



DID YOU HEAR

Greetings, again, neighbor. Well the news from you fellows has been drifting in, but not quite so fast as for the last issue. You've got to keep it coming, or this column will grow smaller, and from what we hear, these items about your buddies produce about 75 per cent of the interest in our little sheet... Here we go again, trying to keep something like an alphabetical order so that you can find about your best friends the more quickly... Jack Amory is an Assistant Field Director with the Red Cross, now in the Philippines, is living in a tent next to a native shack in which 20 persons and a flock of roosters reside. The latter crow all night, and wander unceremoniously into his quarters... Winks Ashworth, now a quartermaster 2/c, is stationed at the office of the port di-

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Lt. Eddie Joiner Free From Germans

The best news we have had to release in many months reached us just before publication time in the form of a telegram that Lt. Edgar Joiner was safe and in the care of the U. S. Military Mission in Moscow. Eddie, reported missing in action in Italy on Sept. 2, was later announced as a prisoner of war of the Germans on Nov. 8. For the past two months his wife heard from him from the German prison camp, and then news stopped. The Russian advance at that time was catching up with the camp where he was confined, and the last word we had was that the men had been marched out only a few days ahead of the Russians. During the confusion that followed many of these prisoners failed to reach the new camp, among them being Eddie, and then came the good news on March 18 that he was safe in Moscow.

Close Election Features Town Meeting

TOWN OF WENHAM
Office of the Town Clerk

March 6th, 1945

Editor of Wenham Wanderings,

Will you kindly include in your next issue of the "Wenham Wanderings" a copy of the following motion which was offered by our Superintendent of Schools, John D. Whittier, and which received the unanimous approval of the Town Meeting:

"Mr. Moderator: On this our Annual Town Meeting Day, when the citizens have met to transact the business of the town, it is fitting and appropriate that our Clerk, through the next issue of the 'Wenham Wanderings', express to those in Service our appreciation for the splendid service they are rendering to our country.

"Health, Good luck, and an EARLY RETURN HOME is our prayer for all."

I feel that the above expresses the true feeling and sentiment of the townspeople for those who are participating in this great conflict to make the World safe.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROSCOE B. BATCHELDER
Town Clerk.

Major Contests And Interesting Warrant Bring Out Big Vote

A town meeting and election, exemplifying in action and deed better than any written word could describe, those very principles for which you fellows are fighting and suffering, took place in the old home town on March 5, and when the excitement of balloting and the heat of argument had ended, the same great little community still remained here on route 1A in Massachusetts.

As we predicted, the election this (Continued on page three)

PFC PIERRE ERHARD KILLED IN ACTION

On February 20, PFC Pierre Erhard, Wenham's sixth son to give his life for his country, was killed in action while advancing as a member of a ski troopers unit in the Bologna area in Italy. PFC Erhard volunteered as a ski trooper early in January 1942, and saw service in Kiska in 1943-44. Since December 1944 he has been in action on the Italian front. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Erhard of Cherry street, Pierre was 30 years of age, and he has two brothers in the service, Lt. Cdr. John, U.S.N. who has been in action with the Navy Air Corps in both Atlantic and Pacific areas as well as in the Caribbean sea, and F/O Henry E. Erhard, a member of the U. S. Army Air Corps. An impressive mass was held for him in St. Paul's church, South Hamilton shortly before this issue went to press.

Beverly Bank Tells Of G. I. Law Benefits

Included with this issue, we are mailing a tear sheet from the Beverly Serviceman's Special, a paper sent to all Beverlyites, because it contains what we consider a fine resume of some of the benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights. Written by Rep. Russell Brown, whom many of you know personally, the article in a few words summarizes the chief features of the bill passed this last year, which offers so much for your future. For the tear sheets we are indebted to the Beverly Cooperative Bank of which Rep. Brown is an official, and we trust the information will prove of interest and value.

Junior High Play Well Received

Once again Miss Bullis coached a first class production for the annual Junior High school play. This year the presentation was "Salad days", and the cast included Janice Mead, Quincy Kennard, Therese Patch, Edward Cook, Lawrence Knowlton, Phyllis Stansfield, Dorothy Burton, and Barbara Batchelder.

For two nights before capacity audiences, these youngsters did a fine job which was a credit to themselves and to their instructor.

