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GAR-WORDS

Written Expressly for Each Man and Woman Of Garwood Serving in Our Nation's Armed Forces

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WOUNDED

Pfc. Stephen Patrick of 322 Willow avenue has returned to this country after seven months' service in the European theatre of war. He was wounded in combat in Holland.

Stephen, who is 22 years old, is a graduate of Regional High School, class of 1941 and entered the service in 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, and later was transferred to the paratroopers and trained at Fort Benning, Georgia.

After his return to this country, he was a patient at the Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Stephen this week was discharged from the service.

50 DONATE TO BLOOD BANK

Fifty Garwood residents contributed a pint of blood, each, at the blood bank on Feb. 19 of Cranford-Garwood-Kenilworth Chapter, Red Cross, at Cranford. A total of 201 pints was netted, according to John Humenik, chairman of the Garwood Branch.

George Perry became a donor for the eleventh time and Henry G. Merry, for the tenth time. Mrs. Rudolph Sachsel, Mrs. L. Thomas Daub and Fire Chief Thomas Brittain contributed for the ninth time; William Parker, Jr., for the eighth time; and Mrs. Thomas F. Brittain, Mrs. Otto Hadler, Miss Helen Tripka, Charles A. Lawrence, Leslie F. Perry and Neal A. Hartmann, for the seventh time.

There were nine donors from the Aluminum Company, five from the Sonoco Products Company, and one, each, from Rodic Rubber, Thatcher Furnace and Watson-Stillman companies.

FOR THE RECORD

As far as we knew, there were close to 600 men and women of Garwood in service. No accurate list was on record anywhere. Aside from the draftees, there were men enlisting, new families with men being inducted from out-of-town boards, and also men being discharged for various reasons.

In order to keep our records straight, we will endeavor to make a house to house canvass within the next few weeks with a questionnaire. This will be left with each family and will be picked up a day or two later. All we ask is your cooperation in town. It is only by having the latest address on file that you can be assured that your men and women are receiving free GAR-WORDS every two weeks. The other information requested by us will be for our permanent file.

To date, 49 men have been discharged from the service. They are:

William Aylward
Joseph Banyasz
Robert Bloom
Stanley Bubanus
Christian Bullock
Frank Czapak
Albert DiGrezio
Russell Ditzel
Nick Druzek
Stanley Dubas
Jack Evangelista
Vincent Galauski
Walter Gill
Theodore Hafercorn
Frank Hannon
Frank Hefele
Leon Jablonski
Joseph Jaouen
Eric Jernstrom
Michael Kascin, Jr.
Walter Kinler
Joseph Koromi
Jean Le Meur
Tony Materia
John McGhie
William Melka
Albert Miller
Charles Morrison
William Mueller
Louis Novotny
Benjamin Odesky
Frank Oleyar
Peter Ollinick
Dominick Pasco
John Patrick
Stephen Patrick
Ralph Petrozello
Louis Romano
William Ruane
Edward Sanzalone
Michael Saparito
Ferdinand Schmidt
Richard Searles
Anthony Simone
John Simone
Raymond Simone
Leonard Stallone
Warren Whitcombe
Harold White

BACK IN U. S.

T/Sgt. Chas. A. Humenik, recuperating from wounds received at Rotgen, Germany, on Oct. 2, is back in the U. S. for final treatment. While convalescing at the U. S. General Hospital at Camp Edwards, Mass., Charles was visited by his mother and brother, John, and related to them the action in which he was wounded. Strafed by a German plane, he received three machine gun bullets in the right leg, causing a compound fracture. Four whole blood transfusions and 216 shots of penicillin were necessary to check gangrene. Recently Sgt. Humenik was transferred to Camp Pickett General Hospital, Virginia, for further treatment of a bone infection.

He participated in the Normandy invasion and the capture of Cherbourg, St. Lo and on through the West Wall. Charles spoke very highly of the Red Cross and urged full hearted support of all their activities.

He was awarded the Purple Heart and also a letter of commendation from Major Wales W. Wallace while in England.

AWARDED BRONZE STAR

Capt. John P. Morgan, whose wife lives at 453 Fourth avenue, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in France, Holland and Germany from Sept. 24 to Dec. 3, 1944, in connection with military operations, according to an announcement from the European Theater headquarters communications zone. He is a member of the 407th Regiment, 102nd Division.

