

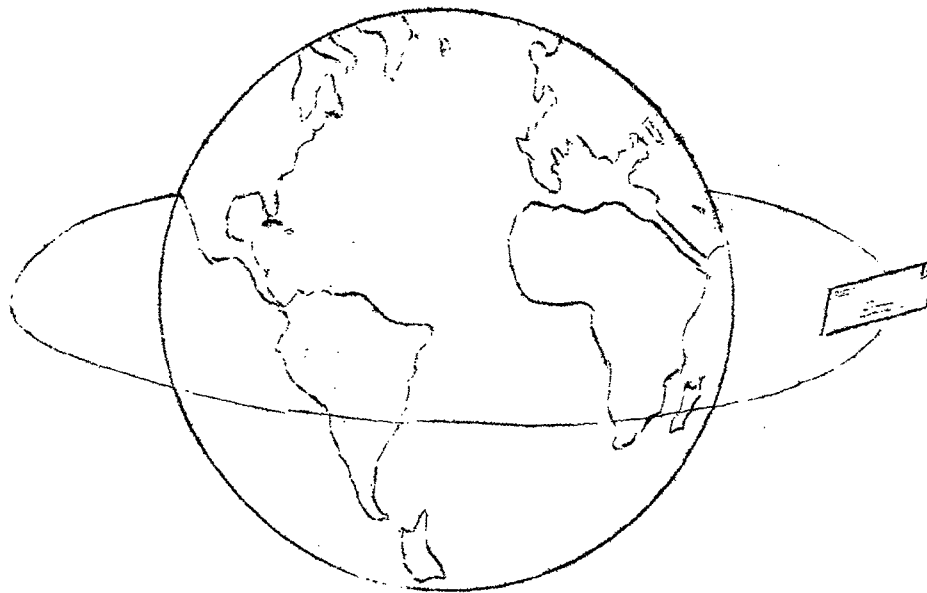
**WWII
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News Letter**

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THE INDEPENDENCE NEWS LETTER

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"The letter that circles the World"



Written from Independence
 To the boys of Independence
 Who are fighting for their Independence
 And the Independence of the World

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Written by
 GRACE KLINE

Mailed by
 JAMES C. KLINE
 Independence
 Box 16 Pa.

Typed by
 LUCILE BUXTON

HONOR ROLL

<p>* T.Sgt. Earl Brautigam 13011238 39 Fighter Sqd. A.P.O. 929 % Postmaster San Francisco, Cal.</p>	<p>Cpl. Orrin Miller 958 Gd. Sqd. Air Base Florence, S. C.</p>	<p>* Pvt. William McAdoo 33423529 122 Cml. Co. A.P.O. 4909 % PM. New York, N. Y.</p>
<p>* Pfc. Collett Burns 13013375 8th General Hosp. A.P.O. 502 % Postmaster San Francisco, Cal.</p>	<p>Cpl. Fred H. Robison 933 Guard Sqd. Box 149 M.P. Moody Field Valdosta, Georgia</p>	<p>Pvt. Delvin Miller Q.M. Remount Depot Ft. Reno, Oklahoma</p>
<p>* Sgt. Kenneth Spencer 13013396 Co. K 27 Inf. A.P.O. 25 % Postmaster San Francisco, Cal.</p>	<p>Pvt. Wendell Westlake 331 Fighter Squadron Olympia Army Air Base Tumwater, Washington</p>	<p>Pvt. William Virgin Co. A. 322 Medical Bn. Camp Swift, Texas</p>
<p>* T.Cpl. Paul Westlake 13013373 Hdc. Btry 52 F.A. Bn. A.P.O. 24 % PM. San Francisco, Cal.</p>	<p>Cpl. Harley Wright 467 T.E.E.T. Moody Field Valdosta, Ga.</p>	<p>Pvt. Louis Speicher 49 Sqd. Bombing Range Robert, Louisiana</p>
<p>S/Sgt. Sam R. Perrin Hq. Btry. 384 A.A.A. Auto Wpns. Bn. Washington 25 D.C.</p>	<p>* Cpl. Clyde Brautigam 33301748 Co. "A" 825 Eng. Avn. Bn. A.P.O. 644 % PM. New York</p>	<p>Pvt. Emmett Meneely Co. C 660 Tank Dest. Bn. N. Camp Hood, Texas</p>
<p>S/Sgt. Robert P. Adams 804 Bomb. Sqd. 471 Bomb. Gp. Army Air Base Pueblo, Cal.</p>	<p>Pfc. Hubert Myers Co. I 3 Battalion 517 OM. Reg. Truck A.P.O. 5239 % PM.</p>	<p>Pvt. Harden Shepard Co. B 660 Tank Dest. Bn. N. Camp Hood, Texas</p>
<p>Sgt. Harry Robison Co. C. 630 T. D. Bn. Camp Rucker, Alabama</p>	<p>Sgt. James Dunkle Hq. Co. 2 Bn. 330 Inf. 83 Div. Camp Breckin- ridge, Kentucky</p>	<p>* Glenn Riggs, Jr. S 2/c Receiving Bks. G. U. S. Navy 135 % Fl. PM. San Francisco, Cal.</p>
<p>* Cpl. John Shedkiac 35375081 318 Fighter Cont. Sqd. A.P.O. 959 % PM. San Francisco, Cal.</p>	<p>Pfc. Frank Spencer Anti-tank Co. 331 Inf. 83 Div. Camp Breckin- ridge, Morganfield, Ky.</p>	<p>Clarence Meneely, S. 2/c Gun Crew 1847-A. Armed Guard Center South Brooklyn, N. Y.</p>
<p>* Charles A. Meneely, Q.M. 3/c U.S.S. Kenebec % Fl. IM. New York, N.Y.</p>	<p>* Cpl. Charles Riggs 33397943 Co. G. 517 (Trk) Quartermaster Reg. A.P.O. 797 % PM. New York, N. Y.</p>	<p>Pvt. Clifford Painter Irwin Hall 3303 A.S.T. Unit State College, Pa.</p>
<p>Pfc. Elmer Brautigam W.D.R.T.C. Cat Island Gulfport, Mississippi</p>	<p>* Pfc. James Gunion 15337251 Co. D. 359 Engrs. A.P.O. 508 % PM. New York, N.Y.</p>	<p>Pvt. Elton Gunion 242 Medical Battalion Camp Edwards, Mass.</p>
<p>* Pvt. Harold Meneely 35378467 41 Depot Repair Sqd. 41 A.D.G. A.P.O. 4769 % PM. New York, N.Y.</p>	<p>* Pvt. Glenn Arnold 315 Service Sqd. A.P.O. 637 % PM. New York, N. Y.</p>	<p>Cpl. Robert V. Perrin 784 Eng. P.D. Co. 6 Prov. Trg. Reg. Entc. Camp Claibourne, La.</p>
<p>* Clyde Virgin M.M.M. 2/c U.S.S. Pinkney % Fl. PM. San Francisco, Cal.</p>	<p>Pfc. Herbert Painter 29 T.S.S. Bks. 2637 Truax Field Madison, Wisconsin</p>	<p>Earl Burns, A.S. Co. 1338 U.S.N.T.S. Great Lakes, Ill.</p>
<p>* Sgt. John Shymchyk 33146812 G.E. 2 A.P.O. 500 % PM. San Francisco, Cal.</p>	<p>* Lt. Betty Pittman N 759486 78 Station Hospital A.P.O. 3872 % PM. New York, N.Y.</p>	<p>George Buxton, A.S. Co. 1338 U.S.N.T.S. Great Lakes, Ill.</p>
<p>Pvt. George Durilla 33263996 Hq. & Hq. Sqd. 323 B.T.C. Kertland Field Albuquerque, New Mexico</p>	<p>Pfc. James Stewart, T.M. 3/c Submarine Barracks Mare Island, Cal.</p>	<p>James McAdoo, A. S. U.S. Coast Gd. Tr. St. Co. 1-10 Bks. 109 Curtis Bay, Baltimore 26, Md.</p>
<p>T/L Clarence Brautigam Hq. Co. 304 Inf. Camp McCoy, Wisconsin</p>	<p>* Pvt. Earl Moore 33286509</p>	<p>John Parko, A. S. Co. 1338 U.S.N.T.S. Great Lakes, Ill. Edwin Myer Address unknown as yet Sgt. Harry Patterson 6832837 Hq. 303 Bomb</p>

ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

One year ago this October, at James' suggestion, three of us got together, Lucile Buxton, James and I, and mailed out the first issue of the Independence Newsletter, with 35 copies. This letter, as our slogan says, truly encircles the world to reach the boys from Independence. It goes to the Aleutians, England, North Africa, Iran, New Guinea, Australia, Panama, and to both U. S. Fleets. Of the 600 copies that have been mailed out thus far, only two have returned and they were to members of the fleet. Of the last issue, that of September 1943, 65 copies were mailed out, many to boys whose addresses are not carried monthly, not being service boys from this immediate vicinity.

My husband and I could never have done it alone. Without Lucile's typing, we could not have carried it through. We are also deeply indebted to Mrs. Dora Pollock for her constant and diligent scrutiny of the Washington Observer for items of interest to Independence boys.

We send this letter with our most earnest wish that it has kept you in closer touch with the home town, made the separation more bearable, eased the lonely hours and carried a message of comfort and cheer.

GOD IS GOOD

Constantly the goodness of God to Independence becomes increasingly more evident. From this voting precinct have gone fifty boys to the service, with nineteen of them overseas, and while several of that number have been in the hospital, yet at the present moment, with one exception, each one, as far as we know, is in good health and on active duty. That is a splendid record. May it ever continue.

Many people here believe that last spring our town was saved by a miracle. When fire destroyed the Pyles home, and the old schoolhouse, and scorched Ralph Pittman's house, and the George Pollock house caught fire three times, it was a change in the direction of the wind that enabled them to save the Pollock house. Had it gone, nothing could have saved the Methodist church and had that been added to the conflagration, could anything in the town have been saved?

Now it has happened again! This time the miracle was at Viola Westlake's home. On Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 22, on her day off, she left two burners on the oil stove going when she went to the garden to empty tomato seeds. She told me she was gone not more than two or three minutes. When she reentered her kitchen, the oil stove was all ablaze with flames leaping to the ceiling, and the wallpaper back of the stove afire. She threw one bucket of water, which only scattered the flames; three more put it out. The glass oil container on the side of the stove was bursted. Had she have been in the house, she no doubt would have been splattered with oil and been on fire. Then perhaps no one could have heard her cries for help unless she had gone outside. Mrs. Spencer and I live nearest, yet by the time either of us had got across two lawns, could we have saved her? On the other hand, had she tarried five minutes longer in the yard, probably nothing could have saved the house. Providentially, she was out at the exact time not have been splashed with exploding oil and back in exact time to save her home!

On Sept. 24, little John Pittman, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raye Pittman of Avella, contracted pneumonia, the second time in seven

months. He had it last March. On Sept. 29 he was out of bed, but not allowed outdoors.

On Sept. 9 Mrs. Harriett Adams, mother of John, Orlando and Paul Adams, underwent a major operation in Washington Hospital. Although 76, she was of such a strong constitution, she was brought home in exactly two weeks.

To see Herbert Rush walking up and down the street, no one would dream that very early on the morning of Sept. 17, he fell down a flight of 14 stairs, landing on his head, shoulder and one arm. No bones were broken but he was badly bruised all over. His sister from Washington came out and took him home with her, where he was in bed some ten days. Home again, he seems as good as ever.

Mr. Robert Malone underwent his second kidney operation on the 16th of September and came through it nicely.

The condition of Mrs. James Stewart fails to improve.

In the September letter I stated a rumor, unconfirmed, that Judith and David Davis had been placed in the Washington County Children's Home. Now it is confirmed. When Elmer Braugigam was home on furlough, he, his sister Edith, and Ruth Dinsmore of Washington, went there one Sunday and taught Sunday School classes. Both Judith and David were in Elmer's class. He talked with them after Sunday School. David said he liked everything there except the school. "He did not like that."

Likewise an unconfirmed rumor stated that Freda Burns and Orlando Adams were married. Orlando's brother John told me directly that they were married in July of 1942 and had not announced it until this summer when Freda moved into the Adam's home.

On Sept. 16, Darlene, small daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Lukachko Peneschi, had her tonsils removed.

Mr. John Meneely, Hickory, Pa., father of George Meneely, now in Sicily, entered Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, the last of Sept. for treatments for his right leg. Years ago, as a young man, he was riding atop a load of wheat when it upset. As he fell, he injured his leg on the hub of the wagon. This has given him trouble ever since.

Keith Meneely, employed as office boy in Jessop Steel left their employ Sept. 11, and on Sept. 20, started working at the Tygart Valley Glass Co., Washington, in the packing room.

Floyd Spencer has been employed for several weeks at the Traubert Bakery in Wellsburg.

Ellwood McDougan works on the farm for Walbur Gist.

Lynn Lerby drives a truck at Jefferson.

Miss Ruth Fry is employed in defense work at Havre de Grace, Maryland.

On Sept. 16 Grace Meneely left for Norfolk, Va. where she visited her husband, Bud, now in the Navy. When she returned, she made her

home with Meneelys, having sold part of her furniture and stored the rest.

Elsie Buxton is going to Great Lakes, Illinois, on October 9th to visit her husband George, who is at the Naval Training Station there.

On October 1, there was a football game between Avella and McDonald, played on the Hickory field. Score: McDonald 6; Avella 0.

Rev. Robert Paxton, former pastor of the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church here spent the night of September 30 at the Craig home. He lives now near Fairmont and broadcasts daily from Uniontown at 9:30 A. M.

We have reported before on the health of Walter Fulton. He is now in the Cleveland Clinic. He had his teeth extracted, and evidently they did not drain right. Pus has collected under each shoulder blade. If it does not respond to treatment, there will have to be an operation.

In the family of John Durila, brother of George Durila, one of our service men, the young two-and-a-half-year-old child is ill in a Pittsburgh Hospital for contagious diseases, with cerebrospinal meningitis, and was reported slightly improved. John Durila and his family formerly lived in Independence Township; now they live near Buffalo village.

A very unusual tragedy occurred to Mrs. Virginia Stillwell of Wellsburg, niece of Mr. James Gunion. While alone, canning, a jar broke, cutting her knee. She fainted, and bled to death. The flow of blood could have been stopped fairly easily had she not fainted. Fate sends strange accidents sometimes!

COMMENCEMENTS

On a platform beautifully decorated with enormous palms and gorgeous bouquets, Miss Shirley Liggett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Liggett of West Middletown, formerly of Independence, and thirty-nine classmates were graduated from the Allegheny General Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh on Friday night, October 1. Shifley graduated from East Washington High School in 1938 and from Washington Seminary in 1940. Her last assignment before graduating from nurses training was that of Public Health Nurse in the city of Pittsburgh.

Rev. Clarence McCartney, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, noted radio speaker and author of thirty publications of historical, philosophical and religious subjects, gave the commencement address, one sentence of which was this, "The modern nurse is a living proof that the whole world is not given up to the devil".

At the reception immediately following the Commencement exercises several hundred people overflowed the reception room, each of whom was radiantly happy. In this era of world anxiety and sorrow, it is heart-warming to see so much joy at one time. At both Commencement exercises and the reception Shirley had as her guests her mother, Mrs. Bess Liggett, and Mr. and Mrs. James Kline of Independence.

Allegheny General Hospital is one of the best hospitals in all

this section. One student, Lillian Shriver came all the way from Lyndon, Kansas for her entire three years of training. A diploma from here is to be highly coveted. The standard is high and of those who entered three years ago, one out of four failed to meet all requirements.

Midshipman Dean W. Polen, who was trained at the U.S.N.R. Midshipmen's School, Notre Dame, Indiana, graduated September 22, 1943 and was commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Navy.

OUR OWN SERVICE MEN

We all rejoice with Mrs. McBurney at the news that Dr. McBurney has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He has been in the service three years next February, and overseas one year this November.

Fred Robison had a pleasant surprise awaiting him when he returned after his furlough. He was promoted to Corporal, skipping Private First Class.

On Sept. 16 Mrs. Clarence Menzely received a cablegram from Harold that he had landed safely and all was well. He is the first one of our boys to send a cablegram home, to my knowledge. A letter, later informs us he is driving a truck in North Africa.

Earl Brautigam is enjoying his hunting of deer and wild pig. He writes that he received in June the New Testament which the P.O.S. of A. mailed his last December.

Apologies to John Shedkiac. He has been a Corporal since August or before and his last letter was still addressed Pfc.

Gladys Spencer received a letter Oct. 2 from Collett Burns mailed August 7.

Sergeant Howard Ferrell has returned to Camp Livingston, La., after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ferrell of West Middletown.

Pfc. Frank Spencer returned to camp on Sept. 17, after a 15-day furlough.

On September 18 Wendell Westlake came home on a two-week furlough.

On September 20 Sgt. James Dunkle came home on a 15-day furlough. He returned October 1. While home, he, his wife and small daughter, Patricia, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dunkle and sister Thelma, spent the week-end of September 25-26 at the home of his sister Helen near Berea, Ohio.

Sgt. Clarence Brautigam was home on a week-end pass during the time his brother Pfc. Elmer Brautigam was at home on a 10-day furlough.

Robert Vance Perrin, inducted August 18, is now a Corporal. He is in the production of petroleum and is studying the laying of big pipe lines.

James Weigmann of Avella is now stationed in the far northeastern section of the Hudson Bay territory, near the coast of Hudson Bay. He does not mind the dry cold of this area any worse than he did the moist cold of Massachusetts.