Joanne Hicks was the announcer on both nights, and Theresa D'Amato rendered, several piano selections.

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rector on a West Caroline Island. Callers in that area take note... Ens. Johnny Armington, after spending a Christmas leave hereabouts, has rejoined his ship and is situated where it is warm enough to bathe...

Bob Aylward

longtime in the India, China area, has received his second loey's bars. He is with the intelligence operations attached to the 22d bombing squadron in China... Charlie Irving of Beverly home from China reported that Bob was well and sent greetings... How about one of those swell letters we know you can write, Bob... The assault transport on which Lt. Bentley Ashworth is an officer is the first transport of the U. S. Fleet to receive a presidential citation for efficient performance in every major operation in which it has engaged... Through the medium of the Red Cross

PFC Austin Batchelder

a ground crew man with the Air Corps in England met brother PFC Warren for the first time in 20 months. The latter is now a member of Patton's Third Army... Bob Brown is now in Panama, his rating, Ch.Mo.M.M.... Nelson Bagnell is located on Guam as an airplane mechanic... Brother Phil is at a mine craft training center in this country... 1st Lt. John A. Bik, has been wounded twice and returned to action in Italy. Is in charge of a mechanized transport outfit employing Italian soldiers and civilians. Interesting work and more enjoyable than his long combat experience... Tom Barry is still in an overseas hospital, but improving and able to do part time work... Ewen M. Campbell is still with a Naval Construction Battalion at Pearl Harbor...

Corp. Roy Clarke, Jr.

is still in Iran, not far from the Persian Gulf. He now holds four overseas stripes, and that signifies being away from the old home town a long time... Brother Dick Clarke a PFC has been in almost two years himself, nine months of this time with the airforce in England... Corp. Richard Cosh left Iran and landed in France last December where he served in a station hospital in Nice. He has recently moved again... Bill Coolidge, QM3/c has completed a year and a half in the Pacific, has been home on furlough, and is now on the West coast for transfer to small boat duty for which he has applied...

Jake Christofferson

is reported in the Philippines... Sgt. Bob Campbell, after nights sleeping in a truck or on the ground recently enjoyed a real night's rest in an abandoned house in Germany. As a radio man, he was a member of a group cited for services in behalf of the relief of Bastogne... Gene Corning reports it

is bitterly cold

where he still is in China. When

they have to work under trucks they take buckets of coal along to keep their hands warm. How's that sound, you fellows down in the tropics... Corp. Harold Cummings has been overseas more than two years. His fellow townsman of the same name, better known to us all as "Red" is in the Navy, in the Pacific, but no word from him of late... Roger Colbert of Main St is a chief aerographer's mate, the only one on his ship, and a rare rating, so we understand...

Jack Crediford

is still in England... Vernon Clark is still in India... It's Capt. Donald Currier since December, Don having received his promotion in England... Lt. and Mrs. Austin Campbell have been in Wenham for a brief period. Aut is now stationed in Mississippi... is training for an emergency rescue squad...

Ernie D'Amato

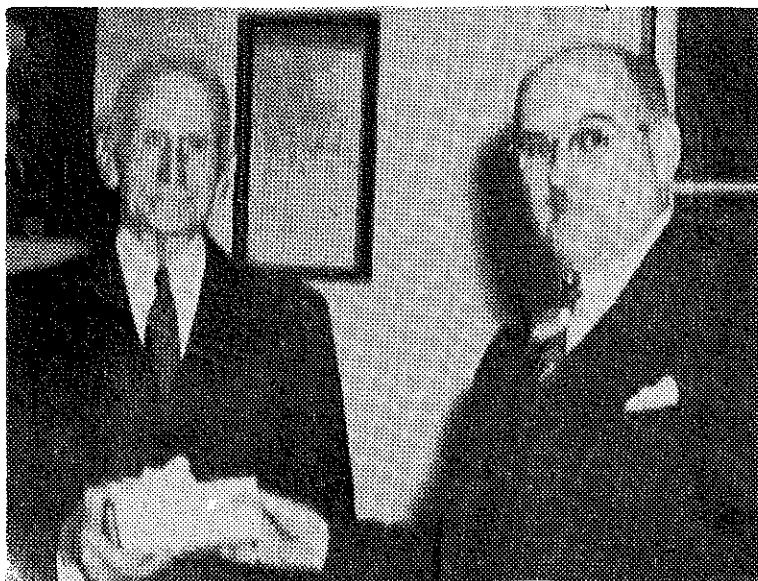
was home on leave while still in training for the Marine corps... Dana Dodge of Main street recently passed the ASTP exams and is now at Storrs, Conn... Maj. Fred Dearborn is reported in Germany... 1st Lt. Carlton Dodge has seen action in Belgium, and now in Germany... John F. A. Davis, a veteran of World War I when he was a lieutenant in the Navy entered the service early in 1940 and was for a long time naval officer in charge of the harbor entrance control post in Boston. Recently he was promoted to the rank of commander; his son Thornton "Ted" is a T/5 in the Army... Julian Dodge, a former Main streeter, more recently of Boxford is a quartermaster 2/c with plenty of active service under his belt... Major Donald Ferris of Arbor street is executive officer at Cochran Field, Ga....

