

CE, FIREMEN GRANTED RAISES

Will Forego Eligibility General Town Bonuses Peaceforth, However

The members of the police and fire departments got their \$200 raises last night despite the opposition of Mayor Williams. The four other commissioners overruled him and the increments will take effect Saturday.

Outside of voting "nay" to both ordinances last night at the commission meeting, the mayor made no other remonstrance as Commissioner Waters moved adoption of both and Commissioner King seconded the motions.

At the meeting two weeks ago Williams greeted introduction of the ordinances with a half-hour expose of town finances, of his reasons for opposition to fixed raises being placed on the law books of the town at this time. He stated that teachers and other municipal employees were more in need of salary revision than are the police and firemen.

Under the new ordinance the minimum salary for beginners in the departments will be \$2,100 and the maximum for firemen and patrolmen will be \$2,800. Officers' salaries will range to the chiefs' top of \$4,200.

The five percent "cost of living" bonus which was paid in 1943 has been abolished and members of the departments will never again be eligible for any general bonus paid to town employees. Thus, the departments finally won the battle which began more than a year ago, when they threatened a referendum unless they were given \$300 raises. The commissioners appeased them then by granting them \$100 increases and followed up with the bonus idea.

Vacate Paper Streets
Two other ordinances passed last night grant permission for the Belleville Metals Products company to erect an overhead pipeline over Cortlandt street and to the town to vacate officially two "paper" streets on an old map.

Commissioner Waters informed the board earlier in the meeting that the state highway department had allotted \$27,000 to the town. The amount will cover half of the improvements to Belmont avenue.

A King resolution set up a "resolutive" bank which would save the needs of the police and fire departments. The First National Bank will handle the "checks" which will do away with the necessity of individual ration coupons, the total of which will be turned in at the end of the month.

TAX NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to enable the taxpayers of the Town of Belleville to ascertain assessments which have been made against all real and personal property and to confer informally with the Assessor as to correctness of the assessments, to the end that any errors may be corrected before filing of the assessment list and duplicate.

Said inspection may be made at the Town Hall of the Town of Belleville from Thursday, December 30th, 1943, to Saturday, January 8th, 1944 inclusive between 8:30 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. (Saturday from 8:30 A. M. to 12 Noon).

CHARLES W. WATSON,
Tax Assessor.

DEMGARD HEARING IS POSTPONED TO MONDAY

Await Kissolveve Return; Abromson Reads Attack On Newspaper Story

The hearing of misconduct charges against Patrolman Raymond G. Demgard will be continued Monday before Public Safety Director King. The adjournment following last Monday's session was ordered to permit one of the principal witnesses, Peter Kissolveve of Kearny to testify.

The charges are an outgrowth of the recent Kissolveve drunken driving conviction. It is alleged that Demgard allowed the defendant to stop at a tavern prior to the time he was examined and declared unfit to drive.

Testimony at Monday's hearing centered around the question of whether or not Demgard knew, when he left police headquarters to take Kissolveve to the office of Town Physician Meehan for treatment of a cut lip, that the Kearny man was under suspicion of being intoxicated.

Demgard himself averred "that he did not know it at the time while other police officers present when Kissolveve was in headquarters November 7 cautiously declared that he "could have known" even though there was doubt at the time as to the necessity of having him examined.

Before Monday's hearing began Demgard's attorney, Edward J. Abromson, read a prepared statement charging another Belleville paper with "violation of the principles of the Magna Charta" and American ideals of justice.

"My attention has been called to an editorial in the December 23rd issue of The Belleville Telegram," he declared and proceeded to read it. The editorial stated that the Demgard charges "read like the wildest fiction but unfortunately they are true."

Fair Trial Infringement
Abromson insisted the statement and others were an infringement of the right of all men to a fair trial.

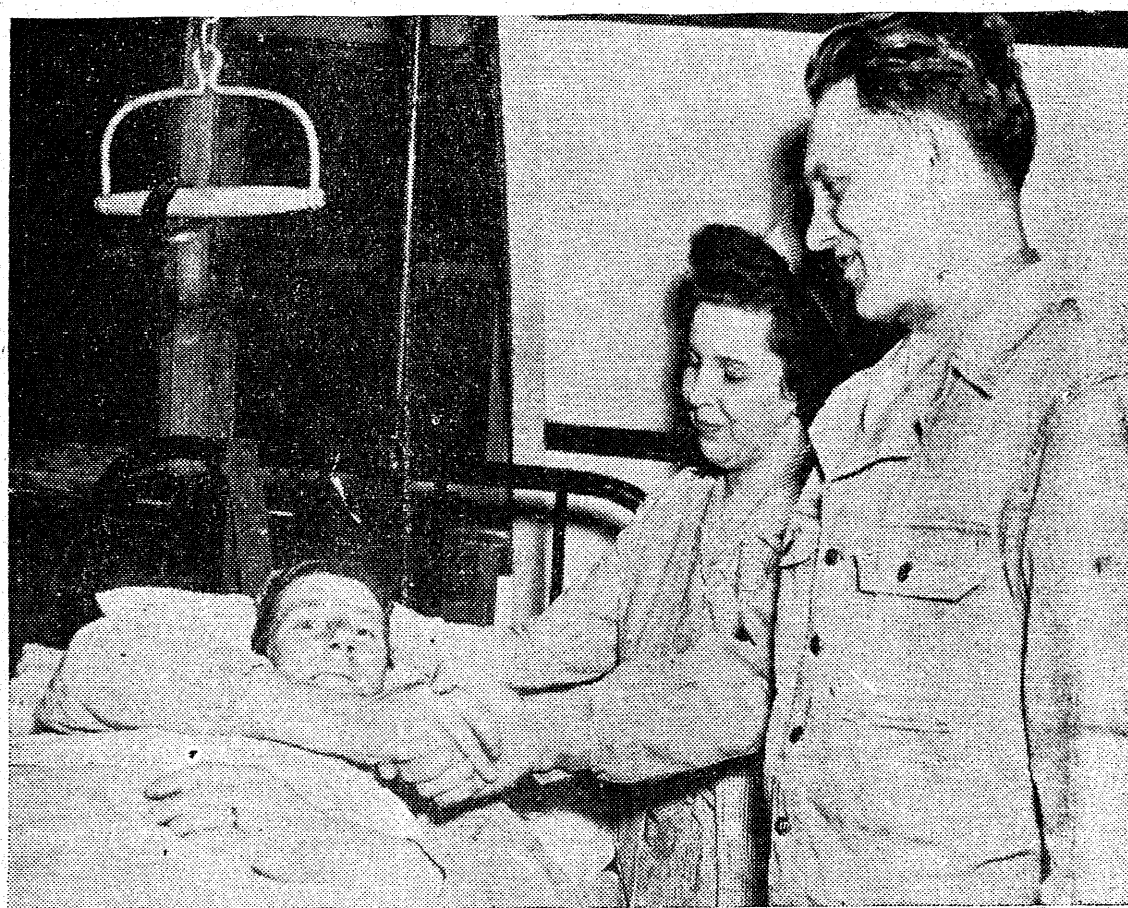
"We concede the right of a free public press," he stated, "but we deny the right of the public press, whose sacred duty it is to publish the news, to try an American citizen in its new columns and to pronounce a verdict of guilty without waiting for the evidence to be presented against him."

He termed such a procedure as "unethical" and "unworthy of a newspaper to comment editorially and express an opinion of guilt before the trial."

It is believed unlikely that King will come to a decision on the prosecution's demand for suspension if Demgard is found guilty until after the commission has had an opportunity to study the testimony at length.

The intra-departmental suit was brought after Mayor Williams, in a letter to King, demanded that Police Chief Spatz pay charges.

Manning Thanked By Man He Rescued



PFC. GEORGE J. MANNING (right) receives the thanks of an RAF flight mechanic whom Manning rescued from a burning plane. The thirty-year-old son of Mrs. Alice Manning of 193 William street has been recommended for the soldier's medal after braving searing flames to drag four RAF airmen from the plane which crashed November 20 on the Army air field in England at which Manning is stationed as an ambulance driver with a medical unit. An Army nurse looks on. Manning was only slightly injured in the daring rescue.

"CHEERY" DRIVERS HELD ON CHARGES

Newark Men Will Be Heard Friday; Localite Nabbed In East Orange

The Christmas bowl filled and overflowed the weekend, much to the regret of two Newark men nabbed here on charges of drunken driving and of a Belleville man under a similar charge in East Orange.

The local man is David Preston, 58, of 29 Cuozzo street, who was released in \$225 bail after having been examined by Dr. James J. Edelen and pronounced unfit to drive.

He was arrested, according to East Orange police, after Deputy Fire Chief told police Preston had cut his car off. Cohen gave chase and forced Preston's car to the curb. He will be given a hearing next Wednesday before Recorder Hillenbach of that city.

Here in Belleville the two Newark men, Arthur Schaeffer, 40, of 246 Summer avenue and James G. Walker, 39, of 280 Orange avenue, were released Friday night in \$250 bail by Recorder Smith after examinations by town physicians Meehan and Caputo resulted in decisions that the men were in no condition to drive.