Lucile Buxton received a V-mail letter recently from Pfc. Bruce Rank who has moved on from North Africa into Sicily. He wrote of interesting experiences among which was a trip to the ancient ruins of Carthage.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

SERVICE FLAG

On March 7, in a very impressive church ceremony, the community Service Flag was dedicated with 38 names, 9 of whom were overseas and 2 of whom were in the U. S. Fleets. Now the flag is completed, meaning that from this voting precinct have gone 50 service men, 17 of which are overseas and 2 are in the U. S. Fleet, making a total of 19 white stars on the flag, nearly one in three seeing service outside the continental United States. When just one more boy goes, a new flag must be purchased.

STATISTICS

Records for the entire United States show that forty percent of boys tested for the army are rejected. Of 58 boys from here tested, only 5 failed to pass, Lyndon Andrews, Boyd Miller, William Miller, Richard Westlake, and Harry Crofford. In the army and given an honorable discharge for physical disability were George Stewart, Howard Tredway and Norman Virgin. This means that from this community only 9 percent were rejected as compared to the forty percent of the entire United States.

BLOOD DONORS

At the April meeting of the P.O.S. of A. the president, Charles Robison first sponsored the movement to send blood donors to Pittsburgh. He appointed James to head the committee with himself and I as committee members. We attempted to send in a carload of donors each week, and at the present time 69 donors have gone. They are as follows: April 27: Nathan Andrews, Charles Robison, Earnest Robison, Mary Alice Robison; car furnished and driven by Albert Miller.

May 7: Minnie Hammond, Clyde Perrin, Jr., Vance Perrin, Bertha Robison, John Smith; car furnished and driven by Clyde Perrin, Jr.

May 14: Mary Buxton, Mary Robison, Violet Robison; car furnished and driven by Rev. Jacob Schrader.

May 21: Dorothy Andrews, Lucile Buxton, Edith Brautigam, Beulah Meneely, Viola Westlake; car furnished and driven by Lyndon Andrews.

May 28: Lena Cunningham, Alice Shepard, Oscar Hunt, Albert Miller, Ralph Pittman, Alex Taggart; car furnished and driven by Albert Miller. The same evening also: Elsie Buxton, George Buxton, Jr., Hazel Smith, Mary Wigal; car furnished and driven by Ernest Robison.

June 4: Kenneth Brautigam, Frank Brautigam, Katherine Mosco, Loretta Kowcheck, Janice Pittman; car furnished by W. W. Sutherland, driven by Raye Pittman, also a donor.

June 11: Elizabeth Brautigam, Mrs. Clyde Perrin, Jr. Virginia
Wegnier, Helen Spencer, Marguerite Westlake; car furnished by Clyde
Perrin, Jr. and driven by Earnest Robison.

June 18: Donald Dunkle, Mrs. Donald Dunkle, Minerva Dietrich,
Nora Smith; car furnished and driven by Donald Dunkle.

June 30: James Buxton, Charles Frye, Henry Georgetti; car fur-
nished and driven by Rev. Schrader*.

August 3: Martha Dunkle, Helen Hall, Emile Lerby, Grace Meneely,
Dean Polen, Alvin White; car owned and driven by Dean Polen.

August 10: Mrs. Violet Myers, John Smith*, Helen Wright; car
furnished by Wilbur Gist and driven by Hilma Myers.

August 20: Frank Brautigam*, Mrs. Jennie Byrum, Nora Smith*; car
furnished and driven by Albert Miller**.

August 31: Mary Buxton*, Darwin Buxton, Minnie Hammond*, Viola
Westlake*; car furnished and driven by George Buxton, Jr.

September 17: Kenneth Brautigam*, Lucile Buxton*, Grace Kline,
Albert Miller*; car owned and driven by Albert Miller***.

October 1: Mrs. Joe Batove, Mrs. Ralph Dalesio, Mrs. Mike Moseo,
Mrs. John Shymchyk; car furnished and driven by Rev. Crabb.

* Repeat trips

THIRD WAR BOND DRIVE

Mrs. Harold McBurney served as chairman of the War Finance Com-
mittee for the Third War Bond Drive in Independence Township. Help-
ing Mrs. McBurney were Miss Jo Hanna, Mrs. Howard Thompson, Mrs. George
Shanks, Mr. Ewing Wilson, Mr. Guy Smith, Mrs. W. E. Deer, Mrs. Szunvog,
Mrs. Gabrielli, Mr. C. W. Farner and Miss "Babs" Sutherland. Miss Jo
Hanna who was the representative in the Independence community was
highly commended by Mrs. McBurney for her fine cooperation, efficient
service and splendid attitude throughout the drive. The goal set for
this township was \$15,000. This goal will be nearly tripled, as the
amount is near \$40,000 now and there are three reports yet to come in.
We hope that this effort on the part of those you have left behind will
assure you boys that we are making a strenuous endeavor to help you in
your struggle for Victory.

NEW SELECTEES

Do you know any of these boys? They are from Beard #8 and were
inducted into service at the same time as were George Buxton, Earl "Bud"
Burns, James McAdoo and John Parko. They are as follows: Fred Walker,
Hickory; August Stefkovich, Rea; Joseph Batove, Avella; Michael March-
insky, Avella; John H. Smith, Jr., Avella; Benny Polinsky, Rea; Jack
Alexander, Jr., Avella; Jack McClymont, Avella; Alexander Brandenburg,
Avella; Joseph Sosnowski, Rea; William Tonini, Avella; Stephen Avetta,
Avella; George Yanos, Avella; Ernest Molnar, Avella; Francis Shanks,
Avella; Frank Soletész, Avella; Joseph Madera, Avella; August Rosa, Jr.,
Avella; Samuel Kraser, Cross Creek; Andrew Coverchko, Avella; Anton
Zilich, Avella; John Gagich, Rea; Stanley Malinky, Avella.

ELECTION NEWS

The following Township officers were nominated at the September
Primaries: Road Supervisor: George White, D.; Guy Smith, R.; Auditor:
R.G. Liggett, D.; Lyndon Andrews, R.; School Director; Joseph Haver-
lack and Wilbur Gist, D.; Charles Robison and John Adams, R.; Con-
stable: Emile Lerby, D.; Charles Kelly, R.

HONOR ROLL

Harley L. Patterson enlisted January 28, 1937 in the Army. During his first three years he served as doctor's aid, and took X-ray pictures. After reenlisting he became a Sgt. and is now serving with the Army in England as a photographer, taking pictures of Army action.

Earl Brautigam enlisted in the Army October 3, 1940. Now a T. Sgt. he is serving in New Guinea, having been transferred from Australia. He is a Flight Chief and checks the planes as they come in and leave the field.

The next to go were a group of three who enlisted in the Army for Foreign Service on February 12, 1941. They were Collett Burns, Kenneth Spencer and Paul Westlake. Pfc. Collett Burns, after serving nearly two years in Hawaii, was transferred to the South Pacific area about the end of 1942. He is in the hospital at present. Sgt. Kenneth Spencer, after serving nearly two years in Hawaii, was transferred to the same area as Pfc. Collett Burns, and was within walking distance of him. However, he writes he has not seen him now for nearly three months. T. Cpl. Paul Westlake served in the Hawaiian Islands until this summer where he drove a jeep for officers. Late this summer he was transferred to Australia.

Samuel Perrin entered service February 24, 1941. He is now a staff sgt. and does office work in Washington, D. C.

Robert Adams enlisted October 9, 1941. He is a staff sgt., and is stationed in Pueblo, Colo. He is an engineer in the Air Corps, and helps maintain the ships for the cadet flyers, and also flies with them as aerial engineer and flight instructor.

John Shymchyk entered service January 29, 1942, and is now a Sgt. doing clerical work in General McArthur's headquarters.

Andrew Kotnik entered service February 21, 1942. He is now a Corporal. He is in the ground crew of the air corps and is stationed in Tampa, Florida.

Harry Robison entered the army February 24, 1942. He is a Sgt. at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and has completed a training course in gunnery to be an instructor in guns.

John Shedkiac entered the army in March, 1942. He is now a Cpl. He does ground work in the Army Air Corps in Hawaii.

Charles Meneely enlisted in the Navy March 10, 1942. He is a quartermaster on the U.S.S. Kenebec.

Elnor Brautigam entered the Army in March, 1942. He is a Pfc. and is a quartermaster in a dog training unit.

Clyde Virgin enlisted in the Navy April 28, 1942. He is a Motor Machinist's Mate, working on Diesel Motors. His ship is the U.S.S. Pinkney.

George Durilla was inducted April 28, 1942. He is in the ground crew of the Air Corps in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Harold Meneely entered the Army April 28, 1942. He is in the repair squadron in the air force and has just arrived in North Africa.

Clarence Brautigam entered the army in June, 1942. He is a Sgt. at Fredricksburg, Virginia, and does radio work. He just completed one course of training on September 17.

Orrin Miller was inducted Aug. 14, 1942. He is now a Cpl. in the guard squadron at Florence S. C.

Earl Moore was inducted August 14, 1942. He is a camouflaging unit somewhere in England.

Fred Robison was inducted August 14, 1942, and is now a Cpl. He is a Military Police at Valdosta, Georgia.

Norman Virgin was inducted August 14, 1942. He completed five courses of study to be an engine specialist. He was in an airplane which crashed, hospitalized and because of this was given an honorable discharge.

Wendell Westlake was inducted into the army August 14, 1942. He is a Pfc. in the ground crew in the Air Force at Tumwater, Washington.

Harley Wright was inducted into the Army August 14, 1942. He is now a Cpl., and is an airplane mechanic, helping to check and refuel planes.

Clyde Brautigam was inducted Sept. 14, 1942. He is now a Cpl. in an engineering corps, somewhere in England. He did much of his work on tractors.

Hubert Myers enlisted in the Army September 14, 1942. He is a Pfc. in Iran. For months he drove truck, then was transferred to the quartermaster corps.

Charles Narquini entered service September 14, 1942. He is now a Sgt. in Camp Hulen, Texas. He is in the Anti-Aircraft division of the Coast Artillery.

George Hogue enlisted in the army September 23, 1942. He is a Cpl. in the Air Force at Herington, Kansas.

James Gunion enlisted in the Army Oct. 16, 1942. He is in the construction Corps of the Engineers. His outfit, while in the States, were trained to build bridges, roads, airports and hospitals. He is now a Pfc. serving in England.

James Dunkle entered service on Oct. 21, 1942. He is a Sgt. technician--a cook in the officer's mess at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

Charles Riggs entered the army in October, 1942. He is a Cpl. and drives a truck in Iran.

Frank Spencer entered service on Oct. 21, 1942. He is a Pfc. in an anti-tank company at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

William Harlin enlisted in the Marines on November 18, 1942. Six months ago he was stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Glenn Arnold entered service in the Army November 28, 1942. He has been stationed in England for over a month.

Horbert Painter enlisted in November 1942. He is in the radio service and is stationed in Sioux Falls, S. D. He is a Pfc.

Charles King entered the army Dec. 8, 1942. It is rumored that he is overseas, but we were unable to obtain late definite information.

Albert Riggs entered the Army Dec. 8, 1942. He is a Pfc. at Narragansett, R. I.

Lyle Patterson entered the Army December 19, 1942. He served in the 77th Division Training Regiment at Ft. Jackson, S. C. He has now been given an honorable discharge.

Loren Carl entered service Dec. 28, 1942. He is a Seabee in the Navy. He is now serving overseas.

William Buchanan entered the Marines on January 6, 1943. He is a Pfc. in the Navy Yards at Portsmouth, Va.

William McAloo entered service in the Army February 8, 1943. He is a Pfc. and is serving overseas.

Howard Treadway entered service March 1, 1943. After spending most of his time in the hospital, he was given a Medical Discharge May 28.

William Vance Virgin likewise entered the army on March 1, 1943. He is in the Medical Battalion and has just finished one course of training at the O'Rielly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo., and has been transferred to Texas.

Louis Speicher entered service March 30, 1943. He is in the Air Force and is stationed at Robert, Louisiana.

Ermatt "Bo" Meneely entered service May 5, 1943. He is a gunner on a halftrack and is stationed at Camp Hood Texas.

Hardon Shepherd also entered service May 5, 1943. He is a cannoner on a halftrack and is also stationed at Camp Hood, Texas.

Glenn Riggs was inducted into service in May, 1943. He is a S.2/c in service in the Pacific Fleet.

Clarence Meneely was inducted into the Navy June 6, 1943. He is a S. 2/c now training in South Brooklyn, New York.

Mike Kotnik was inducted into service in May 1943. He is a Pfc. at Camp Hood, Texas.

Clifford Painter has been in the Reserve Officer Training Corps since entering Penn State College, three years ago. By taking intensified courses all year round, he is now graduating from his four-year course, and will soon be stationed at a regular Army base.

Elton Gunion entered service August 18, 1943. He tried repeatedly to get into the air force but when inducted was placed in the Medical Battalion and is stationed at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.

Robert Vance Ferrin was inducted into service August 18, 1943 and is now a Cpl. He is in school now studying the laying of pipe lines in the production of petroleum.

The last to leave were a group of four who were inducted September 4, 1943. They were Earl "Bud" Burns, George Buxton, James McAdoo and John Parko. Earl Burns and George Buxton are both Apprentice Seamen in training at Great Lakes, Illinois. James McAdoo is in the Coast Guard; he is also an Apprentice Seaman, stationed at Baltimore, Md. John Parko is also an Apprentice Seaman, but we were unable to ascertain his present address.

Betty Faye Pittman of Avella left for Army Service in November, 1942 with the rank of Lt. She served for a time at the Station Hospital in Ft. Eustis, Virginia, and is now nursing in North Africa.

James Stewart enlisted in the Navy in November 1942. He took one course at Torpedo School and then volunteered for Submarine duty. He has completed his Submarine Training and is now in active service in the Pacific Fleet.

Delvin Miller was inducted into the Army in February 1943. He is in the Quartermaster Corps of the Remount Depot at Fort Reno, Oklahoma.

Seaford Brandy of Avella enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in September 1941. After training in Toronto, Canada, Sydney, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland he is now in England. His rank is Leading Air Craftman. His assignment is taking aerial photographs, but in combat he mans a gun.

George Meneely, Pfc. served in England, North Africa, Sicily, and is believed to be now in Italy. He did sentry duty while in Africa.

Pfc. Bruce Rank also served in North Africa, moved on to Sicily and is probably serving now in Italy.

John Dunkle, G.M.2/c, enlisted in the Navy in April, 1940. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor for a long time previous to the Japanese attack but at that time was serving with the Fleet in the Atlantic. At present he is on the U. S. S. Conway and said in his last letter that he had not seen land for nine months. He is serving in the Pacific Fleet.

John Ryniawec is a Flight Chief as is Earl Brautigam, being responsible for the airplanes to be in perfect condition before taking off. He is a Sgt. and is stationed somewhere in England.

Matthias Mensler entered service in January 1942. He is serving in a bomb squadron somewhere in the North, presumably the Aleutians. He is now a Corporal.

Dr. Robert Nevin is a Captain in the Medical Corps. He first served in Mobile, Alabama and is now at Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas.

Dr. F. H. McBurney has been promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He has been in service for nearly three years and in England since Nov. 1942.

James Weigmann enlisted in the Army in December 1941. He is now a Sgt. and an aerial engineer on a B-24 plane. He has just left in a B-24 for Greenland and Iceland taking supplies and will be gone a month.

Eddie Myer was inducted into the Seabees and left for camp last night October 7, 1943.

IN A LIGHTER VEIN

When an Englishman is told a joke, he laughs three times: first, to be polite; second, when the joke is explained; and third, when he catches on.

When a German is told a joke, he laughs twice: first, to be polite, and second, when the joke is explained to him. He never does catch on.

When a Frenchman is told a joke, he laughs once: he catches on immediately.

When an American is told a joke, he doesn't laugh at all; he's heard it before.

If the above is true
Why send jokes to you?
YOU FIGURE IT OUT!!!!

An Albany Court official, after examining a group of Aliens seeking citizenship, and explaining the history of the American Flag, asked one of them, "Tell me, what flies over the city hall?" The alien blinked a while, then replied: "Peejins".

Jones: "If you took up music, what instrument would you prefer?"
James: "Well, I always thought I'd like to be soloist on a cash register".

Johnson (incredulous): "You don't mean to tell me that your memory is absolutely perfect?"

Jackson: "Well, to be perfectly honest, right now I can't remember anything that I ever forgot".

A Frenchman struggling with the English language, turned to a friend (an American) for counsel: "What", he asked, "is a Polar Bear?"
"Polar Bear? Why, that's an animal. He lives 'way up North".
"But what he do?"

"Oh, he sits on a cake of ice and eats fish".

"Zat settle! I will not accept it".
"What in the world do you mean, you won't accept?"

"Ah", explained the Frenchman, "I was invite to be a Polar Bear at a funeral, and I will not do that".

"What is your favorite book?"

"It always has been my bank book, but even that is lacking in inter-

It is a rule of the Bank of England that every employee must sign his name in a book on his arrival in the morning, and, if late, must give the reason. Fog is given as the chief reason for tardiness, and the first man to arrive late writes "Fog" opposite his name, and those who follow write "ditto". One day, however, the first late man gave as his reason, "Wife had twins". Twenty other late men mechanically signed "ditto" underneath!

A Sultan at odds with his Harem Thought of a way he could scare 'em;

He caught him a mouse
Which he freed in the house,
Thus starting the first Harem Scarem.

Customer: "Isn't that pretty expensive for a little pillow like that?"

Clerk: "Well, you see, Lady, down is up. That's why it is so high".

Teacher: Johnny, what are the seasons?

Johnny: You mean in the U. S.

Teacher: Yes, of course.

Johnny: Baseball and football.

A visitor at the Capitol was accompanied by his small son. The little boy watched from the gallery when the house came to order. "Why did the minister pray for all those men, Pop?" (continued)

"He didn't. He looked them over, then prayed for the country".

"English is a funny language after all".

"Why do?"

"I heard a man talking of a political candidate the other day; he said, "If he only takes this stand when he runs, he'll have a walkover".