NAMED TO NAM COMMITTEE

Henry W. Pleister, president of the Diamond Expansion Bolt Company, North avenue, has been named to serve on the committee on patents of the National Association of Manufacturers, it was announced recently in New York by R. J. Dearborn, president of the Texaco Development Corporation and chairman of the NAM patents group. The NAM will continue this year its nationwide efforts to encourage invention and scientific progress through strengthening and improvement of the patent system, it was said.

WINS AIR MEDAL

Sgt. Alexander Lawson has been awarded the Air Medal for completing eleven successful missions, according to a letter received by his wife, the former Mitzi Stranacher.

He is a gunner on a B-17 and is stationed with the Eighth Air Force in England. He entered the service 20 months ago and has been overseas since last November.

A graduate of Dickenson High School in Jersey City, Sgt. Lawson was employed by the American Steel and Wire Company, New York, before entering the service.

Mrs. Lawson and her daughter, Doreen, reside at 410 Myrtle avenue.

NAMES BOROUGH NURSE

The Board of Health, at a meeting on Feb. 26 in Borough Hall, reappointed Mrs. Ruth Samuelson as borough nurse for 1945. She will work on a full-time basis, as was the case last year, despite the fact that the Board of Health has to assume the share of the cost formerly borne by the State. Records of the nurse's visits in 1943, when she was on a part-time basis, and those in 1944, when she became a full-time employe, show definitely the need for the continuance of her work on the latter basis, it was said. The comparative record of visits are: pre-natal—1943, twenty-nine; 1944, 109; post partums—1943, thirty-two; 1944, 170; infants—1943, 203; 1944, 774; preschool — 1943, sixty-eight; 1944, 417; and school children—1943, 227; 1944, 319. The board also reports that 75 per cent of the infants in the borough are being inoculated against diphtheria.

:-: ABOUT TOWN :-:

We have received many letters praising Gar-Words from the boys and girls in service, but it did out hearts good the other night to receive this praise in person from two of our servicemen. According to Adolph Klimek, Mo. M. M. 2/c, "Gar-Words" rates 4-0 —In Navy language this means excellent. There's nothing better." Pfc. Charles Novotny was equally enthusiastic in his praise of this paper. "Its a grand feeling", says he, to hear your name called at mail call, and be handed an issue of Gar-Words. Its like a short furlough home." Thanks for them kind words, fellows, it made us feel grand.

Spring is just around the corner—we hope, we hope. The snow has melted, the days are getting longer, and baby carriages are taking up the sidewalks and roads once again.

New curfew laws went into effect in the State on Monday, February 26th, whereby all Romeos and Juliets have to be out of the town hot-spots at the stroke of 12. This curfew applies to all types of entertainment, so fellows if you want a good time when you are home on leave you better start out early! I am sure employers will find no one asleep on the job now.

Mail those Easter cards now to Servicemen overseas. Cards should be mailed by March 5th in order to reach their destination in time for Easter Sunday, April 1st. So hurry!

A surprise party was given Ray Coles, who left for the Navy on Wednesday, at the Garwood House on Saturday evening, February 24th, by his wife and mother. There were many guests in attendance. Mr. Coles was formerly employed at Peter Breidt's Brewery, in Elizabeth. He is the father of three boys attending Garwood schools. Ray received many gifts, but we are sure he will enjoy the box of cigars the most. We wonder why?

The Materia boys, Paul and Tony, have opened up a gasoline station on North and Lincoln avenues, Cranford. Best of luck fellows.

A very successful card party was held on Saturday evening at the Oakland House by the Polish-American Citizens' Club. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of Garwood boys in the armed forces.

The cigarette shortage is still very acute and if you care to smoke nowadays you have to either fall on your knees for the storekeeper or—roll your own.

If any of you men or women have any free time to spare The Thatcher Furnace Company can sure use your help. You will be making vital war material, earning pocket money and helping to end the war sooner. Won't you help?

John McKluskey, driver of the town truck, suffered a slight heart attack the other night and will be confined to bed for several days. Take it easy, Johnny, it's been a tough winter for you and Merlo. You boys deserve a lot of credit, and I'm sure all the folks in town wish you a speedy recovery.

We extend our congratulations to four Garwood residents who became citizens this week. They are Joseph Kurncz, 75 Second avenue; Martha Krotki, 421 Oak street; Margherita Melillo, 345 Willow avenue, and Hilda M. Kulmane, 259 Third avenue.

