"Take two a day to prevent graying of hair."  
My word, don't they know the surest way  
To retain golden locks, prevent hair turning gray,  
Is to hear sirens screaming,  
Whistles blowing,  
Bells ringing ---  
Announcing that peace is here to stay? (We hope)

News of local boys and girls in Service:-

Cpl. Charles Jones, Army paratrooper, has suffered serious leg wounds from a German bombing attack and probably will not be able to walk for at least a year. Cpl. Charles Flanagan was graduated from the A.A.F. Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo, Tex., receiving his silver Aerial Gunner's wings and a promotion, also was home on a 15 day furlough. Dudley Deck, Princeton Univ., Heeb Meyers, Sampson, N.Y., Cpl. Garland Childs, Esler Field, La., Cpl. Maurice Childs, Maxwell Field, Ala., Donald Lapetina, A.A.C., Keesler Field, Miss., Henry McConnell, (former manager of the Howard Johnson restaurant), Naval training at Sampson, were all home about the middle of January.

Radcliffe Allen has been made associate organist at the post chapel, Stout Field, Indianapolis, Ind. John Smith, recently entered the Army, is with the Army Engineers, Jacksonville, Fla. One of his brothers, James, is in the South Pacific; and another, Kenneth, in the Aleutians. Joyce Anne Luxton, Hatboro, has enlisted in the Waves. 1st Sgt. Mary Engle, is at the Second WAC Training Center, Daytona Beach, Fla. Cpl. Monroe Boyer and Pfc. Charles Boyer are overseas - the former with the Engineers in India, the latter in Australia.

Cpl. James McKinnon, North Camp Hood, Tex; Joseph Bender, Camp McCoy, Wis; Sgt. Albert Renner; Pfc. Claude Rawlins, North Camp Hood; Howard Dinnell, Camp Grant, Ill; 2 S/C Edmund Roberts; Herbert Luxton; Pvt. A. Lindquist, Chanute Field, Ill.; S 2/C William Drake Sampson, N. Y., had furloughs near the end of January. Allen Burroughs who has just about finished his boot training with the Marines at Parris Island; expects to be home soon for ten days. His wife, who has gone back to nursing, and little girl, live with his mother.

Art Hansen is C.P.O. on a landing boat. Now in San Diego, waiting orders to go overseas. Howard Stong, Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C. was home on furlough the end of January; as well as John Heywood and Norman Lord. John and Norman are stationed at Normoyle Cdr. Depot, San Antonio, even in same barracks together. Jimmy Black, Army, is home from a trip to Porto Rico. Cpl. Billy Black is a cook at the Marine Base, New River, N. C.



Cpl. Ed Amey, with the 7th Air Force, had arranged a meeting with his brother, Lt. Col. Herb Amey, at Tarawa, but found only his tombstone. Herb was killed in November on that tiny island. A picture of Ed, kneeling at his brother's grave appeared in the Inquirer. Sgt. Paul Raser met Dr. Henderson and Sgt. Robert Smith in Italy. Paul is a engineer trained especially for work on a bomber and has been on several missions. S/Sgt. Joseph Leaper, Penlllyn, Liberator bomber radio operator, is missing after a raid over Germany Dec. 30th.

S2/C Kenneth Haldeman is in the Naval Hospital, N. Y. with scarlet fever. S2/C Allen Thierolf and S2/C Joseph Nuan have completed their recruit training at Sampson, and were granted furloughs. Pfc. John Ganjamie has graduated in mechanics at North Camp Polk, La. Capt. William Wolf has been hospitalized in Austrailia.

Tech. Sgt. Ed Dotts, Gwynedd, has arrived in England. Pfc. Reds Walters, was with the Marines at the battle of Tarawa. "I was one of the lucky Marines," he wrote his mother. Ens. Dave Hellings has been assigned to the U.S.S. Avocet, shipping out from San Francisco. S/Sgt. Bill Lindelow is 500 hundred miles north in the Hudson Bay country - living in a G. I. igloo.

2nd. Lt. Bob Coran, pursuit pilot, is in India. He reports that the vegetation is very dry; the food is good, they team up with the R.A.F. in the officers' club and have coffee hour every day. Receiving a lot of training in formation flying, but between that and doing some of own washing, he's not very busy. A/C Dick Slayton, Perrin Field, Tex. sent his parents a white leather training book, a compilation of photographs of his officers and all the boys in his class, with their autographs. Dick is now flying a B.T. 13, and hopes to finish up the latter part of April, or beginning of May.

Pvt. Winnie Stong, in England, is back to his old job of welding. He likes the country, the food is good, but thank goodness he can get plenty of American cigarettes - evidently doesn't like the Britishers' smokes! H.A. 2/C Anthony Urban has moved from the Norfolk Naval Hospital back to Sampson, N.Y. Pfc. Buddy Hibschan, who was at Ft. Benning, Ga., with the Tank Btn., has been honorably discharged from the Army because he is "tone-deaf." Henry Bussing with the 8th Air Force, 179th Bomb Squadron, has been promoted to Captain. M/Sgt. Bob Gates, with the Bomb Squadron, A.A. Base, Ephrata, Wash., was married two months ago.

Pvt. Herman Ashton and Pvt. Harry Wolf are in the same area in England. FL/C Joe Gear is in New Guinea. T/Sgt. Ray Gear, for the first time, has been able to tell his foks of his location for the past two years - Fiji Is. John Meyers, former Ambler High coach is home. He was with the Red Cross at Tarawa. Angelo Menna, Red Cross Field Director, who has been on the west coast of North Africa for the past six months, flew home in 36 hours. While abroad he contracted an infection of his fingers, which failed to heal - doctors advised a temperate climate for the ailment. Since his return the infection has healed considerably.



Stew Davis graduated from the Navigation School, San Marcos, Tex., - received his silver wings and 2nd lieutenancy. Congratulations, Stew! He also had a furlough home. Don Betts, graduated Feb. 9th at Moody Field, Valdosta, Ga., received his wings and became 2nd Lieut. Congratulations, Don! He arrived home for a furlough Feb. 9th. T/Sgt. Paul Raser, who was located in N. Africa, has been sent up to Italy. With the A. A. F., trained for work on bombers. Met Dr. Henderson. Incidentally, Don Betts was so glad to see the northern girls he felt like kissing the first one he saw.

Now for some National News:

President Roosevelt awarded Gen. MacArthur the D.S.M. for successes in New Guinea and New Britain on the commander's 64th birthday, Jan. 26th. "MacArthur for President" organizations have been popping up over the country. No comments from the general - he doesn't seem to be politically interested.

Samuel K. McConnell, from the Main Line, was elected Jan. 18th to fill J. William Ditter's place as congressman from this area. The count in the House is now: Democrats 217 seats; the other 218 include 209 Republicans, 2 Progressives, 1 Farmer-Laborite, 5 vacancies.

Soldiers who like duck eggs had better not indulge when they invade Europe or the Dutch East Indies. Duck eggs often contain a variety of Salmonella, a bacteria which causes paratyphoid fevers and intestinal disorders. Some countries have laws prohibiting the use of these eggs in commercial preparation of food. Since the eggshells are more likely to be infected than the egg, they are not permitted to be kept where food is being prepared. Prevention: Boil 10 minutes.

Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. has been claimed the biggest U.S. aircraft producer in 1943. Turned out 126,000,000 pounds. They had advantage over other producers, in that Consolidated had merged with Vultee and Stinson; and their types of planes, (trainers) are easier to build than combat ships.

The B-29, recently named Superfortress, is a four-engined bomber and the biggest long-range bomb carrier the world has ever seen. Air Forces Gen. Arnold has said that the new superbomber would make the Flying Fortress shrink to the size of a medium bomber. Is powered by Wright 2,000 H.P. engines, has three bladed propellers, cruises at about 250 m.p.h. at 25,000 ft. Fully loaded weight between 50 and 60 tons. Has side turrets operated by remote control; tricycle landing gear with double tires on each wheel.

The most successful aircraft on the job during the bombings of recent months in Europe was the B-26 U.S. Martin Maurauder. It started life as a bad female - "The Widow-Maker"; it was tagged. Student pilots started out joking about it, ended up by scaring themselves.



Training-field crashes were numerous; she needed all of Texas for the take-off; she came in to land like a cold flat-iron; she stalled like a Model-T Ford running on kerosene. It took Brig. Gen. Anderson to recognize the fact that too much had been expected of it. Within six months he reshaped the Marauder outfit into what it is today. Its rate of loss on missions runs around 0.3%. Early this year it set a record of 1,500 missions by individual planes, without a loss. One of the proudest boasts cocky Maraudermen now toss around is: "She's a man's airplane - separates the men from the boys."

News Flash! Leopold Stokowski likes Sinatra and defends Boogie Woogie. How well we remember when he wouldn't let so much as a sneeze disturb his symphonies. On the other hand Artur Rodzinski, New York Philharmonic, charges this type of music leads to war degeneracy.

On January 26th, Argentina severed diplomatic relations with Germany and Japan, the last of the 21 republics in the Americas to ally themselves against the Axis. This action was taken when it was discovered that an Argentine consul was head of a huge spy ring operating in Buenos Aires, in close contact with the enemies.

A broadcast from Stockholm related how huge crowds gathered at a hotel to get a parting glimpse of Nazi Field Marshal Rommel. After he was gone, the crowds remained. The police told them to move on. "We're waiting for Gen. Montgomery," was the retort. "He always follows right after Rommel."

Grover Bergdoll, A-No. 1 draft dodger of the First World War, was released from the Army prison at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. He served 4 years, 10 months of a 17 year sentence imposed by an Army court-martial in 1939. Now, at 50, plans to settle down on a 260 acre farm near Downingtown, with his wife and 6 children. However, when he arrived at his farm he wanted to shoot all the photographers and newsmen who were trespassing on his property. Evidently hasn't eaten humble pie yet.

Raymond Clapper, noted Washington columnist, lost his life in a plane accident while covering the invasion of the Marshalls in the Central Pacific, Feb. 3rd.

President Roosevelt signed a bill providing from \$100 to \$300 in mustering-out pay for all members of the armed forces honorably discharged.

You're going to miss the lipstick kisses on V letters after Feb. 14th. The Army is going to allow them until Valentine's Day. After that they're out.- they create smudges on other letters. Only one X permitted from henceforth.

The first American troops will return to the U.S. next month. But don't start packing your duffle bags yet - this applies only to a very small percent who have served long periods in the S.W. Pacific. Men who have 18 months or more of service will be given preference and those who have 6 months or more service in forward areas, such as New Guinea.



When reporters questioned President Roosevelt about running for a fourth term, he read them passages from the Sermon on the Mount. Reporters are still puzzled - or are they.

"Roosevelt Reveals Operation on Wen." Thought this meant a new Japanese Island, until our dictionary reveals that a wen is a "sebaceous cyst."

Sports News: -

Schoolboy Rowe, Phils 1943 leading pitcher is in the Navy. Called up, he passed his physical and was assigned to the Navy on Jan. 17. A's buy slugger Geo. Kell from Lancaster, of interstate league. Last year he batted .396, the best average in organized baseball. Big Ed Walsh, a 40 game winning pitcher for Chicago White Sox way back in 1908 says, give the pitchers a chance, put the spitball back in the game or put a ban on this danged rabbit ball. Big Ed was a master on the mound and the spitball was his mainstay. A's will train at Frederick, Md. They go in training March 20th. Among their ten spring games are three with the World Champion Yankees. Phils signed Charles Ward as a scout. Once a Dodger shortstop, he played all 26 innings in baseball's longest game, between Brooklyn Dodgers and Boston Braves, on May 1st, 1920.

Pete Gray, 27 years old, of Nanticoke, Pa. was voted the most courageous Athlete of 1943. He is one armed baseball star. Lost right arm at age of six, yet mastered a throw, off his glove, after the catch. Won a place in organized baseball. Batted .299 for Memphis in Southern Ass'n last summer.

"Spirit of Lou Gehrig" is the name of a new Army Ambulance, donated by the New York City High School from which Lou Gehrig graduated. Funds raised by the students.

Casey Stengel resigns as manager of Boston Braves.

Many well known baseball players have joined the armed forces during past few weeks.

Bob Feller, the great Amer. League star, now serving on a battleship, played two games at a base in South Pacific. The famous Cleveland speed ball whiz fanned 15 and 18 for total of 33. Ex-minor leaguers made up most of his competition.

National and American leagues set up usual 154 game schedule for 1944. Phils open at Shibe Park with Brooklyn and A's open at Washington on April 18th.

Byron Nelson won San Francisco open (72 hole) golf tournament. Nelson was under par, 2 to 4 strokes, in every round. Jug McSpaden was runner up, six strokes behind. Their scores were 275 and 269. This tournament finished Jan. 17th. A few days later McSpaden was notified to report for Army physical on Feb. 10th.



McSpaden and Byron Nelson tied at 273 each for 72 holes at the Phoenix, Ariz. open. The 18 hole play off on Feb. 8th was won by McSpaden. McSpaden 70. Nelson 72. During the 72 hole match McSpaden set a record when he went around the Phoenix course in a sensational 64. Seven under par.

Gild Dodds of Boston A.A. beat a ten man handicap field in his 1944 debut in the centennial two mile event. Time 9.43.6. This was the feature race of the Boston Y.M.C.A. games on Jan. 22nd.

Bill Hulse on Jan. 22nd won the Metropolitan A.A.U. one mile championship. Time 4.15.6. Not fast as records go, but this was run on unbanked indoor 8 lap track.

Dodds in the Wenamaker mile, feature of Millrose track games, at Madison Square Garden, defeated Hulse. Time 4.10.6. Hulse last year ran the mile in 4.06. Before the season is over, we will probably see these boys make some good marks.

New Jersey horse racing commission approved 50 day racing meet at Garden State track, Camden, from July 5th to September 9th. No racing on Sundays or Mondays, except Labor Day.

At Hialeah Park, Ariel Flight, a 26 to 1 shot, wins. Beats Good Bid the favorite. The sports are readying for the 1944 Kentucky Derby which they say will be better than ever.

Alan Ford, Yale's ace swimmer, on Jan. 29th swam the 100 yards in 50.1 seconds, bettering his own world record of 50.6. Johnny Weismuller long held this record at 51 flat.

Tommy Harmon, of football fame, is back in this country. A Lieutenant in the Air Force, he was lost for 32 days after being shot down in China. He got two zeros before being knocked out that day, but cannot tell the details of his escape and venture in returning to American lines. It may endanger others.

Paul Cutright, leading scorer among high school basketball teams, on Feb. 5th. Plays for Jenkintown. Has total of 190 points. 70 field goals, 50 fouls.

Dartmouth for the first time signs Notre Dame for football game next October. Dartmouth gains basketball title for seventh straight year. This is the Eastern Intercollegiate title. Penn. Univ. assured of second place by beating Princeton in extra period game 41 to 39 on Jan. 29th.

Robert D. Lind, Penn high jumper with mark of 6 feet before enlisting, was killed in an accident at Camp Maxey, Tex.

Bob Russell, 18, blind since 5 years of age, wins his first wrestling match at Yale.

Giant goal tenders those 6' 6 and 7' boys have the basketball moguls talking about changing the rules. It's illegal to interfere with the ball directly over the basket but the boys who really grew



up are managing to bat the ball away before it gets near the basket.

Tuning up for championship match, Ed Winchester of Phila. bowled his ninth perfect score of 300 and then he rolled his tenth perfect game in a match at Delco on Feb. 7th winning an A.B.C. Award.

Warmerdom the lone 15 footer in pole vaulting may not compete this season. He has vaulted 15 feet again and again and again. Won last year's event with 15 feet 3 7/8 inches.

Jackie Ledeboer, ace sports reporter, certainly digs up the items of interest.

#### Some of our Church Activities:

More than 100 young people attended the Ambler youth dinner held in the church, February 1st, in observance of National Youth Week. A native of Holland, Rev. Lanburts Wortens, was guest speaker. Rev. Luther Harshbarger was toastmaster; Rev. Martin Tozer headed the committee on preparations. A covered vegetable dish was the price of admission with the Ambler Youth Council providing baked ham as the meat course and ice cream and cookies for dessert. Each group prepared a funny stunt to perform during the course of the dinner.

On Sunday, January 30, a special youth service was held in the church. Rev. Dunsmore's theme was "Are Ye Able". Irma Umstead, president of the Senior C. E. gave the Call to Worship and Invocation and Donald Reed, president of the Intermediate C. E., led the responsive reading. Ushers for the service were John Astler, Robert Astler, Tom Elder and Charles Weir, all of the Intermediate C. E.

On February 6, the Senior and Intermediate C. E. groups were hosts to the Conshohocken Presbyterian Young people. Rev. Tozer was the speaker. Mr. Earl T. Baker, principal of Ambler High School spoke to the Senior C. E. on February 13. His topic was "Post War Planning for the Church."

Mrs. J. A. Shelly was one of six women in the Eastern Montg. Co. District Girl Scouts, who received awards for having devoted more than 500 hours in civilian wartime projects.

Betty Heath and Pvt. Steve Jones were married Jan. 24th at the Lutheran Reformed Church, W. Oak Lane. Steve is stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill.

The Couples Club met Jan. 28th at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Gorton. The speaker of the evening was Lt. Freeman Sveom, U.S.N.R. who is the Chaplain at the Hatboro Air Station. He told them about a Chaplain's place in the war and gave many stories about his experiences with the boys on his station. It was most interesting. Mrs. Gorton talked about the running of the Stagedoor Canteen in Philadelphia and told of her talks with the boys who come in there. All the boys who come there seem to enjoy it so much and make a great effort to get back every chance they get. I hope most of you boys get a chance to go in there sometime so you can enjoy Philadelphia's hospitality.



This meeting was a most worthwhile one because it brought us all closer to you all who are scattered all over the globe. We are still hoping and praying that before many more months pass you will be home with us again and joining us in our meetings.

Continuing with more News of our boys:

Frank Berry entered the Marines, now in training at Parris Is. T/Sgt. Newt Howard has arrived in England. Alfred Martin has been commissioned as ~~Captain~~ <sup>major</sup> with the 113th Eng. Combat Group. Congratulations, Alfred! He is believed to have left for overseas. A/S Ed Wind, Coast Guard, has been transferred from Manhattan Beach Training Sta. to the C. G. Academy, New London, Conn. He is studying "sound" - something very new.

Pfc. Frank King, in Ireland, is living in a castle, which is so big he gets lost in it - 134 rooms. Has had several passes to Belfast. Cpl. Harold King has flown from his base in North Africa to Cairo, to be on a job for a couple of weeks. Pfc. Roy Cramer, paramarine, was in the Empress Augusta Bay campaign, Bougainville, in November. "Thank God," he said, "I'm still alive." S 2/C Bobby Kriebel has moved from Sampson, N. Y. to the Norfolk Naval Hospital Corps School. After Bob reached Norfolk he has been in Sick Bay with "Cat Fever". Believe he is alright again. Pvt. Dick Rohrman, who had been on active duty in Italy, has been invalided to North Africa. Understand his illness is not serious - hope that is correct.

George Camburn, England, has been promoted to corporal. Congratulations, George! A/S Bill Hamilton has been sent to the Classification Center, Knoxville, Tenn. S/Sgt. Ray Aures, with the Bomb squadron, Florence, S.C., is expected home this weekend for a furlough.

Bill Little, formerly stationed at the Flexible Gun. Sch., Tyndall Field, Fla., was home on furlough. He left Feb. 9, for Salt Lake City, Utah, for a refresher course. He's been promoted to Corporal. Congratulations, Bill!!! Pvt. Bill Camburn, who left for camp on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> is at Camp Blanding, Fla. S/Sgt. Hutch Hutchison is at the same camp. F 1/C Harvey Eisenhart, has been moved from the De Gaussing Sch., Norfolk, to the Naval Base, San Francisco, to study electricity.

S/Sgt. Gerry Davis, England, has had a furlough in Edinburgh, he and his pilot and another boy. Had a swell time. Recommends it highly to any of the boys for a liberty town. It's a modern city, good transportation, excellent food - for the first time since he's left the states, he had plenty of the kind of food he likes. And another thing -- it's not very G.I.. Sent his girl a Scotch cap. Lt. (jg) Arthur Webster is at Ft. Schuyler, N.Y. Lt. (jg) Bob Jervis on the U.S.S. Fayette, shipping from San Francisco, is on active duty.

Pfc. Russell Benigno, has been transferred to Camp Bowie, Tex. About a month ago, while he was still at Camp Boale, he flew over to Ft. McClellan, Ala. to see his brother, Pvt. Philip Benigno. Pvt. Philip Benigno, Ft. McClellan, Ala., was married Feb. 5th to Miss Mary Nelle Shuman, Anniston, Ala. He arrived home Feb. 9th, for a furlough with his bride.



3rd P/O Paul Ferla, with the 2nd Reg. Band at Bainbridge, Md., is having a 15 day furlough. Says he loves to be home - but none of his old buddies are around and he doesn't know what to do with himself. Think Mrs. Simpson is going to put him to work at the Stage Door Canteen. Pvt. Valdo Dragani has been sent from New Guinea to a base hospital in Australia for a rest. Bet that gang who enjoyed his harmonica concerts in New Guinea are going to miss him. But maybe he'll start another Hit Parade Program in Australia.

Perc Della Loggia has been promoted to S 2/C. Congratulations, Perc! We have to congratulate him on something else, too, for he and his wife had a little baby girl, born several weeks ago. He received an emergency four day furlough at the time. Perc is with the Coast Guard, Manhattan Beach, N.Y., at the Signalmen's School. Expects to be there three months, will be able to be home every weekend.

A.R.M. 3/c Tommy Hughes sent some jokes which he had chuckled over. Will pass them on to you, so that you also can get a laugh:

Captain: I hope the next time I see you, you'll be a 2nd Lt.

Private: (flustered) Yes, sir, thank you, sir. Same to you, sir.

"Don't they teach you to salute in your company?" roared the major to Patrick Malone, who had passed him without raising his hand.

"Yes, sir" replied Pat.

"Then why didn't you salute?"

"Well sir," was the candid reply, "I didn't want to attract any more attention than I had to, cause I ain't supposed to be out here without a pass."

Rastus: Say Sambo, what time in your life yo' think yo' waz the worst scaird?

Sambo: Once when ah waz calling on a henhouse an' de farmer came in an' caught me. Boy waz ah scaird!

Rastus: How are yo' suar dat was de worstest yo' evar bin scaird?

Sambo: Cause de farmer grab me by my shoulder an' say: "White boy, whut yo' doin' here?"

"Liza, you remind me fo' all de world of brown sugar."

"How come, Sam."

"You am so sweet and refined."

#### Story of the Month

Hitler's disposition is bad. It's probably because he gets up on the wrong side of the channel every morning.

#### Thought of the Month

A doughnut is a hole surrounded by indigestion.



And here are a few of our own:

Did you remember that February has 29 days this year? This is Leap Year, boys! Watch your step. The girls here say:

This is the year when it's O.K.  
For any lovelorn girl to say,  
"My sweet, I want to marry you."  
But where's the man to say it to,  
Except by letter, which must go  
To tell him, via A.P.O.  
And such proposals aren't so hot -  
We need our victims on the spot.

The \$64. question we asked last month: What has become of the cannibals on the South Sea Isles, has been answered. Eric Sevareid has written a story, "Our Good Friends, the Head Hunters," which tells of the kind treatment natives gave 20 people who had been forced to leap from an American transport plane over Burma. Cannibalism, it seems, disappeared fifty years ago. Looks as though we have been taken for a ride during the last half century.

Two ladies in the Penna. Dutch country met in front of a local store. "Dis war iss somesing awful, aindt?" said one. "Do you dink dose Nazis come over to dis country dey vill bomb Reading yet?" "I, no, Mrs. Schnitzle," replied the other placidly. "Dat dumb dose Nazis aindt. Dey know der battlefield is at Gettysburg."

A darling old lady had befriended some soldiers at a nearby encampment. After they went overseas, the boys did not forget her many kindnesses and, when her birthday arrived, sent a cable to congratulate her. The delighted old lady showed the cable to all her friends. "Such nice boys," she exulted, "they treat me just exactly the same way my own sons do. Look here! They sent the cable collect."

(Note: No criticism meant by this joke. If you want to make telephone calls, send telegrams or cables c.o.d. - go ahead. Your Mom will pay the bill, and consider it money well spent.)