Schaeffer was nabbed by Police Roserves Seavone and Sibertell after the latter had chased him through town to Broadway and Verona avenue, Newark.

Walker was brought to police headquarters an hour and a half earlier by Police Sgt. Flynn and Chanceman Gibbons. The men will be given a hearing Friday morning before Recorder Smith.

R. M. Jackson Offers \$5,520 For Eleven Town Properties

Eleven pieces of town-owned property will be put up for sale in the near future as a result of an offer made last night to the commission.

Robert M. Jackson offered the town \$5,520 for the plots. He was represented by John F. Coogan Jr., local realtor. He agreed in his letter to restrict the homes to be erected to a \$7,000 minimum.

The properties are located at 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53 Lloyd place, 105 and 129 DeWitt avenue and 133 and 135 Hornblower avenue.

Members of the commission told Coogan last night that they considered the bid "too low" but would put the lots up for public sale to test the auction value.

The board accepted the bid of \$2,400 made by Abraham A. Rubin for three lots at 204, 208 and 212 Union avenue.

Gallo Low Storm Sewer Bidder

Thomas Gallo of Irvington was low bidder and his estimate for construction of storm sewers in Carner avenue, Washington avenue to King street was accepted last night by the commission and he was awarded the contract.

Other bids included one of \$2,966.24 by Pellullo Brothers of South Orange and those of two Belleville firms: Mar'o Silvestri, \$3,062 and Greco Construction company \$3,069.60.

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Burglars Get Cash, Cigarettes In Two Breaks On The Avenue

Burglars were active in the Washington - Joralemon section of town during Sunday night and the proprietors of two stores reported losses to the police Monday morning.

The front door of the Rossmore Pharmacy at 338 Washington avenue was jimmied by the thieves and the manager reported \$25 in cash, 25 cartons of cigarettes, a typewriter and other goods taken.

The door at Schwartz's Confectionery at 388 Washington avenue evidently resisted the best efforts of the prowlers, so they broke the glass and turned the lock from the inside. Schwartz claimed after a second check of the missing articles the loss of about \$110 from the cash register and seventy cartons of cigarettes.

Up to last night members of the detective bureau had not issued any statement on the progress of the cases which, it is believed, were committed by the same party.

Long Drawn Out Fight Over Fifth Commissioner Choice Highlighted Belleville's Second Year Of War

Construction At Standstill; Garden Apartment House Was Voted Down

Biggest single item in Belleville's story of 1943 was the spectacle of four men bickering for nine months to find a fifth member of the Board of Commissioners.

When it was all over and turned out exactly as everyone knew it would from the beginning, there was no explanation offered for the long delay.

Building in the town was practically at a standstill in the second year of the war, although two unsuccessful attempts were made to construct garden apartments to ease the critical housing shortage.

The end of the year was marked by concerted attacks on the Board of Education and indications were that much dirty linen will be washed before the matter is settled.

The board was under fire principally because of teachers' complaints of low pay and lack of salary schedules; but the board was also accused of high-handedness in its dealing with outsiders.

The year 1943 saw hundreds more young Bellevillites don the uniforms of their country and mourned several who paid the supreme sacrifice.

January

The final report for the Community Chest drive showed that the \$27,000 raised was nearly \$5,000 short of the goal which it sought.

Early in the month Commissioner Noll pressed for action in the Fountain case. The Watessing avenue tavern was supposed to close December 28 for 35 days on a selling-to-minors charge, but Commissioner Driscoll permitted the place to stay open until after the New Year.

National Grain Yeast corporation told the town it (the town) would be responsible for all damage caused by floods in the Second River and town and company officials planned a conference on the problem.

Mayor Williams was nominated by Governor Edison for a place on the Passaic Valley Sewerage

Commission at \$4,000 a year. Raymond E. Mertz was announced as head of the 1943 drive of the Red Cross (goal \$26,200) and at the same time Commissioners King and Noll were breathing heavily in their efforts to have Mertz named as fifth commissioner. Their nominations were blocked by negative votes from Mayor Williams and Commissioner Waters.

Bank Officials Named
Philip Dettelbach was named to the board of directors of the First National Bank while Frank J. McFadden and J. Howard McMaster were made vice-president and acting cashier respectively.

A \$20,000 item for "increases to teachers" was the principal one which raised the school budget nine tax points. A letter from Herbert Bitterman, of the BTA salary committee, requesting a \$200 increment for all teachers for the year 1943-44 was dismissed by the school board as having been sent without the "knowledge of the majority of the teachers in our system."

Wallace & Tiernan Company and Wallace & Tiernan Products Inc. were both awarded Army-Navy "E" pennants.

The commissioners considered meeting to discuss changes in the zoning of "A" residential area to permit conversion of large homes into multiple family dwellings.

Greco Construction company of 83 Carner avenue was awarded the contract for construction of a \$8,550 addition to the Washington avenue firehouse.

Finance Director Williams reported that 91.68 percent of current town taxes had been paid during 1942 with less than \$87,000 of the total of \$1,435,000 still outstanding.

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ACCIDENTS TAKE THEIR TOLL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Four Are Injured In Six Collisions In Town During Christmas Week

The usual holiday upswing in the accident curve started in Belleville last Tuesday and by Saturday night four persons had been injured in six accidents within the town limits.

But the worst wreck involving Belleville people occurred in Nutley at the beginning of the period. Miss Ruth Madara, 17, daughter of Mrs. George Madara of 16 Oak street, returned home under doctor's care Monday afternoon after a week in critical condition in St. Mary's hospital, Passaic.

She was a passenger in a car allegedly operated by Ernest Johnson, also 17, of 79 Mount Prospect street. She suffered a fractured jawbone and cuts on her face which required 20 stitches to close. Two blood transfusions were necessary. Credited with having saved Miss Madara's life is Irving C. Holly, son of Detective Irving H. Holly of 56 Holmes street.

Young Holly, riding in the vicinity, was the first to reach the scene of the accident, which occurred late Monday night at River road and Park avenue, Nutley. It was Holly who pressed his fingers to a ruptured artery and stopped the bleeding until the Nutley ambulance arrived to take the injured girl to the hospital.

Sister Also Injured

Also injured was her sister, Miss Louella Madara, 19, who suffered cuts on the arms and face. The occupants of the other car, Santo Rotolo, 23, of Newark, and Miss Louise Delino, 20, of Millburn, were only slightly injured.

John N. Dusenberg of Montclair complained of an injured back but refused medical aid Tuesday afternoon after his car and an Army truck collided at Washington avenue and Holmes street.

The driver of the truck was listed by police as Pfc. Benjamin O. Mazayak of a military police unit stationed at Fort Dix. The soldier was not injured.

No one was hurt in a minor crash Wednesday evening at Washington avenue and Little street. William Cese, 40, of 26 Continental avenue told police he attempted to make a left turn from the curb in the Avenue when his car was struck by that driven by Miss Mary E. Mahon of Passaic.

Edward McSulla, 25, of New Brunswick suffered a brain con-

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Allied Nations Speak To Address Rally Of War Fund

LOCAL SOLDIERS HURT IN ACTION

Goldrick And Van Iderstine Officially Listed As Wounded In Mediterranean Area

Pvt. Michael P. Goldrick Jr. of 10 Forest avenue and Pfc. Paul K. Van Iderstine of 20 Park View avenue were officially listed this week as wounded in action in the Mediterranean area.

Goldrick, according to his father is convalescing in a North African hospital from wounds received in the fighting at Naples. He received a chest wound and burns were indicated by the word that skin has been grafted from his thigh to his chest. He has written that his injuries are not serious and that he hopes soon to be back with his outfit.

Goldrick, who is 34, attended the High School and worked at the Thomas A. Edison plant here before entering the Army a year and a half ago. He received his training at Fort Bragg, N. C., and Fort George Meade, Md. He participated in the initial landings in North Africa over a year ago.

Mrs. Helen M. Van Iderstine, wife of the other wounded Bellevillite, was not available for comment this week on the extent of the injuries sustained by her husband. It is believed, however, that they also are not serious and that he is on the road to recovery and may soon rejoin his combat organization.

Fire Destroys Warehouse At Viking Tool Co.

A 24-hour fire which began about three o'clock Wednesday afternoon virtually destroyed a warehouse at the plant of the Viking Tool company at Mill and Main streets.

The warehouse, which is located on the Passaic River bank, had been used to store cardboard cartons which were so tightly packed that they smoldered all night and most of the next day.

The building was approximately 125 by 60 feet in dimensions. No estimate of the damage has been made and the cause of the fire is not known. Sixteen members of the Fire Reserves reported to the firehouse to stand by in case of emergencies.

So far this month the fire department has answered 63 calls, making December one of the heaviest in recent history. Most of the calls were for brush fires.

School Board Under Fire On Teachers' Salaries And "High-Handedness"

Timothy W. Monahan claimed nearly 4,000 petitions were in circulation advocating the naming of ex-police chief Michael J. Flynn as fifth commissioner.

Johnson To High School
The board of education elected Rurt Powers Johnson of Port Jervis (N. Y.) High school as supervisor and acting principal of the High School. Two members of the school board, Mrs. Homer C. Zink and Walter R. Gaby, did not vote on the appointment but gave no explanation.