A chicken supper and get-together was held last week at the Garwood Presbyterian Church. The Ladies' Aid Society was in charge of the affair and a jolly time was had by all.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Garwood Lions Club held a mother and daughter Valentine party in conjunction with its meeting last week in St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church. There were vocal selections by the daughters and a piano duet by Miss Elaine Pfeiffer and Mrs. Walter C. Pugh.

John R. Coles, 115 Winslow place, and Joseph A. Sumpolec of 9 Cedar street were inducted into the armed forces on February 28. Ordered to report for pre-induction physicals were the following: Angelo N. Alimonti, 329 Hemlock avenue; Harry C. Anderson, Jr., Springfield; Herbert S. Griffiths, 509 Third avenue; George M. Poth, 114 Anchor place; George Z. Schultz, 111 Anchor place; Bernard E. Treadway, 252 North avenue; Jerome C. Van de Sande, Westfield, and James M. Walck, Linden.

Russell (B & B) Burleigh is on the mend, after a successful operation for the removal of tonsils and adenoids. We've got something in common there, Russ! You and I will have to get together and talk about our operations.

Westfield underwent a big game hunt last week when it was reported that a bear had been seen in the section known as Indian Forest. Several residents reported seeing the bear as it lumbered away among the trees and tracks were definitely identified as "Bar Tracks." Armed with everything but the kitchen sink, the bear was finally tracked down, and found to be—a large shaggy dog, owned by an Indian Forest family. Game Warden Andrew Shraw admitted that it looked like a bear from the back and could very well have been mistaken for a culprit. Telephone service is again back to normal.

G. I. CHATTER

Well Bill Woodruff, maybe you'd like to know that your Jan. 30th letter was received last Friday. I would say that's swell time from where you are. The folks were quite excited to hear that you had salvaged a two-man Jap sub—nice going fella! The family had a reunion at Aunt Mary's Saturday before New Year's. Of course all your little wife's family were there and a bunch of friends. The party broke up—EARLY—in the morning. They had such a good time that Dorrie's folks had another reunion three weeks ago. Aunt Mary, Unc Frank, Aunt Agnes, Unc Pat, Eileen and John, all your nieces and nephews, Jack, Raymond and Bobbie all helped to make this a bang-up affair. And no wonder—they had roast beef, ham, cold cuts, pickles, olives and all the other things that go with it, including pie, cake, candy, etc. They talked so much about old times that they had to eat a second meal. Dorrie just joined the Nurse's Aides and is training at the Rahway hospital. She thinks it's great. I asked her what she was getting new for Easter and she said "nothing." She was going to wait until you came home and then blossom out like an orchid. Ray is going in the Army in two weeks and, of course, the gang is going to give him a party. Dorrie is going to bake strawberry short-cake for the party. If she'd bake me one, I'd join the Army myself. Your Pop and Mom are fine and they receive your letters regularly. Pop is looking forward to the fishing season. As soon as he comes off duty, the first thing he does is get his tackle out and works on it, so as to be set for the opening day. I am glad to hear that you like Gar-Words—so you recognized Jack and the other fellas in those issues. Dorrie tells me she's not jealous of those South Sea beauties. She is all thrilled with the bracelets you sent her. Her Dad took her Mother to the Ice Show and supper, then walked her all over N. Y. C. — by the time they got home she was so hungry she had to eat another meal. You should see Jack pushing a baby carriage!! I did a little kidding and he ups and says to tell you that he's going to give you a few hints on the care of infants when you come home.

Hello Pete Speranza! So you're in the South Pacific. Mom says to stay away from those good looking natives that she sees in the magazines. She doesn't want you to stay out there — she'd rather have you find a native in Garwood when you come back. Anne had a birthday last week and the folks had quite a party for her. Your Aunt Carmela and family were down for a visit. St. Anne's had a big bazaar last week and all the folks went over. Aunt Carmela won a bunch of canned fruit on a lucky draw. Your brother Johnny won several prizes, along with a pack of cigarettes — nope, he didn't smoke them either, Anne did. Mom and the family wish you a very Happy 19th birthday. Guess you know Pop is busy fixing up the house for spring. Mom's O. K., but says she hasn't received any letters lately, but is expecting one soon. Steve sends his best regards and hopes to meet up with you somewhere in the Philippines.