Mutt and Jeff have joined the Army, - Jeff, because he isn't married and wants excitement; Mutt, because he is married and wants peace. The company started out on maneuvers, intending to make a bivouac. "Mutt, what kind of a wac is a bivouac?" asked Jeff. When they had marched 30 miles the officer found they had walked in the wrong direction. "Any man who thinks he can march another thirty miles, take three steps forward," commanded the officer. "Pvt. Jeff, you're the only man in the outfit who didn't step forward. For that you can march the 30 miles back to the guard house." "Me, sir? I couldn't even march the three steps forward."

Pop-eye has joined the Navy! All the family, Grandpa, Olive Oyl and Sweet-pea insist upon going with him.

A Marine hung a sign over his fox-hole in the Southwest Pacific: "Eleanor Slept Here."



The Hit Parade. Becky Robinson helped glean this information:

<u>Jan. 22</u>	<u>Jan. 29</u>	<u>Feb. 5</u>
1. My Heart Tells Me	1. My Heart Tells Me	1. My Heart Tells Me
2. Shoo Shoo Baby	2. Shoo Shoo Baby	2. Shoo Shoo Baby
3. My Ideal	3. People Will Say, etc.	3. No Love, No Nothing
4. Paper Doll	4. No Love, No Nothin'	4. Besame Mucho
5. Oh, What a Beautiful Morning	5. Oh, What a Beautiful Morning	5. My Ideal
6. No Love, No Nothing	6. Paper Doll	6. Paper Doll
7. For the First Time	7. I Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night	7. Mairzy Doats
8. Shining Hour	8. My Ideal	8. Oh, What a Beautiful Morning
9. People will Say We're in Love	9. For the First Time	9. When They Ask About You

On one of the quiz programs, a tough paramarine, who had been wounded on Guadalcanal was the victim. The questions pertained to a person noted in the musical world. The \$64 question was shot at him. "Well," said he, "Beans I don't like the guy, I think it's Frank Sinatra!"

A strange thing has happened on the Hit Parade programs. Someone must stand over the malodescents in the audience with a club, because swooning doesn't seem to take place any more until Sinatra has finished his song. It's quite a relief - and we've made an astonishing discovery. Sinatra's not half bad!

No. 7 on the Feb. 5th program is a brand new song, Mairzy Doats and Dozy Doats and Liddle Lamzy Divey. This apparent double-talk translated means Mares Eat Oats and Does Eat Oats and Little Lambs Eat Ivy. The song writer got the idea from the prattle of his little daughter, reciting the nursery rhyme. It's an idiotic song, like The Music Goes 'Round and 'Round, but before you know it you go out and buy the bloomin' thing.

This reminds us -- if you can play any musical instrument, or have buddies who can, let us know and we will be glad to send you any sheet music you'd like to have, if we can possibly get it for you. There can't be too much wrong with the world which can't be righted, as long as boys like to sing.

We're really grateful to Oscar Stillwagon for suggesting this Hit Parade section. Hope the rest of you like it --- and if there is any other information we can include in the newsletter to make it more interesting to you, let us know. After all, this is your letter.

#### Correspondence Column:

Cpl. John H. Dailey writes from Somewhere in England a very amusing letter about his trip over. Those of you who have had this experience could laugh with him. Bud said he is a lover of food and "kept his stomach full", so he wasn't seasick. Then he was luck to sleep "inside"; drew a top bunk and had many arguments trying to keep it. And then the bellow below him accused Bud of stepping on him. Upon arriving in England they boarded a train and then had a shock - they saw a beautiful red-headed American Red Cross worker - their



first girl. England, so Bud has been told, is a very nice place and soon as the fog lifts he hopes to see it. Bud also reports, they have just found two fellows wandering around a village 10 miles away, who started for the mess hall the day before.

During the month we received two letters from Paul Jones S1/c of the Seabees. He has been at Port Hueneme, Calif. and while there, thought he saw Donald Angeny. Paul is an enthusiastic follower of our Newsletter and we hope we continue to hear from him as he travels. He said he had no news except it was "raining." Imagine, rain in Sunny California.

T/Sgt. Newt. Howard - "Somewhere in England", thinks it is a pretty nice country once you get used to some of their "strange" customs - like driving on the wrong side of the road, their plumbing, lighting and money system. Says he would like to buy a steak or a plate of ice cream, or a milk shake. A couple of fellows went to a milk bar in London and the nearest thing to a milk shake was some Ovaltine. At the time of writing, Newt had not seen his brother, Garwood, who is also in England. However, he did see an old friend from Glenside, who had also worked at K & M.

We were very glad to hear from Pfc. Alvin Fleck, who is located in Iceland. He had just received his first Newsletter from us and wrote immediately to thank us for it. We hope we hear more from him later.

Wilson MacIntire, A.R.M. 3/c wrote us a very nice letter. We wish we knew more about him, but we can only say to you fellows in the Southwest Pacific, just keep your eyes open and some day you might see Wilson come "flying" in.

Hugh Sivell, SK 3/c of the Seabees continues at his post in Camp Peary, Va. He wrote and asked for an address. We were very glad to supply this. Whenever any of you have a request, just ask us and we are only too happy to fulfill it for you.

1st/Sgt. Wm. Taylor, wrote to us again. He continues at the Army Base, Boston, Mass. After expressing his interest in the Newsletter Bill writes - "The news of Colonel "Herb" Amey is hard to believe. He was one Grand fellow and I'm proud to say we were in school together and played on the same teams for good old A.E.S." I believe many of you boys can say the same.

A/S Roscoe Brady received his first copy of the Newsletter and wrote to thank us. We appreciate that very much. Roscoe is continuing his medical studies under the Navy program at the Harvard Medical School.

We were so glad to hear from Tommy Hughes, A.R.M. 3/c again. He is at Norfolk, Va. He writes "It really is swell to see so many fellows getting advanced in rank. We Ambler boys are 'hot stuff', don't you think." Tommy has been flying in one of the big flying boats and thinks it is "swell". He also saw John Hancell one day. John is a Red Cross man and is located at the Post Office Bldg. in Norfolk.



so, Tommy contributed some of the jokes this month. Pvt. Dick Hoyt sent a note of appreciation. He continues at the same Air Base in England and seems to be getting settled. He still is amazed at some of the English customs mentioned earlier in this column by Newt Howard.

We were very happy to hear from Pfc. Wilbert Landes again. He is still located in Alaska. We feel as if this Newsletter is worthwhile, when you write and tell us how much pleasure you get from it. We are very grateful to Wilbert.

We also wish to thank Pvt. Harold Moore for sending us a card with his change of address. When Harold arrives at his destination we will tell you about it.

We have received our first letter from Pvt. Winfield Stong. He has joined the boys "Somewhere in England". He must be near Dick Hoyt and George Fertsch. Winnie is working in a welding department and says he enjoys it.

W.O. George Deens of the Seabees sends us a most interesting letter. As you may remember he is on an Island in the Pacific. Briefly, his story is this -- just to prove this is a small world. George set out on a mission to find certain needed supplies and traveled to another Island. Arriving there, he went to the C.O.'s tent and who should it be, but Lt. Al Acuff. They promptly had a "real Bull Session". They are now planning an Ambler Day there with Al., Tom Potts, Wesley Barreca, Sgt. Elly and George. It is amazing to us and when we review the addresses of all our boys, Ambler is well represented in all parts of the world.

Another first letter for us. This from Lt. Wm. Hayward of the Signal Corps, "Somewhere in England". We appreciate hearing from Bill. He writes that Gerry Davis is nearby, although he hasn't seen him yet. Bill has a leave coming and intends to do some visiting. Bill and Dick Hoyt had been together a couple of months ago and Bill expects to see him at this time. He sends his regards to all of you "in the field".

Pfc. Robert Compton sent us a message in a letter to his sister Marion. It is nice to hear from you in this way, as we know that many times you are too busy to write so many letters and we appreciate it just the same.

T/Sgt. Newt Howard told us that he had met a boy he knew in England, a boy who had worked at K & M when he was there. Through our sleuthing system we discovered it was Johnny Alicandro.

Sgt. Winnie Hibschan, overseas, wrote his mother to be sure to thank Mrs. Simpson for recommending that he be put on our list, for he enjoyed the newsletter immensely. Looks forward to each copy. Also mentioned that he had seen Bob Compton.



Rev. Dunsmore sends the following to you:

If any one of you who is on a fighting front had only one bullet, I know how carefully you would use it. My problem is quite different - yet there is a parallel in that my contact with most of you is limited to one "shot" a month. How to use it most effectively is hard to decide. Do you have something you would like me to write about? Please send the word along if you have.

May I pass on the words of a mother, her son a prisoner in Japan, who was allowed to send a brief message to him. Here is what she wrote - and I give it as my thought for you this month:

"Create within yourself the Kingdom of God, a free and living thing, and nothing else matters."

Al Gorton's delivered much mail today,  
Advertisements galore, and bills I must pay,  
A letter from Susie, one from Fan --  
I'll open those as soon as I can.  
Oh! Here's the one I want most of all  
From my boy in the service, so husky and tall.  
Must get my glasses, the writing's so small,  
I know how he'll greet me, - 'tis always the same,  
But the words stir my heart more than essays of  
fame:

"Dear Mom: How are you all?"

A.L.

Sincerely,

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS



LETTER NO. 18

92 Bethlehem Pike  
Ambler, Pa.  
March 18, 1944.

Dear

It is nice to be back in Ambler again after having spent two months in Charleston, South Carolina.

The King's Daughters did a grand job editing the News Letter in my absence. I know that many had a hand in it. Every member of the organization is interested in you and eager to work for your welfare.

We greatly appreciate the many fine letters and messages you send to us. We, as a King's Daughters Circle, are happy to know that the News Letters continue to meet with your approval. We shall try our best to keep them coming.

Once more the glorious season of Springtime and Easter is approaching. Here in Ambler the pussywillows, crocuses and robins, first signs of spring, have made their appearance. Quite sometime ago the South aroused from its winter nap and blossomed out in beautiful spring flowers. Its gorgeous display of brilliant bloom is one that I shall never forget. Such an array of color and life after the bleakness and dreariness of the winter months is one of Nature's secrets and cannot fail to strengthen one's faith. Springtime and Easter always assure us that there is life after death, more abundant and more beautiful. They are symbols of new hopes and bring renewed promise for the future.

Right now when we are preparing ourselves for unprecedented struggles, there is a great need for the Easter message which is one of faith and hope restored; therefore, let us go forward with unfaltering courage, remembering the eternal miracle of Easter and praying that peace will soon come.

The High School is a busy place these days.

The Band staged its annual spring concert on March 17th.

The Faculty recently gave a kitchen shower for Miss Frances Barr whose marriage to Mr. Henry Schleegeer took place on February 12th at the St. John's Lutheran Church, Center Square.

The bride teaches in the commercial department and Mr. Schleegeer in the metal shop. The students in Mrs. Schleegeer's home room presented her with a pair of silver hurricane lamps as a wedding gift.

The photographer has visited the school recently to take group pictures for the year book.

The Third Army-Navy Qualifying Test for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Program V-12 was given at the



High School on March 15.

The Ambler Trojans lost their 9th game of the season to Jenkintown 51-11. Intramural Basketball continues to be popular among both the girls and the boys.

Jenkintown High won from Doylestown 74-37 to annex the BuxMont Conference title.

Robert Hoopes has enlisted in the Army and expects to be called soon after graduation in June.

The Ambler High School Thespians have begun rehearsing for another play entitled "The Bat."

Mr. Kerschner celebrated his birthday on February 29, an event which occurs only once every four years. At lunch time the faculty held a party in his honor and presented him with flowers, a birthday cake and candy.

The latest service men to visit the High School are: Harry Sailer, Frank Wright, William Marrane, Charles Meyers, Nick Fanu, Charles McCracken and Russell Miller.

Mr. Angelo Menna and Mr. John Meyers, Red Cross Field Directors who are home on furloughs from Africa and the South Pacific area, were the principal speakers at recent Rallies held for the workers in the 1944 Red Cross War Fund Drive.

Here is some Local News:

Stanley Neigut is in Honolulu. Lt. George Brumbaugh received his silver wings at Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana and is now training as a pilot of a flying fortress at Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla. Corp. Frank Caruso, U. S. Army Infantry, serving in No. Africa, was seriously wounded in action in Italy on January 22, just five days after he was released from the Hospital where he had been a patient since December 8, 1943 suffering from serious wounds he received in action.

Mary Dickinson, Y2/c of Washington, D. C., Sonny Woodward, S1/c of Brooklyn Navy Yard, and Corporal Earl Wood of Orlando, Fla. have been home recently. David McCool and Gordon Charlton are now home on furloughs. Robert Lindenfeld, S 2/c has finished his "boot" training at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Sampson, N. Y. and is home on leave. He visited the Philadelphia Stage Door Canteen on March 18th.

A/C Albert E. Drager, Jr., is at the basic flying school at Independence, Kansas. Thomas Benzenhafer, stationed at Norman, Oklahoma has been promoted to aviation machinist mate, second class. /Sgt. George J. Benzenhafer with the U.S. Marine Corps, has arrived overseas.



The marriage of Miss Catherine Smith, Belmont Ave. and Richard C. Craft, Bethlehem Pike took place February 12th at Elkton, Md. They are now residing at the King apartments on Lindenwold Ave.

We extend congratulations to Lt. and Mrs. Clifford H. Martin, Jr., on the arrival of a son, Clifford H. Martin, III. He was born at Selma, Alabama on February 18th. Mrs. Martin is the former Miss Pauline Haff.

John T. Camburn, a member of Ambler's police force for many years, died February 22nd after being critically ill for several weeks. Since leaving the police force he had been employed at the water pumping station at Whitmarsh.

George Sandiford who is in the Marines recently met Lt. Vera Haff, army nurse, and they had a nice visit together. Now he is going to try to find "Al" Dummeldinger and "Tom" Weaver.

We have just learned that Ralph Slutter, stationed in New Guinea, was promoted to Sergeant last October. We extend our congratulations.

Pvt. William Weir, stationed at Western Maryland University, Westminster, Md. recently spent a week end with his parents.

Pfc. Albert Dager, Jr., is in a hospital in Italy recovering from wounds suffered when he found a machine gun nest while on patrol duty. He was struck by five machine gun bullets; four of them lodged in his left arm and the fifth in his left side. On March 11th his parents received the Purple Heart which had been awarded him.

Lt. Charles Deuchar is with the U.S. Army Air Corps at Bainbridge Air Field, Bainbridge, Ga.

Three hundred sixty-five pints of blood were collected in Ambler when the American Red Cross Mobile Blood Donor Unit came to the Fire House, Butler Ave., in February. The quota was 360 pints. Miss Mildred Reyner received her Master of Education degree at Temple University at the mid-year commencement exercises. She is teaching at Woman's College of the University of Delaware.

Lester Carpenter has been elected head of the County Police Chiefs' Association. Lt. and Mrs. John Berwind of Sioux City, Iowa have been visiting his parents. Mr. Allison Whitcomb, Sr., is in Chestnut Hill Hospital recovering from a heart attack.

Captain Henry Bussing, a B-24 bomber pilot, in a recent letter told about visiting Corporal "Tuck" Deck who has been recuperating in a hospital in England after having been treated for frost bitten feet and an infected arm. Since beginning this letter it has been reported that Henry is missing. He received his wings in June, 1942, and went overseas in November 1943. His parents have received no official word from the Government, however, a friend wrote that he with 10 others was seen to open parachutes and bail out as their plane developed trouble near Gotha, Germany. Bussing was to be trained as a squadron leader. I may have more definite information for you in the April letter.



Johnny Ambers, S1/c stationed on the U.S.S. Kiowa, has been home several times the past week. He saw for the first time his son who was born in November. The baby was christened while he was home.

Pfc. Harry Gibbs, Jr., who has been serving with the 29th Infantry Regiment in Iceland since July 1943, has arrived in England. Pvt. Samuel Kraut, who has finished his basic training at the Armored Replacement Center, Fort Knox, Ky. preparatory for combat duty with an armored unit, has been spending a few days at his home. Lt. William T. Lancaster, III, was recently married at Greenville, S.C. to Miss Ruth Spencer of Pomona, Cal. They are now living in Florida where he is on duty with the Third Air Forces at Dale Mabry Field.

Pvt. Walter Dummeldinger of Ripon, Wisconsin has been transferred to the Signal Corps at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Albert John Serratore, Arthur Irwin, Anthony Sergio, Carmen Finore, Alvin Neigut and Wilton Tate left March 14th for service in the Army.

Sgt. Joseph Friel, who has been hospitalized after taking part in three major engagements in the Southwest Pacific has been released for active service again. The engagement of Miss Elaine Reaver of Gwynedd Valley to Sgt. Eugene Taylor of Tennis Ave. has been announced. He is now stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. Grant Buchanan, 3rd, has completed the course of training in the Aviation Machinist's Mate School of the Naval Air Training Center at Memphis, Tenn. During the past few weeks he has been confined to the hospital with measles and severe ear infection and was unable to attend the graduation exercises. His mother has returned home after visiting him.

Corp. John R. Fluck has arrived in England. S/Sgt. Harry Dickinson U.S. Army Air Corps has returned to Miami Beach, Fla. after enjoying a furlough at the home of his parents. Pvt. Donald Rorer is stationed at the Richmond Air Base, Richmond, Va. He has recently been in the Base Hospital suffering from serious burns of the face and body which resulted when a hot water tank exploded in the camp kitchen. Corporal Philip Benzenhafer has been transferred from Leland Stanford University to Buckley Army Air Field, Colorado.

The engagement of Miss Hertha Whitford of East Orange, N.J., to Lt. John Dickinson has been announced. Lt. Dickinson is a liberator bomber pilot at the Army Air Field, Harlingen, Texas. We congratulate Heber T. Meyers who has been promoted from chief specialist to Lieutenant (jg). After sea duty for two months on the U.S.S. Garfield Thomas he returned to Sampson, N.Y. to receive his commission and then reported to Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. for a period of special training. He spent several days with his parents before going to his new post. Sgt. Edward Halligan has arrived in the South Pacific for his second tour of overseas duty. He says it is quite different from the first time because we're now on the offensive. He is a ground echelon member of a Marine fighter squadron. Lt. Edward Cope has been spending a two weeks' furlough at his home. He is located at Ft. Knox, Ky. Cadet Arthur Rau, U.S. Naval Air Corps, who has been stationed at Chapel Hill, N.C., is spending a few days at home before beginning his primary flight training at Peru, Indiana. Sgt. Frederick Wentz and Miss Clara Bordogna were married February 28th. He is now stationed at Ft. Meade, Md.



John Niblock died in Abington Hospital on March 14. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Doris and Claire. Corporal Charles (Bud) Jones, Jr., has been decorated with the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster. He is a paratrooper and was wounded in a German bombing attack. At the present time he is in an Army hospital in North Africa recovering from fractures of both legs. Eddie Sage received his wings on March 18th. He has been taking the bombardier and navigation course at the Army Air Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico. Pvt. Gilbert Huber of the Marine Corps, stationed at Penn State has been enjoying a furlough. Pvt. Walter Sobers, stationed in Texas has fully recovered from the measles and is out of the hospital. Kenneth Haldeman, S2/c has recently been home from Sampson, N.Y. on a leave. Pvt. Richard Harris has moved from Shreveport, La. to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Lester Rose, who is in India has been promoted to Technician 5th Class. He is in the Quartermaster Corps. Sgt. William Taylor has been home for a few days. He is stationed at Boston. Pvt. Louis Kirk is with the U.S. Army Air Corps at March Field, Cal. Pvt. Jessie T. Brownback, U.S. Marine Corps, is spending 10 days with his family. He has completed his "boot" training at Parris Island, S.C. and is now stationed at Cherry Point, N.C. A/C James Corson has been transferred from Corpus Christi, Texas to Beeville, Texas. Pfc. Elmer Spence has moved from Barkley Field, Ala. to Kelly Field, Texas. Donald Meng has been home delay en route from State College, Pa. to Monmouth, N.J. where he is to begin officer training and on February 26th was married to Miss Elizabeth (Betty) Bortz of Philadelphia. She is a nurse at Abington Hospital. The ceremony took place at the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Germantown.

We congratulate "Tuck" Deck on his promotion to Corporal. He is at a station hospital in England. "Bob" Stevens, S1/c is at a P.T. Boat base on the California Coast. Harry Wolfe who reached Ireland just before Christmas, was sent to a hospital in England to be treated for shock. Later he was sent back to the States and arrived at a hospital on Long Island on Valentine's Day. He has recently been honorably discharged. Pvt. Thurman Wright, Jr., is at Ft. Belvoir, Va. Thomas Mullahy, who is a medical technician in the U.S. Army, has returned to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. after enjoying a seven day furlough at his home. John R. Hendricks died suddenly from a heart attack on the evening of March 3rd while attending an Employees "get-together" of the Keasbey and Mattison Co. The Cruse Kemper Co. has won the Army-Navy "E" production award for outstanding performance on war work. Jack Holtz has been transferred from the Navy V-12 course at Columbia University to the N.R.O.T.C. Unit, University of Virginia for nautical engineering. Ralph Davies received his silver wings at Ellington Field, Texas on March 18th. He has been in the Advanced Navigation Detail, U.S. Army Air Corps.

Marine Staff Sgt. Benjamin Bell, son of Mrs. Harold G. Knight, has been seeing plenty of action. While the fighting was raging on Hill 660, Cape Gloucester, New Britain he went on a reconnaissance patrol for tanks and penetrated a mile into enemy infested territory. The patrol discovered and spiked two three inch Jap guns.

Lt. Bob Coran, Army Air Corps, is now in China.



Pvt. Donald Lapetina is at the Keesler Field B-24 Liberator Bomber Mechanics School, Biloxi, Miss. Lt. and Mrs. William Russell who have gone to Chicago, Ill. from Quonset, R.I., visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell and family for a few hours en route. The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Hough to Lt. William Edwin McLaughlin of Germantown will take place April 1st. in the Abington Friends' Meeting House. Rev. and Mrs. J. William Dow and family were tendered a farewell party by members and friends of the Baptist church before leaving for Lewistown, Pa., where on March 1st. he began his new duties as pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The Ambler Recreation Council, made up of organizations and clubs in the community sponsor each Saturday evening a party at the High School for the Young people of the borough. Ping-pong dancing, bridge and refreshments are enjoyed. A small admission fee is charged. An athletic program has also been launched under the supervision of Joseph Kunsman. Two groups participate in weekly basketball games. One age group ranges from 12 to 14 years and the other from 15 to 17. John E. Ganjamie, well known local tailor, died suddenly from a heart attack on February 15. His son Pfc. John Ganjamie, stationed at Camp Polk, La. was able to get a plane and reach home in time for his father's funeral. A total of 22,243 residents of Montgomery County are now serving the country in the armed forces.

"Bill Dummeldinger was in town for a few hours on March 17th. We congratulate him on his promotion to Machinist Mate first class. Lillian Springsteel due to illness has been honorably discharged from the WAC. She is now employed at Keasbey and Mattison. James Stevens has enlisted in the Navy and expects to leave soon. Seaman George Mullahy, stationed at St. Mary's College, has been spending 10 days at his home. Pvt. Allan Burroughs, who is in the Marine Amphibious Service, has been home on a furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Leech have received their first letter from Sgt. Donald Leech since he was interned in a German prison camp. He is safe and well and says that he is getting along okay. He with five others escaped after being shot down on October 10. He feels that he has much for which to be thankful and has undying faith in the future.

Lt. James Keane was one of the P-51 fighter pilots who on March 4<sup>th</sup> took part in the first all-American raid on Berlin. He is a brother of Corporal Peter Keane who was killed in the first U.S. air raid on Rabaul.

Moron jokes are getting scarce: There was the moron who was surprised to find a meat ball wouldn't bounce; wondered why he couldn't swim in a pool room and wouldn't ride in the top of a double decker bus because there was no driver.

How do the Cliff Dwellers keep warm in winter? (They use mountain ranges.)

How does a ghost get into a haunted house? (With a skeleton key.)



"Susie could have married anybody she pleased."

"Then why is she still single?"

"She never pleased anybody."

They laughed when they saw him put iodine on his pay check. They didn't know he had an awful cut in his salary.

"When will your father's leg be well?"

"Not for a long time, I think."

"Why?"

"Compensation's set in."