"Oh, yes," boasted the pilot on a river steamboat, "I've been on this river so long I know just where every stump is".

Just then the boat struck a stump and bowled over every passenger, from stem to stern.

"Where?" mumbled the pilot after regaining his balance, "That's one of them now!"

Mrs. Brown: "I admire Doctor Young immensely. He is so persevering in the face of difficulties that he always reminds me of Patience sitting on a monument".

Mr. Brown: "Yes, but what I am becoming rather alarmed about is the number of monuments sitting on his patients".

Pat and Mike lay next to each other in a hospital, both suffering from the same kind of trouble with their legs. The doctor came along and attended Pat's leg. The poor fellow screamed with pain. Then the doctor looked at Mike's leg, patted it, twisted it, but Mike didn't make a sound. After the doctor had gone, Pat shouted to his friend, "You are the bravest man I've ever seen".

"Well, Mike replied casually, "I saw what he did to you, so I just showed him my good one".

"Willie", said his Mother, "I wish you would run across the street and see how old Mrs. Brown is this morning".

A few minutes later Willie returned and reported, "Mrs. Brown says it's none of your business how old she is".

Big Game Hunter in Africa: "Goodness me! Cannibals!"

Wife: "Now, Dear, don't get yourself in a stew".

"Listen to this, Bessie," said Mr. Tubb, "This article states that in some of the old Roman prisons that have been unearthed they found the petrified remains of the prisoners".

"Gracious!", exclaimed Mrs. Tubb, "These must be what they call hardened criminals".

A little girl of five was entertaining while her Mother was getting ready. One of the ladies remarked to the other with a significant look: "Not very p-r-e-e-t-y"; spelling the last word:

"No", said the child quickly, "but awful s-a-a-r-t".

Woman: "And these two boys are my sister's".

Census Taker: "But lady, that is impossible".

Woman: "It is not. Sister lives just next door".

Farm Hand: "Me and that off horse have been working together for this company for fifteen years".

Another Farm Hand: "The man must think rather well of both of you".

Farm Hand: "Well, I don't know. Last week we were both taken sick. They got a doctor for the horse, and docked me a day's pay".

Smith: "Is it really true that it's bad luck to have a black cat following you?"

Brown: "It depends upon whether you are a man or a mouse".

First Man (from small town): "Did you have a local anesthetic for your tooth?"

Second Man (also from small town): "Oh, no! I went to the city".

The little city girl watched the farmer milk the only cow he had. The next morning the farmer was much excited, as the cow had been stolen during the night.

Farmer: "Drat the thief who stole that cow. He's miles on his way now".

Little Girl: "I wouldn't worry 'bout it, Mister; they can't get very far with it, 'cause you drained her crankcase last night".

A General and a Colonel were walking down the street. They met many privates, and each time the colonel would salute he would mutter, "The same to you". The General's curiosity was soon aroused and he asked, "Why do you always say that when you salute a private?" The colonel answered, "I was once a Private, and I know what they are thinking".

Teacher (warning pupils against catching cold)--"I had a little brother seven years old and one day he took his new sled out in the snow. He caught pneumonia, and three days later he died". Silence for ten seconds, then a voice from the rear of the room: "Where's his sled?"

Tour Guide (in Boston)--"On your right you see a tablet marking the spot where Paul Revere stood waiting for the signal to be hung in the Old North Church".
Sightseer--"Oh, dear, what a shame! Why did they have to pick a Church to hang him in?"

It was the first time the Chinese boy had seen a piano, and he tried to explain it to a friend. "Them box", he said, "You fight him in teeth. He cry".

Proprietor: "What do you want? I fired you two weeks ago."
Clerk: "I came back to see if you were still in business."

The small boy had gone to school for the first time. On his return his Mother was eager to know how he liked it all.

Mother: "And what did you learn at school today?"

Small Boy: "Nothin'".

Mother: "Well, what did you do, then?"

Small Boy: "Nothin'. Some woman wanted to know how to spell 'dog' and I told her; that's all."

Mountaineer: "Doc, I want you to look at my Son-in-law. I shot at him yesterday and took a piece out of his ear".

Doctor: "Shame on you! Shooting at your son-in-law."

Mountaineer: "Huh! He wasn't my son-in-law when I shot him."

Mrs. Brown: "How children's tastes do change".

Mrs. White: "Yes. When my two children were small, Johnny just loved soldiers, and Mary was crazy for brightly painted dolls. Now Mary is crazy about soldiers, and Johnny runs after every painted doll he sees".

Housewife: "Why should a big, strong man like you be out begging?"

Hobo: "Well, Lady, it's the only profession I know in which a gentleman can address a beautiful lady like you without an introduction."

Henry Henpeck: "I want three potted geraniums".

Florist: "Sorry, but we're out of geraniums right now, but we have some nice potted chrysanthemums".

Henry: "No; they won't do. You see I promised my wife I'd water her geraniums while she was away".

Three slightly deaf men were motor-ing from London in an old, noisy car, and hearing was especially difficult for them. As they were nearing the city, one asked, "Is this Wembley," "Wednesday?", replied the second, "No, this is Thursday". "Thirsty?", said the third, "So am I. Let's stop and have some tea".

The Colonel bustled into the kitchen and the mess sarge screamed, "ATTENTION!" All responded except one man.

"What's the matter with that man sitting by the stove?" queried the Colonel, plaintively. "Why didn't you stand up, man?"

"Sir", replied the cook, still sitting, "I just begun this recipe which says, 'Do not stir for twenty minutes!'"

Silly: "In the Eskimo country they live on candles and blubber".

Willy: "Well, if I had to live on candles, I guess I would, too".

Louise: "Look at all those flies,
Archie: Why don't you shoo them?"
Archie: "It's so hot today, I
thought it would be nice to let
them go barefoot".

Sign in a restaurant:

"We know it's tough to pay sixty-
five cents for a steak, but if
you can pay only thirty-five
cents, it's a lot tougher!"

"You look sweet enough to eat",

He whispered soft and low.

"I am", said she quite hungrily,
"Where do you want to go?"

Auntie: (To small boy at tea) "Why
didn't you wash your hands, Freddie?"

Freddie: "I didn't think it matter-
ed since we're having brown bread."

"I read in the paper that science
has discovered that singing warms
the blood".

"That must be right. I've just
heard some singing that has made
my blood boil".

Father: (facetiously) "Don't you
think our son gets his intelligence
from me?"

Mother: (likewise) "He must. I've
still got mine".

Second-grade children were facing
the problem of addition. One boy
jumped up and said, "I know how
much ten and ten are".

"How much?" inquired the teacher.
"Twenty*one"

Whereupon another alert young
citizen gave a cackle and replied,
"You don't have a Federal tax on
second-grade Arithmetic!"

Old Gent: "Why are you putting a
muzzle on your little brother?"

Tommy: "Cause I'm sending him to
the store for some candy".

Quite Logical:

"Did you know the defendant, Rastus?"
"Ah had a logical acquaintance with
him".

"What do you mean, a logical ac-
quaintance?"

"Well, us both belong to de same
lodge".

It was only yesterday that a girl
blushed when she was ashamed. Now
she is ashamed when she blushes.

Once when Henry Clay failed to
recognize a young lady, she said
reproachfully, "Why, Mr. Clay,
don't you remember my name?"

"No", answered the statesman in
his most gallant manner, "for
when we met last, I was sure your
beauty and accomplishment would
soon compel you to change it".

A burglar's wife was being vigor-
ously cross-examined by the pros-
ecuting attorney--"Madam, you are
the wife of this prisoner?"

"Yes"

"You knew he was a burglar when
you married him?"

"Yes".

"May I ask how you came to marry
such an individual?"

"You may", snapped the witness,
"I was getting old, and had to
choose between a burglar and a
lawyer".

It was not the fee that caused
Sandy to look so sorrowful as he
staggered from the palmist's
tent. "Mon, Sandy, whit's wrong
wi' ye?" exclaimed a friend.

"Ye're lookin' swfu' glum".

The Scotchman pointed to the tent
he had just left, and answered:

"That woman in there told me that
my wife's second husband was tae
be very handsome and clever".

"But", said his friend, "Ye've
no need tae worry about that.

It'll be all the same when ye're
dead and awa'".

"It's no' that", replied Sandy.

"Whit's makin' me sad is tae
know that Jean was married afore
an' never telt me!"

Athlete (boastfully): "I've had
my nose broken three times in the
same place."

Girl Friend: "You really should
keep your nose out of that place."

Professor: "It took 2000 years to
build the Pyramids".

Freshman: "Please, Sir, was it
a Government job?"

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LAST MINUTE NEWS

The card from Charles King's family just came in. He was inducted Dec. 7, 1942. He is in the Engineering Corps, and has an overseas address.

Born: A son on October 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Adams (Freda Burns).

Fred White and his wife Alma have moved in with Mr. and Mrs. G. White.

Rev. Jacob Steinstraw, former pastor of Independence Methodist Church is now employed by Jessop Steel in the electrical department.

Sharon Robison, 4-yr.-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robison has been ill for several days with an inflamed ear.

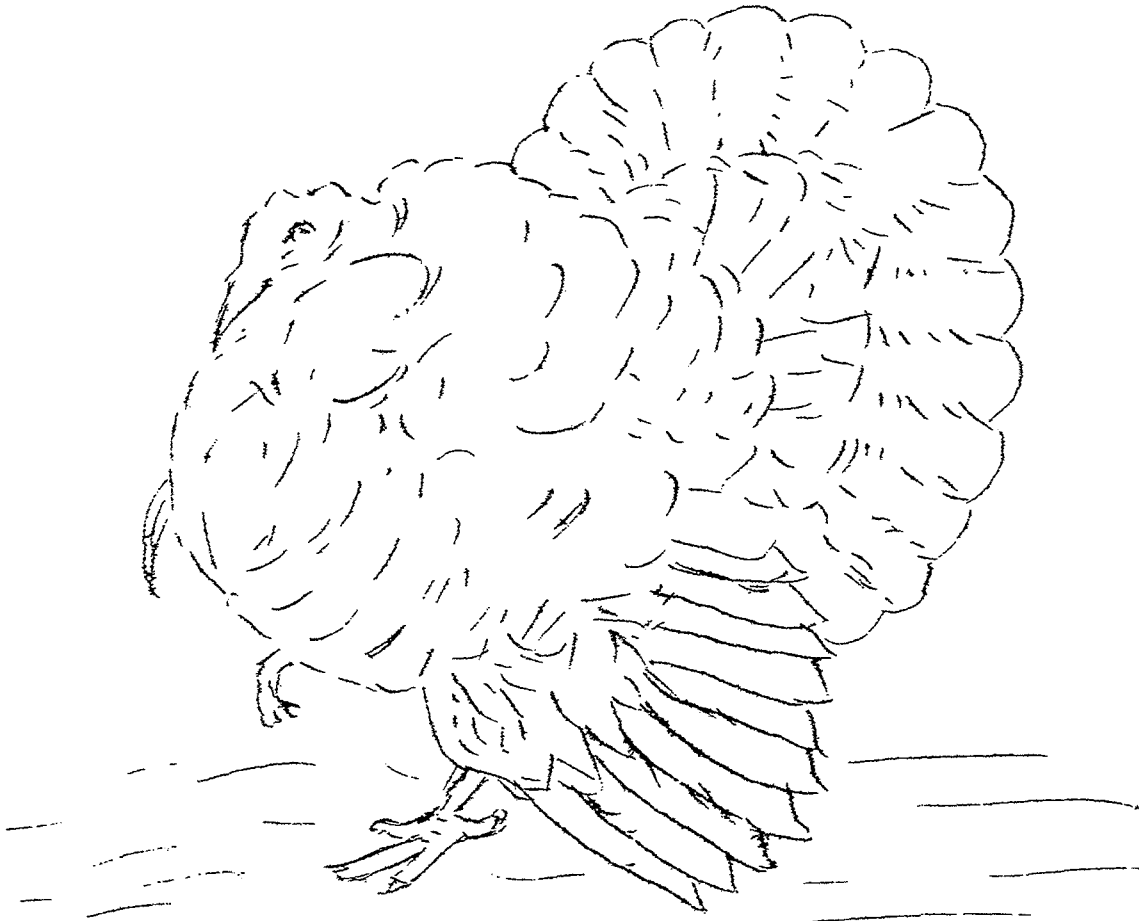
Milton Gatton, husband of Iva Meneely, passed his physical for the Army on Sept. 30. Kenneth Kraus, husband of Melville Virgin failed to pass

George Wilson, aged 67, constable of Cross Creek Twp., died Oct. 4 in the Washington Hospital, of internal injuries sustained in a sawmill accident twelve hours earlier. He had been employed by W. W. Sutherland near Hickory. He was struck by a heavy piece of timber which caught in the saw. One son, John, is at home. The other son, George, is an Aviation Cadet at the University of Oklahoma. This son got home for his father's funeral.

Splendid news has just been received about Sandra Lee Brautigam, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brautigam. She was taken in to the bone specialist in Pittsburgh, yesterday, Oct. 8, who reported a great improvement in her condition. The hip joint had not formed. In the opinion of the doctor this was because pneumonia had settled there instead of her lungs. She has been under treatment for some time and her general condition has improved greatly. A new break is being made, and she has every indication of developing a perfect body!

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"O give thanks unto the Lord" - Ps. 136:1

"THE LETTER THAT CIRCLES THE WORLD"

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To the boys of Independence
Who are fighting for their Independence
And the Independence of the World

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In order that we might be able to print more news for you we are printing in this issue of the newsletter only new addresses of our servicemen, and those who have reported a change of address.

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We do not have Cpl. Clifford Painter's correct address at the present time. He left on Wednesday, November 3 for Fort Benning, Ga.

Earl King of the Mt. Hope section is believed to have been inducted into the Army but we have no further news at present.

James Meneely has received no report from his test taken on Nov. 1 at Butler Hospital.

Ross Cheesebrough has passed his test for the Navy (Oct. 29) but has not been inducted.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Mary Louise Painter became the bride of Cpl. James W. Wiegmann in an impressive double-ring ceremony at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. George Martin of McDonald, R. D., on Friday evening, November 5. Mr. Martin was best man and Mrs. Martin matron of honor. The bride was given in marriage by her father, A. M. Painter, Rev. E. C. Crabb officiating. Carol Lee Martin played "Here Comes The Bride" while Georgia and Mary Vee Martin were flower girls. The guest list included only the immediate families of the bride and groom. Cpl. Wiegmann is aerial engineer on a B-PY plane and is stationed at Presque Ilse Army Air Field, Maine. He recently returned from Kevlovitch, Iceland.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

Pvt. Joseph I. (Mickey) McMillen, Marine, from Houston, Pa. was one of the survivors when the ship he was on board was torpedoed. He spent eight hours on the open sea on a crowded raft after which an escort vessel rescued him and many others.

George Buxton, Jr. home on leave from Great Lakes Naval Training School and his wife, Elsie, spent Friday evening with his brother Glenn and family of Morgantown, W. Va.

Nancy Meneely is able now to walk a little bit about the house after being in bed ten days. She had been visiting her brother, Neil Plummer one day and had to be taken home when she found she could not walk. Her knee had slipped out of place.

AN ALEUTIAN CHURCH

The "Chapel of the Deep" is an Aleutian Church built for submarine sailors through the efforts of Captain Maurice Witherspoon, Navy Chaplain, and former star tackle on Washington and Jefferson football team.

Captain Witherspoon, who ranks among the all-time great of football men of Washington and Jefferson College, playing with them when they won nation-wide honors in 1914 and 1915, graduated from there in 1915, from theological school in 1917, then volunteered his services as a Navy Chaplain. Stationed in the Aleutians, he purchased the lumber and secured volunteer carpenters and painters from the underseas sailors, and oversaw the building of this chapel. He says that sailors, soldiers and marines generally have the attitude of religion and that the men who recaptured Attu went into battle with prayers on their lips, and when they come back from their missions they march to the chapel for a service of Thanksgiving. He says there are many evidences of a turning to religion.

The Presbyterian War-Time Commission maintains this mission as it does many other places of worship throughout the world.

BACK FROM THE ALEUTIANS

One of our neighbor boys, Sgt. John Furiga, of Pine Flats, came home recently for a furlough from the Aleutians. He is a member of the American-Canadian special service force which paved the way for invasion of Kiska. His training had consisted of climbing, skiing, parachuting and all around invasion tactics, all of which he needed, for in the Aleutians he dodged Jap snipers, was bogged down in swamps and scaled icy peaks in mountains that didn't always have good footing. "It is surprising", he said, "What you can do with fingernails when you have to". But the biggest thrill in all the world, he believes, is bailing out of an airplane.

The job assigned to his group was to seize the heights of Kiska. This job, they found not to be as hard as they had anticipated. They ran into a few Jap snipers, suicide outfits that had stayed behind; also they found some booby traps and mines, but the main Jap force had evacuated, in one place so recently that the coffee was still hot.

Today, October 26, the radio reported on two Japs who had been left behind, hiding in the hills. They quarreled so violently over food that they had to separate. One came to the American-Canadian camp and surrendered, then reported the where-a-bouts of the other Jap who was then captured.

All is not bad in the Aleutians. It is not all barren rock, as many people believe. There is plenty of that, but also many beautiful valleys. He said he never saw more beautiful flowers, nor greener grass than was there, and a man with a camera and a color film would be in paradise.

Sgt. Furiga brought back some rice bowls, trinket boxes, chop sticks, a Jap bullet and some field rations.

He has three brothers in the service. Master Sgt. Steve was

among the first men to see Sicily. A paratrooper himself he has helped pack parachutes for the invasion forces. Pvt. First Class Michael is in the medical corps in England, and recently visited Dr. H. H. Mc Burney, now a Lt. Colonel. Frank Furiga was in the 1943 class at the Avella High School. The day before he was 18, April 2, he quit school to enlist in the Air Corps. He is now in Arizona learning to be a bombardier.