Pvt. Norman Eastwood

U. S. Marine Corps, recently graduated from radio school in California remembers his days on the Wenham Fire department and wants to be remembered to all the gang in the fire company... Ens. Dan Ginty recently completed his training and is now on a carrier in the Pacific... Corp. Richard Goldsmith of Main street is stationed with an AAA gun bn. in Seattle, Washington... Lt. Cdr. Harrison Gardner saw the ship on which he heard Ken Cook was aboard, and as the two passed close by, they signalled one another, carrying on a conversation in which we bet Wenham was mentioned... After nearly three years in the service, most of which has been in England,

Pvt. Lawrence Homan

has been home for a 30-day furlough, and if you all come home looking as well as he did, Uncle Sam will have treated you swell. While home here, he received a surprise visit from Gen. Patton's wife... Word has been received that Doug Harwood was recently promoted to the rank of Tech Sgt. He is now stationed in Italy... Cox. and Mrs. Wayne Harwood are the parents of a daughter, born

**ELMER CLARKE HONORED**

Chief Ed Hall gives beloved Selectman 24 silver dollars and a box of cigars on behalf of the gathering of town officials who tendered the veteran selectman a surprise party on his final night in office.

ELMER CLARKE IS HONORED BY TOWN

Rounding out his 24th year as a member of the Board of Selectmen and declining to seek reelection, Elmer E. Clarke found himself the guest of honor at a surprise party tendered him in the Fire House at the conclusion of his last official meeting as a member of the Board on Thursday, March 1.

Led into a darkened room by Fire Chief Sargent on the pretense of checking on some repairs, Elmer was suddenly faced with 40 of his fellow town officials as the lights were switched on and loud applause rang out.

Taken aback only for a moment, our popular selectman made the rounds personally greeting every one present, and then sat down

only to have Police Chief Ed Hall, who was in charge of arrangements for the party, present him with a box of cigars and 24 silver dollars on behalf of the gathering.

The beloved selectman then gave a fine talk on the joy he had received from his long years as a town official, and along with offering some real advice based on his years of experience, he also provided a number of laughs as he told how "Wenham had changed" from the days when "town meetin' floor" was often a battle ground.

His account of the free and frequent use of chewing tobacco by some of the notorious town officials of the past, and of the time when a resident of Cherry street chased a resident of Main street all around the hall with a cry of "stand still and fight" convinced us young fry that Wenham "ain't what it used to be".

last month with Wayne far out on the South Pacific...

Warren Heath

has recently been home on a furlough from Air Corps training station... Lt. (jg) Ted Hollander was also on a ship that passed near Lt Cdr. Gardner in the Pacific and they saw each other through spyglasses according to word reaching their families here.... Don Joiner is now a corporal overseas... Sgt. John Kinsella has moved up into Italy after being in Africa for many weeks... Sgt. James Kavanagh is stationed in New Guinea, has been ill, but now recovered... The Landers family has been getting around of late. Bobby on his last trip crossed the equator

Warren Parsons

Bob and Al's uncle, recruited Al into the coast guard five years and (Continued on page four)

Have You Met Yet?

Without divulging military information, it may prove interesting, and possibly helpful to you to know that by our records we find some of you fellows have the same APO numbers. This may or may not mean close proximity, but it might be worth a look to find someone from home.