A wedding ring is like a tourniquet; it stops your circulation.

And now for a few highlights in the National News.

According to Major General Lewis B. Hershey 240,000 men must be drafted from the present occupationally deferred classes if armed service needs are to be met by July 1.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is on a visit to the Caribbean Area. She is accompanied by her secretary companion, Malvina Thompson.

Merrill Kenneth Wolf of Cleveland, Ohio, has entered Yale University at the age of 12, the youngest student on record. At the age of four months, he spoke a complete sentence. He is accredited with an I.Q. of 182 or a mental age of 20 and wishes to major in music. On his first birthday he read through a first grade reader for five year olds and at the age of 22 months picked out a Liszt Melody on the piano. He wants to emerge from Yale with a Ph. D. degree which he would like to win before he is 16.

Nearly 800,000 letters from servicemen in the Pacific to their home folks have just arrived in the U.S. aboard the Navy's flying boat Mars, as part of the largest air mail load in history, 23,246 pounds.

Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt has filed suit for divorce against her husband, Colonel Elliott Roosevelt, now serving in the European war theater.

Mrs. Annie Jordon of Boston, Mass. believes that she is the outstanding war mother. With 5 sons in the Navy, 3 in the Army and one in the Marines, a 10th son is awaiting his call for induction.

Mickey Rooney, 22, has been accepted for Army service and will report for duty March 30th.

King Peter of Yugoslavia and Princess Alexandra of Greece will be married in London on March 21st.

"Big Bill" Thompson, three times Mayor of Chicago and one of the Nation's most colorful political figures died March 18th following a



heart attack.

Betty Grable and her husband Harry James are parents of a daughter, Victoria Elizabeth, born March 3rd. Myrna Loy, screen star is suing her husband for divorce and will return to Hollywood immediately to make another picture in the "Thin Man" series.

Irvin S. Cobb, 67, died March 10th after an illness of three months. He was one of America's best known humorists. Joseph C. Lincoln, 74, famous author of Cape Cod stories, also died on March 10th. Beginning in 1902 he wrote 50 novels with Cape Cod locales. He was the son of a sea captain.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has given \$300,000 to the 1944 Red Cross War Fund, the largest single gift of the Drive. There have been some bad head aches the past few weeks as a result of preparing Income Tax Returns; even Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and Albert Einstein had to call for help.

New Postal Rates go into effect March 26th. Local letters will cost three cents instead of two. Domestic air mail will cost eight cents instead of six. Money order charges, registered mail fee, rates for insuring mail and C.O.D. mail charges will be greatly increased.

H. W. Van Loon, 62 year old historian, died of a heart attack at his home in Greenwich, Conn. March 11th. While engaged in writing a new book "A Report to St. Peter", an autobiography covering his life up to and including his 21st birthday.

Officers of the Naval Air T.T. Center at Memphis, Tenn. got their biggest shock of the war when a sailor returned 5 days after starting a 10 day furlough. He reported "all my friends have gone into the services, so five days was long enough to see my relatives."

A new-sign-of-the-times is lettered on the sides of Burlington, Vt.'s garbage collection trucks: "Used Vitamin Convoy Service."

The parachute which Lt. Tommy Earmon used when he was shot down over China last October is to be a wedding gown. Although it is pierced by bullets from Jap zeros it is being fashioned for the bridal dress of screen actress Elyse Knox who is his springtime bride-to-be.

A little boy was saying his prayers. His mind was filled with all the talk of his parents about the troubled cares of the world at war. He prayed for everything he could remember and finally closed with this solemn petition: "And please, God, take care of yourself. For if anything happens to you, we're all sunk."

Fashion note for 1944: There will be little change in pockets.

Pete: I'm going to get a divorce. My wife hasn't spoken to me in six months.

Al: Better think it over. Wives like that are hard to find.

The chaplain's forceful sermon on the Ten Commandments left one sailor in a bothered mood. Finally he brightened up. "Anyway," he



consoled himself, "I never made a graven image."

There isn't much of interest to report in the World of Sports right now:

The John Bartram High School basketball team won the City championship with a 36-27 victory over Southeast Catholic before 12,506 fans, the largest attendance at any basketball game in the history of Philadelphia sports.

St. Joseph's College scored a 48-46 upset over Temple University to take the basketball championship of Philadelphia.

Notre Dame will start football relations with Dartmouth and Tulane for the first time this fall. The Dartmouth game will be played in Boston marking the first time the Irish have appeared in New England since the 1914 Yale game.

A syndicate headed by John B. Kelly has been granted a permit to build and operate a horse racing track, seven miles from Pleasantville, N.J. on the Black Horse Pike. It covers 700 acres and will be built at an estimated cost of \$2,500,000. Construction will not begin until the war is over.

Philadelphia's Bob Montgomery who was knocked out in 63 seconds by Al Davis in February came back March 2nd to recapture the lightweight championship by outfighting Beau Jack, through 15 gruelling rounds at Madison Square Garden.

Commander Oscar Emil (Swede) Hagberg has been appointed head football coach at the U.S. Naval Academy. He has recently returned from active duty in the Pacific and will succeed Capt. John Whelchel. He was a member of the Navy varsity in 1928-29-30 and was an aide to Major Emory E. Larson at Annapolis in 1939.

Alonzo Stagg, coach of the College of the Pacific, has declined a \$75,000 offer for his autobiography for film use.

Bill Dickey, 36, catcher for the New York Yankees, has been inducted into the Navy. Frankie Sinkwich, former All American football player, has qualified for the U.S. Maritime Service.

The University of Pennsylvania Baseball team had its first work out on March 13th.

The Athletics left on March 12th for Frederick, Md. to begin their spring training. Twenty-six players including Bert Kuczynski, former Penn football captain, reported. He was recently discharged from the Marines. Frankie Hayes, Dick Siebert and Jo Jo White were also in the contingent. Connie Mack has named Bobo Newsom to pitch the season's opening game.

The Braves are training at Wallingford, Conn., the Dodgers at Bear Mt. and the Yankees at Atlantic City.



The Phillies have begun their spring training at Wilmington, Del. Robert Carpenter, Jr., 28 year old president and youngest executive of a major league club in baseball history, has been accepted by the Army. Herb Pennock will handle his affairs until his return. The Phillies open at Shibe Park on April 18 against Brooklyn and the Athletics open in Washington.

Vander Meer, Cincinnati Reds left-handed pitcher, has gone into the Navy. Second baseman, Jo Gordon of the New York Yankees, is in the Army. Mel Ott, 35 year old manager of the New York Giants has been called to take his physical exam. He was classified 1-A in January.

We have the following Songs on the Hit Parade for those of you who are interested:

<u>Feb. 26</u>	<u>Mar. 4</u>	<u>Mar. 11</u>
1. Besame Mucha	1. Besame Mucha	1. <u>Mairzy</u> Doats
2. My Heart Tells Me	2. Mairzy Doats	2. Besame Mucha
3. Shoo Shoo Baby	3. I Couldn't Sleep, etc.	3. No Love, No Nothin'
4. Mairzy Doats	4. Shoo Shoo Baby	4. My Heart Tells Me
5. No Love, No Nothin'	5. My Heart Tells Me	5. I Couldn't Sleep, etc.
6. A Lovely Way to Spend an Evening	6. No Love, No Nothin'	6. Shoo Shoo Baby
7. I Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night	7. When They Ask About You	7. I Love You
8. My Ideal	8. Poincianna	8. When They Ask About You
9. My Shining Hour	9. I Love You	9. Love, Love, Love

Jive fans, to whom songs like Shoo Shoo Baby is tops, declared Mairzy Doats never would reach No. 1 on the Hit Parade. But sure enough on Mar. 11, it climbed to first place. Seems a welcome relief from all those crooning type of songs. - By the way, we've been poking fun at the swooning girls when Frank Sinatra sings. But you should have heard the males when Joan Edwards sang I Love You. If they weren't swooning, they certainly had no control of their emotions.

No one has yet responded to our offer to send sheet music to those who might desire it. That wasn't just loose talk - we meant it.

#### Just Nonsense

Lady - I left my pass at home, but I'm one of the officers' wives. "Lady," said the sentry, "I'm sorry, but I couldn't let you pass even if you were his only wife.

"I wasn't doing forty miles an hour," protested the motorist. "Nor thirty, nor even twenty."

"Here, steady now," interrupted the magistrate, "or you'll be backing into something!"

"I always have the last word in discussions with my wife."

"How do you manage it?"

"I say, 'Quite right, my dear.'"



Correspondence Column

We were more than glad to hear from Pvt. Herman Ashton. He is in England, and we have reason to believe that Dick King is near him. Herman says he is very busy, but wanted us to know where he was and that he is anxious to get back "to good old Ambler." He also asked us to "say hello to all the folks".

We had another nice letter from Paul Jones, Sl/c, principally to tell us that he expected to move and to give us his address. We hope he meets his Seabee buddies who have gone before him.

And then we had a thrill, -on a certain Saturday morning in late February, we received our first letter from Cpl. Truxton Deck. "Tuck" is also in England. We were very proud to hear from him, as he is one of our home town boys who has been away a long time and seen plenty of action. It is a nice cheerful letter, complimenting our Newsletter, and he never mentioned the fact, that he had been spending some time in a Hospital. We have learned elsewhere that he is getting along very well. Tuck and Johnny Ware have been meeting each other in all sorts of places in Africa and Sicily, and as far as we know, Johnny is still in Sicily.

This time, we had a letter from Sgt. Sam Dailey. He and his brother Bud had not been able to meet, although they correspond regularly. As you may remember, Sam and Bud are both in England. Sam speaks of having a furlough and intending to visit Scotland. We hope he has gone and would like very much to hear all about it.

Sgt. Tom Weaver wrote us saying he had a "gab session" with Al Dummeldinger and that they hoped to contact Ed Amey some day. We sincerely hope they do.

Then a few days later, Albert Dummeldinger, Mus. 1/c wrote and told us of his visit with Tom Weaver. Al is ready to come home any time, as he has been away for over 2½ years. Al had been sharing his Newsletter with Tom Potts. Then Tom moved on and about a month ago, Al sent his back copies on to Joe Urban. You boys remember Joe - he graduated from Ambler High in "37" and was Captain of the Basketball Team his Senior year. Joe is a Sgt. in the Army and has been down under for a year and a half. For Al's information Tom Potts has been added to our mailing list and after reading Al's letter, we went out and got Joe Urban's address, as well as his brother Frank's, who is C.M.1/c A3 with the Seabees. Al also likes the Hit Parade.

Two days later, we had a letter from Bill Dummeldinger, MML/c, his first to us. Bill said he didn't know how much he could write as Naval Censorship was very close. He has been on active sea duty for about a year and has traveled the equal to twice around the world. Bill is on the U.S.S. Croatan and they "give Hitler one of his biggest headaches."

We had a very fine letter from Pvt. Calvin Ashton, Herman's younger brother, who left Ambler very recently. Calvin had tried for the Air Cadet Corps but did not pass the eye test. However, he was fortunate



to pass 5 other tests and was recommended for the Mechanical Technical School. He is at Gulfport, Miss. We wish him the best of luck and believe he will make the grade.

Richard E. Gump, Ph. M.3/c wrote us from India and we are very glad to hear from him. Due to censorship he could not say very much except that the people are quite strange, as well as their customs. He is working in an Army Hospital even tho' he is in the Navy. We hope he finds time to write us again.

Pvt. Michael Lepore wrote to thank us for the Newsletter and give us his new address. He is now at Camp Blanding, Fla. He expects to stay there for 17 weeks' training. We appreciate hearing from him as it is this kind of letters that help us so much.

We were very glad to hear from Cpl. Charles Wagner again. It has been some time since we last heard from him. He continues to stay in England, where he has been for a long time. He sends his special greetings to Tommy Hughes, Charles King, Dick Schuler and Frank King. He also asked for the addresses of these boys and we have sent them to him in a separate note.

2nd Lt. Vera M. Haff, wrote us from an Island in the Pacific to tell us how much she appreciated the Newsletter. She said her work now was quite different from her duties in the Middle East. Vera is an Army Nurse and last year was stationed near Cairo, Egypt. She returned to the States in the late Spring and left for the Pacific in the early Fall. She believes the boys are doing a wonderful job and are working hard to get home. At the time Vera wrote this letter, she had not seen any Ambler folks, although she had located a classmate from her nurses' training school days. Since then, George Sandiford has found her as we told you previously in this Newsletter.

We were delighted to have a letter from Major Alfred S. Martin. He has arrived in one of the Islands down in the Pacific. He commented on his High School Days when he and Herb Amey played on the same football team. We believe many of the boys have the same memory. Al seems to have one big problem on his hands - how to wash and dry his clothes. Boys, can you just imagine this - a Major in this man's Army washing his overalls in a creek. We hope Al is doing better as we hear his family has sent him some Duz.

We wish to thank Capt. Robert R. Smith for his card telling us of his new address. You may remember Capt. Smith was the well liked Dr. Smith who lived here in the Godfrey House for some years. We send him our very best wishes wherever he may be.

Again we had a letter from Tommy Hughes A.R.M.3/c and what a surprise! First he had moved from Norfolk, Va. to Alameda, Cal. Then when he arrived there, 190 of the boys were transferred to the Marine Corps, and given a full issue of Marine clothing. He will retain his Navy rate, but be under Marine Command. Tommy says he is getting a "rugged" physical training. He likes California and is thrilled with the view from the Golden Gate Bridge. However, he expects to move on very soon and our very best wishes go with him.



Bob Davies, A.M.M.2/c writes us from the U.S.S. Coral Sea, to tell us he is receiving the Newsletter. He reads it very carefully and hopes some day he will find some of his friends. Bob always sends us a note when he can and it is a real inspiration to us.

And just before closing this Newsletter for March, we had our first letter from Cpl. George Camburn. George had arrived in Northern Africa just before Christmas, and much to our surprise, he is now in India. His letter was dated Mar. 6th and he had just received his Christmas boxes and 125 pieces of mail. George said he had been promoted to Cpl. on Jan. 1st; Congratulations! He was interested in the sacred cows and hundreds of peacocks, which are considered sacred also. He told about a very impressive Communion Service held on board ship. George has never met anyone from Ambler, but his close buddy is an Allentown boy, named Harold Helfrick. We imagine that is close enough to seem like home when you are so far away. We were very glad to hear from George and hope he will find time to write again very soon.

We also wish to thank Ted Dailey for the interesting folder of Hawaiian scenes sent to us. It was very thoughtful of him and we appreciate it.

We also hear from the King family that Frank - in Ireland - and Dick - in England - are receiving their Newsletters and wish there were more of them.

Here is some news about our church Activities and church Family:

An old fashioned Community Hymn Sing was held at the Church, Wednesday evening, March 1st. It was sponsored by the Senior C. E. Society. Miss Betty Boehner of Prospectville and Miss Ethel Hunsberger of Perkasio were the guest soloists. Mr. H. R. Mottshaw, our new church organist, presided at the organ. He is also choir director and succeeds Mrs. Charles H. Korn, who recently resigned after a number of years of faithful service. Mr. Mottshaw, a former instructor of Botany at Brown University, was organist for 18 years in the Riverpoint Congregational Church, Providence, R. I. He, with his wife and three children live at Flourtown. He is employed by the Walter Burpee Seed Co. as a soil consultant.

The Senior C. E. Society was a guest of the Intermediate C. E. Society at a tea on Sunday evening March 5th. Mr. Edwin S. Jones, Regional Director of the Y.M.C.A. was the guest speaker.

We wish to congratulate Frank Fertsch who has passed his exams for an aviator. He is now an aviation student at Clinton, S. C.

The friends of Pfc. Roy Cramer have been delighted to see him around Ambler again. He is a Marine paratrooper and has seen much action in the Southwest Pacific. He was lone survivor of an American patrol squad recently ambushed by the Japanese in the Solomons. He has



been in the service 26 months and is enjoying a month's furlough before reporting to Camp Pendleton, Cal., on March 21st. On March 2nd Roy and Miss Jean (Becky) Robinson were married at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Ledebor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Duns- more in the presence of the immediate families. A reception for the guests followed after which the bride and groom left for a short honeymoon in Atlantic City.

Corporal Donald Gerhart of Camp MacKall, N. C. and Robert Gerhart, S2/c of Elizabeth, N. C. visited their parents recently.

We extend congratulations to Wilson MacIntire A.R.M.3/c and his wife on the arrival of a son, Richard Stewart. Wilson is now stationed in the South Pacific. Mrs. MacIntire is residing in Germantown.

Roscoe Smith, Ph M1/c has been assigned to sea duty on the U.S.S. James O'Hara. Harry Cullingford left March 14 to begin his training in the Navy. Mrs. Cullingford is the former Miss Irma Renner.

In a recent letter to his parents Harold King wrote that he returned February 7th from a trip begun January 24th which covered 6,500 miles by plane and 500 miles by car after he reached his destination. He visited among other cities, Alexandria, Cairo, Port Said, and Khartum. The ride took 28 hrs. one way and the change in temperature was so great that he was forced to change from sun tans to O.D's in Alexandria and Cairo. He found both cities very modern and up to date. The population is made up of European refugees and native Egyptians. Except for blackouts there were few signs of war. The stores were better equipped than ours back home; prices were extremely high. Men's shoes ordinarily \$5 a pair now range from \$12 to \$30. Both cities are clean; horses and buggies are used as taxis a great deal. Apparently there is plenty of gas as the streets are filled with cars. There are many trolleys and trains. According to Harold the Nile Valley is a beautiful sight from a plane; he found the food excellent and was able to partake of steak, hamburgers and banana splits. One of his grandest experiences was a hot bath. With the exception of a 5 minute's rain everyday the weather was swell. He and one of his buddies rode across the desert from Alexandria to Cairo with the war correspondent, Charles Zanes. While in Cairo he saw the pyramids, Sphinx and many of the other things he studied about in history. He got a big thrill from riding on a camel. I judge the after effects were as bad if not worse than riding horseback from what he wrote.

Mr. Henry S. Walker has been appointed by the Defense Council as Chairman of the Salvage Committee of the Borough of Ambler.

Lt. Commander Kenneth Weidner of Washington, D. C. has been a recent visitor in town. Jack Meyers was home for four days around February 21st after having made his sixteenth trip overseas. Pvt. Wilda Dragani, WAC is home on a furlough from Ft. Myer, Va. Corporal Frank Ferla recently met his friend Ralph Mascola in Cambridge, England. During their early training they met in Mississippi after which Frank went to England and Ralph to Africa. "Bill" McKinney, Jr.



A.R.M.3/o who has been at the N.A.T.T. Center, Memphis, Tenn., is visiting his parents who now reside in Germantown.

Lt. Macomber is in the District Office of Recreation and Welfare at the Charleston Navy Yard. He is officer in charge of the Motion Picture Program and Recreation allotments for ships and shore stations in the Sixth Naval District.

Lt. Ida Berry is now stationed in England. "Bill" Williams and George McIntire are working together in the office at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Sampson, N.Y. Harvey Eisenhard, Jr., Fl/c is at Yerba Buena Island, San Francisco, Cal. Corporal "Jim" Williams has moved from 90 Church St., New York City to the Base Finance Office Mitchell Field, L.I.

Dick Hoyt has had his first furlough. A friend accompanied him to London where Dick tried to contact Gerry Davis but was unsuccessful. From London they went to Bath, Oxford, Stratford on Avon and then back to their base. "Bob" Broughton is in New Hebrides where he expects to be stationed for some time. When he went for his first swim in one of the rivers he was amazed to find salt water below the top five feet of fresh water. "Bob" Cassel stationed on the U.S.S. Robert E. Peary is home on a few days leave after convoy duty to England. Mr. and Mrs. Iedeboer assume after reading George Cramer's recent letters that he was at the Marshall Islands Invasion.

W.O. Sam Worthington was in church March 19th for the last time before going to Staunton, Va., to begin his duties in the office of the Woodrow Wilson General Hospital. He has been fortunate in getting home often since being in Baltimore so we shall miss him. Since the Army Specialized Training is being curtailed, many of the men are being moved and assigned to new work.

Roscoe O. Brady, Jr. was one of 41 members of the 1943-1944 graduating class at Penn State to be invited to join Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society. The society admits only those in highest scholastic standing.

Ensign Oakley Hoyt stationed at Patuxet River, Md., recently visited his wife and son, John, who are residing in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, at the present time. Oakley was accompanied by his mother Mrs. F. O. Hoyt. While there Captain "Bob" Bolish, a friend of the family called. After learning that he was in the Marines and Captain of the Marine crew of the U.S.S. Maryland which took part in the bombardment and was used as a flag ship in the Battle of Tarawa, Oakley asked if he by any chance knew Lt. Colonel Herbert Amey. He answered that he surely did. It seems that conferences were held on the U.S.S. Maryland before the battle. Captain Bolish sat in on these in which Lt. Col. Amey took part. He said that Herb was very well liked and that big things were expected of him.

Cadet Howard James Dager and Cadet George W. Miller, who are stationed at the U.S. Military Academy, are both members of the West Point choir and recently spent a weekend in New York City at which time the choir



sang at St. John's, The Divine. Cadet Dager recently spent a weekend at his home. He was accompanied by his roommate, Cadet Benjamin Lewis of Washington.

The Couples' Club held two meetings in February. The first one on February 11th was a Valentines Day dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Worth. Everyone had a grand time and all are in favor of repeating it soon. The second meeting on the 25th was a game party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Cowles and if you can imagine grown ups playing Old Maids, Tiddledy Winks, Jack Straws, etc. you know they had fun. Adults like to relax and be children again. We hope it will not be long before you and your wives will be joining us for one great bit party - games, dancing and everything you want. Until then we'll report to you each month.

Richard Schuler, U.S. Army Air Corps recently spent a few days at his home before reporting to Charleston, S. C. for further training. He has previously been at Miami Beach.

We are very sorry to hear that Lt. "Bob" Davis has had an accident in which his legs were injured. His wife, the former Miss Marion Johnson, expects to leave very soon for Atlanta, Ga. where he is hospitalized. I'll try to have more details in the next letter.

We congratulate Pvt. and Mrs. Harold L. Moore, Jr. on the birth of a son, John Timothy born March 17th. Harold is on his way overseas.

I know you like to hear from Rev. Dunsmore each month so I am going to close this March letter with his message to you:

"Fellows, through your faith the joy of Easter may be yours!

Our Christian hope will last forever, because it has abiding truth about time and the human soul. We are made for eternity. Jesus as He was dying on the Cross said, "Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit." Yes - the Kingdom of Heaven is not outside but within, and when all seems lost it stands fast. Crucifixion and Death were conquered by Resurrection and Life. The Gospel is "good news" because it declares that through faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you may have abundant life now - no matter in what circumstances you are placed - and eternal life hereafter. That is what Easter affirms. May you find joy and peace of heart through an unconquerable faith in the risen, living Christ!"

Sincerely,

*Helen B. Macomber*



Letter No. 19

92 Bethlehem Pike,  
Ambler, Pa.

April 15, 1944.

Dear

It is unbelievable how fast time marches on. Here it is the middle of April and if I do not finish this News Letter at once I fear that Mrs. Hoyt and the King's Daughters will discharge me.

Ever since my return from the South, I have been trying to get all my old newspapers read. I must confess that I am very queer and one of my idiosyncrasies is never to throw away a newspaper until it is read even though it may be two or three months old. My family ridicules me but, nevertheless, I always find items I should have hated to miss. For example, had the papers been destroyed during my absence I should never have known about the woman in Miami who divorced her husband for carrying germ-dodging to an extreme. It seems he washed his hands on an average of 75 times daily. She also charged that he hung his clothes in such a way as to have them evenly spaced in his closet.

A tragedy happened out in Hollywood when Ann Corio became its first victim of a shrinking sarong. The entire scene had to be re-taken.

Another catastrophe was that of a bride of six months, a woman in the late 40's, who married a man whom she thought was 65 and later discovered that he was almost 80.

Advertisements fascinate me and following are a few which I should like to share with you. They were taken from a southern newspaper:

Young divorced machinist wishes someone to board and care for 4-year-old son. Blue eyes, blond hair; temperamental and nobody's angel. Give details first letter.

Found - one black mare in Wolf River bottom. Owner must identify before seeing her and pay board bill.

1506 N. Parkway - Unique private bath arrangement for two. Private entrance.

Widow, with \$25,000.00 seeking safe investment. Submit what you have. Interview later.