BREAKING TRADITIONS

Washington and Jefferson College, the oldest College west of the Alleghenies, mentioned in the first item of this month's letter, for 163 years strictly a men's college, broke tradition when a group of WAC Specialists moved in on October 18 to begin their training in the Army Administration School there. Their course will last eight weeks; upon completion of their course in this school, called the "West Point" of Army Administration Schools, they will go to Army Classification centers where it will be their duty to consider the civilian experience and background of every WAC and soldier passing through their classification center before assignments are made.

Besides the Army Administration School an Army specialized training unit is stationed at the college, where the civilian enrollment has dropped from 550 to 80.

NEWS OF NEAR*BY BOYS

The first sad war news to hit near here was when word was received that William Cooper, paratrooper, has been missing in action in Italy since September 15. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cooper, who resided at Cross Creek at the time of his enlistment, and who moved to a farm near Columbus, Ohio a few months ago. Mrs. Alice Shepherd and Mrs. Willetta Pittman are sisters of his mother.

William Cooper enlisted April 29, 1941, and was sent to England in June, 1942. He served in Africa and Sicily before being sent to Italy. He is one of four brothers in the service.

Blanchard Cooper enlisted in the Navy 7 years ago. He was an operator in a submarine. He is now in the Reserve Corps and is stationed in San Antonio, Texas. He is married and has one child. He is serving as a radio operator for air lines but is on call. There seems little chance that he will be called, however, as the position of operator on a submarine is one which could be filled with much less training than the position he now holds, the training for which he received in the Navy.

Sgt. Floyd Cooper is a gunner in an airplane. He entered service September 14, 1942.

Herbert Cooper, the last one to go, was inducted September 3, 1943. He is just 18, and is stationed in Texas.

"Missing in Action" was also the word received about Alvin Forney of Bethany. It occurred in September during the Battle of Sicily. Later, word was received from the Red Cross that they believed him to be a prisoner in Germany. He repaired motors in the Bombing Squad. He worked on the Power line the summer of 1941, and enlisted in the

Army, we believe, in the fall of 1941. Mrs. Lerby's brother married his sister.

Staff Sgt. Donald W. Crossley, 25, of Wellsburg, W. Va., is the leading American aerial gunner in the European theater. Crossley, who mans the tail guns of the "Brass Rail Boys" has an even dozen Nazi planes to his credit. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and has been awarded several Oak Leaf Clusters.

S./Sgt. Alvin Schonberger has just returned to the United States from Hawaii. He is on a twenty day furlough. He was stationed in Virginia at the time of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, and was sent there the following week where he has been stationed ever since. He does ~~XXX~~ radio work, and will report back to Camp Hoan, California, after his furlough.

Frank Brownlee, of West Middletown, is now overseas. Word was received October 12. John Brownlee was given an honorable discharge for ulcerated stomach. They are brothers of Mrs. Lyndon Andrews.

Robert Cameron, brother of Mrs. James Meneely and Mrs. James Dunkle, was in Sicily at the last report. He had been in North Africa and expected to be moved on from Sicily. He was sent overseas eight months after induction.

"Johnny" Chipoletti, of Wellsburg, friend of Helen Spencer, reports November 8 for his final physical army examination.

Peter Joseph McNahon of Burgettstown received the silver wings of the Army Air Forces Pilot and the Commission of Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps at Spence Field, Ga. Recently.

OUR LATEST HUNTING STORY

Ralph Pittman said that when he and James Gunion went out to gather hickory nuts during lunch hour they saw a fox squirrel up in the tree shaking the nuts down and gray squirrels were under the tree piling them up. Down came the fox squirrel, and then began the dividing. Said the fox squirrel to each gray squirrel, "I'll take this one, you take that one". But they wouldn't share any at all with Ralph and Jim. Don't you feel just awful-awful sorry for the poor men? You just couldn't doubt such an authentic story as that--now could you?-----or could you????????????????????

WAR BOND BET

Governor Martin today started looking around for 20 bushels of apples to pay off a debt with Governor Griswold of Nebraska on the outcome of the Third War Loan Drive. Governor Griswold bet a hog that Nebraska would win. Governor Martin lost the bet because Pennsylvania subscribed only 112 percent of its quota while Nebraska's total was 115 percent. However, maybe Governor Martin doesn't mind losing the bet too much. One governor won a live hog on a similar bet. When it was delivered he found he could not keep it without surrendering 542 ration points which he did not have--neither could he sell it without a licence. What to do!!!! What to do!!!!

"I will live with all my might, while I live". -- Dwight L. Moody

OUR OWN SOLDIER BOYS

On October 21 Clifford Painter graduated from Penn State College, thereby receiving his degree of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education. He has been in the Reserve Officer Training Corps since he enrolled in College, and will report to Fort Benning, Georgia with the rank of Corporal, after a fourteen-day furlough. Quite a number of the young men of the class of 44, whose course was accelerated by the College to meet Army Regulations, graduating in the summer and fall of 1943, received the rating of Corporal upon Graduating. They were inducted into the Army on June 28, 1943, and were housed and fed by the Army, were under Army jurisdiction, but were permitted to finish their College Course. Attending Clifford's Commencement were Eugene Painter, of Cincinnati, Mrs. and Mr. A. M. Painter of Independence and Mary Louise Painter of Gladden.

Harold Meneely is now in North Africa.

Wendell Westlake is going to work in a canning factory. Due to labor shortage, the soldiers at his camp are granted the privilege of working twenty hours a week in a canning factory.

Orrin Miller was home on a furlough from October 10 till October 22. His brother Delvin also had a furlough at the same time. Delvin is with the Quartermaster Remount Depot, Fort Reno, Oklahoma, some thirty miles from Oklahoma City "where the pavement ends and the West begins". In this Station are 18,000 horses which he is helping to train for various branches of the Military Service. Its area spreads over 10,000 acres and was a cavalry station way back in Indian War days.

HOME TOWN NEWS

An important honor has been bestowed upon Llorra DePedro, now in her Junior year at Indiana State Teacher's College. She has been chosen by the faculty and students as one of twenty in her college to be in the "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities". The book contains a brief biography of the college students therein named and is kept in colleges and libraries. The choice was made for high scholarship and extra-curricular activities. Llor has written articles for the weekly "Indiana Penn" and has been asked to write for the "Quill Club". Her last extra-curricular activity was to serve on the Committee for Spiritual Enrichment Week when services with outside speakers were held nightly.

I have just been talking with Mr. Robert Malone, home from the Washington Hospital October 13, after spending three months and ten days there and undergoing two kidney operations. He is downstairs and about the house, but avoids too much walking, as both legs swell, the more he is on them.

The condition of Neil Plummer is not good. He suffered a slight stroke last summer. His face shows a poor physical condition. He comes up street seldom, and when he does, he walks very slowly and with a cane. He is dizzy very often and has quite severe pain in the back of his head. He said it felt as if the pain was trying to pull him backwards. Steps often bother him and several times he has had to be helped home.

The Waugh brothers told us two weeks ago that they expected to

be all sold out of apples in a few days. Their crop this year would not exceed fifteen percent of normal.

Rev. Jacob Schrader was returned to the Methodist Church pastorate for his seventh year; services beginning October 31 will be in the afternoon, as he is preaching at night at Katy's Chapel.

Lloyd White of West Middletown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard White has been recently employed in the Tygart Valley Glass House in Washington.

Thelma DePedro has been employed in the Employment Office in Washington since the first of October.

Olive Adams is now office girl at the Brownson Settlement House in Washington. She and Thelma graduated from Business College this summer. Olive and Gertrude Adams have their own apartment in Washington.

William "Bill" Miller has been employed in the office of the Dravo Corporation, Neville Island, for two years. He was the first boy rejected by the army here, because of a heart condition.

Anna Miller, Bill's sister, a graduate of Avella High School married Sgt. Paul Frederick early in August. Sgt. Frederick was then stationed in Louisiana and they were married there, Anna remaining for six weeks. She has now returned to Canton where she is working.

Mrs. Minnie Hammond visited at her home in Tarentum, Pa. when her brother had a furlough from the Army. He was overseas, serving as a "Jungle Cat" in Panama and New Guinea. "Jungle Cats" go ahead of the army and prepare a way for the infantry and tanks to follow. It is a branch of the Engineering Corps. While overseas, he passed his thirty-eighth birthday and on request could have been transferred to a defense job as a civilian. He definitely wants to stay in the Army, and was earnestly hoping his transfer to civilian life would not be mandatory after his furlough. He wants to go right back overseas as a "Jungle Cat" again, as he says he "wants to be a part of the excitement". Another man with him passed his fortieth birthday while serving in the same capacity. Upon arriving in United States, he was given a discharge, very much against his will. He too wanted to serve again as a "Jungle Cat", but the Army said he was too old. All protests to the contrary, the Army's decision that he was too old "to take it again" stood.

Eugene Painter, who came home to attend his brother Clifford's Commencement, has accepted a new position in Baltimore, Maryland, after having worked for Crosley's in Cincinnati for six years. His infant son, Eugene Gass, Jr., was born September 7. His older child, Sue, is somewhat over two years old.

Today, October 27, the Shaler property was sold at public auction, some fifty people being present. The large house, garage and small house in the rear all went for the sum of \$1,125 to Emil Lerby, with the proviso that the sale does not become final for ten days, at any time during which anyone can buy the property by offering ten percent more of the price bid. It was common talk at the sale that the two mortgages would total more than \$2000 and that the three properties in Washington did not sell for enough to clear the mortgages.

SPECIAL NOTICE!!

We printed in the first part of this letter a statement that William Cooper, nephew of Mrs. Alice Shepard, was missing in action in Italy. Word has now been received from the War Department that he is safe, back in camp and on duty. He was missing twenty-one days. I understand the paratroopers must find their own way back to camp. Once before he was gone a week. On that trip there were two together. The food tablets they carried kept them going, but they felt hunger anyway. They found someone with eggs. At what they thought was a fabulous price, they bought eggs and gulped them raw!! Too hungry to want to cook them!! What stories he could tell about this trip--when he can talk about it!!

ADDITIONAL NEWS

George Buxton and Earl Burns came home for a week's leave--Oct. 31 to November 7. We are happy to report that George likes the Navy.

Clarence Brautigam came home on a furlough October 29. He will leave November 8.

NEW RECRUITS: James Meneely passed his physical examination for the Army and was sent Nov. 1 to Butler Hospital for examination for the Marines. No final word has been received.

Keith Meneely had his tonsils removed October 28. He is getting along fine.

At the Election Day Supper at the Methodist Church at the height of the rush hour, just as Lyndon Andrews was leaving to take Mrs. Andrews to Dr. McMurray to have her eyes tested, came an emergency call for Dutch to take McKinley Crowe to the hospital for a broken leg. If Mrs. Andrews had broken this appointment, she could not have been able to get another for two months, so rushed is Dr. McMurray. George Buxton, Jr. therefore took McKinley in to the Doctor. They had been playing football and his sister tackled him. His leg was not broken. The ligament that crosses the knee and holds the knee cap in place was torn in two. Such an accident is even worse than a broken bone.

Sad news has come from Mrs. Bernard Kimbal. Her brother, Rudolph Ograyensek was a radio man on the U.S.S. Buck that was sunk in the Mediterranean on October 9, 1943. He was inducted August 20, 1942. His mother is Mrs. Theresa Cokel. He has a half-brother, Frank Cokel. Charles Meneely has traveled in convoy with the U.S.S. Buck.

During this past month letters have been received from John Parko, Harden Shepard, Seaford Brandy, and Dr. Nevin.

Hardin is now a gunner on a M 10 Tank. This tank has a three-in. gun mounted on it. The shell weighs 29 pounds. I would surely hate to have such a shell land near me!

Dr. Nevin is Chief of the Medical Service and Chief of the X-ray Service. He is stationed in Austin, Texas and says Texas is such a healthy state that the boys just don't get sick.

Cpl. James Weigmann has arrived home on a 15-day furlough. It is rumored that he and Mary Louise Painter are to be married during his furlough.

The Election Day Dinner and Supper was held as usual in the Methodist Church in Independence. We had seriously considered abandoning it this year because of rationing, and gasoline shortage. But we finally went ahead, rather than break the old tradition. Behold, the fancywork bazaar and the dinner and supper cleared \$140, more than has ever been cleared before in the memory of those gathered there this morning. There were many there from Cross Creek, Avella and Franklin.

Clarence "Bud" Meneely has been assigned to an aircraft carrier where he will take his training. His wife, Grace, left several weeks ago for Brooklyn to be with him. When she arrived there, he had already been assigned and was able to spend only one hour with her. She is employed there in a Defense plant, and will be able to see him one day a week when his ship comes into port.

Mrs. Martha Dunkle left Sunday night, Oct. 31st, to spend a week with her husband, Sgt. James Dunkle, who is stationed at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. His mother, Mrs. Donald Dunkle, is keeping their small daughter Patricia.

In order that the voters of Independence Township, Precinct 1, might be informed concerning you boys in Service, the P. O. S. of A. posted an interesting exhibit in the front hall of the Independence School Building. On display were the following: The Service Flag containing 50 stars, 19 of which are silver indicating service overseas; The Honor Roll containing the list of names of men in service; the picture of the Bomber "Sons of America", purchased by bonds bought by the various P. O. S. of A. Camps in Pennsylvania; the complete list of blood donors, 74 in number, which was started on April 29; and a panoramic copy of the Anniversary News Letter. This display will be there for some time.

Mrs. Mary Liggett Morrison and her twin sons, John and "Don" are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Liggett. They have been living in Rhode Island where Lt. Charles Morrison of the Navy is stationed.

George Walbrown, son of Mrs. Lena Smith Walbrown Cheesebrough, is in the Merchant Marine, stationed in New York State.

Loren Carl, Seabee, is in New Caledonia.

Naomi Meneely Painter King and her husband have moved into their new home in North Carolina. He has received an honorable discharge from the Army. She is the sister of Clarence, Charles, Harold, and Emmett Meneely, all in service.

We are indebted to Mildred Painter for the jokes we used last month. She collected and sent them to us from Indiana.

Mr. Frank Brownlee, grandfather of Mrs. Lyndon Andrews died in the Washington Hospital on Oct. 16, 1943 of pneumonia.

Mr. Robert Craig died early Sunday morning Oct. 17, 1943 at his home near West Middletown.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Liggett, parents of Vance Liggett, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 17, 1943 at West Middle-town.

Stella Billingsly died Sat. Oct. 16 at the home of her nephew Russell Bucy in Charleroi. She took care of Nat Andrews' mother for several years before Mrs. Andrews died, after which she went to live with her nephew.

The young people of the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church held a masquerade party in the basement on Friday evening, Oct. 29. with about 25 in attendance.

When the last group of blood donors went to Pittsburgh as follows: Mrs. Earl Brautigam, Mrs. James Dunkle, Margaret Lukachko, Mrs. Mary Lukachko and Mrs. James Meneely, there were there two Marines who had been wounded at Guadalcanal. As one Marine said, "It took two transfusions to save my life, now I want to pay it back". He went on to say he knew it had saved the lives of thousands as he himself had administered plasma. Asked a nurse, "Are you an interne"? Answered the Marine. "No, but after a battle you don't wait for a doctor. Anyone who can walk helps to take care of those who can't".

HAVE YOU READ ANY OF THESE?

Soldiers and sailors who patronize the library at Service Men's Club NO. 1 in Washington, D. C. were willing to admit that the person who donated the latest box of books had a wide range of interests. The first volume they pulled out of the box was "The Campfire Girls Go Motoring". This was followed by: "Baldness, Its Causes, Its Treatment and Its Prevention", "Up to Date Waitress of 1922", "Rhymes for Kindly Children", "The Shakespeare Birthday Book", "An Analysis of the Factor in the Development of Fascinating Womanhood"; and these in German: "A Lace Dictionary With Patterns", a guide to Vienna, a catalogue of the Munich art gallery, a lexicon of German quotations and "The Pilgrim's Progress to Culture".

JOKES

Three Chinese girls who never married: Tu Yung Tu, Tu Dum Tu, and No Yen Tu.

Father: "Well, I can't see why you don't like Horace. He's so intelligent---why, he's a walking encyclopedia".

Daughter: "Yes, but I'd rather have somebody with a car".

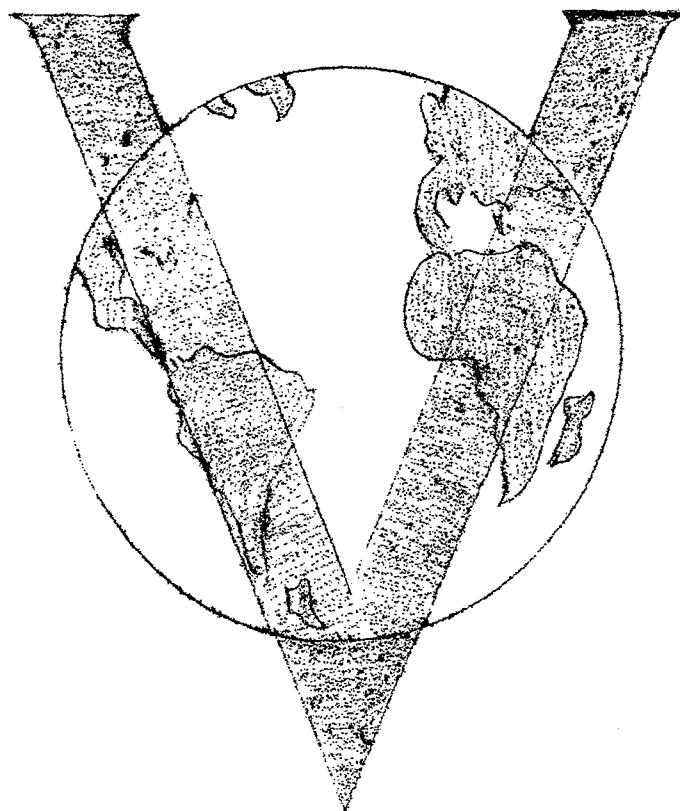
A man of six feet, eight inches applied for a job as a life guard. "Can you swim?", asked the official. "No, but boy, how I can wade!!".