Hi Ya, Kenny Roll — saw your Mom and Pop in Westfield last Saturday. They look swell. Neither one seems to change any. They tell me your last letter was received on Friday; also they expect Charlie's wife to visit them about Easter time. Stanley made a beautiful necklace out of a New Guinea coin for your mother. It's in the shape of a locket and opens. He put Pop's picture inside and Mom is quite thrilled with it. Charlie was awarded the Air Medal and naturally the folks are very proud of it. Carol is getting big and might I say, very good looking. Margaret is fine and helping out in the bank again. Joan received your last letter Thursday — she gave a shower for Helen last Friday evening. Next month Joan is going to N.Y. to get an Easter outfit and at the same time take in the Ice Follies. The only thing to mar this event is the fact, that instead of you accompanying her, her companion for that day will be another girl. I got a big laugh out of Jane reading the Ouija Board, predicting that you would not be home before November. I think the Ouija Board made the mistake and not Jane. Freddie is O. K. and is playing Guard on the H. S. Junior basketball team. The Admiral is on day shift now at the Navy yard and he and Mom are using all their spare time looking around for a farm. Good luck sailor — hope we'll be seeing you soon!

Howdy, Cpl. Ed Kerr! Your Xmas card to Julia has just been received, but greatly welcomed, nevertheless. The Army mail man sure must have sent that card the wrong way around the world. Julia gave a stork shower for Bee on Jan. 20th—all the family and many friends were there. She received a letter from Leslie who is in a German prison camp and he says that he is doing fine. Looks to me like we'll have to send his Marine wife, who is stationed at Quantico Airfield, after those Krauts and grab him out of there. She and Julia correspond regularly Corporal, you've got a fine three year old son and, by the way, he's having a birthday party soon. Mother says he eats fine and is a good boy. He's always talking about his Daddy and wants to know when "big boat" will bring Daddy home. Lassie and Queenie are great pals and playmates for Leslie. More next issue.

ECHOES FROM THE SERVICE

HOME FRONT WAR CASUALTIES

The bewitching hour of twelve, as directed by Mr. Byrnes, will signify curfew to the world of entertainment. No tears will be shed by the general public for closing houses of entertainment, such as night clubs and bars, at midnight. The lack of fuel brought about by the severe winter helped bring forth this drastic order, but the real reasons behind it are absenteeism and the large sums of money being spent by those whose incomes increased greatly due to war production. It is common sense to reason that a man will perform a far better job the following day if he has obtained sufficient rest the previous night. The average GI does not resent the fact that the civilian population has various forms of entertainment, as this is a recognized need, but not at the expense of production. Some cities have had an excess of spending, and a good deal of this extra cash would help the nation more if purchases were made for war bonds.

Professional baseball is uncertain as to its future this year. Baseball has not sought favors from Washington, and those disqualified for service have remained to play the game. Many players have entertained overseas during the winter, and the average GI considers baseball news and scores as a morale builder. The big leagues have also contributed to the war fund, and the small number left to play should be permitted to carry on. Baseball also serves the civilian population as a morale builder in carrying on at the home front during trying times, and a clean form of entertainment serves as a tonic. Even though the brand of ball played today is inferior to big league ball of pre-war times it is our belief that while the boys are on the go overseas they are still concerned with the fight the Dodgers or Yanks are making. Let the Ump yell "play ball," and millions overseas and at home will carry on cheered by the peaceful battles taking place. Americans will always prefer this type of battle instead of the ones now being grimly waged.

We acknowledge with thanks the patch left at home by **FRANK KNIGHT.**

Speaking of patches, our appreciation to **WILLIAM MILLER** for sending three patches from the 4th Air Forces.

A short note of request has been received from **COL. R. L. STRANACHER** asking for **FRANK LICITRA'S** address, and the proper bureau will handle this for you. We are pleased to hear that you enjoyed the pictures of the home town published from time to time.

The Newark Evening News of Feb. 10, 1945, contained a picture on the first page of **SGT. MICHAEL KOBRYN** and several of his buddies at an English base checking over an A-20 Havoc, financed by the sale of bonds in Newark.

Speaking of news pictures, we received a clipping of **PVT. GEORGE A. GUNSAULES** teaching two young Indians the fine points of baseball in India. This was sent by **CPL. ALBERT GILL** stationed in India, and at the present time he would be interested in seeing some good American comic books.

From the looks of the next envelope about to be opened it appears that the letter arrived from the Philippines on a life raft. **CPL. JOSEPH CASTALDO** sends his thanks for Gar-Words, and we are glad to hear that he is in good health. As a matter of fact his health is too good. This GI put on nineteen pounds, and drilling Japs must agree with him. The weather over the New Year was excellent, and in addition the boys enjoyed three turkey dinners. At home, we had rolled meat covered by skin, or more commonly known as hot dogs. However, no one is complaining as long as you fellows are getting the real stuff. Joe ran into **JOHN WARCHOL and BILL CORVELEYN,** and counting General MacArthur on hand, it appears to be a swell crowd.