Here are two which are very typical of present day conditions:

"Couple, without dogs, children or riotous companions,  
seeking unfurnished 2-bedroom apartment in N.W. section



or small Georgetown house. Have been staying with friend after friend for 5 months and no longer have any."

"Furnished apartment, tile bath, new gas stove, will rent 6 months total rent in advance, \$125 per month. No children. References."

Now I shall lay aside my papers for a few days and settle down to giving you the latest news around town. Before I do that I want to express once more our appreciation and thanks to Lillian Leslie and "Dot" Umstead for the wonderful piece of work they are doing. They cut the stencils for us each month and without their cooperation and help we should find it very difficult to get the News Letter to you on time. I know that you folks as well as The Kings Daughters are very grateful to them.

#### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

It was a happy surprise to the students and teachers to find that the Easter Recess this year included Thursday as well as Good Friday and Easter Monday.

The band is rehearsing many new numbers in preparation for Memorial Day programs and for an open air concert to be given in the near future.

More than 33 candidates have reported for Track. The first meet is scheduled for April 22nd and will be with Springfield.

Nineteen students attended the Mock Republican Convention at Temple University where more than 1,000 students from 47 schools of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey were represented. On the first ballot Dewey led his nearest rival Wendell Wilkie by more than 150 votes and on the second Dewey received 614 votes.

Clarence and Elmer Brunner visited at the High School recently. Both are in the Navy.

The students and teachers raised the sum of \$222.12 in the recent Red Cross Drive.

Recent visitors at the High School have been: Edward Sage, Maceo Malone, James Finore, John Luskin, Alfred Kemmerer, William Weir, Edward Malachowski, William Hamilton, George Schlagenhauser, and John Ronker.

Margaret Shelly, who graduated from the High School in the class of 1942, died April 11th after a long illness.

The Recreation Council will hold a table tennis tournament for Ambler and vicinity on April 17th, 20th and 24th in the high school. The matches will be open to residents of all ages. Mr. Kunsman is in charge of the tournament.



### LOCAL NEWS

Although some things are getting scarcer and scarcer these days, Local News keeps up to par:

George Wood, 97 year old Civil War Veteran, long active in Ambler civic affairs and an honored figure at Memorial Day gatherings, died April 12th.

Mrs. William Fenwick and son of Youngstown, Ohio, are spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stillwagon.

Miss Martha Hoffer plays the flute in the Juniata College Orchestra which presented its major concert of the year on March 25th.

The engagement of Miss Fannie Camburn to Kenneth Haldeman, S 2/C has been announced.

George McIntyre, SP (M) 3/C, has been home on leave after completing his "boot" training at the N.T.S., Sampson, N. Y.

"Bob" Davies, A.M.M.2/C recently met Earl Stone A.M.2/C somewhere in the Pacific area.

Lieutenant Joseph O. Niblock and Miss Dorothy Cook of Salina, Kansas, were recently married at Salina, Kansas.

Lt. (jg) Heber Meyers is now located at Ft. Schuyler, N.Y. Corporal James McKinnon and Miss Jean Reaver, Blue Bell, were recently married at North Camp Hood, Texas. Corporal Rawlins of Ambler also stationed in Texas was best man.

Rev. Edward Cook has resigned from the Boehm's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Blue Bell, where he has been pastor for 18 years. He will preach his farewell sermon on April 23rd and expects to receive his appointment to an Evangelical Church the first of May.

Rev. Winfield Ramish will succeed the Rev. J. William Dow who accepted a call to Lewistown. Rev. and Mrs. Ramish have already moved into the parsonage of the Baptist Church. He assumed his new duties on April 1st.

Cpl. John H. Hoffman of Broad Axe and Miss Janueline Haines were married on Monday, April 10th.

Robert Stevens, S1/C, who is stationed in the New Hebrides Islands, has been promoted to Fireman first class.

A destroyer now under construction will be named for the late J. William Ditter who was killed in the crash of a Navy plane last November. Cadet Howard J. Dager, U.S. Cadet Corps, West Point, is now receiving special training in aviation at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Lt. Stewart Davis, U.S. Army Air Corps, has returned



to Langley Field after spending a few days with his parents. The engagement of Miss Margaret McCloskey of Lock Haven to Coulter B. Allen has been announced.

Lieutenant Ralph J. Davies, who recently graduated from the Advanced Navigation School at Ellington Field, Texas, and Miss Gloria Laughlin were married on Monday evening, March 27th in the Calvary Methodist Church. Miss Elaine Laughlin was the maid of honor. Miss Geraldine Spears and Miss Mary Hay were bridesmaids. Edward G. Davies, Jr. was best man. The ushers were Emerson Matz and E. G. Davies, Sr.

A reception for a hundred guests was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Davies, Sr. immediately following the ceremony. Lt. and Mrs. Davies spent a short honeymoon in New York before he returned to his base at Alexandria, La. on April 2nd.

The 125 year old barn on the property of Henry Lee Willet, noted stained glass artist, Butler and Limekiln Pike, was destroyed by fire Sunday evening, March 26th. A valuable stained glass window was lost in the \$18,000 fire. Mr. Willet had just completed it and was about to ship it to the Methodist Mission at San Juan, Puerto Rico. When the fire broke out in the barn, the family was out of doors, watching a field fire which was supposedly still at a distance.

Mr. Angelo Menna and Mr. John W. Meyers gave their friends a big surprise when they appeared on the Vox Pop half hour program broadcast on Station WCAU from the Academy of Music, Monday evening, March 27th. Both men are home on sick leave after being in foreign service with the American Red Cross. The program was dedicated to the Red Cross Drive. Both men told of their experiences. Mr. Meyers was with Combat Marines in two landings of amphibious forces. Mr. Menna and Mr. Meyers received beautiful gifts from the sponsors of the program.

"Newt" and "Woody" Howard were fortunate in arranging a "get-to-gether" in London around the middle of February. They had an afternoon and evening together.

Grant Buchanan, S 1/C is in Ward D at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. He expects to be there for some time. A/C "Dick" Slayton has been transferred from Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas, to Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, to continue his pilot training.

Ambler residents and merchants responded generously to the recent request for paper. The Salvage Committee plus volunteers canvassed the Borough thoroughly. Trucks were volunteered and over 5 tons of paper were collected. The proceeds from such collections are given to the Ambler Recreation Committee.

Miss Mabel Ditter, Assistant District Attorney for Montgomery County, spoke on "Politics in War Work" at a meeting of the Eastern Montgomery County Council of Republican Women, on April 4th



at the Strawbridge and Clothier Store Salon, Jenkintown.

Kenneth Amey, aviation radioman, has completed his course at the N.A.T.T.C., Memphis, Tenn. and has been advanced to a third class petty officer rating. Miss Ruth Wood has joined the WAVES and left for Hunter College on April 6th to begin her training. Her brother, Cpl. Earl Wood, has returned to Orlando, Fla. after spending 15 days at his home. Ensign J. William Ditter, Jr., who recently graduated from the U.S. Naval School of Supply at Cambridge, Mass., spent a few days at his home before reporting for duty at New Orleans, La.

St. Joseph Friel was wounded in the throat by shrapnel while serving with the 37th division on Bougainville. His family is anxiously awaiting further information concerning his injuries. He was awarded the Purple Heart and presented the Army's newest award for infantrymen. Two of his buddies, Pfc. Earl W. Dinnell and Pfc. Gaetano Ciliberto, who left for overseas duty at the same time and saw action in the same campaigns, also received the Infantry Badge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bussing are living in hopes that their son, Captain Henry Bussing is safe though a prisoner of war in Germany. It has been rumored that his name was broadcast over a short wave system from Berlin. Although he was not heard over the air, yet his name was read among a list of prisoners taken.

Lt. "Ed" Sage left April 5th for Pyote, Texas, after spending 10 days at his home.

James Stevens has begun his "boot" training at the Naval Training Station, Sampson, N. Y. Miss Gertrude Stevens enlisted in the WAVES and will begin her training the first of May. Pvt. Carlton Myers has graduated from the Clerical School at Camp Grant, Ill. "Bill" Dummeldinger, USN, and "Bill" Weir have been visiting their parents.

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Norman L. Jones are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Kaynor Diane, born March 25th. Lt. Jones is on duty in the Caribbean area. Mrs. Jones is the former Miss Katherine Derr.

Pvt. Donald Stott, who was missing in action in the No. Africa area, July 10, 1943, has been reported dead. His wife is the former Miss Caroline Plumley. Pfc. Frank J. Rocco, Jr., who was with the 37th Army Division on Bougainville, has been presented with the Army's newest award for infantrymen, the Combat Infantryman Badge. Pfc. Harry Wood, Jr. has received commendations for outstanding conduct and excellent performance of duty in recent engagements in the South Pacific where he is now serving.

William Leary, Jr. has graduated from the N.A.T.C., Corpus Christi, Texas, and has been commissioned an Ensign.



Mr. and Mrs. John Hansell have recently spent a few days in Ambler. He has received a Red Cross promotion in being appointed secretary and full-time worker for the Tidewater Camp and Hospital Service Council, Norfolk, Va. Mr. Hansell has served as assistant Field Director in the Norfolk region for the past nine months.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Hough and Lt. William E. McLaughlin of Germantown took place April 1st at 4:30 P. M. in the Abington Friends' Meeting House, Jenkintown. A reception followed the ceremony at the Old York Road Country Club, Jenkintown. Lt. and Mrs. McLaughlin will reside at Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga. where he is stationed with the Army Engineers.

A "Pin-Up" Girl is to be chosen by the boys at the Stage Door Canteen. The contest got under way when 63 junior hostesses were selected from 21 shifts of girls who entertain the boys each week. Fifteen girls out of the 63 will be selected to serve as models by the fashion editors of Philadelphia newspapers. These girls will stage a fashion show which will be presented at five hospitals in this area visited by the Mobile Unit of the Canteen. Patients in each hospital will choose their own Pin-Up girl. The grand finale will be at the canteen where the boys by popular acclaim will select the Stage Door Canteen Pin-Up Girl from among the five chosen at the hospitals.

Ambler night continues to be very popular at the Canteen. Among the recent visitors there were Irvin Woodward and "Pete" Weiman on March 25th and Paul Farla on April 1st.

Ensign "Dave" Hellings, who is on the USS Avocet, recently met Lt. Carl Lorenz somewhere in the Aleutians. We have heard in a round-about way of the conditions in the Aleutians where Dr. Lorenze is stationed. The boys live in either "quansett" or pacific huts, well insulated with celotex. The sun seldom shines: it is cold and damp -- in fact just plain miserable. No trees, only low growing vegetation, with numerous foxes and ground marmots running around. Sea gulls, ravens the size of turkey buzzards, and a kind of song sparrow are the only other signs of life. No self-respecting "Aleut" would live there and "Doc" proposes that after the war all Japs be forced to live in the Aleutians. It would serve them right. An item which makes his thoughts wander back Ambler-way, is the asbestos pipe which they are beginning to use for a water line. There are piles of it stamped with the K & M trademark which make him wonder if any of his ex-patients may have had something to do with making it. If so, they surely little thought that their one-time doctor would see it in use at such a far-distant place. K & M products certainly get around. His battalion is also using the asbestos board for some of the insulation jobs. Dr. Lorenz's name has been added to our News Letter mailing list.

Pfc. Allen Burroughs, in the Marine Corps, is an instructor in the Amphibious Tractor Division, Dunedin, Fla. He expects to be there until June, when he will go to Oceanside, Calif. His



wife and daughter are living near enough the base so that he can be with them each night and week ends.

Pvt. Parry Weiss, A.S.T.P., has moved from The Citadel, Charleston, S. C. to Ft. Bragg, N. W. where he is in the Infantry. Donald Angeny, SF3/C, is with the Seabees in New Guinea. Dudley Deck, A.S.T.P., has moved from Princeton, N.J. to Camp Carson, Colo. and is now in the Infantry.

Pfc. and Mrs. Elmer Spence are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son born April 4th. Elmer is at Kelly Field, Texas. His wife and baby are with her parents in New Mexico.

Lt. Francis W. Kelly, USNR, a Chaplain attached to the U.S. Marine Corps, returned to this country March 4 after 20 months of service in the Pacific area where he saw action at Tarawa and in the Solomons. He was personally acquainted with "Herb" Amey so the Kiwanis Club was fortunate in having him as its speaker on April 11th. He was with the first wave that started for the Tarawa beachhead on November 20th. As soon as they hit shore, he began administering the last rites to Catholics and Protestants alike and stated that Col. Amey was one of the first officers to be buried. He was in charge of the landing and was killed before he reached the shore. Lt. Kelly told the members of the Kiwanis Club that Col. Amey was the finest gentleman and officer he had met. In paying tribute to him, he stated that the Marine Corps held the highest respect for him because he was an outstanding leader. Lt. Kelly claimed that "the four days of fighting on Tarawa were worse than six months on Guadalcanal."

The American Legion of Ambler has created a post-war planning committee to take care of the needs of the men and women returning from the armed services at the end of the war. Its purpose is to see that they are not dependent on public charity.

Pvt. Alvin Neigut and Pvt. George Mullican have begun their basic training at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, North Camp Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Mary Engle, of the WAC Detachment at Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C., writes home that after driving hospital ambulances laden with wounded men she is sure that she will never again so any of the so-called Army griping.

Sgt. Ralph Slutter recently met Corp. Gale Perry of Blue Bell. Both are stationed in New Guinea.

In a letter to friends, Winnie Stong recently told how much he enjoyed and appreciated the News Letter. He also mentioned meeting "Eagle" Erhardt and Walter Burk in London. From all reports they had a grand time together.



Now for a little Nonsense:

Drill Sergeant to Rookie: "Wipe that opinion off your face."

In addressing a large youth group, the bishop waxed warm in his denouncement of cigarettes and excess use of cosmetics. "The fact is," said the church leader, "the more experience I have with lipstick, the more distasteful I find it."

There was the Moron who:

Poured liquor over his tomato plants so they would grow up stewed.

Was too modest to go near his car when he heard the gears were stripped.

Thought he was deformed because his Army uniform fitted him perfectly

"Why don't you like girls?"

"They're too biased."

"Biased?"

"Yeh- buy us this, buy us that, until I'm broke."

A girl turned up at work wearing two officer's silver bars pinned to her sweater. One of her office mates asked, "Is your boy friend a captain?"

"Goodness, no" she said. "Two lieutenants."

First Rookie: - "Well, Jack, looks to me like the war is going to be over soon."

Second Rookie: "Holy Smoke, I hope it doesn't finish before I get my furlough."

Newton's 33rd Law: The dimmer the porch light the greater the scandal power.

#### SPORTS NEWS

There has not been much of interest taking place in the World of Sports the past month.

On March 18th, before 2200 swimming enthusiasts Allan Ford, Yale University's phenomenal Balboa Canal Zone Bullet broke his own world's record for the 100 yard free style in 49.7 seconds to clip a full four-tenths from his mark of 50.1 established Jan. 29. On March 24th, he captured the 50 yd. freestyle and the 150 yd. backstroke and on the 25th won the 100 yd. freestyle title in 49.7 equalling his own record of a week before when he was swimming against time. The 1500 spectators agreed that the 21st Annual National Collegiate Athletic Association Swimming Championship was strictly an Allan Ford show.



His teammates elected him next season's captain. On April 12th he established 4 new records for the Eli's pool.

On March 18th, Gil Dodds, the Flying Parson from Boston, won his seventh consecutive mile race of the season turning in a new world's competitive indoor record of 4:06.4. On March 24th at Cleveland, Ohio, he failed to crack Greg Rice's record made a year ago in the indoor two mile run. The next morning he set aside his running shoes to step into his father's pulpit at Smithville, Ohio, and deliver a sermon.

H. Jamison Swartz, manager of the Penn Relays, has invited Gil Dodds and Bill Hulse to compete in a special mile race, April 29th on Franklin Field. Over 205 colleges and schools intent to compete in the Relays.

Sgt. Dutch Harrison of the Army Air Forces won the Charlotte Open Golf Tournament on March 21st edging out Harold "Ju" McSpaden, Philadelphia Country Club pro, by a single stroke with a 72-hole total of 275.

Sgt. Joe Louis has reached England to start a tour of the Army's invasion bases giving boxing exhibitions.

Bobo Newsom has been rejected for Army service. Don Kellett, U. of P. varsity basketball coach, has been rejected due to a stomach ailment.

Floyd Fogg, 17 year old high school coach at Slidell, La. built a basketball team out of practically nothing and won his league championship with a record of 14 victories in 15 starts. Last year Floyd was an all-State forward on the team. This year when the regular coach joined the armed services, Floyd offered to take over "free of charge."

Heinie Miller has been appointed football coach at Penn Charter School to succeed John Orsi, the former Colgate star. Orsi was relieved because of his draft status.

Tommy Loughran has been promoted to a Marine staff sergeant. He is now on duty at the Philadelphia Navy Yard as a physical education instructor.

The University of Utah basketball team won the N.C.A.A. basketball championship defeating Dartmouth College 42-40 on March 28. Hazleton High upset Lower Merion 59-31 on March 28th before 9200 fans in Convention Hall. Lower Merion was halted after compiling a 61 game winning streak in 4 years of P.I.A.A. League and playoff competition and lost an Eastern final for the first time in eight starts. It was also the first time that more than 50 points have been registered against an Anderson coached team. Duquesne High won the State title.

Si Pauxtis has been named baseball coach at P.M.C.



Jimmy Foxx is returning to baseball with the Chicago Cubs this season. Walker Cooper, No. 1 catcher of the St. Louis Cardinals, has signed his 1944 contract. Mort Cooper, leading pitcher of the Cardinals, has signed a one year contract.

Johnny L. (Pepper) Martin regards baseball as a serious business right now and has returned to baseball for the coming season to hold down the fort for the ball players who are soldiers in order that the game will be kept alive in their absence.

Penn will play 16 baseball games this spring. Three will be with service units in this vicinity.

The Phillies and Athletics will play their opening games on April 18th.

#### MORE NONSENSE

A farmer was driving past the insane asylum when an inmate called to him through the fence. "What are you hauling?" "Fertilizer," answered the farmer. "What are you going to do with that," inquired the balmy one. "Put it on my strawberries," replied the farmer. The inmate grinning happily said: "You're sure missing plenty. We get cream on ours."

There was the rebel who was in the Navy three weeks before he found out the Navy anthem wasn't "Y ankees Away".

At Camp Blanding, Fla. a recruit was overheard talking in his sleep: "Don't kill Hitler! Make him finish basic training first."

Upon examining a class of youngsters, the Minister asked the question: "What are the sins of omission?"

After a pause, a small girl suggested: "They are the sins we ought to have committed and haven't."

#### NATIONAL NEWS

Wendell Wilkie, on April 5th, withdrew as a candidate for the 1944 Republican nomination in one of the most dramatic and surprising developments in this election year. The surprise action was caused by his defeat in the Wisconsin presidential primary in which Dewey was far in the lead. Lt. Commander Stassen and General MacArthur tied for second place in the race with Wilkie trailing. He failed to obtain a single delegate to the Republican Presidential convention. Dewey won 18 of the 24 delegates. Wilkie deliberately made the Wisconsin primary the test of his candidacy. He believed that no Republican could be nominated for President unless he received the delegate votes of some of the major mid-Western states. He made an intensive campaign touring the state for 13 days and delivering speeches in 25 cities.

Actress Joan Fontaine is seeking a divorce from her husband, Brian Aherne, British born actor. She is charging cruelty.



74. Stephen B. Leacock, humorist, died March 28 at the age of

"Baby Snooks", comedienne Fanny Brice, is now a grandmother. Jim Jordan, Fibber McGee, has been seriously ill with pneumonia.

Pennsylvania's \$500,000,000 post-war-highway development and improvement program has been authorized. It calls for the expenditure of \$100,000 a year. The program is so comprehensive that it includes projects in every section and every county of Pennsylvania. Another Pennsylvania post-war construction program pertains to the Eastern State Penitentiary which will probably be removed from its 115 year old quarters at Cherry Hill to a new "escape proof" structure outside Philadelphia.

Twenty-six year old Henry Ford, 2nd, has been made executive vice-president of the company.

My eleven year old son, Dick, didn't like my paragraph on Benny Goodman so I'll send one he wrote:

"The king of the clarinet, whose theme song is "Let's Dance" is going to have to split up his band because he left his windows open too far and five of his boys got caught in the draft. His name is the one and only Benny Goodman." (Mine was not in the hepcat vernacular.)

On Thursday evening April 6th, James M. Skinner, former president of the Philco Corporation, was presented the 22nd Philadelphia Award in recognition of his services during the last four years as vice-president and chairman of the Industry and Finance Department of the United War Chest. He received a gold medal and a check for \$10,000.

It is a rare coincidence that Easter Sunday this year marked the actual calendar anniversary of the original day of Christ's Resurrection, a coincidence of such rarity that it occurs only five times in the 200 year period from 1800 to 2000. Similarly at noon on Good Friday, 1914 years to the minute had elapsed since Christ was crucified on April 7, in the year 30 A.D.

You will be interested to know that Pennsylvania is taking the lead in adopting the best possible soldier vote legislation. The special session of the Legislature called to facilitate voting by service men will open at noon on May 1st. The bill to be enacted meets the approval of both Republican and Democratic leaders. Governor Martin, a veteran of three wars, has been determined to modify the regulations so as to give you folks every opportunity to vote. The plan proposes elimination of registration as a requisite for voting; automatic mailing of ballots without prior application and extension of the time period to more than 100 days for sending and receiving the ballots. Your ballots will be re-



turned free of postage provided you write "official election war ballot" in a prominent place on the envelope and inscribe in the upper right hand corner "Free of postage - including Air Mail-War Ballot. Pennsylvania is expected to spend over \$700,000 to smooth the way for the armed forces and Allied War services to cast absentee ballots in November.

"So you're lost little man? Why didn't you hang onto your Mother's skirt?"  
Youngster: "Couldn't reach it."

"George, I wouldn't slide down the bannister like that."

"Wouldn't you, grandma? Show me how you'd do it."

The company's clumsiest recruit was experiencing his usual difficulty in executing the command, "Present Arms." The Drill Sergeant studied him with disgust. "Where is the balance of your rifle?" he inquired. "Honest, sergeant, I don't know," stammered the recruit. "This is all they giv' me."

Selectee: They can't make me fight.

Draft Board Officer: "Maybe not, but they can take you where the fighting is and you can use your own judgment."

Heard on Connie Boswell-Paul Whiteman Radio Program.

Paul: "Did you see the sign on the back of the Newlywed's Car?"

Connie: "No, what did it say? "

Paul: "Careless talk did this!"

#### HIT PARADE TUNES

##### March 25

1. Besame Moucho
2. Poinciana
3. Mairzy Doats
4. When they Ask About you
5. I Couldn't Sleep A Wink  
Last Night
6. I Love You
7. A Lovely Way to Spend an  
Evening
8. Don't Sweetheart me
- 9 Shoo Shoo Baby

##### April 8

1. It's Love, Love, Love
2. I Love You
3. Besame Moucho
4. Poinciana
5. When They Ask About You
6. Mairzy Doats
7. I Will Get By
8. I Couldn't Sleep a Wink  
Last Night
9. Long Ago and Far Away



CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

Pfc. Alvin M. Fleck, has written again from "Iceland", and says that he cannot say very much about what they are doing up there. Perhaps sometime they will tell us what Iceland looks like. Later on in this letter reference is made to the Aleutians. How interesting it will be to compare notes on these countries when the boys return! Alvin missed seeing Lt. Ida Berry when she was stationed there.

Cpl. John R. Fluck is "Somewhere in England" and writes to thank us "for many a happy hour of reading." And this is something the boys in England can appreciate -- John continues, "The driving and the money system will drive us all crazy."

Now, for our letter from Pfc. Charles P. Vera, stationed "Somewhere in the Aleutians." Charles has been living in a tent for about 4 months and is quite used to it, in spite of gales reaching 80 miles per hour. He writes, "There are girls in back of every tree here, but the trouble is, there are no trees, result -- I haven't seen a girl for almost 7 months." Charles asks a special favor of us, which we are very glad to grant. He wants to be remembered to his old friends, Paul Ferla, Pete Gironde, Russell and Philip Benigno, and Valdo Dragani. He surely does remember the old days with them. And then he adds this very special message. "I send my congratulations and the best of luck to Philip Benigno who was recently married and please tell the rest of them I said Hello until we meet again."