The Belleville Livestock association voted unanimous opposition to the new ordinance which clamped restrictions on poultry raising.

Bond sales in April (second war loan drive) totaled \$1,190,000 in the town; this included a \$100,000 purchase by the town.

Edward Holweg of 18 Hornblower avenue, former grid star at the High school, brought suit against Joseph A. Reilly of Nutley claiming \$3,000 for injuries sustained while playing with the Belleville-Nutley Iron Dukes.

March
The ration board appointed Ralph M. Allaire, Ruel E. Daniels and Gerald Hackett to the price panel to try to keep down prices in the town.

Sgt. Mario Morano of 102 Dow street and Pvt. John Paterno of 15 street were reported killed in action in North Africa.

Charlton Named
John S. Charlton of 125 Bell street was named district commissioner of the Belleville Boy Scouts.

The child care problem was still very much up in the air as the committee of the Defense Council sought sponsorship of the move-

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Civic And Business Leaders To Speak; Sonneborn Lists 98% Participation

The opening guns of the general solicitation for the Belleville War Fund and Community Chest drives will be fired next Wednesday evening at a mass meeting in the auditorium of the High School. The meeting will begin at 8:15.

Representatives of several United Nations are scheduled to speak at the affair, which will also be addressed by local civic, business and industrial leaders, whose names have not yet been revealed. Other speakers will include disabled veterans now convalescing at the Hallahan General hospital on Staten Island.

It is expected that the general chairman for the drive will be announced at the rally by Paul de Hagara, president of the War Fund. More than 1,500 letters of invitation will go out this week to former leaders and workers for the Community Chest and the general public has also been invited.

First industrial return was made public was L. Sonneborn and sons, Philip Dettelbach, manager of the company, announced that 98 percent of the employees participated in the subscription and showed a total of \$1,027 collected for an average of \$3.42 per person.

Dettelbach laid the success for the Sonneborn drive to the cooperation of the management and AFL local No. 22,026. It is understood that a number of Belleville plants have set up similar labor-management cooperative committees.

Heading the roster of United Nations representatives at the mass meeting will be Miss Nancy Neff, Norwegian soprano, who will sing and speak for Norway; Miss Gertrude PonDere of the USO who has served with that organization in many states and in Alaska; Prince Alexander M. Potiatov of Russia; and Tennyson Po-Hsun Chang of the United China Relief.

Trained For USO
Although Miss DonDero could not possibly have known it, all her professional experiences were making her an ideal person for the work she was to do in, this war, serving with the USO.

She began by learning all she could about recreation and community drama through formal education at Boston, Columbia and New York City universities, and then she put her knowledge to actual practice.

Tennyson Po-Hsun Chang, keen observer of international affairs, has joined the staff of United China Relief as an executive associate and is speaking in connection with the United China Relief program of informing the American public regarding China.

Taverns Must Close At Two New Year's Morning

Belleville will have to be just as good New Year's Eve as on any other night of the year. This was determined last night when the commission found that local ordinance requires two o'clock closing.

Before last year the liquor sale regulations provided for a ban parties in local taverns on that one night of the year; but the ordinance was amended last March cancelling the special permission.

It is believed that Belleville taverns will be the earliest in the state to close Saturday morning.

Garbage Collections Reduced To One A Week In Town

The general garbage collections throughout the town will be reduced to one a week after the first of the year as a result of action taken last night by the board of commissioners.

The one-a-week basis will continue through the winter months of January, February and March. Certain business and apartment areas, designated by Public Affairs Director Mertz, will continue on a twice-a-week schedule as in the past.

Charles Cuozzo of 94 Magnolia street, whose scavenger contract with the town has another year to run, pleaded inability to supervise properly the work of his men and the extra hardship of having to plow through snow.

Appeals For Yule Wrappings

Defense Coordinator Brunner last night appealed to Bellevillites to save all Christmas wrappings and gift boxes for collection by the salvage committee.

There will be no collection today but regular canvass will be resumed next Wednesday when Zones 1 and 5 will be canvassed.

Bellevillites in Uniform

Pfc. David A. Berkheiser will graduate Sunday from the B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school at Keesler field, Biloxi, Miss. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Berkheiser of 88 Washington avenue.

Completing a five-months course in aircraft maintenance and repair, Pfc. Fred Dreskin was graduated this week as an aircraft mechanic at Seymour Johnson field, N. C. The son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dreskin of 160 Tappan avenue, he was sworn into the Army last April. He is an alumnus of the high school and was formerly employed by the Loyalty Group of Newark.

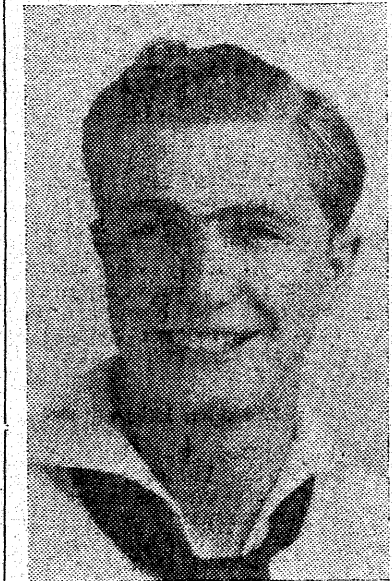
Post headquarters at Camp Stewart, Ga., announced Wednesday the promotion of Gordon White, 20, of 63 Holmes street to the grade of private first class. He attended Belleville High and entered the Army a year ago. He is in a military police unit. A brother, Quartermaster 3/c William R. White was reported missing in action in the Mediterranean after his ship was sunk September 11. His mother, Mrs. Caroline E. White, said yesterday that no further news of the missing sailor has been received. There are two other

brothers in uniform: Pfc. Kenneth White, now stationed in England with the field artillery, and Seaman 1/c Clifford White, currently in training at the Naval station at Mechanicsburg, Pa.

It (ig) George A. Sturgis of 241 New street returned Sunday afternoon to his ship after a ten-day leave. He expects to go to sea again in the near future. Sturgis graduated from the high school in 1931 and from Rutgers university in 1935. In civilian life he was employed with the Prudential Life Insurance company. He is radar and submarine detection officer on a Coast Guard cutter. On his most recent trip around Newfoundland, Greenland and Iceland his ship bagged two Nazi subs.

Sgt. Ruth Labaugh of the Marines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William I. Labaugh of 62 Lloyd place, is home on furlough until this weekend. A graduate of the high school and of Berkeley school in East Orange, she is stationed at Marine headquarters in Washington.

Transferred



Carl H. Kretzmer

Radio Mechanic 3/c Carl H. Kretzmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Minehart Kretzmer of 381 Cortlandt street, has reported for duty at his new station at Lindbergh field, San Diego, Calif. after completing a six-months radio course at Atlantic City. After graduating from the high school in 1940, he was employed with Baker and Company of New York before enlisting in the Coast Guard 14 months ago.

Conclude Furloughs



Sgt. Albert C. Culkin

Sgt. Albert C. Culkin, son of Mrs. Agnes Culkin of 62 High street, and Cpl. James E. Martin, son of Mrs. Anna Martin of 245 Linden avenue, are concluding furloughs following their graduation from the aerial gunners school at Hurlingham Army air field, Tex.

Culkin, a well-known basketball player, graduated from the high school in 1933 and worked



Cpl. James E. Martin

at Bendix Aviation company prior to entering the Army last March. He has been assigned to the Salt Lake air base.

Martin, an alumnus of Immaculate Conception High school in Montclair, lived in Kearny until recently. He and his wife have been staying with his aunt, Mrs. Walter Skinner of 92 Fairway avenue. He leaves for MacDill field, Tampa, Fla.

To Go Abroad



Frank S. Petrosky

Preparing to leave within another week for his second trip abroad is Deckhand 2/c Frank S. Petrosky, 19, son of Mrs. Anna Petrosky of 133 Main street.

He joined the merchant marine in August and returned just before Christmas from his first trip during which he visited ports in Texas, South America, England and Italy.

Appoints Four Wave Recruiters

The first step in the new Wave recruiting drive in town was taken this week when Mrs. Elmer S. Hyde announced that she had obtained four local women to serve on the recruiting committee.

The appointees are Miss Margaret F. Soleau of 82 Tappan avenue, Miss Lorna Zink of 26 Rossmore place, Mrs. J. Howard McMaster, the former Miss Virginia Rose of 30 Rossmore place, and Miss Ethel C. Searl of 88 Rossmore place.

Two To Make Seventh Donation To Red Cross Blood Bank

Two Bellevillites will be making their seventh donation to the Red Cross blood bank January 8, executive secretary Esther Adams revealed last night. They are Mrs. Chester McQuoid of 31 Sunset avenue and Paul Brandman of 163 Washington avenue.

Throughout the town during the seven previous calls for donors, residents have contributed a total of 1,040 pints of their blood. The high point was reached in October when there were 172 contributors.

Belleville has never attained its quota of 180 pints but Miss Adams declared that preliminary registration offers hopes. Registrations for the January 8 donations are being received daily at Red Cross headquarters at 258 Washington avenue.