T/5 DANNY WARCHOL is in France, and congratulations are in order on advancement in his rank. Danny likes taking a bit more dough on payday, but we caution him to beware of those galloping dominoes. In spite of all, Danny does miss the Garwood girls, and we hope that he is not just prejudiced due to the language.

Thank you for your compliments to Gar-Words, **LT. W. J. MORRISON,** and we know that when this mess is over you will have time to get to know our fellows from town. However, we warn you that things will be a bit different than several years ago, and in dropping in one of our few taverns for a glass of ginger ale, the boys will probably be speaking French, Italian, and Chinese. What a wow of a pinochle game that will make.

We are all pleased to hear from **T/SGT. C. A. HUMENIK,** and to learn that he is making a good recovery. Charlie is back in the states, and hopes to be able to get up and walk around in the near future. At Camp Edwards, Mass., he was cheered on receiving a visit from his mother and brother, John. He is now at Camp Pickett, Va., and is surprised to find the weather so mild. Your new address will be noted, and we send you our best wishes.

PVT. P. NORTH writes that he is still somewhere in Germany, and every time Hitler reflects on this fact, he chews up several more rugs. Personally, we wish he would choke on a moth ball. He tells us that the going is tough on Nazi soil, and he hopes to get a pass to Paris in the near future.

From Luxemburg, word is received from **T/5 H. JOHNNY EGER,** and he tells us that he has been transferred from Company truck driver to a jeep driver for the "forward observers." Johnny likes the job, but states that it is a lot different from the former one.

MARYON TOMCZYK of the 13th EM. Crash Boat Sqd., has obtained quite a selection of Jap trophies in his three years overseas. Gar-Words helps him remember the names of his friends in town, and furthermore it aids him in building up confidence when facing the enemy.

SGT. JOHN A. SZANYI explains that he is sending us several papers, and we shall be on the lookout for them. We don't know where John is, but he tells us that things are a lot better than several weeks ago. He would like to know where **SGT. HARRY WANAT** is stationed, and we shall publish his address.

We have heard from the Philippines, England, France, and Belgium had skipped our mind until we opened a letter from **CPL. JOHN C. YANUSH.** Just the other day John saw snow for the first time in over a year He also explains that the paper has followed him from foxhole to foxhole in his travels.

PFC. BILL WELCH is out in the Philippines searching for **JOHN WARCHOL.** His address will be published. We shall also take you up on your word to send your shoulder patch. As a word of caution, go easy on those girls as it has been a long time since you have glanced at a female. Remember the home town girls for future reference.

Not a soldier, but nevertheless interested in their welfare, we acknowledge receipt of a letter from a former Garwood resident known to all as "Old Scottie," John Pells, now living in Glasgow. Gar-Words has reached his town, and he desired to make known its fame in foreign lands. Scottie is helping the war effort in his native country, and he is proud to learn the news of his former friends.

VISITS IN GARWOOD

T/Cpl. Mark T. Knapich, 33 years old, former employe of the Lampshade Company, North avenue, is visiting Garwood friends after having just returned from forty-one months' service overseas during which he served in the ordnance division of the army in Iceland, England, France, Belgium and Germany. He is on a thirty-day furlough. He was wounded in France and has been awarded the Purple Heart.

"Well, Captain Yohohama, did you locate the enemy?

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Sgt.: "Hey, Meathead, would you like to see some bubble dancing?"

Meathead: "Yeah, I sure would."

Sgt.: "Well, go over to the mess hall and wash dishes with that GI soap."

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To Make That Refreshing Drink
Try Our Gin

RED CROSS COMMITTEES

Committees were appointed this week for the Red Cross war fund drive which opens March 5. The quota is $6,000 and the chairman is Ira Gibson; co-chairman, Dr. Milton Buchbinder. Captains for the residential districts are Mrs. Anna Brittain, Rudolph Sachsel, Mrs. Herman Johnson and Postmaster John F. Dugan. Conrad Keim and Arthur Smith will head the business men's division and W. P. Selby, of Sonoco Products Company, the group to solicit among industry. William Kleeman heads the beverage industry committee, while civic and social groups will be visited by workers for whom Mrs. Rhoda Corvelyn and Mrs. Clara DeFreitas are captains.