Sgt. Tom Weaver says he is enjoying the Hawaiian sunshine and pineapples. He and "Al" Dummeldinger get together and play tennis and expect soon to do some swimming in "waves that are reported to be six feet high -- just like Atlantic City, Ocean City and Avalon." Tom asks us to send his regards along to Roy Cramer and tell Roy to drop in and see him when Roy gets out his way again. Tom considers Roy "darn lucky" and it wasn't luck alone, that brought Roy out, but his alertness and the fact that Roy was always "quick on his feet!" Tom's letters are always very interesting and we look forward each month to receiving one from him.

We have a grand, long letter from Bob Cassel, Sl/C. Bob says he is "reputed to be a terrible letter writer" but we don't believe it after reading the sample he sent us. Bob has set an ambitious course for himself and we certainly wish him success. He is studying to make the rate of Quartermaster, 3/C and hopes to accomplish it within the next 2 months. You sailor boys know just what he is in for. Bob was home recently and while here, he and Bill Dummeldinger met and "had a splendid time, the night of March 18th." This is all a mystery to us and we think Bob ought to tell us more about it, so the other boys can enjoy it, too. What do you think? Bob says that about 4 months ago, his boat and Bill's carrier were tied up in the same foreign port for 4 days and unfortunately neither one knew about the other being so close. Bob asks us to send along this special message -- "Say hello to my old



buddies, using your News Letter as a medium, as my short stays in port make it practically impossible to write to all of them. Tell them I wish them the best of luck. May He bless them and enable all of us to make the home port safely after the war. What times we'll have together then!"

W.O. George Denny, of the Seabees, sent us a very clever V-Mail Easter Card. It says "Easter Greetings from the 73rd Seabees on 'Paradise Isle' in the Pacific, 1944", and then it shows a poor old Easter Bunny sitting in the rain -- all of which apparently means something special.

We were very glad to receive a Post Card from Dick Tompkins, who is on the Merchant Ship "Texas Sun". The card was sent from a California port and Dick had just returned from a 65 day trip and expected to go out again very soon. While in port Dick received his Christmas packages and lots of mail.

Lt. (jg) Andy Dressler, Jr. of the U.S.S. "KanKaKee", wrote to correct a mistake we made in our January News Letter. In that letter we stated Andy had been in Ambler, but it seems he hasn't been here since last Spring. However, we are glad we made that mistake, because it brought forth a letter from Andy, and we were beginning to wonder about him, as we hadn't heard from him in a very long time. We do like to know what our boys are doing. Andy said he met Terrance Cassidy in the Pacific area a few weeks ago and he looked great.

Our good friend, W.O. Sam Worthington has been moved from Baltimore to a new assignment. He is now at Woodrow Wilson General Hospital; which is located on a high plateau six miles east of Staunton, Va. Sam says he can see the Skyline Drive from his office window. It sounds like a delightful spot. Sam reports -- "The food is fine, quarters unexcelled -- a fine crowd of people on the staff. Sam also sent us 3 picture post cards to prove his statement.

"Woody" Woodward Sl/C is having a rest from sea duty at present and is working in an office as typist. He is glad to get the News Letters. He says "They are a nice thing because the boys like to know what is going on at home." "Woody" gets home frequently these days -- works one weekend and gets two off. He had a two week trip to Florida and would like to have another as his grandfather lives there.

The following sent messages to us through either family or friends ! --

Eddie Wind, S2/C, with the Coast Guard at Manhattan Beach Training Station, N. Y. sends greetings and appreciation and expects to be going out on a boat very soon.

Rae Collins, with the Army at Norfolk, Va. was in Ambler for a 15 day furlough during March. He enjoys the News Letter, especially hearing about the "boys all over the world."



Sgt. John Cassidy sends a message of appreciation from "Somewhere in Italy", and says "it is rough and noisy."

Dick Hoyt, from "Somewhere in England" tells us he is receiving his News Letters regularly. Dick has been in England since last August and is almost an "old timer." Whenever he gets a 2-day pass or a little time, he gets in quite a bit of sightseeing. He recommends Wales as a delightful and interesting spot, and speaks very highly of the Red Cross accommodations.

Wilbert Landes, writes that he looks forward to the News Letter each month. It's better than the Ambler Gazette! He likes the addition of the Hit Parade section. When they get the programs which are recordings they are several months old, so the information in the News Letter keeps them up to date. When we hinted to his Mother that he might be home on furlough in the late spring or early summer, we learned that the plans were quite definite for his arriving the early part of June for 15 days. This climate should be very welcome after having spent so many months in Alaska.

As this was going "to press", we received another letter from Wilbert telling us of a promotion in rating to T/5. Congratulations.

We have an especially fine and interesting letter from Frank Fertsch who was selected for Aviation Student and is attending Presbyterian College at Clinton S. C. He was sorry to hear that Capt. Henry Bussing was missing in action as they went to Ambler High School together. Frank says the people of Clinton are very nice and treat the boys just as if they were their own. It was quite a change from noisy, busy Miami Beach. We wish Frank the very best success possible in his studies.

Cpl. Pete Gironde sent us a card giving us a change of address. We appreciate this very much as the correct address is so important to us. When Pete arrives at his destination, we hope to hear again and we will then tell his friends where to look for him.

Frank Ferla - "Somewhere in England" tells us the month of March has been very fortunate for him. He was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant and received the Good Conduct Medal, as well. Frank has been in England a long time and has met but one person from Ambler, Ralph Mascola, a very close friend. It is a real help to us to receive a letter like Frank's; there is so much appreciation and sincere thanks expressed. Frank says Rev. Dunsmore's message has been very helpful and asks us to send this along to you -- "God bless all the boys wherever they may be."

Walter Dummeldinger was moved from Ripon College, Wisc. to Camp Crowder, Mo. He speaks to his wife, the former Harriet Gump, over the telephone each Sunday, and while waiting for the call he wrote us a very nice letter. Walter spent 8 months in college and has been at Camp Crowder for the past 2 months. He promised to send us any change of address.



Bob Davies, A.M.M. 2/C had a very interesting and thrilling piece of news for us. His letter was headed "U.S.S. Coral Sea, Friday, March 28, 1944 -- At Ancor" -- and told us on that very day he had been very fortunate in meeting his brother, Le Roy, who is on the U.S.S. Montpelier. They met at the Fleet Recreation Center there and had about 2 hours together. It was the first time they had seen each other in a year and 2 months. Can't you just imagine that reunion? We are very happy to hear about this and hope they meet again many times.

Roscoe Smith, Jr., Phm.1/C has been moved from the Atlantic to the Pacific Fleet and wrote us from there. He met Barney Dickinson, Steve Jones and one of the Leh boys and said they had a good time together. He also met Paul Jones and Vera Haff later. We are glad that so many of our Ambler boys are meeting each other.

Sgt. Sam Dailey -- "England", had a furlough and went up to Scotland. He recommends Scotland very highly as a vacation spot and hopes he can go back some time. He bought a few pieces of the finest archery equipment he has ever seen, from an old gentleman up there, who at one time, supplied the King's Bodyguard with Bows and Arrows.

We called Decks on the telephone this morning and a strange man's voice answered, much to our surprise. It was Sgt. Nelson Deck, in person. We had a letter from him in our hands and had expected to talk things over with his mother. Instead we talked with him. It was certainly nice to hear him. Nelson and his wife are enjoying a furlough. Nelson says he reads each News Letter through from beginning to end. Says there are a lot of strange names for he has been out of Ambler High School for over 10 years, and "This war is basically a young man's scrap." We wonder if he considers himself an "old man", and what his old buddies think of that. Nelson is doing Signal Work at Ft. Monroe and thinks it would be interesting to some of the fellows if they knew he saw their ships pass. So, when you pass, take a glance that way and know that Nelson is speeding you safely on your way.

We have a card from Hugh Bullard announcing his change of address from State College, Brookings, S. D. to Camp Crowder, Mo. We appreciate this greatly.

Sgt. Robert A. Smith, Jr. writes us from "Corsica" this interesting bit of news.-- he had the pleasure of spending a 5 day furlough with our Capt. T. A. Henderson. He says "You have no idea what it means to meet someone from the home town in a foreign country." This is our first message from Robert and we appreciate it very much.

Paul Jones, S2/C sent us a tricky V-Mail Easter Card from the "Seabees of the Pacific". It is a drawing of a very beautiful American girl with her new Easter bonnet and a little old Bee, bussing around her ear, saying "Just a buzzin you a Happy Easter."



2nd Lt. Vera M. Haff, also sent us an Easter Card and thanked us for our letters and thoughtfulness. Vera is an Army Nurse, out in our "crowded" Pacific area and several of our boys have reported seeing her.

We have a nice long letter from Calvin Ashton. He was moved from Gulfport, Miss. to Keesler Field, Miss. He says Keesler Field is a better camp and although he has not been able to go to A M School, as that field is overcrowded at present, he is still hoping. In the meantime, he is working in the Orderly Room as a general clerk. He considers himself very fortunate as many of the boys are doing all sorts of "dirty jobs". We think it is more than luck, as Calvin shows by his letters that he is very alert and "on the job." Also, we can tell that Calvin is reading his News Letter very thoroughly as he comments on so many things mentioned in it. He was especially interested in Harold King's adventures over in Africa. We hope Calvin continues with his good work and wish him every success.

And then we received a letter from LeRoy Davies, S.2/C and he, too, told about his brother, Bob, being near him. We believe LeRoy has been having some adventures and hope some day to hear about them. LeRoy's letter was dated April 1, and he had just received the News Letters from September to February and even though they were old, he found them interesting.

Paul Ferla, Mus. 3/C, stationed at Bainbridge, Md. sends the following little ditty to you boys: --

"Best wishes to you boy, serving from the Pacific to Rome,  
And if these days seem to you the blackest,  
They'll be darned sight brighter when you beat the Axis,  
So keep your chin up, you'll win the Bout,  
And we'll all raise Heck when you get out."  
"Not-So-Longfellow."

We see that Paul has been spending several of his Saturday evenings at the Philadelphia Stage Door Canteen.

We have two letters this month from our old friend, Bud Dailey. First, he gave us a new address and told us of his promotion. He is now Sgt. John H. Dailey, stationed "Somewhere in Englad". The second letter is in a lighter vein and he "raves" on about spring and what a young man's fancy turns to, at this particular season. All we can say to Bud is "hold tight and don't let it throw you." However, at the end, he turns more serious and sincerely expresses his appreciation to The King's Daughters for the News Letter. And we would like to say to Bud -- we are glad he has a sense of humor and can get some fun out of this experience.

Bob Broughton, A.M.M.F. 3/C, stationed in the New Hebrides, would like to meet some one from home. If any of you boys are near him, try to contact him. Bob says it is a nice place, lots of



coconut trees and warm waather all the time. Bob also says mail is a little slow getting to him and he feels that he is behind the rest of the world down there. We feel that maybe some of you fellows in Englad, with its damp, cold, foggy days would be glad to exchange a few days with Bob.

And finally comes the news of the Church and Church Family:

We are happy to announce the arrival of a new member at the Manse. Rev. and Mrs. Dunsmore are the proud parents of a son, James Stuart, born at Chestnut Hill Hospital on March 30th.

The Princeton Theological Seminary Choir of 22 voices sang at the church, Sunday evening March 26, Dr. Henry S. Brown, vice-president of the Seminary delivered a brief address. During the past six years the choir has sung in 300 different churches and is scheduled to appear in 70 more this year. In addition to Dr. Brown's address, six of the seminary men in the choir gave short testimonials while others read the Scripture, offered the prayer and gave the benediction.

The marriage of Miss Beatrice Smith of Florence, S. C. to Staff Sergeant Raymond K. Aures took place on March 16th at the Florence Army Air Base Chapel. Mrs. Aures is a graduate of the Saunders Memorial Hospital, Florence, S. C. They spent their honeymoon in Ambler.

A/S Roscoe Brady has been home for a few days from the Navy Medical School at Harvard.

George Camburn, located in India, has been sent to a new station and is separated from his Allentown friend. He has just had his first air plane ride which gave him a big thrill. Harvey Eisenhard Fl/C (EM) has moved from Yerba Buena Island to the DeGaussing Proving Grounds, San Francisco, Cal. "Bill" Williams, S2/C has finished his "boot" training at Sampson, N. Y. and after spending 10 days with his family left for Charleston, S. C. to begin his new duties. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Eckfeldt, better known as "Ned" and "Patty" are the proud parents of a 9 lb. baby girl, Ann Elizabeth, born March 23rd.

Gordon Jervis Sl/C (GMS), who is on the USS Bennion, has moved from the Atlantic to the Pacific Fleet. Jack Schcenberg has arrived in Englad. S/Sgt. Albert Volpe has moved from Montbrook Air Field, Fla. to Kissimmee, Fla. We hear that Dick Rohrman has spent the past four months in a hospital in North Africa suffering from trench and frostbitten feet. Harry Cullingford has completed his "boot" training at the N.T.S. Bainbridge, Md. Harold Moore, Jr. has arrived in Englad. Corporal "Bill" Little is now located at the Army Air Base, Pueblo, Colorado. "Pat" Volpe left April 14th to begin his training in the Navy. Gilda Dragani WAC stationed at Ft. Myers, Va. was home for Easter. "Dick" Brister who is in the Coast Guard stationed at the Manhattan Beach



Training Station and Pericles Della Loggia who is at the same base, have been seeing each other regularly. Corporal "Chic" Willox is working in the Headquarters Office at Camp Walters, Texas. The Vox Pop program will be at that camp on April 17th. Pfc. Roy Cramer, U. S. Marines, is now located at Camp Pendleton, Cal. His wife, the former Miss Becky Robinson, will join him within the next few days. Henry Deens, a student at Valley Forge Military Academy expects to become an air cadet in June.

After completing 53 missions over enemy lines, the Boomerang, a Liberator bomber, first flown over enemy lines by Captain John E. Stewart of Ambler, is being returned to this country for an exhibition tour of war plants. It has dropped a third of a million pounds of explosives on enemy positions. It was taken out for its first flight on October 9, 1942, when Captain Stewart and his crew took part in an attack on Lille. The plane was brought back with one engine damaged and another shot away entirely.

Corporal James Meyers, better known as Sheldon, has moved from the Hawaiian Islands to another base in the Pacific. Charles Meyers has been promoted to Petty Officer second class and Carl, who is in the Marines, is now a private first class. Charles and Jack were home on March 18th and visited for two hours the first time they had seen each other for ages.

S/Sgt. Linville Hutchison, who is one of the military police at Fort Blanding, Fla., has returned to camp after spending 10 days at his home. He often sees "Bill" Camburn who is at the same place.

"Bob" Kriebel, S2/c, has graduated from the U.S. Naval Hospital Training School at Portsmouth, Va. and is now across the Bay at the Naval Hospital in Norfolk where he is a hospital attendant and second class.

We are very proud of "Gerry" Davis and want to extend our congratulations to him upon being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has completed 36 successful Missions and previously had received the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Gerry is no longer flying. He is taking much needed rest and is working with the maintenance crew.

"Bud" Ziegler, who is still in New Guinea, has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. "Bill" Singer has been transferred from Chapel Hill, N.C. to Glenview, Ill. Bruse Singer has moved from Craig Field, Selma, Ala. to Maxwell Field, Ala. "Bob" Davis is in the Oliver General Hospital, Augusta Ga. where he is recovering very nicely from his recent injuries. His wife, the former Marion Johnson, arrived there on April 8th to spend several days with him. Valdo Dragani is at the 44th General Hospital where he is improving daily.

The Couples Club met March 31st at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Theodore Fowl. The meeting started with a covered dish supper.



The speaker of the evening was Mrs. E. L. Towne who is working for the Child Care Bureau of the Montgomery County Civilian Defense Organization. Her talk was very timely and informative. She told of the provisions made in the area for child care while mothers work. It was an interesting subject because so many of the members are involved now due to the new draft calls. Many of the married men would have enlisted long ago had they been able to make provisions for their families.

The big event of the evening was the fact that the men washed and dried the dishes. They really did a good job and got some good experience in preparation for future K. P. duty -- in fact, they may be able to relieve some of you.

Mr. Dunsmore send the following:

I am going to take my space this month to pass on "A Service Man's Prayer" with the hope that it will prove helpful.

"O God, my Father, I thank thee that I am alive in this great day. I thank thee for health and friends and home and church and all that makes for the good life.

Help me to be loyal to my family and my friends, loyal to my country and loyal to thee, O God. Forbid that I should give way to hatred. While I fight for truth and freedom, help me to keep the spirit of Christ, the spirit of compassion and good will. Help me to remember always the great cause for which we struggle--the new and better world which we are trying to bring about, the world of order and justice and brotherhood and peace.

Be near me when I am lonely and homesick, and give me comfort and strength. Be with me in temptation, that I may conquer. Forgive me for all that has been wrong and give me courage always to try again. Grant that I may be a true man, honest and brave and a good comrade. Help me to see the best in my fellows, and never to despair of the victory of the right.

Keep and guide my dear ones at home. Bless those who, in many places, are persecuted and exiled and starving. May thy mercy be over us all in all the hardships and the dangers, that thy Kingdom may come and thy will be done in me and in all the earth. In Jesus' name. Amen."

--Herbert Welch.

And let me pass on also a message from Roy Cramer (Pfc., U.S.M.C.), who went out with nine others on a raid at Bougainville Island, and he alone came back. He said, "You can tell the fellows I never prayed so hard in my life. And tell them that no matter how hard the going--never give up hope!"



In closing, let us remember that we must all turn to Faith which will help us through these dark hours before Dawn. "It is only through labor and prayerful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things. Do the best you can where you are, and when that is accomplished, God will open a door to a higher sphere."

Sincerely,

*Stelen R. Macomber*



NEWS LETTER NO. 20

92 Bethlehem Pike,  
Ambler, Pa.  
May 15, 1944.

Dear

It is May again and it seems as if the spring landscape were lovelier than ever. Until gas rationing went into effect I believe we did not half appreciate the beauty of our own yards and gardens. In the past we used to feel that we must travel miles away to find spots of beauty and charm and neglected the things that were near at hand.

Right now most of us are enjoying our porches and gardens to the utmost. One scarcely dares to call his closest friend since the new tax on telephone calls went into effect the first of May. That is going to be tough on women. There is a 25% tax on all toll calls and local service charges have increased from 10% to 15% so you see it is as expensive to go out of town by telephone as by car. I guess we have been talking too much and Washington now feels that conversation is a luxury. Hence, if our news seems thin in places you will understand the reason why.

The School Year will soon be over. There are many activities planned for the next few weeks:

"The Bat", the final play of the season, was presented to capacity audiences on April 20th and 21st. Barbara Chappell, Anna Bolt, Bob Harsh, and Anne Hickey played their parts exceptionally well.

The students sold 1762 tickets for the play. Mr. Hunsicker's team sold the largest number totaling 638.

There has been much interest shown in the Badminton and Archery Clubs which were organized in the early spring.

Arthur Boulton, editor-in-chief of the press club, is recovering from an appendicitis operation.

The Junior-Senior Prom was held on May 12th. Horace Clyde and his eight piece orchestra furnished the music. Those who attended report an evening of fun.

Class Day Exercises will be held May 19th, Baccalaureate service on June 4th and Commencement will be in the school auditorium on June 6th. The speaker will be Charles S. Swope, president of West Chester State Teachers' College.

The Springfield Spartans downed the Ambler Trojans 78½ to 38½ in a track meet held on the Ambler field May 8th. The sixth annual six-month track meet was held May 13th at the Ambler field. Springfield



High won the track championship. Lansdale won second place, Jenkins third, Sellersville-Perkasie fourth, Quakertown, fifth and Ambler sixth.

Before I continue with the Local News I want to tell you how fortunate we are in having Mr. Ralph Drew connected with the Paper Manufacturing Co. Due to his kindness and cooperation we have been able to secure enough paper to carry the News Letter through the summer. He also obtained the paper at cost which is a big saving and we are most grateful to him for his assistance and generosity. Paper is getting scarce, costly and very hard to obtain.

Lt. George Sandiford, U.S. Marine Corps, who has been in the Hawaiian Islands, has been assigned to the 6th Marines and is very proud of the fact since "Herb" Amey was with the same outfit.

Ensign Terrence Cassidy surprised his folks by calling them from San Francisco at 3 A.M. on April 17th. Since then he has been home on a 30 day leave.

T/Sgt "Newt" Howard located in England has received two Good Conduct Medals. Kenneth West is in New Guinea. Dr. Hoffa, now a Navy Lieutenant, stationed at a hospital in Sicily recently sent Mrs. Hoffa a beautiful bracelet of cameos of which she is very proud. "Jimmy" Dager is at Crider Field, Pine Bluff, Ark., where he has begun his pilot training.

Calvin Ashton has been home on a delayed-en-route furlough from Kessler Field, Miss., to Camp Kearns, Utah. From the time he entered the service he has been with his friend William Kilson and has always shared his News Letter with him. Now that they are to be separated, we are adding William's name to our list. Parry Weiss has been transferred from Ft. Bragg, N. C., to Camp Forrest, Tenn.

William H. Erhardt left May 11th to begin his training in the Navy. Mrs. Walter Dummeldinger has joined her husband, who is now stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Lt. Edward G. Murphy, Jr. and Miss Jeanne E. Sandell of Erdenheim were married on April 21st at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Whitmarsh. Another wedding of interest was that of Lester Jones and Miss Chloris Richards which took place in the Presbyterian Church on May 4th.

James Stevens S 2/c is visiting his parents after completing his "boot" training. Miss Gertrude Stevens has received a medical discharge from the Waves.

More than 150 children, members of the Junior Red Cross, appeared at the Flourtown Headquarters on Saturday, April 22nd, to take a Jeep ride. These children had each contributed a dollar or more to the Red Cross Prisoner of War Packages. Sgt. Robert Jones, a Marine and veteran of the South Pacific, drove the children down Wissahickon Ave. and up Bethlehem Pike.



Dr. Edward Cook preached his farewell sermon at the Boehm's Evangelical Church on Sunday, April 23rd. His new assignment is at Palmyra, Pa. Mr. Vincent James Melograna, 53, died April 22 after suffering a heart attack on March 3rd. He operated the photography business after his sons Joseph and Nicholas entered the service. The former is in England and the latter in New Guinea.

Lt. George Brumbaugh is now stationed at Buckingham Army Air Field near Ft. Meyers, Fla. George Scherff has been elected president of Rotary Club. Samuel Firmen, Jr., Carl Morgan, Walter Gregory, Daniel Stone, Joseph Gradin, Jr. and William Kalb have reported for training in the Navy.

Pfc Robert Redington of Camp Lee, Va. has been visiting friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dager accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Danner and son visited Pfc. Albert Dager at the Deshon hospital, Butler, Pa. on April 23rd. They found him in good health and able to walk about. His left arm continues to be stiff. He expects a furlough in the near future. He was wounded in action in Italy on January 22, 1944. Miss Mabel Ditter, Assistant District Attorney, recently spoke at a Meeting of the members of the Norristown Council of Republican Women. Emil Stoyanov and Steve Mallozzi have entered the service.

We congratulate "Ed" Halligan on his promotion to Staff Sergeant. You will be interested to know that Miss Anne Gear recently made her first public speech at an Institute for Teachers held at Schwenksville. Her subject was "How She Taught Grammar and Composition." James Sloan, U.S. Marine Corps, stationed in the Hawaiian Islands has been promoted to Warrant Officer. Corp. Patsy Zollo has been home from Florida on a 15 day furlough. Pvt. Gordon Raser has reported at Coesler Field, Miss.

Pfc. Salvatore J. Casalenuovo was wounded in action in Italy on March 12. He suffered leg, back and face injuries and has undergone several operations on his leg but expects to leave the hospital soon. He has received the Purple Heart award. Francis E. Callahan is now a Boatswain Mate, second class, assigned to a ship in foreign waters. Albert Fluck is receiving his basic training at Fort Custer, Michigan. Raymond Lane has moved to Camp Le Jeune, New River, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Benzenhafer are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Miss Helen Michael of the Army Nurse Corps, will soon leave with an evacuation unit for foreign service. Elmer Ott, Jr., S2/c is located at Sanford, Fla. Miss Clara Spencer is now a member of the Spars and will begin her training at Palm Beach on May 18.