Handlon Cheers Hospital Inmates With Many Comic Books

Three times a week children in nearby hospitals are cheered by receiving large numbers of comic books distributed by Fred B. Handlon of 243 Greylock parkway, clerk of the recorder's court. Handlon explains that he happened to come across a quantity of the books more than a year ago; so he took them to inviolated children.

Their happiness was so great that he was inspired to continue the practice and has gathered all of the dime-thriller cartoon books from his friends.

He takes them to the Women and Children's Hospital in Newark, the Record Hospital in Jersey City and the Essex County Isolation Hospital here.

Give Somebody Else A Chance

R. P. Williams, now an inspector in the Army ordnance plant at Kings Mills, Ohio, has held numerous world's sport records, some of which still stand. Among them is one which probably will continue unbroken for all time: his record of consecutive victories in one-wall handball extends from 1895 to 1943, during which time he has engaged in 14,657 matches without dropping a decision.

Newark Stage Door Canteen Readies New Year Show

Events at the Newark Stage Door Canteen at Washington and Linden streets are all focused this week on the celebration for servicemen that is scheduled for New Year's Eve Friday night.

No reservations are needed for the party, which is reserved for members of the armed forces, officials of the sponsoring American Theater Guild said last night. Tonight the Canteen presents a variety revue by Jack Lynch's Victory Belles, barber shop harmony with the Garden State Fair quartet and dancing to the tunes of the Giordano Four.

The stage show of the Empire Theater will headline tomorrow night's bill, which will also include dances of interpretation by the young people's Dance Theatre of Orange. Dancing will be to the music of Jack Kruse and his orchestra.

Featured Thursday night will be the floor show from Frank Bailey's Terrace Room, augmented by other acts. There will also be music by Antonio Tain and his rhumba band as well as dance music by Marty Ames and his orchestra. The keys of the novachord will be pressed this week by Sue Rogers and Obie Smith.

WMC Places War Veterans

One out of every 36 persons who were placed in jobs by the U. S. Employment Service in New Jersey during the month of November was a returned veteran of World War II.

Thomas P. Costello, State Manpower Director for New Jersey, in announcing that jobs had been found by the USES for a total of 33,451 persons during the last month, pointed to the placement of 925 returned service men as an indication of the increasing task of the agency in finding places on the American home front for those who have already seen service in the fighting forces.

And No Extra Charge

The Army ordnance plant at Dixon, Ill., has its own round-the-clock weather bureau to protect employees who would be in danger if allowed to work during electrical storms. The weathermen prevent unnecessary loss of time and production which would result from premature closing of operations based on unwise guessing or panic action at the sight of storm clouds.

A recent promotion raised John P. Avazier Jr., 20, of 74 Little Little street, to the grade of Seaman 1/c. A former grid, diamond and cage star at the high school, he is stationed on a supply and repair ship in the Pacific area.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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RUTH W. COMPTON

WED ON FRIDAY

Daughter Of Wesley Pastor
Marries Earl Carlson
Christmas Eve

Wesley Methodist church on Christmas Eve was the scene of a candlelight wedding ceremony in which the former Miss Ruth Welling Compton of 124 Academy street, daughter of the church's pastor, and Mrs. Compton became the bride of Earl Alfred Carlson, son of Mrs. John Oxley of Shelburne Falls, Mass.

The Rev. Edgar M. Compton was assisted at the ceremony by the Rev. Frederick F. Jenkins, pastor of Forest Hill Presbyterian church of Newark. The latter is a brother-in-law of the bride.

She was given in marriage by her grandfather, Abram Gulick of Gladstone, and her attendants were her sister, Mrs. Jenkins, and the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Donald S. Bown of 211 Washington avenue. Dr. Brown was best man and the ushers were Donald S. Brown Jr. and Walter L. Gulick of Montclair, a cousin of the bride. Mrs. Carlson wore her mother's wedding gown of ivory satin and rosepoint lace, an illusion veil with a coronet of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of orchids. Her attendants' gowns were of gold and silver jersey and they carried muffs of poinsettias.

Music was carried by Edgar Seymour, organist, Cpl. Constantine Callinos, pianist and Olga

Avramova soprano. A reception was held in the church manse. Mrs. Carlson a 1938 graduate of the High School and an alumna of Newark State Teachers' College, is a teacher in Passaic Avenue School No. 7. Her husband is a graduate of the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics and is employed with the Wright Aeronautical Corporation of Paterson.

After a brief honeymoon at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., the Carlsons will be at home at the Academy street address.

Burdack-Van Pelt

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Van Pelt of 110 Maione avenue has announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Joyce Marilyn Van Pelt, to Henry Burdack, son of Mrs. John Burdack and the late Mr. Burdack of East Orange.

Miss Van Pelt is a 1942 graduate of the high school and also graduated from Drake Business college. She is employed with the Schering corporation of Bloomfield. Her fiancé is an alumnus of East Orange High school and works for the Bakelite corporation. No date has been set for the wedding.

Murray-Dries

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Dries of 9 Academy street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Bertha V. Dries, to George Murray of Rahway.

Mr. Murray, who is employed with the Centure Manufacturing company of Rahway, was recently given a medical discharge from the army after having served fourteen months. Definite plans for the wedding have not been set.

Belleville Park Was Just An Idea Back In 1912

Foresighted Planning Went Into Movement For Acquisition Of Land; Facilities

The history of Belleville Park from its inception in 1912 until the present is traced in the December issue of Park News, published by the Essex County Park commission.

The park, maintained by the commission, is noted primarily for its gorgeous array of cherry trees in the spring and the beautiful surroundings which have been constructed around the Second River. The Park News account reveals:

The Legislature of 1912 authorized the issuance of \$450,000 of additional park bonds, of which \$100,000 was for a park in Belleville. The interest rate of four percent to which the Freeholders were limited, made it impossible to secure the money, with the result that the 1914 Legislature repealed the act and passed a bill in the same amount for the same purpose with a four and one-half percent rate.

However, the report of the Commission for the year 1915 states that the amount appropriated was entirely inadequate, forcing the board to "abandon the acquirement of the beautiful valley of the Second River adjoining the park."

Far Sighted Planning

From this it will be seen that more than 25 years ago the members of the board were far-sighted in their thinking and planning for they spoke in this same report of a parkway to connect Belleville "with Branch Brook Park in Newark and with the Passaic River—a most charming addition to the park system."

For the moment, therefore, and with the money available, it was necessary to limit the development of the park to playgrounds and play fields in addition to the usual features to be found in a park of 32.7 acres.

Although construction work was started in 1916, the difficulty in obtaining labor after the United States entered the First World War and for a year or so after the Armistice, prevented more work from being done until the spring of 1921 when, among other things, the field house was constructed.

Belleville Park was used during that war for the growing of corn, the Commission having decided to use certain portions of South Mountain Reservation for corn and potatoes, a portion of Belleville and Grover Cleveland for corn, and to raise 50,000 tomato plants in the greenhouses at Branch Brook Park.

Used for Sports

As a neighborhood park Belleville has had intensive use in the

Newlywed



Mrs. Joseph F. Breining

Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison Young of 651 Belleville avenue, have announced the marriage of their granddaughter, Alice Elizabeth Meehan, to Petty Officer 3/c Joseph F. Breining, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Breining of Valley Stream, L. I.

The bride was attended by Miss Dorothy G. Costa of this town, and Edward Breining was his brother's best man. A reception was held at the home of her grandparents.

A 1941 graduate of the High school, Mrs. Breining is employed with Driver-Harris Company of Harrison. Her husband is stationed at Norfolk.

G. A. R. AUXILIARY TO INSTALL

Mrs. Louis Long New
President Of Corps;
To Present Flag

Mrs. Louis Long of 73 Wallace street will be installed next Thursday evening as the new president of the Henry Vreeland Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the G. A. R., at a public ceremony to take place in the hall of Montgomery Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Long's mother, Mrs. Harry C. Fredericks of 39 Montgomery place, a past department president of the state Woman's Relief corps, will preside. Mrs. Long will succeed Mrs. Pauline Fuss.

At the close of the meeting, Departmental Commander William H. Perrine, one of the last surviving members of the G. A. R., will present an American flag to the Belleville district of the Boy Scouts.

Other officers to be installed are vice presidents Mrs. Violet Raceau Jr. and Mrs. Grace Tyson, chaplain Mrs. Bertha Foster, treasurer Mrs. Lillian Coryell, secretary Mrs. Amelia Giardino.

Conductor Mrs. Florence Roselle, guard Mrs. Stella McIlvire, their assistants, Mrs. Blanche Westlake and Mrs. Anna Scheidle press correspondent Mrs. Fuss, color bearer Mrs. Harriet Rawcliffe, Mrs. Edna Arthur, Mrs. Christine Winkelman, and Mrs. Anna Lanza.

Department president Eugenie Bergen will install Mrs. Fredericks as patriotic instructor of the corps.

Betty Kane, Miss Marion Sheehan, Miss Kay Reilly, Mrs. Lucille Hanley, Miss Boris Waters, Mrs. Mary Coronata and Mrs. June Januzaski.