The residential drive, beginning Monday, will feature a house-to-house solicitation.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS

Gustav Bley was reelected president of the Garwood Board of Education and B. J. Bertolamy was reelected vice-president at the reorganization meeting of the board last week in Franklin School. The elections were unanimous. Meeting nights will be continued the second Wednesday of each month and the Garwood Branch of the Westfield Trust Company was redesignated as depository for school funds.

SMIGEL SCORES

2nd Lt. Alfred J. Smigel, 26-year-old son of Mrs. Joseph Smigel of 356 Second avenue, is credited with shooting down a German jet propulsion plane over the Reich, according to newspaper reports.

Lt. Smigel is flying a P-51 Mustang plane in Lt. Col. Kyle L. Riddle's 479th Fighter Group from an Eighth Air Force Fighter Station in England.

Alfred is a graduate of Roselle Park High School and before entering the service was employed at Stanco, Inc., Bayway. He received his wings and commission in May, 1944.

Pictured above are Garwood Red Cross workers who were available when this picture was taken. Reading from left to right. Front row—Mary Castaldo, Olive Anger, Mrs. Elmer Cowell, Eileen Dugan, Peggy Castaldo. Back row—Mrs. Neal Hartman, Violet Malchow, Carolyn Riley, Mrs. Grover Traynor, Jr., Mrs. William Phair, Mrs L. Thomas Daub, Mrs. Walter Boehlmer, Mrs. Betts, Mrs. Thomas Norton.

MISSING SOLDIER DEAD

The War Department has notified Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dopierala of 209 Third avenue, that their son, Pfc. Waldemar Dipierala' 20 years old, was killed in action in France December 16. His parents previously had been notified that their son was missing in action. His last letter was written on the same day he was reported killed.

Private Dopierala, who went overseas in October, was graduated from the Garwood schools and Regional High School, Springfield. He was attending the University of Michigan before he entered the army May 4, 1943. He received preliminary training at Camp Shelby, Miss., and spent five months at Clemson College, S. C., where he was assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program. When that program was discontinued he returned to active duty at Fort Jackson, S. C., where he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Private Dopierala is survived only by his parents.

HELLO, BOYS!

I am hoping for your safe return

Stoffers' Delicatessen

FRANK STOFFERS

104 Center St.

Garwood, N. J.

GARWOOD BUDGET APPROVED

Garwood's 1945 budget was adopted on final reading by the Borough Council following a hearing on Feb. 27 in Borough Hall at which no comment on it was offered by the public. The tax amount for local district schools, which had been estimated at $74,375 was changed to the approved actual figure of $75,305.65, and the tax for Regional High School was changed from the estimated figure of $14,800 to the actual figure of $16,620.13. However, those increases had been anticipated when the budget was drawn up and therefore it was not necessary to change the estimated tax rate of $4.88 per $100 of assessed valuation. The rate is eight points higher than that of last year.

Notice was received from the State Board of Health as to the certification of Roger Todd as borough registrar of vital statistics. He succeeds A. T. Mosca.

On recommendation of William W. Gilbert, chairman of finance, Clerk Walter S. McManus is to contact the company holding the insurance on the police car and borough truck to have included in the policy collision insurance. There will be $25 deductable on the police car and $50 on the truck. Repairs to a door of the police car, damaged Monday, were ordered to be made at a cost of $50.50.

Police Commissioner A. James Geis requested all places of amusement in the borough, other than taverns, to cooperate in carrying out the Federal directive calling for a 12 o'clock midnight curfew. Taverns will be regulated in that respect by an order to be made tomorrow by the Commissioner of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Tavern keepers, however, already have met the curfew demands, Commissioner Geis said.

Fire Commissioner Albert Brittain reported that a new booster tank for the Seagraves fire truck has been delivered and will be installed as soon as possible.

Mayor L. Thomas Daub called upon the public to support to the utmost the Red Cross War Fund drive which will be held throughout March. He said everyone knows the splendid work the Red Cross is doing for those in the armed forces and he urged that Garwood's quota of $6,000 be met as quickly as possible.

Street Commissioner B. E. Dickerman announced that John McKluskey had suffered a slight heart attack and would have to remain at home for three or four days. However, due to the fact that the street department now has additional help, the collection of garbage and ashes will be carried out on schedule. The monthly collection of tin cans for salvage purposes will be made Friday.