In a recent letter to his parents LeRoy Davies told of meeting Henry Barry somewhere in the Pacific area. They had a grand time catching up on the home town news.



Miss Margaret McCloskey of Loch Haven and Coulter B. Allen were married at Loch Haven on April 22nd. Pvt. Elmer Henning and Miss Emma Schwager were also married recently. The latter ceremony took place in California. Pvt. Henning has just returned from service in the South Pacific and has been honorably discharged from the army.

Some of "Dave" Hellings friends who recently saw a snapshot of him sporting a G. I. moustache say he has the real Clark Gable look. Bill Weir is now located at Camp Claiborne, La. Jack Watson has received his B. S. Degree in chemistry at Washington and Lee University. Following is a list of those in the armed forces who have been home recently: James Donato, Vern Spence, Elmer Ott, Thomas Miller, Jr., George McIntyre, Howard Stong, Garland Childs, Bob Flurry, Mary Dickinson, J. Kemmerer, Charles Charlton, Fred Hoffman, Jack Luskin, Ralph Schwager, E. Steer, Roscoe Brady, M. McFadden, Grant Buchanan and George Hastings.

"Winnie" Stong has moved to another field in England. He and one of his buddies have made out of spare parts a bicycle built for two. Winnie says it needs a little paint but does the trick. He never thought he would come to pedaling after always riding something with a motor on front.

Vernon Harp has been promoted to private first class. At present he is in England where he has been doing lot of sight seeing and enjoying it immensely.

At a recent ceremony held at the High School, The First Fighter Command of the Army Air Forces presented pins and merit awards to the observers of Ambler and vicinity who manned the local observation post.

Pfc. William V. Costello has been awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in action on the Fifth Army Italian front. Corp. James Black graduated from the Noncommissioned Officers' Staff at Edgewood Arsenal, Md. on May 6th. The parents of Capt. Henry G. Bussing have received word that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. He wrote that all members of his crew left the crippled plane safely by parachute when the plane was shot down in a raid over Gotha, Germany, in February. A/C Albert E. Drager, Jr. has reported to the A.A.F. Training Command's advanced flying school at Altus, Okla. to begin the final 9 weeks phase of his pilot training.

Even though you may have heard some of the following, I am hoping your memories aren't too good. Irving Cobb said "A good story teller is a person who has a good memory and hopes other people haven't."

Definition of a puncture: A hissing sound followed by profanity.

Disgruntled Sailor: - "Where am I when they serve the meals of which I always get the leftovers?"



A small boy had been told that we are here in the world to help others.

"Then what are the others here for?" he asked.

"A single salmon," declared the teacher, "produces in one season 20,000 young. Think of that children: 20,000 - a single salmon!"

"Teacher," cried the inquiring little Evelyn, "how many young does a married salmon produce?"

"It takes two to make a marriage - a single girl and an anxious mother."

The pastor sought to teach his son better manners, and having accused him of eating like a pig, said: Meredith, do you know what a pig is?"

"Sure," replied the youngster. "A pig is a big hog's little boy!"

Men are peculiar, just as women have long suspected. For instance, a fellow who hadn't kissed his wife in five years, shot a fellow who did.

Two G. I.'s passed carrying a third G. I. on a stretcher. "What happened to him?" asked the perennial passerby.

"Aw, he just came off K.P."

"Yeah, but that's not the way to the hospital."

"Hospital, heck. He's going on guard duty."

### Sports

Baseball is well under way for the coming season. The Athletics beat the Senators 3-2 in a 12 inning battle on April 18th when 27,000 saw their opening game at Griffith Stadium. "Lum" Harris and "Joe" Berry handled the mound assignment. Since President Roosevelt was sojourning in the south, Vice-President Wallace threw out the first baseball. According to Fred Allen, Wallace threw out the baseball because F.D.R.'s arm had a charley-horse from waving goodbye to Eleanor.

The Phillies won their opening game from the Brooklyn Dodgers 4-1 before 11,910 fans. The victory was due to Dick Barrett's effective pitching.

In spite of our tremendous job of war production and the military drain on manpower, Spectator Sports continue without interruption. On opening day of the professional baseball season the attendance figures were much greater than those of last year. A few Sundays ago eight doubleheaders in the Major leagues attracted 218,262 fans as compared with 165,189 on the same Sunday last year.

The St. Louis Browns began the season by winning the first 8 games which was a record.

Jim Tobin, 32, hurled a no-hit, no run game on April 27 when the Boston Braves defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers 2-0. He allowed only 2 walks. It was the first no-hit game since 1941.



On May 10, the Phillies handed Chicago their 13th straight loss. It was the eighth victory for the Phillies in their last 10 games. "Charlie" Grimm is the Chicago Cub's new manager. Jimmy Wilson, resigned on May 1st. The discouraging slump of the Cubs prompted his move.

On May 15th, the Athletics were in fourth place and the Phillies in second.

Lt. Commander "Jim" Crowley, former Fordham coach and one of Rockne's Four Horsemen, has been assigned officer in charge of Athletic programs at the Sampson Naval Training Station. Lt. "Mart. Brill, another of Rockne's players, is now athletic director at the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base at Oceanside, Cal.

First baseman Rudy York of the Detroit Tigers, has been rejected by the Army. "Spud" Chandler, the Yankees' star right hander, has been called by the Army. Mel Ott, manager of the New York Giants, has passed his army physical.

Danny Litwhiler, formerly with the Phillies and now playing with the St. Louis Cardinals, has been accepted by the Navy. Lou Boudreau, who has been filling the shoes of Roger Peckinpaugh as manager of the Cleveland Indians, has been notified that he has been rejected by the army because of an arthritic condition in his right ankle.

Bert Kucsynski, former Captain of the Penn Football team and pitcher for the Athletics, has been accepted for service in the Navy. He previously received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps. Dick Bartell, third baseman for the New York Giants, is now an apprentice seaman.

Frank Leahy has been commissioned a Navy lieutenant. Leahy teams during three years at Notre Dame and two at Boston College won 44 games, lost 5 and tied 3. Ed McKeever, who served as his assistant both at Notre Dame and Boston College, will assume the coaching reins at Notre Dame for the duration.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Craig Wood, Byron Nelson, Henry Picard and "Ed" Dudley are among those who have entered the first annual \$17,500 War Bond Invitation Golf Tournament sponsored by the Philadelphia Inquirer Charities, Inc.

Gil Dodds, world's fastest indoor miler from Boston, was voted the outstanding athlete of the indoor season.

On May 6th, at Churchill Downs, sixty thousand watched Pensive win the Kentucky Derby. The favored Stir-Up came in third.



The 50th Annual Relay Carnival held at Franklin Field ended with the eight major American championships evenly divided among N.Y.U., West Point, Dartmouth and Michigan. Bill Hulse easily won the three quarter mile but did not as expected clip Paul Moore's American record of 2 minutes 58.7 seconds set in 1940.

The National A.A.U. has invited Russia, Argentina and Brazil to send their top athletes to the national track and field championships here on June 17 and 18.

#### HIT PARADE

- | <u>Apr. 22</u>             | <u>Apr. 29</u>                 | <u>May 6</u>             |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. It's Love, Love Love    | 1. I Love You                  | 1. I Love You            |
| 2. I Love You              | 2. It's Love, Love, Love       | 2. I'll Get By           |
| 3. Poinciana               | 3. Long Ago, etc.              | 3. Long Ago, etc.        |
| 4. When They Ask About You | 4. Poinciana                   | 4. It's Love, Love, Love |
| 5. Besame Mucha            | 5. I'll Get By                 | 5. I'll Be Seeing You    |
| 6. Easter Parade           | 6. When They Ask, etc.         | 6. When They Ask, etc.   |
| 7. I'll Get By             | 7. San Fernando Valley         | 7. Don't Sweetheart me   |
| 8. Long Ago & Far Away     | 8. Good Night Wherever You are | 8. San Fernando Valley   |
| 9. San Fernando Valley     | 9. Besame Mucha                | 9. Poinciana             |

Sinatra's partner, Joan Edwards, is beginning to receive the same treatment from the boys out front that he receives from the swooning females. San Francisco has a "Moan-and-Groan over-Joan Club", other clubs just whistle. All this has upped Joan's salary to \$750.00 weekly.

#### NATIONAL NEWS

On January 1, 1944, Pennsylvanians comprised more than 8 per cent of the total strength of the United States Army.

In recognition of "his untiring zeal and the high level of entertainment" in his tours of world service camps, Bob Hope has been voted a special citation by the George Foster Peabody annual radio awards board.

It was recently revealed that Whitemarsh Hall, the fabulous \$2,500,000 showplace built by the late Edward T. Stotesbury, was the hiding place of some of the most priceless art in America during the two years that New York was on the alert for an air raid that never came.



On May 28 the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York opened an exhibition of the paintings of Rembrandt, Titian, Van Dyck and other masters which had been exiled here among the 15000 irreplaceable art objects involved in one of the greatest moving jobs in art history. The moving and storage cost the museum a quarter of a million dollars. Officials chose the Stotesbury mansion because it was remote, built of steel, concrete and air conditioned. Transporting the treasures was as difficult as a military operation. The museum's superintendent of buildings and his wife went into virtual exile. Guards patrolled the estate with trained dogs while 16 members of the museum staff cared for the irreplaceable masterworks.

Cardinell O'Connell, 84, died of pneumonia in Boston on April 2 .

On April 17th, a new giant of the air paths, the Lockheed Constellation crossed the country in 6 hours 58 minutes, an average speed of nearly 355 miles an hour. It carried 17 persons, and will carry 100 soldiers with full equipment when it is turned over in the near future to the army for war transport work.

Bette Davis has been elected president of the board of governors of the Hollywood Canteen for the third successive year. The Canteen has served over 1,580,000 service men during its two years.

After hearing that Joe E. Brown had traveled 182,000 miles on his entertainment tour, Bob Burns cracked: "Gosh, but you'd make some president a good wife." That reminds me of Willie Willis in the Evening Bulletin who said "I don't understand about government. Is Mrs. Roosevelt vice-president or president by marriage, or is she just like other wives?"

Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, died on April 28 of a heart attack. He was 70 years old. James Vincent Forrestal, former Undersecretary, will succeed him.

Mrs. Alfred Smith, 65, died May 4th. She never cared for publicity and preferred to remain in the background while her husband was in the political limelight as Governor of New York and a presidential candidate in 1928. She was a deeply religious person.

Eddie Cantor was guest of honor on May 7th at a dinner commemorating his 35th anniversary in show business. Every department of the entertainment world was represented. More than 1500 persons attended the event. He was presented a special citation for his work among the wounded.

A taxpayer in Indiana innocently asked an official if he could taken a \$1200 depreciation on his wife again this year. The official had a good laugh over the husband's use of "depreciation" instead of "exemption."

Motorists at a downtown intersection in Richmond, Va. might have thought for a time the age of the helicopter had arrived. An arrow



attached to the bottom of the traffic light was loosened by a high wind. It pointed heavenward with the traffic injunction "One Way Only".

Lt. Cd. Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., one of America's most famous polo players of all time, was killed in an airplane crash at Salisbury, England, on April 18th.

"Red" Skelton, film and radio comedian, will report May 25th for induction into the armed forces. His last radio broadcast will be May 23rd.

#### MORE NONSENSE

First Sailor (on first convoy duty): "Did you ever see so much water in all your life?"

Second Sailor (a veteran): "You haven't seen nothin'. That's only the top."

Little Betty came running to her Aunt Salley, holding a dry pressed leaf which was evidently a relic of a special day a while ago. "I found it in the big Bible, Aunt Salley," she cried excitedly. "Do you s'pose it could have belonged to Eve?"

#### CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

Congratulations to Wilbert Landes, on his new rating of T/5. He wrote again to tell us the good news. He had just returned to his Battery after spending a couple of months on an outpost island. He says it was a wonderful place and would make an ideal vacation spot after the war, having both mountains and shore, combined with beautiful scenery.

Pfc. Elmer Spence, located at Kelly Field, Texas, tells us that he believes he is the only fellow from Ambler who is with something very new in the Air Service. It is still a military secret, so we will have to wait for developments. He is the proud father of a baby boy, named Nolan Ellsworth, and he tells us it is a coincidence that the baby was born on 4/4/44.

We were very glad to hear from our old friend Oscar H. Stillwagon and to note that his rating is now RM2/C. He is on the U.S.S. Bonerish in the Pacific Area. He had been enjoying a leave in a beautiful spot. He says the weather there never varies too much - some flowers and trees are always blooming the year around, and you can find any kind of tree, bush or flower - somewhere, sometime." Oscar had received a letter from Wilson MacIntire, ARM3/C who is also in the Pacific area and is hoping they can meet. Oscar says he is keeping "a sharp eye peeled for some of the old home gang, but so far, no luck". We hope some of the boys will meet Oscar and write us about it.



Sgt. Sam Dailey, writes from England, "believe it or not", that he has a "light sun burn". We have heard that they are having nice weather in England at the present time. Sam says he is pretty busy and had to work Easter Sunday and missed going to church - the first Easter Sunday for a long time. When we called the Dailey family on the telephone, Tommy answered and he told us that Ted, who is in the Hawaiian Islands had sent him a grass skirt. How would you boys like to see Tommy when he wears it?

Robert Della-Loggia, sent us a card and gave us his new address. We appreciate this very much. Robert is now going to Aviation Mechanics School for B-24 bombers, at Keesler Field, Miss.

Pfc. Alvin Fleck wrote again to tell us he had left Iceland and was now in England. He has been sightseeing in London and hopes to meet some of his Ambler friends.

Cpl. Chas. (Buddy) Jones wrote from a Hospital in Northern Africa that he has been receiving his Newsletters and always looks forward to the next one. Buddy is a Paratrooper and was wounded in the Sicilian Campaign. In a letter, dated April 17th, he said he sat up for the first time in 4 months and expects to return to the States very soon. Buddy's morale is very high and we all send him our very best wishes.

Dick Hoyt, "Somewhere in England" sent us his new address and said he "moved to the other side of the field". He has also been transferred to other duties. He spent a recent week end in a quaint nearby town and attended the grey hound races. Dick says it was a lot of fun and many of the dogs are so experienced, they seem to know there isn't anything in it for them. He says, "One wise old purp just loped around about four lengths behind the pack as much as to say - 'Well, anyhow, I've done me duty for the day!'"

John S. Shoemaker, U. S. M. C., stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, tells us that Mrs. Shoemaker has joined him and they have been fortunate in locating a very pleasant little cottage, where they started housekeeping anew. This must sound like "heaven" to the married boys, but we all wish them much happiness. John recently enjoyed an 800 mile trip by plane over parts of Texas, but says, from the scenic point of view, he still prefers the beauty of our great country from the ground.

Allan Taylor, Sl/c, of the Coast Guard, wrote to advise us of his change of address. He finished a course in Fire Control at the Naval Base in Newport, R. I., and was sent to the Washington, D. C., base for some advanced classes. He says it is the nicest base he has been to yet, with plenty of recreational facilities and not too far from Ambler. He gets home every other week. This gives him the opportunity to become acquainted with his son, Craig, who is about 1½ yrs. old. Allan is astounded at his son's intelligence and is sure he takes after his father. Allan is still looking for the 20 to 1 ratio of women to men, Washington is reported to have.



We are very happy to have a letter from Sgt. Ralph Slutter, who is in New Guinea. He had just enjoyed a 10 day furlough in Mackay, Australia. Ralph says that in New Guinea he has met two boys from home. One was "Bud" Ziegler, and the other was Gale Perry from Blue Bell. At one time Gale had been in the same camp with him. Ralph asked us for Capt. "Bill" Wolf's address and we shall try to get it for him if at all possible.

We appreciate "Woddie" Woodward's notes each month. He is at the U.S. N. Armed Guard Center in Brooklyn. He is still hoping for another trip to Florida, as he had a wonderful time while he was there. Woodie is able to get home for two weekends and then works one. We should like to know what Woodie knows about the following, which we found in the April 22nd issue of the New Yorker magazine. "Orders - In the Naval Armed Guard Center in Brooklyn, a sign hangs on one of the doors. It says, DO NOT REMOVE THIS SIGN. Nobody has. Someday when the war is over and there are no spies about, we will try to find out the explanation."

Sam Worthington, W.O., at the Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Va., says he received the April Newsletter and it started the day "off with a bang," and "the girls in the office evidenced quite a bit of interest in it too". And then he enclosed a snapshot "of the ladies of his staff." We can report to you, it is truly a picture of 10 beautiful girls. We suspect Sam has a very interesting job.

Pvt. Drayton Robb, has arrived in England and wrote to give us his new address. He is going to try to locate the Dailey boys. He was impressed with the beauty of the country and the very green color of the grass. He comments on the very small railroad freight cars, which is the first time we have heard about them. He says they had an uneventful trip across and that he was not seasick. Drayton sends the following joke:-

A vehicle approaches a very alert French sentry at a gate -

"Halt, who is there?" asks the sentry.

"French Ambulance", is the reply.

"Pass on, French Ambulance."

Second vehicle approaches -

"Halt, etc." - and the reply, "English Ambulance".

The sentry says, "Pass on, English Ambulance."

Third vehicle approaches -

"Halt, etc." - and the reply, "What, the blankety blank do you care?"

Sentry - "Pass on, American Ambulance!"

Paul Jones, S2/c, in the Hawaiian Islands, is making plans for an Ambler Day as there are a number of Amblerites out there. We sent him a list of names and he has found a number of them. We hope it is a grand success and are waiting to hear the details from Paul. We will tell you all about it as soon as we hear from him.



We have our first letter from Lt. Edw. R. Sage and we were glad to hear from him. He is at Pyote, Texas, for his Advanced bomber training. He says he can't tell us much about that part of Texas as there is nothing there to tell about - just desert and sagebrush. We know, as we have been there, too, and there is nothing but "wide open space." Ed was home about a month ago on furlough and saw Bob Cassel and "Stew" Davis, who were home at the same time. He says he sure would like to see "Bill" Dummeldinger and "Mel" James. Since receiving Ed's letter, we have heard about a very thrilling experience he has just had. They were out with their bombers, having formation practice, and were up at about 16,000 ft. near Big Springs, Texas, when Ed's plane had an engine go bad and begin to shoot oil. They began to lose altitude, so dropped out of formation. Then the engine caught fire, so the Pilot gave the order to "Bail out". Four boys jumped and then Ed's turn came. He secured his wallet and his cap and jumped. His parachute opened in good time and he reached the ground and landed just as he had seen the paratroopers do in the movies. He was near a road and 2 or 3 cars were parked, watching him. Ed gathered up his parachute and walked over to the cars, one of which took him into Big Springs, where he reported at the Air Base. The doctors looked him over and declared him in perfect shape. Shortly, the pilot came in, together with the rest of the crew, who had not jumped. It seems, the pilot had landed that bomber in a ploughed field with the wheels up. The plane was wrecked, but the boys were unhurt. Later, the first four who had jumped before Eddie were brought in. They, too, were all right. Quite an experience, we would say; Ed made that jump, his first, without any previous training.

Cpl. Charles Willox, at Camp Wolters, Texas, wrote us his first letter. We were very pleased to have Charles tell us how much his pals enjoy our Newsletter, too. Chic's roommate and very good friend, Sgt. Dallas M. Ross, whose home is in Manchester, Ind., must be one of our ardent fans as Chic says Sgt. Ross enjoys them as much as he does, which is saying a lot. Chic is hoping for a furlough and when he gets to Ambler, he is going to get on a motorcycle and not get off until he has really had his fill which he doubts will ever happen. Here is a request from Chic, which you boys may grant. He has started a hobby of collecting Divisional patches and now has 42. If you want to send him one, you may send it to his home, 52 Tennis Ave., Ambler, and his folks will forward it to him. Then he sends two jokes.-

"Do you know why second lieutenants wear gold bars?"

Ans. "So you can tell them from officers."

This one is a true story: Charles is short and the boys call him "Foxhole". There is a nice looking girl at the film library and while there one day, his pal called him and said, "Let's go, Foxhole." She said, "Foxhole! Why do they call you, Foxhole, you look more like a wolf to me."

Walter Wyrostek, received his first Newsletter and wrote us immediately to tell us his A.P.O. had been changed; he is located in the Gilbert Islands and has been promoted to Sergeant. He is Assistant Crew Chief on a transport plane. Jim Rainey is in the same outfit with him and enjoys reading the Newsletter, also.



On a recent trip north, Walter met Bruno Pacos, who has been out in the Pacific area for more than 3½ yrs. Walter also asked about Donald Leech, who is a prisoner of war in Germany. The boys in service cannot write to Donald, but if you wish to send a message, you may write to his mother, Mrs. Earl Leech, N. Spring Garden St., Ambler, Pa., and she will send it to him for you. We appreciate this fine interesting letter from Walter.

We received some interesting news from 1st/Sgt. William Taylor stationed at the Army Base in Boston. He very modestly says his men are not trained to do a certain type of work, but are ready to do the job assigned and do it just a little better than the other fellows. Then he enclosed a letter which tells us his Company has attained the highest rating for two successive weeks in a contest on car unloading. Their Company was commended on winning this competition which showed a high state of training, morale and efficiency. We believe William has every reason to be proud of his Company and we wish him all the success possible in the future.

Cpl. Henry A. Scholz, U.S.M.C., "Somewhere in the Pacific", received his first Newsletter and wrote us immediately. As yet, Henry has not met any one from Ambler. We are sorry he cannot tell us where he is, or we might be able to tell him where to find some friends. There are many Ambler boys out that way, so perhaps, you can find him first. When you do, tell us about it.

We have a fine letter from Pfc. James L. Coles, Jr., U.S.M.C., stationed at Camp Le Jeune, New River, N. C. He has been through 2 Basic Schools and is now at a Technician School. He says there are 2 Ambler fellows there - Pughsley Lane who lived on Orange Ave., and Lt. "Ed" Murphy from Greenwood Ave. Jimmy sends the following message to Herman Ashton: "He hopes that Herman is well and that they can meet some day. He plans to write soon."

You know, it helps the morale on the "home front" to hear from our boys and we wish to thank Sgt. Tom Weaver for doing his share, as he never fails to write us each month. Tom, is in the Hawaiian Islands. While out on a training cruise, he met Roscoe Smith. Al Dummeldinger and Tom meet regularly and now Paul Jones has contacted him about the "Ambler Day" party. Tom says he is going to write and appoint Paul "Chairman of the Committee" We hope they make it soon, so we can tell you all about it.

Pvt. Earnest L. Smith, writes from Camp Blanding, Fla. He is with Wiring and Communications and finds it very interesting work. Recently there was a call for Paratroop Enlistments and he applied for that. Ernie likes Camp Blanding for all the recreation facilities it offers. Baseball is a popular sport and his company - Co. A. won 11 out of 12 games. They lost only the first game. He is also enthusiastic about tennis - the courts being of the best. Ernie asks for information about Ralph Bishop who is in India with the Air Force. As soon as we get some news, we will send it along to you.



We were very glad to hear from Pfc. Hugh M. Bullard as he sent us his new address at Camp Crowder, Mo., very promptly. He met Walt Dummeldinger and found they were assigned to the same company, and were doing the same line of work. Hugh heard that Jack Harsch was at Camp Crowder, but when he tried to locate him, found a Jack Harsch from Chicago. Quite a coincidence.

Capt. "Bill" Maxson called me on Sunday, May 6th, to say Hello, and thanks for the news letter. He is still stationed in Texas but was up this way on a navigation flight with two students and was able to spend a few hours with his family. It was nice to chat with him. I believe he has not been home for a year and a half.

Capt. Robert Smith, better known as one of our popular Ambler physicians, is in England. He is nicely situated in the country, where due to limited transportation facilities, they get around quite a bit on bicycles. He reports the quarters comfortable and food good and, like so many of you, states that the country is beautiful and the people very congenial. He is a flight surgeon and finds his work most interesting. He is hoping that he will see someone from Ambler before long.

#### BITS OF WISDOM

"War is no laughing business, yet it is a business we shall do better if once in a while we take time out to laugh."

"No one of us is entirely useless. Even the worst of us can serve as horrible examples."

"Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the week."

"When life shuts one door, God often opens another."

And finally comes the News of our Church and Church Family.

A community Hymn Sing was held at the church Sunday evening May 14th. Mr. and Mrs. George Rockett directed the singing and our senior Choir sang an anthem.

The Ambler Youth Council held a meeting in the Assembly Hall on Sunday evening, April 30th.