The regular monthly card party of the Woman's club will be held at the clubhouse in Rossmore place, Monday at 1:30. Mrs. Arthur Mayer is chairman and she will be assisted by Mrs. Joseph Kilpatrick, Mrs. Horace Knox, Mrs. John O'Brien, Mrs. J. Claude Powers, Mrs. James Lynch, Mrs. Edward Puckhaber, Mrs. Luther Van Pelt, Mrs. Fred Idenden, Mrs. Daniel O'Connor and Mrs. Elmer Cagall.

Mrs. F. Kenneth Mase of 305 Washington avenue entertained yesterday at tea for her son's fiancée, Miss Sarah Gerrish of Spencer, Mass. Miss Gerrish is at present a Mase house guest. Her engagement to Ffc. Frederic Mase, who is a student in the Army SCSU a Tufts College, was announced last fortnight. Forty guests were present at the tea at which Mrs. Frank Gibson of Montclair and Mrs. Rollin Conwell of Bloomfield presided.

N. J. State Guard Lists Vacancies For Enlisted Personnel

Headquarters of the New Jersey State Guard announced yesterday that there are a few vacancies for enlisted personnel in the staff sections.

The State Guard, authorized by Congress to replace the New Jersey National Guard while the latter is in Federal service, desires volunteers who can qualify and are interested in administrative, operations and training, intelligence, supplies and transportation, in staff headquarters.

Opportunities for advancement to non-commissioned officers for those qualified depends upon ability and the service of the soldier. Enlistment is for one (1) year and full information and details may be secured by applying to the Adjutant, Captain James E. East, at Headquarters, 120 Roseville avenue, Newark, between 9 and 5 P.M.

Library Lists Cook Books

The art of cookery is one in which all women, and indirectly all men, are vitally interested. The following are but a few of the many good cook books to be found at the library:

America's Cook Book; Cook it in Casserole; Brobeck; How to Cook; Wolf; Fisher; Good Housekeeping Cook Book; Woman's Home Companion Cook Book; Cook's Away; Wyman.

Cooking Without Meat — Rae; Cross Creek Cookery — Rawlings; Sweets Without Sugar — White; Thrifty Cooking for Wartime — Winn-Smith; Kitchen Manual — Hibben; Economy for Epicures — Taylor.

NEW ARRIVALS

To Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sheridan of 242 Washington avenue, a son, George A. Jr.; December 20 in American Legion Hospital, Newark.

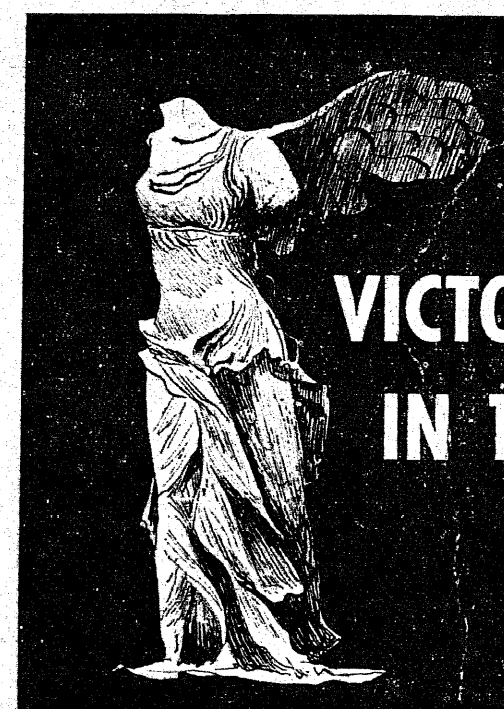
To Mr. and Mrs. James J. McCabe of 40 Tona avenue, a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth; December 14 in East Orange General hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Albert Schumacher of 80 Overlook avenue, a son, Richard George; December 16 in Mountside hospital, Glen Ridge.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Warvel of 11 Springer street, a daughter, Maryann; December 16 in Mountside hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice A. Graves of 284 Greylock parkway, a son, Wayne Maurice; December 20 in East Orange General hospital.

Our boys must keep on fighting—we must keep on buying WAR BONDS until victory is won. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.



VICTORY
IN 1944

Our son or the boy next door feels like this wrote home: "How can I tell I don't want any Christmas stuff takes up cargo space that can be used for something else. Remember, I see ing for the South all the time. They come back rifles, Japs' ears, Japs' teeth and Japs' scalps. them I have taught. Some do not come back. serious war. The war will not wait. The harder you the sooner you start, the quicker I shall be home good."

What can you and I do to insure victory in 1944?

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2. Pay taxes willingly.
3. Back the duly elected government of the U. S. A. As far as you are concerned, how false is the Nazi propaganda that the weakness of Democracy is the cause of our defeat.

Here's to a real celebration, New Year 1944!

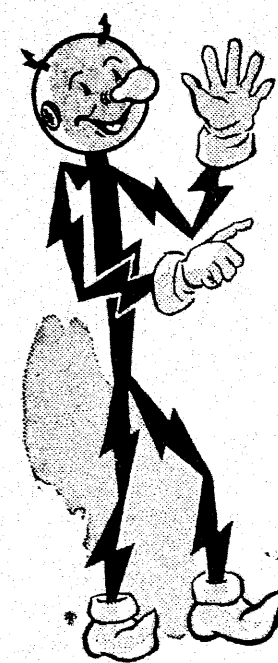
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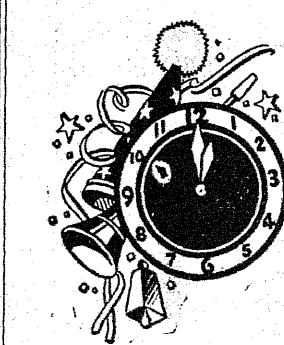
"Once in a while my service is interrupted and your work held up because a fuse blows out. The thing not to do is call for help. I'm sorry but lack of manpower and the need to conserve gasoline and rubber prevent our coming to your assistance. You have to be your own handy man. Right now, look around and find out where your fuse box is. Then keep extra fuses and a flashlight where you can put your hands on them easily."

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LABOR

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Members of the A.F.L., the C.I.O., and the Railroad Brotherhoods stand side by side with other workers, with management and the rest of the Community—they are digging deep this year for the National War Fund—giving through their local united community campaigns.

It is *united* giving for a *united* cause.

Labor and management have not only been giving generously of their earnings but also of their time, helping in securing pledges and contributions.

In most instances union members are giving a part of their pay each month on a regular basis. If you work in a plant where such a plan exists—look into it—you will want to support it.

Labor supports the National War Fund because it provides a way, in cooperation with local community campaigns, to give *once* for the many local welfare agencies on the home front as well as for many war agencies. This way overhead costs are cut to a minimum. Volunteer time and energy of collecting is reduced. It is the intelligent way to give—so give generously.

The money is divided thoughtfully—in proportion to the need.

Some goes to the USO, our boys' "home away from home"—some goes to men in prison camps—some goes to hospitals and nursing homes, for helpless children of war-torn Europe and Asia—some goes to care for the needs of our own "Home Front"

You probably gave last year small amounts to many of these agencies. Add up what you gave last year—*then double it*. You can't give too much. The need is so great.

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Tonight, 8—Annual Christmas party of the Sunday school in the chapel. Santa Claus will present gifts and moving pictures will be shown followed by refreshments.
Sunday, 9:45—Church school with a class for every age, Charles Tharpe, superintendent.
10:30—New Year's Communion service. The Christmas offering of the Old Church will amount to about \$1,500.
Many expressions of goodwill were extended to the Pastor and his wife at their new home 34 Little street. Everybody is invited to come and see the place.
The babies of Mr. and Mrs. Weinreich, of Kutztown and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Krumich were baptized at the altar of the Old Church on Christmas.

Church of Christ, Scientist

605 Broad Street, Newark.

"God" is the Lesson-Sermon subject for Sunday. Golden text: "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."
Sermon, Passages from the King James version of the Bible include: "The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers; let him not leave us, nor forsake us." Collaborative passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy include: "The God principle is omnipresent and omnipotent. God is everywhere and nothing apart from Him is present or has power."

Congregation A.A.A.

317 Washington Avenue, Rabbi Herman Schwartz.

Saturday, 9:30, Sabbath services, 10:30, Junior Congregation. Rabbi Schwartz will speak on this week's portion of the Bible, "Yayigash".
Sunday, 1:30, Daily and Sunday school, Chanukah Festival.
Monday, 3:45, Daily Hebrew school sessions, 8:30, Progress Club.
Tuesday, 8:30, Sisterhood.
Wednesday, 8, Young people's class, 8:30, Young people's league.
Thursday, 7:30, Boy Scout meeting, 8:30, Monthly meeting, and newly-joined Samuel J. Kogan members to attend.

Bible Class

9:30—Regular session at the Temple. George W. leader of the class and of the Maplewood Lodge No. 108 F. and M. will deliver an address on Masons and non-Masons.
Special invitation has been made to the members of the Lodge No. 108 F. and M. to be present.

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St. Peter's R.C.

William Street, Belleville. Rev. Joseph M. Kelly, Pastor. Rev. John Nelligan, Assistant Pastor.

Sunday masses at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 A.M. and 12 noon.
Confessions Saturday from 4 to 6 P.M. and from 7:30 to 9 P.M. Masses are held at 5:30, 7 and 8 A.M. the first Friday in each month. On Holy days of obligation there are masses at 5:30, 7, 8 and 9 A.M.