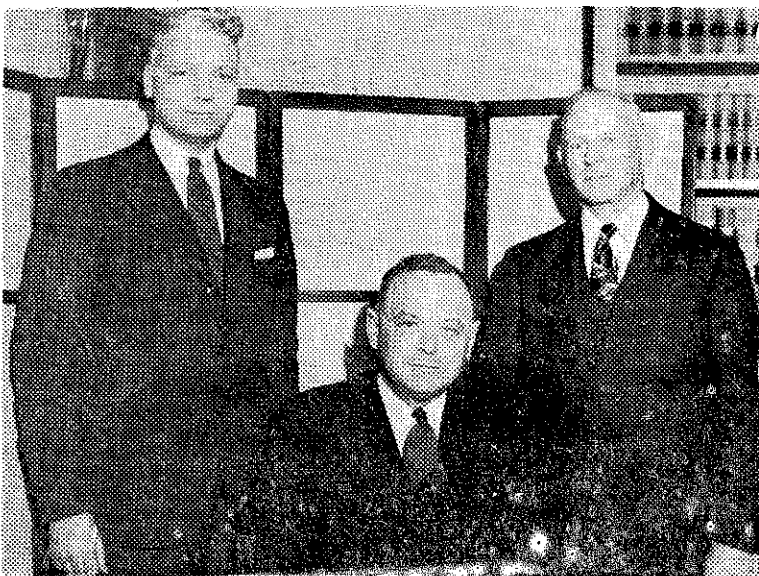
As we have it, PFC Dick Clarke, T/Sgt. Steven Kracynski, and Sgt. Frank Corning all have the same number.

Corp. Walter Wilson, Capt. Don Currier and Corp. Don Joiner seem to be the same.

Sgt. Johnny Kinsella and T-Sgt. Doug Harwood both seem to have the same number.

Also PFC Aut Batchelder and PFC Dick Clarke.

If any of you get together through this, be sure to let us know.



OUR NEW SELECTMEN

Joseph Harrington, Jr., Chairman Samuel S. Conary, and W. Arthur Trowt, forming for the first time in many years a board in which the majority of the three-man membership was serving its first term.

TOWN MEETING

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year was the hottest in many a season, with three vacancies in major town offices affording an opportunity for those politically minded to toss in their hats, and in some cases their whole body and soul. It has been a long time since Wenham has seen a red hot campaign with printed appeals to voters, and the way the contests were shaping up, had there been another week we might have expected torchlight parades and sound trucks.

Yet despite it all, the real victory for all was in the total absence of any of the remarks that so often enter political contests, and not once to our knowledge did any candidate pass a derogatory remark about an opponent, all efforts being confined to tooting one's own horn and iving other contestants the absent treatment.

In the number one contest on the list, that between Joe Harrington and Don Jaquith for the two year term on the Board of Selectmen, left vacant by the resignation of Jim Reynolds who is now in Washington as secretary to Senator Saltonstall,

Joe emerged victor by the slim margin of 15 votes, topping Don 256 to 241.

For the other selectman's job, the three year term left vacant by Elmer Clarke's decision not to seek reelection after 24 years, Art Trowt running unopposed polled 497 of the 511 votes cast to win not only the office, but honors for highest complimentary vote of the day.

The second major contest, a three year proposition between Sheldon Crockett, Bob Jones, and your newsgatherer for the vacancy on the Board of Assessors caused by Arthur Prince's determination to

retire after more than 30 years in that office, saw Sheldon walk away with the victory, his 250 votes topping the combined strength of Kennard's 173 and Jones' 74.

A third battle that began late, but gathered momentum in the days prior to town meeting saw

Eben Stanley

win the Highway Surveyor's post from Joe Lynch, veteran of some 18 years on that job, by a margin of 263 to 239.

The fourth and final contest, a three way proposition for the Library Board, resulted in Mrs. Helen Arnold and Fred Batchelder winning the two seats, with Mrs. Betsy Phippen trailing in a vote that gave Mrs. Arnold 334; Batchelder 306, and Mrs. Phippen 192. The battle was for two vacancies in the positions formerly held by Joe Harrington and Mrs. Eloise Gardner.