Bob Cassel, U.S.Navy, was home over the weekend of April 28th. Bob Kriebel, stationed at the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va. was home for several hours on April 30th.

The Couples Club meeting held on April 28th was an enjoyable affair. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Birdsall on Church Road loaned their recreation room, which is in the barn, for the occasion which was a dance and a very nice one. Ten couples attended. Mr. Mottshaw, our new organist at the church, brought his recording machine and the group made a record of their voices which was lots of fun. Some of



the men played pool for a while. Everything from jitterbugging to square dances was tried and some of the younger as well as the older ones admitted being a little stiff the next day. Nevertheless, everyone had a grand time.

"Bill" McKinney ARM3/C is now stationed at Whiting Field, Milton, Fla. Lester DuBois has moved from Camp Parks, Cal. to San Bruno, Cal. Jack Meyers, S/C spent 4 days at home before leaving April 30th to go to Norfolk, Va., where he is to attend the Fire Control Fleet Service School for 3 months. He has made 8 round trips across the ocean, for the privilege of attending the school and when the course is finished he expects to be assigned to his same ship again. His brother, Carl Meyers, is in the vicinity of Panama City. Another brother, Charles, is near Trinidad. As yet he has not been fortunate enough to meet anyone from Ambler.

Pvt. Valdo Dragani, who has been in a hospital in Australia, has arrived at the Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco. He expects to come East in a month or so. Gilda Dragani, WAC, was home from Ft. Myers, Va. for the weekend of May 7th. Arnold Dragani is now in the army located at Camp Croft, S. C.

Edgar King left April 29th and is also at Camp Croft, S. C. Both he and Arnold are in the same Infantry Training Battalion. Aviation Student Hugh Gehman has been transferred from Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla. to the College Training Detachment at Spartansburg, S. C. Lt. "Bob" Davis, has been moved from the hospital in Augusta, Ga. to the Valley Forge General Hospital. He arrived on May 2nd and deserves much credit for having made the trip alone. With a brace on his leg and the use of crutches he made out fine and reported that everyone was wonderful to him and assisted him in every way possible. It is needless to say that his family is happy to have him so near. They visit him frequently. Hugh Seville has moved from Camp Peary, Va. to Camp Endicott, R. I. Mrs. Seville left May 12th to join her husband. Corp. "Bill" Little has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He is now radio operator on a combat crew, stationed at the Pueblo Army Air Base, Colorado. I have just learned that he has been promoted to Sergeant. Congratulations, Bill!

Pfc. Russell Huckel is training in the Quartermaster Company at Camp Adais, Oregon. "Don" Gerhart has moved from Camp McKall, N. C. to Fort Meade, Md. He was home May 7th for a few hours. Warren Fleck is in Australia. Pfc. "Bill" Pierson has arrived in England. He reports that the weather is fine and the people are very kind. On Easter Sunday he attended a very fine communion service aboard ship in the middle of the Atlantic. Pericles Della Loggia has been promoted to a Petty Officer Signaller 3/C. He was recently home from the Manhattan Beach Training Station for 3 days. Since his return he has been transferred to Boston, Mass. Pvt. Michael Angellilis is at Camp Stewart, Ga. A/C "Bill" Hamilton has moved from Turner Field, Albany, Ga. to Maxwell Field, Ala.



"Bob" Simpson arrived home from Glenview, Ill. on May 7th. He had planned to come for some time but was held up due to bad weather. It took 3 weeks to get his final checks in. He was happy to be home in time to have a few hours with his friend, Don Betts, whom he had not seen for a year. Don left the afternoon of May 7th for Tampa, Fla. after being home since April 24th. He had previously been at Salt Lake City, Utah. Pvt. Fred DeSantis has moved from Camp Edwards, Mass. to Suffolk Army Air Base, West Hampton Beach, L.I. "Bill" Camburn located at Camp Blanding, Fla. was in a hospital the first three weeks of April suffering from arthritis in the ankles. His wife, Betty, left on April 26 to visit him. A/C Bruce Singer has moved from Craig Field, Ala. to Maxwell Field, Ala. Bill Singer, A/C has been transferred from Chapel Hill, N. C. To Glenview, Ill. Charles McPhail, who is in the Pacific area, has been promoted to Corporal.

Corp. George Camburn, recently saw the name of James Worthington of Prospectville on a Red Cross List in a town in India. Sgt. "Jim" Williams is in the Finance Office at the Charleston, S. C. Army Air Base. "Bill" Williams S2/C has been transferred from Sampson, N. Y. to the U.S.S. Niobrara with the Atlantic Fleet. We extend congratulations to George Deens in the Southwest Pacific who has been promoted to Chief Warrant Officer.

Pfc. George Cramer with a Marine Detachment on an aircraft carrier, flew home from San Francisco, arriving April 18 for a 20 day furlough. He has been in recent action in the Central Pacific and could have told plenty, however, we know some of the stories will have to wait until after the war. He has not seen his brother, Roy, for nearly two years and missed him by three weeks. George was sporting a cute little moustache when he arrived, however, it disappeared a few days before he returned. Roy's wife, the former Miss Becky Robinson, left Ambler, April 16th, for Long Beach, Cal. Although she is about 70 miles away from Camp Pendleton, yet she sees Roy frequently because he has purchased a motorcycle and makes the trip up the coast in an hour. They have been having some grand times together. When Becky arrived in California, she met Eddie Roberts and "Hays" Hoffman who had been on the same train.

We have added Corporal Alan McIlvaine's name to our list. Some of you may remember that he used to attend our Sunday School and formerly lived in Ambler Highlands. Harold Moore has been promoted to private first class. He has been sharing his news letter with Harold Naudasher who is also in England and in the same outfit. They spend quite a lot of time together. Pvt. and Mrs. Norman S. Jones are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Norman Stevens, Jr. born May 3rd. Mrs. Jones is the former Miss Betty Heath. Pvt. Jones, who has been in New Orleans, returned to camp May 15 after having spent 15 days at home. He expects to leave the country in the near future. Pfc. Russell Benigno has moved from Camp Bowie, Texas to Camp Ross, New Orleans, La. Pvt. Philip Benigno has been sent to Camp Sutton, N. C. from Ft. McClellan, Ala.



Mr. Dunsmore sends the following message to you:

Many heart warming stories have come out of the war. One of the best concerns a little beggar boy in Iran. Some American soldiers found him cold, hungry, and homeless. They promptly adopted him, took him back to the barracks, cleaned him up, and gave him a name they could pronounce. When school opened in September, they brought him, already able to speak some English, to be enrolled in the mission school. Now every morning an army car stops at the school door and out jumps clean and smiling little Dicky.

I tell that story in the month which has in it Mother's Day, for there it seems to me is an example of the Christian spirit which no doubt those fellows learned at their mother's knee. May you keep that spirit in your life, and with your mother in mind think of the words, "I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be pure, for there are those who care; I would be strong, for there is much to suffer; I would be brave, for there is much to dare."

You may be interested to know that there is a nation wide movement among the churches, ministers, merchants and American people as a whole to make Invasion Day one of prayer. That day will be one of anxiety for us here at home and our hearts will be tense with hope for the safety and success of those in the service. The industrial establishments in many communities plan to close for a half hour on the afternoon of invasion day to permit workers to go to the churches of their choice to offer up prayers for our fighting men. All of us hope and pray that D-Day will bring victory to the Allies. The American people are preparing themselves spiritually for the invasion. President Roosevelt plans to go on the air on Invasion Day to lead the Nation in prayer. The Statue of Liberty will flash a V-for-Victory signal when news is received that the invasion has begun. The torch of the statue, dimmed since Pearl Harbor on all but two brief occasions, will shine as soon as the flash arrives that Allied troops are storming the enemy shores.

A service of Hope and Prayer will be held in our church on the evening of D-Day. As soon as word is received that the invasion has begun, the Church will be open for prayer.

Let us remember that in times such as these "Prayer is not a luxury, it is a necessity." As Tennyson has said "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

"God hath not promised  
Skies always blue  
But God hath promised  
Strength for the Day  
Light on the Way  
Help from Above."

Sincerely,

*Helen R. Macomber*



NEWS LETTER NO. 21

92 Bethlehem Pike  
Ambler, Pa.  
June 15, 1944.

Dear

Some of you may recall that about this time last year I suffered a bad attack of absentmindedness and lapse of memory. I found myself doing very strange things and alas, the symptoms are here again. Although it is a chronic condition, it appears to get worse at this time of year. I believe the vacation bug is responsible and already I find myself under its spell.

Recently I addressed one of my husband's letters to South America instead of South Carolina. Some kind soul changed it for me so he did receive it in due time. Ever since he has been quite disturbed and worried over my lack of mental coordination. I guess he must think I am in a bad state for he lost no time in asking for an eight day leave and expects to arrive home on June 17th. When he returns, I shall accompany him to Charleston for the summer months. I know I shall find it quite different from the cool summers of Maine to which I am accustomed. When I am in the sweltering south I shall probably be wishing more than ever that I were back in Ambler under a shade tree working on the News Letter with Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Ledeboer and the other King's Daughters.

Until I have a chance to say Hello again, I want you to know that I shall be thinking of you often and shall be wishing you the best of luck. I have a great deal of confidence in you. Your sacrifice will have its great effect in making us better citizens - more thoughtful, more congenial, more loving, bigger and better. Keep your chins up and remember "Beyond the darkest night the morning waits."

Schools will close on June 16. The past few weeks have been busy ones for both students and teachers.

Dr. Francis Green, headmaster of the Pennington School for Boys, Pennington, N. J. spoke at the High School Assembly on May 16th. The Senior High School Council officers for 1944-45 are: President, Joseph Signore, Vice-President, Barclay Douglas and Secretary, Shirley Coffey.

The track team lost to Norristown 90 - 27. Ambler took two firsts. The 110 low hurdles were won by Frank Carter in 13.4 seconds. The javelin throw of 141 feet was won by Joseph Signore. Frank Carter, Ambler High Sophomore, also placed in two events in the P.I.A.A. track meet at Upper Darby on May 20th.



Class Day Exercises were held in the high school auditorium on May 19th. As usual it was an evening of fun. The second or hilarious part of the program centered around a serviceman's canteen. The stage was set with tables at either side where several class members, costumed as soldiers, sailors and marines enjoyed the hospitality and entertainment of the Canteen. "Bob" Harsch was master of ceremonies. Many clever songs and skits were given.

The High School Band assisted in the Memorial Day Exercises held at the Legion Home on May 30th.

The Baccalaureate Service was held Sunday evening, June 4th, in the high school auditorium. Five pastors from churches in this community assisted in the service. Rev. Luther H. Harshbarger, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, preached the sermon. The A Capella choir sang a group of selections. Eileen Urban was the soloist.

Dr. Charles Swope, president of West Chester State Teachers College, was the speaker at Commencement Exercises held on June 6th, Invasion Day, an historic date which they will long remember. Ninety-eight students graduated. Student addresses were given by Robert Virkler, valedictorian, and Dorothy Marple, salutatorian. Eileen Urban, vocalist, and Doreen Sheridan, pianist, rendered several musical selections. Ruth Towne was awarded the fifteen dollar Alpha Nu Sorority prize for outstanding achievement in the commercial program. Robert Virkler won the School Faculty Scholarship of \$100 and the Faculty Prize key for being the most outstanding citizen in Ambler High School. Vera Coombs received the Beaver College Scholarship of \$300 and the Colony Club \$100 award went to Dorothy Sanders. Arthur Boulton received the University of Pennsylvania Scholarship of \$500. The Junior Colony Club prize of \$50 was won by Barbara Chappell. Doreen Sheridan and Helen LeClare won the Rotary Club prizes of \$50 each. Dorothy Marple was awarded the Ursinus College Scholarship of \$600.

#### LOCAL NEWS

Pvt. Walter Dummeldinger is stationed at Ft. Mammouth, N.J. William Erhardt is at Camp Perry, Va. Pvt. Norman Godshall is now located at the Deshon Hospital, Butler, Pa. where he is undergoing treatment for injuries received in the Italian campaign. Sgt. George Charlton surprised his family recently by arriving home a few hours before his brother, Charles, returned to his base at McCook Field, Nebraska. It was the first time they had met in a year and 8 months. George is located at Ft. Meyers, Fla. Their brother, John, expects to enter the service in the near future. "Ed" Murphy, Jr. has been promoted to first lieutenant in the Marine Corps and is stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. His wife is with him at the present time. Benjamin Towne has received his Navy "Wings of Gold" and is now an Ensign after having completed his course at the N.A.T.C., Pensacola, Fla. Radcliffe Allen, located at Stout Field, Ind. has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. Pfc. Edmond



Roesch, stationed at Camp Howze, Texas, has been visiting his parents. Pfc. Howard Stong graduated from the Non-commissioned Officers' Staff Course at the Chemical Warfare Center, Edgewood Arsenal, Md. on June 10th.

John W. Heywood and Pvt. Ralph S. Bishop are new names on our mailing list. Grant Buchanan AMM1/C, is now stationed at Whiting Field, Milton, Fla. "Bill" McKinney, ARM3/C is also at the same field. Albert Fluck has been transferred from Ft. Custer, Mich. to Aberdeen, Md. Theodore (Son John) Williams, who is in the Navy, recently met Robert Roane somewhere in the Pacific.

Lt. James P. Keane has been awarded the Air Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement in combat flights. He now pilots a P-51 Mustang airplane and is attached to the 9th Fighter Command Mustang Group. He has participated in 25 missions over enemy territory. His group has accounted for 225 planes in four months of combat operations.

Richard Slayton, Jr. received his wings and second lieutenant's commission at the Advanced Flying School, Ellington Field, Texas, on May 23rd, after which he spent a short furlough with his parents. He flew from Texas to Buffalo and made the remainder of the trip by train. He is a pilot on a two engine bomber. "Dick" returned to his base on June 3rd accompanied by Charles King who left Ambler at the same time. Harley Smith is stationed at the Army Air Field, Sioux Falls, S. D. where he is doing radio work. Francis McCabe, Penlllyn, recently graduated from the Flying Training Command School at Foster Field, Victoria. He has been commissioned a flight officer.

The engagement of Miss June Corson to William Powell Duncan of Wissahickon Farms, Whitemarsh, has been announced. Another engagement is that of Miss Gertrude Stevens to John Abrahamsen of Oslo, Norway. Miss Stevens has recently received a medical discharge from the WAVES.

Pvt. Adolf Linguist of Keesler Field, Miss. was recently home on furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Daniel Lynn. Congratulations are also extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Geddes of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Geddes is the former Miss Irma Black.

Pvt. Henry Thompson has been home on furlough from New Hampshire. At the commencement exercises of LaSalle College Charles Hanes, who left school to be sworn into the Navy last January was honored by receiving the LaSalle Award of \$50. It is given to the person who has done the most for his class as well as for La Salle. At the present time he is at an unknown base.

An unusual Memorial Day program was held at the Legion Home. A parade preceded the exercises in which local organizations participated. Congressman Samuel K. McConnell, Jr. was the speaker.



of the day. Silver Star Citations were presented in honor of Lt. Colonel Herbert Amey, Capt. Harold R. Trenchard and Pvt. Grant C. Reimer.

Miss Carolyn Thompson and Lt. Herbert Moyer, Jr., U.S.A. of Lansdale were married on June 10th in the Trinity Memorial Church. Lt. Donald Betts is located at the Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, S. C. Charles D. Jones, Jr. better known as "Bud" arrived in the states on June 6th and was at the Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C., for a few days before being moved to the Atlantic City General Hospital, N. J. He is recovering from wounds received in the Italian Campaign. His parents, who are at their summer home in Ocean City, visit him every day.

Charles Hibbs, 45, was instantly killed on May 16 when the small truck he was driving collided with another. The crash occurred at Limekiln Pike and Oak Rd., Glenside. T/Sgt Wilbert Landes, stationed in Alaska, recently sent home pictures showing him skinning two deer which were strung up on trees. Their chief supply of meat is obtained from deer which they have to go out and kill. Wilbert is a cook in his battery. Sgt. "Ed" Amey, who has been at an air base on Tarawa, is now with the Army Air Forces in the Hawaiian Islands.

The Selective Service Induction Center at Allentown will close on July 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. William Vincent are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. Mrs. Vincent is the former Miss Myrtle Cope. The engagement of Miss Viola Hunsberger to David McCrork has been announced.

Robert Lindenfeld has been transferred from Washington, D.C. to Newton Park, Norfolk, Va. where he is doing radio work. Sgt. Harry E. Wood has returned to Camp Hood, Texas after being home on furlough. Gilbert Huber is now stationed at State College. Lt. William Huber has returned to Indiana after being home for a few days. He recently received his pilot wings at Seymour Field, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Huber attended the graduation exercises. Lt. Ralph Davies has been transferred from Alexandria, La. to the Kearney Army Air Base in Kearney, Nebraska. Ruth Wood S2/c is located at Stillwater, Oklahoma. Pfc. Albert Walters, U.S. Marine Corps, who was wounded in action and hospitalized somewhere in the South Pacific, has arrived in Oakland, Cal. He has seen action in Guadalcanal and New Caledonia. According to word received by his mother he will be in the hospital for some time.



Sgt. Victor Romendio, Lt. Joseph O. Niblock, stationed in India, S/Sgt. George T. Rue who has been in Iceland for 18 mos. and Major William Wolfe have been added to our mailing list. Major Wolfe has been in New Guinea for a year and helped in setting up the base there. He has been in a hospital for several weeks but expects to be reclassified in the near future and sent to a cooler climate.

Pfc. John Ganjamie has been promoted to Corporal Technician and is located at Camp Polk, Texas. Corp. James McKinnon has been transferred to Camp Howzie, Texas. Mary Dickinson Y2/c, Roscoe Brady, James Betts and Franklin Wright recently spent a week end at home. Pvt. Norman Godshall has returned from overseas and at present is in the Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C. where he is suffering from a knee injury. He is a veteran of the Italian Campaign and has been overseas since November, 1943.

### Just Nonsense

At a dance held at the Camp Pickett, Va., service club, Sgt. Ronald Riopel attached to division headquarters, found himself gliding over the floor with an attractive young WAC. By way of making conversation Riopel remarked - "I'm pretty tired, I've had a hard day at the office." "I'm tired too", sighed the dainty WAC. "I've been shoveling sand all day."

Wife: "Why don't you want me to join the WAVES?"

Hubby: "You wouldn't be happy, dear. It's noncombatant duty."

Son: "What is puppy love?"

Father: "Just the prelude to a dog's life."

Diner: "Do you serve crabs here?"

Waiter: "We serve anyone; sit down."

First Recruit: "That sergeant certainly is temperamental."

Second Recruit: "Yes - 90 per cent temper and 10 per cent mental."

When the draftee reported at the induction center, he was asked:

"What is your name and address?"

"Sakes alive, you oughta know," he replied, "you sent for me."

### In His Element

Provost Marshal: "And what did you do when you heard this GI using such language?"

MP: "I told him he wasn't fit to be among decent people, and then I brought him here."



Nothing sensational has happened in the World of Sports during the past month, however, I'll send a few items which may be of interest:

Annapolis defeated West Point for the Intercollegiate 4-A Title in track championships. The Middies set a record by scoring 81 points.

George D. Widener's colt "Who Goes There" won the Withers Stakes at Belmont Park, N. Y. on May 20th. He pulled ahead in the last stretch to defeat "By Jimminy." "Boy Knight" finished third.

Approximately 34,000 persons saw "Bounding Home" win the Belmont stakes on June 3rd. The winner stuck his nose in front of Pensive, the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, a quarter of a mile from the finish line and went on to score by a half length.

The first triple dead heat in New York racing history thrilled a crowd of 25,386 on June 10th at the Aqueduct Race Track, Long Island, N.Y., when Joe W. Brown's "Brownie", William Woodward's "Bosswet" and William Ziegler, Jr.'s "Wait A Bit" could not be separated at the end of the seven furlong Carter Handicap. It was the second time in American horse-racing history that three horses reached the finish line together.

The University of Pennsylvania football team will play all its games on Franklin Field this season, the first time since 1933. The season opens with Duke University, Sept. 30 and ends with Cornell University, Nov. 25. Other teams on the schedule are: William and Mary College, Army, Navy, Columbia and Michigan.

Bill Dickey, former New York Yankee star, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the Navy.

Stan Hack, veteran third baseman of the Chicago Cubs who retired from baseball this spring, has rejoined the club.

The first triple play in the National League this season was a feature of the Pittsburg - Giants game played in New York on June 3rd - The "Bucs" beat the Giants in the 10th inning 7-6.

In the American League the teams are well bunched. On June 13, the St. Louis Browns who have never won a pennant, were leading while the Athletics were in seventh place,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  games behind the leaders. The Cardinals were at the top in the National League with the Phillies in seventh place,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  games behind.

"Babe" Ruth is recovering nicely from a knee operation. The injury was incurred during his baseball playing days.



Big Bill Tilden is returning to Philadelphia on July 1 to help put over the Fifth War Loan Drive in a feature tennis match. Supporting him will be Alice Marble, "Vinnie" Richards and Mrs. Mary Hare.

Jack Kelly, Jr. son of the former Olympic champion, won the National schoolboy singles sculling championship of 1944 on the Schuylkill in Fairmount Park on June 3rd.

The Inquirer \$17,500 War Bond Golf Tournament opened June 5th with 129 Pros and Amateurs taking part in the classic. It was a four day 72 hole event. With cards of 66, 67 and 69 for the first three rounds Sam Byrd finished with a 72, one over par, for a runaway victory aggregate of 274, seven strokes ahead of Craig Wood, who was second with 281. Byrd was awarded \$6700 in war bonds. He never went over 5 for any hole in the tournament. He finished 72 holes ten under par with 21 birdies going over par 11 times. His 274 is recognized as a course record. "Dutch" Harrison was third with 283. Philadelphia's "Jug" McSpaden and Toledo's Byron Nelson trailed.

#### National and State News

Governor Martin has set July 7 as Troop Ballot Day and has ordered the opening of all polling places on that date to list absentee voters in the armed service and affiliated war agencies. Ballots will be sent to all service men, at home and abroad, without prior application. It is estimated that approximately 750,000 eligible absentee military voters will be recorded on the special registration day. The ballots must be returned by November 22.

Clark Gable, the former film star, has been promoted from Captain to Major. He expects to resume civilian life in the near future. Red Skelton has been inducted into the Army. "Jimmy" Stewart, former movie star, has been promoted from Major to lieutenant colonel. Kay Kyser, the band leader, and his vocalist, Georgia Ann Carroll were married on June 9th. Mickey Rooney, the red headed 22 year old actor, has recently been inducted into the Army.

Nine years after his death in an Alaska plane crash, the body of Will Rogers was brought home to Claremore, Okla. on May 22nd and buried on a hillside overlooking the cattle ranges of his boyhood. The sacred spot is now and will be through the years to come a shrine to which people will turn for inspiration and encouragement.

The old Phillies Ball Park at Broad and Lehigh has been sold. It will be used for the construction of two story buildings which will be leased as stores.



After July 1, Philadelphians will not know whether they are going to serve in the Army or Navy until they are actually inducted into the service. Inductees will be placed in a common pool to be drawn upon according to the needs of the service.

The 36th Annual Conference of Governors of the U.S. was held at Hershey, Pa. during the last week of May. The two topics of Major importance were: Planning for post-war reconstruction and development and Election-year politics. Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio, contenders for the Republican presidential nomination at Chicago next month, addressed the meeting.

On May 24th, fire destroyed the interior of Princeton University's main gymnasium at an estimated loss of \$500,000. There was nothing left of the Gothic building except its walls and tower. All trophies and other memorials of its entire athletic history were destroyed.

It is circus time again. The Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus opened in Philadelphia on June 6th for a period of 11 days. According to reports the performance was the most colorful and amazing in its history.

The American Legion Auxiliary of Pennsylvania has agreed to defray the expenses of a clubmobile now traveling with our fighting forces in Italy. As you know it is a huge canteen on wheels from which American girls distribute free smokes, sweets, coffee and doughnuts. The annual cost of operating a clubmobile is \$21,000. The Legion has devised a unique way of raising the money-Pennsylvania housewives are contributing coupons from certain soap, baking powder, macaroni and milk products which when turned in to the manufacturers are converted into cash, which will be used to supply refreshment and relaxation to our fighting men.