Fewsmith Presbyterian

Union Avenue and Little Street, Dr. O. Bell Close, Pastor.

Sunday—9:45, Church school; 11—Bible class; 11—Beginners' department; 11—Public worship. Sermon topic, "Certainties in the Unknown".

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Paul F. Arndt, Pastor. Sermon New Year's Eve, 8 P.M. topic: "A Prayer for Wisdom." Sunday, 9:30—Sunday School and Bible Class; 10:45—Sermon topic: "Be Still and Know That I Am God." Celebration of Holy Communion.

Ioly Family R.C.

Brookline Avenue, Nutley. Rev. Anthony Di Luca, Pastor. Rev. Francis J. Blake, Assistant Pastor.

Masses: Sunday, 7:15, Italian. 9:15, 10:15, 11:15, 12, English. 6:30 and 8, Confessions, Saturday afternoon, 3 to 6; evening, 7 to 9. Communion Sunday, first Sunday of the month, Children of Mary; second Sunday of the month, Young Woman's Catholic League and Holy Name Society; third Sunday monthly, Angel Society and Dominic Savio Society; last Sunday monthly, Angel Society Sodality. Baptisms, Sunday, one o'clock; other times by appointment.

First Italian Baptist

Rev. Benedetto Pascale, 166 Franklin Street, Silver Lake

Sunday, 10:30, Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning worship (English). 11 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal, 3 p.m. Preaching service (Italian). 6:30 p.m. Men's meeting, 8 p.m. Ladies' meeting, 8 p.m.
Monday, Sunday School teachers' meeting every third Monday of the month at the parsonage at 8 p.m. Board of Deacons and Trustees every fourth Monday at 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Baptist Young People's Union, 8 p.m. The Friendly Midgets (boys 8 to 13), every Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, every first Wednesday of the month, Ladies' Missionary Society at the parsonage, 8 p.m. Alpha Mu Omega every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, prayer meetings at 7:45 p.m. B. Y. P. U. executive meeting every first Thursday of the month.
Friday, senior choir and male quartet, 7:30 p.m. Children's Bible hour every Friday, 4 p.m. "Gil-Gal" Girls every Friday at 5 p.m.
Saturday, Ladies Aid, at 1:30 p.m.
Note: This list of meetings does not include many social activities held at the Baptist Friend ly House.

St. Anthony's R.C.

53 Franklin Street, Silver Lake. Rev. Titian Menegus, Administrator in Charge; Rev. Innocent Amore, O. D. Cap., Curate.

Masses: Sunday, 7:30, 9, 10:15, 11:30.
Confessions: Saturdays, vigils of holy days, afternoons 4 to 6; evenings, 7 to 9.
Baptisms, Sunday afternoons, 3 o'clock. Other times by appointment.

Chanukah Festival At Synagogue

More than 30 pupils of the daily and Sunday schools will participate in the Chanukah Festival of the Congregation Ahavas Achim religious schools to be held Sunday at 1:30 in the social hall of the synagogue.
The program will feature a candlelighting ceremony and a play entitled "Shadows of Our Past." There will also be a torch dance, musical numbers, recitations and a community sing.
Refreshments will be served by members of the Sisterhood and all children present will receive Chanukah gifts. The program was prepared by Rabbi and Mrs. Herman Schwartz.

Battle For Fifth Commissioner Was Highlight Of 1943 In Belleville

(Continued from Page 1)

ment so that funds under the Latham Act might be gotten for the town.
The first issue of "Belleville Today" was circulated by the local Foundation.
Venerable Camp Caragher was turned over to the Boy Scouts who promptly renamed it Bel-bosco.

The month ended with a Memorial Day parade honoring the Belleville boys who fell on the battlefield, in the year and a half of war.

June

The Board of Education started off the year well by offering the use of several rooms in the first floor of Cortlandt School No. 1 for child care nursery.
First public cognizance of the new Citizens' Committee came when it went on record as favoring selection of the fifth commissioner by ballot at the November election.

The Belleville Control Center was publicly commended when the local Defense Council was presented with a certificate of merit by the state.

The High School graduated 287 at its 46th annual commencement.

Appoints Veterans

Mayor Williams, temporary public safety head pending appointment of fifth commissioner, named two discharged veterans, Thomas Fitzgerald of 1 Smallwood avenue and James B. Carolan of 5 Union terrace, to the police and fire departments respectively.

The town Employment Center was opened at 136 Washington avenue by the War Manpower Commission with the cooperation of the Belleville Manufacturers' Association and the U. S. Employment Service.

Richard D. Shannon was elected inspector of the new Police Reserves.

Eastern Tool and Manufacturing Company and Thompson Machine Company received the Army-Navy "E" pennants.

Vote on a zone change application to permit erection of garden type apartments in the Greylock section was delayed by the commission, "to give everyone a chance to register their opinions."

The school board gave \$50 raises to teachers employed less than a year and \$100 to those with longer service. The several special class instructors were granted \$200 increases. Acting High School Principal Harold Dufford was given a \$1200 bonus.

The Recreation Department opened six playgrounds for ten weeks during the summer.

Belleville Bicycle Club copped its third straight meet.

July

Raymond E. Mertz announced at the beginning of the month that he would file formal candidacy for the commission in the November election, but Town Attorney Keenan declared that such a move would be inconsistent with the Walsh Act.

Ed Holweg's suit for \$3,000 against Joe Reilly of the Iron Dukes was dismissed by Commissioner Mertz on the grounds that the team was a cooperative venture and Reilly was not the responsible party.

An invasion of town hall impressed the commissioners sufficiently to disapprove the proposed Greylock section garden apartments.

Walker National Champ

Al Walker of 133 Joraiemon street, a Navy yeoman, climaxed his brilliant rowing season by winning the national championship in lightweight 4-mile and senior 14 races. The Nereid oarsmen also won Metropolitan, Middle States and Canadian crowns during the summer.

Repaying and straightening of Main street from the Rutgers bridge to the Nutley line was completed at a cost of \$110,000.

As the month ended, Mertz was finally (nine months after the position became vacant) named as the fifth commissioner after Mayor Williams capitulated to Commissioners King and Noll.

King was shifted from Public Health to Safety and his old post was given to Mertz.

August

Director of Public Property Noll, after threatening a resolution which would strip Public Works Director Waters of jurisdiction over public buildings and the engineering department in an "economy" move, settled for the former and the resolution carried by a 3-1 vote.

A circus and sideshow sponsored by the American Legion was run out of town because no permit had been granted for it.

Commission voted \$1,000 for a survey by the National Recreation Association.

Draft board began reclassifying fathers into 1A in an effort to meet its October quota in Community Chest goal set tentatively at \$75,000 for December drive.

Defense Coordinator Harry J. Sullivan, who held that post for fifteen months, resigned to become Deputy Area Administrator for the Newark area.

September

The High School year opened with plans for special classes for industrial boy and girl-power students.

Ronald G. Brunner was named Defense Coordinator, succeeding Harry J. Sullivan.

Greylock Gardens decided to try again for location of apartments on the Volkening tract, but the proposed zone change was defeated on first reading.

Bill Chanam was named Belleville grid mentor, succeeding Lt. (jg) Larry Gates.

Community Chest and War Fund decided to hire a paid drive director, pushed goal up to \$83,525.

Flood Control Again

Talk of flood control walls along the Second River was revived when a Williams resolution passed by the commission requested permission of the National Grain

Yeast Corporation to build on its property.

The child care problem still muddled through the town with plenty of people ready to toss the ball but no one willing to catch it.

Belleville subscribed over \$1,500,000 in the third war loan, with the town government taking up another \$100,000.

October

The month opened with a sports headline when the Bellboys broke an age-old jinx and defeated the Bloomfield Bengals 15-12.

Mrs. Herbert C. Schmutz was named to head local womanpower drive.

Third war loan figure went over \$2,500,000.

The commission decided against erecting a Second River flood control wall costing about \$60,000.

Citizens Incorporate Citizens' Committee incorporated with Harry F. Brumbach of 100 Little street as president; decides to back constitutional revision.

The Board of Education agreed to supervise a child care center in Cortlandt School if the Defense Council would underwrite the expense.

Seaman William Gajdos of 189 Cortlandt street reported killed in action at sea.

Elmer S. Hyde announced as chairman of 1944 Red Cross drive.

Five Junior Achievement companies began operation under sponsorship of five of the town's manufacturing plants.

Belleville began to breathe easier as the end of the dimout was announced.

November

Walter L. Edge wound up with a 1,600 plurality in the town voting for governor.

First time in the bombardment of the Board of Education were fired at a meeting of the Citizens' Committee. The schoolmen were called "arbitrary" and "high-handed" in their dealings and many teachers' grievances were aired.

Later Board President Schmutz appeared before the committee to answer questions and complaints.

Seaman Thomas Peacock of 20 Montgomery place officially listed as killed in action in the invasion of Sicily.

A \$20,000 program of post-war development and improvement of the town was introduced by Mayor Williams, discussed for a little while and tucked away for possible future reference.