Old Rastus settled himself in his chair and addressed his wife: "Yassuh, Gal, dat boss done cut wages in half in two ag'in. Some ob de boys is kickin' mighty pow'ful 'bout it. But I ain't goin' to kick none. De way I figgers it---half ob sumpin' is better'n all ob nuffin".

He: "And is your boy-friend a hit-and-run driver?"

She: "I'll say not! When he makes a hit, he parks."

THE INDEPENDENCE NEWS LETTER



VICTORY -- AT LAST!!

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Our address list is decreasing;
No new ones have gone recently,
and seventeen of our original
number have been discharged.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

It has now been three months since George Pollock was injured when the brakes on the truck he was driving gave way, and the truck overturned. He goes to the doctor's twice weekly for treatment of arm and shoulder. He still can not close his fingers on his left hand, nor exert pressure or lift anything. He walks around all right, but the doctor says it will be at least three more months before he can work.

Latest letters received by Mrs. Clarence Meneely state that Harry "Red" Meneely is in Cuba and Charles is in Tokyo.

Among the first to set foot on Jap soil was Coast Guardsman James Paul McAdoo, S. 1/C. His ship, a Coastguard-manned L.S.T. veteran of Okinawa and Iwo Jima invasions, landed occupation forces at Yokosuka Naval Base, 20 miles from Tokyo, three days prior to the formal surrender.

Early in the morning of Sept. 12, two Pennsylvania and W. Va. trains collided a mile east of Avella, killing one crew member, injuring four others and derailling eleven cars. One locomotive was hurled over an embankment and the other was shoved sideways across the tracks. Fifteen hours later the wreckage had not all been cleared away.

Lt. Col. Hindman of Burgettstown was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement while serving on Saipan as assistant to the chief surgeon. Though the island was thoroughly devastated, with sanitation problems made acute because of thousands of unburied enemy dead, mounds of debris, the unhealthy habits of disease ridden civilians, swarms of flies, teeming mosquitoes and multitudinous insects, and without sufficient help, yet he did much in establishing a hospital for 17,000 people and helped greatly in planning the successful air evacuation of casualties.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

On September 9, in the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church, there was held a Memorial Service for Orrin Miller, the only one from this area who gave his life to purchase peace. The church was filled to capacity, many being seated in the Sunday School Room. The address, "The Price We Pay For Peace", was delivered by Rev. Townsend, Marietta, Ohio, father-in-law of Margaret, sister of Orrin. Two duets were rendered by Barbara Bedillion and Kenneth Brautigam, both of Hickory. The American Legion of Burgettstown and Avella and the Independent Order of Oddfellows of Cross Creek, of which he was a member, turned out in a body, filling one side of the church. The American Legion took part in the services, their chaplain, Rev. Sutton, pastor of the 1st U.P. Church of Burgettstown, presenting to the mother, Mrs. Amy Miller, the American Legion Certificate of Merit. Beautiful baskets of flowers adorned the church, which were later placed in front of the honor rolls in Avella, Independence, Eldersville and Cross Creek. These baskets of gladiolas, mums, and roses, all in many hues, were donated by the Lower Buffalo Church, Christian Endeavor Society and Sunday School, Branch and County Christian Endeavor Unions and Relatives. It seemed so fitting to put the flowers in front of the memorial stones. The Honor Roll in Steubenville is the largest I have seen, and everytime lately that I have seen it, the entire front has been filled with such tributes of flowers. How grateful we should be that out of our group of service personnel, the others are safe. Perhaps Orrin could have come back safely also, if he had chosen to remain a Military Police, as he was in the beginning, but he wanted to see combat, wanted to take up gunnery, volunteered as a gunner in the Air Corps. Rev. Townsend phrased it so well when he said, "Orrin did not lose his life; he gave it to purchase peace for us all" Upon that thought we build pride in him now, ever increasing as the years go by.

OUR OWN SERVICE PERSONNEL

Cpl. Hubert Myers arrived in Pittsburgh September 7 after 34 months overseas, having been shipped overseas at the end of his first six weeks, never having had a furlough. This, his first furlough, is for 32 days, including traveling time. He came back on the General Patrick that docked in New York on Labor Day. Upon his arrival in Europe, he was sent to Iran where he was stationed for two years, in the Persian Gulf Command. The first year he drove convoy, taking supplies to Russia, the second year he was connected with the Driver's School, during which time he taught the natives to drive truck. After serving there for over two years, he was sent to India for a few months, then on to China for three months, serving in the C.B.I, Theater of War. Sometime after V-E Day, he flew from China to Calcutta, where he waited for two months for transportation home. This trip took twenty-nine days.

S/Sgt. John Shymchyk is also on his way back to the States. He entered service in Jan, 1942, went overseas in May, 1942, in the first boatload of soldiers sent to Australia. In General MacArthur's Headquarters, they were greatly in need of someone who could do secretarial work, to check incoming and outgoing troops. He qualified, and has been there ever since.

Sgt. Paul Westlake is expected home soon, perhaps in October. It is hoped he will get a discharge at that time.

Pfc. Collett Burns received his discharge in August, having served four years, six months and ten days.

Pfc. Harden Shepard was discharged about August 7.

Sylvia Georgetti received her discharge from the W.A.C. on August 30th.

Lynn Lerby received an honorable discharge on August 21. He and his wife are living with his parents. He drives a truck for Sasso in the strip mining project. He was in service a few days lacking four months.

Cpl. Harley Wright has signed his discharge papers but has not returned home yet.

S/Sgt. Harry Patterson is in Indiantown Gap and is expecting to get his discharge.

Bruce Rank, son of our former pastor, Rev. C. H. Rank, also has been discharged and is at his home in Chester, W. Va.

S/Sgt. John Ryniawec is home from England on furlough and hopes to get a discharge.

Cpl. Fred Robison will not get home soon, evidently. A letter from him written August 26 states that he is in Manila, in the Phillipines.

Cpl. William (Vance) Virgin has an A.P.O. number out of San Francisco. Wanted: an explanation!

Letters addressed to Earl Moore have been steadily returned, even some written in March. The Independence News Letter for April, May, June, July and August all came back in one mail with "Returned to States, Left no forwarding address" on the envelope of each one. His brother, Elwood, his Uncle Nat, and his aunt, Mrs. Nina Andrews have all received letters back. Behold, a letter written by him, headed Germany, dated August 16, says he has no idea when he'll get home and wonders why he gets no letters.

L.A.C. Seaford Brandy left England the last week of August, expecting to arrive home about Sept. 10. After a thirty-day leave, he will return to Canada to get his discharge, about the middle of October, after 4 years in the Royal Canadian Air Force, and 2 years, 5 months, and 10 days overseas.

T/Sgt. Robert Adams is in Cairo, Egypt. His parents received a letter from the government telling them to send him no more packages, as he would probably be home in December, but to continue sending him letters.

Cpl. Clyde Brautigam also expects to be home before Christmas. His parents, likewise, received a letter from the government, telling them to send no packages, only letters.

His brother, George Brautigam, took his test and passed and is now awaiting call.

Daniel Frye was home on a week's leave after completing his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. He returned the last of August.

Mrs. Lewis Patterson received a telegram that her son, Pfc. William Harlin is in San Francisco, and will be home as soon as he can get a furlough arranged. He enlisted in the Marines, Nov. 18, 1942 and left for

Rev. C. H. Rank, who was pastor of the Lower Buffalo Church here in Independence before he accepted the pastorate at Follansbæ, is now pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in Chester, W. Va., across the river from East Liverpoos, and a few blocks from Rock Springs Park.

On August 26, Miss Cora Manchester was admitted to Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, where she is suffering from a back injury.

About the 20th of August, Mr. Elisha Craft fell from the highest point on his thresher. What caused his fall is not certain, but he may have caught his foot in the tarpaulin he was attempting to remove before beginning the threshing on the McAdoo farm. He was conscious but dazed, and was taken home, where he remained in bed for several weeks. He is up now, going about on crutches, but he sustained a back injury which may cause him to have to have a cast put on his back. His record as a thresher is one that would indeed be hard to duplicate. He began to help thresh at the age of 10 when he stood in the center, and kept the horses going around in a circle, thus furnishing the power for the threshing. At the age of 20, he purchased his own threshing rig and in all the fifty-eight years since, he has never been ill to miss any part of the threshing season, until this accident incapacitated him. Joseph DiPietro, this fall a senior in the Avella High School, and Kenneth McAdoo, continued the threshing schedule. Joe had worked with Mr. Craft all last summer and this, on the threshing machine. He deserves considerable credit for his ability to run the thresher in Mr. Craft's absence.

Mrs. Helen Liggett Schieb, Toledo, and her two children were here here for a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Liggett, Sr., after which her mother accompanied her home for a few weeks.

Mrs. Minnie Hammond, her niece, and Beulah Meneely have returned from a weeks camping at Clear Creek, Jefferson County, Pa., near the Cook State Forest. For one who loves nature, the setting is ideal. No transportation in or out, but by auto, all food supplies you take with you. The trails are narrow paths up the mountain side, but beware of snakes! Carry a pronged fork with you to hold the head of the snake down, until your companion can kill it with a rock! You cook with gasoline, have kerosene lights and spend your time hiking, swimming, or sunning. Visitors like it so well that the same crowd usually goes year after year. Like to camp?

The home owned by the late Mrs. Mary Perrin, and occupied by her for a number of years, has been sold to her grand-nephew, Eugene Painter, who, with his wife and two children, Sue and Eugene, aged 8 and 2, have been living in Pittsburgh for some time, moving there from Baltimore. They expect to move into their new home on or about September 15. Eugene will not commute to Pittsburgh, as his position with Westinghouse Co. entails traveling, giving him only weekends at home. Most of the original furniture has now been taken away to the homes of relatives and friends as there was no public sale. Some of the furniture remains in the house.

The house next door, also formerly owned by Mrs. Perrin, and rented for a number of years to Miss Jo Hanna, has now been purchased by her.

On September 2 Mrs. Elizabeth Robison Sella gave a birthday party for her son, James Samuel, called "Jimmie Sam", who was on that day 3 years old. To this party were invited all town children under 5.

Pfc. Henry Endler was the first of the brothers overseas. He served in the Air Corps in Ireland and is stationed now in Marlbourg, Germany. He served 20 months overseas after a similar period in the states. Elwood has been in service 29 months, 20 overseas. Herman has been in service 26 months, 3 overseas. Elwood has 5 battle stars.

SPECIAL!!

There is forgiveness in this world! One of the four Doolittle flyers that bombed Tokyo and was forced down and held as prisoner of the Japs for 41 months has arrived back in the States and says he is returning to Japan as a MISSIONARY as soon as he can complete the four year training course required.

DIVORCE

August was a record month for couples trying to get divorces in Allegheny County. The first 8 months of 1945 have broken all records of previous years in the filing of divorce libels. August saw 654 divorce libels filed, as compared with 409 the same month last year, 309 in August, 1943, and 243 in August, 1942. Altogether this year there were 3,152 divorce libels filed up to the end of August, which almost equals those filed for the entire 12 months of 1944, a record high at that time.

DROUGHT

The lack of water became a very serious problem. In Avella there has been a water famine, with the last drop of water drained from the Avella Water Company's tank on Avella Heights and from the reservoir at Patterson Mills in the North Branch of Cross Creek. The drought of June and July, which was broken in many communities in late July, remained virtually unbroken in Avella. When no relief seemed in sight until there was a prolonged heavy rainfall, the Avella Schools were opened on Sept. 3, as per schedule, but after one hour of school, were dismissed until the following Monday. On the evening of Sept. 4, water was hauled to Avella from Washington for cooking and drinking purposes only, with the precaution posted to boil all water for 20 minutes before using it for drinking or cooking. This was rationed out to more than 300 families, with the rations ranging from two to five gallons, depending on the number of persons in the family. Water discharging into streams from worked out mines was dammed up, treated chemically and made available for fire and bathrooms.

Farmers reported the ground baked under the hot sun until it was almost impossible to plow and prepare for wheat planting. The entire late corn crop is virtually a failure, and pastures dried up until many farmers began using their winter feed. Then, rain, blessed rain! All through the night of September 9 and 10, until 1½ inches fell, in a steady downpour, and the Avella Reservoir was filled again. Even so, a great many children are carrying drinking water to school until the water clears and the taste of chemicals is not so apparent.

HOME TOWN NEWS

Mrs. Joanna McAdoo is ill. She was visiting at the home of her nephew, Ewing Wilson, when she was found unconscious in her chair, under conditions similar to a stroke. She regained consciousness and is not paralysed. She has been returned to her home here where she spends quite a bit of time in bed.

overseas in January, 1943. Part of this time he was stationed in Pearl Harbor. He has 105 points.

Pfc. Elton Gunion is in a hospital in New York State.

Cpl. Glenn Arnold is in the Occupational Army in Germany. Cpl. Michael Mucci, who was a neighbor of his, is in France in the Army of Occupation.

Captain Clifford Painter was granted a second 30-day furlough, during which time he and his wife Rosalee spent a week here, then went to Detroit, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Dunkle and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Castle, then on to Ann Arbor, where they visited Rosalee's brother, who has lived there for several years, then drove on to Arkansas to visit her mother. From there he will report to Ashville, N. C. on Sept. 18 for processing and reassignment.

Pvt. James "Jay" Lucas was home for a weekend recently. He is stationed at Chanute Field, Ill.

Sgt. Wendell Westlake returned Sept. 2 to Santa Maria, California, after spending a 25-day furlough at home.

Earl Burns was home on a pass the last week in August.

S/Sgt. James Dunkle arrived home Sept. 3 in time for his grandmother's funeral, getting his 30-day furlough a week in advance. On Oct. 17, it will be a year since he entered the hospital and he will still be there a number of months yet.

SERVICE MEN NEAR BY

S/Sgt. John Ryniawec has been spending part of his 30-day furlough in Independence. He was stationed in England, serving as flight chief. It was his responsibility to check all returning "Fighter" planes, and see that all of them were repaired before being sent out again. He worked exclusively on "Fighter" planes big enough for one man only, where the pilot also fights, having the guns so placed that by pulling a trigger, the pilot can shoot six or even eight guns at a time. They are safer than bombers, inasmuch as they fly from 400 to 500 miles per hour, whereas a bomber flies 200 to 250 miles per hour. His crew was supposed to be 28 men, in the repair group; he had 40 to 41 men, so that they were always short-handed, and working all night was common. The ships must all be repaired first, if then they could sleep seven hours or only two hours, the amount of sleep was unimportant, whereas a man's life might hang in the balance if a plane was not perfectly repaired. That did not happen, because the planes were repaired and tested, before going on a mission. No pilot went on every mission, usually they would rest two days between missions. Stormy days were rest days also, as usually they did not start out on a mission in a storm. S/Sgt. Ryniawec was entitled to a seven day furlough every three months, but of the four to which he was entitled, he took none. His crew worked untiringly as long as the war was on. He has seen his men working so long at a plane that they collapsed where they were, on cement floor or on the ground and there would sleep six or seven hours. When they would wake up, they would go at it again. Naturally, such devotion to duty was not necessary after V-E Day. He did get to fly over part of England. He described how loaded they were on shipboard returning to the States, how they slept on deck, under the stairs, anywhere there was space for a body, and how the food was served on board ship. No amount of crowding nor discomfort can dim the happiness of a GI home from the war.

Cpl. Bruce Rank received his discharge on August 22, after serving three years and four and one-half months. He entered service on April 8, 1942, went overseas in Feb. 1943 and returned in July, 1945. He was in Casablanca, North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany, and was in Comberese, north of Paris, when the war was over. He has five battle stars, one for Sicily, two for Italy, one for South France and one for Germany. He served in the Chemical Warfare Department. He visited the ruins of Pompeii, which ancient city at the foot of the volcano he found as pictured. He passed through Nice and Naples, and at Naples witnessed an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. In Rome he saw St. Peter's Cathedral, which is most impressive with its vast arches, and wide aisles. He was in Vatican City on Sunday and Monday, but did not see the Pope as that Monday was a Catholic holiday. Any other Monday he could have seen him. Gay Paree! His choice of all the cities of Europe! Even in war time he found it gay, beautiful and enchanting. He left from Antwerp. The ship was due to leave, and could not wait to get men with more points from a distance. They took the men who were already there, who could leave immediately, all who had 85 points. Bruce had 88. There are many in his company who had over 100 points and who are still awaiting transportation. He arrived in Newport News, Virginia, and is now at home with his plans indefinite.

S/Sgt. Charles McFadden of W. Middletown was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. It was awarded for heroic achievement in action Feb. 25, 1945 in Germany. McFadden rose in the face of machine gun fire to locate the gun and temporarily to silence it with rifle grenade. He exposed himself on two other occasions to keep the gun silenced and to aid his platoon in advancing. After being pinned down for two hours, he rejoined his platoon and advanced with it, taking a town. In this engagement he suffered a minor wound. McFadden is now on his way home for a 30-day furlough.

The first veteran of World War II from the W. Middletown community to receive a discharge through the point system is Pfc. Robert Miller. He went overseas in April of 1944, served in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany and was in Luxembourg during the "Break through" last December. He helped to repair cable in Germany and helped place cable across the Rhine and Danube Rivers. He left his unit at Kassel, Germany, on June 18, went by truck and train to Paris, from where he was flown to Washington, D.C. He has been visiting friends and relatives in his home community.