The First Aid Squad, on request of Frank Corveleyn, captain, was given permission to use the council chambers on Sunday afternoon, March 11, when a district First Aid Squad meeting will be held in Garwood.

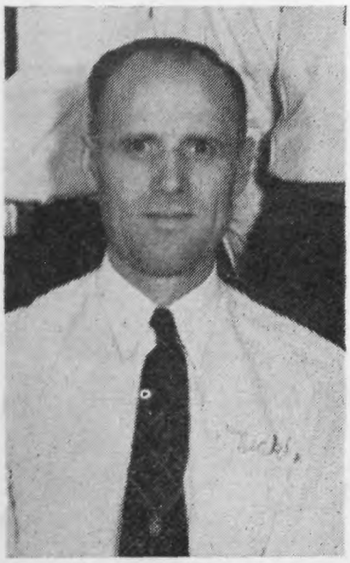
HONORED BY P.-T. A.

In recognition of twenty-five years' service to the organization, the Garwood P.-T. A. presented Mrs. Herman Johnson with a life membership at its meeting last week in Franklin School. Ernest Pfeffer, principal of Maxson School, Plainfield, spoke on the plan for equalization of State school funds, which he said would benefit Garwood. A social hour followed the meeting.

Enlists in Navy

RICHARD STEFFEN, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Steffen, 6 New street, enlisted in the U. S. Navy on Feb. 26. He will report to Sampson, New York, on March 5 for his boot training.

WINS COUNTY BOWLING TITLE



In seventeen years of bowling competition, Nick Schaeffer of Walnut street has had two burning ambitions—to shoot a 300 game and win a singles championship. The Elizabeth Elks and Singer plant star finally achieved one of his goals recently when he captured the Union County singles title at Elizabeth Bowl.

The tall, willowy Schaeffer scored a decisive victory in the county tournament with a 626 series. Only two others in a field of about 200—Jimmy LaPlaca and Joe Potts—managed to gain the honor roll, tying for second place with 603's. The highly-polished Bowl alleys proved a rugged test and as Schaeffer says, his winning score was comparable to a 670 on most of the other lanes in the county.

He opened with 207, followed with a big 236 and clinched the championship with a closing 183. Nick has had better scores this season, but he unhesitatingly admits that he got one of the biggest thrills of his career by shooting 626 in a tournament of this stature.

The county king is hitting an average of better than 185 in the Central Elks' League, with a high series of 631 and high game of 239. His Plainfield rival, Charley Lamperti, nosed him out for average honors in the Elks' race last year.

Schaeffer usually managed to roll at least one 700 series a year. He hasn't gotten past 656 yet this season, but he feels he will turn the trick before the leagues wind up. Nick shot the highest set of his career — 745 — fifteen years ago in the Y. M. C. A. League. He was a member of the Elizabeth "Y" at the time.

Schaeffer's wife, the former Mary Pecina, sister of the well-known Lew Pecina, is one of the leading feminine bowlers in the Elizabeth district. She won the State women's championship in Newark four years ago. Last year Mrs. Schaeffer shot a dazzling 651 series at Elizabeth Bowl for one of the biggest sets ever produced in the city by a woman. She had a high game of 246, which made Nick look to his laurels.

ON THE HOME FRONT

Miss Margaret Castaldo, daughter of Mrs. Mary Castaldo of 83 Third avenue, has completed 500 hours of nurse's aide work. She is a member of the Elizabeth Chapter, where she received her training. Miss Castaldo has given her services to the Elizabeth General Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and the Country Home in Westfield. She is employed by the Sonoco Products Company. Her brother, Cpl. Joseph Castaldo, is serving with the army in the Philippines.

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A very pretty picture taken at Echo Lake Park by our Staff Photographer. It brings to mind many happy hours we spent there as kids and later as grown-ups.

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WOUNDED IN REICH

S/Sgt. John Wojtkiewicz was slightly wounded in action in Germany on Jan. 20, according to a War Department telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Mary Wojtkiewicz of 905 Drake avenue, Roselle. He was a member of the 406th Infantry Division and has been overseas since last September.

His brother, Pfc. Frank Wojtkiewicz, also of the Infantry, was killed in action last July. The family formerly lived at 9 Cedar street.

CLOSE-UPS

Hello Fellows:

I want to extend my sincere well wishes to you boys who are doing so much for those of us here at home.

You may be assured that you are all missed by your parents, families and friends.