December

Belleville and Nutley high schools announced they had patched up their fourteen years of non-cooperation and had signed a two-year football contract.

The Belleville Foundation revealed plans for three-town hospital to be discussed at early January meeting with Nutley and Bloomfield industrialists and civic leaders.

Teachers' Association appointed its "board" of government to meet with the Citizens' Committee to discuss teacher grievances and "improvement of the school system." Complaints were forestalled later in the month when the school board voted a five percent bonus to all employees and outright raises to principals.

At mid-month Mayor Williams attacked an attempt by Public Safety Director King to get \$200 raises for firemen and police. Williams claimed the teachers and other town employees are more in need of help.

Public Works Director Waters proposed that the commission consider setting up a town planning board.

And the year ended with several problems unanswered: child care is still being quietly kicked into oblivion, flood control is put off until after the war, teachers' salary schedules are still on the list of futures.

Accidents Take Holiday Toll (Continued from Page One)

cussion and possible fractures of ribs and shoulder and about later in an accident at the plant of the Isolantite corporation. McSulla, a driver for Burns Brothers Oil company, told police his truck stalled while he was making a delivery at the plant. He cranked the motor and the truck started before he was able to re-enter the driver's seat.

He was thrown to the ground and the truck crashed into a tree. He was given first aid at the company and then taken to St. James' Hospital, Newark, for further treatment.

Threatened Him Louis Velicky of 26 William street was left holding the bag when two men in "the other car" threatened to "beat him up." He said he was driving north on Franklin avenue when the other automobile turned left out of Mill street and the two collided. When he got out of his car, the two men in the other car came out ready to swing. Overawed, he failed to get their license number as they drove off.

Charles Garvian, 66, of 66 Floyd street was slightly injured later that same evening when, according to police records, he walked into the side of a moving car.

Police were told the car was operated by Daniel Simona, 30, of 278 Talph street who attempted to make a right turn from Washington avenue east into Little street. Garvian was treated by Dr. Martin M. Meehan for an injured ankle.

Rudolph Opacity of Hillside suffered multiple injuries Christmas night when he tried to fix the motor of a car while it was stalled in the middle of Washington avenue at Van Rensselaer street.

The car, driven by Charles Lavecka, 41, of Irvington, according to police stalled while trying to negotiate the hill in south Washington avenue. Opacity, a passenger, raised the hood and

BIKE CLUB RACES FOR HOSPITAL

Belleville Cyclers Entertain Ellis Island Soldiers New Year's Eve

Eight members of the Belleville Bicycle Club will present an exhibition of roller racing at the Ellis Island Army Hospital Friday evening under the auspices of the American Theater Guild.
They are Ed Littig Ray Bryan, Chuck Wilke, Adolph Panatella, Peter Peterbaugh, James Mintz, Bob and Joe Arnot. The latter are father and son from Orange. The Mintz, who is a Plainfield boy, is state junior champion while Littig copped about every title in the local club during the past season.

Besides the normal races, there will also be tandem race and the fatur attraction of the show will be a "strip tease" by Littig, done at high racing speed.

Previous appearances of the bikers on the Theater Guild circuit have been at the Newark and New York Stag Door Cantecens, St. John's Naval Hospital, Newark Servicemen's Center and the Foster Home for Protestant Children in Newark. Plans are also nearing completion for the annual dinner of the club to be held January 8 at the Robin Hood Inn, Clifton.

At the banquet trophies for the year will be distributed to the winners, chief of whom was Littig. The club meets in the Bryan Bicycle Shop at 308 Washington avenue.

Mac Millan Seeks Three Years Before Getting His Deer

After three years of fruitless effort, Gavin S. MacMillan of 21 Mertz avenue finally returned last week with his first deer—just in time to save him ration points for Christmas dinner.

MacMillan took his prize near Cranberry Lake the Saturday before Christmas. He was hunting with Raymond Green of West Orange, who was not so lucky.

The specimen was an eight-point buck and weighed more than 175 pounds. He has not estimated the number of ration points it will save him but he is keeping it in cold storage until needed.

Cortlandt School Out In Front In Junior Court Circuit

Cortlandt School No. 1 took a short lead in the Junior basketball circuit at Fewsmith Church Thursday afternoon but must still face Greylock School No. 5 which was idle last week. Both teams are undefeated.

Cortlandt scored a 14-10 win over Passaic School No. 7 while Union School No. 8 rebounded from its previous defeat to polish off Joralemon School No. 3 by a 21-13 count.

Services For Thomas P. Hosking

Thomas P. Hosking, a resident of Belleville for more than 45 years, died suddenly at his Budd Lake home last week. He was 71.

Until his retirement ten years ago, Mr. Hosking was an office manager at the Standard Oil company of New York. He was a member of the Belleville Masonic Lodge and was also treasurer of the Craftsmen's club.

Mrs. Herman Luhrs

The Rev. Joseph S. Nelligan of St. Peter's Catholic church officiated Sunday morning at funeral services for Mrs. Herman Luhrs of 72 Little street. Interment was in Cherryville cemetery, Flemington.

Born in Bohemia, she came to the United States as a child and moved to Belleville more than 20 years ago. She died Thursday after a short illness. She was 68.

Besides her husband, she leaves five sons: Frank, an Army corporal in Sicily, George, a corporal stationed with the Army in Alaska, Herman Jr. of Central Valley, N.Y., William of Verona and Edward of Flemington.

She also survived by two daughters, Miss Eleanor Luhrs of the Little street address, and Mrs. Edward Schrimpe of Flemington, and two grandchildren, Arthur and Robert Schrimpe.

was examining the motor when the car was struck in the rear by another allegedly driven by Thomas Fraglio of Nutley.

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Newark East Side Dazzled By Bellboy Speedsters

Pasquariello And Byrnes Lead Scoring Attack With 35 Points

Blinding speed and the ability to take the ball off the backboard gave the Bellboys such an advantage last Tuesday that Newark East Side never had a chance in the basketball opener on the local High School court.

With the added ingredient of effective sharpshooting by Vic Pasquariello and Jim Byrnes, the Vischemen were able to resume their winning ways of last year and copped a 50-34 decision.

The brash and inexperienced local cagers showed moments of mistakes and weaknesses and other of potential greatness. So effectively did they coop up the Newarkers in the opening cantos that Coach Jitty Wische was able to use mostly second and third-stringers in the latter part of the game.

Pasquariello, who wound up with 24 points for the evening, and Byrnes combined to score all of Belleville's markers in the first half and between them netted more than the East Side total.

Wische said last night that his 1944 basketballers show promise. "They will make plenty of mistakes because of their inexperience," he said, "but if they profit by them we will give most of our opponents a tussle."

Dave Bell was the starting center and most of the plays broke around him. Jack DeMunter and Ben Meschio, each towering more than six feet in height, used their altitude to good advantage in the battles under the backboards.

As was the case last year, the gym was jam-packed long before the opening whistle of the preliminary games. Bellboy rooters are hoping for a repetition of last year when their favorites chalked up sixteen wins in eighteen games.

The freshmen were beaten out 11-10 in the first preliminary the other night by a combination of freshmen and jayvees from St. Cecilia's of Kearny.

However the second game saw another Belleville history when the local junior varsity trounced the East side underdogs 35-18.

The Bellboys' next game will be against Irvington on foreign soil next Tuesday. The Hillside game, scheduled for last Thursday night at Hillside, was postponed until a later date because of a grippie epidemic at the other school.

Results of other games:

Belleville G F P East Side G F P
Pasquariello, f 10 24 Noble, f 4 19
Detera 0 0 Cristofani 0 2 2
Byrnes 4 11 Baccaro 1 0 2
Kennedy 2 0 Bannias 0 0 0
Bell, c 0 0 Carami, c 1 0 2
Zell, c 2 1 Gmiewski 1 0 2
Sint 2 1 Gmiewski 1 0 2
Meschio, g 0 0 Reativo, c 3 3 9
DeMunter 2 0 4 Cernack 0 1 1
Lewit 0 0 Elliott 2 1 7
Bechtold 0 0 Alodi 0 0 0
Bemis 0 0 Sauchelli 0 0 0
Purdue 1 0 2

Totals 21 50 34 Belleville 14 12 14 10 34
East Side 6 8 8 12 34
Officials: Herzhofner and Hogan.

Junior Red Cross Activity Displayed At Party

Startling evidence of the activities of the Junior Red Cross was offered at the organization's meeting last Tuesday at 51 Rossmore place.

Committees from the schools reported that they had collected \$463 in enrollment fees during the year, nearly double that of previous years. Also displayed were 150 Christmas boxes prepared to be shipped to children of United Nations and an additional 133 gift boxes to be distributed to the veterans at the Lyons hospital.

Production chairman Mrs. Harvey B. Thompson reported on her department's activities for the year and brief addresses were delivered by School Superintendent Farmer and by Area JRC representative George McDonald.

Mrs. Joseph A. Liddie Mrs. Joseph A. Liddie Wednesday at her home at Main street after a long illness was 62.

The former Christabella W. taker, she had lived in Belleville more than twenty years. Her husband died five years ago and she leaves only her brother, James Whittaker of 1111 Belmont street.