T/Sgt. Perry Liggett of West Middletown, has been honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps with a credit of 102 points. Enlisting in October, 1942, he went overseas in 1943, serving in Sardinia and Corsica in the 320th Bomber Squadron of the 12th Air Force. He completed 67 combat missions as an engineer gunner, wears the Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters, the Presidential Citation with two clusters, the French Croix de Guerre and European Theater Ribbon with 3 battle stars.

Cpl. William Ross and M/Sgt. Homer Ross of W. Middletown met recently in Manila. William entered service in June 1942 and left for the South Pacific a year ago. He is in a Mobile Mail Unit. M/Sgt. Homer entered service in Jan. 1944 and was sent to England in Aug. 1944 where he served until transferred to the South Pacific. Both brothers are married.

Granted: A marriage licence to William "Bill" Dunkle and Bertha Robison on September 13.

Going overseas: Major Robert Nevin, Army Medical Corps, is leaving for overseas service after serving over four years in army hospitals in Alabama and Texas.

On September 10 Miss Mildred Painter returned to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to resume her teaching of physical education in the State School there.

On August 28 Olive Adams underwent a tonsillectomy in the Washington Hospital. She returned to work the following Monday, much improved.

After a week of enforced holiday, school has resumed in Avella. Carol Lee and Mary Vee Martin are attending there and are staying at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Painter. The family is moving to Seattle, Washington, where Mr. Martin has a position.

New students entering from here for their first time in school are: Shirley Hall, Sharon Robison and Lois Buxton. They have to carry their own drinking water. That is breaking them in right--right from the start, isn't it?

Mrs. Janet Dunkle Wiley, Baltimore, and small son Eddie are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dunkle. They have just returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Helen Dunkle Allen and family of near Medina, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gunion left Sept. 13 for Phoenixville, Pa., to visit Elton, who has just arrived as a patient in the Valley Forge Hospital there.

On August 24 there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brautigam, in the Washington Hospital, their third daughter whom they have named Donna Dale.

WEDDING BELLS !

On August 25, in an impressive ring ceremony in the bride's home, Gertrude Adams was married to Sgt. Roy Buck of the U.S. Army Air Corps. Forty guests were assembled for the ceremony; including the groom's brother George, who was best man, his father, three sisters and an aunt, all of whom had motored from Hempstead, L. I. The bride, dressed in the traditional white satin dress and fingertip veil, came down the stairway on the arm of her father, who gave her away, preceded by her sister Olive as maid of honor, dressed in pink net. The bridal procession passed between rows of ribbon, forming an aisle, to the improvised altar of flowers and ferns. The ribbon bearers were her sister, Leala and Marilyn Allen, dressed in identical yellow dresses, with the ribbons fastened to rosettes around their wrists. Both the groom and best man were in military uniform. Music for a half hour before the ceremony, during the ceremony and immediately following it was played by Mildred Painter with Thelma Carl and Katherine Buchanan each singing a solo and both singing several duets. I never heard better wedding music, and the entire ceremony was beautiful throughout. After wedding congratulations were received, many wedding pictures were taken on the lawn, by other guests, before the regular photographer arrived. The bride's table, which seated ten, was lighted by tall tapers, and centered with a beautiful tiered wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and soldier. The parents' table and sisters' table were in clear view. Four other tables were on a recently built sun porch. The bridal bouquet was caught by a sister of the groom. If then, she becomes the next bride, of all the girls assembled there, will we know it? The bride and groom left that night for Enid, Oklahoma, where he is stationed and where they have an apartment waiting for them, and did not return, thereby spoiling plans for a serenade. But they did not get away without their automobile

being decorated, a nursing bottle placed in the car pocket and, oh yes, a sleighbell, which could not be located until a mechanic worked on the car. Good going, George!! Even so, their honeymoon was quite delightful, stopping enroute at Bardstown, Kentucky, home of the famous church, Carlsbad Caverns, and other spots of interest and "the end is not yet, Praise the Lord".

DEATHS

Charles Kelly, Avella, maintenance foreman of the State Highway Department, died in the Washington Hospital on September 2. He had been ill a week, was taken to the hospital on Friday, operated upon on Saturday and died Sunday. Mr. Kelly moved to the Avella District about 26 years ago and was employed at the local mine until it closed in 1938. He served as constable of Independence Township for 15 years. He is survived by his wife, six sons and three daughters, also one grandchild. Two of his sons are in the service, Pvt. Charles, home on furlough and Lt. Francis, home on emergency leave.

Mrs. Clara Bell Dunkle, widow of Norval G. Dunkle, died at her home below town on August 30, following an illness of almost a year. She was the daughter of Abraham and Mary Jane Clutter. She was born in Greene Co. in 1865, and was united in marriage in 1890 with Norval G. Dunkle, who preceded her in death. Surviving are three sons, William at home, Donald of Independence, Norval of Detroit, Michigan, and one daughter, Eileen, wife of Charles Hensler of Wellsburg Pike. She also leaves 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Mary Temple of Washington, Pa.

Mrs. Irene Jane Reed Chapman of Washington died Aug. 14. She was born in Cross Creek Jan. 24, 1861, and married John Chapman June 2, 1887. Six children, three brothers and a sister survive. Six of her sixteen grandchildren are serving overseas.

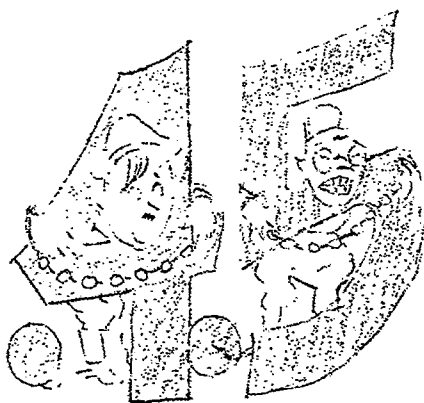
Mrs. Fanny Wells, mother of Carl Wells, whose wife is the former Lillian Moore of Independence, died Sept. 1 in the North Wheeling Hospital. There were three other children besides Carl; Mrs. Howard Henry of Wellsburg, Cpl. Otho Wells in the South Pacific, and Sgt. Ralph Wells of Camp Seymour, Jefferson, N. C. Carl Wells, you will remember, was in the Air Corps and scheduled to go overseas. He took one last trial flight, and sustained a serious foot injury, when hit by the propeller of the plane. Because of this injury, he received a disability discharge. He lives in Follansbee, W. Va.

Frank Pastor, 37, of near Avella, died in the Gill Memorial Hospital in Steubenville on Sept. 1, as a result of burns sustained in a fire which destroyed the tractor shed at his home that morning. Presumably the backfire from the tractor caused explosion of fumes from gasoline stored in the shed. When the explosion occurred he was seen running from the shed with his clothes aflame. He was rushed to the hospital where he died a few hours later. Loss in the fire amounted to several hundred dollars. The Avella Volunteer Fire Department kept the blaze from spreading to other buildings.

Mrs. Catherine Sabbath of Eldersville was burned to death Sept. 2, when trapped in a cow shed which suddenly caught fire and burned to the ground. Her body was badly charred when removed from the ruins by the Burgettstown Fire Department. She leaves 2 sons and 5 daughters. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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THE INDEPENDENCE NEWS LETTER



WE DID IT!!

This letter is mailed FREE to
anyone in the Service who is interested
in the news of Independence.

Written by Grace Kline
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DISCHARGED

Of the 74 people who are on our Honor Roll, there have been 18 discharged. Of those close by, to whom our paper has gone regularly, there are 5 others. Those discharged follow:

S/Sgt. Harry L. Patterson, with the longest service record of any of our group. He enlisted in the army January 28, 1937, and served 3 years as a photographer in the medical corps, taking X-ray pictures. He returned to civilian life in 1940 and was called back into service Jan. 2, 1942. He was assigned to the Intelligence Section of one of the first bomb groups to go overseas. He was stationed in England and became an aerial gunner on a Flying Fortress. He participated in 36 missions over German territory, was granted an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, also the Distinguished Flying Cross and his group won the Presidential Citation. He returned to the States in Sept. 1944, was stationed at Miami Beach, Florida, and granted a discharge in Sept. 1945.

The first one of our group to be discharged on the point system was M/Sgt. Earl Brautigam, who enlisted in the Air Corps Oct. 3, 1940. He was home on furlough the day Pearl Harbor was bombed and received a telegram to report to duty immediately, and a few weeks later was in Australia. He left a wife, the former Elizabeth Perrin, and one child, Phyllis. After serving sometime in Australia, he was transferred to New Guinea, where he served as Flight Chief, checking the planes, seeing that any necessary repairs were made, and that they were in perfect condition before the next take-off. He contracted a tropical skin disease which was completely cured. His second daughter, Sandra, was born while he was overseas. He returned to the states Oct. 1, 1944, after being overseas 32 months. He and his group received the Presidential Citation for participation in the Buna Campaign. After returning to the states, he served as Assistant Line Chief at the Millville Army Field in New Jersey. While there, his wife joined him and they had their own apartment for some time. He was granted an honorable discharge on May 26, having 127 points, the next to the highest of anyone in his unit, having seen service 4 years, 8 months, and 25 days. He has five bronze stars besides his unit citation. A third daughter, Donna Dale, was born Aug. 24, 1945. They live at the Clyde Perrin home and he is a mechanic at the Joe Hodgkiss Garage in Avella.

Pfc. Collett Burns enlisted Feb. 12, 1941, took ten weeks of training at Fort Slocum, N. Y. and was sent to Hawaii. He and his two companions, Kenneth Spencer and Paul Westlake, had volunteered on the condition that they be sent to Hawaii. He left the States in April 1941, and served in the South Pacific theater of war, receiving three campaign ribbons, one for Pearl Harbor, one for Guadalcanal and one for Villa La Villa. He also was at the Russell Islands, New Caledonia, The Fugi Islands and the New Hebrides Islands. He contracted malaria and has had it nine times. He returned to the States April 11, 1944, and for a number of months served as guard in two different Prisoner of War camps. He received his discharge in August, 1945, having served 4 years, 6 months and 10 days. At present he is at home.

S/Sgt. Kenneth Spencer enlisted Feb. 12, 1941, took training in New York State, then left for Hawaii, where he stayed for two years, and was then transferred to Australia. He was in three major campaigns, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, and the battle for the Munda Airfield in the New Georgia Group. On March 16, 1944, he was hospitalized in New Caledonia for stomach ulcers. He arrived in the states July 1 and was hospitalized in Menlo Park, California, then at Butler, Pa. He received his medical

discharge Sept. 13, 1944. He married Wilma Orum of Short Creek, W. Va. They are now living in Wellsburg, and he works at the mill in Follansbee. In their home is a small boy, whom they are raising, the son of a friend.

S/Sgt. Paul Westlake enlisted Feb. 12, 1941, with the two boys named above. After preliminary training in New York State, he sailed for Hawaii April 8, 1941, being there at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. He served in the Field Artillery and took part in several major battles, for which he wore several bronze stars. He arrived home Sept. 12, 1944, for a month's furlough, and volunteered to return to the South Pacific. Here he took part in the landings at New Guinea, Leyte, Mindoro, and Mindanao. His battalion, the crack 52nd Field Artillery gave close support to infantry troops in their drive across the island and in the bitter fighting in and around Davao. He was given a Bronze star for meritorious service in the military operations at Mindinao in the Phillipines. A splendid write up of his outstanding action at Tug-boc was given in the Washington Observer, and quoted in our Newsletter of July 1945. He arrived home, with his discharge in Oct. 1945. Now we wonder if there will be wedding bells. Margaret Lukachko is wearing a diamond ring given her by Paul.

Sgt. Harry Robison entered service Feb. 24, 1942, being the first boy from this vicinity to be drafted after Pearl Harbor. He took his training at Fort Jackson, S. C., Camp Hood, Texas, Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Rucker, Alabama. He served as Armorer, being in charge of all guns and supplies. He and two boys under him checked all guns every night, seeing that they were in perfect condition and cleaned. Spare parts would arrive in large boxes, which must be sorted and labeled for each gun. This group received high rating in inspection of the armor room. He was sent overseas in May, 1944, where he served as a member of a tank destroyer unit and also an expert in gunnery. He landed on Omaha Beach six days after D-Day and has stars for two battle campaigns, the Battle of Normandy and the Battle of St. Lo. He and his unit had penetrated a number of miles beyond St. Lo when he was injured. He had climbed a tree as a looker and sniper. Sometime later he was found under the tree unconscious, suffering from concussion, injured shoulder, and side. He was moved by easy stages from hospital to hospital, being hospitalized in England for several months. He was enroute to the States on Christmas Day, arriving in N. Carolina on January 12 and receiving a medical discharge on May 25, 1945, after spending several months in Crile Clinic in Cleveland. He is now employed on the State Highway.

S/Sgt. John Shymchyk entered service Jan. 30, 1942, leaving for overseas May 17, 1942, in the first boatload of soldiers sent to Australia. In General McArthur's Headquarters, they were greatly in need of someone to do secretarial work, to check in-coming and out-going soldiers. He qualified and remained in the office there until after V-J Day, serving in MacArthur's Headquarters in Brisbane, Australia, and in Dutch New Guinea. He had a month's furlough in 1944, from the middle of October to the middle of November, after which he returned to his same position as before. He arrived home Sept. 30, 1945, having been discharged Sept. 29. On arriving home he found the firm by whom he had been employed in Washington before entering the Army, wanted him to come back to his old job. They had his position waiting for him before he arrived back in the States. He served three years, 8 months, of which three years and 4 months were overseas.

Cpl. Harley Wright entered service August 14, 1942. He was stationed from the beginning at Moody Field, Valdosta, Ga., serving as an airplane mechanic, helping to check and refuel planes. He married Ruth

McAdoo of West Alexander while home on a furlough in the fall of 1943. She remained in West Alexander. He was granted his discharge in Sept. 1945.

Pfc. Harden Shepard entered service May 5, 1943, training first as a cannoneer on a half track. After a number of months of this training he was transferred to the infantry. He left for overseas in Nov. 1944 and was sent to the front lines in Germany, where for weeks at a time, he lived in fox holes, with little sleep, eating K rations, and with no chance to remove his shoes. This last brought on trench feet, for which he was hospitalized in France and England and was returned to the states May 15, 1945. He was hospitalized for a time and received his discharge Aug. 29, 1945.

Clarence Meneely, S. 1/C entered service in the Navy June 6, 1943, trained at South Brooklyn, N. Y., Sampson, N. Y., and Norfolk, Va. His duty was that of Armed Guard. His ship was in the England, Ireland and France theater of Action. While there in May of 1944, his ship exploded killing some, injuring more. He suffered a bursted eardrum and very deep burns on his hands, which were exceedingly painful and very slow to heal, because they were burned by burning oil. After being hospitalized in several hospitals for over a year, he was granted a medical discharge in May, 1945. He and his wife, Grace, now live in Uniontown.

There were eight of our own service personnel granted a discharge after a short term of service.

Lyle Patterson was inducted Dec. 19, 1942 and was given an honorable discharge in June, 1943.

Howard Treadway was inducted Mar. 1, 1943 and after spending most of his time in the hospital, he was given a medical discharge May, 1943. He was married to Leona Crawford of Franklin, W. Va. on April 28. They reside at Franklin.

Norman Virgin was inducted into the Army Aug. 14, 1942. He completed five courses of training and became an engine specialist. He was given a Disability Discharge in July, 1943 and now operates a garage at his home here.

Earl King entered service in the infantry Oct. 21, 1943, and trained at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He left for overseas in April of 1944 and was returned Sept. 22, suffering from asthma, and was a patient in the Deshon Hospital in Butler, Pa., from where he was discharged.

James Meneely, A/S, entered service in the Navy, Nov. 10, 1943, and trained at Sampson, N. Y. In January, 1944, during a leave home, he contracted a severe dose of flu and made the trip back while he was quite ill. This illness resulted in severe sinus trouble and other complications, which kept him hospitalized for a number of months. He was given his medical discharge on July 11, 1944.

Clarence Riggs enlisted in the Navy, July 1, 1944, and trained at Camp Perry, Va. He was honorably discharged due to a spinal injury and received a gold bar of honor.

Sylvia Georgetti enlisted in the W. A. C. Women's Auxillary Corps, April 11, and received training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. as a nurses aide. Months before, she had volunteered for the spars and passed her first exam. The night before she was to leave, she was in an auto

accident and was therefore unable to enter. In June, she was a patient in the Army Hospital and received her discharge August 30th.

Emile Lynn Lerby entered service April 25. He was assigned to the Infantry and trained at Camp Croft, S. C. He entered the hospital shortly after his arrival and was discharged August 21.

There are five others not on our Honor Roll, who have also received their discharges.

George Stewart was inducted for a year's training under the Compulsory Service Act, suffered a recurrent attack of undulant fever, to which he is subject and received his discharge before Pearl Harbor. He is now pastor of the Nazarene Church of McMechen and was married to a young lady from his congregation in a church ceremony on October 1.

T/4 Clarence Brautigam entered service June 9, 1942. He was commended by Major General Schmitt for excellent work in Sept. 1943, and was given a good conduct medal in Nov. 1943, also cited as expert with M.I. rifle in April, 1944. On June 9, 1944, at Camp McCoy, Wis., he was given a civil Disability Discharge because of arthritis.

T/Sgt. John Ryniawec entered service Mar. 9, 1942, trained at Greensboro, N. C., and left for overseas June 1, 1943, landing in England June 6. He was stationed in England and served as Flight Chief. He won the Good Conduct Medal, the Distinguished Unit Citation, the Army Air Force Technician Badge, Marked Airplane mechanic, the E.A.M.E. Theatre Service Medal, and six Bronze stars, for participation in the Air offensive of Europe, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe and Northern France Campaigns. He arrived back in the States on August 11, 1945, and was discharged Sept. 21. He is making his home here in town, and is working the 3to 11 shift at Beech Bottom, for the Wheeling Steel Company.