As your Borough Clerk I want to offer you the courtesies of this office on your return and may it be a safe and speedy one.

Sincerely yours,
WALTER McMANUS

SERVICE SHORTS

Receives Cap

CADET NURSE ROSEMARY FLUHR, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fluhr, 236 Second avenue, was one of 34 cadet nurses to receive her cap at the Elizabeth General Hospital recently. She is a graduate of Regional High School, class of 1944.

Promoted

JOHN SONEY, son of Mrs. Susan Soney of 106 Center street, was recently promoted to the rank of corporal at Muroc Army Airfield in California. He attended Regional High School and prior to entering the army in November, 1942 was employed by Watson-Stillman. His wife, Mrs. Julia Soney, resides at 309 Willow avenue.

Receives Good Conduct Medal

PVT. GEORGE SVENDA of 629 South avenue, who is in Belgium with the 368th Engineers, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal according to a letter received by his sister, Mrs. John Humenik.

In Radio School

LT. C. V. ROSTEK, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rostek, 218 Second avenue, has completed training at Maxfield Field, Alabama. He has been transferred to Chanute Field, Illinois, where he will study Radio Communications for 5 months.

Commended by Patton

SGT. FRANCIS FEGEL, son of Mrs. Fred Fegel, 9 Cedar street, Cranford, is a member of the Fourth Armored Division, Third Army, recently commended by General Patton for their successful action against the enemy in the relief of Bastogne.

Transferred

PVT. DOROTHY M. TAYLOR, AAF, who has been home on a 10-day furlough, left last Sunday for her new assignment at Grenier Field, Manchester, N. H. She is a member of the Army Airways Communications System and had been stationed at Presque Isle Field, Maine.

On Leave

ADOLPH KLIMEK, Mo.M.M., 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Klimek, 325 North avenue, is home on a 30-day leave after 2 years' overseas duty. He participated in 3 major actions and has seen service on all the islands in the Pacific with the exception of the Marshall and Marianas. After his leave he will return to San Francisco for reassignment. He has been in the service 3 years.

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MILESTONES

BORN—A daughter, Ann Marie, to M/Sgt. and Mrs. Edward Fitch of 215 Second avenue on Feb. 12. Mrs. Fitch is the former Ann O'Such.

BORN—A son, John Thomas, on Feb. 24 to Cpl. and Mrs. John Donovan of 490 Brookside Place, Cranford. The father is with the Coast Artillery at Ft. Hancock, N. J.

DIED—Walter Thorn, past deputy district governor of the Lions Clubs of this district, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home, 14 Samoset road, Cranford, Feb. 16. Born in New York City, Mr. Thorn lived for many years in Rahway and in Garwood before moving to Cranford two years ago. He was in the steel drum business and formerly was manager of the Elizabeth branch of the Pittsburgh Steel Drum Company. He was a member of the Garwood Lions Club. He also was a member of the Rahway Elks, the Garwood Square Club, Azure Lodge, 129, F. & A. M., and St. Paul's Evangelical Church, of Garwood. Surviving him are his wife, Anna; his father, two brothers, and five sisters.

DIED—Frederick J. Fegel of 9 Cedar street, Cranford, died suddenly Feb. 20 after being seized with a heart attack while waiting at North avenue and Cedar street, Garwood, for a bus to go to visit his doctor. Dr. F. M. Karney and the Garwood First Aid Squad attempted to revive him before Dr. Karney pronounced him dead. Born in Holland, he had lived here about thirty years. He was a member of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society of Garwood. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Fegel, and two sons, Frederick J., Jr., and Sgt. Francis J. Fegel, in Europe with the army.

DIED—John L. Reider of 100 Winslow Place died on Feb. 21 in Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield after a short illness. He was employed by the Sonoco Products Co. of Garwood. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Barbara, and a son, Cpl. Matthew Reider, stationed in Hawaii.

DIED—Mrs. Rose Stranacher, 54 years old, wife of Rudolph Stranacher of 410 Myrtle avenue, died Feb. 28 in Rahway Memorial Hospital following a long illness. Born in Europe, she had lived in Garwood thirty years and was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church. Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mitzi Lawson of Garwood; two sons, Cpl. Robert at Fort Sill, Okla., and S/Sgt. Rudolph, who is in the Air Corps at Orlanda, Fla.; her mother, Mrs. Rose Lorenz and a sister, Mrs. Mary Weisgerber, both of Garwood, and two grandchildren, Arthur Ray Stranacher and Doreen Lawson.

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