Other officers: wardens Burton Jr. and Wilbur T. Urner Charles F. R. tary Hal W. Earl. Chaplain Edward deacons Wayne R. Ronald G. Brunner, ceremonies Morgan and Earl R. Jensen. Frank W. Goodrich and K. Nealis.

Marshal Howard Tyler Frederick P. ganist Arthur S



Happy New Year

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National Grain Yeast Corp.

Belleville, N. J.

Ad Home

ully Hold Back" and to long distance car if the telephone is open for sons and service.

be crowded and ant, the New Jersey says. Last year 100,000 long on New Year's included many after hours of the company's long lines for a real factor nearly all calls

This year, traffic engineers of the company expect that greater war activity and the fact that New Year's falls on a week-end will combine to produce an even larger volume of calls. The thousands of additional New Year's circuits which in peacetime would be placed in service to help carry the traffic are now in daily use the year round and no others are available.

It all adds up to the fact that unless the folks back home yield the long distance highways during the holiday week-end to war calls and warriors, some of America's sons and daughters in uniform are going to be disappointed when they try to come home by telephone.

Drunk Driving Gap

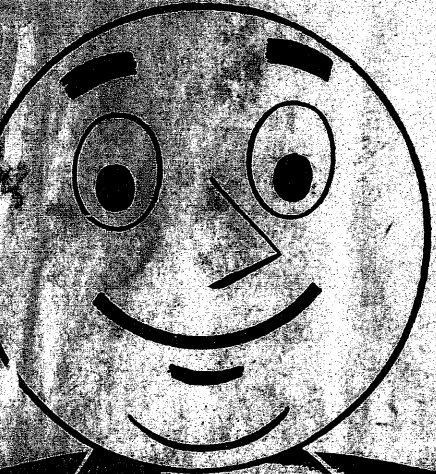
King this week, a dangerous length of time while various parties quibbled over who was to pay the doctor's fees. This was a situation which created grave danger to the future success of the trial and a situation which has been eliminated by King's promise to pay whatever costs are not met elsewhere. If a man has been driving on a badly blurred road, an accident will usually sober him up, but therefore, he has gained the first score in the ensuing legal battle. If there is added to that the lapse of an hour or more between the time he is brought to headquarters and the time he is examined, he has had further opportunity to regain a clear head and the prosecution suffers further.

Charges of drunken driving are second to actual manslaughter in the roster of serious motor vehicle violations. It is something with which no chances can be taken. Ninety-nine percent of the time everything connected with the examination is immediately available and there is nothing along the route to delay the procedure. At every once in a while something like the Kisselove case comes along which is up minor flaws which need correction. Commissioner King's directive will do much to some of these out.

The Times

All Its Readers

Happy New Year



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The telephone people want to thank you for your help in the Christmas rush on Long Distance.

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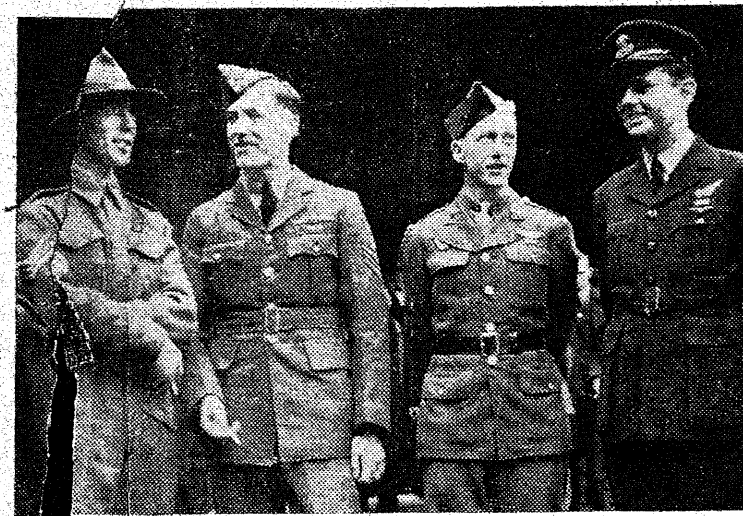
Year's, too,
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Especially this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Remember, there are no holidays for war—or the telephone.

NEW JERSEY-BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Ferrell Receives Flying Medal



TECHNICAL SERGEANT GEORGE W. FERRELL (third from left) shown chatting with other recently decorated heroes in the courtyard of Buckingham Palace, London, where he received from King George the Distinguished Flying Medal for shooting down a Junkers 88 after every gun but one on his bomber had been put out of commission by flak. His four-engine plane then returned and made a crash landing on only one engine. He enlisted in the RCAF two years ago but is now with the U. S. air forces in England. He lives at 117 Beech street. The others in the picture are Australian, Canadian and British airmen.

LETTER

Appeal For Baseball

From Robert W. Boice, BHS '42

Street, of The Times: To the Editor: A few weeks ago your paper published a letter written by an alumnus of Belleville High school urging that the good American game of baseball be returned to the athletic curriculum of the high school. As a member of the class of '42 I should like to further plead the case for baseball in Belleville High.

When the board of education decided to eliminate baseball as a competitive sport in Belleville High in the spring of '42, I personally took part in the movement to have it restored.

One of the first steps this movement took was the circulation of petitions among the townspeople asking the board of education to restore this traditional American game. In a short space of time we had gathered approximately 500 signatures. These petitions were taken before the board of education by the leaders of the movement.

What happened? The board absolutely refused to even look at the petitions and finally turned down our request saying that maybe next year we could have it.

Our next move was to call a student strike which lasted only one day, became the school authorities threat of to strike each and every one of us.

The season of 1943 came and went without so much as even a whisper out of the board of education. While there is still no competitive baseball in Belleville High, other schools such as Kearny, Nutley, Hillside, Bloomfield and Irvington go right on playing baseball year or no war.

If Mr. Schmutz and the rest of the board are real good American citizens, let them prove it by giving baseball back to the High school.

Repeats Attack On School Head

From a Citizen on Request: (The author of this letter, who is a prominent business man in the town, is the same as that of two weeks ago entitled "Too Many Jobs For One Man". This letter, fully signed, is in the files of The Times. —Ed.)

To the Editor of The Times: The Belleville board of education administers a fund of approximately three quarters of a million dollars under the heading of "Big Business". The time and effort required to

administer a fund of this size constituted approximately 175 points in the tax rates. It also requires diligent, untiring efforts of every member appointed to the board.

This fund is administered by a member board of five men, appointed by the Mayor. However, it is not accountable to the Mayor for its action.

An amount of this size, if managed in a private industry, would unquestionably receive the full time it deserved, attention and supervision, of at least at five-man executive staff.

In my further opinion, any person accepting the appointment to the board of education should do so with the full understanding that it will take every minute of his time not devoted to the management of his personal affairs and must not have or accept any other public duty.

Lists Duties

The board of education is responsible for the passing and approving of all affairs of our entire school system; such as, erection of new buildings, maintenance of buildings, educational programs, health and welfare of our school children, management of all school personnel, financing of entire school programs, the passing on and floating of bond issues.

Yearly school budgets, purchasing of all supplies and equipment, disciplinary action of students and personnel, approving of school athletic programs, administration of athletic funds, and the safety and welfare of students and personnel of the entire system.

They must comply with and abide by all rules and regulations, as set forth by the State board of education. They must also attend committee meetings as required by the State Board.

I feel that the above facts are sufficient to prove that any one person accepting appointment to the board of education cannot devote any time to the administration and management of any other board of activity; such as, chairman of the Belleville-Nutley Ration board, or directing the activity of a Saving and Loan association, etc.

Not Attacking Whole Board Please understand that this criticism is not leveled to all members of the board of education. But, in my opinion, I believe that the man responsible for the selection and appointment should exercise extreme care as is necessary in selecting appointees to this board.

There are numerous men in Belleville, who are talented and have the time to manage this office with the greatest care and ability. Therefore, I see no reason why one man must have the chairmanship of two of the most important boards in town.

I feel that the pressure and strain is beginning to tell on this individual which probably accounts for the abrupt and arrogant attitude about which the citizens are complaining.

No Heavyweights Wanted

The medical department of the Army ordnance plant at Illiopolis, Ill., has established a new "lose-two-pounds-a-week" club for overweight employees. Mainsprings of the program are a scientifically prescribed diet for each individual and a chart on which to record the progress made.

A Happy New Year!

Local Dressed

Pork Loins 5 Points lb. **35¢**

Fresh Hams Whole or Half 4 Points lb. **37¢**

Fancy Steer Cut

Rib Roast 9 Points lb. **39¢**

Smoked

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Sirloin Steaks 8 Points lb. **46¢**

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Boiled Ham 1/2 lb. sliced **37¢**
5 Brown Points per 1/2 lb.

Hygrades A.A. Skinless

Frankfurters lb. **35¢**
5 Brown Points per lb.

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3 Brown Points per lb.

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Pepper Loaf 1/2 lb. **23¢**
2 Brown Points per 1/2 lb.

Rich Meaty

Souse lb. **35¢**
1 Brown Point per lb.

New England Style

Baked Beans 1 lb. container **20¢**
Not Rationed

Fresh Made

Potato Salad 1 lb. container **19¢**
Not Rationed

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