Lt. Betty Faye Bittman volunteered for Army nurse and entered service Nov. 22, 1942, taking her training at Fort Eustis, Va. She left for overseas April 30, 1942. She served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and France. She returned to the States in May of 1945, spent the month of June on furlough at her parents home in Rea, reported on June 30 to Camp Pickett, Va., where she was a patient, and has received her discharge after serving 35 months, 25 of which were spent as an overseas nurse, 17 spent in the operating room. She has 4 gold stripes, each representing 6 months of overseas service, and also 3 stars for nursing near the front lines during 3 battle engagements.

Leading Air craftman Seaford Brandy enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on Sept. 24, 1941, at Windsor, Canada, entering as an aerial photographer. After Sept. 9, 1941, the U.S. Gov't. offered all American boys in the R.C.A.F. an opportunity to transfer to the American forces. Four times later this offer was repeated, but Seaford chose to remain in the group which he had first joined. He trained in Toronto, Canada, Sydney, Nova Scotia, and in Newfoundland. For three months and twenty days in Newfoundland he served in the Anti-submarine unit, taking pictures of submerged submarines, by airplane. He was home for a month's leave in Feb. 1943, just before leaving for overseas on the Queen Elizabeth, which docked at Grennock, Scotland. He remained in Scotland from March until July 1, part of which time he spent in a hospital. He went to Bornesmouth, England, in August, 1943, where he was assigned as aerial photographer in the bomber command, making trips over Norway, France and Germany. While in the bomber command, he was also based

part time in Northern Ireland, and served in the coastal patrol in Scotland. There were 10,000 Americans in the Canadian Air Force; 3000 of which returned. They were granted 9 days leave every 90 days, and 48 hrs. leave every month. In this way they could see much more of the country than those serving in the American forces. Seaford took many wonderful pictures of England, her scenery and her famous buildings, but most of all of Canterbury Cathedral, which he visited several times. He also brought back a very large, very old, rare book, the History of Canterbury Cathedral, along with many other historical books and souvenirs. He married, while in England, the daughter of an English Army Officer, in rank the same as our Major. She did not accompany him to the states, but will come later, via Canada, where he will meet her. They will make their home in Cambridge, Ohio, where he has already purchased a home. He left England on August 27, sailing from South Hampton, arriving in Quebec, and was stationed at Leshine, 5 miles out of Montreal, where he remained until Sept. 7, when he was discharged.

STILL IN SERVICE

S/Sgt. Sam Perrin was inducted Feb. 24, 1941, trained at Fort Story, Norfolk, Va., and from there went to Washington, D. C., where for about 3 years he served as switchboard operator, receiving messages and telegrams. While his wife and small son were with him, in the fall of 1944, he was transferred to the Engineering Corps, and went overseas in Jan. 1945. He was stationed in Manila and from there he went on board boat ready to go to Japan. Before the boat sailed, all boys with over 75 points were taken off. This included him. He is now awaiting transportation home.

T/Sgt. Robert P. Adams was inducted Oct. 9, attended school at Sheppard Field, Texas, trained at Seattle, Washington, and Alamogordo, New Mexico. He trained boys to repair planes in cross country flying and coastal patrol. His crew maintained the ships and flew with them as aerial engineers, instructing them in the proper operation of the plane, and in repair. He was transferred to the 70th Ferry Command and went overseas in October, 1944. He is now in Egypt.

Cpl. Andrew Kotnik entered service Feb. 21, 1942. He is in the ground crew of the Air Corps. At our latest report, he served at Tampa, Florida. Even though in the Independence District, his name was placed on the Avella Honor Roll, by request of his family.

Cpl. John Shedkiac entered the Army in March, 1942, and served in the ground crew of the Army Air Corps. For several years he has been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, and has several times moved from one island to another. Part of the time he did guard duty at night.

Charles Meneely, Q.M. 1/C, enlisted in the Navy Feb. 10, 1942, and left for training March 10. He was trained at Great Lakes, Illinois, and was first assigned to the U.S.S. Wyoming, later transferred to the U.S.S. Uhlmann. He took part in the Casablanca Invasion and wears ribbons for both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of War. His ship either went in with General MacArthur to Japan or went soon after, and rode at anchor in Tokyo Bay, but there was too much fog for him to see the Mainland.

T/5 Elmer Brautigam was inducted March 27, 1942. He trained at Fort Jackson, S. C. and Fort Royal, Va. Then he was transferred to a Dog Unit and served for many months at Cat Island, Miss., in cooking and preparing dog food for several types of dogs. When Cat Island was closed,

and six other boys were left to close up the place after all other boys had been transferred. Then at Fort Robison, Nebraska, he took a four month course in dog training. He left for overseas early in Feb. 1945 and arrived in India in the latter part of March. He hopes to get home soon.

George Durilla was inducted April 28, 1942. He is in the ground crew of the Air Corps at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Cpl. Harold Meneely was inducted April 28, 1942. He trained at Keesler Field, Miss. and at Albuquerque, N. M. He went overseas in August, 1943, and served in North Africa and in Italy. He is in the repair squadron of the Air Corps, and part of the time motored repair parts to airports. He hopes to be home before Christmas, perhaps in November.

Clyde Virgin, M.M.M. 1/C, enlisted in the Navy, April 28, 1942. He trained at Newport, R. I. and Little Creek, Va., then served in the South Pacific about two years, during which time he was wounded quite badly in his right hand. He then came home for a thirty day leave, then was on duty in San Francisco for a time, before going out to sea again. This summer he underwent a major operation. His family, rather expected him home after that, if not on discharge, at least on leave, but he did not get home.

Pvt. Earl Moore was inducted Aug. 14, 1942. He was trained at Ft. Bragg, N. C. and Camp Livingston, Ga. He went overseas in March, 1943, one of three from here who were sent overseas without a furlough. He served in England and in Italy as a member of a camouflage unit, in the Engineering Battalion. He spent several months this spring in a hospital, and rejoined his unit in July. He hopes to be home by Christmas.

Cpl. Fred Robison was inducted July 31, 1942, and left for training Aug. 14, 1942. He took his training at Miami Beach, Florida, and Moody Field, Ga., and left for overseas in Feb. 1944, and was stationed in England. He was first an M.P., then a trained High Guard, and after V-J Day was transferred into the Infantry and given 8 weeks of training. From there he was sent to the Phillipines, arriving in Manila just a few days before V-J Day. When he was shipped there, the plan had been for that unit to go to Japan, but a recent letter received by his mother states that those plans were changed, and he was to leave for an embarkation point for home. On Feb. 8, 1944, just a few weeks prior to his going overseas, he married Juanita Tomlinson of Lakeland, Ga., whose small son is now about two years old.

Sgt. Wendell Westlake was inducted into the Army Aug. 14, 1942. He served as M. P. for a number of months, then transferred to the ground crew of the Air Corps. He has served in a number of camps on both our Eastern and Western Coasts and recently returned to California after a month's furlough home.

Cpl. Clyde Brautigam was inducted Sept. 14, 1942, and trained at Hunter Field, Ga., and Leesburg, Florida. He left for overseas June 27, 1943, serving first in England and later in France. As a member of the Air Corps Engineers, he helped to build airfields. He was assigned to the Army of Occupation, but now hopes to be home by Christmas. He has stars for four major battles.

Hubert Myers enlisted in the Army Sept. 14, 1942, and was sent overseas just 6 weeks later. He was stationed in Iran, and drove trucks

hauling supplies to Russia. Later he was connected with a school that taught native drivers, who drove the trucks to Russia. After V-E Day, he was transferred to China. From there he returned to Calcutta, India, where he waited for two months awaiting transportation home. He arrived home for a month's furlough in Sept. at the expiration of which he was granted an extension. He is still at home.

Sgt. Charles Narquini entered service Sept. 14, 1942. He is in the Anti-Aircraft Division of the Coast Artillery. He is now in the Philippines, having gone there from Guadalcanal. His mother died after he went overseas.

S/Sgt. George Hogue enlisted Sept. 23, 1942, in the Air Force. He trained at Amarillo Field, Texas, at Topeka, Kansas and at Harington, Kan. I have no recent information about him.

Pfc. James Gunion enlisted in the Army October 16, 1942, in the Construction Corps of the Engineers. His group built bridges, roads, airports and hospitals. He served in England and France. He spent some time in a hospital in England this spring with shrapnel in his hand. He never had a furlough in the states, but spent one recently visiting old friends in England. He has received the Purple Heart and oak leaf cluster, four Battle Stars and the Bronze arrow head for the invasion of Normandy. He hopes to be home soon now.

S/ Sgt. James Dunkle entered service Sept. 28, 1942. He was a cook in the Officer's mess. It was at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. that he suffered an accident that resulted in the amputation to the first joint of two fingers on his left hand. He went overseas in April, 1944; and served in France as a cook. When their mess hall was blown up, he served as graveyard patrol, stretcher-bearer and even as infantry soldier. He participated in the Battle of St. Lo. In Nov. 1944, he was seriously injured when shot in the left foot, shattering the ankle bone. While enroute to a first aid station, a mortar shell burst ahead of them, wounding him in 4 places with shrapnel. He was in eight different hospitals in France, England and the States. Right now he is home on furlough, but he will be hospitalized for perhaps 8 months yet, undergoing another operation on his foot.

Cpl. Charles Riggs entered service in the Army in October, 1942, and trained at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and at Camp Breckinridge, Ky. He was in the anti-tank company and while in the states worked in the boiler room. He went overseas Jan. 8, 1944 and is the only one of our group I know who was in the Invasion on D-Day. He was wounded Nov. 19, 1944, hospitalized for several months, and back on duty by Easter. He expects to be home by Christmas.

Pfc. William Harlin enlisted in the Marines on Nov. 18, 1942, and took his boot training at San Diego, California. He left for overseas in January, 1943, and finished his training at Pearl Harbor, where he remained until Sept. 1945, when he was home on a month's leave.

Cpl. Glenn Arnold entered service in the Army, Nov. 28, 1942, and became a member of the ground crew in the Air Force. He left for overseas in July, 1943, and was stationed in England in the Supply Dep't. checking incoming and outgoing supplies for the Air Base. He is now in the Occupational Army in Germany.

Pfc. Herbert Painter enlisted in the Air Corps in Nov. 1942, and took training as a pilot. He nearly completed this course and with 13

more hours of flying would have received his pilot's licence, but he was compelled to give it up, because of air sickness. He was transferred to radio, and graduated from the radio school at Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin. He was sent to Dyersburg, Tenn., as an instructor in radio, and remained there until May, 1945, when he became a radio instructor at Chatham Field, Georgia.

James Lee Stewart, Torpedoman, enlisted in the Navy in Nov. 1942, and trained at Norfolk, Va. He volunteered for submarine service, then trained at the U.S. Naval Destroyer Base, San Diego, Cal., also at Mare Island, California. He left for overseas July 24, 1943, and served in the South Pacific. He is on duty 3 months and in a month, at which time they rest at a hotel in Pearl Harbor. His mother passed away while he was in service. It was some time after that, that he was home on a month's leave. On his return, he got as far as California, and remained there for some time before going on to his base.

Charles King entered service in the Army Dec. 8, 1942, and trained at Ft. Belvoir, Va. in the Engineer's Division. He left for overseas in Mar. 1943 and served in the Phillipines. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. King after he was inducted.

Pfc. Albert Riggs entered the Army Dec. 8, 1942, and is in the Coast Artillery. He graduated from radio school. He received a stripe for rescuing a Naval officer from drowning. He is stationed in Rhode Island.

Loren Carl enlisted Dec. 28, 1942 in the Seabees, and was sent to the South Pacific. He has served in New Caledonia, New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands. He operates all types of heavy machinery in construction work. We have no late news.

William Buchanan entered service Dec. 28, 1942, and is also a Seabee in the Navy, serving in the South Pacific. We have no late news.

Sgt. Delvin Miller was inducted into the Army in Feb. 1943 and took his basic training at Camp Lee, Va. He was then sent to join the re-mount troops at Fort Reno, Okla., where he remained for a year with the Thoroughbred Stables. He volunteered for overseas service with the re-mount and was transferred to a Pack-Mule Outfit that transported mules to the fighting fronts. He went overseas in the spring of 1944 and was sent to the India-China-Burma Theater, being stationed in India for many months.

Cpl. William Vance Virgin was inducted Feb. 22, 1943. He went overseas in Feb. 1945, as a member of the Medical Battalion. His duty was to go out onto the battlefield to give first aid to the wounded, then raise a white flag to locate their position to the stretcher bearers, who followed them. After D-Day, on June 28, he was returned home for a 30-day furlough, and has now been sent to the South Pacific.

Pfc. Louis Speicher entered service March 30, 1943. He is in the ground crew of the Air Force. He married in April, 1944, and he and his wife live at Ponchatoula, La., from where he goes back and forth to the Field in Hammond, La. We have no late news.

Sgt. Emmett Meneely entered service May 5, 1943. He trained at Camp Wood, Texas and Camp Carson, Colo. He was first assigned to an anti-tank division. After a year's training he was transferred to the infantry and went overseas in Jan. 1945 and arrived home July 10, 1945. All his time overseas was spent in Germany in front line fighting and because of

good service and immediate need, in that sector, of a new sergeant, he was jumped from private to sergeant, never having been corporal. After a month's furlough home, he reported to camp in August, and was just now been sent to Kansas to attend baking school.

Glenn Riggs, M.M.M, 3/C, volunteered for the Navy May 11, 1943, and trained at Great Lakes, Ill. He is in a P.T. Outfit and has served continuously in the South Pacific Theater of action. He has been in Australia and New Guinea. After having been overseas for 23 months, he was granted a month's leave, which he spent at the home of his parents near here. After he returned, he was stationed in Guam.

Captain Clifford Painter had the advantage of four years of accelerated training in R. O. T. C., along with his college course. He then entered Officer Training School, as an officer candidate. Upon successfully passing that training and stiff examinations, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, which was his rank when he went overseas August 6, 1944. For service on the battlefield, he received two promotions, to 1st Lieutenant and then to Captain. His last promotion came after he was in the hospital, after his fourth and most serious wound. He had been wounded twice previously with shrapnel, once with a bullet in his leg. This fourth wound was a shot in the abdomen and was received from an enemy lookout while reconnoitering in preparation for his men to capture an advance town. After he had been wounded his men did no more fighting that day, but did take the town the next day. This wound was so serious that, had it been in the last war, there would have been no chance for him, but prompt medical attention, advanced medical science and good nursing in several hospitals gave him what seems to be a complete and perfect recovery. He was stationed in England, France, Belgium, and Germany, and returned home in May, 1945. He is now at Camp Robison, Nebraska, just fifty miles from his wife's home.

Pvt. Elton Gunion entered service August 18, 1943, and was assigned to the Medical corps, in the receiving unit. That training meant that his unit would be stationed in a hospital and treat the boys as they were first brought in. He trained at Camp Edwards, Mass. and in Oct. Nov. of 1944 was home on a month's furlough before going overseas. He was stationed overseas in the China-India-Burma Theater, spending most of his time in Burma. Contrary to our expectations he was sent out onto the battlefields to administer first aid to the wounded. This was made more difficult because of jungles, poisonous snakes, and other dangers added to the military danger. He fell ill and was hospitalized in Burma for several months, was sent back to a hospital in New York State, and is now a patient at Valley Forge Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. His parents have been to see him.

Cpl. R. Vance Perrin was inducted Aug. 19, 1943 and was sent to Camp Clairborne, La., where he attended school, studying the laying and maintenance of pipe lines. He was in the service just 5 months when he was sent overseas, having had one furlough. On April 9, 1944, he arrived in North Africa, and laid pipe lines with the Engineering Corps. He has been in an embarkation port in Rheims, France for over two months, and is working in the office while awaiting his turn to return home.

Earl Burns, S. 1/C, entered service in the Navy, Sept. 4, 1943. He trained first at Great Lakes, Ill., and was sent overseas March 31, 1944 on the S.S. Eagle E.I. He was on a ship which was sunk, and was picked up by a British ship. After this sinking, he was given a twenty-day furlough in North Africa. Later, he was assigned as armed guard on the S.S. Josiah B. Grinnell. He has served in Brazil, North Africa and the

Mediterranean Area. He had leave of a month in September, 1945, during which time his brother, Collett was also home, having been discharged. He is now assigned to the Philadelphia Shipyards.

George W. Buxton, S.F. 1/C, entered service in the Navy Sept. 4, 1943 and took his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He was assigned to the U.S.S. Markab, and served in the South Pacific. He is a shipfitter and works five floors below deck. He had hoped to be home by now, but will perhaps be home by Christmas.

James McAdoo, S. 1/C, entered service Sept. 4, 1943, and left for overseas Sept. 10, 1944. He is on a L.S.T. (Landing strip for tanks) in the Amphibious Service, and served in the South Pacific. He was among the first to set foot on Jap soil. His ship, having served in the Okinawa and Iwo Jima invasions, landed occupation forces at Yokosuka Naval Base, 20 miles from Tokyo, three days prior to the formal surrender.

Edwin Myer, S.S.M.L. 1/C, (Special Service Mate, Laundry) enlisted in the Seabees Aug. 31, 1943, and left for training Oct. 7. He trained at Camp Perry, Va. and at N.C.T.C. Camp Endicott, R. I., leaving for overseas April 19, 1944. He served in the Seabees in France until Dec. 1944. He arrived home Dec. 13 on a 28-day furlough and left in Jan. 1945. He was sent to the South Pacific, where he now is, but he hopes to be home soon.

Albert Keith Meneely, R.D.M. 3/C, enlisted in the Navy Feb. 25, 1944, and trained first at Sampson, N. Y. He is Radar man on the U.S.S. Wilkesbarre, now stationed in Tokyo Bay. His brother Charles' ship is also stationed there, and they have visited each other several times.