The other town officers re-elected without opposition, and their votes were as follows: Moderator, Lyn Wiley, 478; Clerk, Roscoe Batchelder, 492; Treasurer, Mary Cole, 491; Tax Collector, Ethel Gatehell, 475; School committee, Clara Jones, 473; Cemetery Commissioner, Charles Trott, 470; Park Commissioner, Porter Perkins, 462; and Constables, Eddie Hall, 453; Don Killam, 397; Joe Carnes, 397.

New faces in town offices this year, also elected without opposition were Karl McLaughlin to Kennard's position on the Board of Health; Albie Dodge to Tom Luxton's job as Tree Warden, and Johnny Arnold to the Water Board position held by the late Frank "Cap" Tarr.

Afternoon Session

So much for the election. After the usual time out for luncheon served in the Tea House, the voters returned to the hall for the business meeting. One of the most

interesting town reports in years containing a very complete and painstaking accounting covering some 50 pages of plans and projects for Post-War Wenham had aroused much curiosity, even more speculation, and some animosity, and the result was the biggest gathering in the hall for many a season. Every seat was taken, then more were added, until hardly another person could be jammed into the place by the time Dr. John W. Barnett rose to offer prayer at the outset.

As usual, Article Three, the appropriations for the year, went through on the Finance Board recommendations, hardly a dissenting voice being raised as some \$86,825.93 about \$5,000 less than last year, was voted "raised and appropriated" for the various town departments. The only comment along the line here was in the vote to sell the old tractor of the highway department and use the funds in the purchase of a new motor driven sidewalk plow, (the horsepower shortage in Wenham at present being as serious as the lack of man power).

The first article of major news interest was that pertaining to hot school lunches, and after a fine presentation of the proposition by Committeeman Edmund S. Cogswell, the townspeople by a vote of 177 to 0 approved the appropriation of \$1,000 to purchase equipment and \$1,000 for a revolving fund to operate a lunchroom. Under the program for 12 cents a day a pupil may purchase a hot lunch, the Federal government paying an additional nine cents to assure a 21 cent plate meal without cost to the town of Wenham. This means the end of sandwiches, and the beginning of a new era of a balanced diet for your kid brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, through carefully prepared meals each day of the school year.

The real excitement of the afternoon, as is usually the case, centered upon one article, which this year was the future of the

Post War Planning

report. The Post War committee, voted to be set up by the 1944 town meeting was composed of Joe Harrington, Lyn Wiley, Johnny Arnold, Don Jaquith, and the three selectmen. Sam Conary, Jim Reynolds, and Elmer Clarke really went to town during the past 12 months and submitted as comprehensive a program as has ever been given this town.

As instructed by the town, they looked to the needs for the next 20 or 25 years, and then submitted a preliminary study of such needs and projects covering same. The number one project as emphasized at the last town meeting was town water, but because their study was to cover such a long forecast, the committee also considered with this, the possible need of newer school facilities and a new town hall.

Reports on all three of these were

carried to a point so that taxpayers were given rough estimates of actual costs, as well as some definite proposition upon which to plan for the future. Once one or more of these are selected, funds need only to be voted for the necessary plans so that the proposition will then be ready and waiting the money and word to begin. Hitherto town water and new buildings have been only vague dreams for some and nightmares to others.

After a long discussion with Joe Harrington and John Arnold explaining the major part of the proposals, and Fred Stanton and Roland Grey raising the major doubts about the propositions, the townspeople voted 129 to 6 to favor a continued study of town water, and 121 to 3 to carry farther the study of a new school building, but turned down the town hall proposition.

Space in this issue does not permit a detailed account of any of these projects, but in the issues that are to come, particularly in the summer when news items may be few and far between, it is our intention to publish not only full accounts of each of these propositions, but also to show either sketches or other details which should be of interest. Thus when you fellows get back in our midst, you will be just as familiar with all progress along these lines as those of us who are living with it from week to week.

One vote at the meeting that aroused much speculation due

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YE EDITOR!

In response to public demand (?) your editor is coming forth garbed in his cloak of anonymity to greet you all. There are those who say the coat was recommended as suitable dress after being completely "snowed under" on town election day as he most ingloriously went down to defeat at the hands of Sheldon Crockett.