Robert Earl Peterson is a Republican candidate for Governor of New Mexico. Edna Peterson, his wife is a Democratic candidate for the same office.

Captain Daniel Riordan, 21 of Washington, D. C., a Flying Fortress pilot, admits that he has finally caught up with the ice cream shortage. He arrived from England last month and has been on an ice cream diet ever since. In the past 30 days he has eaten 103 sundaes with double scoops of ice cream, 98 sodas and 54 banana splits. His plane, the "Margie", named for his wife, is credited with shooting down four Nazi fighters. He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal and has completed 25 missions with the Eighth Air Force.



Vice President Henry Wallace left May 20 for China and Siberia to serve as a "messenger" for the President in China. He expects to return about the middle of July.

Pennsylvania's quota in the Fifth War Loan Drive which opened June 12th is \$1,082,000,000.

Paulette Goddard and Captain Burgess Meredith were married in Hollywood on May 21. Captain Meredith, former screen and stage actor, is on detached service from the Army Air Forces in England.

Louis B. Mayer, head of M-G-M studio for the past 20 years, and his wife have separated following 40 years of married life.

"Invasia" and "Dee Day" were the names given to two babies born here in the United States on June 6th.

Former Governor George D. Earle, now serving in the Navy as Lieutenant Commander, and his wife have separated. For the past year he has been naval attache in the U.S. Embassy in Turkey. He returned the first of June on an official mission and is now awaiting a new assignment.

#### More Nonsense

"It's so good of you doctor, to have come this far to see my husband."

"Not at all, Madam, not at all. I have a patient next door, and I thought I'd kill two birds with one stone."

Two slightly inebriated men met on the street.

Said the first: "Do you know what time it is?"

Said the second: "Yes."

"Thanks," said the first as he staggered away.

Boogy- "You look downhearted, old man. What are you worried about?"

Woogy- "My future."

Boogy- "What makes your future seem so hopeless?"

Woogy- "My past."

First Cannibal: "The chief has hay fever."

Second Cannibal: "Serves him right. I told him not to eat that grass widow."

"Little Red Riding Hood was lucky--she only met one wolf."

"The fellow who boasts that he runs things in his house probably means the washing machine, vacuum cleaner, baby carriage and errands."

"Optimist: A guy who sits in the last row of the gallery and



winks at the chorus girls."

"We never used to be able to find Grandma's glasses, but now she leaves them right where she empties them."

### Hit Parade

#### May 20th

1. Long Ago & Far Away
2. San Fernando Valley
3. I'll Get By
4. It's Love, Love, Love
5. I Love You
6. Poinciana
7. I'll Be Seeing You
8. Good Night Wherever You Are
9. Amour

#### June 3

1. Long Ago & Far Away
2. I'll Get By
3. I'll Be Seeing You
4. San Fernando Valley
5. It's Love, Love, Love
6. I Love You
7. Amour
8. Good Night Wherever You Are
9. How Blue the Night

### Correspondence Column

Last month we told you we had a fine letter from Pfc. James L. Coles, Jr., U.S.M.C. and we find that we neglected to include the following message:- "Give my regards to the boys in the service who were in the Class of '43. I shall always remember them." We believe you will all appreciate this.

We are very glad to welcome Roscoe Smith, PhM1/e, as our first correspondent this month. Since he has been in the Pacific area, he has met Vera Haff, Paul Jones, Barney Dickman, Tom Weaver and others, not named. Roscoe tells us that since leaving home he has "gained a little color and also a little weight". He is just a little modest, as he sent a picture home recently showing that he has gained considerable color and weight. Roscoe has not been receiving his Ambler gazettes and the reason was explained when his mother received a letter from a Roscoe Smith, Sl/c, in the Pacific area, telling her that he had received the papers. Finally the boy found Mrs. Smith's name and address in the Gazette and wrote to her. This Roscoe Smith was from Florida.

Bob Broughton, AMMF3/c, wrote to tell us that he had been visiting Bob Stevens, Fl/c as they are located on the same Island in the Pacific. Bob says it is good to see someone from home and hopes to see more of the boys out there. Since receiving this letter, we hear that Bob had the opportunity to visit Bob Davies on the U.S.S. Coral Sea. Also, we have learned that Henry Scholz, U.S.M.C. is nearby, and we hope they will see one another. Perhaps, they can have an Ambler Day, too.



Our message this month from Sam Worthington, W.O. at the Woodrow Wilson Gen'l. Hospital, Staunton, Va., was to give us a new address for Bob Rex. We are very glad that he gave us Bob's name for our mailing list, as we received a very interesting letter from Bob, which you will find reported later in this column. In a second letter Sam told us that he had received letters from Bob Rex and Bruce Singer. The Newsletter furnished the clue to Sam's whereabouts and made it possible for Bruce to write. Sam reports that they have their open-air theatre "in full swing". They have a very fine swing band made up with men from name bands like Tommy Dorsey, Woody Herman, Paul Whiteman, etc. These men are on staff duty (clerks, M.P.'s, etc.) during the day and band duty at night. Recently, they had a Cocoa Cola broadcast, featuring Les Brown's band. Al Jolson also made a personal appearance one afternoon. They had the band from the Navy School of Music on a recent Sunday. They have a band concert every Sunday, outdoors if possible, otherwise in their handsome new gymnasium. Sam sends the following story:- Father Ryan, their Catholic Chaplain, was visiting a ward, where recent arrivals included a quiet, rather devout lad from the Infantry, and a boisterous, ultra talkative Sergeant from the Air Corps. Both men were just back from Italy and the Chaplain was amazed that both men were only slightly wounded. The meek little Infantryman explained their charmed lives in this fashion - "We never would have come through, Father, if it hadn't been that we had ever-present help from above." Whereupon, the Air Corps Sergeant, bursting with pride, hastened to explain, "Your gosh darned right, Father, the Air Corps is in there everytime!"

T/Sgt. Newton Howard, "Still in England" wrote a very interesting letter. He says they haven't much time after a day's work. At night, they usually go to a movie in town or a dance, or just eat out and have "sausage, chips and beans". Sometimes they even go so far as to wash their clothes. He says their "white" clothes are a shade or two darker than that famous "Tattletale gray". Newt made a trip up to Wales and tells us the hills and countryside look very familiar--like parts of Pennsylvania, Upper New York and parts of Massachusetts only you see thousands of sheep scattered all over the hills. At another time, Newt was stationed on the moors and the scene in the early morning was one to remember. He says--"there was a mist all over the valley like clouds that had dropped from the sky,--or as one of the fellows said, it looked as if the barrage balloons had been released and England had floated up into the clouds." Newt says, if you wish to annoy the English, all you have to say is that the Island would probably sink if the balloons were taken down. He has also become a confirmed tea drinker although he prefers coffee. It is possible to get good coffee nearby as the American Red Cross has just opened a branch and the Y.M.C.A. serves good coffee as well as the best meals in town.



Ralph L. Amey, SoMH3/c stationed "Somewhere in the Pacific", received his first Newsletter. He has not been fortunate enough to meet anyone from Ambler. He says "This is a big place down here. Still I have hopes." Ralph entered the Navy in March, 1943. He had his basic training at Great Lakes, went to school at Fisher's Island, Conn., then to San Pedro, Cal., after which he was in San Bruno for six months and then went on to the Pacific. While in the States, his wife, Anne, who is an Ohio girl, was able to follow him to each station. We hope some of our boys will meet Ralph very soon.

T/S Wilbert H. Landes, who has been in Alaska for some time, wrote again to tell us that his furlough plans had been changed. He had been expecting to come back to the States, but you Army boys can appreciate that as I believe you say, you can never believe it is true, until you are on a train and out of sight of the Camp. Wilbert writes that "the other two fellows want me to send their thanks along with mine", and gives no names. We are asking Wilbert to send us their names, so we can mention them in this letter, too.

We are very happy to have a letter from Ensign David K. Hellings. He was very complimentary over our Newsletter and we appreciate having the boys tell us these things. David is on the U.S.S. Avocet, out in the Pacific. He told us about meeting Dr. Lorenz, which we had learned from Dr. Lorenz himself some time ago and reported in this Newsletter. Again, we are glad to have this letter passed around and willing to add new names to our mailing list. For the benefit of our new readers, David formerly served with the Merchant Marine and had some thrilling experiences, one being a trip to Murmansk, Russia, the winter of 1942.

Cpl. Charles MacPhail, "somewhere in the Pacific", wrote us on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th. Charles has been away a long time and this was our second letter from him. He was very glad to have the opportunity to attend church services this particular morning, as the Chaplain had a wonderful sermon. He has just met three boys from Ambler and does not say who they are. We are also asking Charles to give us their names, as we believe you would all like to know. Charles says that now he has someone from Ambler to talk with he is having more fun. They all read the Newsletter and enjoy the jokes and the Hit Parade.

LeRoy Davies, S2/c, with the U.S.S. Montpelier, somewhere in the Pacific, writes to tell us he met Henry Barry, who is the only Ambler fellow he has met besides his brother, Bob; we are always glad to hear about these reunions and we hope more of you can meet. When you do, don't forget to tell us.



A/C Bruce Singer, wrote to tell us he had finished at Maxwell Field, Ala., and had been sent to Dorr Field, Arcadia, Fla. Here he will receive his primary training and the first phases of flying. He is very enthusiastic about the appearance and equipment of the place. Says "it is a regular summer resort, except for the fact that we are in the Army and have to fall out for formations on the double and such." They have long white barracks, palm trees and shrubbery, all kinds of birds, a swimming pool and eight tennis courts. Bruce says "it isn't at all like an Army camp, but as soon as you hear bells ringing and somebody yelling to hurry up and fall out, you realize it isn't a vacation." We are very grateful to Bruce for giving us his new address.

Paul B. Jones, Sl/C, of the Seabees, out in the Hawaiian Islands, has been trying to arrange an Ambler Day and finally set Sunday, May 28th as the date for it. We hope that all of them were able to get together. He located his cousin, 2nd Lt. Vera Haff, Army Nurse. Sgt. Tom Weaver, Al Dummeldinger, Mus. 1/C and Roscoe Smith, Ph.Ml/C. Lt. George Sandiford, U.S.M.C. was there for a time and we hope he was able to locate Sgt. Ed Amey for the occasion. Later, we received from Paul a Souvenir V-Mail showing the insignia of the 67th United States Naval Construction Battalion.

Pvt. Calvin P. Ashton sent us a card giving us his change of address. We appreciate this very much, as it is so important for us to always have the correct address. It is the only way you can be sure of receiving these Newsletters on time.

Sgt. Robert A. Smith, writes that he believes he is the only one from Ambler who is in Corsica. However, he is keeping his eyes open and hopes he may see his cousin, "Stew" Davis, Jr., who might be coming that way. He tells us again how wonderful it was to meet Dr. Henderson. Robert had been trying to contact him during their African stay. Then one day at a Red Cross Club he met an officer from the same hospital. After that it was easy to find the Doctor. It's too bad we "scooped" Robert on a joke as he sent us the story about Wallace throwing the first ball into the game for the Washington Senators, as Franklin had a sore arm from waving goodbye to Eleanor. We're sorry, but we told this story in our May Newsletter.

We received a long, interesting letter from a new member on our list. He is not a newcomer to you boys, as most of you know him. He is Robert F. Rex, Chief Yeoman, on the destroyer escort, the U.S.S. Waterman, with the Pacific Fleet. For the past year, different people came to us and said they believed Bob Rex would enjoy the News Letter and we always told them to bring us his address and we would gladly send it to him. It took your old friend, Sam Worthington, to finally send us the address and in April we mailed Bob his first copy. After reading it, he answered immediately and told us the following:-- Not so long ago, he traveled over a thousand miles in company with Andy Dressler's ship and didn't know he was aboard. Bob was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands for six months and wonders if Tom Weaver were there



the same time. (Tom has been in the Hawaiians about two years. Also, Al Dummeldinger.) Before Bob left the Islands, he met Roscoe Brady, Joe Friel's brother and on Easter Sunday his brother-in-law, Art Hansen. They had a grand time talking about home. This was a fortunate meeting, as Art arrived just a few hours before Bob boarded his ship and left. He was glad to hear of Alvin Fleck and then wonders if the Eddie Wind, S2/C we mention is his old buddy, Ed Wind from Highland Ave. (Yes, it is.) Bob then asks us to extend his congratulations to Gerry Davis upon receiving the D.F.C. and the good work he is doing over there. He writes, "Good luck Gerry and smooth flying." Bob also agrees with Nelson Deck that there are a few strange names in the letter, but the majority of them are very familiar even though he hasn't been around Ambler for the last 4 or 5 years. Bob ends his letter by saying, "I want to wish all the men, and the girls, all the luck in the world and hope it won't be too long before it's all over."

Pvt. William (Buddy) Kilson has been stationed at Keesler Field for the past two months. He is working as Supply Clerk, but hopes to do something different. At first, he and Calvin Ashton were together, but recently Calvin was sent to the West Coast. Buddy is looking forward to his furlough, but being in the Army, he says, "One never knows." He sends his regards to all his old school mates and gives this slogan, "Ambler will always come out on top."

A/T William R. Lunn is stationed at the Army Air Field in Courtland, Ala. He has not been assigned to any special study and is not sure just what it will be. He would like to be a service flyer, and we hope he succeeds in whatever he is assigned to do. He asks us to send you this: "Just say hello to all my service buddies out there."

PVT. Michael Angelillis is stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga. and says it is really hot down there. He is in a Searchlight Unit, and besides his training in this, he has practice shooting with a Machine Gun and Bazooka. Michael has not been in service very long and he has already received his Marksman and Sharpshooter ratings. He likes the camp quite well. They have good meals and plenty of recreation. He also attends a post church every Sunday in which they hold beautiful services. Edward Gerhart, Anthony Bruno and several boys from Norristown are in the same camp. Michael's letter was very fine and full of news and it is a wonderful help to us when we receive letters like this.

Sgt. Tom Weaver, writes from the Hawaiian Islands, that he has just returned from a 5 day pass. He spent this holdiay on the "big island" and had a very enjoyable time. Tom had a visit with Al Dummeldinger recently. He has also seen Vera Haff several times but never talked with her as she seems to be always "on the go". For the information of our new readers, Vera is a lieutenant with the Army Nurses. There are several fellows from Ambler on the



Islands and Tom says Paul Jones is very busy trying to arrange an "Ambler Day" for all of them. We hope it will be successful. Tom closed his letter with some very fine words of appreciation for this Newsletter and adds -- "here's hoping that the Ambler fellows will come through the coming battles without too much harm."

We are glad to welcome Pvt. Richard Rohrman to this column. He spent nearly 5 months in Northern Africa and is back in Italy again with his old company. He says that the weather is lovely now, and one can truly say at this time, it is "sunny Italy." He wrote to his folks and said he was "on his way to Rome." Dick also agrees with John Cassidy that it is "rough and noisy", but he says they have a saying in their company when the going is tough, "It's rough, but we're just a little bit rougher." He has yet to see someone from Ambler and would like very much to meet some of the boys. We suggest that you fellows over there keep your eyes open and you all may meet before long.

Pvt. Daniel W. Stevens wrote to give us his new address. It sounds as if he were doing some very interesting work. He completed the Airplane Mechanics course at Keesler Field and was sent to the Chevrolet Corp. in Detroit where the Army has one of the best Airplane Engine Specialist Schools in the country. Here, he will have a 5 weeks' course in the study of Radial 1830-43 engines. Daniel says the people of Detroit are very friendly and the first night he was there attended a dinner party which had been arranged by the USO. In his free time, he plans to do some sight-seeing. The General Motors Exhibit, Ford's Greenfield Village, and an Air Show have been recommended. We also suggest that he go out to Royal Oak and visit the zoo. Fatheroughlin's church is another place of interest and some day it would be well worth his time to take a walk around Belle Isle, which is world famous.

Pvt. Earnie Smith heads his letter "A sunny day in Florida." He is receiving his basic training at Camp Blanding. He has just returned from their two weeks bivouac and has also graduated from the communications outfit as a specialist in wire and installations. Earnie is hearing "furlough rumors" and hopes for the best but expects further training in the paratroops. We hope Earnie gets his furlough as all the Ambler folks will be glad to see him.

We are very happy to have a letter from Mrs. Clifford H. Martin, Jr. (Polly Haff). She says that due to the addition in their family, Clifford, the Third, who arrived last February, they gave up their apartment and have found a six room house. Lt. Cliff has grass to cut and a garden to tend, and Polly has fun trying to make the inside look home-like. It sounds nice and domestic and will probably make the rest of our boys green with envy. Clifford is an instructor in advanced flying at Craig Field, Ala. Cliff and Polly send their regards to everyone.



Sgt. George Fertsch, writes that the News Letters are great morale boosters and is glad to be able to keep in touch with his many friends who are in the service as well as those at home. George says that they are keeping very busy as the great bombing raids call for more and more work. Since arriving in England he has managed to see quite a bit of the country by traveling on his bicycle. He seconds all that Dick Hoyt says about the Red Cross. The hamburgers and cokes they are able to get at the Aero clubs "are about the closest things they have to home." George has been in England long enough to have the money and driving seem perfectly normal but he says, "Can't you just imagine 2 million men coming back from England and driving on the left side of the road? Someone better do some post war planning about that." He also says, "Maybe some ex-Joe could make a fortune establishing "fish and chips" shops all over the country-- or maybe they couldn't!"

Philip Barbacow Phml/c has been home for several weeks after having been in the South Pacific area for 2½ years. I had a delightful visit with him one afternoon. My only regret was that he could not tell me more about his experiences. He enlisted in the Navy in June 1941 and left for overseas duty in May 1942. During his absence there have been many changes in the states. The increase in the cost of food and meals was one thing which was very noticeable to him compared especially with the reasonable rates he found on his frequent trips to Australia. He saw women in uniform for the first time upon his arrival in the States. He was fortunate in being able to attend the Commencement Exercises on June 6th as his sister was a member of the graduating class. He left June 7th for San Diego where he will await further orders.

I was sorry to have missed seeing Dick Schuler when he called June 5th. I later had a nice telephone chat with him and learned that he was being transferred from Charleston, S.C. to Greensboro, N. C. He has been enjoying a week's furlough. Dick expressed his thanks and appreciation for the News Letter.

And finally comes the News of our Church and Church Family:

The Couples' Club Meeting held on May 29th was a progressive dinner. Fruit cocktail and appetizers were served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Long. The members then went to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson's for salad after which they proceeded to Mr. and Mrs. James Williams for the main course. A business meeting followed the dinner and the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President - Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cowles  
Vice-President - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Worth  
Secretary-Treasurer - Mr. and Mrs. James Williams



Dr. Charles Platt, former pastor of our church, was the guest speaker. His old friends were delighted to see him and the new people were pleased to meet him. Everyone enjoyed his talk immensely. He had a grand time reminiscing with his former friends. After his speech, dessert and coffee were served. Prior to the dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gorton held "Open House" where Dr. Platt was greeted by 50 of his former friends.

A/C "Bob" Simpson has moved from Glenview, Ill., to the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla., to begin his advanced flight training. Pericles Della Loggia, Signalman 3/c U.S.C.G., has been transferred from Boston to Government Island, Alameda, Cal. Frank Berry U.S.M.C. has moved from Parris Island, S.C. to Cherry Point, N.C. He drove home from there arriving late Saturday evening, June 3rd. He attended the Men's Bible Class and Sunday morning service. He left for the return trip early Sunday evening so you can see he had a well filled schedule the few hours he was home.

Boehner Smith has entered the service and left for New Cumberland on June 1st. Lt. Ida E. Berry is stationed in Wales with the Army Nurse Corps. "Gerry" Davis writes that he has had a good break and has been made assistant crew chief on his former ship. We congratulate Charles King who was promoted to Master Sergeant on his birthday, May 20. He returned to Camp Maxey, Texas, on June 3rd after being home for 10 days.

Pfc. "Jimmy" Claville has moved from Camp Campbell, Ky. to Ft. Meade, Md. "Bob" Gerhart has been transferred from the Hedron Service at Elizabeth City, N. C., to an overseas base. He is one of the few Ambler boys who is in the Blimp service. He has a very unique address "Blimpron." Sgt. Frank Ferla stationed in England recently sent home for some golf balls--his folks were fortunate in getting them for him so he should be spending some enjoyable hours when off duty.

Robert G. Kern has graduated from the Army Air Forces Technical Training School at Amarillo, Texas, and has been transferred to Seattle, Washington, for further training.

Corporal "Chic" Willox has returned to Camp Walters, Texas, after spending a 15 day furlough at his home. "Bob" Kriebel has been promoted to Hospital Attendant first class and has been transferred from the U. S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va. to Little Creek, Va. "Bob" Cassel was home the weekend of June 11th.



Boy Scout Troop No. 3 held its first annual "Parents' Night" in the church Assembly Hall on May 25th. Approximately 75 attended the affair. An impressive feature of the program was The Investiture Ceremony in which six scouts sponsored by their fathers were inducted into the Troop. Merit badges were awarded, two reels of color film with sound, one on "Camp Delmont" and the other "The Scout Road to Citizenship" were shown. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Mr. Russell K. Thompkins, scoutmaster deserves much credit for the wonderful piece of work he is doing with the scouts. He is ably assisted by a fine group of men who are interested in the scout movement.

Mrs. James Shelly has been appointed chairman of Eastern Montgomery County Girl Scouts. She has been interested in scouting for many years and since 1935 has taken a very active part in the work. She is responsible for the founding and organizing of several troops in this locality. She is a member of the staff and office of the Philadelphia Council of Girl Scouts.

Wilson MacIntire A.R.M.3/c had a 10 day leave in May which he spent at a delightful and well known home in New Zealand. Some of you folks may have visited the same place. I understand the lady who runs it is noted for "mothering" all the boys. Wilson said it was so homelike and he received so much attention it made him homesick.

Frank Fertsch spent Mother's Day, May 14th with his friends Lt. and Mrs. George Brumbaugh and daughter. Both George and Frank are stationed at Ft. Meyers, Fla. They had a grand time catching up on the hometown news.

Mr. Dunsmore sends you the following message:

#### GOD'S INVASION

This month the next to the greatest invasion in the world's history occurred - D Day -- when hundreds of thousands of armed men assaulted the "fortress of Europe." An invasion began which millions pray will hasten the end of World War II, and which will mean the conquering of Nazi power.

Many years ago the greatest invasion in the history of this world came to pass when on what we now call Christmas Day a child was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Just a tiny baby quietly and tenderly placed in a manger filled with straw. But right then an invasion began which millions know will some day bring an end to all war, and which will mean the conquest of sin and evil.

God has invaded this world. Because He has, we can go forward in faith sure of His interest in us, certain of His



love for us. We know that what the Psalmist said is true: "Even though I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand hold me, and Thy right hand lead me." We can know, too, that "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Thou art with me."

God's invasion in Christ showed love and forgiveness which is yours today, and which gives courage and faith and hope.

Early on the morning of June 6th, we on the home front were awakened to the realization that D-Day had come, a day which people of every nation have anxiously awaited. It was a day of seriousness and solemnity. No one thought of such a thing as revelry or ecstasy. No one even suggested that sporting events, radio commercials, parades and the like be cancelled or omitted but they were. Too many had a personal stake in the events of the day. The hearts and minds of mothers, fathers, sweethearts, wives and relatives of all you folks in the service were filled with thoughts of their loved ones.

Throughout the city of Philadelphia and the adjoining towns, including Ambler, the churches opened for worship. Continual prayer and services were held during the day. Everyone wanted to pray for loved ones and ask Divine guidance in this time of uncertainty. Many stores and business houses closed in the afternoon to enable employees to join in prayer for the safety of those in the armed forces. At 10 o'clock on the evening of D-Day President Roosevelt led the entire nation as it bowed in prayer for the safety and success of its fighting men.

Lt. Commander Fred Gehring, a chaplain just back from two years in the South Pacific brought back word that the Faith of all American servicemen, regardless of their religion is impressive and said that they had not forgotten how to pray.

The following poem written by a soldier in Africa is a wonderful illustration of Faith:

"This Tent"

"God does not ask for stained-glass windows here,  
Nor plush-draped pews to prove that He is near.  
This tent that's open to the morning sun  
Shines forth the beauty of His presence won:  
And here 'mid toil where people hurry by,  
Intent on tasks, nor stop to question why,  
Is found the answer to a soldier's prayer--  
God is a living presence everywhere."

Sincerely,