Jesse Lindsay Hall, S. 1/C, entered the Navy March 30, 1944, and trained at Great Lakes, Ill. He was first assigned as armed guard on the Esso Little Rock and is now armed guard on the U.S.A.T. David Shanks. He has recently been on transport duty, bringing soldiers home from Europe. He was able to obtain leave for over last Christmas, and may be discharged before this Christmas.

Earnest Robison, F. 1/C, was inducted into the Navy March 31, 1944. He took his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., after which he attended school in three other places, and was assigned to the boiler room on the Airplane Carrier, U.S.S. Randolph. He has been in Pearl Harbor and other South Pacific points. His ship was in Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet and went with the Admiral to Japan on Sept. 5. His ship was damaged in the recent typhoon and had to be repainted. It was listed as due to pass through the Panama Canal and is scheduled to be in Philadelphia on Navy Day. Our last newsletter to him was returned and stamped, "For Discharge".

Merle E. Kimble, F. 1/C, entered the Navy March 29, 1944, and trained at Norfolk, Va. He was assigned to a destroyer escort. He is a fireman on the U.S.S. Charles E. Brannon, and has been at Corregidor, Bataan, Manila, Guadalcanal, Subic Bay and many other places in the South Pacific.

Harold Narigon, F. 1/C, entered service in the Navy, May 2, 1944, trained at Bainbridge, Md. He attended electrician's school, then school for Submarine Service, the only one on our Honor Roll to enroll in Submarine Service. James Stewart is torpedoman on a Submarine, but he lives in West Virginia.

Michael Shymchyk, R.M. 3/C, entered service in the Navy, June 30, 1944, and trained at Camp Peary, Va. In late September 1945 he was in Leyte, Phillipines.

Floyd Spencer, S. 2/C, enlisted in the Navy August 15, 1944, and signed up for six years. He trained at Fort Pierce, Fla., and has been in the South Pacific. At the latest word, he was on Okinawa. No word has been received from him by his relatives since this last typhoon.

Pvt. Almon Harlin left for the Army, Sept. 29, 1944. He is stationed at Camp Adair in Oregon and while on his last furlough was wired to report back before his furlough was up.

Robert Alvin Shepard, Pvt., volunteered for the Marines just before his 18th birthday and entered service Nov. 11, 1944, signing up for four years. He trained at Parris Island, S.C., and at Oceanside, Cal. He took part in the fighting in the South Pacific and was wounded in the back, and in the arm, first at Okinawa and then at Ryukyu Island. After being hospitalized for some time, he rejoined his unit.

Harry Meneely, S. 2/C, volunteered for the Navy, and entered service Nov. 30, 1944. He signed up for two years. He is the youngest of six sons, all having served their country. He is now at Philadelphia.

Merle Adams, S. 2/C, entered the Navy Feb. 22, 1945 and trained at Sampson, N. Y. He was married on Christmas night, 1944, and expected to farm, but was called into service. He was home on a 10-day emergency leave when his brother Frank was badly injured last April. He is now with the Seventh Fleet.

Pvt. Angelo Georgetti entered service March 30, 1945. He is in the Infantry. He tried out for a paratrooper, but an old injury made this impossible. His mother recently visited him in Florida at camp.

Pvt. "Jay" Lucas enlisted in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve on Mar. 17, 1944, but was not called until March, 1945. He left April 3, and started training at Sheppard Field, Texas. After V-E Day the Air Cadets were discontinued and he was transferred to a Sheet Metal School, where they were taught to put new sheet metal on damaged ships. After V-J Day, this also was discontinued, so at present he is unassigned.

Pvt. Donald McAdoo was inducted April 25, 1945. He is married and the father of three children, David John, 4, Betty 2½, and Donald, 1. He has completed his training at Camp Croft, S.C. and is spending a furlough at his home. Following this he will report to the A.G.F. Replacement Depot at Ft. Meade, Md.

Pvt. William Jones was inducted April 25, 1945, and was assigned to the Infantry. He spent three months in a hospital at Fort Jackson, where he underwent an operation. He is now stationed at Camp Croft.

Daniel Frye, S. 2/C, volunteered for the Navy and was sworn in May 14. He trained at Sampson, N.Y. and is now in Shoemaker, Cal.

Pvt. Boyd Miller was inducted June 29, 1945 and is at Sheppard Field, Texas. He has been in the hospital there for some time, first as a patient, but now I understand he is on part time duty there.

Our last one to be inducted is Pvt. Lloyd White, who left for the Army July 29, 1945. He will be placed on our Honor Roll by special

request, although he left from his home in West Middletown. His will be the last name added, as V-J day came soon after his induction. He has received the sharpshooters medal. His assignment is driving trucks. He expects to leave for another camp almost daily.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Cpl. John Shedkiac arrived home Oct. 12, 1945. He is discharged. I regret very much having no additional information. He was at our home, but we were not here.

We have just received word that Pfc. George Meneely of Hickory received his discharge at Fort Dix, N.J. in October. We will try to carry more details in the November letter.

We have little information of the following:

S/Sgt. George Hogue enlisted Sept. 23, 1942 as an air cadet and trained at Amarillo Field, Texas. He was later stationed at Topeka, Kansas, and Herington, Kansas. He was once hospitalized following an airplane crash, and later went back on duty. My information is not up to date.

Cpl. Michael Mucci lived on the Painter farm, close to N.J. Myers. He is now in France, a member of the Engineers Base Depot Co. He was inducted June 8, 1944.

Charles Corbin is in the Navy and is a Pharmacist's Mate, 3rd Class. He made his home at Ralstons while he was a boy.

SERVICE MEN NEAR BY

Major Robert J. Nevin of the Army Medical Corps left for overseas duty about the first of Oct. He entered the Army over 4 years ago, and served in hospitals in Alabama and Texas. His wife and daughter will make their home in Washington.

Lt. Col. H. H. McBurney, returned home from overseas Jan. 19, 1945 and spent some time as a patient in Woodrow Wilson General Hospital in Staunton, Va., after having been a patient in a hospital in England for two months. We do not know where he is at present, but our information is that the home is sold and that Mrs. McBurney has left Avella.

Lt. Col. Esten Hazlett, Canonsburg, brother-in-law of Howard Thompson, is home on a 30-day sick leave, after which he will enter the Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Richmond, Va., and then expects to be discharged. Lt. Col. Hazlett served as head of a hospital in Iceland and then in England. He was chief of the Medical division of the 168th Base Hospital at Manchester, one of the oldest hospitals in England, serving over 1200 patients. He was seriously injured in a motor accident in England and is still receiving treatment for those injuries. He reported for duty with the 28th division in Feb. 1941. When Lt. Col. McBurney was in England, they often saw each other, and McBurney gave Hazlett our News Letters to read.

A bronze star was awarded in Sept. 1945 to Lt. Commander B.J. Scheib, husband of Helen Liggett, for meritorious service in action, and coolness under fire. His company had captured a Jap bus and this was driven to within one mile of the front line, thereby collecting more of the wounded in less time. Lt. Com. Schieb rode in this bus, and administered to the wounded.

Most of you boys know the Cooper family that once lived here. Herbert is home with 101 points. Floyd is awaiting his turn to come home. William was killed in action in France, August 23, 1944.

Perhaps some of you boys know Howard Smith, colored, Brom P.&W., who worked for two years on the Clyde Perrin farm. He has been in the Army since August, 1942, and is stationed in New Guinea. He has 78 points and will be coming back soon. In the meantime he is attending the University at Hollandia, where he is studying Botany and Chemistry.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gaylord Buchanan, Jr., of Claysville, arrived home October 12, 1945. He had been held a prisoner of war by the Japanese in Java, following the fall of Singapore. The trip was made by easy stages from Calcutta to Cairo with stops at Casablanca, the Azores, and Newfoundland. He was a representative of the Sperry Corp., installing bomb sights in British Planes at Singapore. Following his liberation from the Japs, he was hospitalized at Calcutta from September 18 until October 8. Buchanan had lost a foot when it was caught and torn off by a hawser during a ship drill while he was a student at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He was graduated as a member of the class but was not eligible for service because of the artificial leg. In this artificial leg he concealed a home made radio, and kept the other American war prisoners informed of events in the outside world. Most unusual and ingenious!

The Grove United Presbyterian Church of West Middletown celebrated its 135th anniversary with a homecoming program on Sunday, October 7.

A small scale tornado struck Bethany Sept. 20, uprooting 20 trees, ripping the roof off Bethany College Observatory, shattering windows, and destroying trees surrounding historic Campbell House, home of Alexander Campbell, founder of the Christian Church. The damage to college property was about \$3000.

On Sept. 16 a small twister hit Greene County, doing considerable damage. On every farm in the twister's path, buildings were unroofed and twisted, and many were demolished. On every farm in the area, rugs, carpets, mattresses, and other furnishings were drying on lines or on the ground.

September 1945 was the wettest September in the past sixty years. The rainfall was five times that of normal. I hardly need to say that it rained almost every day during the month.

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The following changes of address have come to us since the address sheets at the beginning of the letter were printed:

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JOKES

Before I heard the doctor tell,
The danger of a kiss,
I had considered kissing you,
The nearest thing to bliss.
But now I know Biology,
And sit and blush alone,
Six million mad bacteria,
And I thought we were alone!

People sez that fleas is black
But I don't believe this is so
Cuz Mary had a little lamb
With fleas as white as snow.

When you first looked at this
We'll bet you thought it was a poem.
By now you should know that it isn't,
Isn't it funny how people keep on reading
Even if they know they are being fooled?

While leaning over the rail of a transport the WAC dropped her diamond ring overboard. She was deeply grieved over the loss. Some weeks later dining in a hotel, in Naples, she ordered a fish. What do you think she found in the fish? Bones.

What did the lollipop say to the wrapper?
Stick with me or I'll get licked.

The Duchess, Mrs. Rickenbacker, Mrs. Mussolini, and Mrs. Roosevelt were playing bridge. The Duchess held a King, Mrs. Rickenbacker held an ace, Mrs. Mussolini held a duce and Mrs. Roosevelt asked for a New Deal.

Uncle Ezry had been very much occupied all by himself over in a corner near the fireplace. He was working industriously with a stub of a pencil and a piece of paper. Suddenly he looked up happily. "Doggone", he replied, "if I ain't learned to write!" Maw got up and looked over the scrawled lines across the paper. "What does it say?", she replied, "I don't know," replied Uncle Ezry, "I ain't learned to read yit".

He: But, Mable, on what ground does your father object to me?
She: On any grounds within a mile of our house.

"You're a pain in the neck".
"Well, you're no aspirin".

"Say Bill, what is an electron?"
"They come every four years and the Republicans always lose them".

Golfer talking to a beginner, "Tee the ball".
"Yes, I see it, but why all the baby talk"?

HOME TOWN NEWS

The marriage of Miss Bertha Robison to William (Bill) Dunkle took place on Sept. 20. The following Saturday night a crowd of 70 people attended a serenade for them, which was full of hilarity and noise, featured by the bride and groom being taken for a "ride", yet was as dignified and proper as a serenade could be. The procession of two trucks and five cars, all filled to capacity and beyond, made the circle from the Dunkle farm, where the bride and groom rode on a truck, facing the rear, with a spotlight playing on them, to Main St. in Independence, to the Camp Ground, up the back hill, to Avella, to Browntown, to Highland Avenue, and back to the Dunkle residence, where the crowd went inside and enjoyed a social hour and refreshments. I have been to a number of serenades, but not to one more orderly. No one went home before midnight.

On Sept. 25, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Adams, the former Freda Burns, their second boy, named Orlando Carl.

On Sept. 28, Eugene Painter and wife Shirley, and two children, Sue, aged 3, and Eugene, Jr., aged 2, arrived to make their home here in the former Mary Perrin residence.

On October 2, Miss Cora Manchester was brought home, by ambulance, from the Allegheny General Hospital, Pgh., where she has been confined for six weeks. Her condition does not improve. She is confined to her bed, being able to sit up only ten minutes a day. A practical nurse, Mrs. Smiley, takes care of her at the Manchester home.

Carl Spencer is sufficiently recovered from his accident to be back in school. A group of boys were playing football down by the Presbyterian church, when another boy tackled him in such a manner as to injure him so that they thought at first that the leg was broken. It was not, however, but a ligament was pulled at the knee. This knee swelled badly, and for several days he was confined to his bed with an ice cap on the knee. When he was able to be up he went about on crutches for some time. Now he goes without them, but his knee is still not in good shape. I am reminded of how strongly they urged in our city schools that no football be played until the boys were on a team and trained by a professional coach. No football was allowed on the playground among the younger boys. The teachers and principals, by direct order, urged that no football be played at home. The boys in Junior and Senior High School had their football teams but those in authority insisted that the major part of the football accidents were among boys, not yet trained by a professional coach.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard White have returned from a weekend visit with their son Lloyd at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Mrs. Georgetti also went to visit her son Angelo at Camp Blanding, Florida.

Sunday, Sept. 23, there was a special service at the Independence Methodist church when Barbara and Shirley Hall and Lois Buxton were baptized and the following children were taken into Church membership following weekly preparatory classes which began at the close of school last spring: Lorraine and Joyce Robison, Gene Pittman, Norma Buxton and Madelon Spencer. They also received their first Holy Communion. This same group of girls form a Junior Choir, which often contributes special music for the church services.

Word has just been received that Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buck, the former Gertrude Adams, are now in Pasadena, Texas, where he has been assigned to duty in a discharge center. Following their marriage at her parents' home here, they had motored to Enid, Oklahoma, where he had been stationed for some time, and where a furnished apartment was rented and awaiting their arrival. She would hardly have gotten settled there before she had to leave.

Mr. Painter has the living quarters which he is building back of the Myer Service Station, well under way.

The sun parlor on the John Smith home is nearing completion.

A well for drinking water was drilled on the Gunion property. Many a bucket of drinking water has he carried from the Malone well. To carry water any distance is too much, to carry it a block is very much too much.

Presbyterian members are hoping to get the same man to drill a well on the grounds of the Presbyterian Manse. The Hammonds have been carrying water to drink from the Plummer well.

Mr. George Pollock returns to the doctor at Follansbee for treatments twice a week. He is able to drive his own car and can carry in coal and water. However, his left shoulder, elbow and hand still cause him much trouble and it will be several months before he can return to work.

Elisha Craft, who was seriously injured in a fall from his threshing machine, is so much improved that he is out driving away. He still must take things easy.

George Martin and family of Gladden, Pa., left by auto Oct. 5, to drive to Seattle, Washington, where they will make their home. They disposed of most of their household furniture and the house has been put up for sale.

Mrs. George White suffered a very severe heart attack on the morning of Oct. 6. She was unconscious for several hours, and now on the third day remains in bed unable to eat.

On the evening of October 4, Mrs. Evelyn Robison Smith left for Camp Atterbury, Indiana, to meet her husband Cpl. Frank Smith, just home from overseas and hoping for a discharge.

On Sept. 30, Mrs. Cora Lowry, wife of William Lowry, whose home was so badly damaged by the tornado last summer, was taken to the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling, where on October 2, she underwent a major operation. She seems to be recovering nicely, but she may be in the hospital some time.

Mrs. Robert Liggett has just recently returned from Toledo, where she spent a month with her daughter, Mrs. Helen Scheib.

Mrs. Lewis Patterson has returned from spending a week with her brother in Detroit. With her went her son, William Harlin, home on leave from Hawaii, and her two small daughters.

Laura Sutherland of Avella has enrolled in the Washington Seminary.

Mrs. Lowry left today for a two weeks vacation in Pittsburgh.

You boys will remember Mrs. Pauline Walp, wife of Joe Walp, stepson of Robert Rush. She lived upstairs in the Steinstraw Red Brick house where we now live. She died in her home in Joffre Oct. 8, 1945, following a lingering illness and was buried Oct. 11. Besides her husband she leaves two small children, a son James, and daughter, Mary. She also leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Saggese, of Munson, and seven brothers, three of whom are in the Army.

Mrs. Chipolletti, mother of Johnny Chipolletti, of "Johnnie's Market" in Wellsburg, entered North Wheeling Hospital, Oct. 9, where she underwent a major operation. She remains quite ill.

On Oct. 9 there was a public sale of live stock and farm machinery on the farm of H. G. Huffman of Wellsburg, R. D. 1.

Van Pettibon of Eldersville died in Washington Hospital Oct. 1, 1945. He was believed recovering from an operation, when fatally stricken. He had spent his entire life in the Eldersville district.

On the morning of ^{Sept} Sept. 8, John Adams caught his finger in the gasoline engine that runs the milk cooler and cut off the third finger of his right hand. He drove alone to the Washington hospital, where he only remained a few hours. He has been going about a good deal since.

JOKES

Aunt Hester: John, are you familiar with mules?

Hired Man: I know mules too well to get familiar with them.

Miss Sargeant: Say, you sure must like coffee, this is your fourth cup, isn't it?

New Recruit: Sure do like it. That's why I'm willing to drink so much hot water to get a little of it.

Two elderly men, both extremely deaf, met on a country road. Dave had a fishing pole in his wagon. When he was his friend Jim, he stopped the horse. "Goin' fishin'", shouted Jim. "No", Dave replied, "I'm goin' fishin'". "Oh", said Jim, "I thought you was goin' fishin'".

Sailor to pretty girl: Your rigging is all right, but are you manned?

Officer to fleeing German; "What are you running for"?

"I'm not running for, I'm running from".

"Get back to the trench or I'll fire".

"Fire away! What's one bullet against a million?"

"I can't stand the sound of an auto horn".

"How's that?"

"A fellow eloped with my wife in an automobile".-----

"Poor fellow".-----

"-----and every time I hear a horn I think he's bringing her back".

Salesman: I represent the Mountain Woolen Mills, lady. Would you be interested in some coarse yarns?"

Gran'ma: I shore would, stranger. Set down and tell me a couple.

Justine: Who's the girl with the french heels?

Alex: That's my sister, and those guys ain't French!