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four months ago; as a Warrant officer, Parsons recently paid a surprise visit to Al's ship in the New Guinea area. Al is both a Shellback and a Bluenose, having crossed both the Equator and Arctic circle... Corp. Elmer Luxton was home for town meeting... Bobby Lovejoy who formerly lived with Bobby Whittier as a boy is now a second lieutenant in the Army, we hear...

Don Mead

is stationed in the northerly part of England and is having a most enjoyable period at times meeting some fine English people. Brother Eddie is in the Pacific, possibly not too far away from Winks Ashworth (see above)... Lawrence Perkins home briefly for a 10-hour leave, reaching Wenham at 1 A.M. (imagine Wenham at 1 A.M.); Brother Win is in the thick of things in Belgium...

Corp. Frank Pews

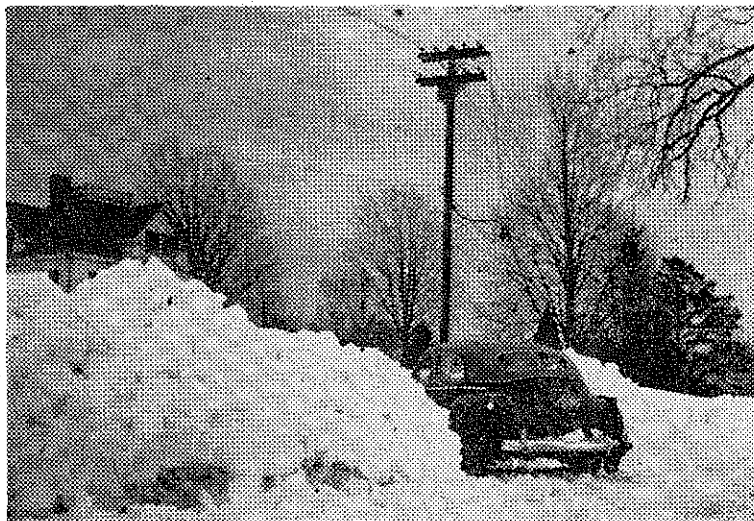
is serving in a general hospital somewhere in Belgium... Dick Phippen is a BM 1/c in Greenland... S/Sgt. Nate Prince, one of the first Wenhamites to win the DFC who was on the last plane to leave the Philippines as the Japs took over in 1942 and who upon completion of long and dangerous service in the early days of the war was shipped back to this country to assist in training programs has been given an MD and is now in civies doing war work... Lt. Cdr. Jim Parker is an operations officer in naval aviation in the forward area of the Central Pacific... Dave Robinson is with Dana Dodge in the ASTP at Storrs, Conn....

Eddie Richard

gave up the farm and garbage collection business for the Merchant Marine and is now at Sheepshead Bay, L. I., hoping to be selected for training as a ship's cook... S/Sgt Thorndike Sargent wrote us a most interesting letter from Italy, says spot where he is the natives are poverty stricken. Food is high, and not too good... Col. Ray Stecker's outfit bore the brunt of the air attack of the German push last December. His outfit was recently commended for their work in checking that final drive. Expect to have a good story on this in the near future...

Warren Stevens

is back on the West coast for re-assignment to a new ship after a brief furlough at home. His brother Phil is still in the South... Bob Smith is a PFC on the other side of the Atlantic... Pfc John Sturges is still in Assam with a railroad outfit. Hopes to run into Eddie Lynch and Caves one of these days... Lilly Pons sang at his camp recently, and his adventures to date include being bitten by his pet monkey, and by having his train held up by a herd of wild elephants... Our old pal "Stobbie", Lt. Florence Stobbart on the records is still



JOYS (?) OF WINTER

View of the driveway to Arthur Prince's home on Grapevine road, showing just one of the many huge drifts that had to be plowed out before Wenhamites could have access to and from their homes after heaviest blizzard in four years.

living in a hut with the 196th General Hospital. She and her friends painted a pix of a chicken on it, and it is called "The Chicken Coop." If any of you happen to run into her outfit somewhere in France, be sure and drop in....

Ernest Swift

is still stationed at Sheepshead Bay, awaiting assignment... Paul Sears is a master sergeant on the West coast,—may be on his way to Tokio by now. Walter Sears wrote us an interesting "V" mail from England where he is a corporal...

Lt. Cdr. George Trowt is

now on the high seas... Franklin Trowt is reported in Germany. Adolph had better beware with Shaney getting that close... Allen Webb, QM 3/c has been enjoying his first furlough in 18 months. Doug Webb is reported recovering from a malaria attack in a hospital. Capt. Fred Webster, M.D. is attached to a hospital in Burma... Lt. Lany Woodbury is in Washington awaiting reassignment after being on the Pacific coast for a time.

Pfc Frank Woodason

is still in England... Brad Webb wrote us a most interesting letter of his experiences with the troop carrier wing which moves outfits and sees that all necessary equipment reaches you on the front lines when and where needed. He is over in the New Guinea sector... Lt. Ed Wigglesworth is on a minesweeper that has gone from the Caribbean to the Pacific, and has hardly touched land in six months, and that according to Ed is too much sweeping for any man...

Harlan Wildes, AOM 1/c

is in the Pacific. His brother George who was in some of the earliest naval battles of the war recently enjoyed a furlough at home before returning to action in the Pacific

... Corp. Johnny Woodason is now Sgt. Woodason and is in Belgium with the 486th Fighter squadron... and that save for a few last minute notes concludes our jottings for this issue.

A letter from Jim Morgan shows him to be still on the Ticonderoga as a Ships cook 3/c, he recently met Fred Vickers Jr.... Gardner Burton is at the naval gunnery school at Pensacola.

TOWN MEETING

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chiefly to a misunderstanding was the acceptance of a

new set of by-laws

replacing those out-moded and obsolete, and these were accepted. A new section in these establishing a planning board is definitely a forward step in the protection against uncontrolled street layouts. A rather general zoning law, printed in the town report was not brought before the meeting for action at this time, it merely being a recommendation and guide for any future action the town might wish to take in this direction.

The only other items of business at the meeting was the giving of permission to the Selectmen to accept land for making a through street out of the combination of Fiske road and Lake avenue, both now being deadend streets.

Printed elsewhere in this issue is a motion accepted by the meeting showing that we at home have not for one moment forgotten you fellows out there.

With nearly 250 persons in the hall and with close to 180 voting on the more important issues, it is easy to see why the meeting proved the most interesting and lengthy in several years, and the general unanimity of opinion seemed to forecast well for the future of our community.

BASKETBALL FOR WENHAM SCHOOL

Through the cooperation of Hamilton officials and the initiative of Harlton Burr of our school faculty, the Wenham Junior High school had its first basketball team in history this winter. It held practice sessions in the Hamilton High gymnasium, and in return for the courtesy turned around and defeated a Hamilton Junior High club. It also played several other schools on their floor. Members of this team were tendered a banquet in conjunction with Hamilton at the end of the season and Mr. Burr presented basketballs to the members of the team, the first group including Johnny Donovan, Dick Lindsley, Art Landers, Justin Poor, and Gordon "Weazil" Wildes. The second team was made up of Phil Richards; Ray Poor, Tommy Donovan, Norman Crawley, and Billy Moran.

LETTERS, KEEP THEM COMING

We have received interesting letters from quite a number of you fellows in recent weeks. It is not that we are looking for thanks that we urge you to write, but merely to help us pass along information of interest to your buddies. Julian Dodge, Brad Webb, Thorndike Sargent, Walter Sears, Jim Morgan, are on the list who have helped in this way since our last issue. With summer and the usual quiet spell in Wenham news about due, excerpts from your letters will help greatly in making this a newsy sheet. So send them in.

Casualties Improving

Lt. E. Preble Motley, Jr., wounded in action in the same area where Ski Trooper Pierre Erhard was killed is reported improving at the 33rd General hospital, in Italy.

We are glad to report that Pvt. Walter Williams was not so seriously wounded as at first believed, and after being hospitalized in England for an arm fractured by shrapnel, is now back in action, probably in Germany. He now holds in addition to the Purple Heart, the Infantry Combat badge.

REV. WILLIAM DARBY NAMED PASTOR HERE

After many weeks of careful study by the pastoral supply committee of the First Church, members of the church extended a call to Rev. William Darby of Swanton, Vt. who accepted, and will take up his duties here on May 1. The pastor-elect is married, 42 years of age, and has a fine background for his work here. More details in our next issue regarding his program for our community church. Rev. John Barnett, Ph.D. who has been doing such a fine work here will conclude his duties.